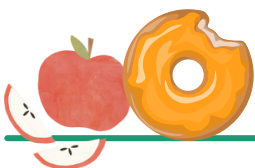


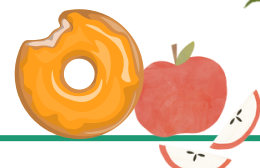


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CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

# CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS RESIDENT NEWSLETTER



October 2025



## Top **Five** Things to Do During Fall with Your Family!

1. **Eat Cider and Donuts** - Visit a local cider mill and enjoy a fresh baked donut, hot cider, pick a pumpkin and enjoy a hayride! Cider In the City @ **Beacon Park** on, **Oct 19th & 20th** from 1-5pm.
2. **Read Fall Favorites** - Take a trip to your local library and check out your favorite books to share with your family. 15 additional minutes of reading a day goes a long way!
3. **Cuddle up for a movie night** - Turn the lights down, grab your favorite blanket, pop some popcorn and enjoy a family friendly movie like, "It's the Great Pumpkin," Charlie Brown is a classic.
4. **Neighborhood Stroll** - Put on your favorite sweater and walking shoes and visit Roosevelt Park. Take in the fresh air & take time to notice how the color of the leaves are changing. **There's so much to see!**
5. **Head to the Detroit Zoo** - The animals are awaiting your arrival and this month you can dress in costumes, take a hayride and receive treats! Visit the Detroit Zoo website for more information - [www.detroitzoo.org](http://www.detroitzoo.org).

### October Activities - Mark Your Calendars

- 1) **First Fridays - October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9 am-12 pm @ CKG & Left Field**, this is your chance to ask ALL questions concerning relocation, repairs and recertification.
- 2) **WES Round Table Talk - October 8<sup>th</sup> - 4:30-6:00 pm-@ TCB Office Speaker Daicia Price - Wonder Woman: "Using your Superpowers"** Please join us in this safe space to be YOU!
- 3) **Financial Fade Financial Series -October 11<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm @ The Village Salon & Barber Shop - 8347 E Jefferson**
- 4) **Gleaners Food Distribution - October 13th - 1:00 pm @ CKG.**
- 5) **All Seniors 55 & Up - October 15 - 1-2pm @ CKG**
- 6) **TCB Fall Through House Party - October 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00 pm @ TCB** Come enjoy Music, Food, & learn how to increase your finances for the Fall & Beyond!
- 7) **Golden Girls Mentoring Day Pajama Party - October 25<sup>th</sup> @ TCB 2-4pm.** Join the fun in your pj's there will be Food, Music & Activities.
- 8) **Focus Hope Distribution for Seniors - October 28th - 1 pm @ CKG Management Office**
- 9) **Tenant Council Meeting - October 28th - 4-6pm @ Left Field**
- 10) **Trunk-a-Treat - October 30th - 4:30-6:30pm @ TCB Office Parking Lot** - Candy, DJ, Raffles, Costume Contest - Crowd Choice!



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# CNI Job Club



## TCB 4th Annual Back-2-School Bash



## Breast Cancer Awareness Month:

### Tip Tuesday!

THE 5 STEPS TO EARLY DETECTION OF

breast cancer

- ✓ Routinely self-examine yourself
- ✓ Know your risks and family history
- ✓ Learn when to have a mammogram
- ✓ Regularly visit your doctor
- ✓ Follow-up after a screening test



### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

To make an appointment, please call 1-800-KARMANOS (1-800-527-6266)  
or visit [karmanos.org](http://karmanos.org)



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## Healthy Food Resources

**Food Distribution** is held monthly, in front of the Management Office from 1-2pm. Please text the CL Service Coordinators to be added to the list for pick up @ 313.484.4702. Food is available on a first come, first serve basis.

**Next Distribution - October 14th**

## Health's Programs

**Wednesday's Walkers & Wheelers - Led by D'Nisha B.**

**Ready, Set,  
Walk, or Roll!**

**12 pm**

Meet up is in front of the Management Office. See you there!



**Flu season is upon us, get vaccinated!  
Corktown Health  
Offering Flu & COVID shots!**

## Choice Neighborhoods Website

Stay up to date on the latest news, activities, and events, with the City of Detroit's Choice Neighborhood by simply visiting the website at [detroitmi.gov/choiceneighborhoods](http://detroitmi.gov/choiceneighborhoods) and don't forget check out our photo gallery!

## September Resident Council Meeting Recap!



United Community Housing Coalition hosted the tenant council meeting at Clement Kern Gardens on Tuesday, September 30th from 4:00 – 5:30 pm. The event was held on the grounds of CKG. All residents were invited.

Tenant Organizers with UCHC spoke with residents to discuss any tenant issues, concerns and any other items they wanted to talk about. If residents have any questions about CKG and the development process, we encourage residents to attend the First Friday's to meet with IMS developers.

If you have any comments or concerns about CKG please contact tenant organizer Pablo Marcos. We hope to see you at the next tenant council meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended. UCHC tenant organizers can be contacted at: Pablo Marcos (313) 572-1401 [jmarcos@uchcdetroit.org](mailto:jmarcos@uchcdetroit.org).

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## CKG Development Updates

***Q: What should residents living in CKG expect to see/hear in the final months of 2025?***

**A: ACD expects to begin demolition of CKG buildings 8 -12 by the end of 2025. Residents should expect to hear above average noise from excavators & bulldozers during regular work hours. Residents can also expect to see construction fences/ barriers, debris and/or dust near high traffic heavy equipment areas.**

***Q: When will construction of the new CKG development begin?***

**A: ACD expects to begin construction shortly after demolition has completed. CKG residents should see construction happening at the beginning of 2026 and thereafter.**

***Q: When will I know when it is time for me to relocate?***

**A: IMS will send out notices 6-months prior to any plans to relocate your household. You can expect several notices leading up to your actual relocation.**

# Did you miss September's First Fridays?

*No worries! We've got you covered.*  
Here's what you missed..

## Community Lawn and Playscape



As you know, members of the CKG development team hold monthly office hours on the first Friday of each month from 9AM to Noon at the CKG office to answer resident questions related to the redevelopment of the CKG site and to get your feedback.

On Friday, September 5, 2025, ACD discussed preliminary concepts for the green space and playscape area included in the proposed site plan. ACD wants your input! Please join them at the next First Friday meeting to review these design options. ACD will be available to discuss general questions about the overall redevelopment plan.

If you can't make it to First Fridays, we are still here for you. Please contact the ACD/IMS Choice relocation team at [ChoiceRelocation@imsteam.net](mailto:ChoiceRelocation@imsteam.net) or 313-650-6850 so we can setup a time to talk.

Round Climbers



Log Climbers



Jungle Gym with Slide



Jungle Gym with Slide



Monkey Bars



Hammock Swing



Swings



**Enrolling NOW!!!**

## Project Graduation (PG)



- What is PG? A coaching program for parents and students to help them graduate on time.
- Who can participate? Students (Grades 7 - 12)
- Where will PG meet? TCB Office
- How can you sign up? Text PG to 313.484.4709 or 313.484.4702. You can also enroll at any upcoming event!

**NOTE** - To get to where you want to go, you have to start planning now!

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

1. Network - Neighbor, Family, Friend, 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 news, Search online near you
5. Volunteering - Team leaders note 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 Certs
9. Michigan Reconnect - Matches you to college and training
10. Future Proud Michigan Educator - Grant and Scholarships
11. Michigan Tuition Grant - Degree at Colleges & Nonprofits
12. Check where you work. Tuition assistance is often available.

## Training - Pay me now, Pay me later?

Training and earning a certification is a big decision! Many people struggle with deciding. If you work now, you have an income. Many trainings do not have stipends so you may be without an income for a period of time.

If you can go through training and earn a certification, then get employed, the payoff can be big! You often go from a job to a career. You have more opportunities with higher earning potential. That's the "Pay later" option.

Some career training requires a different type of commitment. They offer classes off hours so you work and study at the same time. It takes longer to earn and can feel overwhelming at times, but that choice yields the same career path. That's the "Pay now."

To determine YOUR best option, think of the pros and cons. Evaluate how much you will earn when you complete the training. Is it worth the commitment? If you stop your income temporarily, what resources do you have to get you through? Will you need/do you have a support group?

A big factor is cost. Being part of CNI eliminates that issue. Take advantage of FREE training while there is still opportunity. Just pick a "now" or "later" plan!

**Contact** SER Metro Career Coach Malikia McGee - 313.962.9675 ext. 1699 or [mmcgee@detroitatwork.com](mailto:mmcgee@detroitatwork.com)

TCB Education/Resource Manager Kimberly Cooley 313.484.4709 or [kimberly.cooley@tcbinc.org](mailto:kimberly.cooley@tcbinc.org)

# Let's Celebrate!!!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Aminah Dawson  
Ana Diaz  
Aniyah Samuel  
Elias Williams*

*Emmanuel Hutchins  
Freddie Thomas  
Josh Dawson*

*Ratosha Johnson  
Rhonda Ellington  
Roderick Pickens  
Sade Keith*



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