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**Special Interest  
Articles:**

- Keeping your Home Secure within the City Ordinances
- Neighborhood Spotlight - Arden Park
- Key Quotes from the Mayoral Candidates Interviews
- Upcoming Meetings  
**September 15th**  
6:30pm Baile Corcaigh in Corktown

October 20<sup>th</sup>  
T-Plex 6:30pm  
Incinerator and Recycling

**Upcoming Issues:**

- **Election Coverage**
- **Candidate Interviews**
- Lighting Outage Updates

## City Services and You

The DHNC was started in 1999 to work with the City government on all of our common neighborhood issues. A frequent complaint of residents is that we have low expectations of our services.

Detroit has so many plusses, but we need to move through the biggest obstacles for residents. City services seems to be the biggest source of frustration.

The DHNC has been working for 6 years to improve your lighting and the task remains. We have two neighborhoods with successful installations and one incomplete, with a lot of problems, and now, a lack of funds to fix it.

Our hope is that after this next election, the administration (whoever that might be) recognizes that they have thousands of people living in neighborhoods that are willing to volunteer their efforts to make this city better and better. We already work really hard

on our quality of life issues. We hope that the city comes to understand that the citizens want to work WITH them and help hand in hand to create a better city.

### Latest Sources of Concern

In addition to several neighborhoods being completely without lighting, like Sherwood Forest and Green Acres, other changes with the new budget are as follows:

At a recent meeting with Ella Bully-Cummings, she explained in detail that the upcoming lay-offs of approximately 600 officers is IN ADDITION to the 700 open positions that she had ALREADY cut from her budget. The result a net loss of 1/3 of our police force.

Bulk pick-up frequency has been cut in half and less is allotted per household for pick-up. The push is for residents to take their bulk to the drop-off centers.

In addition, these budget cuts do not stop the ongoing deficit with huge debt expected until 2010.

We pay a lot to live here, in insurance, in property taxes, in

time to keep our neighborhoods safe. Our city services are IN JEOPARDY. Please help us raise awareness in the media and in the election. Neighborhoods count! We vote! We need more balance between downtown development and the citizens.

Feel free to send to our address on the back, to request a bumper sticker that says "**My neighborhood and my vote counts!**" If you choose you may make a donation of \$1.00 per sticker. We hope that the city will start to see these throughout the city and be more aware of the residents.

We are also planning a march in front of the City County Building. The date is September 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. We intend to raise signs and thus the visibility of the neighborhoods. If you would like to help, please let us know.

## Detroit Residents' Rights and Responsibilities

This is a repeat from last issue, but we felt that it was worth it to print it again!

The intent of the document is to clearly list what our expectations of the city are for our quality of life AND also state what our obligations are to our communities, neighbors and city.

Our Mayoral and  
City Council  
Evaluations are  
posted on our

Website  
**[www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/dethistoric](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/dethistoric)**

- 1) All residents have the right to city services performed in a timely, safe and professional manner.
- 2) All residents have the right to have city processes presented in a clear and consistent mechanism that is applied equally to all.
- 3) All residents have the right to speak and be heard by those managing the city, its departments and services.
- 4) All residents have the right to be involved in the political process, whether it is through campaigning, attending meetings or running for office.
- 5) All residents have the right to be honored by those that serve the city.
- 6) All residents have the responsibility to effect change in their city by volunteerism, block clubs and voting.
- 7) All residents have the responsibility to maintain their property and instill pride in our community.
- 8) All residents have the responsibility to hold those managing the city, its departments and services accountable to what has been promised.
- 9) All residents have the responsibility to build their community.
- 10) All residents have the responsibility to honor their city and each other.

## Keeping Your Home Secure within the City Ordinances

### Glass Block Installation Guidelines

*The Detroit Historic District Commission ("Commission") realizes that safety and energy concerns results in the desire to install glass block in basement window openings. While this treatment is not recommended, it may be acceptable provided certain conditions are met.*

The installation of glass block in historic districts is work that is regulated by the City of Detroit's Historic District Ordinance No. 161-H. Any proposal for the installation of glass block in a historic district shall meet the following applicable conditions:

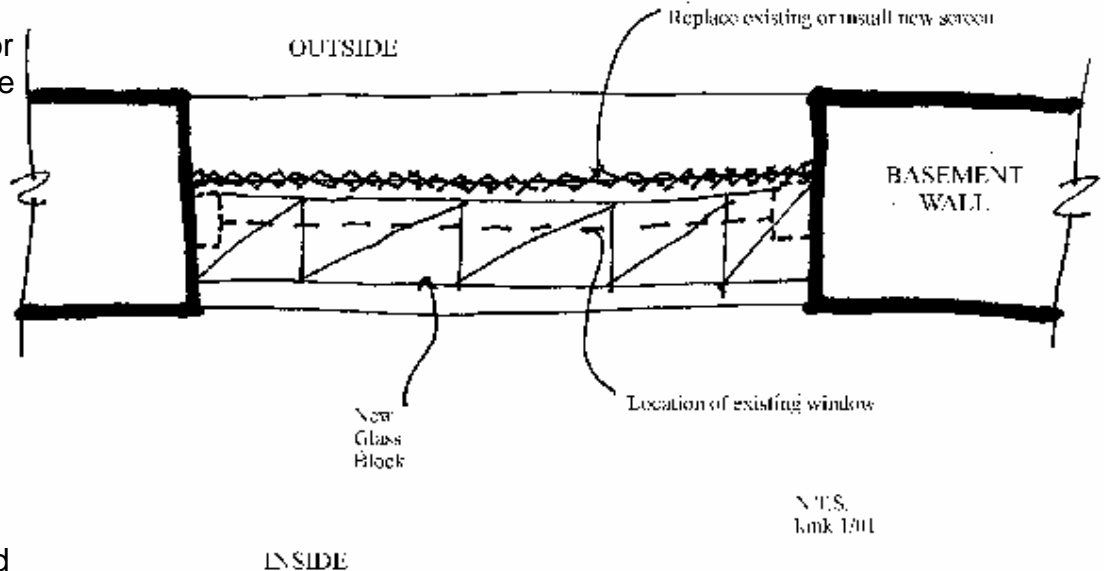
A. The glass block shall be located at the same plane as

the existing historic window, set back from the face of the building wall.

- B. The glass block shall be covered with the historic screen placed back in the window or with a new screen.
- C. Glass block will only be permitted in basement window openings.

D. Openings with glass block that are on the front or visible from a side street shall be screened with foundation plantings that cover the windows.

E. All glass block installations require a permit and Commission approval



\*This article provided courtesy of the Historic District Commission.

## Neighborhood Spotlight – Arden Park



### Quiz Question:

What was the original name of this neighborhood?

### Location Description:

Six square blocks including Arden Park and East Boston Boulevard from Woodward through John R, Brush and into Oakland Avenue.

### Key features:

Use of the Woodward frontage as open space as even in 1910, the commercialization of Woodward was a concern.

### Early Prominent Residents:

Frederick Fisher  
John Dodge  
Clayton & Albert Grinell  
J.L. Hudson  
Charles Diggs, Sr.  
Dr. Dewitt Burton

Arden Park contains some of the work of the city's MOST prominent architects, including Albert Kahn and George Mason and Malcomson & Higginbottom. The Neighborhood is known as "Not quite country club, but friendly".

New residents have returned the sight of kids running down the street..

The neighborhood also recently boasted a successful Garden Tour.

**Answer:** East Chicago Boulevard was the original name. It was changed in 1910 by the president of the North Woodward Avenue Land Corporation, Max Brook.

## Best Practices Workshop

We are planning a Best Practices Workshop later this year. If you know an organization or community that has a positive success story to share please let us know!

Ideas on the preliminary schedule include:

Cass Corridor to Midtown – An incredible story of transition and community involvement

Construction Loans – A Non-traditional way to finance rehabilitation of your home.

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## Meeting Re-caps

Our meetings are held in various historic locations in the city to add interest and diversity to our members in this coming year.

**Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004, Inn on Ferry Street.** Sue Mosely of UCCA gave us a wonderful tour of the Inn and Guesthouse along with a history of the facility. We discussed the historic lighting situation, the Best Practices Workshop, continuing crime in our neighborhoods, and issue of historic district code enforcement.

**Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004, Traffic Jam.** Discussion continues on lighting, Best Practices Workshop, code enforcement and the administrative process, "relocation redlining" and crime.

**Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005, New Center One.** Randall Fogelman talked about New Center development including the Argonaut building, Tandem Bar, Cadillac Place, Crosswinds lofts and a proposed park for concerts. We continue to discuss our common concerns.

**Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 2005, Armandos** A long discussion of the lighting problem was held. Ajene Evans, Community Outreach Liaison for the neighborhood city halls from the Mayor's office, joined our meeting. Kim explained the candidate evaluation process to the group. Earl Smith announced his candidacy for City Council.

**March 24, 2005, Café de Troit.** An in-depth discussion on city services including City Council and Mayoral responses. An update on our success with recent Zoning changes that we contributed to for crime prevention and a presentation on the impending bus route changes and the impact on our neighborhoods.

**April 21st, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.** Several additional community groups joined us to propose working together for the election. Together we

should have about 45,000 votes. Planning continued on the candidate evaluations, followed by an impressive tour of the church.

Respectfully, Regina Kuper, Secretary, DNHC

**Remember:  
North Rosedale  
Park Home &  
Garden Tour**

**September 10, 2005**  
<http://www.northrosedalepark.org/>

**313-835-1103**

## Key Quotes from the Mayoral Candidates Interviews

**"I intend to take the Imperialism out of the Mayorship!"**  
**Hansen Clarke, 2005**

**"It is of the utmost importance to preserve historical neighborhoods."**  
**Kwame Kilpatrick, 2001**

**"It is not that the city is that poor, it is that it is mismanaged."**  
**Kwame Kilpatrick, 2001**

**"Benny and I will cut crime 50% in 4 years."**  
**Sharon McPhail, 2005**

**"There will be no conflicts of interest in my administration."**  
**Freman Hendrix, 2005**

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Meetings  
September 15th**  
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All meetings are  
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Monitor.

We're on the Web!  
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***We need volunteers willing to sign-up for distributing the City Council evaluations in August. We also need volunteers to help develop a brochure for the DHNC.  
Please email Kim Schroeder if you can help.***

**PLEASE NOTE:** The election evaluations have been sent to block captains and volunteers! Please let us know if you do not receive the evaluation by September 13<sup>th</sup>.

## About the Detroit Historic Neighborhoods

**The DHNC** was established in 1999 as a Michigan non-profit organization. DHNC was organized to act as the umbrella organization for the member neighborhoods,

- (1) to disseminate information of interest to historic neighborhoods,
- (2) to represent their interest to City and State government departments and agencies.
- (3) to assist Detroit's historic neighborhoods in bringing united action to bear
- (4) to achieve the goals of maintenance, preservation and rehabilitation of our neighborhoods
- (5) to work together with all historic neighborhoods
- (6) to develop a comprehensive approach to improve the quantity and quality of city services
- (7) to increase the awareness of the cultural heritage distinguishing architectural features as well as promote stability in historic neighborhoods.

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