

Fall 2018

MICHIGAN HISTORICAL SITE

**OSSIAN SWEET HOUSE**

African American physician Ossian Sweet and his wife, Gladys, purchased this house in May 1925. When the Sweets moved into their home on September 8, white residents who objected to blacks moving into the neighborhood formed a crowd on the street. The next day hundreds of people converged on the corner of Charlevoix and Cass streets. Intent on their bricks and mortar in the



# Your District 5 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](mailto: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?

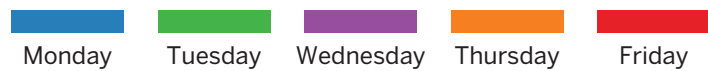
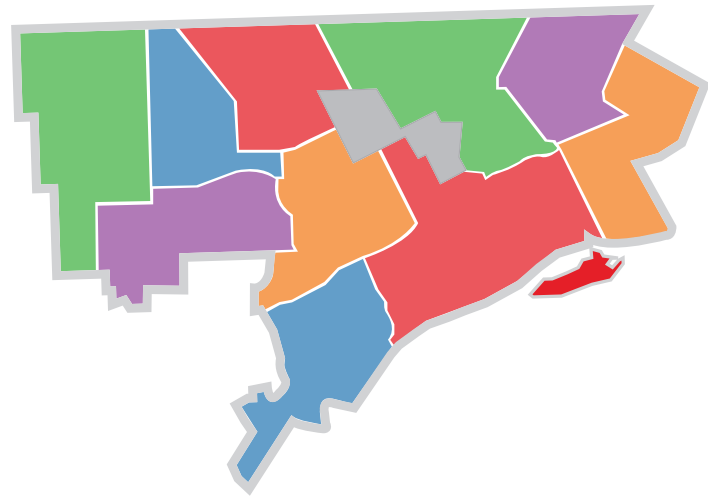
- Advanced Disposal, 844-233-8764.
- GFL Environment, 844-464-3587
- DPW's Solid Waste Division: 313-876-0049.

### 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](http://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](http://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 six park improvements in District 5 include:

- Dueweke Park, 4975 Sheridan: New walkways, sidewalk repairs, playground, picnic shelter, basketball court.
- Stewart, 12701 14th Street: New walking path, play area, backstop.
- LaSalle, 2380 S. LaSalle: New walkways, sidewalk repairs, global motion play ball.



*District 5 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 5 parks are:

14th-Marquette • Ames • Bradby • Bradley  
• Burns-Lambert • Calcara • Calvert • Dues  
• Elmwood-Central • Erma Henderson  
• Griffin • Johnson • Lafayette Central • Stockton • Sylvester-Seyburn • Tolan

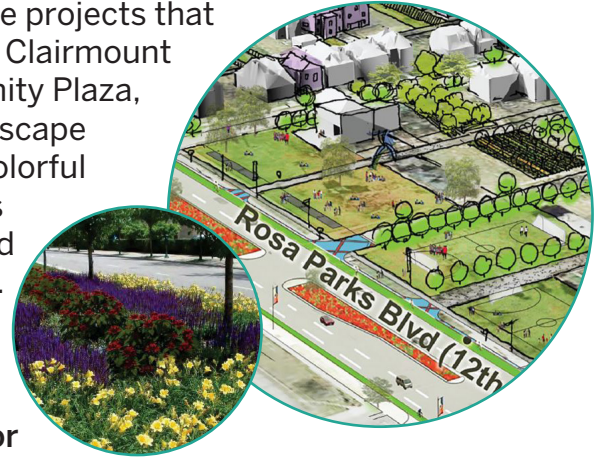


## BROKEN SIDEWALKS: WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

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](mailto:sidewalkcomplaints@detroitmi.gov).**

## STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO 12TH STREET/ROSA PARKS

In summer 2019, construction is expected to begin on three projects that will transform 3.5 miles of Rosa Parks Boulevard. Between Clairmount and Grand Boulevard, in front of the Virginia Park Community Plaza, improvements will include streetscape beautification, landscape median plantings, 12th Street identification banners and colorful crosswalks. A redesign of the Grand Boulevard-Rosa Parks intersection will expand Virginia Park Community Plaza and allow southbound traffic direct access to Grand Boulevard. Rosa Parks Boulevard between Grand Boulevard and Michigan Avenue will be converted into a two-way street with dedicated bike lanes. **The next community meeting to discuss these streetscape improvements is planned for early November. More information is available at [www.detroitmi.gov/rosaparksclairmount](http://www.detroitmi.gov/rosaparksclairmount).**



To learn more about planning projects across the city, go to [www.detroitmi.gov/NeighborhoodPlans](http://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](http://www.detroitk12.org/CTE) or by talking to your school counselor. Adults can find more information at [www.detroitatwork.com](http://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](http://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](http://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. **For requirements and other details on how to qualify for the Detroit Promise, go to [www.detroitpromise.com](http://www.detroitpromise.com).**

# 652

The number of Detroit graduates attaining higher education for free this fall

## FORD TO MAKE TRAIN STATION ITS HUB FOR MOBILITY, OUTLINES JOBS, BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Ford's renovation of the vacant Michigan Central Station represents a more than \$700 million investment by the company that will bring more than 5,000 jobs to the city. The plan is to make Detroit a hub for mobility. Ford has agreed to invest:

- \$2.5 million in Detroit's Affordable Housing Leverage Fund to leverage the preservation or creation of about 200 affordable housing units.
- \$2.5 million in the Strategic Neighborhood Fund for park and streetscape improvements, support for no-interest home repair loans, senior home repair grants and local businesses facade upgrades.
- \$5 million for workforce training and education, including support for job training through Detroit at Work, scholarships and paid internships for residents.



**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](http://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](http://www.motorcityre-store.com)

**YOUR DISTRICT BUSINESS LIAISON**

In District 5, your District Business Liaison is Dennis Perkins. 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 Dennis at 313-452-1926 or by email at [dperkins@degc.org](mailto:dperkins@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](http://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 second Thursday, 5-7 p.m., at Butzel Family Center, 7737 Kercheval.

For more information, call 1-844-BUY-DLBA or go to [www.buildingdetroit.org](http://www.buildingdetroit.org)



## DISTRICT 5: NUMBERS TO KNOW



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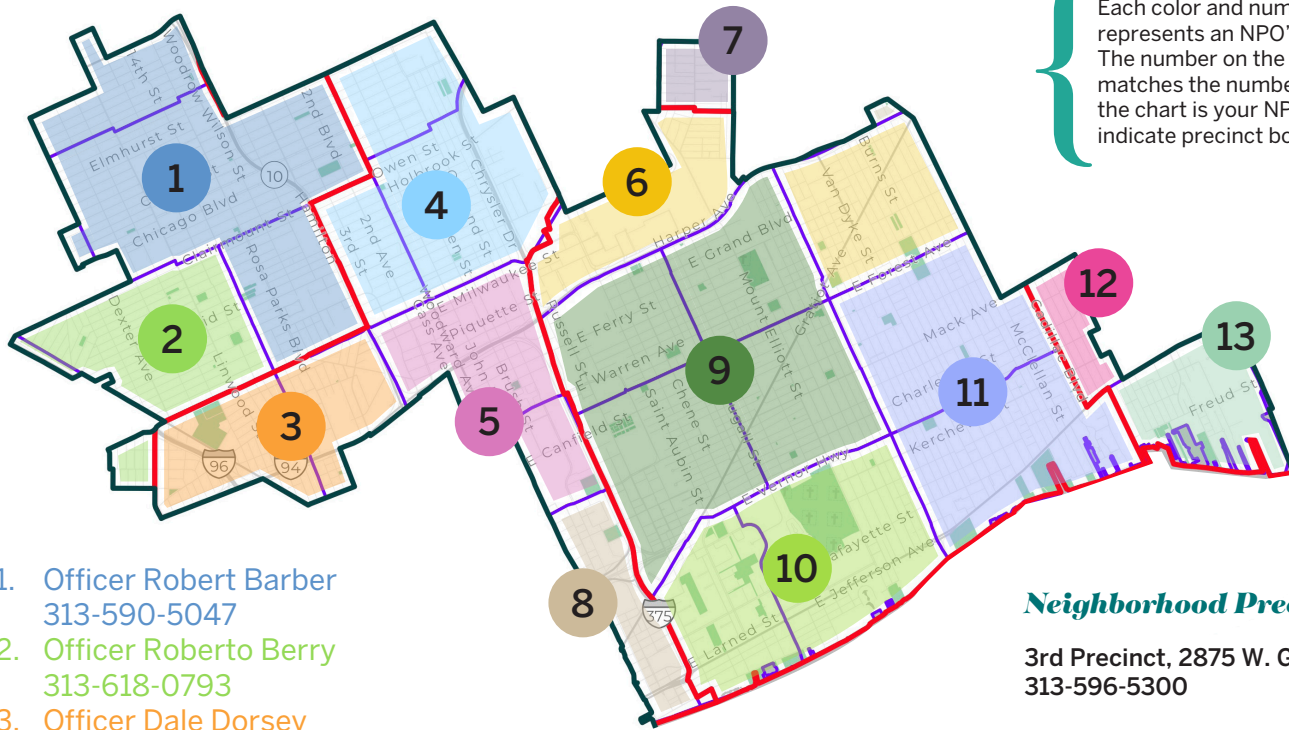
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District 5 BSEED inspector**  
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All council member offices located at 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1340. Detroit, MI 48226

## Neighborhood Police Officers



Each color and number represents an NPO's territory. The number on the map that matches the number and color on the chart is your NPO. Red lines indicate precinct boundaries.

- 1. Officer Robert Barber  
313-590-5047
- 2. Officer Roberto Berry  
313-618-0793
- 3. Officer Dale Dorsey  
313-643-0865
- 4. Officer Kiaronda Mitchell  
313-590-8552
- 5. Officer John Pinchum  
313-590-8940
- 6. Officer Tania Anding-Stribilling  
313-618-0767
- 7. Officer Douglas Nichols  
313-618-0898
- 8. Officer Steven Engebretson  
313-643-0381

- 9. Officer Samuel Balogun  
313-643-0608
- 10. Officer Shawn Duncan  
313-643-0711
- 11. Officer Joseph Corbett  
313-643-0699
- 12. Officer Audrey Curtis  
313-600-5595
- 13. Officer Karen Maxey  
313-319-2990

### Neighborhood Precincts

- 3rd Precinct, 2875 W. Grand Blvd.  
313-596-5300
- 5th Precinct, 3500 Conner Avenue  
313-596-5500
- 7th Precinct, 3501 Chene Street  
313-596-5700
- 10th Precinct, 12000 Livernois  
313-596-1000
- 11th Precinct, 5100 E. Nevada Ave.  
313-596-1100
- Downtown Services, 20 Atwater St.  
313-237-2850



2 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48226

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## 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](http://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](http://www.detroitmi.gov/demolition)**

## Translations Available

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