

CLEMENT KERN GARDENS RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

March 2023

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day



Did You Know: CL Service Coordinators...

1. Can help you create a Resident Housing Plan (rent payment planning, interim request, & more)
2. Can help you develop a Unit Care Plan (tools to organize, de-clutter, when to request paint or carpet)
3. Can make referrals for resources (utility assistance, youth development programs, & more)

Feeling
LUCKY

CKG Management Office - **RECERTIFICATION**

Residents who are within 30-days of their recertification date, make sure to submit all documents or contact the office to verify your status. You may visit during office hours or contact Amber at 313-965-5650.

Office hours: 8AM - 5PM - Monday - Friday
Office is closed during lunch hour - 12-1pm

Mark Your Calendars

- 1) Wayne Metro: Home Buyer Education - March 2nd - 4:00-5:30pm @ TCB (1842 Michigan) Take control of your housing rights!
- 2) Seniors of CKG - March 7th - 1-2pm (happening every month) @ CKG Management Office - Senior Smack Talking!
- 3) Men of CKG - March 8th 1-2pm (happening every month) @ CKG Management Office. Come out bring ideas of what you want to see happen in your community!
- 4) Women Empowerment Series Part V: Walking Into Your Winning Season - March 9th from 4:30-6pm @ TCB (1842 Michigan Ave.) Ladies, make yourself a PRIORITY & join us.
Link to register: <https://bit.ly/TCB-WES>
- 5) Cooking Matters - March 9th, 16th & 30th - 4-6 pm @ TCB (1842 Michigan Ave.) Come watch healthy cooking demonstrations & receive groceries to take home.
- 6) Third Thursday's (Career Exploration) - March 16th 3:30-5pm @ CKG Management Office - Come learn about Cosmetology in the Hospitality field along and dealing with Diabetes when working for employers or as an Entrepreneur
- 7) CKG Youth Initiative - March @ TCB (1842 Michigan Ave.)
- 8) Food Distribution - March 24th from 12:30-2pm @ CKG
- 9) Tenant/Resident Council Meeting - March 28th from 4-6pm @ CKG - RESIDENTS...THIS IS YOUR MEETING BRING YOUR QUESTIONS & CONCERNS!



Celebrating ALL Women



Here's to **STRONG** women!

International Women's Day

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women

CELEBRATE BECAUSE:
YOU ARE

BEAUTIFUL, VICTORIOUS,
ENOUGH, CREATED, STRONG,
AMAZING, CAPABLE, CHOSEN,
NEVER ALONE, ALWAYS LOVED
ON MARCH 8TH WEAR
SOMETHING PURPLE TO
REPRESENT INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY!

Have Fun, Play to Win or Stay Fit with HAP!

Crim Chair Yoga

3/9/2023 @ 11:00-11:30 AM

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83209707566>

Meeting ID: 832 0970 7566

Bingo with HAP!

3/21/2023 @ 10-11:30AM

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81979744711>

Meeting ID: 819 7974 4711

Crim Mindfulness/Mat Yoga

3/23/2023 @ 11:00-11:45 AM

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89066898674>

Meeting ID: 890 6689 8674

Extra, Extra, Read All About It: CKG Senior Club & Men of CKG Initiatives

TCB staff with the support of Noreena and Shandron, CKG Resident Champions, are leading the CKG Seniors Club and Men of CKG. These initiatives are happening monthly from 1-2pm at the management office. If you are 55+ come join the CKG Seniors Club every third Wednesday of the month. And if you are 19+ come and hang with Shandron to play a game or simply talk about anything and everything. This is happening every second Wednesday of the month.

Questions about CKG Senior Club, call Christina @ 313-484-4709. For Men of CKG, call or text Shandron @ 313-685-7577.

CKG YOUTH INITIATIVE

Looking for work over the summer or want to explore your interests? **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE MARCH MEETING!** TCB staff will meet you at

CKG on Thursday, March 23rd @ 3:30-5:00 pm.

BRING A FRIEND & HAVE FUN!

Need to Register @

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Nk1Xw9Wjl8d9Be8JPSAe_wLhm3fbzeEI89_NCba7MOU/edit



Resident Resources

Are you going through more food than normal these days?



Food Distribution is held monthly on the last Friday of the month in front of the Management Office from 1- 3pm. Please text the CL Service Coordinators to be added to the list for pick up @ 313.484.4702. You can also sign up to join the next **Cooking Matters** Session, by texting the Education & Resource Manager @ 313.484.4709.

Next Distribution - March 24th

YOU ARE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST TEACHER

It's your voice, face, loving touch that means the most to your children. You are their Superhero!

Play, Sing, Talk, Read, Encourage, Hug

Doing these 6 things everyday will stimulate your child's brain & energize it for learning. No matter the age, children require support when learning & growing

TALKING IS
TEACHING.

TALK
READ
SING

February Tenant Council Meeting Recap!

The Clement Kern Gardens (CKG) Tenant Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 28th, gave tenants updates on the development phases in the coming years. Representatives from United Community Housing Coalition (UCHC), American Community Developers (ACD), The Community Builders (TCB), and Corktown Neighborhood Association (CNA) were present. The first speaker was Mike Essian of ACD, who provided updates on the development at CKG. Mike will hold office hours in the leasing office on the first Friday of each month to answer any questions residents have. Office hours will be from 9am-12pm. The new CKG development will improve parking security for residents and introduce a key fob system for entrance into parking as well as improved lighting. Mike passed out exterior designs of the buildings, as interior designs have not been completed. Greenspaces and playscapes are planned for the area on 10th Street and Bagley. The second speaker was Jeff Beam of TCB who provided updates on the development at the Preserve on Ash site and answered residents' questions. Preserve on Ash will have all the same amenities as the future CKG site but is in a quieter part of town and in the second building phase. Jeff took us through a slide show of images of the future site. The third speaker was Sheila Cockrel from Corktown Neighborhood Association who provided residents with details on upcoming community events. She invited residents to gather at the Sixth Street Lofts on March 17th, to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade. She also mentioned a Community Benefits Grant opportunity for residents looking to complete a project in the community to benefit a specific group. The next Tenant Council Meeting will take place on March 27th from 4 to 6 on the grounds of CKG. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

If you have any questions before the meeting you can reach Claudia at 313-570-0992, csandford@uchcdetroit.org or Meg at 313-261-4709, mmarotte@uchcdetroit.org.

Household Safety Tips

- Having a **Smoke Detector** in your home reduces the chances of death by **50%**. Please check the batteries in your smoke detector every **6 months**. Create an escape plan with your family and blow out all candles when you leave the room and before going to bed. **Smoke Detectors** save lives. Let management know if you need batteries or a new smoke detector to keep your family safe.
- **Household cleaning solution** should be kept out of children's reach at all times. **Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222**
- **Pedestrian crossings**: Demonstrate to your child, how to cross the parking lot, looking both ways and making eye contact with the driver before crossing. Remember, it's just like crossing a street.
- **Gun Safety**: Teach your children to NEVER touch a gun and to immediately tell an adult if they see one. **(Keep Guns Locked Away and Out of Children's Reach)**

***Stranger Danger**: Parents, please talk with your children about NOT opening the door to your home. When you're not home, they should not answer unless you tell them to. Explain the danger and consequences that can happen if an intruder gets access.

**These are a few tips to help keep your family safe.
Be careful and stay safe!**

~ From your TCB family

CKG Career Coach's "Team Huddle"



Kimberly Cooley

DID YOU KNOW? YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION!
Connect with CKG's Career Coach for details and enrollment. Call/Text at 313.586.7495 or email kcooley@detroitatwork.com TODAY!

**March's
3rd Thursdays!**



Keira Cooley

March 16th from 3:30 - 5:00 pm - You're invited to connect with Keira Cooley! She is an Entrepreneur in the Hospitality Industry as a "Licensed Cosmetologist" and will be entering an Internship to be an Instructor. She also shares an all too common challenge many have - Diabetes. She'll share her story of discovery, complications, overcoming, then success!
LOCATION - CKG Leasing Office - with Refreshments!

Coach's Playbook - "Health and Work Life"

1. Physical - Movement, Exercise
2. Social - Hobbies, Events
3. Environmental - Safe, In Order
4. Mental - Connect, Talk
5. Emotional - Self-Care
6. Spiritual - Purpose

Let's partner to explore resources to be your best!

Relocation Support

Choice Neighborhoods Relocation FAQ

What is relocation, and how does it apply to me?

Relocation is the process that happens when a developer wants to rebuild a property with people already living there. When the project is funded with federal money, regulations like the Uniform Relocation Act (URA) provide certain protections for people being relocated, including paid moving costs and assistance finding them new housing. Detroit was awarded a federal Choice Neighborhoods Grant in 2021 with the goal of rebuilding Clement Kern Gardens to make sure current and future residents have a clean, safe, and affordable community to call home. The existing buildings at Clement Kern Gardens will be demolished and new housing will be built in its place. You and your neighbors will need to temporarily move while the site is being rebuilt.

Am I being kicked out of Clement Kern Gardens for good?

Absolutely not! The goal of the Choice Neighborhoods Grant is to make sure you and your neighbors have access to clean and safe affordable housing right where you already live. While you may have to relocate temporarily from Clement Kern Gardens, you will have the right to return to the new housing built at Clement Kern when it's completed (or you can choose to live in other new housing built through the Choice grant). In order to maintain that right, you must remain in your unit until you are future notified, stay lease compliant and avoid eviction. The goal is to keep you in your home and your neighborhood, just with an upgrade.

Where will I have to move to while Clement Kern Gardens is being demolished and rebuilt?

There will be several options depending on where you live in Clement Kern Gardens. The Choice Neighborhoods Grant applies to the whole Greater Corktown area. The redevelopment of Clement Kern Gardens is just one of the housing phases being developed in the neighborhood, and you will be connected to affordable and accessible options within those phases that work for your household. The other new developments are being built in phases just like Clement Kern Gardens. Not every phase will have units available in time for every resident in Clement Kern Gardens to move into, however, your access to decent, safe, and sanitary housing that you can afford in the neighborhood is guaranteed no matter what.

If Clement Kern Gardens is being rebuilt in phases, can I move to another unit in Clement Kern Gardens instead of moving somewhere else?

This may be a possibility. If you are living in a unit that is scheduled for demolition and there are units in another part of Clement Kern Gardens available, you may be given the opportunity to move into that unit instead we want to make those units available to you instead of moving elsewhere. Again, the focus of this grant is on you and your housing needs.

How will you decide who goes where? And when?

Each household at Clement Kern Gardens will be interviewed about their preferences for moving. This includes where you would like to live, how many bedrooms your household requires, accessibility needs, transportation and needs. The interview process will begin in early 2023. Interviews will also be done in phases, starting with the East portion of Clement Kern Gardens.

How much is this going to cost me?

You will be connected to housing options that will be affordable to you using the same qualification and certification process you have now at Clement Kern Gardens. You rent will continue to be based on your income. Your moving expenses will also be paid. The goal is to make this as easy on you as possible, because at the end of the day, this is about your housing needs.

Should I be planning to move now?

No. In May of 2022 you received the General Information Notice that tells you specifically not to move yet. If you move now, you may not be eligible for assistance with relocation or paying your moving expenses. Starting in the spring of 2023, residents in the East portion of Clement Kern Gardens will start getting another notice: The Notice of Eligibility (NOE) that will tell you more information about where and when you can expect to move.

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CLEMENT KERN GARDENS LET'S TALK ABOUT HOUSING

 **ASK QUESTIONS
ABOUT HOUSING**

FIRST FRIDAYS

Please join us the first Friday of every month at the Clement Kern Gardens management office.

 **SHARE CONCERNS WITH
THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM**


A member of the development team will be on site to talk with you.

 **9AM TO 12PM**

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

CALL OR EMAIL FOR MORE INFO

We encourage you to stop by the office every first Friday of the month between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

 **313-881-8150 X129**

 **mike@acdmail.com**

 www.detroitmi.gov/ChoiceNeighborhoods

Housing Phases by Location:

Phase I: Left Field

2610 Cochrane St, the Southeast corner of Cochrane and Fisher Service Drive. Directly North of the former Tigers Stadium

Phase IIA: Preserve on Ash I & II

Several blocks along 14th and Ash St, just South of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd

Phase IIB: North Corktown Preserve Estates Home Ownership

Directly East of Preserve on Ash I & II, West of Wabash St along Ash St.

Phase III: Clement Kern Gardens

Located on Bagley St, between Rosa Parks Blvd and Trumbull Ave

Phase IV: The Bridge

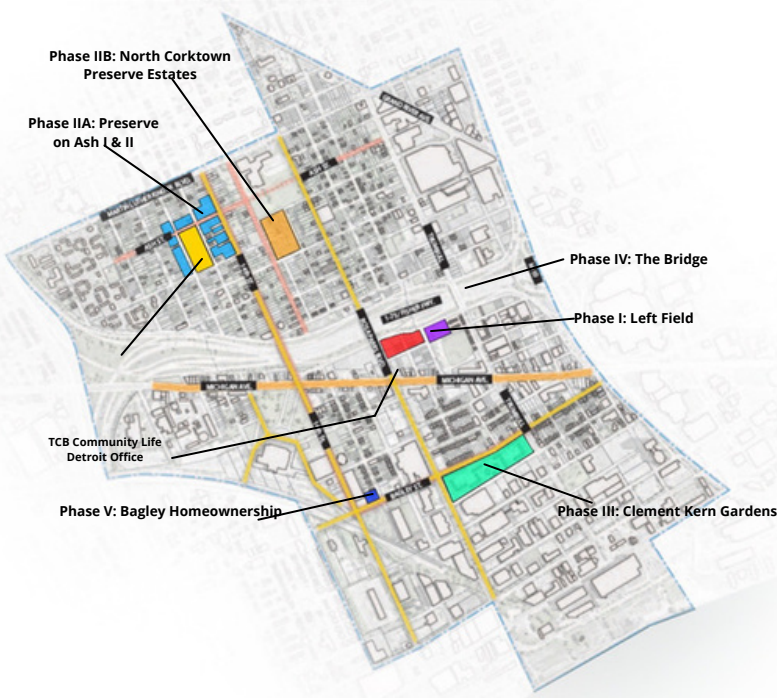
Between Rosa Parks Blvd and Cochrane St, directly West of Left Field

Phase V: Bagley Homeownership

Northwest corner of Bagley St and Wabash St, about two blocks West of Clement Kern Gardens

TCB Community Life Detroit Office:

1842 Michigan Ave.





CLEMENT KERN GARDENS

VIRTUAL SCHOLAR WALL

Elementary School

Cleo C.



Ava E.



Patrick E.



Middle School

Ma'lon C.

Jaiden P.



High School

Christian P.

A'Niya G.



Damarion T.

Help us congratulate our first set of scholars! If you want to see your child's name added to this wall, send us a copy of their report card so we can highlight their accomplishments!