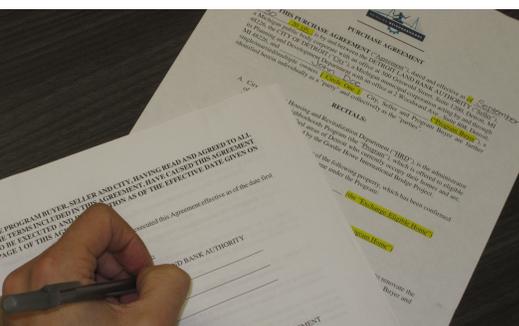


May 2019

# BRIDGING NEIGHBORHOODS

*E-Newsletter*

*Connecting Families in Delray and along I-75 to the Bridging Neighborhoods Programs*



## MULTIPLE CLOSINGS

To date Bridging Neighborhoods has had 10 homes completely renovated and 10 families that have moved into their homes.

## MCPHAILS HOME SWAP

The McPhail family moved into their new home March 2019 in the Warrendale Community.

## REFER A HOME



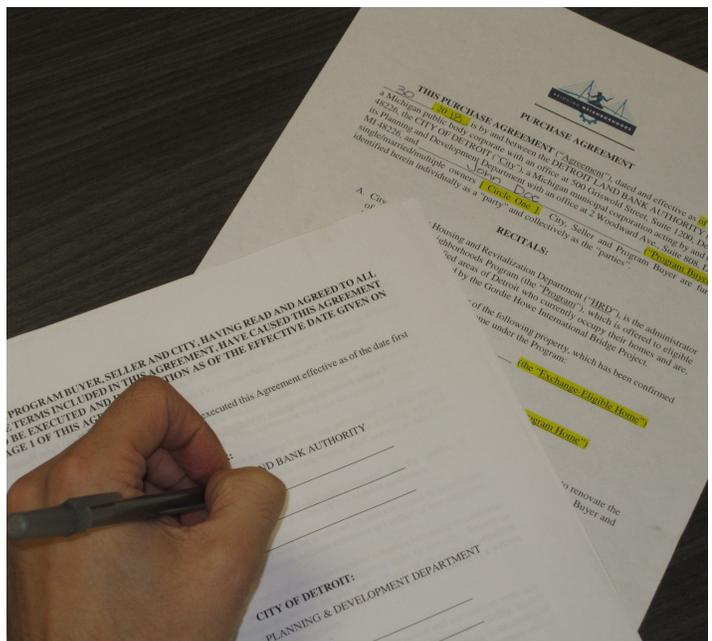
You can now provide your housing consultant with the address of a home you identify!

## MULTIPLE HOME CLOSINGS

In its first year, BNP has seen steady success in the Home Swap Program. To date, we have 10 families that have moved into beautiful homes in the Southwest, Warrendale and the Morningside neighborhoods. We have 18 more families that have already signed a home and are waiting for construction to end. We have an additional 38 participants excited to find their new homes.

The closings take place in our office on Springwells Street. Participants complete our home preservation workshop prior to closing. A participant can schedule the workshop with their housing consultant. The workshop will educate participants about the Bridging Neighborhoods closing process. We also review the following topics in the workshop: property taxes, budgeting, estate planning and home maintenance.

Participants can check out our property listings here <http://bit.ly/bnppropertypage> or join one of our monthly home tours. Transportation and refreshments are available. Call to save your seat!



# HOME TOURS

Each month we provide FREE transportation to view selected homes.

April we had a great turnout and toured homes located in the Warrendale and Chadsey Condon neighborhoods.

Our next Home Tour is May 18th from 11 am - 1 pm. Make sure to contact our office or your housing consultant to reserve your seat! Call (313) 628-2231 today!



## APRIL HOME TOUR WALK-THROUGH HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Our Home Swap participants had the opportunity to walk through one of the homes that was under construction. This home was chosen by a family in August 2018 before the renovation process. The family chose the Slate Design Package.

We are happy to report that as of this May this home renovation was completed. A Delray family relocated and now lives here!

Two other homes on the same street have been matched with families and a third home will be a model home for viewing.





## MCPHAIL FAMILY MOVES INTO NEW HOME

Mrs. McPhail and her daughters were eager to leave Delray when they signed up for the Home Swap Program in 2017. Unfortunately, Mrs. McPhail transitioned in 2018 and did not have the opportunity to see the transformation of the home she chose.

However, Mrs. McPhail's children were able to realize their mother's wishes. This past March, the McPhails moved into their new home in Council District 7's Warrendale neighborhood!

## THE ANDERSON FAMILY MOVES INTO 1,600 SQ.FT. MORNINGSIDE HOME

The Anderson Family lived in their Delray home for 5 years. Now the Morningside community (Council District 4) will be their new neighborhood. Surprised, the Anderson family received a warm welcome into their new community. The family was greeted by District 4 City Council Member Andre Sprivey, the MorningSide Community Organization president and vice-president and several other neighbors.

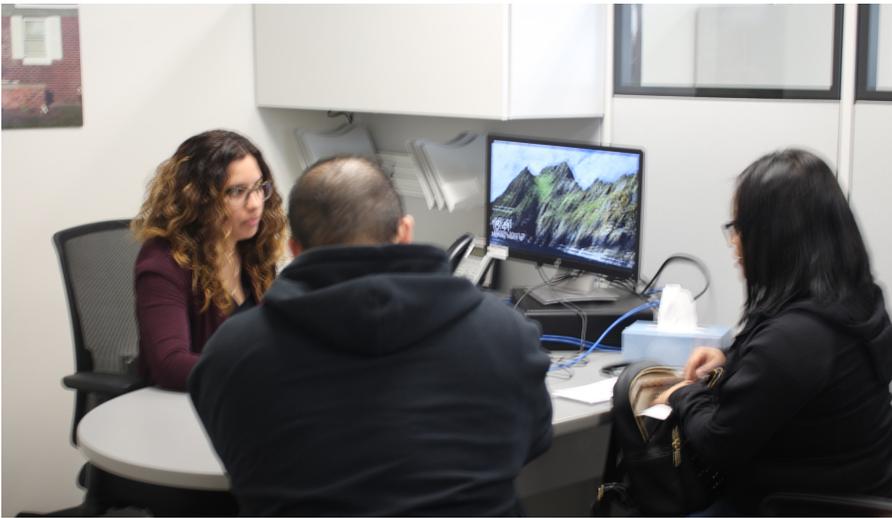


### HOME SWAP UPDATES

- 10** Homes Completed
- 10** Under Construction
- 11** In the Pipeline
- 11** Model Homes Coming
- 91** Home Swap Applicants

### I-75 ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION UPDATES

- 162** Applications Submitted
- 40** Homes to Receive Upgrades in 2019



## REFER A HOME



Another Way for Home Swap Participants to Identify Their Ideal Home

- Participants can identify vacant homes they would be interested in moving to and provide the addresses to their housing consultant.
- BNP will determine if the homes are owned and available from the Detroit Land Bank Authority and if the home has already been reviewed by BNP.
- If available, the BNP team will assess the home to determine if it can be renovated within our budget.
- If it meets our budget, the participant who identified the home will have first choice to sign a purchase agreement.

Reach out to Bridging Neighborhoods for more details!

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST



We had our first Bridging Neighborhoods Pancake Breakfast March 2, 2019. The turn-out was great! We had more than 50 of our home swap participants enjoy pancakes, bacon, coffee and orange juice prepared and served by the Bridging Neighborhoods teams.

## I-75 ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM

We are preparing to provide retrofits to our first 40 homes between the months of August through October of this year.

The I-75 Environmental Mitigation Program is designed to minimize sound and air pollution related to increased traffic from the Gordie Howe International Bridge.



# NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT



## Springwells Community:

If you are looking for a community rich with Hispanic culture then you are in the right place in the Springwells community. The Springwells neighborhood is part of the broader Southwest Detroit. The neighborhood is located within the borders of the streets John Kronk, Livernois Avenue, Waterman, Fort and Western Street.

## Housing:

Springwells architectural housing structures vary. In this community you will see colonial, bungalow, ranch and duplex houses. There is also a mix of brick, aluminum siding and wood framed homes.

## Parks:

There are 5 recreational parks in the Springwells neighborhood. The parks are Patton (which is the largest), Higgins, Weiss, Lafayette NCYRR and Beard.

## Commercial Corridor:

Springwells has a very vibrant commercial corridor on W. Vernor and Springwells Street. You don't have to travel far to find what you need! The W. Vernor/Southwest commercial corridor was also part of the first phase of the City of Detroit Strategic Neighborhood Fund initiative. There is a total of \$56 million that the City of Detroit and Invest Detroit will raise to help reactivate a total of 10 community commercial corridors.

The Bridging Neighborhoods Program will facilitate the transition of families from the Delray area in Southwest Detroit to other Detroit neighborhoods and provide air and sound mitigation to homes along I-75 near the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. You are receiving this e-newsletter because you previously expressed interest in receiving information about Bridging Neighborhoods.