



# The Neighborhoods

DISTRICT 4 EDITION

## CITY COLLECTING CHRISTMAS TREES IN JANUARY

Christmas trees will be collected from January 6–17 along with regular trash. Residents may place their tree near their Courville container no more than 24 hours before pickup.

Residents who miss their yard waste or Christmas tree collection day may drop off yard waste at: Davison Yard—8221 West Davison, Southfield Yard—12255 Southfield Rd. and J. Fons Transfer Station—6451 E. McNichols.



### WHEN DOES THE CITY PLOW?

**Level One:** 3 inches or less of snow/freezing rain. Major roads will be salted within 24 hours and all bike lanes will be salted within 36 hours of snow stopping.

**Level Two:** 3 to 6 inches of snow. Crews will remove snow from major thoroughfares within 24 hours and all major roads and bike lanes will be cleared within 48-72 hours of snow ending.

**Level Three:** 6 inches or more of snow. Crews will plow and salt major thoroughfares. Bike lanes will be cleared after roads. A 16-foot-wide path will be plowed down residential streets, within ½ inch to the ground.



**Be a good neighbor! Business owners and residents are required to clear snow and ice from their sidewalks!**

[LEARN MORE ABOUT SUPPORTING DETROIT BUSINESSES ON PAGE 2](#) →

[THE 2020 CENSUS IS COMING! FIND OUT MORE ON PAGE 5](#) →

# SUPPORT DETROIT BUSINESSES!

## Shop Small and Support Detroit Businesses During Holiday Shopping Season!

Detroit business owners—offering thousands of products and services—hope to tap into the approximately \$2.6 million that Detroiters spend each year shopping outside the city.

Detroiters can find pretty much anything they need and some great gift ideas in the city if they simply ‘Shop Small’ during the Christmas season and throughout the year.

**In District 4, Detroiters can ‘Shop Small’ in a variety of business corridors including:**

- E. Warren between Chalmers and Alter
- Jefferson between Chalmers and Alter
- Mack between Alter and Moross

To find out where to shop in your neighborhood, visit <http://www.degc.org/small-business-saturday-detroit/>



## TRAVEL SMART WITH DART!

DART is a new way for you to travel on DDOT and SMART buses and the QLINE—without transfers or additional fees!

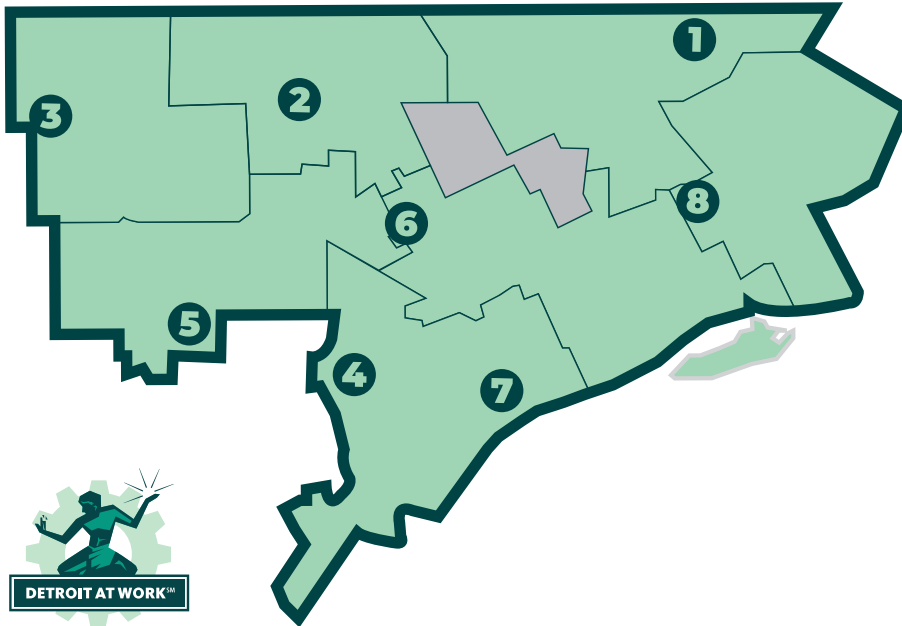
- No need to use paper passes.
- No need to carry cash/change.
- Buy passes on your phone.
- Pay single or multiple fares for a group of riders.
- Store passes on your phone for future use.
- Seniors (ages 65 and older), people with disabilities, and youth (ages 6-18) are eligible for reduced fare.

Visit [thedartapp.com](http://thedartapp.com) for more information.



# DETROIT AT WORK ADDING 4 NEW CENTERS

Detroit At Work has more career center locations throughout Detroit to help you find a job! Come in for job search assistance, free training, workshops, career advice and help with barriers preventing you from getting a job. To get on the road to a new career, visit [detroitatwork.com](http://detroitatwork.com), call (313) 962-WORK, or visit a Detroit at Work Career Center today!



## Training Centers

1. 14117 East Seven Mile
2. 18100 Meyers
3. 24424 West McNichols
4. 9301 Michigan Ave.
5. 16427 West Warren
6. 2470 Collingwood
7. 2835 Bagley
8. 5555 Conner  
11457 Shoemaker  
(from 1/2/20)

## FCA & DETROIT:

# DRIVING TOWARD SUCCESS!

With the FCA announcement in May 2019, Detroit became the first U.S. city to land a major manufacturer that promised to offer jobs to its residents first. In December, FCA will start interviews of more than 3000 Detroiters for 5000 positions. Detroiters will have other job opportunities as FCA suppliers began hiring to meet the demands of the new FCA plant.

**400+**

Detroit at Work hiring events conducted

**5000+**

Detroiters completed applications

**12,000+**

Detroiters completed an FCA hiring event



## Grow Detroit's Young Talent Applications Open Jan. 30!

Detroit youth between the ages of 14 and 24 are eligible for the City of Detroit's summer youth employment program, GDYT.

- To apply for a position, visit [www.gdyt.org](http://www.gdyt.org) on Jan. 30.
- Detroit business owners who want to employ or sponsor a Detroit youth for six weeks in July and August can learn more at [www.gdyt.org](http://www.gdyt.org).

In 2020, the City expects to provide 8000 youth with a summer work experience!





Detroit's **NEW**

# PLAN AHEAD

## PROPERTY TAX SAVINGS PROGRAM

Prepay your 2020 property taxes a little each month instead of all at once

- All homeowners whose taxes are not paid through their mortgage are eligible to participate.
- There are no fees to sign up.
- You decide each time how much to prepay and when.
- Next enrollment date is Feb. 1, 2020.



**Available at the DivDat Kiosks or by downloading the app.**

View your 2020 property tax bill and see how much to prepay over 12 months. Kiosks located at Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, DWSD service centers and Northwest Activities Center.



**Make your first payment.**

Make the recommended monthly payment, or any amount you choose. Pay by cash, check or credit card.\* You will get a receipt and an electronic message confirming your payment.

*\*Standard credit card fees may apply*



**Prepay anytime you visit a DIVDAT kiosk or use the app.**

See how much you have set aside and how much you still owe. The amount you have set aside will be applied to your balance and you'll be notified when this happens. *You will still receive tax bills. You'll also be alerted if an additional payment is needed.*



## RESIDENTS NOW GET 50% DISCOUNT ON PARKING TICKETS!

Residents who have registered their vehicles with the State of Michigan can now save 50% on parking tickets.

- The discount applies to tickets for expired meters or parking in a No Parking zone.
- Discount is applied if the ticket is paid within five days.
- Individuals must register for the discount and have no more than one unpaid parking ticket at the time.
- If you register and do not qualify you will receive a written notification of ineligibility and still be responsible for the full ticket.

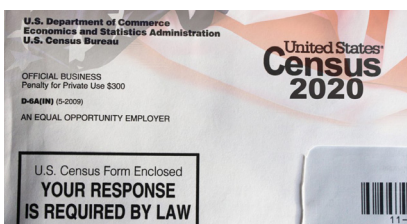
Register online at [detroitmi.gov/parking](http://detroitmi.gov/parking) and click the **Detroit Discount** menu. Register in person at the Municipal Parking Department, 1600 W. Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48216.

**Census is  
coming in  
March 2020**

**BE COUNTED AS  
A DETROITER!**

If you count on free/reduced lunch, Head Start programs, Medicare/Medicaid, Bridge cards: Be Counted!

***This letter will be sent to you in MARCH. It will contain either a paper form or an access code to take the Census online.***



**GET CASH WITH EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT**

Working? Making less than \$56,000 a year? Claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for working families and individuals this tax season. Depending on your income, number of dependent children and filing status, you could receive an extra \$500-\$6,500 in a credit from the IRS. In order to get the credit, you must file a tax return. You can file your taxes for free online. Free tax help is available at more than 15 locations in the city. For details, visit [www.claimyourrefund.com](http://www.claimyourrefund.com) or call 2-1-1.

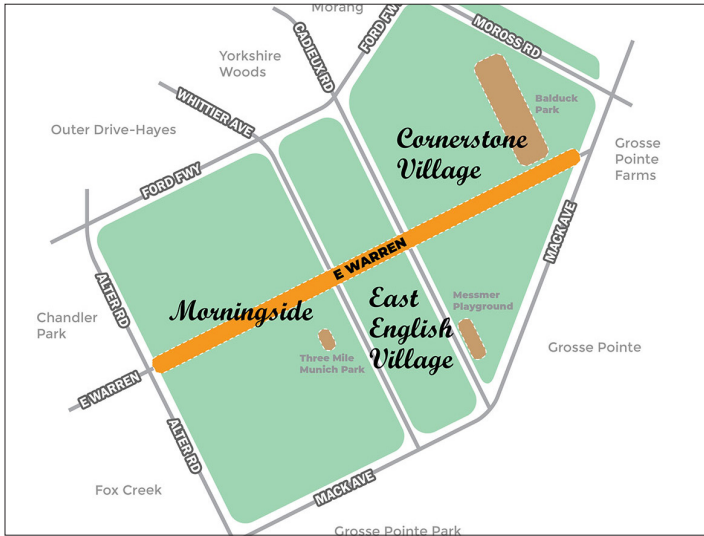
***Who Qualifies for EITC?***

Qualifying children	If you income is less than this amount...		...you may qualify for:
	Single/Head of Household	Married filling jointly	Max. credit amount
None	\$15,570	\$21,370	\$529
1	\$41,094	\$46,884	\$3,526
2	\$46,703	\$52,493	\$5,828
3 or more	\$50,162	\$55,952	\$6,557

**FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER NOW OPEN!**

Detroiters looking to take control of their debt, deal with debt collectors, improve their credit, access banking, and more are eligible to schedule a one-on-one financial counseling session with the Detroit Financial Empowerment Center (FEC).

The FEC offers professional counseling as a free public service. The FEC call center is open **Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 4:30 pm.** Call 313-322-6222 to schedule your counseling session. Want to know what to expect at your appointment? Visit [www.DetroitFEC.org](http://www.DetroitFEC.org).

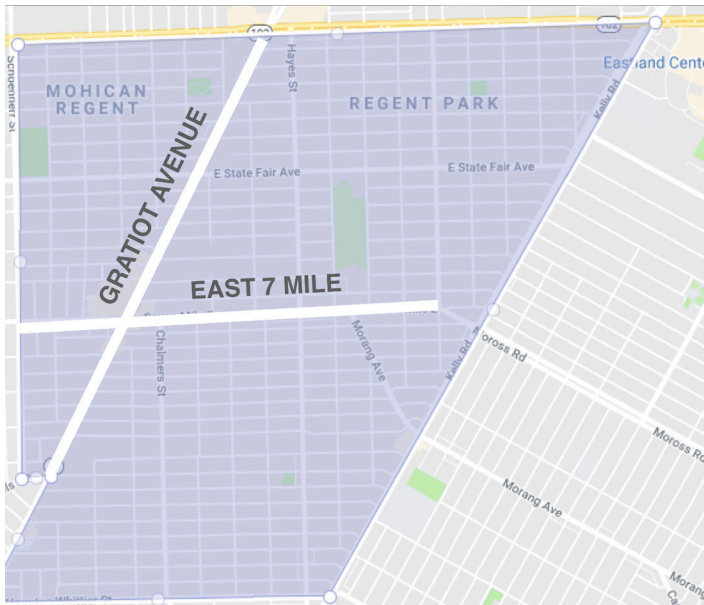


### IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

The East Warren/Cadieux neighborhood plan kicked off in December!

The plan focuses on neighborhood stabilization, park improvements, commercial and mixed-use development and street improvements on E. Warren.

Area residents are invited to learn more about the project and provide their input. For more information visit [bit.ly/EastWarrenCadieuxPlan](https://bit.ly/EastWarrenCadieuxPlan)



### IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

The Gratiot/7 Mile neighborhood plan formally kicked off in December!

The Gratiot/7 Mile planning area includes neighborhoods bounded by E. Eight Mile Road, Kelly, Houston-Whittier and Schoenherr.

The plan will look at stabilizing single-family neighborhoods, multi-family housing and retail opportunities, as well as park, greenway, and streetscape improvements. For more information visit [bit.ly/Gratiot7MilePlan](https://bit.ly/Gratiot7MilePlan)



### FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH

The **SisterFriends** Detroit program aims to reduce infant mortality by providing support and linking pregnant women to viable resources and mentors. Call **313-961-BABY** or visit [www.sisterfriendsdetroit.com](http://www.sisterfriendsdetroit.com).

**iDecide Detroit** is a network of teen friendly reproductive health care providers that offer: condoms, birth control, STI testing and treatment with sexual health. Call **833-9-DECIDE** or visit [www.idecidedetroit.com](http://www.idecidedetroit.com).



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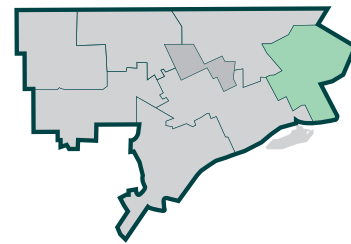
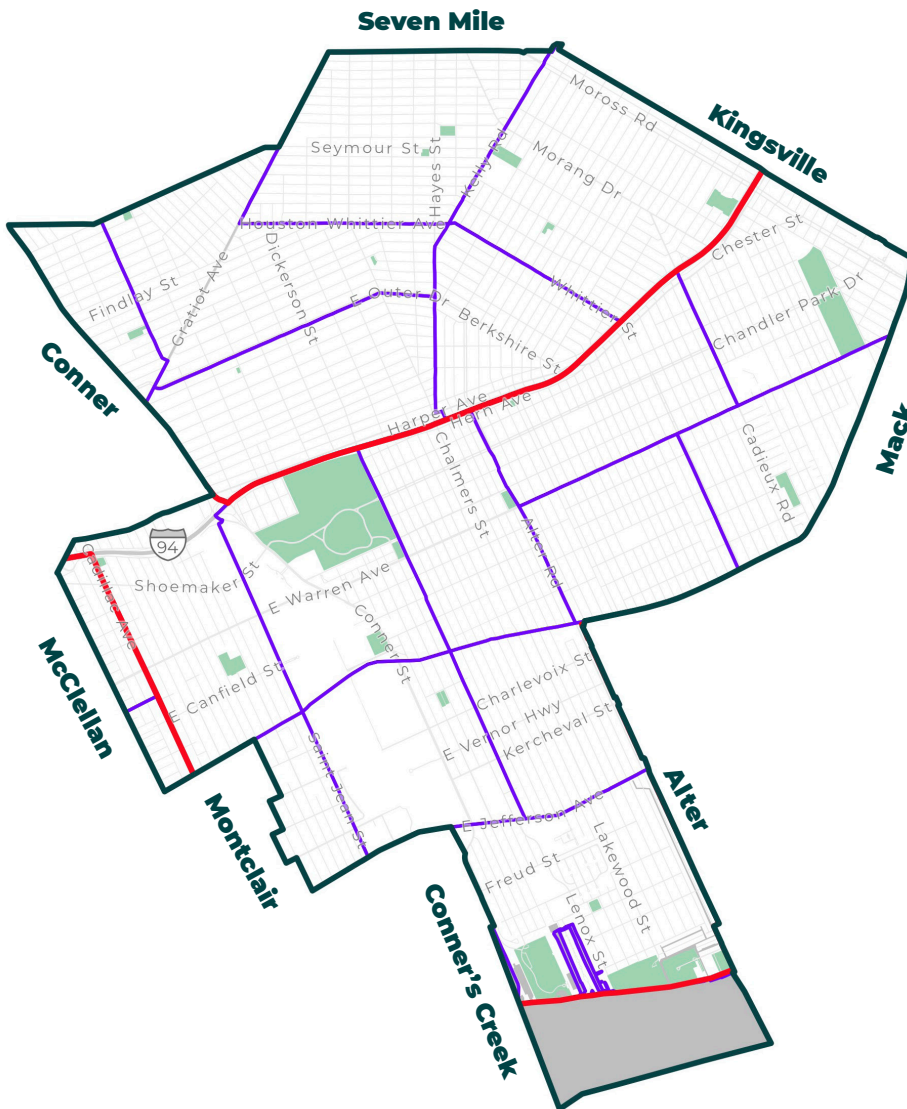
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## District 4 Map



*District 4 is located on the east side and borders Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe.*





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District 4

## YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

Updates on City  
services and  
opportunities in your  
neighborhood



## TELLING DETROIT'S STORY

Telling Detroit stories is the mission of the Detroit Media Department, which produces content for the City's four cable channels, YouTube and social media.

- Burst Flare Detroit, focused on special events in the city, airs on Channels 21 and 22 and YouTube. **To get an event posted, send the event flyer to [leedi@detroitmi.gov](mailto:leedi@detroitmi.gov).**
- The charismatic and creative Mr. E leads a cast of kids exploring interesting places in Detroit, learning about important Detroiters and expanding kids' imagination. Catch the Mr. E Show on YouTube.
- Council Corner is focused on City Council members as they host community events, recognize residents and highlight programs and businesses. It airs on Channel 10 and YouTube.

[www.youtube.com/cityofdetroit](http://www.youtube.com/cityofdetroit)  
 Channel 10: City Council  
 Channel 21: The Neighborhoods  
 Channel 22: Educational programming  
 Channel 68: Programs produced by residents

## DEMOLITION TRACKER

Text your address to **313-254-3366**, to receive text message updates about demolitions taking place near you. You can also check the demolition tracker map online at [www.detroitmi.gov/demolition](http://www.detroitmi.gov/demolition)



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