Letter From Executive Director

Happy February,

During this Black History month, I would like to mention notable African Americans who lived in the McDougall-Hunt Neighborhood. Joe Louis lived on McDougall street. Joe Louis reigned as the world heavyweight champion from 1937 to 1949 and is considered being one of the greatest heavyweight boxers of all time.

Maurice Kilgore, lived on Hendricks St. He was one of the first African American professional bowlers to compete in a nationally televised tournament. He was a member of the first team of African American bowlers to play an American Bowling Congress tournament. Maurice Kilgore is credited with breaking the color barrier in bowling.

There is a lot of history on the Eastside of Detroit. It’s important to learn about and listen to historical stories. History not only teaches us about the past, but it also prepares us for the future. The Historical AlleyWay Project located at Bailey park will highlight the history of McDougall-Hunt, Paradise Valley, Black Bottom and other Eastside neighborhoods.

As I think about the past as it relates to the future, I think about environmental justice and developing a more equitable neighborhood through projects that provide learning opportunities, improve access to critical services and amenities such as healthy affordable food, medical services, WI-FI, home

Calendar of Events

McDougall-Hunt Community Meeting
Saturday, February 13, 11 am
Dial in: (727) 731-8932 or join online
https://join.freeconferencecall.com/kwatkins25
For additional assistance connecting to the meeting text “Call Me” to the Dial-In number above and you will be called into the conference. Message and data rates may apply.

Virtual Learning Support Group
Saturday, 02/20, 2 pm

A Courageous Voice Healing Group
Saturday, 01/23, 12 pm
Pre-registration required

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repair, improved public transportation, safer, cleaner streets and access to affordable housing. At our Community Resilience Hub we have computer access and WI-FI, minor home repair resources and will be offering educational and employment resources in the near future.

To develop a more equitable neighborhood, it is important to have residents at the forefront of the decision-making process. And we are doing this right now. We have several workgroups that residents can participate in.

- Open space - Focus on new uses for vacant land at a range of scales, from side lots to large areas of land management, as well as a parks strategy and site specific projects that promote resilience.
- Mobility - Mobility and transportation recommendations include a range of transportation types, focusing on safer and more welcoming streetscapes throughout the neighborhood, and ideas that support neighborhood identity.
- Residential - focus on support for existing residents and ensuring long-term affordability, while looking toward rehab opportunities.
- Commercial - Commercial recommendations focus on opportunities on periphery corridors to build equity for local property owners, prioritize adaptive reuse and mixed use development, and support existing businesses

If you would like to participate in any of these committees, please contact me at 313.437.2020

Stay well & Stay Safe
Katrina Keeby-Watkins

Black History Arts & Essay Contest

To honor Black History Month and introduce our new quarterly feature, All Things McDougall-Hunt, we are holding an all-ages, all-media contest on the theme of racial equity.

We are accepting digital submissions of any artform, including 3D forms. Winners will be published in All Things McDougall-Hunt, and on our website. Additional prizes, performance, and/or display opportunities may become available. Artists retain all rights to their work. Submissions should include Name, contact information, the title of the work, age of creator (parent's contact information if a minor). Entries can be sent to amanda@baileyparkndc.org. The submission deadline is Sunday, February 28, 2021 11:59 pm

A few thoughts to get your creative juices flowing.

- If you had unlimited resources how would you address racial equity
- What role can/do artists play in dealing with race
- How would you dismantle racism?
- Represent Black joy

You can use any or none of these for your submission.
Community Spotlight: Sandra Williams
by Octavia Edwards, AmeriCorps VISTA Project Assistant

It’s another Community Member Spotlight. This month I had the opportunity to speak with Ms. Sandra Williams. Sandra was born and raised right here in the McDougall-Hunt. A proud product of the Detroit Public School system, she graduated from M.L. King High School class of ’74. Her strong ties to this community meant that her children attended some of the same schools she did. When her children were young she was the custodian and volunteer at Bunche, in the kitchen, lunchroom or wherever else she was needed. When Bunche closed she returned to the hallways at King, bringing that same “get it done” work ethic. She fondly remembers being the last crew in the “old” school, before it was remodeled. Through these years, she moved out of McDougall-Hunt a few times, but was always drawn back home.

Having been in the community for so long she can see all the changes that occurred over the years. We spent a long time reminiscing about walking down McDougall towards King and how the trees that lined the streets were so full and lush they were almost like a tunnel. “It was so beautiful”, and this is a big part of what she wants to see return to the area. When I asked what her interests were, I barely got the question out before she lit up to talk about her love of gardening and using that to bring curb appeal and vitality back to McDougall-Hunt. In fact, she is working on a garden project to edge Bailey Park. A floral landscape with paths, at least one pond and flowers everywhere lit by solar lighting. Part of this project will come to fruition as part of her participation in the LEAP Fellows program through the Eastside Community Network. Sandra defines a community leader as “a person who follows through with their promises and takes action to accomplish their goals... They put in the work, but also know how to delegate to others.” I asked if she sees herself as a leader. She said, “in my own way. I like to get stuff done and I know how to do it.” This work ethic is what drew her to working with BPNDC in the first place. “Katrina says she's going to do something and she does. She listens, and values the residents in ways others haven't.” The first project she participated in was the Kaboom! playground installation. It was a perfect match, she fit right in and established her domain in the kitchen, providing food for the volunteers. Since then she hasn’t looked back. In thinking about the future of McDougall-Hunt, Sandra wants to see many people come back to the community and see it thrive once again. She wants beautiful gardens and open spaces to abound. “If you have a tomato or a flower you want in the ground, call me up and tell me where it’s going. I love and support all the work we’re doing, but I'm most excited to bring back the beauty.”

Introducing the Gift Closet
Sometimes special occasions come at inconvenient times. Last minute invitations, or money and occasions don't align. Bailey Park NDC is starting a gift closet at the Hub that will be available to anyone who needs it. The closet will be stocked with small gifts for all ages and occasions.

Did you get a gift that you will never use that is unopened? Donate it to the gift closet. Did your kids get toys they will never play with? Donate them to the gift closet. Do you have unexpired gift cards to places you'll never go? Donate them to the gift closet! To donate items for the gift closet please email amanda@baileyparkndc.org.

There will be no cost to use the gift closet. If you can pay, donations are always accepted. Information on how to access this resource is forthcoming.

“You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right.” - Rosa Parks
Virtual Learning Survival Group:  
February Topic: shifting goal posts, academic pressures, falling behind

Just when you've gotten into a groove with what you're doing for school this year, here comes another change. Stay virtual, go back to in person? Is my kid making progress or falling behind? My kid used to love/hate school now they hate/love it. It's enough to drive us mad. Come blow off some steam and find ways to keep your student engaged and learning despite the mess schools are in.

The VLSG meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 2 pm via Zoom. Pre-registration is recommended here: http://bit.ly/RegVLSG  
You can connect directly to the meeting at bit.ly/VLSG.

A Courageous Voice Healing Group February Session

A Courageous Voice Healing Group continues to meet on the 4th Saturday of the month. This group is specifically for adult survivors of childhood sexual trauma and abuse, but the principles and techniques we are working on can be applied to healing from any trauma. We welcome people of all genders.

Pre-registration for the healing group is required. Please visit https://bit.ly/ACVHeal to register. Zoom link will be provided by email prior to the session.

New Programs are Coming

We are working behind the scenes to begin to offer new programs through the Hub. We are will be offering academic support in math and reading, extracurricular activities like game design and coding, telehealth appointment assistance, book clubs, and more. Programs will be virtual, live, on-demand, hybrid, and in-person. We want to make sure we are as accessible as possible. You don't have to live in McDougall-Hunt to participate in programs either. We are open to all! Stay tuned to our newsletter and website for updates.

If you have ideas about programs you'd like to see (or run) email our Director of Programs, Amanda (amanda@baileyparkndc.org) with your ideas.

In-person services like PPE pick-up and food pantry access are available by appointment. Please email info@baileyparkndc.org to schedule an appointment.
Traffic Calming in McDougall-Hunt

Traffic calming uses physical design and other measures to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists. It has become a tool to combat speeding and other unsafe behaviors of drivers in the neighborhoods. It aims to encourage safer, more responsible driving and potentially reduce traffic flow. In Detroit, one option is to request speed humps. NOTE: Speed humps installation is only considered when requested by residents.

What is a speed hump?

Speed humps are rounded raised areas of asphalt or prefabricated rubber constructed across the roadway width.

Why install speed humps?

Speed humps are designed to reduce vehicular speed on residential local streets that have a single travel lane in each direction.

What are the advantages of speed humps?

- Speed humps are an effective tool in reducing speeds.
- Most drivers will slow down to avoid jarring their vehicle or choose another route.
- Installation does not require the removal of parking spaces.

City of Detroit Speedhump Application Form

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 wildlife in the McDougall-Hunt. It should take less than 5 minutes to complete and means the world to us.

Wildlife Survey
Keep Growing Detroit Garden Resource Program

Picture a city with places to grow food in every neighborhood, making fresh and healthy food accessible to families, and helping residents become a driving force of community and economic development. The Garden Resource Program (GRP), coordinated by Keep Growing Detroit (KGD), helps bring this picture to life every day by providing gardening resources, educational opportunities, and technical support to help growers establish and maintain sites. Most important of all, gardens of all shapes and sizes are connected through the GRP to a growing network of gardeners, farmers, food entrepreneurs and advocates working to promote a healthy environment and thriving local food system.

If you're interested in starting or expanding a garden in 2021, visit keepgrowingdetroit.org for more information about the Garden Resource Program and other ways Keep Growing Detroit can help.

KGP Garden Resource Program Application

PROJECT CLEAN SLATE

New expungement legislation will take effect in Spring 2021 and will double the number of Detroiter eligible for the program. If you have previously applied and were told you did not qualify for expungement, the Project Clean Slate team will contact you about the next steps. If you have not applied, you can sign up using the link here.

About Project Clean Slate

Project Clean Slate is an initiative of Detroit at Work and the Law Department to help residents get their criminal records expunged to gain access to better job, housing, and educational opportunities. Project Clean Slate is free to all eligible Detroit residents.

When you request an expungement screening Project Clean Slate pairs you with an attorney who reviews your criminal record, determines if you are eligible for expungement and if you are, starts the application process. Project Clean Slate is only available to current City of Detroit residents.
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Ages 3-12

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$20 PER PLAYER
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REGISTRATION OPEN NOW
Registration deadline: April 5

SEASON DATES
April 24 - June 12
2021

Practices will be held at Recreation Centers. Games played at Adams Butzel, Chandler Park Romanowski

Sign Up: detroitmi.gov/soccer
313-224-1100
COVID-19 Mobile Testing

St. Paul A.M.E. Church is offering FREE:
- COVID-19 testing (anterior swab)
- Blood Pressure Screening
- Linkage to Community Resources
- No ID or insurance required
- Test asymptomatic
- No prescription needed

Please text "WH Cares" to 4-8355 to complete a pre-intake form. If you do not have a cell phone, a test member will be available onsite at the event to help.

When:
Thursday, February 11th, 10:00am-2:00pm

Where:
St. Paul A.M.E. Church
2260 Hunt St.
Detroit, MI 48207

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"If Not Me, Then Who; If Not Now, Then When"

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Are there things you'd like to see in the newsletter or programs you'd like to see offered by Bailey Park NDC? Email our Director of Programs amanda@baileyparkndc.org with your comments and suggestions. Submission deadline is the last Wednesday of the month prior to publication.