



The Neighborhoods

DISTRICT 5 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.

District 5 is the heart of the city—stretching across both the historic west and east sides of Detroit. It entails roughly 58 neighborhoods where individuals can ‘Shop Small’ in a variety of business corridors including, but not limited to:

- Renaissance Center
- Eastern Market
- Fisher Building
- Greektown
- New Center
- Dexter/Linwood area
- Midtown
- E. Jefferson

To find out where to shop in your neighborhood, visit 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!

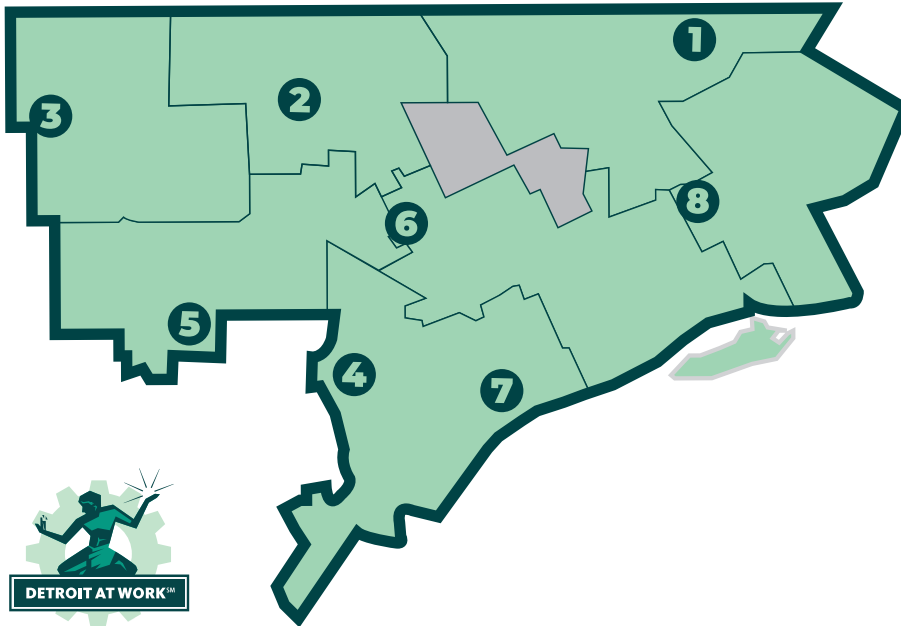
- No need to use paper passes.
- No need to carry cash/change.
- Buy passes on your phone.
- Pay single or multiple fares for a group of riders.
- Store passes on your phone for future use.
- Seniors (ages 65 and older), people with disabilities, and youth (ages 6-18) are eligible for reduced fare.

Visit thedartapp.com 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, 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 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.

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.

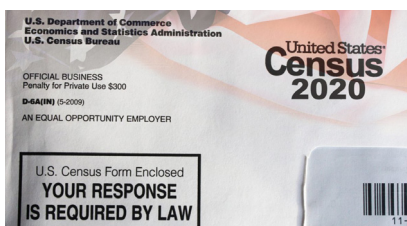
Register online at detroitmi.gov/parking and click the **Detroit Discount** menu. Register in person at the Municipal Parking Department, 1600 W. Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48216.

**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 or call 2-1-1.

Who Qualifies for EITC?

	<i>If you income is less than this amount...</i>		<i>...you may qualify for:</i>
Qualifying children	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.



IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

The next steps for the Eastern Market Neighborhood Plan include changes to the City's zoning code to begin in February, accompanied by a community meeting. The plan includes approximately 1.1 square miles, incorporating the Eastern Market and the surrounding residential neighborhood. The goal is to create a vibrant mixed-use neighborhood that makes Eastern Market the hub of food production and distribution for the Great Lakes region while increasing amenities and improving the quality of life for residents, and a district-wide approach to stormwater management. For more information visit bit.ly/EasternMarketPlan



NEW STREETSCAPES IN YOUR DISTRICT!

As part of a larger effort to revitalize neighborhoods, the City began construction on six commercial corridors this year to support neighborhood businesses and attract shoppers. In District 5, construction began on Riopelle from I-75 to Division. Construction is expected to be completed in spring 2020 and includes:

- From Adelaide to I-75 Service Drive, the sidewalk, parking and traffic lanes on the same level to create the feel of a plaza
- Raised intersections or speed tables to slow drivers down as they enter the retail area
- Street furniture & landscaping
- New street lighting along with decorative string lighting

Joseph Campau from Jefferson Avenue to the Riverfront is also being reconfigured. Construction is expected to be completed in spring 2020 and includes:

- Improved sidewalks and outdoor dining space for businesses
- Curb extensions and two-way bike lane on the east side of Joseph Campau
- Street furniture & landscaping
- Greenway connection from Riverwalk to north of Jefferson
- New street lighting
- Installation of street banners identifying neighborhood corridor



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District 5 Map



District 5 stretches from the east side to the central region of the city.

COUNCIL CORNER

Council President Pro-Tem Sheffield Wants to Meet D5 Residents!

Do you have concerns about these issues: access to jobs, economic opportunity, affordable housing, home repairs, contracts, clean air and water, quality education, recreation, quality food and reliable transportation? If these or other issues concern you, then Council President Pro Tem Mary Sheffield wants to talk with you. If you would like to arrange for her to come to your neighborhood, then call **(313) 224-4505**.



2 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48226

District 5

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.**
- 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
 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



Translations Available

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