



Neighbors Building Brightmoor

Neighbors Building Brightmoor seeks to mobilize our neighbors to work together to equip families and individuals to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

April 2016



↑ Sophie and Akiko's group helped build up their huge mound, clear brush, clean up trash, and prep garden beds. Says Akiko: "with the help of our amazing volunteers, we were able to roll the giant tree trunk we posed upon off of our soon to be raspberry bed."



Detroit Partnership Day

Each year University of Michigan students come out for Detroit Partnership Day. Once again, these young people did an amazing job helping out community members of Brightmoor! Thank you Detroit Partnership!



Many students spent the afternoon painting boards for future board ups on Dolphin St. ↑

← The students gathered for a rally at Stopel Park at the end of the workday, and NBB's new president, Cindy Dorman, joined them for this event.

CALENDAR

NBB mtg. and potluck

April 7 from 6:30-8:30 pm at St. Christine's

Community Kitchen Mtg

April 11 from 6:30-8:30, 22739 Fenkell (potluck first)

Brightmoor Freestore

Saturdays 10am-2pm Aldersgate UMC

Brightmoor Alliance Mtg.

April 21, 5:30 dinner. 6-7:30pm meeting

Special Thanks:

St. Christine's for allowing us to use their space

Compassion Funeral Home \$20

Brightmoor Liquor \$20

Speedy's Gas Station \$20

Inter-City Auto \$20

Bo-Jack Carwash \$20

Scotty's Fish & Chips \$20

Phat Headz Barber-shop \$10

Metro PCS \$20

All Wet Laundry \$10

Regal Spirits \$20

Checkers Food and Liquor \$30

Grandy's Coney

Island \$20

Pueblo Tile \$10

BP Gas Station \$20

NBB 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

Always on the first Thursday of the month!

6.30 pm Potluck, 7 –8.30 pm Meeting

At St. Christine's Soup Kitchen on the corner of Dacosta and Fenkell.

April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug 4, Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov.3

Dacosta Community Garden

A few folks on Dolphin and Dacosta are interested in starting a community garden. We're not sure what it will look like, what we'll grow, or even what we'll call it. Our hope is that we can come together as neighbors and create that vision together. We'd love for you to join us in growing community and yummy food!

When: Friday, April 8th @ 5:30 pm

Where: The corner of Chalfonte & Dacosta (across the street from the YGB garden) Photo credit: Mark Schumack

If you have any questions please call Akiko at 313-671-9904 Dacosta Community Garden.



Eliza Howell SideTrails

Sidewalk Festival of Performing Arts celebrates Detroit's landscape and culture with music, dance, theater, and art annually at Lahser and Grand River. The festival is in its fourth year and will take place again on the first weekend of August as it always has.



Sidewalk Detroit is very excited to announce that we've received support for Side-Trails, a program seeking to partner with artists and community members to improve relationships with our neighborhood's natural spaces in Eliza Howell Park. This project is a continuation of Sidewalk's mission to unveil the beautiful and magical elements that we've always lived amongst in Detroit.



Photo credit: Mark Schumack

We want to hear from our neighbors about what they'd like to see in the park, what they know about Eliza Howell's history and ecology, and what they think the park needs to be a more beautiful, accessible, and appreciated space.

If you have interest in this project, please contact us at sidewalkdetroit@gmail.com to let us know your thoughts, concerns, and inspirations.

MASJID AS-SALAM ISLAMIC COMMUNITY CENTER

Update from the Inclusion Committee

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The Islamic Community of As-Salam of Detroit is a non-profit, non-political, religious and educational institute.

The Masjid center serves the Muslim community in the Metropolitan Detroit Area by advancing the teachings of Islam. The center also hopes to become a bridge between the Muslim and non-Muslim communities here in Brightmoor to promote mutual learning and understanding.

There are 6 million Muslims in the United States and Islam is one of the fastest growing religions in the country. Most Arabs are Muslims, but most Muslims are not Arabs. Salah ("Muslim prayer") is one of the Five Pillars in the faith of Islam and is an obligatory religious duty for every Muslim that is a spiritual act of worship that is observed five times a day.

The Masjid center conducts daily congregational prayer at proper times. The center is open for all five daily prayers. Everyone is welcome to attend these prayer services. The center also conducts:



- Marriages \ Marriage Counseling
- Youth weekend Islamic educational school and special occasion seminars
- Adult classes
- Youth activities
- Adult/youth counseling
- Community Service activities
- Community picnics

Youth Grow Brightmoor (YGB)

Garden on Dacosta will be delivering fresh produce to seniors and shut-ins in the neighborhood this summer via a new garden trike! Also, we are grateful for the help from 8 UM and WSU students who cleared the alley behind the garden so that the kids can paint a new mural on the back of the garage! The garden still has openings for youth ages 6-18. We will be selling at 2-3 markets this summer, and youth will share all the profits! Garden work will begin on Saturday, April 9, 9-11am.

Contact Billie at (313) 472-5295 to sign up for produce delivery, or the youth garden.

News from youth Grow Brightmoor



MEIJER WILL BE HIRING SUMMER WORKERS – GET IN YOUR APPLICATION

If you are interested in a summer job at Meijer, or in a more permanent position, get in your application online at www.jobs.meijer.com/.

Note: Meijer applications expire after 90 days, so resubmit them every 3 months.

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT | RSVP REQUIRED

Wayne State Shiffman Medical Library Outreach presents

How Does Your Garden Grow: Urban Gardening in the City

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016

1:00PM – 3:30PM

One Ford Place, Gilmour Center
Henry Ford Health System
1 Ford Place, Detroit, MI. 48201

Doors open @ 12:30PM
FREE with RSVP

Program starts @ 1PM
FREE PARKING

FEATURED GUEST PANELISTS

Ashley Atkinson, Keep Detroit Growing
Winona Bynum, Detroit Food Policy Council
Tepfirah Rushdan, The Greening of Detroit
Agriculture Instructor, Michigan State University
Tollgate Farm



Learn about

Therapeutic benefits of
gardening for caregivers

The right gardening options for you

Urban gardening projects in Detroit

How to maintain a healthy garden

Food systems and their impact on
the environment and our health

Tox Town an interactive
environmental educational tool from
the National Library of Medicine

Sample snacks from local gardens

Agenda

Welcome

Overview of Tox Town
Environmental Health Website

Urban Gardening Panel

Audience Q & A

Program subject to change without notice.

RSVP online or via email by APRIL 13, 2016



<https://urbangardens.eventbrite.com>



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More Info: 313-577-9083



0% INTEREST HOME REPAIR LOANS

0% interest home repair loans from \$5,000 to \$25,000 are available to qualified Detroit homeowners who can afford a loan.

0% interest means homeowners can invest in their home and neighborhood while paying back only what they borrow.

YOUR HOME IS IN A DESIGNATED AREA.

If you meet the requirements listed below, you can apply and are exempt from household income limits.

Who can apply?

This program is intended to reach as many Detroit homeowners as possible. Below are the minimum qualifications:

- ☒ Homeowners must own and occupy their home for at least six months prior to applying.
- ☒ See the website to verify if you live in a targeted area or are within income requirements.
- ☒ The minimum credit score is 560.
- ☒ Homeowner's insurance and taxes must be current.
- ☒ The homeowner must be able to afford the loan payments.

Eligible Projects:

If the home has health and safety hazards, those issues must be addressed first before other repairs can be made. The following are sample projects:

REQUIRED	 CORRECTING HEALTH & SAFETY HAZARDS	 LEAD PAINT	 ASBESTOS OR MOLD
	 ROOF REPLACEMENT	 FURNACE & ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES	 ELECTRICAL REPAIRS
ELIGIBLE	 REPLACING, RESTORING OR MAINTAINING DOORS & WINDOWS	 PLUMBING REPAIR	 EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR BUILDING REPAIRS

How to apply:

- Applications are available online at:
www.DetroitHomeLoans.org
- Applications are also available at Intake Centers and City of Detroit Recreation Centers.
- Call 2-1-1 to be connected to an Intake Center near you.

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We are looking for a contact person for Lyndon, as well as someone to pass out newsletters. Please contact Nicky Marcot if you are interested.