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UPCOMING EVENTS

PROJECT REENTRY PCAP WORKSHOP

April 28th, 2019

2:00P.M. - 4:00P.M.

State Appellate Defender Office

645 Griswold St. Suite 3300

Detroit, MI 48226

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INTRODUCTIONS TO COMPUTERS

Thursday, April 18

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Detroit Public Library

12800 Harper Ave

Detroit, MI 48213

Covers the basic parts of a computer, flash drives, saving documents/pictures, printing, mouse usage, keyboarding, an introduction to Microsoft Word, Internet browsing. No computer skills needed.

FREE

CRASH COURSE IN HTML & CSS

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.

Tech. Town

440 Burroughs Street

Detroit, MI 48202

Curious about coding, but don't know where to begin? HTML & CSS is the perfect place to start. Here you'll learn the basic building blocks of a website, and how to style them while completing a series of challenges to help you master your new skills. Bring a laptop to ensure you get the most out of the workshop.

SECOND CHANCE GALA

Saturday, April 27th

4:00pm - 8:00pm

Marygrove College

8425 W McNichols Rd.

Detroit, MI 48221

\$40 per person

A celebration of new beginnings for formally incarcerated men and women.

THE REFORM OF CANNABIS LAWS

BY LISA ROCHOW

The reform of cannabis laws throughout the United States has both elected officials and voters implementing policies, which will decrease incarceration rates and revolutionize the impacts of criminal convictions. However, voters in Michigan passed a recreational cannabis proposal that did not address the important problem of past and persistent unjust persecutions of cannabis-related mass criminalization. In her first press conference as Michigan's Governor-elect, Gretchen Whitmer stated the majority of people in Michigan agree that for conduct that is now legal, "no one should bear a lifelong record for that conduct." The Governor believes people who are serving sentences in jail or prison for non-violent, cannabis-related crimes, deserve justice. Further, Whitmer declared she would begin looking into cannabis crime expungement, make some decisions, and act early this year. In Michigan, 117,123 people have been arrested and charged with misdemeanor cannabis offenses in the past five years and nearly fifty thousand of those people have been convicted, according to the Michigan State Police, from records supplied by county prosecutors and courts. This means one in twelve people arrested have been charged with a cannabis-related offense. Nearly four thousand people are in prison, jail or on probation for cannabis-related felony convictions, according to the 2016 annual inmate population report by the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC). While some arrests are made for cannabis distribution (13%), others are simply for possession or use of cannabis (87%). Michigan's 2017 arrest rate per 1,000 residents for cannabis offenses revealed that black men were 3.5 times more likely than white men to be arrested for cannabis, and black women were 2.5 times more likely to be arrested than white women. In states where cannabis-related convictions can be expunged, residents must still initiate and navigate a process that includes paperwork, a lot of time, and unreasonable court fines and costs, which only adds to the burdensome stigma around cannabis criminalization. Without the ability to be free of a cannabis conviction, many residents in Michigan face difficulties surrounding job prospects, student loan opportunities, and housing assistance. The current legal status of cannabis in Michigan does not address the importance of racial equity and it is up to lawmakers to consider the unjust implications of neglecting those who are continuously burdened by cannabis convictions.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

DETROIT CAREER FAIR

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
9:30AM - 12:30PM
Detroit Marriott
400 Renaissance Dr W
Detroit MI
9:30AM - 12:30PM
Meet face to face with top employers hiring for Sales, Customer Service, Retail, Financial Services, Management, I.T. and Government positions. Bring your resume.

DETROIT AT WORK SKILLED TRADES TRAINING

Breithaupt Information Sessions
4th Saturday of the month
Breithaupt CTC
9300 Hubbell Ave.
Detroit, MI 48228
10:00AM-11:00AM
Randolph Information Sessions
2nd Saturday of the month
Randolph CTC
17101 Hubbell Ave.
Detroit, MI 48235
10:00AM-11:00AM

CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Center for Employment Opportunities provides immediate, effective, and comprehensive employment services exclusively to individuals who have recently returned home from incarceration.
7310 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202
Call 313-752-0680 to inquire

MICHIGAN SHARE NETWORK, CHURCH OF MESSIAH

The Share Network provides resources for employment, offers assistance with resumes, job applications, attire and access to employment.
Contact Wally Gilbert for information.
(248) 796-1921
wallyg@blvdharambee.org

FOR ASSISTANCE APPLYING TO JOBS OR TO BE CONNECTED TO EVENTS AND RESOURCES IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE REACH OUT TO PROJECT REENTRY.

CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT

DANIEL JONES

CAME HOME MARCH 2018

HOMETOWN

Detroit, Michigan

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Social Media. I love being able to reach out to my family members who live abroad.

SUCCESS SINCE RELEASE

My biggest success is that I've been able to get my driver's permit. I also was able to be accepted at Macomb Community College and have had the opportunity to speak to groups of people at different universities.



MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

Have a vision for yourself. See yourself doing something out here in the free world. Focus on your health and save as much money as you can.

STRUGGLES SINCE RELEASE

Parallel parking!

FIND HOPE!

Hope Community Church Support Meeting

1st and 3rd Friday of every month
Next meeting April 19th
6:00-8:00pm

Hope Community Church
14456 E. Jefferson
Detroit, MI 48215

Hope Community Church hosts support meetings on the first and third Friday of every month. Meetings are a healing space for individuals, family members, and friends with loved ones who are or have been incarcerated in the past. If interested, all you have to do is show up.



THANKYOU

A Special Thanks to John Woodson, Sofia Nelson, Karl Henkel, Anastassia Kolosova, and Corey Bibbs for presenting and volunteering at last month's workshop. A special thank you to Mitchell Shamsud-Din, Executive Director of the Community Services Community Development Corp., for donating money for food for our event.



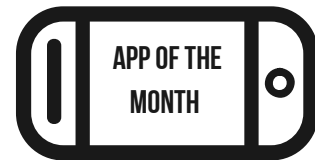
SAVE THE DATE



**Wednesday, May 29
9:30 a.m. – 4:00p.m**

**CITIZENS FOR PRISON REFORM'S 8TH
ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION DAY**

**Michigan State Capitol
100 N. Capitol Ave
Lansing, MI 48933**



INSIGHT TIMER

WHAT IS INSIGHT TIMER?

Magic happens when you give meditation away for free. Most meditation apps say they're free, but the reality is quite different; once the starter pack finishes they quickly lock you out. Insight Timer offers the largest free library of guided meditations on earth and the world's most loved meditation timer, for free.

Available for iOS and Android.

READ/WATCH/LISTEN LIST BY TAYLOR BONNER

READ **JUST MERCY: A STORY OF JUSTICE AND REDEMPTION BY BRYAN STEVENSON**

Just Mercy is a work of nonfiction that delves into the life of a new lawyer, Bryan Stevenson, and his journey in representing juvenile lifers, and wrongly convicted individuals on death row in Alabama.

WATCH **ETTHEHIPHOPPREACHER ON YOUTUBE**

Michigan native, Eric Thomas, started as a homeless high school dropout, and is now a renowned motivational speaker here to help others reach their full potential and bring those buried goals to life!

LISTEN **FACE THE WORLD BY NIPSEY HUSSLE**

Nipsey Hussle was not only a Grammy-nominated rapper, but someone who was deeply dedicated to his community. He owned many businesses in his neighborhood and encouraged community members to invest in their own communities. His music will remain as a blueprint for happenings in the hood, unity and black entrepreneurship.

MEET THE TEAM

LISA ROCHOW



HOMETOWN

Bay City, MI

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Going to concerts, music festivals, and surrounding myself with my amazing friends and family.

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

I am very grateful and privileged to be working with so many wonderful clients, attorneys, and social workers. I appreciate the opportunities that have been given to me here at SADO and am very excited for the future of Project Reentry.

PEANUT BUTTER CHEESECAKE BARS

Cook time: 30 minutes

Prep time: 15 minutes

Servings: 4

FOR CRUST

- 9 ounces chocolate wafer cookies or chocolate sandwich cookies
- 6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) unsalted butter, softened

For Filling:

- 6 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 cup (10.5 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- 1/3 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- pinch fine sea salt

FOR CHOCOLATE GLAZE

- 5 ounces dark or milk chocolate
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line an 8-by-8-inch baking pan with parchment paper or aluminum foil and set aside.
2. Process cookies in a food processor until finely ground (or place in a Ziploc bag and crush with a rolling pin). Add softened butter and pulse until evenly incorporated. Press into prepared baking pan.
3. In a large mixing bowl or the bowl of a stand mixer, beat cream cheese, sweetened condensed milk, and peanut butter with paddle attachment until smooth. Mix in vanilla and salt. Pour into crust, spreading into an even layer.
4. Bake for 15 to 18 minutes or until set; remove from oven and place on a cooling rack and allow to cool completely.
5. For glaze, in a double boiler set over medium heat, melt butter and chocolate until smooth. Pour over cooled cheesecake and refrigerate until set.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Project Reentry volunteered with About Face Course Correction (AFCC). AFCC is a nonprofit created by Shawna Reynolds. Reynolds has been working tirelessly to renovate a house in Detroit that will eventually become a home for women exiting incarceration. Reynolds works rain, snow, sun, and shine and solicits volunteers to assist with renovations. Needless to say, she is passionate.



From left to right, Shawna Reynolds, Allison Gorine, Elizabeth Nesbitt, Taylor Bonner

Project Reentry is grateful to have had the opportunity to volunteer with AFCC. If interested in volunteering with AFCC please visit aboutfacecc.org or find AFCC on facebook to view updated dates, times, and needs of renovation projects.

SPRING FILM SERIES: ORDINARY PEOPLE, EXTRAORDINARY COURAGE

Saturday, May 11 and
Sunday, May 12
3:00pm - 4:00pm
Detroit Historical Museum
5401 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202

Through an artful blend of historical narratives and re-enactments, this unique program draws viewers into the lives of real people, both free and enslaved, whose selfless acts of courage helped fugitive slaves find hope and freedom. Produced by the Carnegie Center for Art & History to bring their permanent exhibit of the same name into the classroom and the community.

THE ARTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

University of Michigan
Dearborn Presents...

WHITE BOY AND THE WAR ON DRUGS

1:00pm-2:00pm: Prison Art Show
2:00pm-3:00pm: War on Drugs Panel
3:00pm-4:00pm: Keynote by Seth Ferrani
4:00pm-6:00pm: Screening of film "White Boy and the War on Drugs"

University of Michigan Dearborn
Kochoff Hall
4901 Evergreen Rd
Dearborn, MI 48128

For more information, email Aaron Kinzel at atkinzel@umich.edu



The Detroit Symphony



Want free tickets to the Detroit Symphony?
Call Project Reentry to inquire. Shout out to
Edward Sanders for the connection!



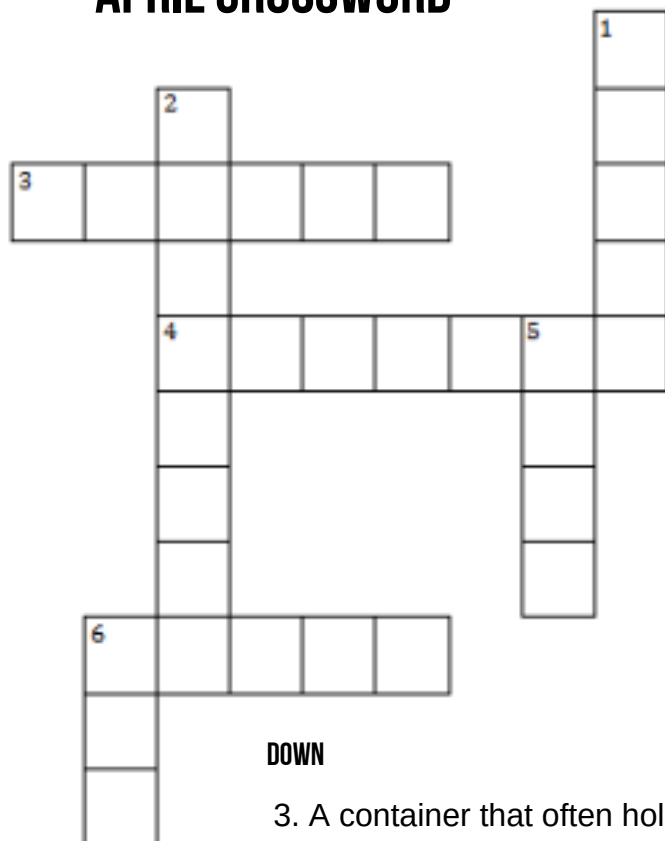
RESOURCE OF THE MONTH



The Michigan Women's Commission is made up of 15 commissioners and an advisory committee comprised of 4 millennials. The commission is dedicated to supporting all women in the state of Michigan and overcoming discrimination. Currently, the MWC is focusing on three main concerns for the state of Michigan, which include:

1. Identifying the needs of Michigan women veterans.
 2. Raising Awareness of Human Trafficking and Sexual Assault in Michigan.
 3. Advocating for Michigan women in business, which includes the promoting of women and girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.
- Although these are the commission's focused areas of interest, their constant goal is to support all women in all ways.

APRIL CROSSWORD



DOWN

3. A container that often holds candy on Easter
4. April ____ bring May flowers.
6. We celebrate the planet on ____ Day April 22nd.

ACROSS

1. Popular Easter candy, also slang term for your group of friends
2. The Ukrainian word for decorated eggs
5. The Easter Egg ____ is held at the White House annually
6. Ancient symbol of fertility

HERO OF THE MONTH

On Tuesday March 19, Reentry Coordinator Allison Gorine rescued a seriously injured bird (a woodcock) she found on her way to work, on Lafayette St. near Campus Martius. Allison and Katherine took him to the Wild Wings Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center in Hazel Park. The Director of Wild Wings sent us an update, that the bird had a laceration from beak to ear, and some internal bleeding, but x-rays were negative, and while he was responding well to pain meds and oxygen, we would know more in the next 24 hours.



On Wednesday, we learned that he was continuing to make progress, and we were able to adopt him on behalf of SADO. We named him Lafayette. On March 29, we got the joyful news that Lafayette the SADO Woodcock had been released back into the wild (pictured below). So let's give a huge SADO shout-out to Allison, our first ever Hero of the Month.



To see past versions of The Drum,
visit www.sado.org/go/drum
Follow SADO on Facebook, Instagram,
and Twitter @SADOmich
HAVE QUESTIONS OR SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?
CALL (313) 256-9833
AND ASK FOR A PROJECT REENTRY TEAM MEMBER
OR EMAIL US AT
REENTRY@SADO.ORG
OR SEND A LETTER TO
PROJECT REENTRY
STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER OFFICE
645 GRISWOLD, SUITE 3300
DETROIT, MI 48226

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PRESENTS...



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SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH 2:00PM - 4:00PM

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645 Griswold St
33rd Floor, Penobscot Building
Detroit, MI 48226

SNACKS PROVIDED. ALL ARE WELCOME.
PLEASE RSVP TO MARILENA DAVID-MARTIN
AT MDAVID@SADO.ORG OR 313-670-0309