Welcome to Autumn in McDougall-Hunt!

The weather is starting to cool off but that doesn’t mean Bailey Park NDC is slowing down. We have a lot of projects and events happening. Please read below to see what we’ve got going on.

Calendar of Events

Conversations with Mary Sheffield: Proposal N Discussion
- Thursday, 10/15, 6 pm
  Online

Halloween at the Hub
- Saturday, 10/31 2 -5 pm
- 2617 Joseph Campau

Election Day
- Tuesday, 11/3

O Autumn, Autumn! O pensive light

Effie Lee Newsome - 1885-1978
and wistful sound!
Gold-haunted sky, green-haunted ground!

When, wan, the dead leaves flutter by
Deserted realms of butterfly!
When robins band themselves together

To seek the sound of sun-steeped weather;
And all of summer’s largesse goes
For lands of olive and the rose!

Effie Lee Newsome was a Harlem Renaissance poet known for writing children's and nature poems. During the Harlem Renaissance, Newsome wrote for *The Crisis*. In 1925, she was given her own section of the magazine known as *The Little Page*, Newsome's duty was to teach Black youth that to be Black was to be beautiful. She was also expected to teach their history as a people and how to turn the anger toward white America into love and compassion. Newsome's contribution to children's literature was aligned to some degree with that of W.E.B Du Bois, her editor in the early days of the NAACP.

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**Halloween at the Hub**

COVID-19 won't spoil Halloween for us! BPNDC is hosting our first Halloween at the Hub. There will be games, costume contests, food, prizes and most important... TRICK OR TREATS!

All outdoors, socially distanced, masked, and sensitive to food preferences and allergens. **Pre-registration encouraged.**

For more info please contact Katrina Watkins at kwatkins@baileyparkndc.org or Amanda Paige at amanda@baileyparkndc.org

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**Polls open 7 am - 8 pm**

**McDougall-Hunt Community Meeting**
- Saturday, 11/14 11 am
- **Online** password: Bailey22
- phone in (727) 731-8932

**Quick links**

- [Neighborhood Wildlife survey](#)
- [Halloween at the Hub Pre-registration](#)
- [McDougall-Hunt Community Meeting](#), online code: Bailey22
- [City of Detroit Department of Elections](#)
- [Michigan Voter Information Center](#)
- [Detroit Waste Pick-up Schedule](#)
- [2020 Detroit Citizens Budget Priorities Survey](#)
- [Proposal N Discussion](#)
As we move into the cooler days of autumn and the weatherman starts to mention frosts and freezes, there is still a lot to think about regarding how we use our water resources. Here are some tips to make your home winter water smart.

**Pipes**

- Make sure your exposed outdoor pipes and hose bibs are securely covered with pipe insulation. This will ensure that they won’t freeze or develop any leaks. It will also prevent the pipes from bursting. You can hire a professional to inspect your plumbing system and wrap your exposed pipes with insulation.

- Check for leaks after any thaws. A change in temperature can cause pipes to expand and contract, which may lead to more leaks.
  - If a pipe bursts, turn off the water as soon as possible. Make sure you know exactly where your **main water shut-off valve is located** so that when an emergency strikes you can quickly save hundreds of gallons of water.

- Let your faucets drip overnight or when you are not home if the temperature is expected to be well below freezing. This might seem like a waste of water, but it will actually help prevent your pipes from freezing and bursting. A pipe burst will waste much more water.
  - Collect dripping water in a bucket to flush your toilets or water your plants. You can catch water from the dripping faucets mentioned above.

**Plants and landscape**

- Drain your rain barrel. Water expands as it freezes and can crack the best barrel. If you can turn it upside down to drain it completely then store it out of the elements. If that’s not possible, open all the spigots, cover the intake and put it under a tarp.

- As the temps drop so do our plants need for water. Fall plants and flowers are made to withstand drier conditions. Overwatering can cause fungus, mold and rot in your plants. Remove your hoses and drain them well before storing them for the winter. If you have an automatic sprinkler it's time to switch it off and make sure to check for leaks.

- **ADD MULCH**- Many of the plants in your landscape naturally go dormant during the winter months and use this time to rest and build up energy for the spring growing season. Now is a great time to reapply mulch 3-4 inches deep around trees, shrubs, and other
landscaping plants, including for those in pots or containers. Mulch will insulate the plants during the colder temperatures and reduce water evaporation now and during the hotter summer months. Remember to keep mulch a few inches away from the trunk of trees or the main stem of plants as it can cause disease problems.

- If you have a mulching mower- show those leaves who's boss and let them be natural mulch for your landscape. It saves your back and gives vital nutrients back to the soil. The optimum time to shred fallen leaves is when you can still see some grass poking up through them. Depending on the number and size of trees on your property — or your neighbor’s — you may need to mow your yard more than once a week. Or better yet, contact Bailey Park Landscaping service and help support BPNDC while maintaining a beautiful yard.

**If you choose to rake your leaves instead of mulch make sure you bag them properly.**

- Only use paper, biodegradable lawn/yard bags or your own 32-gallon reusable plastic or metal container, which must be marked Yard Waste Only. The weight restriction on a 32-gallon container is 60 pounds. NO PLASTIC BAGS will be collected.
- Do not place yard waste in your refuse container.
- Twigs or branches less than 4 feet in length or 2 inches in diameter may be placed in yard waste bags.
- Brush in excess of 2 inches in diameter should be tied and placed at the curb. Bundles should not be more than 4 feet in length, weigh more than 60 lbs, or be more than 18 inches in diameter. Leaves should be placed in biodegradable yard bags.

Find out when your recycling, trash, bulk & yard waste gets picked up:

Type your street address where it says and choose the correct address from the list of results. Now choose "My Schedule" or enter your phone number to get text message reminders the evening before each pickup.

**Option 1 - Find your Waste Pickup Schedule using our online tool!**

**Option 2 - Text your street address to sign up for weekly trash & recycling reminders (313) 800-7905**

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**Election 2020**

This year, more than ever it's important to exercise your right to vote. There is so much at stake this year regardless of where you land on the political spectrum. Here are a few things to note as you contemplate your vote.

**Are you registered? Do you know**

You don't need your voter registration card in order to vote. As long as you are in the correct polling location, your name should be on the list to vote.
your polling place? If you don’t know 100% you can check here.

You don’t need a reason to get a mail-in/absentee ballot. **Before October 19 you can request an absentee ballot online here.** After October 19, to avoid possible postal delays, the State recommends going in person to the local city clerk office or official satellite location. **The closest one for the McDougall-Hunt area is Coleman A. Young Community Center 2751 Robert Bradby Dr, which is a Drop box/in person site.**

More information can be found [here](#). You’ll be able to fill out and submit your ballot while there. Online and mail requests for an absent voter ballot must be received by your township or city clerk no later than 5 p.m. the Friday before the election. If you’re already registered at your current address, you can request an absent voter ballot in person at your clerk’s office anytime up to 4 p.m. on the day prior to the election.

**What about an ID?** You will be asked to show ID when you check in to vote. If you don’t have one, you can still vote. The poll worker will ask you to sign a form before you vote that explains you didn’t have an ID. Your ballot will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.

**ID types you can use to check in are:**
- Michigan driver’s license or state ID
- Driver’s license or personal identification card issued by another state
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification
- U.S. passport
- Military ID with photo
- Student identification with photo from a high school or accredited institution of higher learning
- Tribal identification card with photo

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**Can I wear election related clothing or accessories to the polls?**

Michigan has prohibited the practice of displaying election-related materials at the polls for decades. This includes clothing and buttons as well as materials such as pamphlets, fliers and stickers. You cannot display such items in the polling place or within 100 feet of an entrance to a polling place. If you go to the polls with a shirt or button bearing election-related images or slogans, you will be asked to cover or remove it.

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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

From Our Partners

Detroit Land Bank Authority
Pathways to Homeownership

Looking to purchase a Land Bank property but not sure how to do it? Attend our Pathways to Homeownership to learn the process!

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All meetings held via Zoom
Meeting ID: 823 0832 6175
Passcode: 297037

October 13, 5 - 6:30 pm
Detroit Land Bank Authority

October 20, 5 - 6:30 pm
Chemical Bank & Financial Empowerment Presentation

2020 Citizens Budget Priority Survey

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
Proposal N: Both Sides of the Spectrum Town Hall

Join Council President Pro Tem Sheffield along with
- Mayor's office
- Deputy Auditor General
- Community Members
in discussing all sides of Proposal N

When: Thursday, October 16
Time: 6 pm
Via Zoom
Meeting ID: 979 8806 9636
Passcode: 594257

cityofdetroit.zoom.us
FALL LITERACY
JOIN US FOR THESE TERRIFIC PROGRAMS FOR KIDS!

1. **BookNook** — By using tablets and ebooks, 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/hlWQ2vEnKv6yf18

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:

- 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/48i9778

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 exchange LENA technology. With the LENA device, a small, safe, talk-o-meter that 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/As0sa5Uwhq5Yh9

Brilliant Detroit is reminding everyone to get the word out: GET YOUR KIDS READING THIS FALL!

Sign Your Child Up Today!

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