

**GREENACRES WOODWARD CIVIC ASSOCIATION** 

#### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

TIME: 6:00 - 8:30 PM IN PERSON

NEW PROSPECT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 6330 PEMBROKE AVENUE, DETROIT, MI 48221

SPEAKER: THE HONORABLE MALLORY McMORROW Michigan State Senator - 8th District

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#### **GWCA COMMUNITY CLEAN UP**

(Held in conjunction with the District 2 Motor City Makeover)

SATURDAY - MAY 6, 2023 9 AM - NOON

**MEET AT HYDE PARK - 9 AM** 

BRING YOUR RAKES, SHOVELS, BROOMS, ETC. GLOVES & GARBAGE BAGS WILL BE FURNISHED

QUESTIONS OR TO VOLUNTEER: Peter Rhoades - Team Leader (313) 864-6471

# GREENACRES COMMUNITY-WIDE

Saturday May 13, 2023



Some neighbors have suggested that our Garage Sale would be an excellent opportunity to shop for a unique Mothers Day gift. Lots of items are brand new -never used- and just did not suit the current owner. Reminder: Mothers Day is Sunday, May 14, the day after the Garage Sale.

Questions? Please call Anita Flies: 313-862-7921

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



GREENACRES ANNUAL KIDS & FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023 11:00 AM-3 PM HYDE PARK

For more information or to volunteer: Peter Rhoades: 313-864-6471



# GREENACRES WOODWARD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

### Calling All Greenacres Grads



We would like to recognize you in the Greenacres News. Please tell us your name, the school you're graduating from, and your plans for the fall.

Feel free to include special recognitions, activities you participated in, and any other information that helps us to celebrate you. You may also send us a photo (head shot preferred).

Please mail your information by May 15, 2023 to GWCA Newsletter, P.O. Box 21303, Detroit, MI 48221 or email it to GWCANewsletter@gmail.com. THURS., MAY 4, 11, 18, 25

TRASH PICKUP

#### THURS., MAY 11 & 25

**RECYCLING, BULK, &** YARD WASTE PICKUP

Please feel free to check pickup schedules directly with Waste Management: 844-233-8764 or wm.com

#### MON., MAY 1

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY

#### MON., MAY 1

LAST DAY TO REQUEST A **GREENACRES SIGN. CALL** WENDELL BYRD: 313-204-6063

#### WED.. MAY 3 6-8:30 PM

**GWCA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** (See page 1)

#### TH., MAY 4 10:30 AM-NOON

**BLIGHT TASK FORCE MEETING with DISTRICT MANAGER KIM TANDY** 

(1st Thursdays - see next column)

#### THURS., MAY 4 6 PM

12TH PRECINCT POLICE -**COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING** 

Phone Number 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 879-5543-0045 Passcode: 879423

#### SAT., MAY 6 9 AM-NOON

**GWCA ANNUAL COMMUNITY** CLEAN-UP (See page 1)

#### MON., MAY 8 **8 AM**

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION with D2 COUNCILMEMBER CALLOWAY** (See next column)

#### TUES., **MAY 9** 6 PM

**D2 MEETING WITH DISTRICT MANAGER KIM TANDY** (See next column )

#### FRI., MAY 12 1-5 PM

**COVID VACCINATION AND TESTING** OAK GROVE AME CHURCH (See next column)

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 13**

**GREENACRES COMMUNITY-WIDE** GARAGE SALE (See page 1)

#### **SUN., MAY 14**

**MOTHERS DAY** 

#### MON.. MAY 15 5:30-6:30 PM

**D2 COMMUNITY MEETING WITH COUNCILMEMBER CALLOWAY** (See next column)

CITY OF DETROIT DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS

#### **District 2** Virtual Meetings

Residents of District 2 can join us on our virtual meetings on every second Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Each month, we'll feature a new topic. Upcoming D2 Meetings:

> July 11 May 9 June 13 Aug. 8 Sept. 12 Oct. 10 Nov. 14 Dec. 12

#### **NEW Zoom Meeting Link:**

https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/85890565831

**Conference Call Number:** 312-626-6799

**NEW Meeting ID:** 858 9056 5831

For more information, contact Kim Tandy, District Manager at tandyk@detroitmi.gov or 313-236-3494 or Sean Davis, Deputy Manager at davisse@detroitmi.gov or call District 2 Office at 313-224-4415

#### **Blight Task Force** Meetings

- ♦ First Thursday of each month, 10:30 am - noon
- ♦ Open to public
- ♦ Purpose:
- To gather information on blight in the District
- Report on process and completion
- Suggestions?
- Current Blight Con-







#### **MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023**

Every third Monday of the month at 5:30 - 6:30 PM Click the link to join:

https://citvofdetroit.zoom.us/i/87483275107

Or manually enter the Meeting ID: 874 8327 5107

Hosted by Oak Village C.A.R.E.S. Through the Wayne Mobile Health Unit Van

#### COVID-19 VACCINATION AND TESTING

Vaccines/Health Screening done by Wayne Health Mobile Unit

Friday, May 12, 2023 1 to 5 pm

Oak Grove AME Church parking lot 19801 Cherrylawn at Pembroke, Detroit 48221

No appointment needed - No cost





#### FORGOTTEN HARVEST/NEW PROSPECT **GROCERY DISTRIBUTION**



**New Prospect Baptist Church** Parking Lot A - 6330 Pembroke, Detroit, MI

Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 2 to 4 PM

We ask that you enter the lot, in a vehicle, from Santa Rosa Street.

The groceries will be placed in the trunk of your vehicle. We ask that you **DO NOT** exit your car at any time during the process!

\*\*\*FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT REV. CARNEL RICHARDSON AT 313.341.4204\*\*\*

#### **GWCA NEWS / MAY 2023**



# People @Palmer Park

## Recreation Programming These FREE programs are available to all!

Yoga: Saturdays, 9 -10 am, May 27 - Sept. 30 Kid's Yoga: Saturdays, 10 -11 am, June 3 - July 29 Tai Chi: Tuesdays, 7- 8 pm, May 16 - Sept. 5

Walking Club: Mondays & Thursdays, 6 - 7:30 pm, May 4 - July 24

Bike Rides @ PP: Thursdays, 6:30 pm, May 4 - Oct. 5

**Basketball Coaching & Mentorship**: Saturdays, 9 -11 am, June 3-July 29 **Splash Park** opens Memorial Day Weekend, 7 days/week, 10 am-8 pm **Other amenities available now**: Handball Courts, Disc Golf

Junior Tennis Academy Summer Program starts in June

Please go to our website - peopleforpalmerpark.org for more information.

#### Join the Palmer Park Unleashed Dog Park Committee



The Palmer Park Unleashed Dog Park Committee (PPU) is an ad-hoc committee of People for Palmer Park, and partner with the City of Detroit and the general canine-loving community. It was formed to help create a Dog Park in Palmer Park. We are supported by The Kresge Foundation and KIP:D+ partners, Michigan Community Resources and Co.act Detroit.

Dogs must be on a leash in Palmer Park at all times. The only place where dogs can run free and unleashed will be within the new Palmer Park Unleashed Dog Park, which is in the design phase now. We anticipate it to open at the end of summer 2023 or fall 2023.

We meet weekly on Zoom. Email us for the link: info@palmerparkunleashed.com



Palmer Park Farmers Market 2023
Every Wednesday, June 14 - October 4 4:30-7:30 pm
(southwest corner of 7 Mile & Woodward)

We are actively seeking Vendors for the 2023 season. Please go to our website - peopleforpalmerpark.org for more information and to fill out an application. Application deadline is May 31st.



A warm Greenacres welcome to:

## Vibe & Flow Yoga at BAM Studio

Did we miss anyone?
If so, please email us at
GWCANewsletter@gmail.com
and let us know. Thanks!

#### **MON., MAY 15**

DEADLINE FOR JUNETEENTH DETROIT STUDENT POETRY CONTEST

(See page 4)

WED., MAY 17 2 - 4 PM

FOOD DISTRIBUTION
NEW PROSPECT BAPTIST CHURCH
(See next column)

WED., MAY 17 7-8:15 PM

#### GWCA MONTHLY MEETING Hosted via Zoom by Maria Dickerson, President, GWCA

Free! To participate, email GWCAPresident5@gmail.com

or call 313-635-2878.

You will receive the ID number and instructions prior to the meeting.

#### **SUN., MAY 21**

KICKOFF FOR RIDE FOR EQUITY (See page 6)

**SAT. & SUN., JUNE 3 & 4** 

PALMER PARK ART FAIR SAT.: 10 AM - 7 PM SUN.: 11 AM - 5 PM

#### SUN., JUNE 11

PALMER PARK 5K RUN & WALK (See page 6)

#### THURS., JUNE 15

DEADLINE TO ENTER FUN RUN & WALK T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST (See page 7)

#### FRI.-SUN. JUNE 16-18

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION (See next column)

#### SAT., JUNE 17 10 AM - 2 PM

ROSEDALE RECYCLES FREE PAPER SHREDDING (see page 8)

#### Dear Deer part 2

By Anita Flies

Ron Flies took this picture in mid-January 2023. Was it just a one-time sighting? Read on!

Please be extra careful while driving through our neighborhood, especially at night. A number of deer have taken up residence in Greenacres-Woodward!



On one evening, in late March 2023, a large doe was spotted snacking on greenery in Briarcliff backyards. Her fawn rested in the back of Liz and Dick's yard while mama deer munched on Liz' newly sprouted flowers. Mama deer also took advantage of the bird bath to wash down the purloined greenery.

Later, mama and baby scampered across Briarcliff; and, no, they didn't look for oncoming vehicles!

One week later, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the deer were back snacking on greenery in Briarcliff backyards. They are not even waiting until dusk to show themselves.

FYI: In 2021, 50,000 deer/vehicle crashes were reported in Michigan (1,500,000 in the US). Annually, deer/vehicle incidents cause up to 200 deaths and 10,000 injuries in the U.S. Insurance companies reported that these crashes resulted in \$1 billion in damages.



# City Council Resolution: Vote to Help Detroit Libraries

By Karen Hammer

RESOLUTION TO HALT TAX CAPTURES FROM DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY (DPL)

"WHEREAS, the reallocation of Detroit Public Library taxes to reimburse private developers has been demonstrated to have caused immense harm to the Library's budget and ability to function; and

WHEREAS, the funds that the voters of Detroit approved in 2009 to provide for capital improvements via a bond have never been allocated to the Library, despite the City collecting the money from Detroit residents; and

WHEREAS, the FY 24 budget proposes an increase in annual tax captures from library funds of \$800,000, draining \$28 million additional dollars from the Library's budget over the next 35 years; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Detroit City Council hereby caps the total tax captures that can be taken from the Detroit Public Library at \$3.4 million in FY 24; and

FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Mayor Mike Duggan, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and all interested public media, civil society, educational and civil groups and individuals who are vested in supporting the Detroit Public Library system."

The resolution is a helpful step forward. If adopted and enforced, it can save the DPL tens of millions of dollars over the coming decades. It freezes the City's tax captures on the DPL at the current amount, so that there would be no new tax captures in Fiscal Year 2024. BUT City Council cannot repeal tax captures that the Downtown Development Authority (appointed by Mayor Duggan, who also is the CEO) has already committed DPL revenue to pay. [Example: District Detroit]

The new Senate Bill 243 (also listed as 0243) introduced by Senator Santana and supported by Senators Chang and Geiss, permanently bans new tax captures on the DPL- when the bill becomes law.

This resolution will now go before the Detroit City Council's *Budget, Finance and Audit Committee* for review. The committee, chaired by Council member Fred Durhal, includes Council members Coleman Young (at large) and Gabriela Santiago-Romero. Please let them know your views on this resolution. Once it passes this committee, it goes to the whole City Council for a vote. You can let them know your views, too.

Durhal:

councilmemberdurhal@detroitmi.gov -- 313-224-2151

Young:

coleman.young@detroitmi.gov -- 313- 224-4248

Santiago-Romero:

Councilmembergabriela@detroitmi.gov -- (313) 224-2450

All City Council members:

https://detroitmi.gov/government/city-council

#### Greenacres Woodward Community Radio (GWCRP) Patrol Celebrates Its 36th Year

By Sheila Ward Photos by Maria Dickerson

In March 2020, COVID-19 restrictions forced the cancellation of the GWCRP's 33rd Anniversary Celebration. The group pivoted quickly and held monthly meetings on Zoom, where everyone could participate. Even the annual holiday parties were conducted via Zoom

A full 3 years later, on March 27, 2023, the patrollers gathered at New Prospect Church for their first in-person meeting since the COVID shut-down. How fitting that it was a celebration of the group's longevity, and the members' commitment to keeping their community safe!

A delicious dinner was followed by the Induction of Officers and Rededication of members. The Honorable Coleman A. Young II, Detroit City Council Member-At-Large, was the guest speaker. He reminded the group that crime is decreased in neighborhoods that have active radio patrols, congratulated the membership for their longevity, and presented Spirit of Detroit Awards to the Patrol and to President Jim Ward.

Two dedicated patrollers, Karen Hammer and John Campbell, who had received the Radio Patrol's Honors of the Association, were further recognized with special plaques from the Office of the City Clerk.

The Patrol awarded Certificates of Appreciation to 3 more deserving individuals: Capt. Shanda Starks from the Detroit Police Department, for her support while she was assigned to the 12th Precinct; Yolanda Watson, the City of Detroit Administrator who handles budget and financial matters for all citi-

zens radio patrols in the City; and Madeline Drury, Outgoing Chair of the Patrol's Internal Communications Committee.

All members who had participated during 2022 received a cap embroidered with the patrol logo, shown here. The evening ended with drawings for door prizes donated by Meijer, Regeneration Clothing, the Liquor Palace, and several radio patrollers.



GREENACRES-WOODWARD COMMUNITY RADIO PATROL



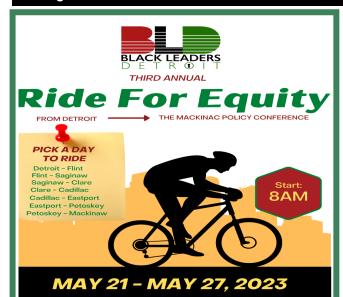
Detroit City Council Member At-Large Coleman A. Young II with Vice President Nicholas Lessnau (left) and President Jim Ward (right).



Karen Hammer (left) and John Campbell received the Honors of the Association from the GWCRP as well as special recognition from the Detroit City Clerk's Office.



(Left) Members of the GWCRP really enjoyed their first in-person meeting in three years! (Right) Yolanda Watson was delighted to receive a gift basket with her Certificate of Appreciation.



Ride For Equity: Black Leaders Detroit is an organization that's a funding source for Black-led businesses. Each May, we host the Ride For Equity; a seven-day, 377-mile charity bike ride from Detroit to the Mackinac Policy Conference. We undertake this journey to raise awareness of the need for equitable funding practices for Black entrepreneurs.

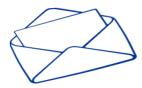
#### CEREMONIAL KICKOFF Sunday, May 21, 2023

- Special sunrise service with <u>Triumph Church</u> at UDM (<u>University of Detroit Mercy's</u>) historic Calihan Hall, 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221.
- Following service, we will pray for the riders, hear from BLD's CEO, enjoy snacks and fellowship, then
- Ride out from Detroit to Ferndale, with a pit stop at Ferndale Foods for one more farewell.
- Daily riders go to Flint and the kickoff riders return to UDM.

We are always seeking to partner with individuals that believe fairness is something we have to co-create. Will you ride for equity? Sign up to ride or volunteer at Ride for Equity 2023 - Campaign (bldrideforequity.org)



For more information or to register: https://www.welcomehomeyoga.com/palmer-park-5k



## **GWCA** Requests Status Report re: State Fairgrounds Land Sale

At its May meeting, the GWCA Board approved a motion to request information from the Detroit City Council, as

outlined in the letter below. To read the 14 resolutions visit detroitmi.gov, enter "Fairgrounds" in the search bar, and select "State Fairgrounds City Commitments."

On behalf of the Greenacres-Woodward Civic Association, I am writing to request a report on the status of Council commitments made 2 years ago in conjunction with the sale of the 142 acres of public land that was the site of the Michigan State Fairgrounds. The resolutions, 14 in all, were passed in response to residents' concerns expressed during numerous City-sponsored virtual meetings in the leadup to the sale of the Fairgrounds property.

The resolutions can be found here, or by searching "state fairgrounds development" on the city's website, and consist of promises such as:

- The City will explore utilizing eco-friendly resources and materials in order to keep in line with the Detroit Sustainability Agenda and further the goal of creating a carbon neutral local economy.
- The City will work with community organizations, non-profits and churches to establish community partnerships that speed up the development of the impacted communities, and educate residents on employment opportunities and job training, and
- Through community meetings, the Planning and Development Department will research and explore long term housing and future economic development projects to protect community interest and ensure long term community control, assistance, and involvement.

In addition, we are concerned that the diesel truck traffic that will be generated by the Amazon warehouse and now the adjacent spec warehouse will have adverse impacts on the health and well-being of Detroiters. Will the health assessment and air quality testing promised in the resolutions be geared to minimizing and mitigating this traffic's adverse health effects?

We believe these and the other commitments are of vital importance to Detroiters, to the communities on both sides of Woodward Ave adjacent to the Fairgrounds site, and particularly to the Greenacres Woodward neighborhood.

The Greenacres-Woodward Civic Association looks forward to your report. We hope you agree that a proactive approach will help harmonize the council's resolutions with the best interests of your constituents. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Maria Dickerson, President

\* or go to https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2020-10/StateFairgroundsCityCommitments 9-30.pdf.

#### **GWCA NEWS / MAY 2023**



#### GWCA T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Our Annual GWCA Fun Run and Walk will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023. Would you like to see your t-shirt design traveling up and down the streets of Greenacres? If so, we encourage you to enter this contest! Contest rules and entry form are shown below. Here are some past designs to inspire you; view more at www.greenacreswoodward.org. The winner will receive a free t-shirt.





















#### RULES - GWCA Fun Run & Walk T-Shirt Design Contest

- 1. The contest is open to all Greenacres residents (any age)
- 2. Each person may submit up to 3 designs.
- 3. Entries must be in black ink on white, unlined paper, 8 1/2 inches tall by 11 inches wide, on one side of the paper only. Design must include the words "Greenacres Woodward Fun Run and Walk 2023." (You may use "&" instead of "and".) No other writing may appear on the page. (The Committee will select the color of the shirt.)
- Design may include free clip art or your original artwork.
   Observe any copyright requirements.
- 5. Submit per instructions on the Entry Form.
- The winner will be notified by July 15, 2023 and receive a free t-shirt in the size of his/her choice. No financial prize will be given.

#### ENTRY FORM: GWCA FUN RUN & WALK T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

- 1. Place each entry in a separate envelope:
- 2. Include this form with each entry
- 3. Submit no later than June 15, 2023 by one of these methods:

  Mail to GWCA T-Shirt Contest, P.O. Box 21303, Detroit 48221

  Email to GWCANewsletter@gmail.com

  Drop off to 20048 Lichfield. Detroit 48221

Please print Name	Age if under 18
Address	
Telephone(s): Home:	Cell:
Email:	

#### The Public Health Crisis Hidden in Amazon Warehouses

Submitted by Frank Hammer, from an article originally published January 2021 More information is available at https://humanimpact.org/hipprojects/amazon (the source of these facts and graphics)

# AMAZON WORKERS ARE FACING A TRIPLE THREAT TO THEIR HEALTH, INCLUDING:

- Nearly double the national average rate of warehouse workplace injury
- Chronic stress from the workload and quota system
- Risk of contracting chronic and infectious diseases due to lack of restroom access and inadequate COVID-19 protections



"My dream job ended up being my nightmare, because I don't have my health anymore."

-Keith Maintenance Technician 4 years at LGB3, Eastvale, CA

## POLICYMAKERS NEED TO ENACT HEALTH & SAFETY STANDARDS

Amazon's warehouse policies harm health. Across the country there is a need to enact statewide health and safety standards to support the one million Amazon workers in the U.S. Policies needed include:

- An end to the guota system
- Ergonomic work conditions for all workers
- Greater COVID-19 precautions in the warehouse including unlimited time to use the restroom and handwashing stations and to sanitize workstations
- Opportunity to hydrate and take rest breaks based on worker need, not company priority

## AMAZON'S QUOTAS CAUSE INJURIES

Amazon quotas are too high for a safe and healthy pace of work.



Amazon 7.7 per 100 workers Workers share that Amazon's quota system forces them to push beyond what's safe for their bodies, which has led to injuries, chronic pain, disabilities and fatalities

Other warehouses 4 per 100 workers





#### ROSEDALE RECYCLES PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

Note: 4 box limit.

On-site shredding of sensitive documents: tax, legal, medical, etc. To reduce size of your shredding:

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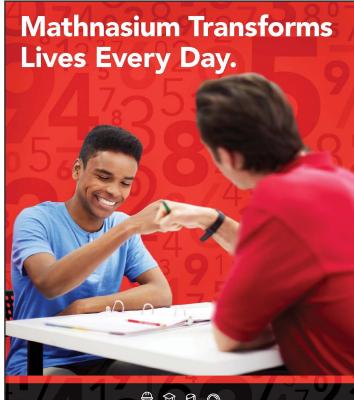
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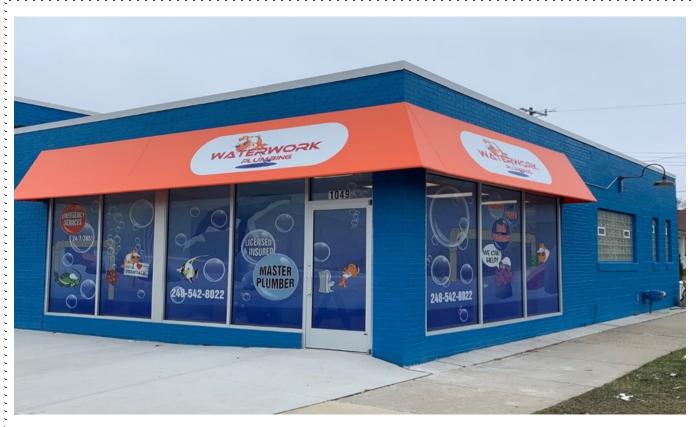
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Ad submissions and payments are due on the 15th of each month for the following month's issue.

Signed articles represent the research and opinions of the author, and not necessarily the GWCA.
Articles may be edited for length and/or content.

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#### **ANNUAL GWCA DUES**

\$25/calendar year (Jan. 1- Dec. 31)

Make check payable to "GWCA."

If so, would you like to receive a Welcome Packet?

**Drop off to** any house with a "Drop GWCA Dues Here" sign, **Mail to** GWCA Membership Committee, P.O. 21303, Det., MI 48221, or **Pay on "Pay Pal"** at http://www.greenacreswoodward.org.

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Yes

No





April 2023

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