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HOME SCHEDULE

MEN'S

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NOVEMBER

SAT. 3 VS WAYNE STATE (OH - EXN) 7:30 PM
MON. 19 VS LOYOLA (MD.) 7:30 PM
TUE. 20 LEGENDS CLASSIC SUBREGIONAL 5/7:30 PM
WED. 28 VS KENT STATE 7:00 PM

DECEMBER

SAT. 15 VS OHIO 1:00 PM

JANUARY

THU. 3 VS WRIGHT STATE 7:00 PM
SAT. 5 VS NORTHERN KENTUCKY 1:00 PM
THU. 10 VS GREEN BAY 7:00 PM
SAT. 12 VS MILWAUKEE 1:00 PM
SAT. 19 VS OAKLAND 2:00 PM
THU. 31 VS CLEVELAND STATE 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY

SAT. 2 VS YOUNGSTOWN STATE 1:00 PM
THU. 28 VS IUPUI (OH) 8:00 PM

MARCH

SAT. 2 VS UIC (OH) 4:00 PM
MAR. 5 - MAR. 12 HORIZON LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

NOVEMBER

SAT. 3 VS WAYNE STATE (OH - EXN) 5:00 PM
TUE. 6 VS MICHIGAN-DEARBORN 7:00 PM
FRI. 16 VS MIAMI (OHIO) 7:00 PM
THU. 29 VS NEBRASKA-OMAHA 11:00 AM

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City of Detroit Fails to Preserve Palmer Park Golf Course

By Lucius Gunn, President, UDCA



I am writing as President of the University District Community Association (UDCA), resident of this area as well as an appointed member of the 2018 Golf Advisory Committee formed by the Detroit City Council. I am also a native Detroit, life-long golfer from a family of golfers. I am writing to express my serious concerns regarding the city's benign neglect or lax oversight and lack of maintenance of the Palmer Park golf course and its subsequent closure.

The Palmer Park golf course opened in 1927, is an important part of the Detroit landscape that has nurtured many golfers over the last 90 years. Famous Detroiters (politicians, celebrities, athletes, business owners) alongside other residents have learned the game and enjoyed playing the sport on a golf course within the city limits, that is accessible, available to one and all. If the city took more seriously the history, value and revenue generation potential of the Palmer Park golf course, it could be developed into an invaluable green-space resource for residents and a destination spot for tourists.

Consider the following statements regarding the upcoming 2019 Quicken Loans National on the PGA Tour to be held in Detroit right across the street from Palmer Park: "This tournament will not only bring together some of the best golfers in the world, it also highlights the breathtaking revitalization happening throughout Detroit" (Jay Farner, Quicken Loans CEO). PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan stated "It's [Detroit] a market we always wanted to go back to, and we're thrilled that we will now have that chance." These statements highlight the possibilities and desirability of a fully-operational, well-maintained Palmer Park golf course!

Let me explain the concerns I have about the current status of the golf course. Important factors and issues:

- The overall intentional neglect and lack of maintenance of the golf course led to its decline which then gave the City of Detroit the rationale to close the course.
- The city essentially presided over and allowed for this gradual decline of the golf course when it could have and should have taken care of the golf course according to accepted standards of maintenance and development.

- The bidding process to find an operator was problematic, at the least, if not totally unfair, at worst; two nationally-known golf course operators submitted bids and inexplicably, neither earned a vote of support (to the surprise of many golfers in the room) when this decision was announced.
- During this current phase of city deliberation about the fate of the golf course, the city either excluded or ignored input from vested parties, such as residents from the (heavily-taxed) surrounding neighborhoods (University District, Palmer Woods, Sherwood Forest), Neighborhood Associations, People for Palmer Park, your own Golf Advisory committee and City of Detroit golfers. There has been a concerted campaign of exclusion, poor collaboration and communication between the City and its' residents and advisors when these voices should be heard.
- The city which claims major investment in revitalization, by building iconic venues for sports and sporting events, has essentially disinvested an important locale for a sport of international, national and local interest that is sorely needed to enhance our matrix of rich resources.

I respectfully offer the following suggestions to address my concerns and the concerns and issues of many others in the area:

- That the city of Detroit makes a commitment to restore and maintain Palmer Park Golf Course.
- That this green urban space is an asset in the city's portfolio of resources should be used and available for golf within the community at large. This will attract tourists; add revenue dollars and is of historical significance for the city.
- That there be transparency in the city's decision-making regarding this golf course and inclusive in terms of engaging vested interests/parties in this process that is reasonable, realistic and practical; i.e., quick turn arounds for "Review and Comment," shorter deadlines. Limited information will not work if the city truly wants input from advisory groups and residents. Anything less is patently unfair.
- That the city invests resources in soliciting relevant expert advice, and possible sources of funding. It should be noted that this work is not the responsibility or the duty of community members to do and they should not be asked to do it.

DTE Energy Gas Infrastructure Upgrade Update

By Anne Santori, DTE Energy



The DTE Energy gas infrastructure upgrade team was busy in the University District this summer! The gas infrastructure upgrade is a statewide, 18-year program, replacing aging gas pipes and service lines, as well as moving interior gas meters to the home's exterior. This upgrade enables DTE to continue to provide safe and reliable gas service now and for future generations.

Recently, DTE pulled several streets ahead in the upgrade schedule due to the announcement that the PGA Rocket Mortgage Classic was coming to Detroit Golf Club in June of 2019. The streets bordering the golf course from Curtis to McNichols are now under construction. DTE has additional crews working in this area to ensure the construction and property restoration are finished prior to the event. Customer notification letters for the impacted streets were sent in September and early October.



DTE is aware that property restoration after the gas upgrade has been an ongoing issue in and around the University District. The company is working diligently to improve this process and appreciates your patience. Property restoration is ongoing, (weather permitting) and is following the construction work by a few blocks in order to improve the cycle time between construction and restoration. All restoration is completed in stages: temporary patching, then hard surfaces such as concrete and finally soft surfaces such as grass. All current excavations will be restored by mid-November. Any property that is disturbed after October 15 will be temporary patched for the winter and permanently restored in the spring of 2019, as weather permits. Additionally, DTE has authorized its hard surface contractors to use a non-color concrete mix to better match the historical appearance of the community.



DTE Energy wants to be a good partner in the community and encourages residents to contact them with questions, comments and concerns. Residents may contact DTE about the gas infrastructure upgrade by calling 313-270-9240. Representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If calling after hours, leave a message and expect a return call within two business days. Subscribe to DTE Energy on Nextdoor.com and visit dteenergy.com/gasrenewal for more information.

UDCA Welcomes Warren C. Evans

Mark your calendars for UDCA's Annual Winter resident meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2018 starting at 6:30PM at Gesu School, 17139 Oak Drive, Detroit. Wayne County Executive, Warren C. Evans will be our guest speaker. Come out and meet and greet your neighbors while enjoying a wonderful holiday meal.



As County Executive, I would like to welcome you to Michigan's largest county. We are home to 34 cities and nine townships. From Rockwood to Livonia, from Sumpter Township to the Grosse Pointes, each community in Wayne County offers residents and businesses a unique blend of opportunity to live, work, play and raise families.

Headquartered in Detroit, our largest city and the automotive capital of the world, Wayne County offers a diversified economy and high standards for our residents' quality of life. We are home to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, which is one of the country's highest-rated airports. Amongst our gems are the Arab American National Museum, the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, and the Yankee Air Museum. Our history is rich and we take pride in being one of the most diverse communities that values culture, arts, and world-class amenities.

As Chief Executive Officer, my top priority is to provide leadership that ensures the County operates efficiently, effectively, and responsibly. I'll do this transparently as my administration and I work to build a stronger County inclusive of collaborations, innovation, and a clear focus on serving our residents.

I am deeply honored to be entrusted with guiding this County. I look forward to the opportunities that await us as well as those that we will create to showcase Wayne County as a thriving community of strength and vibrancy.

Our doors are open. Whether you are visiting for a day or staying for a lifetime, I invite you to enjoy the beautiful communities that comprise our County.

Warren C. Evans

Wayne County Executive

A Vacant House is Now A Home

By Miranda Ana Brandon

Through all the blight, peeling wallpaper, matted shag carpeting, water damage, whistling steam, and squirrel poo, we saw an opportunity to make something exactly the way we wanted it. Six months later, Election Day 2016, the house was ours. Later that night it didn't feel like the best day to be purchasing an unlivable home in Detroit. But we told ourselves that in another 6 months, the project would be done, and we'd have a new place to call home. Boy were we naïve! After what became 1.5 years of construction, another few months of painting and decorating, and easily 3 times the money we expected to spend, now I can finally say we have a new place to call home.



We recently were honored to be a part of the 2018 UDCA Home Tour, putting all our finished 3 floors on display. Through all our construction woes, our wonderful UD neighbors have been there for us with support. Veronica Dostal helped us strip and refinish many of our home's doors, Todd Pleiness and Jamie Benigna made us incredible dinners on nights after we'd worked a long day in a house with no water, running toilets, or A/C. Jay Taylor brought his adorable children over and helped us carry an old play-set we didn't need from our house to his. Luke and Kim Gunn stopped by to check on our progress and gave us the emotional support we needed to hit our Home Tour target. Richard and Myra Hawkins, the best next-door neighbors we could ever ask for, graciously allowed us to widen our new driveway so that we could fit a real car in our garage for the first time this summer. All our friends on block 2 and

3 Wildemere invited our smelly, sweaty, un-showered bodies in on countless nights for a much needed after work drink and conversation. When the day of the UDCA Home Tour finally came, it was all our wonderful UD neighbors who graciously became our Docents. Thanks to our UD Docents Mary T. and Veronica D., Todd P. and Jamie B., Jay T., Roger W. and Erin D., Alanna and Amy P., Jean and Dan G., Dan V. and Ryan H. and all the wonderful neighbors who kept us going!



Our proudest moment of the Tour was when a man named John Seeley arrived. His grandparents, Dr. Ward and Marion Seeley, built our home in 1927 and John lived with his mother just 2 streets over on Fairway Drive in the 1940s. He spent much of his childhood with his Grandma, especially in the double lot garden of our home. John, now in his 80s, was about to move from Michigan to family in sunny New Mexico and decided to delay his move by one week so that he could see his Grandma's home for what was likely one last time on the Home Tour. He didn't know it, but we'd filled the home with historic 1920s and 30s images of Detroit, including several pictures of his Grandparents throughout. We watched him take the tour, proudly telling everyone who would listen about his grandparents who built the home and lived there for so many years. After the tour, he then went and stood in the Foyer, silently taking it all in for about 15 minutes as tour groups passed around him. When he came outside, he brought us to tears with his praise and gave us another wonderful image of his Grandparents with their 1950s red Pontiac in the background. "My family is so proud that someone cared enough to rescue our grandparent's home."

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This whole experience has been beyond difficult. It has easily been the hardest thing that both Brandon and I have ever done. But while it has been unfathomably arduous, it has also been unfathomably fulfilling to become a part of this community and its history. To all of you who have followed us in our work these two years and given us guidance, help, and encouragement, we are so thankful. As you know, it never ends, so next year's project is a focus on the outside of the home and garden. So, stop by at 17405 Wildemere sometime and say hello! We're your neighbors now, afterall.

-Miranda and Brandon





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Guest Speaker:
Warren C. Evans, Wayne County Executive

Neighborhood Oral Histories Requested

Detroit's neighborhoods are a rich mosaic each with their own history and personality. The Detroit Historical Society is endeavoring to capture each neighborhood's unique story and to gain greater insight into Detroit's past. The Society has launched a new oral history project called, "Neighborhoods: Where Detroit Lives." We are looking to neighborhood residents to share their stories to preserve the history of the neighborhoods. If you're interested in sharing your story or have any questions, please contact Billy Winkel, Assistant Curator, Detroit Historical Society at 313-833-7912 or Email: williamw@detroithistorical.org.

2018 UDCA Home Tour

By Zelda London

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Another great University District Home Tour is in the books. The home tour could not succeed without the generosity of the homeowners who painted, planted and went through some big restoration projects. The tour was also a success because of the courtesy and welcoming attitude of the neighbors who also planted flowers and spruced up around the neighborhood even if your house wasn't officially on the tour. We had over 500 guest in the neighborhood on Sunday, September 9th and despite the residual wind and rain from hurricane Gordon, a good time was had by all.





This year, the tour had such a vast variety of homes. The Parkside house showed us our first mid-century modern home complete with architectural plans and a very rich history. One of the Wildemere homes already has a big following due to the blog the homeowners started when they took ownership and let us follow along and watch the progress as they restored their 1927 Tudor to its original beauty all while updating space for modern living. Our guests left in awe as they discussed the heated floors, and maid's bells and the awesome theater room of the other houses. Thank you to all the homeowners that participated in this year's tour.



It was a great day thanks to the hard-working committee members who labored for well over 2 years securing houses and enduring long meetings.

As we look forward to 2020, think about how you can get involved by putting your house on the tour or joining the committee or just by planning to attend. Either way we're all in this together. See you in 2020.

Restoring Pride & Enhancing the Quality of Life in District 2

By Councilman Roy McCalister, Jr.



We have hit the ground running! Our District Office was open for business on day one, serving the citizens of District 2 Monday through Friday 9am-5pm, in the heart of northwest Detroit at the corner of West McNichols and Meyers. To date, we have served D2 with over 1600 office hours in the district.

My team hosted our first blood drive in April at the Tindal Recreation Center by partnering with the American Red Cross. We plan on making this an annual event.

I have always believed in community engagement and meeting people where they are and formed “roundtables” in D2 to represent the business community, block club leadership, and pastors. These roundtables meet monthly and each person is given an equal right to participate.

On March 21st, I stood at the State Fairgrounds, the largest undeveloped land in the city. The sale of 15 acres to developers Magic Plus was approved and the remaining 150 acres will go out for proposal through the city. Stay tuned.

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A black and white advertisement for "Eric's I've Been Framed Shop". The ad features a man in a suit pushing a shopping cart filled with various framed pictures and photo frames. The text is stylized and includes the shop's name, phone number, and address. A list of services is provided on the right side of the ad.

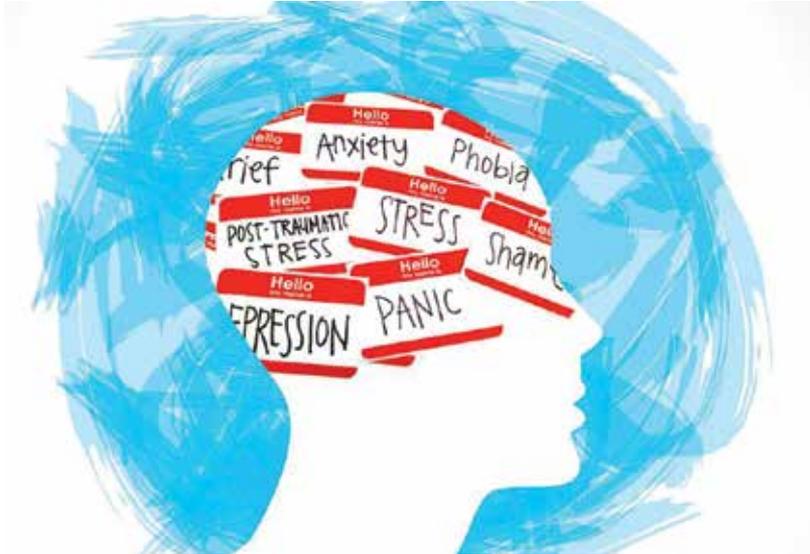
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Each day, my team and I fight blight in D2 and we have many more days ahead of us. I personally fight blight on Mondays during my Public Health and Safety Committee meetings as my cohorts and I review and address blighted properties. My team logs and tracks blight and works with city departments to address the needs of residents in District 2.



One of my proudest accomplishments was the day our Mental Health Task Force formed and was unanimously supported by every councilmember. We hosted our very first meeting in June 2018 and launched the task force with key stakeholders within the mental health space just four months into my term.

My goal is to use the platform of City Council to support mental health to better serve the citizens of District 2 and the city at large. Based upon our six-month timeframe to implement the Mental Health Task Force and the annual renewal of the testimonial, the initial goals are the following:

- Educate the citizens of Detroit on the state of Mental Health
- Heighten awareness of the mental health services currently available
- Support coordination of mental health services when possible

The mental Health Task Force will work to ensure that we are addressing the root problem. Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.

In closing, I want to make certain that everyone knows where our D2 office is located and make time to visit. Your district office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and is located at 11000 W. McNichols; you can also reach our team at 313-340-2073.



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Know the Law

By Sugar Longstreet

Hi, my name is Sugar. I am a 1 year old Cavachon puppy. I live on Muirland- block 8 with my humans who never ever let me out of their sight or off my leash. My parents are lawyers and every time I want to run free they site some law. They say it is a Detroit city ordinance that requires me to always walk with a leash. Sometimes

we see dogs out without humans or leashes. We usually stop or go in the other direction. Mom says it's because they might be dangerous or attack us. The Detroit City Code Chapter 6- Animal Control, Regulation and Care tells you everything you need to know about the leash law. For example,

Sec. 6-1-5. - Certain animals declared public nuisance; abatement; animal waste; responsibility for removal of waste; prohibition of unapproved kennels.

(a) Any animal which:

- (1) Is unclaimed by its owner after being picked up by, or delivered to the care and control of, the Animal Control Division, or a stray animal; or
- (2) Bites a person; or
- (3) Unreasonably disturbs or annoys the quiet, comfort, and repose of persons in the vicinity by loud, frequent, habitual, or repeated barking, howling or yelping; or
- (4) Defecates, digs, or urinates upon any building, lawn, plant, shrub, tree, or any other public or private property, other than the property of the owner, may be declared to be a public nuisance, and subject to capture and abatement by the Animal Control Division or by the Police Department, or by any other authorized governmental agency, in accordance with the provisions of the Michigan Dog Law of 1919, being MCL 287.261 et seq, or this chapter and the rules and regulations of the Detroit Health Department.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any owner of any animal declared to be a public nuisance to fail to immediately take any available and reasonable measures to abate such a public nuisance upon the oral or written notification of the owner of the animal by any person authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

Know the Law

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- (c) Where any animal has defecated upon any building, lawn, plant, shrub, tree, or any other public or private property, other than the property of the owner, and the owner of the animal upon notice immediately and properly removes all feces deposited by such animal and disposes of same in a sanitary manner, the public nuisance condition shall be considered abated and not a violation of this section; provided, that it shall be lawful for a blind or disabled person with a guide or paws dog to fail to promptly and properly collect and dispose of any animal waste or excrement on any public or private property.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or operate a kennel, or to construct, maintain, or use an accessory building for a kennel, within the City without the approval or a permit from the Building and Safety Engineering Department and approval by the Detroit Health Department.

Sec. 6-2-6. - Dog restraint

- (a) It shall be the duty and the responsibility of the owner of any dog to keep the dog on the owner's property.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any owner to allow any dog to stray on public or private property, other than the private property of the owner, unless held properly by a leash or under restraint; provided, that police dogs accompanied by their handler while actively engaged in activities for which such dogs are trained are not subject to this prohibition.

-Failure to comply with the law can result in capture and impoundment by Animal Control, misdemeanor charges that carry up to 90 days in jail, fines of up to five hundred dollars (\$500)redeem and ordinances violations.

Thanks Mom, I would have just said: You are responsible for picking up after your dog,keeping your dog on a leash and or in the yard, preventing your dog from biting or attacking people and dogs, and more importantly-being a good neighbor, because if you don't, you could lose your dog, your money or you could go to jail.

I hope this information helps you understand why I am always with my humans and walking them down the street on a leash.

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Whats Cooking in the UDCA

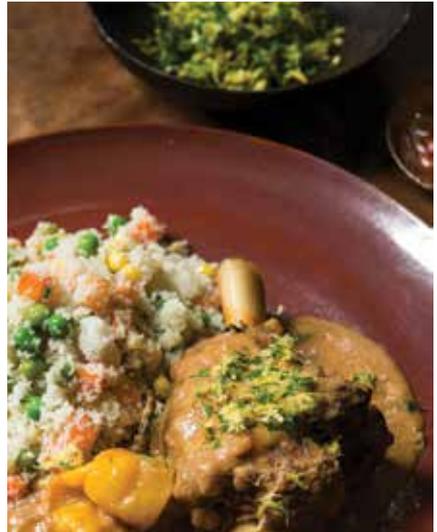
“UDCA Cookbook is Underway”

By Asenath Andrews

A cookbook or cookery book is a kitchen reference containing recipes. Cookbooks may be general, or may specialize in a particular cuisine or category of food. - Wikipedia

But for us, it is a way to get to know our neighbors, learn about the many heritages represented in our community, taste spectacular foods and combine committee meetings with other gastronomic adventures.

Our last committee meeting was held in a fairly new Senegalese restaurant named Maty's. We were not familiar with the traditional fare of the Senegalese, but the owner suggested that we try a whole chicken, whole fish, and pick either lamb shoulder or lamb shanks. We took his suggestion and ordered all three. We mixed up the sides so we could truly experience many the west African culinary delights at Maty's. As we ate, we decided that there are no wrong turns on Maty's menu. Who knows where the next meeting will be? Any suggestions?



During the meeting we talked about creating a dinner club to add to our food journey. Once a month or every other month we would get together for a potluck dinner. There were several suggestions on how to organize such a dinner, thematic, book club destination dinner, holiday specials, vegetarian, geographic regional. How many more ways might we decide to go as that idea simmers and is served? Sound like something you might like to experiment with? Join us! I promise you'll have a good time. I'm bringing the wine and the recipe.

Another suggestion was to have a holiday cookie exchange. If you're a baker or like baked goods specifically cookies you may have gotten weary before finishing the variety you like to have on hand during the holidays. In a cookie exchange each person makes multiple packages of the same kind of cookie and



brings enough for each person in the exchange. You bake 10 dozen of your family specialty “Snowflake Meltaway Cookies” and leave the Exchange with 9 dozen assorted cookies as you collect a package from all of the other bakers. We are going to launch the first UDCA Holiday Cookie Exchange before this issue goes to press, but if you’ve ever been in a cookie exchange I suspect your mouth is watering now at the missed opportunity of tasting all those different kinds of cookies.

I invite you to be a part of the committee or if not send us a recipe to be published in the book. Include a short story with it if you’d like. If you’re shy, extroverted, quiet, new to the neighborhood, newly retired, newly single, married, or learning to cook OR if you would like to meet and get to know some of your neighbors this is your opportunity. I can’t wait to welcome you to our UDCA FOOD ENCOUNTER presently known as the cookbook committee. Email your cookbook submissions to: udcacookbook@gmail.com

Bon appetit.



2018-2019 Snow Removal Initiative

By Frank S. Benedict

According to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (the branch of our Government that serves as our environmental intelligence agency), we may be in for above average temps with dryer than average conditions this winter.

Give me a break! We all know that above or below average, maneuvering through deep snow can be difficult even for those of us who drive a 4-wheel drive SUV. The difficulty increases if you're in a smaller front wheel vehicle and I hate to think of the fun you'll have if you're driving around with a shovel and extra weight in the trunk of your rear wheel drive machine.

This is why the we put a portion of your membership dues to work to provide street snow removal for the neighborhood.

During the winter snow season starting November 15th and running through April 1st, the UDCA snow committee will call upon our snow removal contractor to initiate curb-to-curb street snow removal based on several key variables. Some of these variables include: amount of accumulation (typically at least 4 inches), prevailing weather conditions, heavy or wet snow, temperature forecast, etc. This year our goal is to have the streets cleared within 6 hours after snowfall stops and intersections cleared of any snow pileup that may occur during large storms or heavy accumulation.

You can help by:

1. Moving your car off the street to ensure successful plowing.
 - Please do this if the weather is calling for snowfall of 4 inches or more. You will be alerted via “Nextdoor”, direct email messages and probably by your Block Captain when plowing will occur.
2. Place your trash and or recycling containers at the edge of the lawn not in the street. Advance Disposal equipment can still reach it and the containers won't kill the dormant grass.
3. When removing snow from your driveway do not snow blow or shovel snow back into the plowed street.
 - We are sorry for the inconvenience of the snow berm in your driveway but the snow has to be pushed out of the street.
4. Shovel out hydrants for fire safety.

If the SAD Initiative clears the next steps, we could see SAD funds supporting snow removal by winter 2020. This means that snow removal efforts will be financially supported by all neighborhood tax payers. At that point, there's no reason why we can't provide comprehensive snow and ice removal services and potentially include things



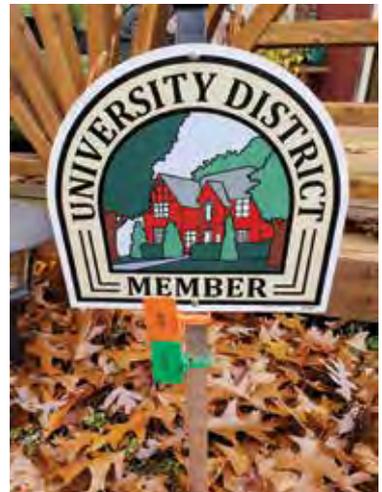
like sidewalk snow removal as well. Until then, we're committed to doing our best to maximize our budget and maintaining safer streets during the winter.

2019 Membership Packages are Here!

The UDCA membership committee closed out 2018 with 590 paid members! Very close to meeting our goal of 600 members. We thank you for supporting the UDCA. We are excited about the new membership campaign and hope to reach and exceed our 2019 goals this year.

The 2019 membership packages are here and ready to be delivered. If you have paid your 2019 UDCA membership dues, online or by mail you will be able to pick up your 2019 membership package at the UDCA General Membership meeting on December 6th. Please try to attend.

This year we have a new refrigerator magnet, a window sticker, key tag and a new tag to proudly display on your yard sign showing you are a current member. If you are not able to make our holiday meeting the membership committee will have several pickup dates in January to pick up your package. Any additional packages will be delivered by your block captains and our committee in early 2019 as soon as weather permits.



Thank you for supporting the UDCA

The UDCA Membership Committee

University District Enjoys Safe Neighborhoods

By Mary Jo Smith, UDCA Radio Patrol

Our good news about burglaries continues: our rates are at historic lows. In the last few years many months go by between reports. In several of the reports it has been obvious that with some additional attention from the residents, the crime might have been prevented. We need to be more cautious about leaving keys for contractors and leaving windows wide open when no one is home and electronic equipment and other “popular” items are visible.



As is typical in the entire metropolitan area, we see people “messing with cars” although that rate is also down. The same advice from the past years holds true. Whenever possible, park in the garage. If that won’t work, remember that the closer you are to the

garage and the greater the distance from the street, the lower the risk to your vehicle. Don’t leave personal possessions visible or in an unlocked car. In recent years, one additional tip has been added. Especially outside the garage, turn your wheels to the curb. Curbing wheels makes it much harder to steal your car by pushing it down the street.

There were two other issues which people keep bringing to radio patrol. We have the ongoing problem of drivers who speed and/or run stop signs. The Traffic Calming Committee of the UDCA continues to work on that issue. We need to keep in mind that each of us as a driver has the opportunity to drive safely and improve the situation for all of us.

LAST DAY
for curbside leaf bag pick up is
December 14, 2018



(Continued)

The question of dogs in the neighborhood has become a much larger issue in recent months. Far more neighbors than ever before are letting dogs run loose on a regular basis. Others walk dogs unleashed and uncontrolled. Dog deposits on neighbors' property has become a more frequent concern. During the summer months we got reports of dogs biting neighbors and biting other dogs. Gesu had at least one incident when a pack of dogs showed up on the playground at recess. Fortunately, no children were injured, but the faculty had some difficult moments in dealing with the problem. Having dogs run loose at dismissal time in the next few weeks also proved unsettling. While we get reports from time to time of old dogs getting confused and lost, or young pups escaping from the fenced yard, or somebody inappropriately opening a gate, these recent issues are a very different pattern.



We also need to watch where we park. High rates of infractions have been reported at fire hydrants, handicapped parking spaces, and on street cleaning days. Tickets start at \$45 and go up from that amount. Everybody doesn't always get a ticket, but we are getting lots of testimonials that tickets are being issued. We also need to remember to keep fire hydrants unobstructed at all times. That means no leaf bags piled around the hydrants. Instead of shovelling snow on top of hydrants, we need to make sure that a three foot radius is kept clear of snow, so fire fighters have access to use of the hydrant.

Should you need to know, the Detroit Police Department has added resources for serious domestic issues. Each precinct now has a domestic violence counsellor who can assist if anyone needs help with getting a personal protection order, getting out of a dangerous living arrangement, and assisting with finding any additional needed resources. If you know someone in the 12th Precinct who needs assistance, the precinct number is 313-596-1200.

Please remember to keep an eye out for safety in our neighborhood. Having that front porch light on at night is a big factor in neighborhood safety, so Light the Night and help keep our crime rates at these historic lows.



Meet Tommy Titan



Greetings From Titan Territory! I hope all of you are enjoying this fall weather so far. We really can't ask for anything better this time of the year, but to have November days with mild degrees is all great with Titan nation.

I want to start out by introducing myself. I am Tommy Titan, the lovable mascot for the University of Detroit Mercy, one of the best academic institutions in the state of Michigan and home to Detroit's only Division I athletic department, the Detroit Mercy Titans.

For those that do not know us or just drive by the campus, we currently sponsor 19 varsity sports which include basketball, soccer, lacrosse, tennis, softball, golf, cross country, track and field and fencing. That's right - fencing, a sport that people only think about during the Olympics, but we won a national championship in 1972.

Right now, we have men's and women's basketball going on. In December, we have many home dates between men's and women's basketball and we would love to see you there, at historic Calihan Hall.

All the schedules for all our sports are online at DetroitTitans.com. We urge all of you to visit the website and our social media accounts with Facebook ([DetroitMercyTitans](https://www.facebook.com/DetroitMercyTitans)), twitter ([@DetroitTitans](https://twitter.com/DetroitTitans)), instagram ([DetroitMercyTitans](https://www.instagram.com/DetroitMercyTitans)) and snapchat ([detroittitans](https://www.snapchat.com/add/detroittitans)).

To receive our newsletter, just sign up at DetroitTitans.com/newsletter
Hope to see everyone at Calihan Hall and remember GO TITANS!



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On behalf of the citizens of
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Michael D. Duggan

Mayor

October 17, 2018

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Season's Greetings!

Wishing you a joyous
holiday season

Lucius Gunn, UDCA President &
the UDCA Board of Directors

The University District's Own Coffee Shop Opening in **NOVEMBER*** Stop in and bring a neighbor!

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November 2018



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**University District Patrol
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Detroit, Michigan 48221**

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Invoice Date 12/01/2018

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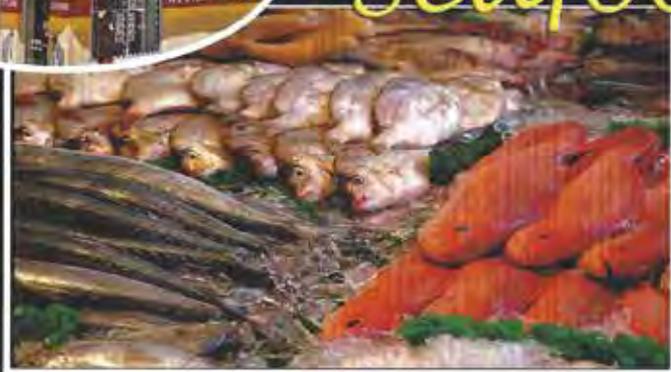
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Help Wanted!

UDCA Committee Volunteer Needs

Check out our committees' top 3 volunteer needs right now. Email volunteer@udca.info

Membership Committee

1. Delivering packages, signs, invoices (2x/year@ 2 hrs/session)
2. Membership Call-athon (2x/year@ 1-2 hrs/session)
3. Stuff annual membership packages - (1x/year @ 3 hours/event)

Special Assessment District Committee

1. Volunteers to do phone calling for signatures
2. Volunteers for follow up visits and targeted door to door

Newsletter Committee

1. (PRIORITY) Marketing/Advertising - person would be responsible for seeking advertisements for newsletter; set up data base of current, previous and future advertisers.
2. Feature Writers
3. Proof Readers

Residential Standards Committee

1. At least 2 civic minded neighbors with legal or public administration experience willing to assist in developing pragmatic solutions to neighborhood concerns
2. Someone with good writing skills to draft quarterly updates for inclusion in the Newsletter regarding committee challenges and successes
3. Someone proficient in Microsoft Excel to maintain the spreadsheet to track violations

Communications Committee

1. Communications writers - Help write emails, social media posts, editorial calendars, etc.
2. Graphic designer - someone to help create graphics for our events, social media posts, emails, etc.

Youth/School Committee

1. General volunteers to help flyer and market events to community
2. General volunteers on day of events

Social Committee

1. General volunteers to help plan upcoming events
2. General volunteers for day-of events



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The University District strives to maintain and support the integrity of the neighborhood, provide communication of events and issues to its residents, promote a quality education in our local schools while maintaining health, safety, and happiness in a family friendly diverse community.

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