

BUILDING D4 COMMUNITY

NEWSLETTER

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Transformation Season

As we enter the last month of fall, let's embrace November for its symbolism of transformation. Change is an inevitable part of life. Just as trees and plants shed their leaves to prepare for dormancy, protecting their cells, roots, and seeds from water scarcity, we too must let go of what no longer serves us as we move into our next season.

Letting Go Tips

Embrace change instead of resisting it.
Recognize and let go of what drains your mental energy.
Establish and adhere to your boundaries.
Make time for daily silence.
Accept things as they are without trying to force them into your desired shape.
Maintain self-control.

Join Our New Group

To explore ways to embrace the season of transformation, join our new group where we'll delve deeply into the importance of self-understanding.

- Name of group will be determined by the members.
- Group meetings will start **Wednesday November 20, 2024.**
- To join and receive more information send email to: buildingd4community@gmail.com
Put transformation as the subject.
- Group chat will go inactive **February 28, 2024.**

Keep Up With BD4C

Website: WWW.BUILDINGD4COMMUNITY.ORG

Instagram: [@BUILDINGD4COMMUNITY](https://www.instagram.com/BUILDINGD4COMMUNITY)

CONGRAGULATIONS STRENGTH IN UNITY

MOE Better Awardee

I'm thrilled to announce that the Strength in Unity Neighborhood Association has once again been recognized by the community as the Best Eastside Neighborhood Group for the 2024 MOE Better Awards, marking our second consecutive win. We were honored by ECN at their Annual Eastside Extravaganza, where we received a beautiful plaque to commemorate this achievement. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who voted for us. Here are some highlights from that memorable evening.



The Final Meal

October 16th concluded SIU 2024 quarterly community communal dinners. Here are some highlights from the year.



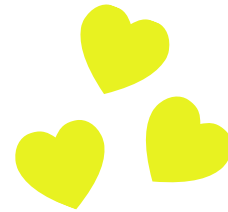
Volunteer With SIU

Share your service with us! As we prepare for 2025, we're organizing our events and need your help. Visit www.buildingd4community.org/get-involved to sign up as a volunteer for our 2025 events.

Happy Birthday JeMya!



JeMya Lee Gibson turns 9 on November 16th. Her mom Pamela Trotty wants everyone to know her babygirl is smart, funny, stylish and such a ray of sunshine! She loves Art, Science, Soccer and Unicorns.



Love You Birthday Twin!

Let's Stay Active...

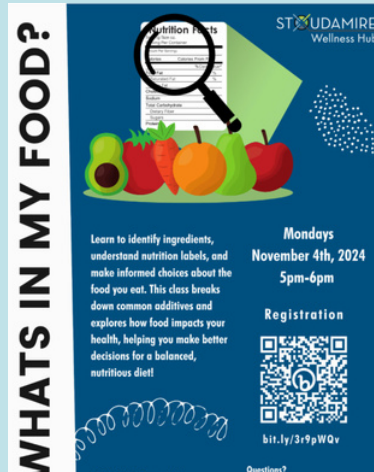
Our team at Building D4 Community has been diligently working to secure funding for the renovation of the Mapleridge community house, which will host our services and events throughout the year. Earlier this year, Janet Quinn generously donated the house to us. On June 20th, 2024, we launched a GoFundMe campaign with a goal of raising \$20,000. So far, we have collected \$4,135 from 27 donors. With the arrival of the cold season, we are compelled to halt most of our activities due to the lack of a proper headquarters. We have extended our fundraising goal to continue our efforts to reach the necessary amount for the renovation, aiming to emerge stronger in 2025. In the meantime, we encourage the community to utilize the Stoudamire Wellness Hub, which offers free transportation to and from the hub for residents in the following zip codes: 48025, 48207, 48213, 48214, 48215, and 48224.

No Idle Minds

A flyer for the Stoudamire Wellness Hub Transportation Program. The top section features logos for the Eastside Community Network and Stoudamire Wellness Hub, along with the text 'SUMMER 2024 | JULY-AUGUST'. The main title is 'STOUDAMIRE WELLNESS HUB TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM'. Below this, a text box states: 'Join us at The Stoudamire! We have classes, clubs, community events and other fun activities for all ages. Free transportation for Neighborhood Members, residents in 48205, 48207, 48213, 48214, 48215, 48224, to and from the Hub.' To the right of this text is a box that says 'FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD MEMBERS'. The next section is titled 'HOME PICK UP' and explains that van pick-up is available for members living within service zip codes, with instructions to call to request a ride at least two days in advance. This is followed by a 'HOME DROP OFF' section stating that drop-off is available for all members living in service zip codes. A large section titled 'TRANSPORTATION NOW AVAILABLE MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:30 AM-7:30 PM' contains a black button with white text: 'CALL TO SCHEDULE A RIDE TODAY!'. Below this is the contact information 'Aldante Gaines | 313-528-4347'. At the bottom, another black button with white text says 'JOIN THE STOUDAMIRE AND REGISTER FOR CLASSES', followed by the website 'Visit ecn-detroit.org/classes' and the phone number 'or call 313.571. 2800'.

We encourage all community members to take part in as many classes and programs as possible. While most are free, some may have a small fee.

Stoudamire Classes



See full list at: www.ecn-detroit.org/classes

Resources



From Grass Roots to Greatness...

BD4C is Hitting Milestones

The year 2024 has been a transformative one for Building D4 Community. We've received a total of \$35,000 for various initiatives. Our board member, Paul Lewandowski, was nominated by Kara Maruszak of Owens Corning for the Retiree Volunteer of the Year award. During a dinner sponsored by Owens Corning, Ann Malak presented us with a \$10,000 check. Strength in Unity was our honored guest, as their support is essential to our growth. Paul's diverse contributions continue to help BD4C thrive and connect with the right partners. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Owens Corning and especially to Paul for choosing our organization to receive the check.



Chess Camp Revamp

We are also thrilled to share that our application for the Detroit Sports Commission 2024 Community Grant was successful, securing us \$10,000 for our 2025 chess camp. Despite having limited funding this year, we had an excellent turnout for our 2024 chess camp. We are eagerly preparing to enhance our camp for its 2025 debut. Stay tuned for upcoming enrollment dates!

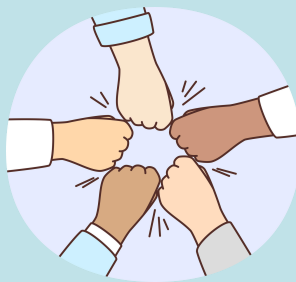


From Tiny Seeds To Thriving Greens...

Our Micro-Green Garden Is Under construction

And lastly, we are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded the Spring 2024 Neighborhood Beautification Grant for \$15,000! This is a significant milestone for us, paving the way for future job creation. For now, we are excited to share the transformation with you.

Our journey has been long, from acquiring the land to overcoming plot plan challenges, but we are now fully prepared to create something remarkable for the Mapleridge community. The land, once cluttered with over 50 trees and heaps of trash, has been cleared. Despite a few brick roads, we navigated around them gracefully. We are now finalizing our plot plan requirements, just in time to apply for another round of funding to continue the transformation.



Show Up To Vote

Thursday November 7, 2024

The 9th Precinct Community Council will be holding a vote to appoint community members to their board. Voting must be done in person. Meeting starts at 7pm.

Nominees

President

Sandra Turner-Handy

Vice President

Donald Beneteau
Sharita Pierce

Recording Secretary

Kris Pope
Pamela Trotty

Corresponding Secretary

Odell Rowan

Sergeant at Arms/Parliamentarian

Odell Rowan

Treasurer

Russ Bellant

At Large Member

Sonya Hill

Business Member At Large

(Seeking Interest)

Location

Heilmann Recreation Center
19601 Brock Ave. 48205

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