UAW Strike

By John Marchione



While much of the news about the UAW strike is centered on the auto workers, it should not be forgotten that the workers of Blue Cross Blue Shield, also represented by the UAW, are striking as well.

There are certainly UAW members in our community, active and retired. We are going to need to come together, not just as a community, but as members of the working class to support this strike. Historically, the fights of Unions have become gains for all working

people, such as the eight hour workday, the weekend, paid time off, retirement and important safety regulations. This is larger than just The Big Three or Blue Cross Blue Shield. All of us who work for a living are facing the same problems: low wages that cannot keep pace with inflation, poor benefits that result in more out-of-pocket expenses than ever, and more. We are in this together.

At the time this is being written, the strike is in its infancy and so the resources the Union may ask for from the community are not entirely known. To support, we can join them on the picket line, ask what they may need, and in general, act in solidarity during this important time.



Pumpkins of all sizes will be sold at cost (no profit is made). Help is welcome! To volunteer, call Peter Rhoades: 313-864-6471

A Live and Lively Weekend in Greenacres

By Sheila Ward

On Saturday, September 9, 2022— for the first time since 2019— Greenacres residents assembled in Hyde Park for a "real" fun run and walk. In other words, we actually came together in a group for warmups, and then queued up at the starting line for the one and three-mile circuits. The morning ended with snacks and award ribbons for all participants, who ranged in age from less than one year to over 90. (Yes, you may still order a t-shirt; see page 8.)



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The fun didn't stop on Saturday! The next day saw a record crowd in Hyde Park for the Annual Concert and Picnic in the Park. Residents, family, friends, and co-workers enjoyed great music from Charles & Gwen Scales (above) and Friends. People actually got out of their chairs and danced! The Greenacres Woodward Community Radio Patrol provided great refreshments. Find more photos of both events on pages 6

- Photos by Sheila Ward

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Pasteur School Wants Us!

By Joyce Krause



a new principal, Ms. Karla Craig and she is delighted to be at Pasteur Elementary. Mrs. Craig has had 30 years of experience in Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) including substitute teacher, Instructional Specialist in Math, Assistant Principal at Bates Academy, and Princi-Sampson/Webber. pal at There are 360 children enrolled at Pasteur in the Pre K

Ms. Karla Craig

through six grades, and one of her main goals is to increase the enrollment there. Greenacres homeowners are eager to help her do that and to make Pasteur one of the best schools in the city.

In the past, several Greenacres residents have tutored on a weekly basis at the school. We helped sponsor a Field Day for the whole school for three years and became active in their PTA meetings. Then COVID struck and we all retreated into our homes. We are hoping to become active again and to help the children raise their reading and math scores through extra help. Can we talk you into donating an hour one afternoon a week? You choose the day, time, grade level and the subject you are best qualified to tutor.

If you are interested, contact Joyce Krause at 313 720 2386 or ad9519@wayne.edu. We will meet in early October and talk about the experience and requirements. Looking forward to hearing from you!

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"If you can't find the sunshine, BE the sunshine!" -Anonymous

Halloween Safety

By Joyce Stephens, Secretary. Greenacres Woodward Community Radio Patrol



We're nearing the time of year when our children eagerly flood the neighborhood to go trick or treating. This is a memorable, fun time for them and we all want to ensure their safety and well-being.

Although the Greenacres Woodward Community Radio Patrol is out daily throughout the year to provide watchful eyes to protect our neighborhood from crime, it increases its patrolling during the days surrounding Halloween. We encourage everyone to help keep our children safe.

Convenient New App for Detroit Residents

From the Mayor's Update to Residents August 25, 2023



Residents of Detroit will no longer need cable access to watch live public TV such as City meetings and press conferences on local channels.

The City of Detroit Media Services Department has launched app, called Deа new troit Connected, that allows Detroiters to watch City Channels 10, 21, 22, and 68 right on

their phone and devices, without a cable connection. Along with the service provided on the City website, this app now gives residents multiple places to keep up-todate on local news.

The new app is now available on Roku, Amazon Firestick, Google Play, and the Apple App Store, and can be used on both televisions and smartphones. The linktree is https://lnk.bio/detroitconnected

With Detroit Connected, residents can view live television, including City Council meetings, press conferences, groundbreakings and similar public events. The channels can also be viewed on the City website, giving residents multiple convenient choices.

Detroiters with the app can also watch videos of previous live events, including City Council, Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, and City Planning Commission meetings, along with press conferences from Mayor Mike Duggan and other city officials.



and visit us at www.greenacreswoodward.org to read this newsletter in color, stay updated on GWCA-sponsored events, and learn about happenings in and around our community.

- If your children are trick or treating without adult supervision, remind them to walk, not run, and look both ways for cars before they cross the street.
- Pre-plan a route for them to travel so you know where to find them if necessary. It's also wise to establish a curfew time.
- If they're out after dark, have them carry a flashlight to increase their visibility as they cross the street. Light reflecting tape or patches on their costumes is also helpful.
- If possible, let them carry a cell phone so they can call you if needed.
- Remind them to stay away from strangers.
- Check their treats to be sure they're safe and healthy to eat.

Protect Your Vehicle from Break-ins

By Jeff Hausmann



According to police departments and insurance companies, vehicle thefts and breakins have been on the rise—not just in Detroit, but in many communities across the nation. Most of these happen in the

very early morning hours when most people are asleep. The burglars look for valuables in the glove box, or left in plain sight in the vehicle. They also steal tires, catalytic converters, and other car parts.

How can you protect your car and your valuables? While nothing is 100% foolproof, there are effective preventative steps that you can take to discourage wouldbe thieves:

- If you have a garage, park your car inside the garage and lock the doors. Thieves typically look for the easiest targets.
- If you do not have a garage, park your car in the driveway as far off the street as possible. Then purchase a driveway alarm, which costs as little as \$27. The alarm will sound when anyone enters far enough into your driveway– and in most cases the thieves will leave when the noise begins.
- If an item is expensive or difficult/impossible to replace, take it with you when you leave your vehicle. Purses, wallets, laptops, or jewelry could still be lost, even if you hide them inside the car.

Consider joining the Greenacres Woodward Community Radio Patrol to help maintain the high standard of living that we have become accustomed to in our wonderful neighborhood. Joining the patrol won't guarantee that your car won't be broken into, but the more eyes and ears we have in our community, the more likely we are to notice unwanted activity. To learn more, call or text Jim Ward, President of the Patrol: 313-244-8660.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Greenacres Resident Heads State - Level Conference

By Anita Flies

Gail Presbey, Ph.D., has been associated with the Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit Conference at Marygrove College, and now at U of D Mercy, for six years. As the current director, she and her team have been planning this year's conference since March.



Gail Presbey, Ph.D.

The two-day event which takes

place on October 12 and 13 involves students, ages 12-18, as well as adults. During the morning sessions, attendees will take bus tours of community gardens, solar gardens and churches involved with environmental projects.

Registration for the conference is still open at udmercy.edu.glbd with a minimum \$5 charge for students and \$10 for adults. These fees include lunch and afternoon "learn shops." The afternoon environment-connected topics are taught by teachers and students. Some Detroit-focused topics include water affordability, Detroit's buried creeks, and indigenous leadership.

In addition to her Conference duties, Dr. Presbey teaches Philosophy and History at UD Mercy and continues her studies on a global landscape. A Fulbright Scholar four times over, she has just returned from a conference in Prague. She frequently attends conferences in Africa and is studying Afro-Brazilian history. Soon, she'll be off to Trinidad.

Her two year Fulbright Scholarship to study in Kenya resulted in the publication of "The Life & Thought of H. Odera Oruka: Pursuing Justice in Africa." (Bloomsbury Press, 2023).

Dr. Presbey travels the world, but for the past twenty-two years, Greenacres is home.

Public Comment to Dependable Energy Listening Tour

By Karen Hammer

Ed. Note: Helena Scott, Michigan State House Representative for District 7, is Chair of the Energy Communications and Technology Committee. She hosted a Dependable Energy Listening Tour on August 30, 2023 during which Karen made public comment. Karen's introductory remarks and public comment are printed here.

Thank you Rep. Scott, for hosting this important event and for encouraging a speedy passage of the climate bills 4759, 4760 and 4761 out of the Committee. [http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2023-HB-4759 and http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2023-HB-4761]

While my public comment did not tell the all-important story(ies) of how people have suffered loss and damage from power outages. I chose to address public policy on the IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) and what Michigan's priorities should include:



- Recognizing the central role of communities,
- Addressing infrastructure discrimination against low income, rural, and communities of color,
- Eliminating the use of fossil fuel energy and the subsidies that support the industry. <u>https://www.wlns.com/news/bills-introduced-in-house-for-100-clean-energy-by-2035/</u>

(See Public Comment on page 8)

GWCA Annual Fun Run & Walk September 9, 2023 Special thanks to everyone who worked behind the scenes to ensure a smooth return to this live event: Karen Brown, Maria Dickerson, Ena Eng-lish, Karen Hammer, Dwight and Sandi Kirksey, Karla Lockard, Christyn Lucas, Mae McCaster, Peter Rhoades, Elaine Riley, Jim Ward, and Cubie Watson. 401 Special kudos to Larry Benson for the great t-shirt design! - Photos by Sheila Ward 60 706 INCRES WOOD,

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PUBLIC COMMENT (continued from page 5)

We must build an equitable electricity grid. U.S. infrastructure planning has a long legacy of discrimination. The communities impacted need to play an integral role in the decision-making process.

We need a new and broader way of thinking* to solve our climate crisis problems and reduce fossil fuel dependency. The grid has to reduce that dependency. The grid infrastructure is over 50 years old, and is constructed to run only on fossil fuelstransported by rail or pipeline and burned by large power plants near cities.

Energy storage has to be THE lynchpin component of our grid. It will enable more renewables (solar, wind) to replace coal, oil, and gas-- and more guickly transition to the non-carbon-based grid.

With both discrimination and fossil fuel subsidy built into the current system, low income and communities of color suffer from toxic pollution, power outages, and climate-related displacement and damage.

The 15-state region in the mid-section of the U.S. (from Illinois, Michigan, and Minnesota in the north, to Louisiana in the south) are serviced by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO). The plan to invest \$10B into the present transmission network has to target fossil fuels. The stakeholders in the region are 15 state public utility commissions, utility companies, municipalities, and the consistently ignored, and most affected, communities.

*Historically, an example of this new thinking came in December 2018, from a group who met in Chicago. Representatives from environmental justice, consumer, labor, faith groups, and rural and urban industry produced a statement of 9 principles that will help (1) protect public health, (2) create good local jobs, and (3) avoid placing additional burdens on those already suffering from environmental hazards. Some highlights of those principles include:

- accountable decision-making with the impacted
- communities,
- accessibility,
- transparency,
- local control and benefits, and
- prioritizing renewables & efficiency; workers' rights, indigenous rights, and justly-sourced materials.

www.ucsusa.org/resources/equitable-grid-principles Read about it in the Union of Concerned Scientists magazine, Catalyst, Summer, 2023, pp. 14-17.

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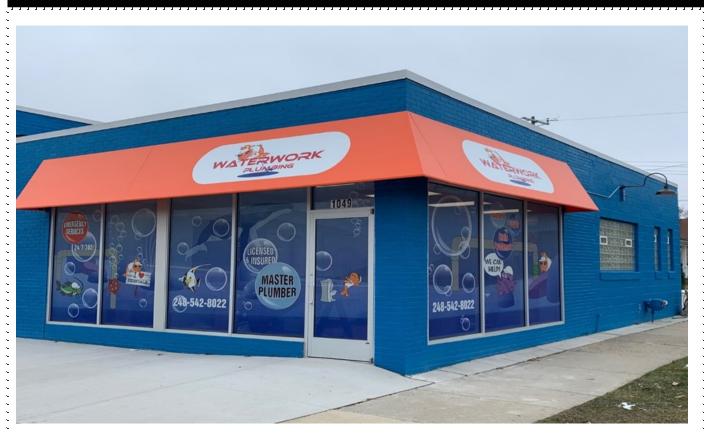
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