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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARION HAYDEN AND THE MIDDLE PASSAGE EXILES: PROTEST - JAZZ AND THE ROOTS OF HIP HOP

Friday, February 16
7:00 pm
Detroit Institute of Arts
5200 Woodward Ave.,
Rivera Court
Detroit, MI 48202
FREE

DETROIT BLUES HERITAGE SERIES: "DETROIT WINTER BLUES"

Saturday, February 17
2:00-4:00 pm
Scarab Club
217 Farnsworth, Midtown
Detroit, MI 48202
\$5 donation requested at the door

PROJECT REENTRY WORKSHOP BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Wednesday, February 21
SADO Office
645 Griswold, Suite 3300
Detroit, MI 48226
5:30-7:30 PM
FREE

THE BIGGIE BLUES CONCERT

Saturday, February 24
Doors | 6:00 pm
Performance | 7:00-10:30 pm
Meyer Theater,
Monroe County Community College
1555 S. Raisinville Rd.,
Monroe, MI 48161
FREE

COOKING MATTERS: FOOD SKILLS TO MAKE HEALTHY MEALS ON A BUDGET

Friday, March 2
4:00-6:00 pm
*Meet new friends and share healthy
eating choices while learning how to
choose and prepare healthy foods on a
tight budget.*

Attend the event and receive:

- Book of course materials and recipes
- Activities and food tastings
- Reusable grocery bag
- Free gift card to a local grocery store

The Mission Center
12121 Gratiot Ave.
Detroit, MI 48205
FREE



COLORS DETROIT:

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN FOOD SERVICE AND A LIVABLE WAGE

With 12 million restaurant workers nationwide, more than 421,000 in Michigan, and over 160,000 in Detroit, the restaurant industry continues to be one of the fastest growing segments of the economy.

Unfortunately, the restaurant industry is also the lowest paying—restaurant servers are three times as likely to live in poverty, and use food stamps at double the rate of the rest of the U.S. workforce. While approximately 20% of restaurant industry jobs are living-wage positions, many of these are fine-dining server and bartender positions for which employers overwhelmingly hire white men. People of color, women, and immigrants face significant barriers in advancing to livable-wage positions or in developing their own enterprises within this sector.

The restaurant industry is also a leading employer of formerly incarcerated individuals. The Restaurant Opportunities Center (ROC) of Michigan has developed an integrated approach to empower returning citizens to gain traction in the fine-dining restaurant industry. The Restore Detroit Program trains returning citizens and survivors of domestic violence for work in restaurants.

Restore Detroit is a 16 week training program held at Colors Detroit, located downtown. Trainees are taught customer service, soft skills/restorative practices, and Front of House restaurant education. There is also a 6 week paid internship built into the course. To be eligible, applicants must be post-release, have their birth certificate and state ID, be a resident of Detroit, and have an interest in the restaurant industry (food service experience is helpful, but not required).

Classes begin on March 12, 2018 and are held 5 days a week, 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.

For more information, contact Project Reentry at reentry@sado.org or call (313) 256-9833 and ask for a member of Project Reentry. Project Reentry team members will provide you with information and guidance on how to enroll in Restore Detroit.



ERIC CAMMON
RELEASED JUNE 2017

CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT

HOMETOWN
Detroit, MI

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Eric Cammon enjoys playing basketball, watching movies, and spending the time that he has relaxing with family. He likes to stay busy, though, so most of his days are occupied by work at Waste Biz Inc.

SUCCESSES SINCE RELEASE

Finding a job and being able to re-prioritize life: putting family before money. Success is walking into a room and being able to hug his fiancée and having the opportunity to talk to his family whenever he needs to.

STRUGGLES SINCE RELEASE

Looking for a job without a work history on the outside was hard. There are a lot of bumps in the road, but having a support system makes things easier.

MESSAGE FOR THE COMMUNITY

"My family is the most important thing to me: without them, I'd be back on the streets. Remember that you can be whatever you want to be. You can always be something. As we know, it's easy to go in, hard to get out. Surround yourself with the right people and stay away from the dumb stuff. Family is everything, money is nothing; work on being rich with your heart."

MEET THE TEAM



ANITHA MOHAN

HOMETOWN
Ann Arbor, MI

PROJECT REENTRY TEAM MEMBER SINCE
January 2018
MSW Intern

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Drinking coffee, reading, exploring the outdoors, making face masks, memorizing Drake lyrics, politics, and promoting economic, gender, and racial justice.

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

I'm very excited to be a part of Project Reentry. I've already learned so much in the month that I've been here, and I am really looking forward to spending the next year with you all!

WELCOME HOME!

WE ARE OVERJOYED TO ANNOUNCE THAT RAMONE EVANS, KEVIN DENMAN, AND BOBBY GRIFFIN WERE ALL RELEASED IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME BACK, GENTLEMEN!

RAMONE EVANS
RELEASED JANUARY 23, 2018
27 YEARS INSIDE

KEVIN DENMAN
RELEASED JANUARY 30, 2018
35 YEARS INSIDE

BOBBY GRIFFIN
RELEASED FEBRUARY 6, 2018
51 YEARS INSIDE

MY DISTANT LOVE

Poem by Bobby Hines, released September 2017

I had a thought within my mind,
so I decided to write it.
No matter where we are, we always seem to
stay in alignment.

My love, it is the Universe that keeps us
strong,
its our gravitational thought pattern that
carries us on.

We are distant, yet consistent through the
ups and downs.
All my perfect days they come from when
you up
your smile.

They'll be good times, bad times, struggles
and fights.
These are attributes solidifying you are my
wife.

What we have within the distance will be
soon conjoined.

But for now we're on a frequency through
thoughts and poems.

As our date to meet comes closer we will
overcome
our division when we finally merge
becoming as one.

JOBS

THE GREENING OF DETROIT: "DETROIT CONSERVATION CORPS"

8 Week Paid Training Program
Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must be a Detroit, Highland Park, or Hamtramck resident
- All education levels welcome
- Felony convictions welcome
- Must pass a drug screen

For more information:

Visit the Greening of Detroit office located
at 13000 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48235

OR

Call Laura Foxworthy,
Recruitment Coordinator (313) 285-2251

KITCHEN JOBS: SPOTS HIRING AROUND TOWN

Line or Prep Cooks:

McShane's Pub, Corktown Detroit
Rugby Grill, Birmingham
Jolly Pumpkin, Royal Oak
Pizza e Vino, Plymouth
Mama Mia, Livonia
Maisano's, Novi
Kravings, Oak Park

Dishwashers:

Jolly Pumpkin, Royal Oak
Pizza e Vino, Plymouth
Mama Mia, Livonia

Contact Project Reentry for assistance
applying for the above positions.

RESOURCES

DETROIT EMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS

A Michigan Works! Agency
Detroit Employment Solutions finds jobs
based on your interests.

Visit these area locations for more
information:

Samaritan Center
5555 Conner, Detroit, MI 48213

SER Metro
9301 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48210

Northwest Activities Center
18100 Meyers, Detroit, MI 48235

NATION OUTSIDE Facebook Group

The Voice of the Formerly Incarcerated
www.facebook.com/nationoutside/

Or for more information contact:
nationoutside@gmail.com

CIAO LINE Facebook Group

Tri-County Job Resource
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ciaoline/>

ACCESS FOR ALL

*Building and Construction Trades
Apprenticeship Readiness Training*
Call an Access for All representative:
(313) 945-5200 ext. 4317

DETROIT TRAINING CENTER

Real Estate Salesperson Pre-Licensure Course
March 12-March 24

A 40-hour course designed to help students
pass the state licensing exam for the Michigan
Real Estate Salesperson license.
Call 313-221-5876 to register today!

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

(VITA) PROGRAMS

The IRA sponsors the VITA program as a way to help those who make less than \$53,000 a year get help with their taxes. It is staffed by trained volunteers within different localities.

See back page for a list of locations with VITA volunteers waiting to help you file your taxes. Make sure to complete the checklist before your visit!

COMMUNITY TIPS

WEEKLY 'HUSTLE FOR HISTORY' DANCE LESSONS AT THE WRIGHT

Interested in a new hobby? Get your groove on! Thomasenia Johnson of *Two Left Feet* teaches weekly hustle lessons. This activity is welcome to all ages, experiences, and skill levels.

FREE for Museum Members
\$7/class for Non-Members

All proceeds benefit the museum and its ongoing membership efforts.

Sunday evenings at 5 PM
The Charles H. Wright Museum
315 E. Warren Ave.,
Detroit, MI, 48201

FREE YOGA AT MOCAD

Always wanted to try yoga? Here's your chance! Free yoga every Sunday from 6-7pm at the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit (MOCAD).

No registration required. Be sure to bring a water bottle and your own mat/towel.

4454 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48201

HAVE QUESTIONS OR SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?

Send your letter to:
PROJECT REENTRY
STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER OFFICE
645 GRISWOLD, SUITE 3300
DETROIT, MI 48226

Call:
THE STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER OFFICE
(313) 256-9833
and ask for a Project Reentry Team Member

or e-mail:
REENTRY@SADO.ORG

All questions will remain anonymous unless you say otherwise

THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES

PEOPLE RECEIVE AND EXPRESS LOVE IN DIFFERENT WAYS. KNOWING HOW YOU RECEIVE LOVE AND GIVE LOVE WILL HELP YOU COMMUNICATE BETTER WITH YOUR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES! REVIEW THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES BELOW TO SEE WHERE YOU FIT.

1. WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

If this is your love language, you love the power words possess. You live for the, "Good morning, beautiful/handsome" texts, and nothing warms your heart more than a compliment. Whether it be on your work performance, a personality trait, or your looks, you swoon over being verbally validated on a regular basis.

2. QUALITY TIME

If this is how you like to receive love, nothing beats being constantly surrounded by those you love. Even if it's just a phone call, some carried out plans, or being in the same room as the other person while cruising the internet or mindlessly watching Netflix. Cancelled plans or general flakiness hurts, and makes you feel rejected. In your eyes, time spent with the person you love is the best time spent.

3. GIVING GIFTS

The way you see it, receiving gifts is the ultimate way to interpret love. This isn't to be confused with being vain or materialistic. Most can agree that if someone sees something and thinks, "dang, (this person) would love this!", they're a pretty great person! There's nothing wrong with wanting to be thought of. You love receiving gifts that are personalized and require lots of thinking and/or hint induced.

4. PHYSICAL TOUCH

This goes hand in hand with quality time more often than not. It's quality time, but amplified a bit, because it's taking a step further into needing this person's physical presence rather than needing consistent communication. If this is you, you need cuddling, hugging, and other physical signals that suggest they care about you and want to be with you, too.

5. ACTS OF SERVICE

Consider a time where you really didn't want to do a certain chore or task, but when you got around to it, it was already done for you! Acts of service are things like doing the dishes for someone, or taking on a task that isn't necessarily enjoyable just so your loved one doesn't have to put up with it.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES, ATTEND OUR BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP ON FEBRUARY 21!

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We use taxes to build relationships.
And relationships to build futures.

DETROIT - CENTRAL

COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER
2 Woodward, Room 124, Detroit 48226
Thursday & Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Drop and Go Option Only†

MAIN DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY
5201 Woodward, Detroit 48202
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
*Appointment preferred: 313-556-1920
Saturdays, walk-in service (closed 2/17 & 3/31)
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. First-come, first-served.
Number served based on availability.
Jan. 20-April 17 **Also Drop and Go Option†**

DUFFIELD BRANCH LIBRARY
2507 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit 48208
Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jan. 20-April 14 (Closed Feb. 17)
Appointment necessary: 313-481-1712

NORTHEND FINANCIAL HUB
1550 Taylor St., Detroit 48206
Mondays - Fridays
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 22-April 17
*Appointment preferred: 313-556-1920

DETROIT - EAST SIDE

TEAM WELLNESS
6309 Mack Ave., Detroit 48207
Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jan. 20-April 14 Walk-ins accepted.
*Appointment preferred: 313-556-1920

FORD RESOURCE AND ENGAGEMENT CENTER
(INSIDE FISHER MAGNET UPPER ACADEMY)
15491 Maddelein St., Detroit 48205
Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 20-April 17
*Appointment preferred: 313-556-1920

***APPOINTMENT PREFERRED — First-come, first-served based on availability. You may be referred to our Drop and Go Option.†**

DETROIT - WEST SIDE

Adam Butzel Recreation Center
10500 Lyndon St., Detroit 4
Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 3-April 17
Walk-in service. First come, first served.

FOCUS: HOPE
1300 Oakman Blvd., Detroit 48238
Mondays - Fridays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jan. 22-April 17 (Closed 1/20, 3/30, 4/2, 4/17)
Sat. 1/27 & 2/3 only, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Walk-in service. First-come, first-served.
Number served based on availability.
Also Drop and Go Option†

NORTHWEST FINANCIAL HUB
7800 W. Outer Drive, LL25, Detroit 48235
Wednesdays - Saturdays
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 20 - April 17
Tuesdays 12 noon to 7 p.m.
Mon. 4/16 only, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
*Appointment preferred: 313-556-1920
Also Drop and Go Option†

SOUTHWEST FINANCIAL HUB
2826 Bagley, Detroit 48216
Tuesdays - Saturdays,
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 20-April 17
Mon. 4/16 only, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
*Appointment preferred: 313-556-1920
Hablamos Español

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT-MERCY
4001 W. McNichols, Detroit 48221
Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Feb. 10-April 7
Appointment necessary: 313-556-1920

†DROP AND GO OPTION — Can't wait? Drop your tax work off, go, and pick it up later.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

BRIGHTON SENIOR CENTER
850 Spencer Road, Brighton 48116
Mondays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesdays, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Jan. 22-April 17
Appointment necessary: 810-447-0868

BRIGHTON LIBRARY
100 Library Drive, Brighton 48116
Wednesdays, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Jan. 23-April 10
Appointment necessary: 810-447-0868

HOWELL LIBRARY
314 W. Grand River, Howell 48843
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jan. 27-April 14
*Appointment preferred: 810-447-0868

MACOMB COUNTY

MACOMB CNTY. CENTRAL ACTION CENTER
196 North Rose, Mt. Clemens 48043
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Jan. 23-April 11
*Appointment preferred: 586-463-2537

MACOMB CNTY. SOUTH ACTION CENTER
11370 Hupp, Warren 48089
Thursdays & Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Jan. 25-April 13 (Open until noon 3/30)
*Appointment preferred: 586-463-2537

SAMARITAN HOUSE
62324 Van Dyke, Washington 48094
Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jan. 20-April 14
Appointment necessary: 586-336-9956

PREFER TO DIY ONLINE? Free software and online support for anyone with income up to \$64,000. See our website.

OAKLAND COUNTY

LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
46156 Woodward, Pontiac 48342
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jan. 27-April 14
*Appointment preferred: 248-716-3260

OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE
1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac 48341
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jan. 20-April 14
*Appointment preferred: 248-716-3260

OAKLAND COUNTY FINANCIAL HUB
1956 Hilton, Ferndale 48220
Wed/Thurs/Fri./Sat. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesdays 12 noon to 8 p.m.
Mon. 4/16 only, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Jan. 20-April 17
*Appointment preferred: 248-716-3260

OLHSA - A COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
196 Cesar Chavez Ave., Pontiac 48342
Wednesdays, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jan. 20-April 17
*Appointment preferred: 248-209-2600

WAYNE COUNTY-SUBURBS

ACCESS
2651 Saulino Ct., Dearborn 48120
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,
Feb 3-Feb. 24
Walk-in service. First-come, first-served.
Number served based on availability.

RIVER ROUGE SENIOR CENTER
10625 W. Jefferson, River Rouge 48218
Wednesdays, 1 to 7 p.m.
Jan. 31-March 28
Saturday Feb. 17 (only) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
*Appointment preferred: 313-842-3360

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FREE 2018 INCOME TAX PREPARATION
For Those with Annual Household Incomes up to \$54,000

313-556-1920
accountingaidsociety.org



TAX PREPARATION CHECK LIST

Important documents and information you need to bring with you to get your 2017 tax returns and tax credit forms prepared and filed.

IDENTIFICATION/SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

- ☐ Photo ID: Driver's License, State ID, or Detroit ID for yourself and spouse
- ☐ Social Security cards for yourself, spouse, and each dependent
- ☐ Taxpayers filing a joint return must both be present when the tax returns are prepared. Both spouses must sign a joint tax return.

INCOME STATEMENTS OR FORMS (all that apply)

- ☐ A copy of last year's return (2016)
- ☐ Wages (all Forms W-2)
- ☐ Unemployment (Form 1099-G)
- ☐ Pension (Form 1099-R)
- ☐ Social Security (Form SSA-1099)
- ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Letter from SSA
- ☐ Interest/Dividends (Form 1099-INT or 1099-DIV)
- ☐ DHS Assistance (DHS Annual Client Statement)
- ☐ Child Support (Child Support Annual Statement)
- ☐ Gambling/Lottery Winnings (Form W-2G)
- ☐ Miscellaneous Income (Form 1099-MISC)
- ☐ Any other income documentation you may have

DIRECT DEPOSIT: FASTEST AND SAFEST WAY TO RECEIVE YOUR REFUND

- ☐ Your bank or credit union name
- ☐ Routing number
- ☐ Account number (must show proof)

PROOF OF EXPENSES (all that apply)

- ☐ Mortgage Interest (Form 1098)
- ☐ Medical or HMO Premiums paid for self and any family members
- ☐ Affordable Care Act Statements (all that apply)
 - Form 1095-A Health Insurance Marketplace
 - Form 1095-B Health Coverage
 - Form 1095-C Employer-Provided Insurance
- ☐ Dependent care expenses
- ☐ Student loan interest—Form 1098-E
- ☐ Tuition and course materials—Form 1098-T
- ☐ Account transcript from school

AMOUNT OF ANNUAL HEATING COSTS—for the Home Heating Credit

- ☐ The amount you were billed for heating your home from 11/01/2016 to 10/31/2017. This information should be on your Dec. or Jan. utility bill. If you cannot find it, contact your heat provider.

The Home Heating Credit is available for homeowners and renters.

HOMEOWNERS—for the Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit

- ☐ The 2017 taxable value of your home
- ☐ A complete copy of your summer and winter property tax bills for 2017

RENTERS—for the Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit

- ☐ Your lease or rental contract
- ☐ Rent receipts for 2017
- ☐ Your landlord's name and address

FREE 2018 INCOME TAX PREPARATION

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