We Will Get Through This

We know that things are tough and uncertain during this time. As the weather gets warmer many will be tempted to ease their vigilance about social distancing and other COVID-19 related precautions. Remember that the Governor’s Stay at Home order is extended until at least APRIL 30th. That means the people in your house can go out together, but remain six-feet away from anyone else. It’s hard to not touch, laugh, hug and visit with our friends and loved ones but all of our health and safety depends on it.

Mask or Not To Mask?

Guidance about how to protect ourselves when in public during the COVID-19 crisis has been contradictory at best. Right now, the CDC is recommending the use of face masks wherever social distancing is difficult - grocery stores, pharmacies, etc. There are a few things to know about face masks.
Bailey Park Neighborhood Development Corporation Has Masks Available

If you are in need of a face mask contact Bailey Park NDC via email info@baileyparkndc.org or call (313) 437-2020.

- They help you from spreading germs more than contracting them. Most carriers of COVID19 do not show symptoms but can still transmit the virus. Keeping your distance is still the best way to avoid infection, but keeping your germs to yourself also helps.
- Leave the medical grade N95 masks for the frontline workers.
- Yes, a properly made mask from items like t-shirts or bandanas are fine as long as they: fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face; are secured with ties or ear loops; include multiple layers of fabric allow for breathing without restriction; be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.
- Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

District 5 Virtual Meetings

Residents of District 5 can tune into virtual meetings every Friday at 5:30 pm.

April 24 @5:30 pm
Detroit at Work

May 1 @ 5:30 pm
Gardening Tips and Outdoor Activities with General

Teaming Up to Help You

Bailey Park Neighborhood Development Corporation recently partnered with Brilliant Detroit and through an extremely limited grant to bring some relief to 10 MDH residents with a limited cash assistance of $500. It was wonderful to be able to help these people when they needed it most and we will continue to work to bring real help as many residents as possible.

Dot’s Market Steps Up
Join Zoom Meeting Link:
https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4185731157
pwd=UDFsY1A1dWpFT1J3TMvdDlFM0NYQT09

Conference Call Number: 312-626-6799
Meeting ID#: 418-573-115

For more information, contact Melia Howard, District Manager @ Howardm@detroitmi.gov or 313-236-3528.

Bailey Park NDC Food Pantry Coming Soon

We are proud to announce that plans are moving forward very quickly to open the Bailey Park Food Pantry. We are working with the major food banks to become a new distribution source for those in need. We are also in need of volunteers to help with painting and getting things ready. If you are interested in volunteering please email info@baileyparkndc.org.

Dot's Market is a fruit and vegetable delivery business with aspirations to open a brick-and-mortar grocery store in the Villages. They deliver #DotsProduceBoxes right to your door on Fridays. The boxes contain a curated selection of fresh fruits and vegetables that varies weekly. Right now, Dot's is also donating produce to families in need as we are all facing COVID-19 together. If you are in need of produce and times are right for your family or if you know someone in need, Dot's will bring you a box of fresh fruit and vegetable staples, no donation required. Simply email dotsmarkets@gmail.com.

If you'd join Dot's family as a paying customer, you are welcome to purchase a box on their website or to donate to support others experiencing food insecurity, visit: https://www.dotsmarketsdetroit.com/s/order to donate to support others experiencing food insecurity, you can do so at the same link: https://www.dotsmarketsdetroit.com/s/order.
Passing the Time

Have you and your family watched all of the things, played all of the games, read all of the books? Here are a few different ideas to pass the time while you shelter in place.

Collect rocks on a walk and take them home to paint positive messages on them. On your next walk leave them for others to find.

Google Arts and Culture lets you explore great works of art and locations around the world. You can explore by artist, style or even color.

Baking isn't just for the holidays. Try making Friendship Bread. It takes 10 days to build a starter but then you divide it amongst your friends and they nurture their own starter and make their own creations as well as enjoying some of yours- all from an appropriate social distance of course.

If you need the kids to stop being couch potatoes, SWORKIT has a youth initiative that provides free kids workouts without a subscription. Choose the type (strength, flexibility, warm up, etc.) and the length of the workout and they do the rest. It's a fun way to keep moving when gym class is not an option.

Stimulus Payment Information

The federal government finally came together to pass an economic impact package to help during this uncertain time. The baseline payment is expected to be $1200 for adults, and people with dependents can qualify for $500 per dependent. If you filed your taxes for 2019, or 2018 and don't have any changes in address or bank information you are good. Look for a letter from the IRS about 15 days after your payment posts. If you didn't file taxes in 2018 or 2019 you may still get the payment but need to provide some information. You can visit the IRS non-filers portal for more information. You can check your payment status here.

Beware of scams surrounding this payment. The IRS will not call you, text you, email you, or contact you on social media asking for personal or bank account information - even related to the stimulus payments. Watch out for emails with attachments or links claiming to have special information about stimulus payments or refunds. Beware of scammers trying to get you to pay someone to prepare your application for this payment. If you do not have direct deposit you will get a check from the IRS, not gift cards or other non-standard payment type. Do not flaunt that you got your payment online. The stimulus payment will not be garnished for federal debt like student loans, but can get intercepted for other debts like child support. For more information visit https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus-tax-relief-and-economic-impact-payments.
Bailey Park NDC operates thanks to the support of organizations like Alternative Foundation, Wayne Metro, and the Eastside Community Network, If you would like to contribute to BPNDC you can do so here. Thank you.