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Your District 6 Newsletter

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

This is the debut issue of your neighborhood newsletter, with editions for each City Council district. It will be mailed to every household in Detroit four times a year. You'll find updates on city services, from park improvements to neighborhood redevelopment, as well as information on opportunities through programs like Detroit at Work, the city's one-stop career center, and the Detroit Promise, which provides tuition-free college to graduates of Detroit high schools. It also features an easy-to-use page of contact information for your neighborhood police officers and city officials. We hope you enjoy it. **Email us your newsletter ideas at newsletter@detroitmi.gov.**



Detroit Pistons improving 60+ basketball courts across the city

The City of Detroit and the Detroit Pistons showed off the first of 60 basketball courts that the NBA team is refurbishing across the city, providing residents with upgraded court surfaces and court amenities, along with repainted court markings.

The eight renovated courts are the first part of a \$2.5 million commitment by the Pistons to improve basketball courts in parks in every City Council district over six years.

By early 2019, **18 more courts will be refurbished at 10 parks** that include Lasky, Palmer, Kelley and O'Hair. The remaining 34 courts will be upgraded over the final four years.



Courts Refurbished in 2018

Optimist-Stout Park, 13630 Stout
Dequindre-Grixdale Park, 18551 Dequindre
Algonquin-Goethe Park, 3030 Algonquin
Bennett Park, 444 Smith
Littlefield Park, 12416 Indiana
Rouge Park, 21800 Joy

SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS FOR TRASH, BULK PICKUP DAYS

You can now get text alert reminders of your next trash, bulk or yard waste pickup date. Just text your address to 313-800-7905.

Bulk household waste is collected every other week year round. Yard waste collection is every other week from April through the second week of December.

Have questions?

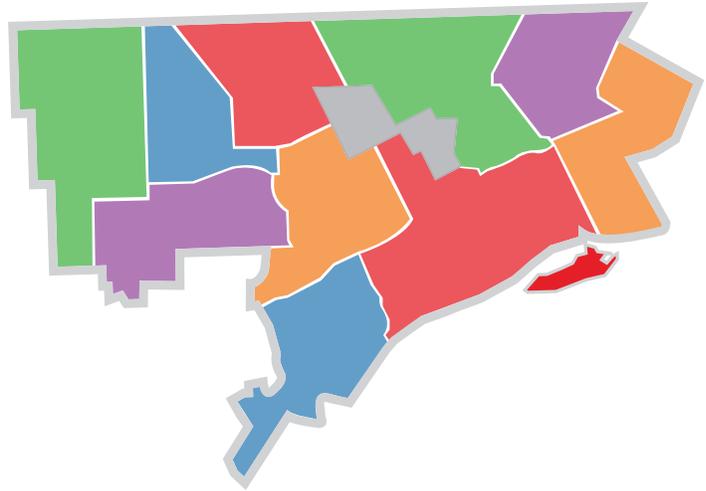
- Advanced Disposal, 844-233-8764.
- GLF Environment, 844-464-3587
- DPW's Solid Waste Division: 313-876-0049.

Bulk Pickup

- Small items such as clothing, toys, and lamps should be placed in plastic bags or boxes.
- Carpeting should be rolled in bundles of no more than 4 feet and tied.
- Households are limited to one cubic yard, about the size of a couch, stove or refrigerator.
- Construction debris must be picked up separately, for a fee. **Call 313-876-0049 to arrange a pickup.**



Your neighborhood bulk waste pickup days



Yard Waste

- Grass clippings, leaves, shrubs and twigs should be placed in paper, biodegradable yard bags or plastic or metal containers marked "Yard Waste Only." The weight limit is 60 pounds.
- Brush bigger than 2 inches in diameter should be tied and placed at the curb. Bundles should not be longer than 4 feet or weigh more than 60 pounds.



Connecting with City Hall

IMPROVE DETROIT APP

From broken streetlights to potholes, reporting issues in your neighborhood is easier than ever with the Improve Detroit app. The app allows users to upload images of the issue, provide the location and get updates on when the issue is being fixed. **Download the Improve Detroit App from the App Store or Google Play. Issues also may be reported online at www.detroitmi.gov/How-Do-I/Mobile-Apps/ImproveDetroit.**



RELIEVE THE STRESS OF LUMP SUM PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS!

Starting in February 2019, residential property owners will be able to make flexible deposits towards their annual property taxes.

The property tax savings program will allow owners to conveniently set money aside for their 2019 taxes. Deposits can be made monthly, biweekly, weekly, or daily using a DivDat kiosk or through the DivDat smart phone app.

DivDat kiosks currently accept DTE, water and sewer, property tax payments and are located in neighborhoods throughout metro Detroit. Visit www.codkiosk.com to locate the kiosks nearest you. **Look for more details in your December tax bill.**



Where can I pay?

DivDat Kiosks can be found at the following locations:

- Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
- Detroit Water and Sewerage Department customer service centers
- Northwest Activities Center
- Pharmacies and grocery and convenience stores across the city



RESTORED PARKS ADD TO NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE

The five park improvements in District 6 include:

- Riverside Park, 3085 W. Jefferson: New playground, basketball, softball field, soccer field, parking area, walking paths.
- Nagel Park, 3100 Wabash: New walkways, track, soccer fields, pavilion, play mounds.
- Scripps Park, 3666 W. Grand River: New walkways, play area, lighting repairs, trellis replacement, event space, dog park.



District 6 parks getting upgraded boulders this year

The city has been replacing broken-down fencing at 99 parks across the city with boulders this year. District 6 parks are:

4th-Charlotte • Bieniek • Bloomfield • Higgins • Kemeny • Lafayette-NYCRR • Laker • McShane • Patton • Piwok • Riverside • Romanowski • St. Hedwig • Stanton



BROKEN SIDEWALKS: WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

Property owners are responsible for repairing the sidewalks in front of their homes. The City may repair the sidewalk, at no cost to the property owner, if the sidewalk is damaged by roots of trees on the City side of the sidewalk. **For more information or to report a damaged sidewalk, contact the Department of Public Works at 313-224-3949 or email sidewalkcomplaints@detroitmi.gov.**

NEW STREETSCAPES COMING TO WEST VERNOR, BAGLEY

Construction is expected to begin in summer 2019 on two streetscape projects that will transform the look of sections of West Vernor and Bagley in southwest Detroit. West Vernor will get new pavement, lighting, crosswalks, a median and trees from Clark to Newark. Bagley will become a “shared street” from 24th Street to I-75, with flush street surfaces and upgrades that support the area’s strong retail, space for celebrations, festivals and outdoor markets.



Improvements for Clark Park

Clark Park is an anchor for Southwest Detroit, and it is scheduled to receive additional improvements, including a splash pad and zocalo, a traditional Mexican public space. The General Services Department will schedule meetings with the community on these improvements in early 2019.

More information is available at www.detroitmi.gov/west-vernor.

To learn more about planning projects across the city, go to www.detroitmi.gov/NeighborhoodPlans.



Career, technical education opportunities available at Randolph and Breithaupt

Breithaupt Career Technical Center and Randolph Career Technical Center have reopened, with both schools receiving extensive renovations that will help to revitalize technical career education in Detroit. The goal is to provide hands-on training and career pathways in fields including construction, culinary arts, retail and hospitality, automotive service, mechatronics and welding. Interested students can get more information at www.detroitk12.org/CTE or by talking to your school counselor. Adults can find more information at www.detroitatwork.com or by calling 313-962-WORK.



City tackling inspection and repair of catch basins

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department is making major progress on reducing street flooding and other problems caused by blocked catch basins. DWSD has invested more than \$4 million in eight new sewer cleaning trucks and in hiring and training staff for the work. Report standing water using the Improve Detroit smart phone app or call 313-267-8000.

12,000
Catch basins repaired
since April 2017

30,000
Catch basins to be
repaired in three years

DETROIT AT WORK OFFERS TRAINING, JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Every day over 5,000 jobs and 130 training opportunities are posted at Detroit at Work, the City's one-stop resource for those seeking employment and career advancement. Register at www.detroitatwork.com and then visit one of three one-stop locations:

- Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers.
- Samaritan Center, 5555 Conner.
- SER Metro, 9301 Michigan Ave.

Training Opportunities



Advance Call Center Agent training through Emerging Industries Training Institute.



Blight removal training through the Detroit Training Center.



Certified nursing assistant training through Excelling Nursing Academy.



Computer desktop support training through Computer Networking Center.



www.detroitatwork.com

DETROIT PROMISE OFFERS FREE TUITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

Every graduate of a high school in Detroit—whether it's a public, private or charter school—has a tuition-free path to a higher education under the Detroit Promise. **For requirements and other details on how to qualify for the Detroit Promise, go to www.detroitpromise.com.**

652

The number of Detroit graduates attaining higher education for free this fall

FORD TO MAKE TRAIN STATION ITS HUB FOR MOBILITY, OUTLINES JOBS, BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Ford's renovation of the vacant Michigan Central Station represents a more than \$700 million investment by the company that will bring more than 5,000 jobs to the city. The plan is to make Detroit a hub for mobility. Ford has agreed to invest:

- \$2.5 million in Detroit's Affordable Housing Leverage Fund to leverage the preservation or creation of about 200 affordable housing units.
- \$2.5 million in the Strategic Neighborhood Fund for park and streetscape improvements, support for no-interest home repair loans, senior home repair grants and local businesses facade upgrades.
- \$5 million for workforce training and education, including support for job training through Detroit at Work, scholarships and paid internships for residents.



Motor City Match brings new businesses to Detroit

Looking to start a business in Detroit? Motor City Match pairs entrepreneurs who want to build businesses in Detroit with the owners of available storefronts. It provides loans, grants and technical assistance. Applications for the next round of awards are due Jan. 1, 2019. Awards are made by March 31, 2019. For more information, go to www.motorcitymatch.com or call 844-338-4626.

Next Motor City Re-Store deadline: Jan. 4

Motor City Re-Store provides competitive matching grants for commercial building owners to improve their storefronts. The program awards up to \$500,000 in grants each quarter. Applications for grants open Nov. 30. The deadline is Jan. 4, 2019. For more information, call 844-749-8359 or go to www.motorcityre-store.com

YOUR DISTRICT BUSINESS LIAISON

In District 6, your District Business Liaison is Luz Viviana Meza. It's her job to help business owners:

- Navigate processes such as inspections and licensing
- Connect entrepreneurs to capital, talent and other resources to grow businesses
- Improve the business environment in Detroit neighborhoods

Contact Luz at 313-510-2488 or by email at lmeza@degc.org.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR LOW-INCOME PROPERTY TAX RELIEF?

You're eligible to apply for full or partial exemption from paying property taxes if:

- Your home's taxable value doesn't exceed \$95,000.
- You owned your home as of Dec. 31, 2017.
- You meet the income limits below.

The deadline is Dec. 10 for low-income residents to submit completed applications. To learn more about Detroit's Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Program, call 313-628-0723 or 313-224-3035, or go to Room 804 at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. Applications are available at www.detroitmi.gov/How-Do-I/Appeal/Property-Assessment-Forms.

People in household exemption	Max. income for full exemption	Max. income for partial exemption
1	\$16,600	\$19,160
2	\$19,950	\$22,450
3	\$22,100	\$24,600
4	\$25,600	\$28,100
5	\$28,780	\$31,280
6	\$32,960	\$35,460
7	\$37,140	\$39,640
8	\$41,320	\$43,820

Detroit Land Bank office hours

Looking to buy a home through the land bank auction or purchase the vacant lot next door? You can meet with land bank officials from 5-7 p.m. every first Tuesday at Patton Recreation Center, 2301 Woodmere.

For more information, call 1-844-BUY-DLBA or go to www.buildingdetroit.org



DISTRICT 6: NUMBERS TO KNOW



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Neighborhood Police Officers

Neighborhood Precincts

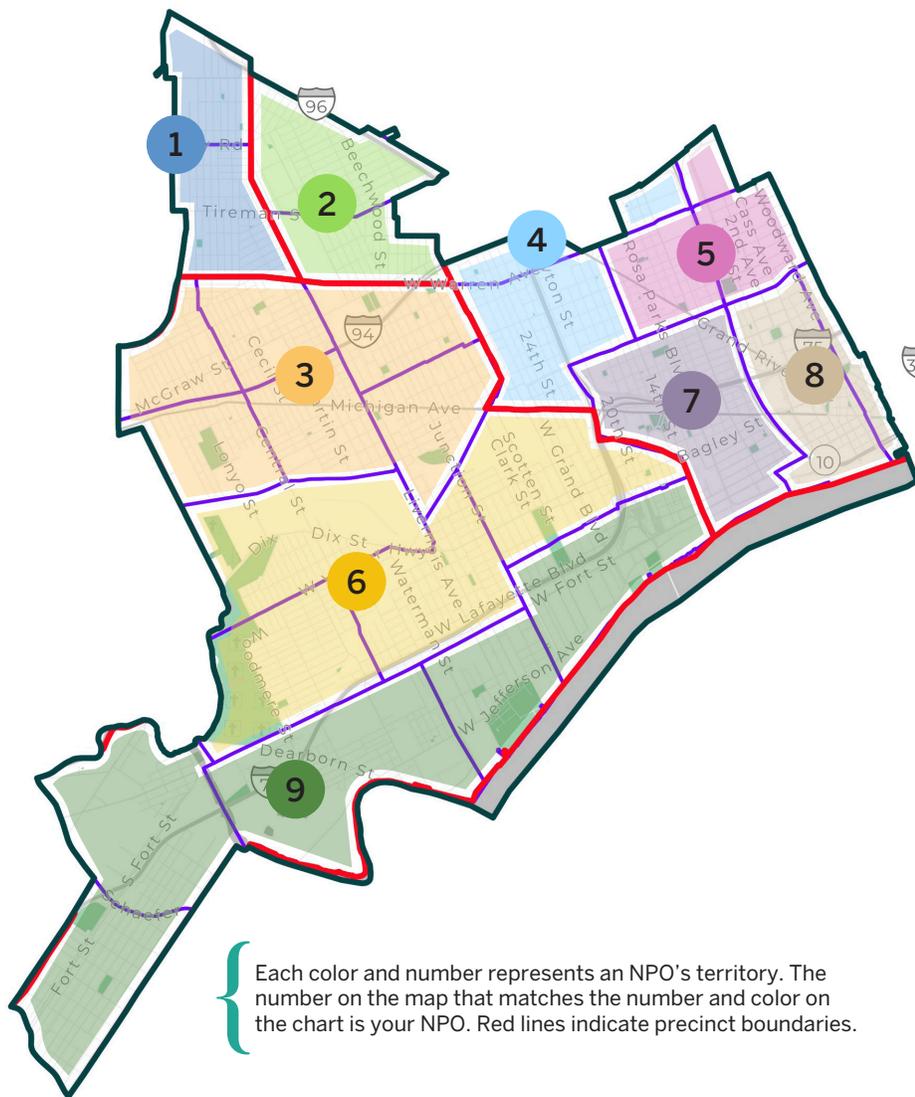
2nd Precinct, 13530 Lesure
313-596-5200

3rd Precinct, 2875 W. Grand Blvd.
313-596-5300

4th Precinct, 4700 W. Fort St.
313-596-5400

10th Precinct, 12000 Livernois
313-596-1000

Downtown Services, 20 Atwater St.
313-237-2850



1. **Officer Errol Franklin**
313-570-4787
2. **Officer Roberto Berry**
313-618-0793
3. **Officer Juan Lebron**
313-643-0354
4. **Officer Dale Dorsey**
313-643-0865
5. **Officer John Pinchum**
313-590-8940
6. **Officers Alfonso Ruiz and Amy Szarafinski**
313-618-1695 // 313-590-9091
7. **Officer Tamyra Harris-Hardy**
313-570-4364
8. **Officer Steven Engebretson**
313-643-0381
9. **Officer Garrett Taylor**
313-590-9033



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EASIER FARES, INCREASED SERVICE COMING TO REBRANDED DDOT

Getting around on a DDOT bus will be easier with more service 24/7 on the 10 busiest bus routes and a new, simplified fare system for riders. ConnectTen routes will operate with buses every 15 minutes 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. weekdays with free WiFi.



ConnectTen Routes

New Route Numbers	Old Route Numbers
1 Vernor	49 Vernor
2 Michigan	37 Michigan
3 Grand River	21 Grand River
4 Woodward	53 Woodward
5 Van Dyke/Lafayette	48 Van Dyke/Lafayette
6 Gratiot	34 Gratiot
7 Seven Mile	45 Seven Mile
8 Warren (new name too!)	14 Crosstown
9 Jefferson	25 Jefferson
10 Greenfield	22 Greenfield



Catch up with stories from the City of Detroit online at theneighborhoods.org and on cable TV on Channel 21 for Comcast subscribers.



DEMOLITION TRACKER

Want to find out when blighted structures near you will be demolished? **Text an address you care about to 313-254-3366**, and you'll receive a text message listing the addresses within 500 feet of the area that are scheduled for demolition and the approximate date of demolition. You can also check the demolition tracker map that shows structures scheduled for demolition. **Check out the map at www.detroitmi.gov/demolition**

Translations Available

For translations of this newsletter, go to www.detroitmi.gov/neighborhoodnewsletter.