



# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DETROIT REFINERY

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## Introducing Fueling Detroit Event Series at Kemeny Recreation Center

The Detroit refinery is excited to announce Fueling Detroit, a series of community events at the Kemeny Recreation Center. Programs will focus on bringing both family fun and needed resources to the community at monthly events from July to October. All events will include free food from local vendors, PPE at the door (while supplies last) and entertainment. The series begins on Friday, July 9 with a walk-up "drive-in" movie, featuring *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*. Doors open at 8 PM, and the first 50 in-line will receive a free lawn chair for the event!

### Looking for Local Vendors

The Detroit refinery is dedicated to supporting local vendors throughout the event series to help fuel the local economy and provide a space to promote small businesses. We're seeking food trucks for each of our upcoming events, and vendors (clothing, jewelry, fresh fruit/vegetables, etc.) for an upcoming community farmers market on August 14. Space at this event will be free for the vendor and will offer great chance to sell local products and services. If you're a vendor and would like to participate email the refinery's community relations representative BreAnna Lockhart at [blockhart@marathonpetroleum.com](mailto:blockhart@marathonpetroleum.com).

### MARATHON'S *Fueling Detroit* AT KEMENY CENTER



**JULY 9, 8PM:  
WALK-UP MOVIE NIGHT**



**AUGUST 14, 11AM:  
FARMERS MARKET**



**SEPTEMBER 11, 11AM:  
BACK TO SCHOOL BLITZ**



**OCTOBER 9, 11AM:  
HEALTH & HARVEST FEST**

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## Refinery Employees in the Community

### I-75 Clean-Up

The Detroit refinery and Michigan Department of Transportation are working together to create a cleaner community around the refinery in a new project that began this past April. Throughout the summer, refinery employees are volunteering every second and fourth Wednesday to clean-up trash around I-75 and Schaefer Highway, as well as the surrounding areas. Volunteers plan to participate in a **fence line clean-up** in June and August to remove litter along the border of the refinery.



### Motor City Makeover 2021

More than 30 Marathon Petroleum employees signed up to volunteer in District 6 for this year's Motor City Makeover. Volunteers focused their efforts on promoting safe routes to the Mark Twain School for Scholars and a clean business corridor along Fort Street. Volunteers cleared trash from six lots (including two across the street from the school), cut down brush and trees along major walkways and removed garbage from the Fort Street median. The cleaning was in response to requests by community members. The refinery looks forward to continuing the tradition of partnering with the city for this event for years to come!

Before



After



The Detroit refinery is committed to communicating openly and transparently with our community. If you ever have any questions or concerns, you can always call the Refinery Hotline at (313) 297-6272. And of course, you can sign up to receive refinery alerts by visiting <https://detroitrefinery.com> and following the 'Sign Up For Alerts' link at the top of the page.

## Refinery Recognized by National Group for Safety Performance

The Detroit refinery has earned the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) 2020 Elite Gold Safety Award for outstanding occupational and process safety records.



The Elite Gold Award recognizes facilities with safety performances in the top 1% of the industry and have demonstrated superior and consistent safety performance, program innovation and leadership. The Detroit refinery was previously recognized with the Distinguished Safety Award in both 2009 and 2011.

"The safety of our employees, contractors, business partners, customers and the community is, and always will be, our number-one priority," said Detroit general manager Dave Leaver. "Every day, the people who work at our plant do so with the highest commitment to safety and a focus on care for the environment. I'm proud of the talented people at our facility who helped earn this recognition. We will remain steadfast in looking for ways to improve our process safety every single day."

The AFPM recognition is the second award for safety that the Detroit refinery has received this year. In March, the facility received the Michigan Voluntary Protection Program (MVPP) Star award from the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration for workplace safety and health excellence.

## Water Recycling Program to Expand Year-Round

In 2017, the Detroit refinery began operating reverse osmosis (RO) units as a trial run. The RO units filtered wastewater and created a recyclable, high-quality water stream that could be reused in refinery processes. However, the RO units were only able to run six to eight months each year because they were not able to operate in colder weather.

This year, MPC will invest approximately \$1.8 million to upgrade the system for year-round operation by winterizing important parts of the system. This project has the ability to recycle approximately 350 gallons per minute.

"We recognized that the RO system was creating substantial benefits and decided to expand our investment in the process," notes Detroit general manager Dave Leaver. "We anticipate that our fully winterized system will be operational in the fall and will continue to contribute to our commitment to environmental stewardship."



## Community Partner Highlights:

### Wayne Metro

The Detroit refinery's *Detroit Forward* mission is shared by Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (Wayne Metro). This year, Wayne Metro is celebrating 50 years of empowering residents in Detroit and Wayne County, Michigan to be strong, healthy and thriving. Wayne Metro has a variety of services to help Wayne County residents achieve their goals regardless of current income levels. The services focus on four impact areas: healthy homes, upward mobility, family success, and equity and inclusion. The Detroit refinery is planning a \$40,000 investment in the program to help focus these wrap-around economic and social services to residents within 48217 and the surrounding communities. Wayne Metro will work with 100 households over 12 months to increase access to basic needs and financial coaching and support to improve quality of life.



### Wayne State University's Healthy Homes Initiative

Last year, Wayne State University's Center for Urban Studies began a project in southwest Detroit addressing the needs of families affected by respiratory illnesses. The Healthy Homes Initiative included a review of the asthma triggers within the home and education for trigger-reduction. Residents were also provided with a healthy home kit, that contained HEPA air filters, room air purifiers, HEPA vacuums, green cleaning supplies and educational materials. To help jumpstart the project, Marathon Petroleum originally granted the program \$150,000 to support this effort for 90 households in 48217 and surrounding communities. The program was so successful, the Center for Urban Studies had a waiting list of residents excited to receive their home safety assessment and healthy home kit. To continue to support the program, the Detroit refinery has donated an additional \$50,000 to help reach 111 more households this year. For more information or to participate in the program, please visit [www.cus.wayne.edu](http://www.cus.wayne.edu)



## Detroit refinery's Community Advisory Panel (CAP) is Looking for New Members

The Detroit refinery is looking for new members to join the Community Advisory Panel (CAP). This group of engaged community residents meet with refinery leadership regularly to learn more about ongoing and upcoming refinery operations, investment and community involvement. The CAP also serves as a voice for the community and a liaison between the refinery and southwest Detroit. For more information or to complete an application, please visit [www.DetroitRefinery.com](http://www.DetroitRefinery.com).