LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a year it has been! Our world as we know it has changed. The COVID-19 pandemic tightened its grip around the country, shut down the economy, and exposed the social and racial injustices that have always been there and can no longer be ignored. Despite everything that has been going on in the world I have to ask myself what difference did Bailey Park NDC make in the McDougall-Hunt Community in 2020? Did we have a positive impact on the community? The answer is yes. As we moved forward with our park development, we were able to pivot and grow the services that we provide to the community, helping to improve the quality of life for residents.

We established the Bailey Park Resilience Hub located at 2617 Joseph Campau and partnered with Gleaners and Brilliant Detroit to expand our services. Residents can come to The Hub for PPE supplies, food or to have access to wi-fi and technology. Residents can sign their children up for virtual tutoring or get home repair services.

We started a landscaping service called the Bailey Park Grounds Crew (BPGC) and hired 6 residents to provide lawn care services to residents and businesses in McDougall-Hunt. The BPGC also did blight removal, cut and maintained vacant lots, cleared alleyways, and is now doing snow removal. If you need their services, please contact us for more information.

This year, we also started assisting residents with home repair, focusing on improving safety and preventing minor issues from becoming worse. Through a partnership with ECN and the MHNA we will continue to work together to help our most vulnerable residents with their home repair needs in 2021.

Thank you to our funders, advocates, partners, and neighbors for supporting us and allowing us to serve the community we love. Looking back, we made a big difference in the McDougall-Hunt community this year. Looking forward we hope to have an even greater impact in 2021.

From the Bailey Park NDC team we are wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stay safe,
Katrina Watkins
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Bailey Park NDC
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Quick Links

- Community Meeting
- A Courageous Voice Healing Group Pre-Registration
- Detroit Promise Scholarship Event
- ECN LEAP SAG Meeting
- Frontliners Program Infosession
- McDougall-Hunt Wildlife Survey
- 3rd Annual McDougall-Hunt Giving Tree Fundraiser
- Bailey Park NDC Sustaining Donations

Calendar of Events

- ECN LEAP SAG Year-End meeting
  - Tuesday, December 8th
  - 6pm - 7:30pm
- Frontliners Program Infosession
  - Thursday, December 10th
  - 7pm - 8pm
  - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85250709956
- December Community Meeting
  - Saturday, December 12th
  - 11am - 12:30 pm Dial-in
  - (727) 731-8932
  - Join the online meeting: https://www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/kwatkins25
- A Courageous Voice Healing Group
  - Saturday, December 27th
  - 12pm - 1:30pm
  - Online Group, pre-registration required
- Bailey Park Holiday Toy Drive
  - We are collecting new, unwrapped toys, books, and gifts now through December 20th
  - Donations can be arranged by contacting Katrina Watkins or contribute to the Giving Tree Fundraiser

A Courageous MDH Spotlight:
On Saturday, November 27th, BPNDC held our first wellness workshop in partnership with Amy Mullins of A Courageous Voice. This workshop was the first session of an ongoing group for adult survivors of childhood sexual trauma. Amy Mullins, the group facilitator, says "My hope for the group is to have safe space for growth and healing. This can come in the form of classes, having other experts come in and speak, sharing stories (really encourage this)"

Some of the upcoming topics are:

- Thoughts=Emotions=Behaviors =Experiences- How do we pull the old programs (old stories) out and rewire with new programs?
- Core Values- what are the top 5 values that matter the most.

"My plan to have lots of engagement that will help everyone grow and become comfortable having a community of people in a like minded space," Mullins says.

For now, due to COVID-19 restrictions we will be holding group sessions via Zoom. The group will meet on the 4th Saturday of the month beginning in January. December’s group will be held on the 19th due to the Christmas holiday. Pre-registration is required for this group. Due to the nature of the topic it is also restricted to adults 18+.

**Click here to register**

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Here in the McDougall-Hunt community we have so many talented people that serve in various ways. At BPNDC, we are taking a moment to spotlight the various members so we all can get to know them a little better.

In this month’s Spotlight, we had the pleasure to speak with Duane Ashford. Duane has lived in the community all of his life and he has been actively engaged for over 20 years. Duane serves as the President of the McDougall-Hunt Neighborhood Association. His primary role is to keep residents aware of the various resources available to them and the new developments that are happening. One of his biggest passions is making sure that the community stays authentic to its roots and to make sure the neighborhood is not forgotten. It is not a surprise that five years from now, he wants to see growth in the community. Like most of us, he would love to see new houses being built and existing ones renovated, as well as more businesses in the community.

When asked who was the most influential person in the community he could not pick just because everyone plays such an important part in the community. It was a pleasure to speak with Duane and get to more about him and where he would like to see the neighborhood.

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**Practical Tips for Winterizing Your Home**

- Caulk the windows
  - Another way to prevent heat from escaping is to re-caulk your window

**by Octavia Edwards**

Bailey Park NDC Project Assistant & AmeriCorp Vista
As the winter season grows closer and the temperatures are dropping, we want to provide our community with various options of cost-effective ways to make their homes “winter proof”.

Seal off your windows
This is one of the most effective ways to prevent cold air from entering your home. While there are multiple ways of doing this, the most popular is using window insulation film. This method could possibly prevent 70 percent of your heat from leaking through the windows, especially if you have older windows. Prices for Insulation kits range from $5-$20 and are available at major retailers like Lowes, and Ace Hardware, or on Amazon if you don’t want to venture out. Another option would be to get thermal curtains and keep them closed to prevent drafts.

Draft Guards
Another way heat escapes from our homes is through our doors as well. One way we can prevent this is by creating a Draft Guard. One free way of attempting this is by placing a towel underneath your door. For a more polished look, you can purchase these at Lowes or Amazon as well. Prices range from under $10 - $30. If you are interested in a DIY version, here is a link where you can find various methods.

DIY Draft Guards

Clean your gutters
Making sure that water can flow freely through your gutters now will help prevent icicles and ice dams from forming later. This can prevent water damage inside your home which can lead to a whole host of problems later. Use caution if you do it yourself or ask a neighbor to lend a hand.

Change Ceiling Fan Direction
Chances are you only use your ceiling fans in the summer and leave them switched off all winter. However, if you change the direction of the fan, you can actually help distribute warm air in the room. The counter-clockwise rotation creates a cool breeze, while clockwise rotation pushes warm air into the room.

Take your AC Window unit out
Although this task may seem like extra work, removing the AC window unit can prevent cold air from seeping through your window. If you can’t remove your unit, there are AC insulation kits available for both inside and outside. https://www.homedepot.com/p/Frost-King-20-in-x-28-in-Inside-Quilted-Fabric-Indoor-Air-Conditioner-Cover-AC11H/100004408

Replace Your filters
Dirty filters are like breathing through a clogged nose. Sure you can do it, but it’s really hard. Plus, dirty filters aren’t able to remove things like dust and other indoor pollutants or worse, can even spew them back out. Regularly changing the filters in your central air and heating system can significantly improve its efficiency and longevity, while easing the pressure on your wallet. A clean filter means the unit doesn’t have to work as hard to do its job.

WHAT’S COMING TO BPNDC IN 2021?

We have so many great things planned for 2021. At The Hub we will
continue to stock our pantry and PPE supplies for anyone that needs them. We also plan to regularly distribute survival bags to those in our community without permanent homes. Our Innovation Lab and student support services will be launching in 2021. As well as more community gatherings (that follow public health guidelines) so neighbors can connect or reconnect.

At Bailey Park we will be doing more work to improve access for all, and adding more features. We want to incorporate green infrastructure such as solar lights, rain gardens, and pollinator/native species naturalized plants into the neighborhood.

We will continue to work with partners, businesses, and the City to improve the lives of our neighbors and conditions of our community. We are committed to making sure you have a seat at the table and a voice in the discussions about future plans for McDougall-Hunt.

If there is an event or service that you would like to see us offer, please let us know. You can email info@baileyparkndc.org.

**Recurring Events**

McDougall-Hunt Community Meeting 2nd Saturday of the month.

A Courageous Voice Healing Group 4th Saturday of the month
We could not do the work we do without the support of these funders.

Thank You from Bailey Park Neighborhood Development Corporation.
REDUCE YOUR 2020 PROPERTY TAX BILL!

Help is available to complete your HPTAP property tax exemption application!
Remember, you must reapply every year.

Eastside Community Network leave a message at 313-331-3493

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*If you have experienced a hardship or have extensive debt, you may still be eligible.

PLEASE PREPARE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

Proof of Homeownership
☐ Recorded proof of ownership (deed, land contract, probate court order, divorce judgment, etc.)

Identification
☐ Current photo ID for ALL ADULTS in the home.
☐ Proof of residency for ALL MINORS in the home (minor listed on tax return, report card, shot record, FIA statement, etc.)

Proof of Income
☐ Proof of last year’s (2019) income for ALL ADULTS AND MINORS in the home (W2’s, pension, SSI/SSA/SSD, bridge card, FIA/DHS, child support/spousal support, etc.)
☐ Proof of current (2020) income for ALL ADULTS AND MINORS in the home (paystubs, unemployment decision, etc.)
☐ 2018 and 2019 Federal and State tax returns for ALL ADULTS REQUIRED TO FILE.

Proof of Debts and Expenses
☐ ONLY IF HOUSEHOLD INCOME FALLS ABOVE GUIDELINES: Utility bills, phone/cable/internet bills, medical bills, credit card debt, back property taxes, loans, car notes, car insurance, etc.

Proof of Assets
☐ ONLY IF HOUSEHOLD ASSETS OVER $12,000: Bank statements, 401k, insurance settlement, etc.
DETROIT PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

Are you currently in high school and looking to attend a four year or two year college institution? Save the date to receive information about the Detroit Promise scholarship opportunity!

DECEMBER 2, 2020 | 7PM
Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88063615824

CONTACT: Shay Dockery - Sdockery@ecn-Detroit.org
Virtual SAG
STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

2020 CELEBRATIONS & REFLECTIONS

Join us in reviewing LEAP’s Community impact during 2020!

Contact: Savana Brewer | sbrewer@ecn-detroit.org

Zoom Link: bit.ly/LEAP_SAG_celebrate2020
Frontliners Program Infosession

Are you 18-26 years old and have worked in any of the essential fields during the Pandemic? There are funds set aside to assist those in these fields with education. Come be a part of this VIRTUAL session and learn about the Future for Frontliners program from the State Michigan.

We can assist you in filling out the paperwork after this info session. Don’t miss the end of the year deadline if you qualify for this program.

Zoom Link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85250709956

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