



Resources and News for the Lower Eastside

In these challenging times, we committed to providing factual, up to date information about Coronavirus in our community and the City at large.

[Send Us Tips or News Here](#)



LEAP VIRTUAL SAG MEETING

Tuesday, February 2, 2021
6:00PM - 8:00PM EST

Location:

http://bit.ly/LEAP_Coalition_SAG

Dial In:

+1 (253) 215-8782

Meeting ID:

815 6991 7014

City Charter Commission & Detroitters Bill of Rights

Join our community-wide meeting to discuss the impacts of the Charter revisions on the community and learn about the Detroitters Bill of Rights.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mary Sheffield
President Pro Tempore,
Detroit City Council





Join us every other Thursday for

AFTER THE CAP & GOWN

Don't miss this week's **After the Cap & Gown** meeting!

WHEN: Thursday, February 11, 2021 | 6PM

TOPIC: Saving + Investing | Presentation by Anne Harpe, PNC Bank

LINK: <https://wayne-edu.zoom.us/j/98323757379?pwd=VmZlZGpPV29NS0ZXRlQvK2E5SUJlZz09>

For more information please contact Tanya Aho, Director of Youth Development at taho@ecn-detroit or 313-331-3469.



APPEAL YOUR PROPERTY TAXES FOR FREE!

Call or text: (313)-438-8698 or
Email: Law-PropertyTax@umich.edu

Online Application: <https://app.propertytaxproject.com/detroit>

The City of Detroit illegally inflates the property taxes of most homes worth \$50,000 or less. The University of Michigan Law School can help appeal your property taxes FOR FREE! Contact the Property Tax Appeal Project, file an appeal, and get your property tax bill reduced.

Call or text: (313)-438-8698 or Email: Law-PropertyTax@umich.edu

Take the 5 minute air quality survey here.



RAISE YOUR VOICE

Create messages and media
Inspire your community
to conquer COVID-19

Give a shout out to the everyday people
who are protecting themselves and others
from COVID-19.

TakeTheMic.org



Get **\$10**
for your first entry

Prizes up to
\$500

Enter by
February 8
Deadline Extended!



Get creative! We accept everything from raps and dances to short stories and paintings. Whatever you think will inspire your community.

There are two categories of entry: **Written Word** or **Other Media**.

Get a \$10 Visa gift card for your first entry in each category. Submit as many times as you want.

Judges will choose the top entries from each category, then the community will vote for the winners. The 1st place winners will receive \$500.

**Contest closes on February 8, 2021.
Must be 18 or older to enter.**



The Rosa Parks Children & Youth Program
cordially invites you to be a part of our phenomenal virtual program
for the winter/spring semester!

Programs offered:

- Art Therapy
- Fitness Class
- Leadership Camp
- Library Activities
- Peace Camp
- Peace Garden program
- Report Card Incentive program
- Teen Group

Where:
Inside the Capuchin Soup Kitchen
4390 Conner
Detroit, MI 48215

When:
Every Tuesday and Thursday
from 4pm-5:30pm
(Teen Group will be held every other Friday)

**To RSVP for our mandatory parent informational meeting
on Wednesday, January 27th at 10am or Thursday, January 28th at 5pm
using the links below:**

Registration for Wednesday 1/27 at 10am
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rM7B9z1qX0WQPdYEFGLyYRJoMLfkFCBAiT2oZBSJS2dUNThVTUJOS1JDV0UyTVVXSjdLRDZUVkw2Ry4u>

Registration for Thursday 1/28 at 5pm
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rM7B9z1qX0WQPdYEFGLyYRJoMLfkFCBAiT2oZBSJS2dUMzVEWE1UNU9EQUZaWIVPRVoyNTVQQ0hwXQ14u>

If you have any questions please contact: (313) 822-8606 ext. 4220, 4222, 4224
(There will be a gift card raffle for each meeting)

The mission of our children's program is education, creativity, and imagination. We strive in everything we do to help our children love and care for themselves and the entire Earth community, think clearly, make choices wisely, and learn alternatives to violence. Our emphasis on the arts works to stretch imagination, foster creativity, and offer safe expression of feelings and values. The foundation of all we do is respect for the child and support for their families.



**ALL LEVELS & AGES
WELCOME!**

JOIN US WEDNESDAYS AT 4:00 PM FOR

EASTSIDE COMMUNITY YOGA!

*Led by Certified Yoga Instructor **Lynette Smith***

Through the gentle, slow flow techniques in our yoga class you can:

- *Increase your health and wellbeing*
- *Manage and reduce your stress*
- *Improve your breath capacity*

VIRTUAL CLASS ON FACEBOOK + ZOOM

FACEBOOK: @ECNDetroit

ZOOM LINK: <https://bit.ly/ECNcommunityyoga2>



TAKE YOUR BUSINESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

**SPRING 2021
PROSPERUS DETROIT**

ENTREPRENEUR TRAINING PROGRAM

- Receive support to develop a successful business plan and financial projections.
- Engage with a seasoned instructor to focus on taking action.
- Gain an opportunity to strengthen your personal finances.
- Access additional resources and capital.



**Individualized
consultations**



**Twelve-week
virtual course**

APPLY BY: JANUARY 31ST, 2021

www.prosperusdetroit.org/event/apply/

Free to apply, limited to Detroit residents.

JOIN US FOR YOUR DISTRICT'S

Community Budget Priorities Virtual Forum

Let Your Voice Be Heard! Here's your chance to provide your input as the City of Detroit develops its budget for fiscal year 2021-2022

District 1
Monday, Jan. 25 | 5 - 7 p.m.

District 2
Friday, Jan. 22 | 5 - 7 p.m.

District 3
Friday, Jan. 15 | 10 a.m. - Noon

District 4
Thursday, Jan. 14 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

District 5
Thursday, Jan. 21 | 6 - 8 p.m.

District 6
Wednesday, Jan. 27 | 5 - 7 p.m.


District 7
Tuesday, Jan. 26 | 6 - 8 p.m.

Join the meeting via Zoom

<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/88054739237>
Meeting ID 880 5473 9237

Join the meeting by phone

(312) 626-6799
Meeting ID 880 5473 9237

 Meetings also will be broadcast live on Facebook @ CityofDetroit

- To review the budget presentation, go to: www.detroitmi.gov/ocfo
- For more information, call (313) 224-1927.

With advance notice of seven calendar days, the City of Detroit will provide interpreter services at public meetings, including American Sign Language, language translation and reasonable ADA accommodations. Please contact the Civil Rights, Inclusion and Opportunity Department at (313) 224-4950, through the TTY number 711, or email crio@detroitmi.gov to schedule these services.



CITY OF DETROIT

Notice of Public Outreach

You are invited to give input on the following proposal.

PROPOSAL

The Mayor's Recommended budget for FY2021-2022

OUTREACH DETAILS

FY2021-2022 Budget Priorities Virtual Forums will occur for each City Council District. Join the meeting via Zoom or Phone:
<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/88054739237>
Meeting ID 880 5473 9237

ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

The Budget Office within the City of Detroit Office of the Chief Financial Officer is preparing the Mayor's Recommended Annual Budget for programs, services and activities of the City of Detroit in the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The Recommended Annual Budget will be presented with the Four Year Financial Plan to the Detroit City Council on March 6, 2021, for their review and adoption. The Mayor's Recommended Annual Budget is an estimated \$2 billion proposal, including an estimated \$1 billion of general fund activities.

ONLINE FEEDBACK

The OCFO-Office of Budget will receive feedback, comments and documents through the inbox:
yourbudget@detroitmi.gov



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Accounting Aid Resumes Tax Prep in a Virtual World

VITA ACE - ACCESSIBLE, CONVENIENT AND ELECTRONIC

VITA ACE is a safe and reliable way for Accounting Aid Society to prepare your federal, state and city tax returns without in-person contact and at no cost. Using a secure, IRS-approved software, VITA ACE lets you use your smartphone, tablet, or computer's camera and email address to upload your tax documents and electronic signature - without leaving your home.

VITA ACE is limited to most families and individuals with incomes up to \$56,000. If you meet this criteria, you'll need to have the following items:

- ☐ Smartphone, tablet or computer with a working camera
- ☐ A valid email address you can access on the device you've selected from above
- ☐ Identification and tax documents - for a complete list of what you'll need, click [here](#).



Make an appointment:

[Click Here](#)

OR

Call 1-844-806-5780

HOW IT WORKS

- Schedule a phone appointment through this simple [online form](#) or by calling 1-844-806-5780. You'll need to answer a few questions first to make sure VITA ACE is the right tax preparation choice for you.
- Gather your [tax documents](#) and smartphone, tablet or computer before your scheduled phone appointment.
- During the date and time you selected for your appointment, an Accounting Aid team member will call you to help you use your device camera to share your tax documents to a secure link. The team member will send you an email with the upload link during your phone call, so you can upload your documents while they remain on the phone with you.
- After collecting your documents, Accounting Aid's IRS-certified tax team will prepare and review your tax return.
- Within a week, we'll call you to let you know your tax return is complete and ready for your electronic signature. Once signed, we'll electronically file it for you and it will be processed by the IRS.

3031 W. Grand Blvd., Suite 470, Detroit MI 48202

(313) 556.1920 info@accountingaidsociety.org accountingaidsociety.org



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Wayne Metro CARES

Relief & Recovery Services

In an effort to respond to the immediate needs of Wayne County residents, Wayne Metro is implementing our CARES Relief & Recovery Services. Through this new initiative, residents may qualify for assistance in the following areas:



Food & Income Support

Distributing food, formula, diapers, wipes & Personal Protection Equipment.

Water & Energy Assistance

Providing residents with financial assistance towards energy & water utilities.



Emergency Plumbing Repair

Provide plumbing repairs that will resolve the immediate emergency with access to water services.



Rent & Mortgage Assistance

Providing rental assistance & help towards mortgage payments.



Property Tax Assistance

Offering Property Tax Assistance, which can help reduce property taxes.

Funeral Assistance

Providing financial assistance towards burial and cremation services.



Who Qualifies?

- 200% of Poverty
- Layoff, Decrease in Hours, Recipient of Unemployment
- Child in Head Start or have a child receiving free or reduced lunch
- Receipt of benefits through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Service (MDHHS).
- Benefits to include but not limited to: SNAP, TANF, SDA, Medicaid and childcare benefits
- Current enrollee in other assistance programs (Ex. WRAP, MEAP, HUD programs) that currently have income guideline restrictions

200% Federal Poverty Chart

Number of Household Members	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Income Limit	25,520	34,480	43,440	52,400	61,360	70,320	79,280	88,240	96,600	100,980

How to Get Help

Please visit www.waynemetro.org/CARES or call the **Wayne Metro CONNECT Center** at (313) 388-9799.

The **CONNECT Center** hours are Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Programs will vary based on community.



Wayne Metropolitan
Community Action Agency

www.waynemetro.org/CARES • (313) 388-9799

COVID-19 Testing

Any Detroiters Can Now
Get Free

COVID-19 Test

Appointments Still Required
for Testing at Fairgrounds



www.detroitmi.gov/coronavirus

Beginning May 20, any Detroit resident can get a free COVID-19 test at the State Fairgrounds

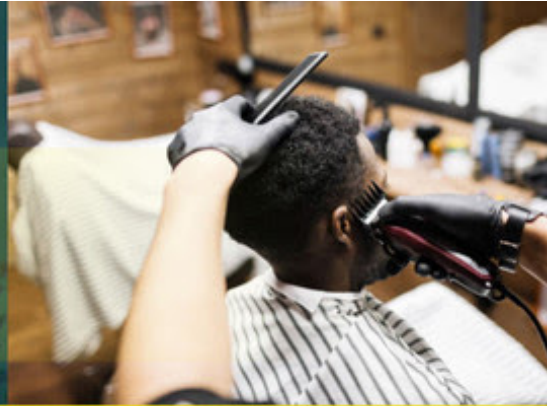
Residents will need to make an appointment and have identification when they arrive for the test. However, **they won't need a doctor's prescription or to be experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.** Residents should call (313) 230-0505 to schedule an appointment. For Identification, residents can use:

- Driver's License

- State or City ID
- Documents showing their address in last 30 days, such as a utility bill, pay stub, lease agreement or credit card statement

**City offers free rapid
COVID-19 testing to**

**Detroit salon &
barber shop employees
and independent
contractors**



www.detroitmi.gov/coronavirus

City offers free rapid
COVID-19 testing to
**restaurant and
bar owners
and employees**



www.detroitmi.gov/coronavirus

Resources

Food Resources

- [Gleaners](#)
- [Forgotten Harvest](#)
- [Great Start Wayne's Food Distribution Calendar](#)
- [DPS Grab and Go Breakfast and Lunch](#)
- [For People 60 & Over: Request a Delivery, Meal, or Friendly Reassurance](#)

Food Resources on the Eastside

1. Triumph Church and New Era Detroit Crisis Care Giveaway - you must register online on Wednesdays for the following week. Registration opens at 8 a.m. each Wednesday.
2. Capuchin Soup Kitchen - Drive through only. Must have picture identification, complete an application with name, address and children in the house. If we want to, we can contact the Case Manager on Conner to complete applications beforehand. Their hours are Tuesdays - Fridays 8:30-4:30.
3. Second Ebenezer Church - They are giving food boxes this Tuesday and next Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. until they run out. They will give out 1000 food boxes to the community.
4. Wayne County Community College - (5901 Conner, Detroit, MI 48213) – Thursday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
5. Second Canaan Missionary Baptist Church - (9435 Hayes, Detroit, MI 48213) – Thursday from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
6. Coleman A. Young Recreation Center- 2751 Robert Bradby Drive 1:30 – 4:30 PM, Every other Saturday starting March 28
7. Butzel Family Center - 7737 Kercheval 9:00 am – 12:00 PM, Every other Monday starting March 30

8. Salvation Army Conner Creek Corps and Community Center Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (313) 822-2800
9. Mt. Calvary Church - Serving zip code 48205 Every other Wednesday; 2:30 - 3:45 (313) 527-3366
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Coronavirus Information



HOW TO PUT ON, USE, TAKE OFF AND DISPOSE OF A **MASK**

1



Before putting on a mask, wash hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water

2



Cover mouth and nose with mask and make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask

Avoid touching the mask while using it; if you do, clean your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water

3



Replace the mask with a new one as soon as it is damp and do not re-use single-use masks

4



To remove the mask: remove it from behind (do not touch the front of mask); discard immediately in a closed bin; wash hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water

detroitmi.gov/coronavirus



World Health
Organization



What should I do if I have COVID-19 symptoms?

Call your doctor if you're showing symptoms of fever, cough and shortness of breath...

-AND- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19.

-OR- Have recently traveled from an area with widespread or ongoing community spread of COVID-19.

Learn more at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus.

10 ways to manage respiratory symptoms at home

If you have fever, cough, or shortness of breath, call your healthcare provider. They may tell you to manage your care from home. Follow these tips:

1. **Stay home** from work, school, and away from other public places. If you must go out, avoid using any kind of public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis.



2. **Monitor your symptoms** carefully. If your symptoms get worse, call your healthcare provider immediately.



3. **Get rest and stay hydrated.**



4. If you have a medical appointment, **call the healthcare provider** ahead of time and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19.



5. For medical emergencies, call 911 and **notify the dispatch personnel** that you have or may have COVID-19.



6. **Cover your cough and sneezes.**



7. **Wash your hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



8. As much as possible, **stay** in a specific room and **away from other people** in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available. If you need to be around other people in or outside of the home, wear a facemask.



9. **Avoid sharing personal items** with other people in your household, like dishes, towels, and bedding.



10. **Clean all surfaces** that are touched often, like counters, tabletops, and doorknobs. Use household cleaning sprays or wipes according to the label instructions.



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For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19