



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.

February 2017

Updates from the Inclusion Committee: Grace New Covenant

By Louella Pizzuti

The Inclusion Committee has started moving its meetings around the community so we can learn what's happening around us and share what's happening with NBB. In January four of us met with Pastor David Michael Bradley of Grace New Covenant church. (On Fenkell, right next to Sneeker's) David and his wife Cheryl, both native Detroiters, came to Brightmoor in 2011 determined to be good neighbors and to live their belief that a church should be a service in the community where it sits. To that end, this all-volunteer church welcomes everyone who walks into their door and seeks to help with whatever problems they're facing. They've provided school uniforms, built hand rails, offered bus tickets, cut grass, raked leaves, and generally tried to be brothers and sisters to the neighbors who've found them.



If you've looked down Beaverland while heading east on Fenkell, you've doubtless noticed the colorful metal origami sculptures that grace Windmill Park and Solar Place. But you may not know the ultimate vision of that park is to include an actual power-generating windmill and to spotlight the use of solar panels for light generation. A powerful example of possibilities around us. If you look a little closer, you'll notice the bbq grills and picnic tables. Just waiting for a sunshiny day and you to get cooking and enjoying the view.

If you'd like more information about Pastor David and his church are doing, please drop by or send him an email at thecarolina33@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

Feb. 2—NBB potluck and mtg, 6:30pm at St. Christine's

Feb 13—Community Kitchen mtg, 7pm at 22739 Fenkell

Feb. 16—Brightmoor Alliance meeting, TBA

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

Special Thanks:

Brightmoor Liquor \$20
St. Christine's for allowing us to use their space
Compassion Funeral Home \$20
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.

Feb. 2,

Updates from the Community Greenhouse

By Kieran Neal

The NBB greenhouse is officially open for the season! January 26th marked the first harvest day of 2017 with about 10lbs of spinach harvested for sale at the Farmer's Hand in Corktown. The proceeds from our greenhouse sales will be used to fund its yearly operating costs, its taxes, and will hopefully even allow for some improvements in the future.

We are again renting table space this year for any local gardeners who want to get an early start on the season by growing their own transplants. You have to provide your own seeds, soil, and trays, but Kieran will be tending to the plants daily, watering, and will update you when they are ready to go out in the garden.

For gardeners in the neighborhood we will be charging \$1/per tray/per week up to \$6. You can also rent a 1/2 table (30 trays) for \$60/month or a 1/4 table (15 trays) for \$30/month. Trays are standard black plastic trays from any garden store. For organizations or gardeners outside of the neighborhood there is a slight increase.

Almost all cold-season transplants will be fine in the greenhouse at our normal February and March temperatures. We will not be heating regularly until hot crops come in at the beginning of April. This is to save on operating costs. However, I am building a germination chamber in the corner of the greenhouse. Its use will be included in the table rental price. It is a well-insulated, high-humidity box, which will be able to fit 60 trays. We will be heating the germination chamber starting February 8th, so anyone who does not have room in their house is welcome to germinate their plants in there.

The area to the south of the Brightmoor Greenhouse is currently in development for a u-pick garden. You may have seen the 5 black tarps which are preparing the 5 plots. They are weighted down with bricks and logs, but if you notice them billowing, please adjust the weights.

This year we are planning to have pole beans, winter and summer squash, okra, eggplants, and peppers, some of the plots will be filled exclusively with flowers, herbs, and other plants to build soil fertility. We will have a suggested donation box at the Keep Growing Detroit kiosk, but everything will be pay-what-you-can. All proceeds will go towards maintenance and operations costs for the Greenhouse.

Updates will be posted monthly in the newsletter with information regarding what is ready to pick and how to pick it safely (for you and the plant).

Please contact Kieran at beaverlandfarms@gmail.com or (574)339-9378 for any further information.



Time to Renew Your Membership!

Remember to renew your membership at February's meeting— \$5 per household. Hope to see you there!

Petition to Keep Gompers Open

By Billie and Bill Hickey

Dear Neighbors and Friends, The State of Michigan has just announced a list of schools it plans to close at the end of this school year. One of them is our own local Gompers Elementary/Middle School on Burt Rd. at Lyndon. This is awful because it is one of only two public school in the Brightmoor neighborhood. Students would have few choices about where else they could go. The new \$21.4 million school opened in 2011 on the site of the former Harding Elementary School. The 111,882-square-foot school consolidated and replaced three older buildings: Harding, Vetal and Gompers elementary schools. We don't need to close more schools in our neighborhood---or elsewhere in Detroit. It doesn't accomplish anything! If you feel the same, please add your name to the petition at the link below. Thanks.



<https://www.change.org/p/save-our-schools-detroit>



CULTIVATING Detroit

A Food Sovereign

where the majority of fruits & vegetables consumed by Detroiters are grown within the city limits

JOIN US

Keep Growing Detroit
invites YOU!

- Learn what's new in 2017
- Get to know gardeners in the city
- Fill out garden application for seeds and plants



Join KGD for seed packing!

Tuesday, February 21,
6-8pm at the Brightmoor
Artisans Collective
Community Kitchen

Guest Speaker
Guy Williams

CEO Detroiters working for environmental Justice

Climate Change- Effects on Urban Environments



14TH ANNUAL

City Wide

**GARDEN
KICK-OFF
& POTLUCK**

City Temple SDA
8816 Grand River
6-8 PM

FEB • **7** • 2017



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

Calling all Chefs, Nutritionists and Food Enthusiasts



Cooking Matters is a national program that provides cooking-based nutrition education for individuals and families at risk of hunger. Our classes run in partnership with agencies in Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, and Monroe counties, and are held at a variety of sites. Each class runs in a 6-week series, and meets for 2 hours per week at the same day and time. Classes are held Monday through Friday, morning to evening.

Find out more about Cooking Matters at: <http://cookingmatters.wordpress.com>



Culinary Instructors

Teach adults, kids and teens the skills and techniques to make meals to that are healthy, low-cost and easy to prepare.

Ways To Get Involved:

Nutrition Instructors

Educate participants on making healthy choices based on MyPlate, focusing on a different food group or theme each week.

To volunteer or for more info, contact Carolyn Sagi: csagi@gcfb.org (313) 580-9822



Class Assistants

Help instructors and class coordinators with set-up, clean-up, and facilitation of class activities with adults, kids, and teens.

ATTENTION:

**THE WAYNE COUNTY CLERK'S
CITY OF DETROIT
BIRTH & DEATH RECORDS
DIVISION**

(640 TEMPLE STREET, DETROIT, MI 48201)

WILL BE CLOSED

FEBRUARY 20-28, 2017

DUE TO THE COUNTY'S SELLING OF THE BUILDING

**FOR ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CALL (313) 224.0328**

EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2017:

**DETROIT BIRTH & DEATH RECORDS
WILL BE LOCATED AT
400 MONROE STREET (6TH FLOOR)
DETROIT, MI 48226**



Grayfield

Lisa Rivera 773-332-5031

Beaverland

Nicky Marcot 590-1965

Bramell

Tim Miller 687-2806
Gwen Shivers 533-9455

Chatham

none

Eaton

Jody Scarlett 537-7848

Lamphere

Bill Hickey 472-5295
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Jerry Flaton 926-1412

Outer Drive

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Cindy Dorman 405-2457

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Bentler

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