



GROWING A GREENER DETROIT

EASTSIDE: Spring and Summer 2010

THE GROWING A GREENER DETROIT SERIES brings together organizations to provide learning opportunities for Detroit residents to become environmental stewards in their communities.

THE GREENING OF DETROIT
The Greening of Detroit is a non-profit organization with the mission to create a 'greener' Detroit through planting and educational programs, environmental leadership, advocacy, and by building community capacity.

DETROIT EASTSIDE COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE
The Detroit Eastside Community Collaborative (DECC) is a consortium of organizations and institutions dedicated to revitalizing Detroit's Eastside through information sharing, joint advocacy and collective action.

CONNER CREEK GREENWAY
The Conner Creek Greenway is a planned nine-mile path to run from Eight Mile Road to the Detroit River. Currently, 2.5 miles have been completed, featuring a ten-foot wide walking and biking path that goes through Conner Playfield and along City Airport and includes Milbank section. It is managed by DECC with support from Nortown Community Development Corporation.

EDUCATION

ReVisioning Vacancy (Tuesday, May 18th, 6-8PM, Warren Connor Development Coalition, 11148 Harper Ave., west of Connor Ave.) Feeling overwhelmed by illegal dumping and overgrowth on vacant lots in your neighborhood? Learn how to take them back and turn blight into beauty! The Greening of Detroit will share information on how to identify property owners, engage your neighbors and make use of these open spaces.

Greenscaping a Healthier Yard (Wednesday, June 30th, 6-8PM, St. Johns Connor Creek Village, 4777 E. Outer Drive) By taking care of our lawns and gardens properly, you can save money, time, energy and water while helping the environment. Learn about landscaping practices that can improve the health and appearance of your lawn and garden while protecting and preserving natural resources. Topics covered include: turf grass and chemical fertilizer alternatives, designing with native plants, composting and pest management.

Camp Greenway (Thursday, July 15th, 1-4PM, Conner Creek Playfield at Conner Ave. and Corbett Ave, 5 blocks north of Harper) The Greening of Detroit's Environmental Education staff will lead a half-day camp session for youth on the Greenway. Youth will participate in hands-on outdoor activities and learn about insects, worms, plants, the environment and more! Pre-registration is required. To sign your child up to participate in Camp Greening on the Conner Creek Greenway, call Melanie at (313) 237-8733 or email melanie@greeningofdetroit.com

Tree Walk (Thursday, August 12th, 5:30-7PM, Elmwood Cemetery, 1000 Robert Bradby Drive, near Lafayette and McDougall) A Greening of Detroit urban forester will lead a guided tour of the trees in this beautiful historic cemetery. Brush up on your tree identification skills, learn about common pests, and diseases that can affect the health of trees in your community.

For more information about the Growing a Greener Detroit Series, contact Sarah at (313) 237-8733 ext. 240 or email sarahhay@greeningofdetroit.com



VOLUNTEER

Greenway Community Volunteer Day (Thursday, June 10th, 11:30AM-2:30PM, Conner Creek Greenway at Connor Ave. and Harper) Join us for a community walk along the greenway, and then help clean-up and maintain garden beds and trees along the path. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Sarah at the Greening of Detroit at (313) 237-8733, ext. 240 if you are planning on coming out!

EVENTS

Detroit Bikes! Tour of the Conner Creek Greenway (Saturday, June 26th, 10AM-12PM) As a part of Jazzin' on Jefferson, Jefferson East Business Association will be sponsoring this biking tour. Meet at the corner of Jefferson and Chalmers with your bike and helmet, ready to ride! For more information, contact Libby at (313) 571-2800 ext.1159 or email connercreekgreenway@gmail.com.

Mt. Olivet Sunrise Run and Pancake Breakfast (Sunday, July 11th, 7AM registration, 8:30 AM Breakfast, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 17100 Van Dyke) Choose your distance- 10K, 5K, or 1.5 Mile, or just come out for the delicious breakfast! This is a benefit for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The race is \$18, breakfast only is \$5. Register for the race online at www.runmichigan.com. For more information, contact Libby at (313) 571-2800, ext.1159.

Play Day on the Greenway (Tuesday, August 3rd, 11AM-2PM, Conner Playfield at Conner Ave. and Corbett Ave, 5 blocks north of Harper) Bring the family out for fun and games: Potato sack races, water balloon toss, hula hoop contests, and more! Contact Sarah at the Greening of Detroit at (313) 237-8733 ext. 240 for more information.

Kayak Tour: The Canals and Estates of Creekside (Tuesday, August 10th, 5:30-8PM, Maheras-Gentry Park at the foot of Connor Avenue at the Detroit River, \$35) Brought to you by Riverside Kayak Connection. A portion of the proceeds will benefit DECC. Register online at www.riversidekayak.com. For more information, contact Libby at (313) 571-2800, ext.1159.

Recycle HERE! Eastside Neighborhood Drop-Off Locations and Times: Recycle HERE! will accept newspaper, mixed paper, glossy paper, cardboard and chipboard, glass, all metals, plastics, Styrofoam, aseptic containers, and household batteries at most drop-off locations. For more information, visit <http://www.recyclehere.net>.

- **Eastern Market**, corner of Wilkins and Russell Streets. First Saturdays 10AM-2PM
- **Indian Village**, Waldorf School parking lot at Charlevoix and Burns. Second Saturdays 9AM-1PM
- **Lafayette Park**, at Orleans St. and Lafayette. Third Saturdays 9AM-1PM
- **Creekside**, at Jefferson Ave. and Chalmers. Fourth Saturdays, 10AM-2PM

Walk It Off: Conner Creek Greenway Walking Groups. Burn calories, de-stress and enjoy the natural side of Detroit! These walking groups are a great way to get in shape and meet others in your community. For more information, contact Libby at (313) 571-2800, ext.1159.

- **Wednesday Walkers** meet every Wednesday from April 14th to September 8th, from 12:30-1:00PM. Meet at Conner Playfield at the corner of Harper and Conner. Parking is available across the street at Warren Conner Development Coalition.
- **Mt. Olivet Health Walks** meets every Thursday, June-Oct., walking hours are 5:30-7:30PM. Meet at the Van Dyke Entrance of Mt. Olivet Cemetery (17100 Van Dyke).
- **Healthy Environments Partnership (HEP) programs:** A walking club meets 3 times each week from May 10th-December. For more information, call (313) 593-0924. A Hustle, Stroll and Jump along the Milbank Greenway program will be starting this summer, call Nortown CDC at (313) 891-7709.

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