

Dear Neighbors,

As your Council Member-at-Large, I want to ensure our senior citizens are informed and engaged with the latest programs happening in our city. In this newsletter, you will find information on issues important to Detroiters and specific to seniors such as the vacant lot cutting, animal control, smoke detectors, Senior Power Days on Belle Isle, the Senior Solid Waste Discount and Tax Deferment, safety tips and coffee hours.

I also want to update you on legislation and programs I have been working on: I established the Returning Citizen’s Task Force to help reintegrate formerly incarcerated Detroiters and reduce recidivism rates. I have tackled blight by getting an amendment passed to

the current ordinance so that violators can no longer receive new building permits if they have other properties blighting our city. I was involved in establishing Project Green Light which places well lit, high definition camera feeds at businesses all over the city, such as gas stations and parking lots, to deter crime, help business growth and protect customers. I am working on an ordinance that gives returning citizens a fair chance at housing and employment. I am the only Council Member to serve on four committees: Public Health and Safety, Budget Audit and Finance, Internal Operations and Rules.

For the two short years I have been in office, I’ve been committed to working diligently to service every Detroiters,

especially our most vulnerable populations. From attending community and block club meetings, hosting coffee hours and knocking doors, my team and I have heard your voices on the issues that matter to our city and I am always working to improve the place that you and I call home.

My staff and I have already had the privilege of speaking to many Detroit residents, however, I want to hear from you. If we haven’t met yet, I encourage you to contact my office and to be on the lookout for future events and community group meetings where I would love to meet you in person. You can also stay engaged by tuning into Channel 10 to watch live sessions and see City Council in action.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at (313) 224-4248 or by email at [councilmemberayers@detroitmi.gov](mailto:councilmemberayers@detroitmi.gov).

Sincerely,

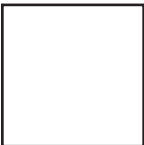


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# BENNY

## Safety Tips from Sheriff Benny Napoleon

Hi, I'm Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon. I have been your Wayne County Sheriff since 2009. My highest priority is public safety and improving the quality of life for all citizens, especially seniors. I'm particularly concerned about helping our seniors to stay safe and I visit with senior groups just about each week to share tips on being as alert as possible in your home and in the community. The following are some of the tips I share with them, which I hope will help you and those you know.

- 1

If you handle your own shopping or errands, **be sure to shop with a friend or companion.**
- 2

Be very **careful while driving**, some people will try to get you to stop so they can take your car. If you are involved in a fender bender, call the police immediately on your cell phone and if there is no threat to your safety by staying in your vehicle, remain there until the police arrive.
- 3

**Always park as close to your location as possible and keep valuables out of sight** when you park your car. There should be nothing on the seats or in view of the dash board.
- 4

**If you are returning home and feel uneasy about a car driving behind you, circle around a few times until they move on past your home or location.** If that car continues to follow you drive to the nearest police department.

Hopefully these tips will help you to be safe and feel more secure in your home and the neighborhood as public safety is my highest priority.

- Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon, J.D





## SENIOR SOLID WASTE APPLICATION & SUMMER TAX DEFERMENTS

Note: Applications available on May 1st at the property tax customer service counter at 2 Woodward Ave., Ste. 136, Detroit, MI 48226 **(313) 224-3560**. Applications will be accepted at the property tax customer service counter May 1st—September 15th. Applications if mailed must be postmarked by September 15th.

### SENIOR SOLID WASTE DISCOUNT ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be at least 65 years of age
- Applicant must be listed on tax roll with city
- Must be your primary residence on city records
- Copy of photo ID (front and back)
- Total household income must be less than \$40,000

### GENERAL DEFERMENT ELIGIBILITY:

- Seniors must be at least 62 years of age
- Applicant must be listed on tax roll with city
- Copy of photo ID
- Total household income less than \$40,000

\* Feel free to contact our office by phone **(313)-224-4248** or email **([councilmemberayers@detroitmi.gov](mailto:councilmemberayers@detroitmi.gov))** for an application package to be mailed to you.

If approved after applying this year, you will not have to reapply in subsequent years.



\* (copy of 1040 Tax Form required as verification of income) OR must have application notarized on back to verify you are not required to file taxes and income is less than \$40,000 yearly for the preceding tax year. Applicants under 62, must be disabled (need verification from Social Security Administration), OR eligible service person eligible veteran, OR eligible widow or widower.

## Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detector Pickup

Please call or email Chief Dale Bradley for more information at **(313) 596-2959**

### 1301 Third St. (Public Safety Headquarters)

111 W. Montcalm  
433 Alexandrine  
3737 E. Lafayette  
6100 Second Blvd.  
1818 E. Grand Blvd.  
4700 Fort St.  
7600 W. Jefferson  
16543 Meyers Rd  
1697 W. Grand Blvd.

11740 E. Jefferson  
1041 Lawndale  
6535 Livernois  
111 Kenilworth  
8700 14th St.  
13939 Dexter  
10700 Shoemaker  
5000 Rohns  
6324 W. Chicago  
6830 McGraw  
35 W. Seven Mile  
10101 Knodell  
17475 Mt. Elliott

2300 S. Fort  
12985 Houston  
Whittier  
18236 Livernois  
5029 Manistique  
15127 Greenfield  
16825 Trinity  
18140 Joy Rd.  
18601 Ryan Rd.  
13960 Burt Rd.  
10801 Whittier  
17800 Curtis  
19701 Hoover

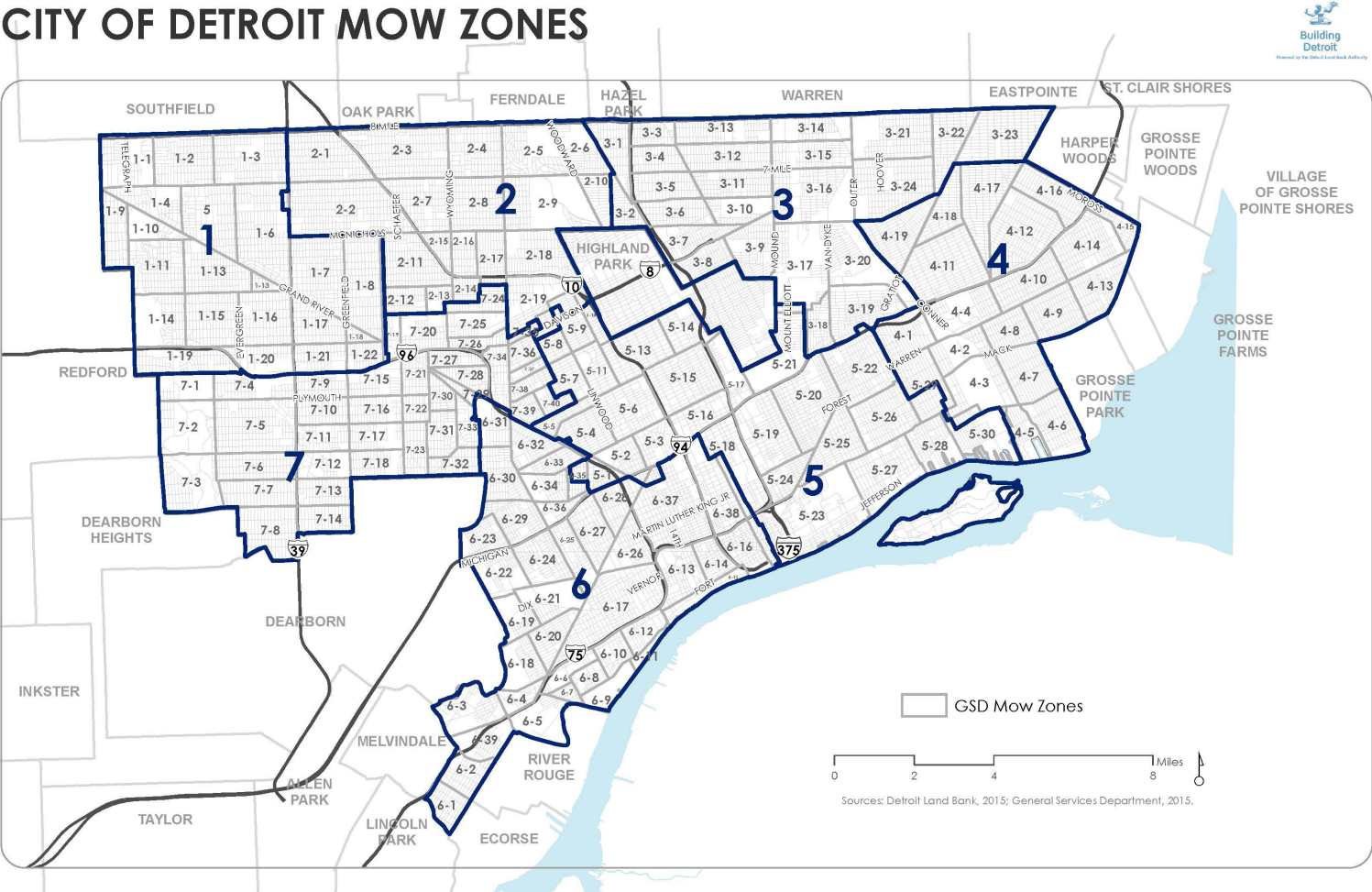


CITY WIDE  
MOW  
ZONES



Have an overgrown vacant lot near you? You can find out when the General Services Department will come to cut it by finding it on the zone map and checking the schedule below.

CITY OF DETROIT MOW ZONES



SPRING / SUMMER - 2ND CUT, EAST OF WOODWARD

Date	District	Zone
June 5-11	5	5-14,15,16 (E. of Woodward), 17,18,19
June 12-18	5	5-20,5-24,23,27,25, 26
June 19-25	5 & 4	5-22 (above Gratiot),5-22(below Gratiot),28,30,4-5,6, 7,3
June 26-July 2	5, 4 & 3	5-29,4-1,4,2,8,9,10,13,14,15,16,12, 3-23
July 3-9	4, 3 & 5	4-17,18,11,3-19,18,5-21
July 10-16	3 & 4	3-17, 20, 4-19,3-22,21,24,16,15,14,13,12,11,10,9
July 17--22	3 & 2	3-8,7,6,5,4,3,1,2,2-10,2-6

SPRING / SUMMER - 2ND CUT, WEST OF WOODWARD

Date	District	Zone
June 5-11	5 & 6	5-13, 15 & 16 (W. of Woodward) 6-38, 16,14, 15, 13, 12,11,10, 9, 8
June 12-18	6	6-7, 6, 5, 39, 2, 1, 3,4,18,19,22, 24,21,20,17,26, 37
June 19-25	6	6-28, 27, 25, 23, 29,36,34,30,31,32,33,35
June 26-July 2	5, 2 & 7	5-1,2,3,6,13,11,10, 9, 2-19,7-35,5-8, 7,5,4,7-40,39,38
July 3-9	7 & 1	7-37,36,34,27,28,29 33,32,31,30,21,22,23, 18,17,16,15,9,10,11,12,13,14,8,7,3,6,5,2,1,4,1-19
July 10-16	1 & 2	1-20,21,22,18,17,16,13,12,15,14,11,10,9,4,1,2,5,6,3, 2-1,3,4
July 17-22	2, 1 & 7	2-5,9,8,7,15,16,17,18,2, 1-7,8, 2-11,12,13,14, 7-24,25,26,20,19

COFFEE & CONVERSATION!

Coffee hours are a chance to meet with your elected officials in an informal setting. You can ask questions about issues impacting your community, get more information on city government or offer ideas and solutions for matters facing our city. Please join me at my upcoming Coffee & Conversation events and make your voice heard.



McDonald's West 7Mile Rd/Lodge Co-Hosting with Sen. David Knezek

Friday, July 28, 2017  
9am - 11am - Distric t#2  
14204 W. 7Mile Rd

McDonald's I75/Springwells

Friday, July 7, 2017 9am -11am - District #6  
1101 Springwells St.  
Detroit, MI 48209





PRESENTED BY



**Senior Power Days on Belle Isle** is a new program that will provide recreational and educational programs for seniors from Detroit, Wayne, Oakland & Macomb.





**SENIOR POWER DAYS**  
*on Belle Isle*  
FOR SENIORS LIVING IN DETROIT | WAYNE | OAKLAND | MACOMB



**SENIOR POWER DAYS ON BELLE ISLE EVENTS - 2017**

- ★ **TUESDAY, MAY 23** – A Detroit Symphony Orchestra Chamber Recital - Belle Isle Detroit Yacht Club (tickets can be purchased at DSO Box office: (313) 576-5111)  
Tour of Yacht Club @ 6:00 pm; Concert @ 7:00 pm; Afterglow @ 8:30 pm
- ★ **WEDNESDAY, JULY 5** – Reminiscence at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
RSVP by June 23rd: (313) 478-8257 or steplenora@aol.com
- ★ **WEDNESDAY, JULY 12** – Jazz at Sunset Belle Isle Casino @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- ★ **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16** – Fun on the Isle, Golf, Bike Riding, Canoeing, Leisure & Fun 10:00 - 2:00 pm. Sign up Belle Isle Casino
- ★ **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13** – Senior and Wellness First Health Fair @ Belle Isle Casino 10:00 - 2:00 pm Belle Isle Casino Grounds

For more information, please contact: **Stephanie Donaldson** at: **(313) 478-8257**

NOTE: RECREATION PASSPORT REQUIRED FOR ENTRY INTO THE PARK

# ANIMAL CARE

## UPDATES

Early this year, City Council made changes to our dangerous animals ordinance that provides greater protections for both pet owners and residents who may come in contact with a dangerous animal. These protections include stricter rules for when Animal Care and Control officers may enter a home, a day in court for owners before a pet is euthanized, permission for residents to capture any animal trespassing on his or her property, and rules for how a dog may be tethered in a backyard.

Now, in order for an Animal Care and Control officer to enter a pet owner’s home, he must follow the same rules that the police do. This means that Animal Care and Control officers may enter a home under four circumstances: the owner has given permission to enter, the officer has a warrant, the officer is assisting other law enforcement or government officials who have the right to enter, or there is an emergency with no time to get a warrant. When it comes to euthanizing animals that have been determined dangerous, the owner now has the right to a court hearing to oppose the determination and Animal Care and Control must have a court order before it can euthanize the animal.

Residents may now capture any animal trespassing on his or her property, including stray dogs regardless of whether the dog has an owner. If you plan on capturing an animal, you must adhere to the following: use safe methods to capture, keep the animal safe while it is in your care, immediately tell Animal Care and Control that you have the animal, and turn it over to Animal Care and Control when it is requested.



If you plan on keeping any dog(s) tethered in your yard, you must do so safely. Changes to the ordinance make it illegal to tether a dog for more than three hours at a time. You cannot tether a dog under 4 months old and each dog needs to have its own tether. Tethered dogs need to be in an area where they'll be protected from people and other animals and, for everyone’s protection, must not be able to come within 5 feet of any property line. They must have access to shade and appropriate shelter for the weather, along with a dry surface to stand on if it rains. Food and water dishes must be secured so that the tether will not tip them over.

There are also specific requirements for what must be used to tether. A coated steel cable that is at least 3 times the length of the dog must be used. The tether and all its attachments combined cannot weigh more than 10% of the dog's weight and cannot be fashioned so that it significantly limits the dog's movement. A buckle type harness or collar that will not strangle or entangle the dog to nearby objects like a fence or tree must be used. Finally, there has to be a swivel attached to both ends so the dog can comfortably move around.

Mistreated dogs are much more likely to become aggressive, so proper tethering is not just for the dog's sake. It's an important part of protecting the physical safety of the people who live in the surrounding neighborhood. If you believe someone is mistreating their animals or improperly tethering a dog, please contact Animal Care and Control so they can investigate and ensure that everyone, from the animals to the neighbors are protected.