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Olympia Development of Michigan Launches Co-Developer Program for Three Properties in The District Detroit



Olympia Development of Michigan launched its Co-Developer Program on April 24. The program is designed to create opportunities Detroit-based, Detroit-headquartered, for Detroit resident-owned development or companies. Qualified companies have the opportunity to pursue the development of up to three Olympia Development properties. The Co-Developer Program is at the core of OlympiaDevelopment's mission to help improve the lives of people who live and work in Detroit and creates opportunity for developers who share a community-minded development approach to further enhance The District Detroit. Learn more at TheDistrictDetroitOC.com/RFP.

Award Winning Restauranteur Billy Dec Announces Sunda New Asian is Coming to The District Detroit



Emmy award-winning TV personality, actor and restauranteur, Billy Dec, has announced Sunda New Asian's newest location will be in The District Detroit at 33 W. Columbia Street and is set to open in the Spring of 2025. Sunda, named "Best Asian Cuisine" by USA Today, is an award-winning restaurant showcasing modern new Asian cuisine from Japan, China, and other southeast Asian countries, elevating it with upgraded ingredients, cooking techniques and presentation. Mr. Dec saw the opportunity in The District Detroit and chose Columbia Street for his first Detroit restaurant, a culinary experience Detroiters will embrace while creating unforgettable memories with family and friends.

# The 2024 NFL Draft in The District Detroit

The District Detroit kicked off the 2024 NFL Draft with the Red-Carpet Experience at the historic Fox Theatre in the heart of The District Detroit. Following the glitz and glamour, Columbia Street hosted a free NFL Draft Party the entire weekend with a 16-foot LED screen for fans to enjoy the live broadcast. In between NFL Draft events, live music filled Columbia Street and restaurants welcomed everyone with special offerings.





## Financial Contribution to Detroit Affordable Housing Development and Preservation Fund

Related and Olympia Development made the second \$350,000 contribution to Detroit's Affordable Housing Development and Preservation Fund in support of affordable housing in Detroit as part of their Community Benefits Agreement. The contribution will help develop and preserve affordable housing with at least 70% of the fund expenditures supporting households making 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI), and with the remainder for households making 50% of the AMI.

## The District Detroit History Study Request for Applications Published

Olympia Development and Related Companies published a Request for Applications (RFA) for a neighborhood history study as part of the Community Benefits Agreement. The RFA is seeking an organization to study the history of areas near The District Detroit including Brush Park, Paradise Valley, Cass Corridor, Black Bottom and Cass Park. The study will research, document, and memorialize the history of Detroiters in the designated neighborhoods. Learn more at TheDistrictDetroitOC.com.



## The District Detroit Community Benefits Agreement Annual Update Submitted

Olympia Development and Related Companies submitted the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) one-year update to the City of Detroit Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity department (CRIO). The report illustrated progress on a wide variety of community benefits tied to the CBA. A supplementary report was also submitted showing the many additional ways the two companies are engaging with and providing support to the community.





## The Coloring Museum Holds Pop-Up Event for Kids at The District Detroit Opportunity Center

The Coloring Museum (TCM) hosted a coloring workshop at The District Detroit Opportunity Center, welcoming all ages to use coloring sheets designed by Sherrie Savage, the owner of TCM and Naturally Illustrated. The Coloring Museum uses the power of the crayon to improve mental health and quality of life.

#### Restoration Plan for 64 Edmund Place Announced

Olympia Development and Edmund Place Partners announced the planned restoration of the historic Standart House at 64 Edmund Place in Brush Park. The former single-family home will be restored and redeveloped into new housing while building upon and renewing the historic character of this residential treasure. The project received approval from the city's Historic District Commission on May 8.



## DPSCD Evening of Fine Arts at The Historic Fox Theatre

The 55th Detroit Public Schools Community District's (DPSCD) annual An Evening of Fine Arts event was held at the magnificent Fox Theatre for the third consecutive year on Wednesday, May 15. The event featured performances by DPSCD's top instrumental music ensembles, vocal music ensembles and dance companies as well as theatre excerpts. Original works of art by the district's top visual artists were displayed in the Fox Theatre's Grand Lobby. Students were treated to a pizza party before the event, which was sponsored by Comerica Bank, 313 Presents, Olympia Development, Ilitch Sports + Entertainment and the City Office of Arts, Culture and Entrepreneurship.





## Developed with Duffy Kick-Off Event at The District Detroit Opportunity Center

Developed with Duffy kicked-off their latest 4-week business improvement course at The District Detroit Opportunity Center. The program creates a setting for local creators, innovators, and disruptors to connect and support each other, or find their next partner, customer, or mentor.

#### Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries Hosted in The District Detroit

The Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries (DRMM) was recognized as the Tigers official charity of the game for their service in the community on Friday, May 10. DRMM also offers resources for veterans such as affordable housing and emergency shelter services at The District Detroit Opportunity Center. A pre-game reception for about 200 representatives was held at the Opportunity Center where they enjoyed pizza and were introduced to a variety of Opportunity Center stakeholders.



# Pride Day in The District Detroit

In collaboration with the Detroit Tigers annual Pride Night celebration on June 11, The District Detroit celebrated Pride with pre-game activations on Columbia Street featuring photo opportunities, restaurant specials, limited edition Detroit Welcomes Everybody gear, and live music.





# Youth Voter Roundtable at The District Detroit Opportunity Center

The District Detroit Opportunity Center continues to be a community hub that assists Detroiters with job and housing opportunities. On Monday, June 24, The Opportunity Center hosted Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and local stakeholders for a roundtable discussion where attendees and leaders shared ideas and collaborated on ways to grow young voter participation throughout our state.

#### DPSCD Chess Clubs Host Open House in The District Detroit Opportunity Center

Detroit metro Scholastic champs Cass Technical High School and Bunche Junior High hosted an open house chess event giving opportunities for youth and adults to challenge the city's best chess players. The event was hosted at The District Detroit Opportunity Center and more than 30 people came out to play, learn or watch chess matches.





# Councilmember Durhal Hosts Community Members at The District Detroit Opportunity Center

Detroit City Councilmember Fred Durhal III (District 7) hosted constituents for D7 Day at the Ballpark at the Detroit Tigers game on June 21. The group was able to have dinner together at a pre-game reception and learn about resources available to them at The District Detroit Opportunity Center.

### The District Detroit Opportunity Center Semi-Annual Partner Luncheon and Meeting



The District Detroit Opportunity Center hosted representatives from partnering organizations that are working together to provide access to jobs, housing, training and small business resources for Detroiters on June 28. Attendees included members of the city of Detroit's Workforce Development team, Access for All, Detroit at Work, MotorCity Match, Detroit Means Business, Wayne Metro and Community Housing Network, Delaware North, and Wayne County Community College District. The various groups came together along with members of The District Detroit Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) to discuss how they can do more to support the community.

## The District Detroit Neighborhood Advisory Committee Annual Meeting and Luncheon



The District Detroit Neighborhood Advisory Committee, made up of local residents appointed by city council and the administration, held their one-year update meeting at The District Detroit Opportunity Center on June 28. The event coincided with the Opportunity Center partners meeting and was a chance for the NAC members to get an update on progress towards The District Detroit Community Benefits Agreement.