

BUILDING D4 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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GET TO KNOW US

WHO WE ARE

BD4C is a 5013c community based non-profit . Our board consist of stakeholders and long standing community members, who collectively share a goal to develop and preserve a sustainable affordable single family home community on the eastside of Detroit. Community building is our motto.



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to empower the community with a unified voice. Rid the community of blight, drug activity and all other crime. Create jobs and renovate existing homes and dwellings to create a sustainable community. Building a environment that will embrace change so the community is never displaced.

MILESTONES & PARTNERSHIPS

- Successfully organized a Neighborhood Organization, Strength in Unity, impactfully rallying the community for heavy engagement.
- Effectively established a community partnership with the Detroit Land Bank.
- Respectfully partnered with CSV Construction, a local small business.

www.buildingd4community.org/donate

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STRENGTH IN UNITY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2023



Love Fest



Volunteer Days



Movie nights



VOLUNTEER FOR OUR 2024 EVENTS

Join our volunteer committee
or
donate your labor of love at a
single event.

Email us :
volunteer@buildingd4community.org



Our 2024 Calendar will available on
our website December 25, 2023
www.buildingd4community.org



COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Ms Anett Mckalpain has lived in Mapleridge community since 1978. She is a stake holder in the community owning several properties, that her family members reside in. "The changes that I've seen has been the destruction of our community as a whole and also to see what a thriving neighborhood was once go down so quickly was heartbreaking and sad." Ms. Mckalpain was one of the first to join our community organization Strength in Unity. She volunteers and donate at every community event. "Through Strength in Unity, I'm seeing our neighbors have that pride again and a renewed faith in feeling safe in our community as a whole."

Neighborhood Happenings

NEW BUSINESSES

MORNINGSIDE CAFE 16369 SUITE C E. WARREN

NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY 500 MANISTIQUE

TERRI'S CAKES 16311 E. WARREN

COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES

"Taste & See"
Tea Party
DECEMBER 9TH AND 16TH
SHOPPING EVENT: WELLNESS TEAS, GIFTS & MORE
The Haven Family Center
14609 Park Grove, Detroit MI 48205
RSVP TO THEHAVENFC@GMAIL.COM
PSALM 34:8

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR
WINTER Festival
DECEMBER 9, 2023 | 12:00PM - 4:00PM
The Stoudomire
4401 Conner St, Detroit, MI
Celebrate the holidays with your neighbors at ECN!
Dinner | Karaoke | Family Photos
Arts & Crafts | Movies | Holiday Shopping
REGISTRATION
bit.ly/ecn-winter-festival

District 4 Community Advisory Council
Presents
COMMUNITY Holiday Celebration
Eastlake Baptist Church
12400 E. Jefferson Detroit
16 D E C
1 PM - 3 PM Refreshments Served

ENRICHMENT LEARNING PROGRAM
FREE
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!
Age 3 to Adults
WE WILL FOLLOW DPSCD SCHOOLS SCHEDULE.
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday
4pm - 5:55 pm. At CRD - CTEC Center
14481 Seymour Detroit, MI 48205
Chances to win gift cards and Chromebooks.
More gifts and prizes for great attendance and participation.
Campstore.org/Detroit
248/24-1732

Bingo with Benson
Friday, December 8, 2023
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Hellmann Recreation Center
19601 Brock Avenue
Detroit, MI 48205
For more info call: 313-224-1196 Or Email: nakenget@detroitmi.gov
• Limit one win per person
• Lunch provided • Limited space
FREE SENIOR TASK FORCE

MATRIX HUMAN SERVICES
EARN A free HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA ONLINE
• Advanced/SACS Accredited Diploma
• Transfer Credits from Previous High School
• Ages 18-24
• 100% Online
• Self Paced Program
ORIENTATION OFFERED EVERY 2ND THURSDAY AT 11:30AM AND EVERY 4TH THURSDAY AT 5:30PM
TO LEARN MORE SCAN QR CODE OR

SPECIAL THANKS!

2023 was a successful year. BD4C especially thanks our donors. We appreciate your kind support. Strength in Unity thanks the NPOS for their tireless efforts at keeping our events safe and fun. BD4C also thanks everyone who participates in Strength in Unity for being the catalyst for heavy community engagement!

BE A PART OF OUR MISSION!

KEEP UP WITH US:

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@STRENGTH_IN_UNITYD4

DETROIT HOT TOPICS



LVT PLAN

MAY 31, 2023, MAYOR MIKE DUGGAN AND SEVERAL LOCAL STATE REPRESENTATIVES PROPOSED A NEW AND NOVEL PROPERTY TAX PLAN FOR THE CITY OF DETROIT. UNLIKE THE CURRENT PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM WHICH TAXES IMPROVEMENTS AND LAND AT THE SAME RATE, THE PROPOSED LAND VALUE TAX (LVT) IS A "SPLIT TAX" THAT WOULD POTENTIALLY FOR 97% OF DETROIT HOMEOWNERS GIVE A PERMANENT PRICE CUT IN 2025. TAX RATES ON VACANT LAND WOULD MORE THAN DOUBLE FROM 85 MILS TO 189 MILS IF STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS APPROVE THE LEGISLATION. THE PLAN WOULD THEN GO TO DETROIT VOTERS IN NOVEMBER OF 2024. TO DATE THE STATE LEGISLATURE HAS REJECTED SEVERAL BILLS THAT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED THE PROPOSED BILL TO MOVE FORWARD. HOUSE SPEAKER JOE TATE TOLD THE ADVANCE NO MORE VOTES WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR ON THE PLAN. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT DETROITMI.GOV.

SOLAR ARRAYS

THE CITY OF DETROIT IN CONJUNCTION WITH DTE ENERGY IS PROPOSING TO CONSTRUCT 6 LARGE SOLAR ENERGY FARMS WITHIN THE CITY'S RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS IN AN EFFORT TO MEET THE CITY'S LONG TERM RENEWABLE ENERGY GOAL. THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL TAKE 250 ACRES OF CURRENT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND ULTIMATELY SUPPLY 33 MEGAWATTS OF SOLAR ENERGY TO THE DTE ENERGY GRID. NINE NEIGHBORHOOD SOLAR FARM PROPOSALS WERE RECENTLY SELECTED BY THE CITY FOR CONSIDERATION. TWO THE NINE FINALISTS ARE LOCATED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE MAPLERIDGE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING ONE ON THE WEST SIDE OF GRATIOT BETWEEN HOUSTON-WHITTIER AND SEYMOUR (GRATIOT - FINDLEY) AND ONE SOUTH OF HOUSTON-WHITTIER AND WEST OF HAYES (HOUSTON-WHITTIER/HAYES). THE SIX HOST NEIGHBORHOODS ARE EXPECTED TO BE SELECTED IN MARCH 2024. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT DETROITMI.GOV.

NFL DRAFT

THE CITY OF DETROIT WILL BE HOSTING THE NFL DRAFT IN APRIL OF 2024. CITY WALLS OPENED APPLICATIONS ON THANKSGIVING DAY FOR LOCAL ARTISTS WHO WILL PARTNER WITH A LOCAL NON-PROFIT, TO CUSTOMIZE ONE OF THE 20 CLEATS, DESIGNED TO CAPTURE THE SPIRIT OF DETROIT. THE CLEATS WILL BE AUCTIONED AND PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE ORGANIZATION THE WINNING CLEAT REPRESENTS. APPLICATIONS CLOSE DECEMBER 23, 2023. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO DETROITMI.GOV