



# 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 2017**

## Brightmoor Artisans Collective

Working to create an equitable, sustainable and local economy based on healthy locally grown and crafted products.  
22735 Fenkell St, Detroit MI 48223

**Join us for our monthly meeting April 10th at 7pm!**

Brightmoor Artisans Collective meets on the 2nd Monday of every month from 7-8:30pm.

### Lunch with Motown Meals

Last Sunday of every month  
from 1-4pm

### Community Creation Space Spring 2017 Schedule

Monday:

Homework Help & Crafts  
3:30-5:30pm

Tuesday:

Knitting Circle  
5-6pm

Wednesday:

Beginners Yoga Class  
(starts April 5th)  
9:30-10:30am

Book Club

4:45-5:45pm

Thursday:

Toddler Time  
3:30-5:30pm

Last Friday of Every Month:

Family Game Night  
7-9pm



### Artisans Café

We are preparing for our Youth Entrepreneurship Training Program starting in June, 2017. Neighborhood youth ages 13 to 24 will handle Café operations and attend training workshops. If you're interested in being a participant or supervisor for this program, please contact us.

### Farmers' Market

Mother's Day Market!  
5/5/17 4-7pm!

BAC's Farmers' Market runs from June through October, every Friday from 4-7pm! Interested in being a vendor, performing, or facilitating an activity? Please contact us!

**Want to teach a new class?**

### Breakfast at BAC

Every Monday coming soon  
from 9-11am

Please contact us!

### Kitchen Classroom Current Schedule

Detroit Food Policy Council  
Adult Cooking Classes  
6-week Cooking Series  
April 1-May 6  
Saturdays (Time TBA)

Cooking Matters for Teens

6-week Cooking  
and Nutrition Series  
May 5-June 9  
Fridays 6-8pm

Motown Meals'

Cooking Class for Adults  
8-week Cultural Cooking Series  
May 3-June 21  
Wednesdays 6-8pm

### Commercial Kitchen

Reserve your spot!  
In the near future, the Commercial Kitchen will be fully licensed. Kitchen rental will be first come, first serve.

## Dates to Remember

**April 6—NBB potluck and mtg, 6:30pm at St. Christine's**

April 10—Community Kitchen mtg, 7pm at 22739 Fenkell

April 20, Brightmoor Alliance meeting, TBA

April, all Saturdays—Brightmoor Freestore, 10am-2pm, Aldersgate UMC

### Special Thanks:

Compassion Funeral Home \$20  
SA Ventures \$100  
Brightmoor Liquor \$20  
St. Christine's for allowing us to use their space  
Speedy's Gas Station \$20  
Inter-City Auto \$20  
Bo-Jack Carwash \$20  
Scotty's Fish & Chips \$20  
Metro PCS \$20  
Regal Spirits \$20  
Checkers Food and Liquor \$20  
Grandy's Coney Island \$20  
Pueblo Tile \$10  
BP Gas Station, Telegraph and Fenkell \$20  
Marathon Gas Station, Fenkell and Lahser \$20

## NBB 2017 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 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, Sept. 7**

All classes and events are free with an appreciated \$1 donation.

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## Update from the Community Greenhouse

By Kieran Neal

The Greenhouse survived the windstorm and power outage in early-March, and temperatures are still beautiful inside. Salad crops and herbs are coming up in the beds and we are now running the heater at night so you can bring in tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and other hot crops. The price remains at \$1/tray/week or a 1/4 table (15 trays) for \$30/month. Tray sizes are based on standard black plastic trays from any garden store. The far back table is available for anyone to use, and there is a clipboard inside the door on which you can write how many trays you brought.

If there is anyone who does not have access to their own garden space, you are welcome to utilize some of the beds being developed to the south of the Greenhouse. They will require some weeding in order to be ready, but there is water nearby for maintaining them this season.

Don't forget to check in on the Keep Growing Detroit Kiosk out front. The west side resource mixer is being hosted at the greenhouse and next door and it's coming up soon. Read the board or sign up for the KGD newsletter if you are interested in finding out more.



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## A new neighbor in the flavorhood

Three of your intrepid neighbors ventured to Maty's African Cuisine for a taste of Senegalese food and are we ever happy we did! We sat ourselves and a charming server came to describe what was on offer that rainy Sunday evening. She offered us whole chicken fried, rolled in spices, then grilled; lamb dibi (pieces of lamb); lamb shank; and whole tilapia. Not ones to be constrained by the menu, we ordered a veggie plate with couscous, lamb tibi with yellow rice, and chicken with salad and fries. The servings were enormous, the flavors scintillating, and the onion sauce (served with all three meals) would probably make cardboard taste wonderful. The salad dressing was also some magical combination we were unable to decipher but delighted to consume.

Sadly, our photos did not do the food any kind of justice; you'll have to go by to see it for yourself.

We enjoyed the complimentary jasmine tea and were a little surprised to get bottles of water (\$1) instead of glasses. They also have a variety of fruit juices and smoothies on offer, but we did not sample them.

They've only been here for a month or two, but are already considering expanding. If you're in the mood for something different that's not a jarring change but a welcome one, swing by Maty's African Cuisine at 21611 Grand River Ave. They're open 11a-11p Tuesday - Saturday and 4p-11p Sunday and Monday. Meal prices range from \$8-\$15. Enjoy!

## NBB Wins Fisher Grant for Board Training

by Bill Hickey

We are proud to announce that NBB has received a \$5,000 grant from the Marjorie Fisher Foundation for leadership development and organizational capacity building for our Board of Directors. This is part of a number of grants recently made by the Foundation for developing Brightmoor leaders.

Working with Nonprofit Enterprises at Work (NEW), our board members will participate in a mix of assessment instruments, workshops, and individual consultation, mentoring, and coaching during 2017. Areas of development will include: Roles and Responsibilities of a Working Board, Ambassadorship and the building blocks of Fundraising, Building and Sustaining a Diverse Board, and Building a Strategic Organization Plan.

Our deepest gratitude to the Fisher Foundation as well as to the the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan for directing the grant making process.

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## New Little Free Library Makes It's Appearance

By Bill & Billie Hickey

Next time you're at the Kaboom Playground on Beaverland, check out the new Little Free Library that was recently installed. Built by Joe Hanks, and sporting a "green" roof, it is the fourth Little Free Library in our neighborhood. The other three are in St. Christine's Soup Kitchen, on the corner of Chalfonte and Lamphere, and in the Creation Space at the Community Kitchen. Another Library will soon go up on Beaverland near Fenkell. If you are not familiar with Little Free Libraries, they are small containers of books for kids and adults that operate on the following honor system: *Take a Book, Return a Book.*



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## Tax foreclosure prevention workshop

For the second year in a row, NBB members Louella Pizzuti and Sharon Cornelissen are working with United Community Housing Coalition (UCHC) to organize a tax foreclosure prevention workshop, where Brightmoor homeowners and tenants facing tax foreclosure can receive free legal advice to help them stay in their homes.

The workshop will be held Thursday April 13, from 4PM to 7PM at Leland Baptist Church, at 22420 Fenkell.

Counselors from the UCHC will sit down with you one-on-one to:

1) Answer questions about your situation; 2) Assist with paperwork; 3) Explain options available to you, including payment plans, tax exemptions, and delay of foreclosure; 4) Help with land contract and mortgage issues

Make sure to bring the following documents:

1) Copy of your deed; 2) Driver's license or State ID ; 3) Recent mailing with your name on it, such as DTE or phone bill (must be dated within last 90 days, not water bill); 4) Anything you have received from Wayne County

For any questions about the workshop, feel free to call Sharon at (609)540-0741. For questions about tax foreclosure please contact UCHC at (313)963-3310

Last year we were able to help 32 Brightmoor families stay in their home! Finally, if you are a homeowner enrolled in a regular Wayne County stipulated payment plan (SPA), you may qualify for a Wayne County Interest-Reduction Payment Plan (IRSPA), and save money by paying a lower interest rate on your back taxes: please come to the workshop to see if you would qualify.



For more information about Neighbors Building Brightmoor contact us at neighborsbuildingbrightmoor@gmail.com or 313-687-4463.

## Needed: Brightmoor Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Do you live in the Brightmoor Community? Are you raising your grandchildren 24/7? Are you ready for a change?

Will you be committed? Do you believe that your life can be better? If you answered YES to these questions then FII is the program you want to be involved in

Family Independence Initiative (FII) is a program that enables people to come together and access resources that are available to them to better their family's lives. We all work together for the betterment of each person through collaboration, resources, time and sister/brotherhood.

Applications are limited. If you are interested please contact Ora Williams 313-531-2025 or 313-330-4724.

## Grandparents Parenting Again Support Group

Starting to parent again with grandchildren or other children in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century

We are a support group just for **YOU**. We have resources, workshops and fun times for **YOU**. Let us know who you are. Meetings are held @ Drew Transitional Center, 9600 Wyoming @ Chicago on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. New meeting locations are coming soon. Come and start sharing with others like yourself-Parenting Again- and you thought it was over!! :)JJ

Ora Williams, Facilitator

313-531-2025



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## Help keep our neighbors in their homes

Spend an hour or two (or more) knocking on the doors of people we know are on the brink of foreclosure and you could change their lives forever. Not to mention keep our neighborhood vibrant. Call or email Sharon at (609)540-0741 or sharon.cornelissen@gmail.com. Thanks for everything you do to make our neighborhood neighborly!

### Grayfield

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