

# What's Happening in Mapleridge?

You may have noticed an influx of contractors digging up blocks at a time in certain areas. Or perhaps you may have received a Britta filter water system on your front porch and wondered where did it come from? I can assure you tiny homes are not being built. (At this current moment.) So, what's happening you say? Well, in July of 2023, Gary Brown Proposed for areas in Detroit to receive a water main and water service replacement. All existing lead pipes are to be replaced with copper from the water main to residence meters. Every year we experience numerous of water main breaks due to outdated pipes. **The Water Main Replacement and Rehabilitation Project** that is expected to take 70 years to complete the entire infrastructure, has made its way to Mapleridge community. Troester, Cedargrove, Hazelridge and Linnhurst are the streets being worked on. Cedargrove and linnhurst has already been started. DWSD prioritized its water main replacement program by making frequency of breaks and leaks in systems and communities that had a dense residence occupancy as high priority. It is expected to see a 0.78% increase on water bills for residents, due to the impact of construction cost. Murphy Pipeline Contractors LLC was awarded the bid to see this 2-year project out. The project started on 10/1/2023 and is expected to be completed by 9/30/25.



Project Location Map  
Mapleridge Community

## Community Outreach

The city was to conduct extensive community outreach and education to ensure the residents were aware of the program and know the process from start to finish. Not certain at what point, a nine-page information packet was supposed to be created specific to the Detroit program that would have had a project notice, frequently asked questions, flushing information and homeowner/occupant agreement to authorize replacement of the private portion of the lead service line. Community meetings were to be held at a nearby park, which would have been Stoudamire Park, (formerly known as Troester Park) vacant lot, a school, place of worship or virtual. They also planned to give out Bitta filter water systems to each house. Please share your thoughts, through email, on if you feel you were properly informed or not. To request any of the information you may not have received through community engagement, contact the Detroit Water Sewerage Department: 313-224-4704. The contract number is: 6005502 (Ws-732).



Corner of Hayes & Linnhurst



Middle of Linnhurst block  
Between Salter and Brock



Corner of Linnhurst & Salter



Project sign on Linnhurst & Brock  
visual form Morang



Corner of Linnhurst and Morang

## How Are Things Going?

I took a ride through the project areas and snapped some pictures of the work sites. Here's what was found. All photos were taken 2/28/2024. Photos on the right are from Linnhurst street. Everything is well maintained and secure from residence or animals being harmed.

The photos below are from Cedargrove Street. A complaint has already been made for improper maintenance of the work sites. excavated holes were left accessible and water was leaking from the temporarily makeshifts where the fire hydrated were being replaced. (No pictures). They came out the next day and this is what it looks like now. (Photos below)

Ultimately, the proposed project will significantly improve DWSD capability to provide reliable, high-quality water (at required service volume and pressure) to the residence for the next 50 years.



Project sign on Hazelridge & Celestine 3  
blocks away from Hayes street



Corner of Mccrary &  
Cedargrove



Cedargrove Between Queen &  
Mccrary



Cedargrove Between Queen &  
Mccrary



Old pipe left on Cedargrove between  
Mccrary & Queen



Cedargrove Between Queen &  
Mccrary



Corner of Cedargrove & Queen

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## National Women's Month

In observance of National Women's Month, let's remember a few pioneer women who have made HERstory to be a blueprint for all women today.



**Erma L. Henderson**

Erma Henderson was acclaimed as Detroit's most powerful woman of her time. In 1972, She became the first black woman to serve on Detroit's City Council. 12 of those years was as President. In 1975 Erma Henderson organized the Michigan Statewide Coalition Against Redlining. In addition to having a school named after her on the westside of Detroit, she also has a park named after her on east Jefferson.



**Joann Watson**

Joann Watson dedicated her life to public Service. Nicked name the "Supreme Mother of Our Beloved Community" while being awarded a Spirit of Detroit award. She was known for holding any and everyone accountable. Joann was the first woman to serve as the executive director of the Detroit NAACP.



**Ethelene Crockett**

Ethelene Jones Crockett was the first African American woman to become president of the American Lung Association. She was an advocate for public service daycare for working women as well as family planning. In 1972 Ethelene led the fight to liberalize Michigan's abortion laws.

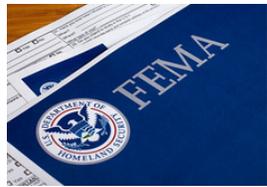


**Esther Shapiro**

Born to Jewish immigrants, Esther Shapiro became the first consumer education specialist at the Michigan consumer Credit Union League. In 1974, she was selected by former mayor Coleman Young, to serve as the director of the City of Detroit Department of Consumers Affairs.

## FEMA Funding

Are you one of the 1,632 households that qualify for federal assistance? August 24-26, 2023, we experienced storms and tornados, causing major flooding and damage to many homes and vehicles. If you were affected by this disaster, here's how you can apply for federal home repair grants. Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 7am and 11pm. Or apply online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov). You can also use the FEMA mobile app. If you live in Mapleridge and need in-person help, contact your Neighborhood association Strength in Unity at [strength.in.unityd4@gmail.com](mailto:strength.in.unityd4@gmail.com). If you do not live in Mapleridge and need in-person help, go to: [bit.ly/FEMAapplicationprocess](http://bit.ly/FEMAapplicationprocess). To go somewhere in person, use [FEMA.gov/DRC](http://FEMA.gov/DRC) to locate the nearest disaster recovery center. Even if you have already made repairs, you should still call and apply. Here's what to expect... Once you apply, you will be contacted by a FEMA inspector to schedule a visit to your home. The phone call can be an out-of-state number or "unavailable". So be sure to answer all calls after you have completed your application. Next, the inspector will show up with an official photo ID and WILL NEVER ASK FOR BANK INFORMATION or MONEY in any form. They will inspect the damaged areas. The inspector will go over and verify your information with you. Finally, a decision will be made. You will receive a letter explaining FEMA's eligibility decision within 10 days. If awarded, you will receive a treasury check or direct deposit, based on what you selected during your application process. Applications will be closing on April 8, 2024. To learn more about other FEMA grants, like small business loans you may qualify for, go to [FEMA.gov](http://FEMA.gov).



### Recovery Centers Locations

All recovery centers are open 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Monday to Saturday; closed Sundays.

Wayne County (South East): Opening 8 a.m., Tuesday,

Feb. 27, at:

**Wayne County Community College Downriver**

Campus

21000 Northline Road

Taylor, MI 48180

Wayne County (Canton West Central) Opening 8 a.m.,

Tuesday, Feb. 27, at:

**Canton Human Services Building**

50430 School House Road

Canton, MI 48187

Additional centers are open at these locations:

Macomb County: Opened 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at:

**Chesterfield Township Fire Department Central**

Station

33991 23 Mile Road

Chesterfield, MI 48047

Open until further notice.

Get to know BD4C by visiting  
our website:

[www.buildingd4community.org](http://www.buildingd4community.org)

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# **BUILDING D4 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

## **Thank You Letter to Janet Quinn**

The start of 2024 has been tremendous for both organizations, Strength in Unity (SIU) and Building D4 Community (BD4C). SIU monthly community meetings are becoming very impactful and joined by more and more people each meeting. In our January meeting, a lady by the name of Janet Quinn attended. She didn't speak but she listened and to my surprise she contacted me the very next morning. Immediately commending our organization, on how engaged, organized and informative the meeting was. She was hoping we could assist her with a problem she was having. Her property had been taken over by squatters and she was going through a long-drawn-out court process to have these uninvited guests removed from her property. We immediately went into action, with the help of our community officers, Aubrey Wade & Aaron Kraszewski and SIU vacant home committee. In 8 hours, the inside and outside of the house was cleared and boarded up. Long story short Ms. Quinn donated that same house to BD4C the very next day. She told me "Although I haven't known you that long, from what I have just witnessed, I know you will do great things with is house." She's absolutely right. SIU has been searching for a place to start up programs we have been working on this past summer. So, stay tuned to be updated on this development.

**Thank You Janet Quinn**

**Community House**



Follow us on Instagram:  
@strength\_in\_unityd4

## **EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

- SCHOLASTIC CHESS PROGRAM-APRIL 20, 2024
- STREET SPRING CLEANING-APRIL
- MOVIE NIGHTS BEGIN-MAY
- SUNRISE YOGA-JUNE
- FUNDRAISING DINNER-JUNE
- AFTER SCHOOL AFFAIR-JUNE
- BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA-AUGUST
- MAPLERIDGE YOUTH OLYMPICS-AUGUST
- LOVE FEST-SEPTEMBER
- MOVEMENT WITH KIM YOKLEY-NOVEMBER

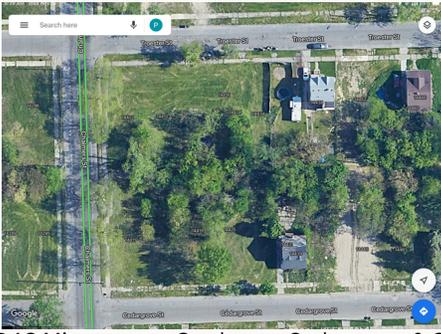


**To volunteer as an individual or a group at up-coming events, contact our volunteer coordinator Ms. Bobbie: (313)575-2182. Come have fun while being of Service.**

**Why do you volunteer?** we want to hear from you. Send in a letter along with a picture of you in active service, sharing your reasons for volunteering. We will share your letter and photo in our next issue.

Send to: [volunteer@buildingd4community.org](mailto:volunteer@buildingd4community.org)





BD4C Microgreens Garden on Cedargrove & Chalmers

We are happy to announce that we have received the deeds for our proposed land to start development of the Mapleridge Community Microgreen Project! Much more to come but for now, we are in the preparation phase. We have clean-up and creative thinking projects lined up ready for the community to come be a part of the development. Be sure to sign up with our volunteer coordinator: Ms. Bobbie 313-575-2182. BD4C has applied for the beautification grant through Wayne Metro. We are hoping to receive this grant to fund the cleanup and preparation of the land. Stay tuned.

## Mapleridge Community Garden Forecast

**Occupy Yourself Garden Agricultural Academy** location starts at Chalmers and Mayfield and covers 40 plus lots in the Mapleridge Community. What makes this garden unique is that it also offers gardening space to community members, who has the option to sale or keep their harvest, free of charge. Founder Donald Jones and his late wife Roxanne Jones has aligned themselves to be an educational incubator site within the Black Farmer Land Farm Fund, for the purpose of educating and helping new growers prepare to operate their own spaces. They also mentor in establishing outlets to sale their harvest at different farmers markets. Donny stated that he feels obligated to make growing and selling easier for community members. His vision for Occupy Yourself Garden, is to supply a significant portion of produce to the new Co-op market on Woodward and Euclid that is expected to open in May 2024, according to their website.

The garden is beautiful even in the winter. Every year there are more additions, and it is always well kept. The garden supplies Cherry trees, serviceberry trees, apple trees, garlic, raspberry bushes, shallots and cooking onions just to name a few. I personally enjoy the green tomatoes. They are plump, of course organic and delicious.

The garden operates year-round and is a pleasurable sight to see. If you are interested in volunteering at Occupy yourself Gargen contact SIU volunteer Coordinator Ms. Bobbie 313-575-2182. Also... **HAPPY BIRTHDAY DONNY! MANY BLESSINGS TO YOU AND THE FAMILY!**



Donny Jones



## Animal Keeping Ordinance Update

February 27, 2024, The City Planning Commission held a public hearing meeting on a proposed ordinance that would allow animal-keeping in Detroit. The proposal has been under consideration for more than a decade. Community leaders in District 4 have been full advocates for this ordinance since the beginning.

Commissioners focus was on how the law will be enforced. It will take recommendation from the City Council for the ordinance to take place, by a vote. If this goes through, Detroiters will be allowed to keep chickens, ducks and honeybees. At a limit of course. Detroiters understand the need to grow our own food.

## Things to Know

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM JAMES TATE  
**DETROIT**  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

### Animal Keeping Ordinance Frequently Asked Questions

**What is Animal Keeping?**  
Animal keeping is the practice of owning certain farm animals and honeybees at your own residential property for personal use. It allows homeowners and communities to produce healthy, nutritional food and promote environmental sustainability.

**What Animals Would Be Allowed and How Many?**  
This proposed ordinance allows chickens, ducks, and honeybees. Residents are not allowed in the proposed ordinance.  

- A maximum of 4 animals would be allowed. This can be a combination of ducks and chickens or all ducks or all chickens.
- A maximum of 2 honeybee hives would be allowed.

**How to Obtain a License?**  
Applications for licenses would be obtained from the City of Detroit, Animal Care and Control Division. The proposed license fee is \$50 and will be renewed annually for the same amount.

**Where Would I be Allowed to Keep My Chickens, Ducks, or Bees on My Property?**  
Chickens and ducks are to be kept in shelters, enclosures, and chicken coops behind your home. Honeybees are kept in backyards.

**What are the Proposed Distance Requirements?**  

- Chickens and duck enclosures must be kept 30 feet away from your neighbor's home and 5 feet from side property lines.
- Honeybee hives must be kept 25 feet from your neighbor's home and at least 5 feet from side property lines.
- Honeybees require a minimum 6-foot tall fence or barrier, depending on placement.

For additional information, contact the Office of Council President Pro Tem James Tate at 313-224-1027 or at CouncilmemberTate@detroitmi.gov

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**FEBRUARY 2024 EVENTS & PROGRAMS**



## Bobbie Tobar

Bobbie Tobar is a blessing to Mapleridge Community. Which is why she was nominated by community member Annett Mckalpain. Her dedication to the organizations is highly appreciated. From day one she has been involved with planning and organizing for our events and programs. Ms. Bobbie retired from Ford Motor Company and since has given countless hours to her community through acts of services ever since. She loves being a part of coat drives, food banks, community engagement, summer programs, anything to help someone. She just really loves helping people. Ms. Bobbie has taken the role on our volunteer committee as Coordinator and is doing a fantastic job. Pure heart of gold and I am so thankful to have met her. Thank you for all that you do Ms. Bobbie!

**Planning and Development Department: Land-Based Projects Virtual Office Hours**

March 7, 2024 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
 A Virtual Meeting: Access Information Provided in Meeting Description

**MEETING DESCRIPTION:** The Planning and Development Department will be hosting virtual office hours to provide guidance regarding urban agriculture and other land-based projects.

**VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION:**  
 To attend online: <http://bit.ly/309WQVQ>  
 To attend by phone: 489-998-8602, 12751462#  
 Meeting ID: 231 074 058 000  
 Passcode: 02906

**Kids COOKING CLASS**

CLASS TOPICS  
 Sustainable Landscapes  
 Cuisines Decorating  
 Paper Creations

REGISTRATION  
<https://bit.ly/309WQVQ>

**Barbie Day Party**

THE STOUTMIRE 4433 CORNELL ST DETROIT MI 48213

**DRTF 2024 Public Meeting Schedule**

DATE	LOCATION
FEBRUARY 09th 2024	NORTHWELL ACTIVATION CENTER
MARCH 06th 2024	FARWELL RECREATION CENTER
APRIL 07th 2024	NORTHWELL ACTIVATION CENTER
MAY 13th 2024	FARWELL RECREATION CENTER
JUNE 19th 2024	NORTHWELL ACTIVATION CENTER
JULY 07th 2024	FARWELL RECREATION CENTER
AUGUST 06th 2024	NORTHWELL ACTIVATION CENTER
SEPTEMBER 07th 2024	FARWELL RECREATION CENTER
OCTOBER 07th 2024	NORTHWELL ACTIVATION CENTER

ALL meetings are held from 2 PM - 4 PM  
[reparations@detroitmi.gov](mailto:reparations@detroitmi.gov)

**FARM STAND AT THE STOUTMIRE**

SATURDAYS  
 March 2nd  
 March 9th  
 March 16th  
 11:00AM - 2:00PM

FRESH PRODUCE  
 LOCAL FARMERS  
 LOCAL LOCAL

STOUTMIRE WILDFIRES  
 4433 CORNELL ST  
 DETROIT MI 48213

**Planning and Development Department: Land-Based Projects Virtual Office Hours**

March 21, 2024 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
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**FOOD TUESDAY**

THE MATRIX CENTER  
 37500 WOODRIDGE BLVD  
 WOODRIDGE, MI 48095

**CIVIL LAB**

START DATES: MARCH 13TH, 2024

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!  
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**Project Date: February - April 2024**

**OVERVIEW**

**WHAT YOU DO**

**WHAT YOU GET**

**EXAMPLE PROJECT**

**Write On Wednesday Journal Writing Workshop**

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
 Feb 14 - Apr 3, 2024  
 5:30PM - 8:30PM

**THE STOUTMIRE**  
 4433 CORNELL ST  
 DETROIT, MI 48213

**Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency EARLY HEAD START**

Now recruiting expectant families and children (Prenatal through 3 years old).  
**NO COST TO YOU!**

Health Support Services provided:  
 Home visitation (case management, financial, safety, childcare, and more) to those who qualify.  
 Family & Personal Support!

Call NOW to start enrollment:  
 (313) 388-9799 or (734) 284-6999

**Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency HEAD START**

Now recruiting preschool (3 years and older) children.  
**NO COST TO YOU!**

Childcare Services: Family Services  
 Disability Services: Community Resources  
 Adult Day Care Services: Community Resources  
 Rental Assistance: Rental Education  
 Rental Support: Rental Education  
 High Quality Education: Access to Head Start health and nutrition services

Call NOW to start enrollment:  
 (313) 388-9799 or (734) 284-6999

## NEW BUSINESSES

- SAVOY RESTAURANT 17131 E. WARREN
- MORNINGSIDE CAFE 16369 SUITE C E. WARREN
- NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY 500 MANISTIQUE
- TERRI'S CAKES 16311 E. WARREN
- E'SHROOMED FARMS 16555 HARPER

## Nominate a Community Member.

Send your submission to:  
**BD4CNEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM.** Include a photo and a short paragraph highlighting their contributions to the community.

## BE A PART OF THE CHANGE!

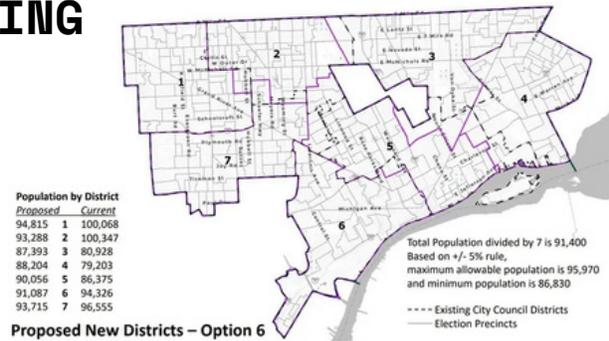
Keep up with us:

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 @STRENGTH\_IN\_UNITYD4



## CITY OF DETROIT REDISTRICTING

Detroit city Council has voted on the new district boundaries for Detroit. Map 6 was chosen by all but one member. Map 5 was close to follow. Council member Angela Whitfield-Calloway voted for option 2. with the new map district 7 will lose Russel woods, Nardin Park and Desoto. the new districts will **go into effect in January 2026**. Districts will remain as they are now until then.



This map shows newly approved district boundaries in the City of Detroit, which will move some residents into a new district with a different council member. *City Of Detroit*

## STATE OF MICHIGAN REDISTRICTING

### Meet The 3 Judge Panel

#### Raymond Kethledge

Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Appointed by George Bush in 2008.

#### Paul Lewis Maloney

Judge for the Western District of Michigan. Appointed by George Bush in 2007.

#### Janet Neff

Senior United States District judge for the Western District Michigan. Appointed by George Bush in 2007.

In 2018, voters approved of a proposal to establish an independent redistricting commission for congressional and state legislative districts for Michigan. Prior to this change, Republicans held control of the redistricting process.

Following the 2020 census, Michigan lost the 14th district, republicans no longer controlled the districting process. The Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission was called on to redraw legislative and congressional maps. Both maps were challenged in court for violating the Voting rights act by reducing the number of black-majority districts in Detroit.

February 3, 2022, the lawsuit against the state legislative and congressional districts was dismissed. The new district lines resulted in Detroit failing to elect a black member of Congress for the first time in nearly 70 years.

March 23, 2022, Detroiters organized and sued the MICRC for violating the Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act.

December 21, 2023, a three-judge panel of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan determined that the MICRC drew the boundaries of the plaintiffs' districts predominantly on the basis of race. The three-judge panel ordered the maps to be redrawn.

February 2024, MICRC voted to adopt a newly redrawn state house map that will be submitted to federal judges' potential adoption by the court. The selected maps make adjustments in House Districts 1-14 and minor change to District 16.

March 1, 2024: is the Commission deadline for submitting final House map to court.

Expected Timeline:

March 8, 2024: Plaintiffs file any objections to plan with court

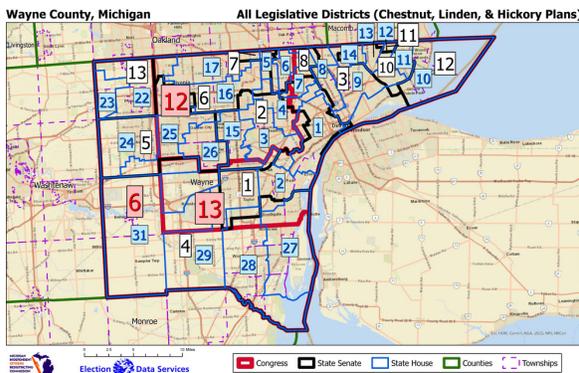
March 15: Court-appointed expert submits review of the commission's work

March 29, 2024: Court date set for using implementing new House maps. Judges left open the option of using a plan drawn by a court-appointed expert if they deem the commission's work insufficient

April 12, 2024: Filing deadline for candidates in new state House Districts

August 6, 2024: Michigan primary election

November 5, 2024: Michigan general election



### 2024 Michigan Republican and Democratic Primary Elections Results

#### Republican Primary:

- Projected Winner: Donald Trump
- Votes for Donald Trump: 757,104 (68.1%)
- Votes for Nikki Haley: 294,935 (26.5%)
- Uncommitted: 33,405 (3.0%)
- Delegates: 16 delegates were allocated based on the primary results, while the remaining 39 delegates will be decided at a state party convention on Saturday!

#### Democratic Primary:

- Projected Winner: Joe Biden
- Votes for Joe Biden: 618,474 (81.0%)
- Uncommitted: 101,113 (13.2%)
- Votes for Marianne Williamson: 22,713 (3.0%)
- Delegates: A total of 117 delegates were up for grabs in the Democratic primary