

Fall 2018



Your District 3 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?

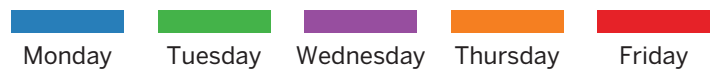
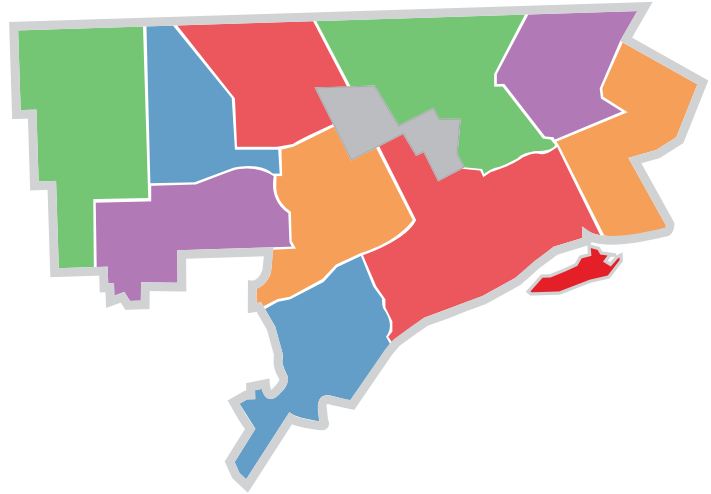
- GFL Environment, 844-464-3587.
- DPW's Solid Waste Division: 313-876-0049.

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 eight park improvements in District 3 include:

- Collins Park, 11618 Alpena: New walkways, sidewalk repairs, play area, basketball court, half-field soccer, fitness equipment.
- Syracuse Park, 19192 Syracuse: New walkways, sidewalk repairs, playground, picnic area, junior basketball court, horseshoe courts.
- Luce-St. Louis, 13490 St. Louis: New walkways, sidewalk repairs, playground, junior basketball court, soccer field.



District 3 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 3 parks are:

Butler • Conant-Minnesota • Dequindre-Emercy • Dequindre-Grixdale • Dorais • Hasse-Emercy • Heilmann • Howarth • Jayne • Karaniewski • Kern • Krainz • Lasky • Marx-Remington • Optimist Parkgrove • Syracuse-Hildale • Traverse-McClellan • Twork



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.**

JOBS AVAILABLE AS FLEX-N-GATE PLANT BEGINS PRODUCTION

Auto supplier Flex-N-Gate's \$160 million manufacturing facility—Detroit's first new manufacturing plant in 20 years—began production in October of front ends for Ford vehicles. The plant in the I-94 industrial park on the city's east side has already hired 230 employees, and more than 50% are Detroit residents, many from the surrounding neighborhood.

Applying for a job

Ultimately, Flex-N-Gate expects to have a workforce of 600 or more. **To learn more about available jobs and submit an application, go to www.detroitatwork.com or call 313-962-WORK.**

Find out more about neighborhood planning in the Campau-Banglatown area, go to www.detroitmi.gov/CampauBanglatown. To learn 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. This fall, 652 Detroit graduates are attending two- and four-year colleges through 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

Above: Jonathan Land, a Detroit Promise student who attends Oakland Community College tuition-free.



DETROIT REMOVING DANGEROUS TREES

2018-2019 tree removal schedule

District 1: November
District 2: December
District 3: January
District 4: February
District 5: March
District 6: April
District 7: May



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 3, your District Business Liaison is Md-Abdul Muhit. It's his 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 Muhit at 313-452-7704 or by email at mmuhit@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 third Wednesday, Farwell Recreation Center, 2711 E. Outer Dr.

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



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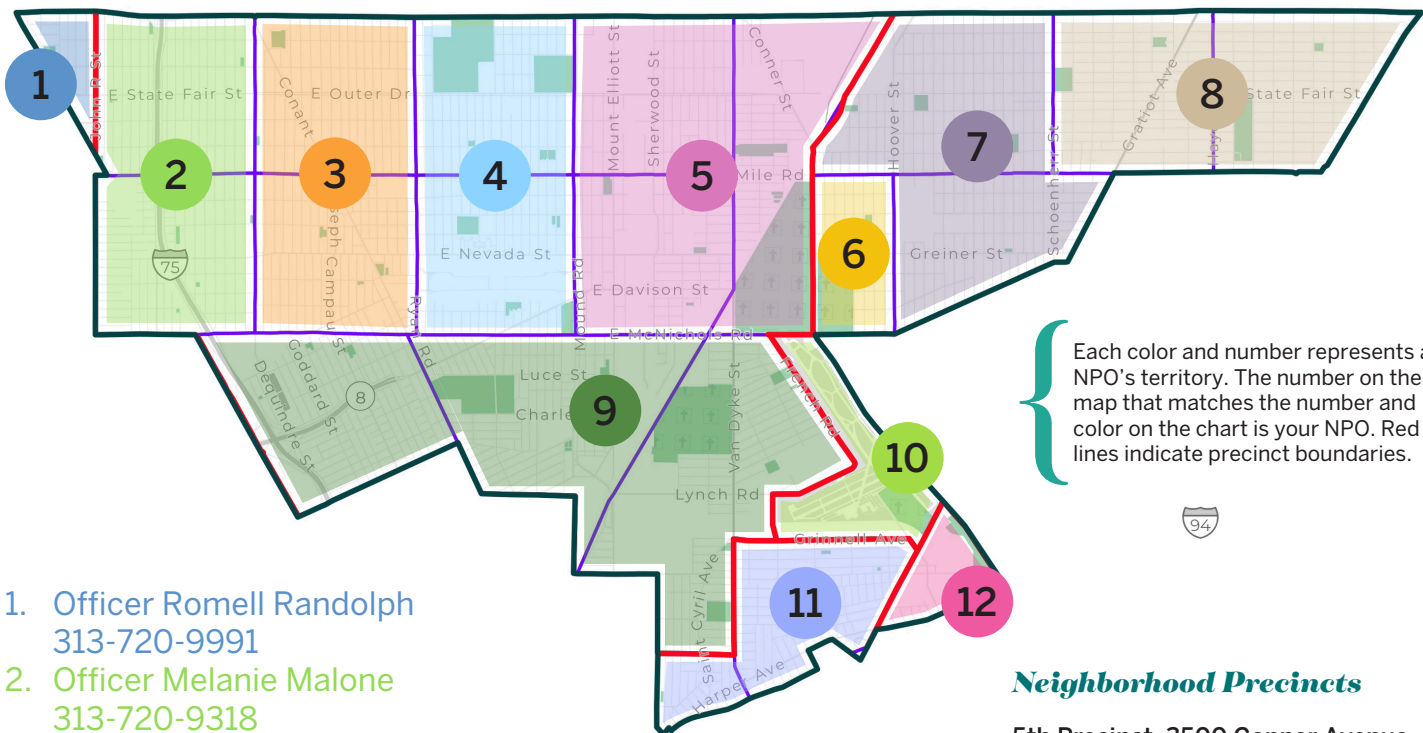
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Neighborhood Police Officers



- 1. Officer Romell Randolph
313-720-9991
- 2. Officer Melanie Malone
313-720-9318
- 3. Officer Danyell Robinson
313-600-3354
- 4. Officer Marcia Williams
313-720-9076
- 5. Officer Eric Hill
313-618-0888
- 6. Officer Aubrey Wade
313-618-0785
- 7. Officer Denise Wallet
313-590-0484

- 8. Officer Brad Hawkins
313-643-0590
- 9. Officer Douglas Nichols
313-618-0898
- 10. Officer Ronaldo Turner
313-590-0484
- 11. Officer Tania Anding-Stribilling
313-618-0767
- 12. Officer Audrey Curtis
313-600-5595

Neighborhood Precincts

- 5th Precinct, 3500 Conner Avenue
313-596-5500
- 7th Precinct, 3501 Chene Street
313-596-5700
- 9th Precinct, 11187 Gratiot Avenue
313-596-5900
- 11th Precinct, 5100 E. Nevada Avenue
313-596-1100
- 12th Precinct, 1441 W. Seven Mile Rd.
313-596-1200



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2 Woodward Avenue
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Updates on City services and opportunities in your neighborhood

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

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