Gratitude and Grace in McDougall-Hunt!

Letter From Our Executive Director, Katrina Watkins

Bailey Park's Fall Festival and Halloween at the Hub were wonderful events! At the fall festival it was a great meeting, past and present residents of Mcdougall-Hunt, At the Halloween event it was exciting, seeing so many children and families having a great time while being safe and social distancing. As we move forward into the holiday season we are thinking not only of our children, but our seniors and our homeless population that is part of the McDougall- Hunt community.

This Thanksgiving, we will be joining the Reverend McCarthy of SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference) at his annual Pre-Thanksgiving feeding the homeless event, which will take place on Wednesday, November the 26th between the hours of 11-2 pm on the corner of Mack and Mt. Elliott. Bailey Park will be distributing back packs to the homeless that will include, hygiene kits, mask, gloves, socks and a blanket. For Christmas, we are partnering with the Hunt Street Station, McDougall-Hunt Neighborhood Association, Donna Kassab and Rick Stanza to distribute toys to our most neediest families and to provide our senior citizens with a gift box. If you would like to volunteer, donate items or money to one or all of these events, please complete the form below. Any support that we receive will be greatly appreciated.

Happy Holidays!

Calendar of Events

Toy Drive
- Ongoing through 12/20
- 2617 Joseph Campau

Eastern Market Zoning Update/Master Plan Public Plan Meeting 2
- Wednesday, 11/11
- Online Zoom 5 pm - 7 pm
Once again the holidays are upon us. Even though so much this year was consumed with doubt and fear, we can't dismiss the good things that have happened. We at Bailey Park NDC are incredibly grateful for so much that happened this year and in many ways it pushed us to step out of our comfort zone in order to step up for our community. We would like to say thank you to all in the McDougall-Hunt community and beyond who have supported us and allowed us to serve the neighborhood we hold so dear.

Quick links

- Neighborhood Wildlife survey
- Back in the Day Senior Dinner: Recalling Black Bottom & Paradise Valley
- McDougall-Hunt Community Meeting, online code: Bailey22
- Detroit Waste Pick-up Schedule
- 2020 Detroit Citizens Budget Priorities Survey
- Eastern Market Zoning Update and Master Plan Public Meeting 2

Visit our website

Bailey Park Construction Update

We're excited to announce that further construction on Bailey...
Park will be taking place soon. We will be leveling the area to make it safer and more accessible for everyone. While construction is underway the playground and surrounding area will be off limits. Thank you!

**Holiday Toy Drive**

BPND is collecting new, unwrapped toys for all ages at the Hub from now until December 20. If 2020 has taught us anything, it’s that we need to spread light whenever we can. If you are able, please find it in your heart to spread some cheer to a child this year.

2020 has been especially hard on kids. Since last spring their worlds have been turned upside down with very little certainty in the world. We want to make sure that as many kids as possible have some light and happiness in this holiday season.

To arrange a drop off please contact Katrina Watkins at kwatkins@baileyparkndc.org or Amanda Paige at amanda@baileyparkndc.org

**Back in the Day Senior Dinner: Recalling Black Bottom & Paradise Valley**

If 2020 has taught us anything it’s that we should treasure the experiences and memories of our elders. We would like to collect the remaining stories from the heyday of the Black Bottom and Paradise Valley neighborhoods from those who were there. This dinner is open exclusively to seniors who lived in the Black Bottom or Paradise Valley or the McDougall-Hunt neighborhoods. **Pre-registration required.** Space limited to 35 guests. Covid-19 social distancing protocols and masks required.

**Fall Fest 2020 and Halloween at the Hub**

In October it was our pleasure to host a few firsts at the Hub. We were able to hold our inaugural Fall Fest to welcome the change of seasons and on Halloween we were able to hold a
fantastic Halloween at the Hub. These are just the first of many events we will have at the hub. As always, all are welcome to any events we have.

The Bailey Park NDC Hub is located at 2617 Joseph Campau. It is where we hold events, have our food pantry, and will have other services, and programs. We need your support as well as your patronage to develop the Hub. If you can, please donate at baileyparkndc.org/donations/bailey-park/
GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world.

GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past seven years, it has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. Join the movement and give - each Tuesday and every day - whether it’s some of your time, a donation, or the power of your voice in your local community.

It’s a simple idea: whether it’s making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to give.

This year Giving Tuesday Annual Event is Tuesday, December 1, 2020. Please support Bailey Park NDC as part of your end of year giving.

Free COVID 19 Testing

Despite some general pandemic weariness, it's important to note that COVID-19 is still with us and we all need to remain vigilant and compliant to social distancing, mask wearing, and other recommended public health measures. Testing is an important part of getting a handle on this virus because there are many asymptomatic or presymptomatic carriers.

Both the saliva and swab tests work by detecting genetic material from the coronavirus. Both tests are very specific, meaning that a positive test almost always means that the person is infected with the virus. However, both tests can be negative, even if a person is proven later to be infected (known as a false negative). This is especially true for people who carry the virus but have no symptoms.

If you need, or want to be tested you can register for a free appointment by phone by calling 1-888-535-6136 (and press 1) or online for testing at Historic King Solomon, 6100 14th St., Detroit, MI 48208 or Bethel Baptist Church East, 5717 Holcomb Ave, Detroit, MI 48213.

These are free sites. No ID, insurance or doctors note required. If using insurance, bring card with you. Masks will be provided onsite if
Until recently, most tests for COVID-19 required a clinician to insert a long swab into the nose and sometimes down to the throat. In mid-April, the FDA granted emergency approval for a saliva-based test. The saliva test is easier to perform — spitting into a cup versus submitting to a swab — and more comfortable. Because a person can independently spit into a cup, the saliva test does not require interaction with a healthcare worker. This cuts down on the need for masks, gowns, gloves, and other protective equipment, which has been in short supply.

**Alternatives to Rock Salt**

by Tara @ Biofriendlyplanet.com

Keeping sidewalks and roads free of accumulated ice and snow during the cold winter months is very important, not only for safety reasons, but for transportation purposes. In some communities, property owners have only a limited time to clear fallen snow from the sidewalks, walkways and driveways surrounding their homes or businesses. In many instances, being able to remove snow and ice quickly is a necessity.

Although salt may be the chosen method for many cities, towns, and individuals when it comes to melting snow and ice, it can be quite harmful to the environment. Salt and certain other ice-melting chemicals will often have an adverse effect on pets, local wildlife and the property you’ve worked so hard to maintain. These products are capable of causing corrosion to metal, rashes, irritation and dryness to paws and skin, as well as inflammation and stomach pain when mistakenly digested. Salt tends to accumulate in nearby run-offs and streams. Larger concentrations can be poisonous.

Finding more environmentally-friendly alternatives can help protect you, your family, your pets, and the environment. These are a few green ways we have found to melt or aid in the removal of snow and ice.

**Coffee Grounds**

After brewing your coffee, dry out and needed. Saliva based test available to all ages, taking 3-15 minutes. Nasopharyngeal (NP) test also available. Those who experience dry mouth/low saliva levels can take 10-15 minutes. Maintain good hydration pretest. 24 hours prior avoid caffeine, alcohol, sugary and spicy foods. 30 minutes prior to testing do not eat, drink, chew gum or use tobacco. You will be contacted with your results. The results line can be reached directly: email covid19help@honumg.com or toll-free (877) 878-7740.

**City of Detroit Snow & Ice Removal**

DPW maintains 673 miles of major roads and 1884 miles of residential streets in the city. Freeways are maintained by the Wayne County Road Commission. State trunklines such as Michigan, Woodward, and Gratiot are maintained by the State, while county roads such as Outer Drive, W. McNichols and W. 7 Mile are maintained by Wayne County. The City also has 50 miles of protected bike lanes on segments of Cass, Conner, Jefferson, Livernois, Michigan, Trumbull, and Warren,

DPW has 70 trucks in inventory; 50+ will be on the streets for each snow event. The City utilizes a three-level system for snow removal during the winter weather.

**Level 1**

*3 inches or less of snow and/or*
Save the grounds. During the winter, these grounds can be sprinkled around your driveways and along sidewalks to help melt the melt. Instead of using chemical compounds, the coffee grounds will begin to absorb the sunlight (even when the clouds are out) and you will soon see the ice and snow start to melt. Coffee grounds won’t harm your lawn or garden either.

**Sand, Wood Chips or Birdseed**
Taking sand, wood chips or birdseed and scattering it over the top of the snow or ice won’t necessarily melt it, but it will provide increased traction. None of these are particularly harmful to the environment and should be used sparingly.

**Pickle or Cheese Brine**
In the past, beet juice has been touted as a green snow-melting alternative. While this can be beneficial, we have found a few other methods too. A few years ago, *National Geographic* reported the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation was using a pickle brine and beet juice mixture to help prevent snow and ice from bonding with the pavement on city streets. New Jersey opted for straight up pickle brine, as opposed to traditional rock salt and Wisconsin decided to put cheese brine (normally a farm waste product) on the roads to make snow- and ice-removal easier.

**Alfalfa Meal**
Alfalfa meal is a natural fertilizer, which has made it popular in the past for helping clear icy roads and improve vehicle traction. It can cause algae bloom in local waterways following runoff, but it is less harmful and more effective than other methods like urea.

**Elbow Grease**
Shoveling with your own two hands after a storm is one of the most effective and environmentally-friendly methods of snow removal. Grabbing a shovel and getting to work can be good exercise and it gets the snow out of the way fast. Those who are unable to shovel their own snow, may want to consider asking for help from neighbors or paying someone to do it for them. This DIY ice melt recipe can certainly help:

**HOMEMADE DEICER**
This can be made with ingredients you might have kicking around your house right now. All you need is:
- a bucket
- half-gallon of hot water
- 1 cup of sand
- 1 cup of salt

Freezing rain
DPW crews remove snow only from major thoroughfare by salting streets. Bike Lanes will be salted.
All roads will be cleared for vehicular traffic within 24 hours of snow stopping; all bike lanes will be salted within 36 hours of snow stopping.

**Level 2**

3 to 6 inches of snow
DPW crews will remove snow only from major thoroughfares by plowing and/or salting roads.
Bike lanes will be plowed and salted as needed; snow from bike lanes will either be pushed to the curb, or hauled away, dependent upon volume of snowfall.
Highest priority roads will be cleared within 24 hours of snow stopping; all major roads and bike lanes will be cleared within 48-72 hours of snow ending.

**Level 3**

6 inches or more of snow
DPW crews will plow and salt on major thoroughfares.
Bike lanes will be cleared after vehicle travel lanes have all been removed of snow; accumulated snow in bike lanes will be pushed to the closest intersection and hauled away.

The following contractors will be deployed to plow residential streets.
- District 1 – Brilar Landscaping
- District 2 – Jordan Landscaping
- District 3 – Grace Management
- District 4 – Payne Landscaping
- District 5 – Fontenot
- District 6 – Pavex
- District 7 – Jordan

Residential streets will be plowed at least 16 feet wide, within ½ inch to the ground.

The City may declare a Snow Emergency, which can be used to restrict parking along previously identified major corridor.

For all snow events, business owners...
- six drops of dish soap
- ¼ cup of rubbing alcohol

Combine all of the ingredients in the bucket. Once you pour the **homemade ice melt** mixture onto your sidewalk or driveway, the snow and ice will begin to bubble up and melt. Just keep a shovel handy to scrape away any leftover pieces of ice.

Please keep in mind, ingesting or eating fallen snow or ice is not advised. Even though it may look appealing, a recent study featured in *Newsweek* revealed snow is full of toxins.

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**We Need Your Opinion**

Part of Bailey Park NDC’s mission is to make sure resident voices are front and center in any plan for the McDougall-Hunt neighborhood. As we are thinking about ways to best use the space in the neighborhood we have to consider our furry and feathered neighbors as well.

This brief survey is to see how you feel about the wildlife in the McDougall-Hunt. It should take less than 5 minutes to complete and means the world to us.

[Wildlife Survey](#)

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**From Our Partners**
The Mayor and City Council want to hear from YOU!
Share your input on the top priorities for the City’s Budget. What outcomes are most important to you? What strategies do you think should be the City’s top priority to achieve those outcomes to enhance public service? We want your feedback.

Click here to take the survey
or complete the survey by phone 313-774-5600. Call Centers are open Mondays & Wednesdays, 10 am -2 pm to complete survey by phone.
1. **BookNook** — By using tablets and e-books, this program focuses on improving students’ vocabulary, phonics, and reading comprehension. Lessons employ audio, video, and images to help students associate the words they are learning with what they already know.

   Children are paired one-on-one with a literacy mentor who guides them through lessons in the BookNook app. As a pair, the student and mentor work on activities to improve the students’ literacy skills.

   The program meets twice a week for 45 minutes. Enrollment is open, sign up your K-3 child now! Enrollment is open, sign up your K-3 child now! The program begins September 28th.

   Go to: https://forms.gle/tWIGs2VENy5yr8

2. **Springboard** — A Springboard Learning Accelerator (SLA) is a 10-week program designed to help you, your child, and a teacher build a team and improve your child’s reading skills.

   By enrolling in a SLA program, you and your child commit to doing the following: Program features at a glance:

   - Participate in a family workshop once a week for five weeks
   - Participate in classroom instruction once a week for all ten weeks
   - Read at home daily

   You will earn points for your participation and practice, and with enough points your child can win a prize!

   Go to: https://www.tfsforms.com/4849778

3. **LENA Start** — What is LENA Start? This is a unique program exclusively for parents of children that are up to 32 months old. It is a weekly 1-hour class with a group of up to 14 parents held for 10 weeks. Parents will learn together to learn how to improve their children’s early language. After each meeting, you’ll receive a free book and an Exchange LENA technology. With the LENA Device, a small, safe talk-meter, the child wears in a special vest, your baby will be able to complete one day long LENA recording weekly. This technology helps measure talk and gives you important feedback on counts of words and interactions that your child has with adults during the day. It is this feedback and classroom instruction that will help you learn and build your baby’s talk for the best headstart in life.

   Go to: https://forms.gle/ASoddULw1hn5YH9

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**GET YOUR KIDS READING THIS FALL!**

**Sign Your Child Up Today!**

**Fall reading is important!**