

CLEMENT KERN GARDENS RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

August 2024



Join the
Corktown Summer FUN!


1. Do you need help finding summer activities for your children?

 **Call YOUR Service Coordinator!**

2. Are you looking for activities for the family?

 **Call YOUR Service Coordinator!**

3. Do you want to know what's NEW right here in YOUR Community?

 **Call YOUR Service Coordinator!**
*Look for us outside, because this summer we're bringing the fun to you!

August Activities - Mark Your Calendars

- 1) Aug. 5th @ CKG Management Office: 9am-12 pm
First Fridays - Come in and get firsthand information about Relocation.
- 2) Aug. 5th @ CKG: 10 am-1 pm - SERCO & TCB
Workforce Fair - Looking for employment or training? Get interview ready and walk out of your door and into the job you desire!
- 3) Aug. 8th @ CKG: 4:30-6:00pm - Women Empowerment Series 21 - Guest Speaker Kea Mathis - "As women achieve power the barriers will fall".
Barbara Mikulski
- 4) Aug 21st @ CKG: Seniors of CKG 55 & Up - Come and see what's happening in your neck of the woods!
- 5) Aug. 23rd @ CKG: 1-2 pm - Focus Hope Distribution
- 6) Aug. 26th @ CKG: 1-2 pm - Food Distribution - While supplies last...come out and receive some nutritional food items.
- 7) Aug. 29th @ CKG: 4-6pm - Tenant Council & TCB Back To School Informational & Fun Day!



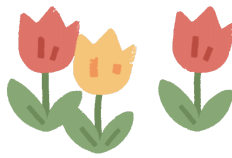


Ava Grace Alexander
 Carrington Bourne
 Charles Cotton
 Devon Thomas
 Heather Ortiz (Cerda)

Jihani Jackson
 Lateasha Wright
 Makayla Fletcher
 Reshanda Furniss
 Richard Lester

Samaya Meginnis
 Terrance Taylor
 Tori Watkins
 Yolanda Holmes

CKG Career Coach



Greetings! My name is Kya French, a Career Coach at SerMetro Detroit. I assist participants in removing barriers by providing the tools and resources to accomplish ones' goal. Barriers are unexpected things that hinder you from receiving a job or being enrolled into a training program of your interest. Detroit at Work helps individuals succeed in their future endeavors. I enjoy helping others by encouraging and motivating participants to believe in themselves and know they have a place in their community to support them in reaching their goals.

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.

July Resident Council Meeting Recap!



United Community Housing Coalition (UCHC) hosted the tenant council meeting on Tuesday, July 9th, to discuss disability rights, disability advocacy, and fair housing rights. The speakers invited for the event were Dessa Cosma from Detroit Disability Power (DDP), Safiya Merchant from the City of Detroit, and Steve Tomkowiak from the Fair Housing Network. Resident Champion Dnisha Brannon helped to introduce each speaker, and UCHC provided light refreshments and snacks for everyone who attended.

Dessa Cosma spoke to residents about how DDP works to build political power among the disabled community. Less than 5% of homes in the U.S. are accessible to physically disabled persons - one of the many inequalities that impact the lives of disabled persons. By organizing and educating people on disability rights, people can work to address disparities in housing, employment, education, transportation, and healthcare. DPP offers events like Healing Circles and Action Labs. To learn more, visit DetroitDisabilityPower.org/Events.

Safiya Merchant spoke briefly to residents about some disability services in the city, county, and state. Some services include: Disability Network Wayne County (313) 923-1655, City of Detroit Office of Disability Affairs (313) 224-4950, and DDOT Paratransit Services (313) 744-5555.

Steve Tomkowiak was the final speaker and presented about fair housing rights for residents with disabilities seeking reasonable accommodations in their homes. Unfortunately, there are many rights violations that go unreported in the United States. If you have a disability and have experienced some form of rights violation, you can contact the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit at (313) 579-3247 or by visiting fairhousingdetroit.org. Some of the rights covered included: requesting reasonable accommodations, rights regarding service and support animals, and how to request an interpreter if someone is blind, deaf, or hard of hearing. If you have any more questions about fair housing rights, contact Meg or Pablo at UCHC.

If you have any ideas or want to get involved in the planning process for future tenant council meetings, you can contact Pablo or Meg below. Thank you to all who joined, and we hope to see you next time!

Meg Marotte: 313-261-4709

Pablo Marcos: 313-572-1401

Claudia Sanford: 313-570-0992

Dessa Cosma: dessa@detroitdisabilitypower.org

Safiya Merchant: 313-879-2212

Steve Tomkowiak: 313-579-3247

Do You Know What Your

Credit Score Is?

THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS

Rent reporting 101:
How can my rent payments impact my credit score?
Clement Kern Gardens

Help grow your credit score with rent reporting

33pts+
Average Esusu renters with credit score increases grew their scores by 33pts in 12 months.*

667pts
Esusu renters who established credit for the first time reached an average 667pts in 12 months.*

839pts
Highest credit score build by an Esusu resident is 839pts.*

Your rent + Esusu

Esusu is building the one-stop shop for renter financial health. Traditionally, paying rent doesn't help your credit score. Esusu will your property are working to change that by reporting your on-time rent payments to the three major credit bureaus.

Pay your rent as you normally do

Esusu reports on-time payments to credit bureaus at no cost to you

Monitor your score online or on the Esusu app

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[Your on-time rent payments are helping you build credit, this is how:](#)

- CKG Management has partnered with Esusu to help you establish and grow your credit (for FREE!) with every on-time rent payment that you make.
- When you pay rent on-time, Esusu will notify all three credit bureaus to help improve your score.
- You can monitor credit score online or on the app by visiting <https://esusurent.com/>
- Esusu offers tools for every step of the rental journey. Access webpage to access renters resources and financial education.

Part of the Our Door To Yours (ODTY) Program. Call Christina at 313.484.4709 to learn more.

HEALTH & NUTRITION CORNER Resources & Wellness Classes

Walkers and Wheelers Walking Club- Happens every Wednesday at Clement Kern Gardens from 12-1pm (meet across the leasing office).

Peaches and Greens Produce Truck - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month in our Corktown Lobby (1726 Howard St) from 12-1pm

Cooking with Love w/Chef Nina- Bi-monthly hands-on nutritional cooking class.
Next class on July 31st and August 14th.
(meets every other Wednesday)

SAVE THE DATE

THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS

POWERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLERS GRADES 6-12TH GRADES

TAKE PART OF A COLLEGE TOUR
First Tour Coming Up:

✓ University of Detroit Mercy (August 27, 2024 at 2:30pm-4:15pm)

Register **NOW!**

Stay Connected:
- College Access Support
- Scholarship Opportunities
- DCAN College Success Hub
- SAT Prep Workshops
- DHDG College & Career Coaching
- Detroit Promise Tutoring

To Register for College Tour click link:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduCY7E0s0iowHSWw0tSSKVVXUgU4ySW7ZvUVA6eOaIXw/viewform?usp=surform>

For program & resources information call or schedule appointment with TCB Office 313-635-4401.

Logos: IMS, ACD, MSUFCU, HAP CareSource, GreenPath, Kauffman, MATRIS.

3rd Annual Health Fair
Saturday
September 21, 2024

Join Us from 10-2pm at 1842 Michigan Ave. (parking lot)

SERVICES AVAILABLE

Blood Pressure Checks
Oral Health Screenings
General health screening: diabetes, cholesterol, kidney function
Medicare Education
Vaccines
HIV testing
Financial Health Partners
Music, Food Box & More.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 313-635-4401

Find us on FACEBOOK: The Community Builders -CL Detroit

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Healthy Food Resources

Food Distribution is held monthly, on the last Friday of the month 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.

Next Distribution - August 26th

Find out if you are at risk for diabetes. Take the test, click link below of visit the website.

Pre-diabetic Test Link:
<https://doihaveprediabetes.org/take-the-risk-test/>

Or

Visit www.nkfm.org/diabetes

Or

Call 734-222-9800

Share thoughts about your neighborhood... Get Paid!

If you are a household with children at Clement Kern Gardens and received an invitation in the mail to participate in a survey from the Detroit Metro Area Communities Study at the University of Michigan, please consider completing it! You can do so online or by calling the number on the invitation to participate by phone. One member of each household is eligible to participate and will receive a **\$25 check or gift card** after completing the survey. Thanks!



Sarah Winchell Lenhoff, Wayne State University

