

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS

RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

September 2025



Back-2-School Tips for the Entire Family!

- 1. Establish a Back-to-School Routine** - Begin to shift bedtime and waking times closer to school routines, to avoid cranky mornings.
- 2. Encourage Open Communication** - Sit with your children and discuss their feelings & expectations about returning to school. Be patient and understanding to make returning to school easier.
- 3. Involve Your Kids In Back-to-School Shopping** - Back to school shopping can be fun when you allow the children to choose some of their school supplies. This teaches them valuable decision-making skills.
- 4. Organize a Study Space** - Set up a quiet, clutter free, well-lit space where your child can concentrate on their studies.
- 5. Encourage Reading** - Reading is a fundamental skill that enhances cognitive abilities and fosters a love for learning. Encourage your child to read daily.
- 6. Plan Healthy Lunches and Snacks** - Proper nutrition is essential for a child's growth & development and it also plays a big role in their academic performance.
- 7. Set Realistic Goals** - Help your child set realistic achievable goals. Setting goals can boost their confidence and commitment to their studies.
- 8. Know that EVERY DAY Counts!** - Attendance!

September Activities - Mark Your Calendars

- 1) Project Graduation - September 3rd - 4:30-6 pm @ TCB**
- 2) First Fridays - September 5th - 9 am- 12 pm @ CKG & Left Field** - Have questions about relocation, rent, or repair concerns? Stop by and speak directly with Management. There's no substitute for getting accurate, first-hand information straight from the source.
- 3) Gleaners Food Distribution - September 8th- 1 pm @ CKG Management Office.** With rising food prices, keep your pantry stocked with free nutritious food items.
- 4) Woman Empowerment Series Roundtable - September 10th - 4:30-6 pm @ TCB.** "Selfcare Is Not Selfish, speaker Crystal White. Join us for a refreshing and empowering experience in a safe, supportive space created just for women. Connect, recharge, and grow alongside a community that understands and uplifts you.
- 5) CKG Seniors 55 & Up - September 17th - 12pm @ TBC**
- 6) Estate Planning w/TGQ Law - September 20th - 12-2:30pm @ TCB Office.** All ages are welcome!
- 7) Focus Hope Distribution for Seniors - September 23rd @ CKG** - Seniors your goods can be picked up from the Management Office.
- 8) Tenant Council Meeting - September 23rd - 4-6pm @ CKG** - THIS IS YOUR MEETING! Come learn about what's going on in your community.

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Resident Champions

Working for YOU!

The RC's meeting to plan upcoming programs and activities for CNI families. To learn more about becoming a Resident Champion (RC), contact Kimberly Cooley at 313.484.4709.

The Final Days of Summer...

As we enjoy the final days of summer, take the opportunity to explore these things in YOUR Community!

- Roosevelt Park - on Michigan Ave
- Michigan Train Station - on 15th Street
- Roberto Clemente - on Bagley
- Matrix Theatre - on Bagley
- Memento Gelato - Trumbull
- Walk, skate, or ride your bike!

Corktown has so much to see, go explore!



Congrats to our GRADS

We salute the class of 2025!

Clement Kern Gardens and Left Field had a total of 7 graduates this year that are ready to move and shake things up

for their future. We are excited to highlight their accomplishments!

Christian Payne - will be attending Oakland University this Fall. He has already earned 4 college credits from advanced placement credits.

Abimelec Colon - will be attending Wilberforce University.

La'Mya Clark - will be pursuing Nursing.

Jamere Dismuke - will be training to become a certified Nursing Assistant.

Kennedy Hyche - will be attending Oakland University.

Logan Harbowski - will be attending College for Creative Studies.

Cassidy Butler - will be attending Grand Valley State University .



Healthy Food Resources

Food Distribution is held monthly, on the second Monday of the month in front of the Management Office from 1-2pm. Please text the CL Service Coordinators for more information @ 313.484.4702. Food distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Next Distribution - September 18th

JOIN US

Wednesday's Walkers & Wheelers

When: Every Wednesday from 12:00pm-1:00pm until October 29, 2025.

Where: Across from the Leasing Office

Who: Resident Champion, D'nisha Brannon

For More Information Call - Kim Cooley (TCB) @ 313-484-4709.



Choice Neighborhoods Website

Choice news and updates are also online! Find out more information on the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) People, Housing, Neighborhood & Resident Engagement strategies & even read this newsletter and past online. Head over to the website: detroitmi.gov/choiceneighborhoods

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Anyah Moore
Braxtyn Adams
Damiya Brooks
Elijah Edwards
Ezio Cerda
Gabriella Butler

Laveil Hodges
Natalia Cerda
Neveah Deleon
Ola Jackson
Regina Diaz-Lopez
Skylar Rivera
Tamia Patton



The Coach's Corner

How to find employment or training when help is not around!

1. Network - Neighbors, Family, Friends, & Social Media leads
2. Referrals - If company offers bonus, find an employee
3. Job boards - Indeed, LinkedIn, USAJobs.gov, & Glassdoor
4. Job Fairs - Listen to the news & search online near you
5. Volunteering - Team leaders notice your excellent help
6. Temp Company - Short term jobs open doors
7. One Stops - Detroit at Work! Centers - WIOA Training
8. Free Online Certifications - LinkedIn Learning & Google Certifications
9. Michigan Reconnect - Matches you to colleges and trainings
10. Future Proud Michigan Educator - Grants and Scholarships
11. Michigan Tuition Grant - Degree at Colleges & Nonprofits
12. Check where you work - Tuition assistance is often available.

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July Resident Council Meeting Recap!



United Community Housing Coalition hosted the tenant council meeting at Clement Kern Gardens on Tuesday, July 29th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. The event was held on the grounds of CKG. All residents were invited, and refreshments were provided.

Shelby Howard from the City of Detroit's Planning and Development Department came to the meeting to share updates on the improvements to the streetscapes in parts of North Corktown as well as Historic Corktown. Shelby also mentioned how streets are going to be connecting to the new Wilson Centennial Park. Residents will be able to give feedback on the mural and designs, please reach out to Shelby if you have any comments or questions.

Tenant Organizers with UCHC spoke with residents to discuss any tenant issues, concerns and whatever they wanted to talk about. Some residents noticed that there was a diesel tank and porta potty from the construction happening on site. Those concerns were discussed and communicated to the city staff. If you have any comments or concerns about CKG please contact tenant organizer Pablo Marcos.

Thank you to everyone who attended. UCHC tenant organizers can be contacted at:

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