Welcome to 2021

Letter From Executive Director, Katrina Watkins

Happy New Year! 2021 is finally here and we can put the woes of 2020 behind us, and build on the successes we did have. Bailey Park NDC has a lot of great things planned for 2021 at the Hub, at the Park and in the neighborhood. Soon the park grounds will be leveled and the mounds of fun installed which will increase accessibility and play possibilities at the park. Although it’s still cold outside, we are still busy doing programs. We’ve recently started a virtual learning support group to help those helping students this year. It will meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month via Zoom. We have also started a healing group for survivors of childhood sexual trauma. They meet on the 4th Saturday of the month via Zoom as well. We will begin offering other programs, so stay tuned to this newsletter and the website for more information. Even though we are in a new year, and vaccines are rolling out, COVID-19 is still with us. Please remember to keep wearing your mask and practicing social distancing. BPNDC will happily provide PPE supplies if you need them. We also have a food pantry available. Simply reach out to us and we can make time for you to come get stocked up.

--Katrina

Calendar of Events

McDougall-Hunt Community Meeting
- No meeting for January
- Next meeting February 13, 11 am

Black Minds Matter Drive-thru Backpack Giveaway
- Sunday, January 10, 11 am - 4 pm
- First Unitarian Universalist Church
  4605 Cass Ave, Detroit in the back parking lot

Virtual Learning Support Group Topic: Special Education Issues
- Saturday, 01/16

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

Quick links

Neighborhood Wildlife survey
Detroit Waste Pick-up Schedule
MLK Day Community Art Contest
A Courageous Voice Preregistration
Virtual Learning Support Group
New Year, New Logo, New Website

2021 will be an exciting year for us. We are planning new programs and events as well as continuing to expand on Bailey Park. To welcome in the next phase of Bailey Park Neighborhood Development Corporation we’ve got a new look to reflect both the growth of our organization and to represent the community we are here to serve.

We are also in the process of updating and adding new features to our website. The new site will better reflect our current projects and events, allow community members to better access resources, and to showcase our community and work the way it deserves. Please check back often to get updated on the latest happenings at the BPNDC and in the neighborhood.

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!

AmeriCorps MLK Day Community Art Project

In conjunction with the MLK Day of Service, the Bailey Park Neighborhood Development Corporation is collaborating with Communities First, Inc. to promote the MLK Community Art Project. The initiative will educate community members about Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy with a focus on social justice, equity, and local engagement. Participants will be able to reflect on what they’ve learned with series of artist prompts, which will also guide their individual creative submissions. In the spirit of collective impact, these submissions will be used to create a one-of-a-kind art piece. All mediums and styles are welcome, and community members across skill levels and ages are encouraged to submit their works. To access the educational materials, artist prompts and submission instructions, visit www.communitiesfirstinc.org or receive them directly be signing up here.

For questions, please connect with Kathryn Linehan at klinehan@communitiesfirstinc.org to learn more. Submissions will be accepted from January 13 – January 20.
Community Member Spotlight: Anitra Watkins
By: Octavia Edwards, Project Assistant, and AmeriCorps Vista

In this month’s community member spotlight, we are featuring Antira Watkins. Antira is BPNDNC’s Community Engagement Specialist and works with the McDougall-Hunt Neighborhood Association on the home repair program, specifically working with the elders in the community to connect them with various resources and act as a voice for them especially during these trying times. “There are those in the community who don’t have family or support to help with the simplest of tasks. We have to stick together.”

As a native east side Detroiter, she loves to help others. Her grandmother moved here during the Great Migration during the 1940s and first settled in the Black Bottom neighborhood, before moving to McDougall-Hunt where they have established deep roots in the community. Her fondest memories are of being a teenager in MDH and the get-togethers and parties and the sense of togetherness. As an adult, she recalls the same feeling, when Bailey Park Project and MDHNA put up Christmas trees in the area where Bailey Park would eventually go and everyone coming together to decorate them. It's the easy sense of togetherness that characterizes the best parts of McDougall-Hunt.

Her biggest passion is helping others saying, if she had the means, she would turn all of the abandoned houses into places for the homeless. Her vision for the community five years from now is Bailey Park, being on a national level as an example of what it's like to revitalize a community in an equitable way. Our work is helping others evolve their community as well. Anitra is currently working on the Virtual Learning Support Group, youth and senior programs, and many other projects for BPNDC.

Minor Home Repair Update: Project Safe Home

Thank you to all who applied for the home repair program and for your patience while we get the work done. Due to the staggering need in both number of applicants and scope of work we needed to restructure the way we processed the applications to make the best use of funds and have the biggest impact possible in the neighborhood. The first thing we did was identify which repairs that can be covered by existing programs run by outside organizations, such as DTE.

In partnership with ECN, we helped residents that qualified apply for those programs. Of course, the virus and the holidays have slowed things down but we will be following up and seeing those repairs through soon. The remaining repairs that could not be covered by other programs are being processed in order of need. If you are a current applicant and have estimates from contractors for the work please send them to Duane Ashford.

We are also fundraising to make Project: Safe Home an ongoing program. If you would like to donate or offer in-kind contractor services please contact Duane Ashford or Katrina Watkins with the subject Project: Safe Home support.
Virtual Learning Support Group:
January Topic: 504's, IEP's, and School Year 20/21

Navigating this school year is difficult enough for families with neurotypical learners. When you add learning challenges to the mix it's a whole new ballgame. Whether you are an IEP veteran or are just suspecting an issue this session of the VLSG will have some sound advice on how to navigate the often confusing world of special education plans, and how to make sure your student is getting the services they need to succeed.

The VLSG meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 2 pm via Zoom. You can connect directly to the meeting at bit.ly/VLSG.

A Courageous Voice Healing Group January 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. This month we are welcoming special guest, Rob Scott. Mr. Scott is a Master Level Coach and Founder of Fundamental Shift, LLC.

Areas of Expertise:
- Personal Development
- Coach on a mission to evolve consciousness
- Creator of Identity Shifting, Hacking Happy, & Recode Your Mind
- Inventor of The Back to Breath 7-Day Meditation Challenge
- Host of the Fundamental Shift Podcast and The Rob Scott Show
- Best known for “shifting identities” & creating profound transformation

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

Initially, the CHC team will focus on 160 pre-identified customers of the water department it knows to have struggled paying their bills, as well as households served by the Housing & Revitalization Department (HRD) and visit those families.

“The goal of the CHC is to identify and reach out to these individuals and families ourselves, so they don’t need to find us,” said Deputy Mayor Conrad Mallett, who has led the development of the CHC.

Community Health Corps. will use licensed social workers, social work generalists, nurses, and community health workers to make up the team of case managers and peer counselors. Counselors and case managers will work with individuals and families, to apply for resources and identify support services wherever needs may be identified. Team members will be trained to provide trauma-informed care, mental health first-aid, and hold a certified health worker certificate in addition to undergoing cultural sensitivity training prior to engaging with residents as part of the program.

Residents working with CHC will be assigned a case manager who will serve as an advocate for their clients and help them navigate applications to enroll in various support programs and speak with them regularly to meet client’s definition of success. Peer counselors will help the case managers stay in touch with the client and support the client/case manager effort as residents apply for and receive wrap around services offered by social service providers. Through partnerships with nonprofits and human services organizations, CHC will also work to address barriers that prevent residents from accessing resources that would prepare them for employment and economic mobility.

Training & Employment Opportunities
The Community Health Corps will function as a partner entity within the Detroit at Work program, with staff reporting to executive director Sheilah Clay (retired president and CEO of Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO) who joined Detroit at Work in Aug. 2019), all under the council of an advisory board.

The CHC will help connect Detroiters to these and other services:

- Basic Necessities
- Employment
- Education
- Help with Your Home
- Health Programs

Please call, 313-242-1242 to receive more information from the Community Health Corp.

Detroit at Work
detroitatwork.com

Find a job and more. Join the Detroit at Work online community. There are programs to help with resume building, interview skills, High School/GED completion, starting your own business and more. Click the link above or call 313-962-WORK (9675).
Career Center Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
3rd Annual Giving Tree
Adopt-a-Family Event

In partnership with Hunt Street Station we were, once again, able to help spread some Christmas cheer to some families. We set the modest goal of adopting 3 families to support for the holiday season and asked for donations. Because of the craziness that was 2020, we had a groundswell of cash donations which allowed us get many item from their wish lists, home essentials, holiday dinner supplies and more! As much as the meaning of the holidays isn't about material goods, the joy seeing a child's eyes light up as they see that the items under the tree are for them makes you feel good. We are so grateful to all those who donated to make this possible. A special shout out to Alex Mayo, Donna Kassab, Duane Ashford, Sina Moran, and Katrina Watkins for coordinating the families and doing the shopping.

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/donate
Gift giving doesn't stop when December ends. Birthdays, special occasions, accomplishments are all reasons to share a gift with someone you love. Too often the desire to give is there but the means may not be.

BPNDN is starting Project: Spread Joy, a gift closet to allow those with the need to be able to select gifts year round. Whether it be for birthdays, straight A's, or just because. But first, we need donations. If you would like to donate to the gift closet please contact Amanda at amanda@baileyparkndc.org
The most up to date information about the vaccine, testing and other COVID-19 related issues can be found on the State of Michigan's website: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_103214_104822---,00.html

**COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ**

**What COVID-19 vaccines have been approved and how do they work?**
Currently, several COVID-19 vaccines are in clinical trials. The FDA will review the results of these trials before approving COVID-19 vaccines for use. But because there is an urgent need for COVID-19 vaccines and the FDA's vaccine approval process can take months to years, the FDA will first be giving emergency use authorization to COVID-19 vaccines based on less data than is normally required. The data must show that the vaccines are safe and effective before the FDA can give emergency use authorization.

**Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine**
The FDA has given emergency use authorization to the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. Data has shown that the vaccine starts working soon after the first dose and has an efficacy rate of 95% seven days after the second dose. This means that about 95% of people who get the vaccine are protected from becoming seriously ill with the virus. This vaccine is for people age 16 and older. It requires two injections given 21 days apart.

**Moderna vaccine**
The FDA has given emergency use authorization to the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. Data has shown that the vaccine has an efficacy rate of 94.1%. This vaccine is for people age 18 and older. This vaccine requires two injections given 28 days apart.

Both the Pfizer/BioNTech and the Moderna COVID-19 vaccines use messenger RNA (mRNA). Coronaviruses have a spike-like structure on their surface called an S protein. COVID-19 mRNA
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

Source: https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/coronavirus-vaccine/art-20484859
BLACK LIVES MATTER

Black Minds Matter: Drive thru Backpack Give-A-Way

Sunday, January 10
11am - 4pm

- Pre-K Home Activity Kits
- Elementary, Middle and High school Bookbags with school supplies
- PPE (mask and hand sanitizer)

First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit
4605 Cass Ave, Detroit, MI 48201
(in back parking lot to maintain distancing)
COVID-19 Mobile Testing

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

When:
Tuesday, January 19th, 11:00am-3:00pm

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

Masks Required
Know Your Local Leaders

District Manager - District 5
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"If Not Me, Then Who; If Not Now, Then When"

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Please "LIKE" theses pages for the latest updates
Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/DONdistrict5
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James Brown
Katrina Watkins
Deborah Logan-White
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Cynthia Holloway

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.