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## LOCAL

# Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree Successfully Hosts 8th **Annual Veterans Resource Fair**

Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree proudly hosted the Wayne County Treasurer's Office's 8th Annual Veterans Resource Fair on November 21, 2024, in Southgate, Michigan. The event provided resources for over 300 veterans, their spouses, and families, with more than 85 vendors offering information and support.

This year's fair featured a keynote address by retired U.S. Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer Mark Ridgeway, who shared insights from his distinguished military career and emphasized the importance of resilience, service, and moving forward. A special highlight of the fair was the pinning ceremony for Vietnam veterans, conducted by Brian Love, Director of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, to honor their service and sacrifice.

The event was co-hosted by James Perry, Executive Director of the Downriver Mark Ridgeway. a Tuskegee Airman & Treasurer Eric R. Sabree Community Conference, and Southgate Mayor Joseph Kuspa was in attendance too. Also in attendance was Dearborn Heights Mayor and Marine Veteran Bill Bazzi, Michigan Secretary of State Joslyn Benson and State Senator Stephanie Chang. Attendees also heard video remarks from U.S. Congress members Debbie Dingell, Rashida Tlaib and Shri Thanedar. All joined in recognizing the contributions of veterans and their families.

Treasurer Sabree expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the vendors, sponsors, veterans, and volunteers who made the event a success. "This resource fair reflects our ongoing commitment to honoring and supporting our veterans and their families," said Treasurer Sabree.

Looking ahead, Treasurer Sabree invites veterans and their families to attend the 9th Annual Veterans Resource Fair, set to take place in Detroit in November 2025, promising even more resources and opportunities for those who have served. Details surrounding the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Resource Fair will be posted on www.Treasurer.WayneCounty.com once available.





**Treasurer Eric R. Sabree poses with Veterans** 





## **BEFORE and AFTER**

1927





There is actually not that much change when you compare the 1927 picture to the photo taken 97 years later in 2024. Both pictures when taken on Fort Street (looking east) at Washington Boulevard. One noticeable change is the omission of the Hammond Building. It can be seen across from the Penobscot building in the 1927 pic. It stood at Fort & Griswold. Another major change are the buildings in the immediate foreground on the left. The older pic shows Detroit's Federal Building. Demolished in 1931. The 2024 pic shows the current United States Courthouse that replaced it.



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#### ENTERTAINMENT

# Joe "Pep" Harris packed them in for the Jerry Butler Tribute Concert at Bert's Marketplace



The air was electric at Bert's Marketplace in Detroit's Eastern Market on this past Saturday night. Fans gathered for a night dedicated to the soulful legend Jerry Butler. Known as the "Iceman" for his smooth, silky voice, Butler has left an indelible mark on the music scene, and this tribute concert was a testament to his influential career.

From the moment the backing band, TFO, took the stage, it was clear the night would be special. TFO is led by drummer Ronnie Nelson. He ensured their crisp, powerful sound would reverberate throughout the packed house. And it did. The band set the perfect tone for an evening celebrating Butler's remarkable contributions to soul music. The audience, a diverse blend of long-time fans and newcomers alike, buzzed with anticipation, eager to relive the memorable hits that defined Butler's career. Joe "Pep" Harris, renowned for his role in The Undisputed Truth, headlined the night as the featured performer.

With a striking ability to channel Butler's essence, Harris delivered an unforgettable performance that honored the original while infusing his unique energy into every note. His rendition of classics like For Your Precious Love and Only the Strong Survive was met with roaring applause, resonating deeply with the audience and igniting moments of joyous nostalgia. The intimacy of Bert's Marketplace, with its rich cultural backdrop and historic significance in Detroit's music scene, added a layer of authenticity to the tribute. Patrons not only enjoyed the music but were also enveloped in the spirit of community that Eastern Market embodies.

The evening blended the old and the new, featuring soulful interpretations that attracted a crowd of young fans mixed in with their older stalwarts. Bridging generations of music lovers is a reminder of why Butler remains an icon. TFO's chemistry with Harris was remarkable; their seamless transitions and tight rhythms created a harmonic synergy that elevated the entire performance. Each beat ignited spirited responses from the crowd that further showcased the timeless appeal of Butler's catalog. The energy was palpable, amplifying the sense of unity among the attendees who shared a common appreciation for the soulful sounds of the past.

As the concert drew to a close, Harris, a native Detroiter, who now resides in southern California and was flown in by the concert promoters for this event, spoke about greatness of Detroit and thanked the gathered throng for their unwavering support of live music and the legacy of Jerry Butler. His words resonated well beyond the notes sung that night, serving as a reminder of the importance of remembering and celebrating musical giants.

The Jerry Butler Tribute concert at Bert's Marketplace was more than just a musical event; it was a celebration of soul, a tribute to an artist who shaped a genre, and a community gathering that highlighted the enduring power of music. For those who attended, it was an experience that will linger in their hearts long after the final note, reinforcing the idea that true artistry transcends time and continues to inspire connections within communities.







Chuck "CJ Styles" Jackson

Phil "Dr. Phil" Thorpe



Brian Cole

Drew Schultz



TFO Bandleader and Drummer, Ronnie Nelson



## **COVER STORY RESIDENTS ARE COMPLAINING AT** THE JEFFERSONIAN APARTMENTS

This article hits The Monthly Standard (TMS) hard. This publication has a soft spot for the Jeffersonian Apartments. This writer lived there from 1996-2009 and loved every second of it. The building has thick walls for extra privacy. Each unit has its own furnace and central air. The spectacular views from their spacious balconies are the best in the city. Back in the day, residents received many amenities. There used to be a doorman AND on site security that examined every vehicle upon entrance. (And exit). Both were on site 24 hours a day. The extra layer of security made residents feel safe and secure. That was over fifteen years ago. Back then, the Jeffersonian was the epitome of safety. Today, the Jeffersonian has a car theft problem and had a murder in one of the hallways in the past year. Yes, it's safe to say the Jeffersonian has lost its luster.

Standing at 9000 East Jefferson, the Jeffersonian Apartment Building still retains its aesthetic and architectural beauty. As of late, reports have surfaced that tells a story of neglect, discomfort, and a profound breach of basic living standards. Unfortunately, there's more disarray. Additional reports have surfaced of garbage accumulating on several floors, creating an unhealthy and unsightly environment. Overflowing trash bags can attract pests and surely generates foul odors.

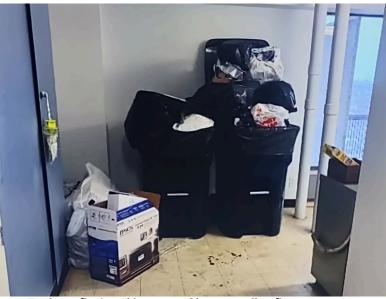
For residents, this is not just an inconvenience; it's a serious health concern that demands immediate attention. Adding to the growing list of grievances, (according to an online video from a resident) the elevators in the Jeffersonian are inoperable. This means residents must trek up countless flights of stairs, often with groceries or other necessities in tow. This is particularly challenging for elderly tenants or those with mobility concerns. What should be a simple journey turns into an exhausting ordeal that hampers the quality of life of many residents.

To further exacerbate the situation, the building is currently experiencing severe water issues. Residents are confronting the disturbing reality of water backing up in sinks and bathtubs, creating unsanitary conditions that are simply unacceptable. The absence of water, a fundamental human right, compounds the crisis. Simple everyday pleasures such as; washing hands, bathing, or brushing your teeth should never be a burden. Especially when you are paying over \$1000 a month for rent.

Living in the Jeffersonian should be a privilege, yet for many, it feels more like a punishment. It's critical for the property management to respond to these complaints with urgency, reestablish standards of cleanliness, fix essential services, and restore dignity to the lives of their tenants. Only through accountability and action can we hope for a turnaround at the Jeffersonian Apartment Building. TMS encourages both residents and property management to contact us with updates. 1.844.595.8859-ANYTIME.



Power outage at Jeffersonian Apts result in dark hallways



Trash overflowing. This scene could occur on all 29 floors.

WDIV



Smelly excrement backed-up into this residents tub

# **FEATURE STORY** Great Drinks & Great Food, Niki's in Greektown Has it All!



Bridgett Johnson sits at the bar and enjoys a tropical beverage



Dustin Steckle, Lori Collins, Jean Ann Hamilton, Andrew McIntosh



Dan Mader & Chris McCluskey visit from Toronto



Travis & Tom McCall in town visiting from Florida

On a recent visit to Niki's Pizza in the Greektown section of Downtown Detroit, The Monthly Standard (TMS) spoke to Bridgett Johnson. She was sitting at the bar enjoying a tropical looking adult beverage. *Whenever I am downtown I stop at Niki's to get a slice, and I usually have a drink while I'm waiting.* Johnson added; *Their drinks are tasty.* Niki's Pizza has become a beloved staple for both locals and tourists alike. Some of you locals might be surprised to find out this eatery that's been around for over 40 years has a bar that serves great drinks.

Niki's is a perfect spot for before or after a game. Just ask Tom McCall. He travelled all the way to Detroit from down south, with his son Travis, to see the Red Wings one day, and the Lions the next. Tom confirmed coming to Niki's in Greektown was a major part of their trip too. *Since the Pizza came to our table we haven't said a word. We can't eat it quick enough. We came all the way from Florida for this.* The McCall's weren't the only tourists at Niki's that day. There were many others. (From Toronto) And lots of locals were there too. Patrons at Niki's rave about their Detroit-style pizza. Their dough is made fresh daily, and the toppings are meticulously selected to provide robust flavor. The classic combination of pepperoni, fresh mozzarella, and a tangy sauce adds a unique twist that you won't find anywhere else. It truly makes each bite an indulgence. Beyond pizza, the menu features a variety of Greek-inspired dishes that celebrate the heritage of the owners. Their recipes bring Greece to your table.

It's true, locals and tourists patronize Niki's Pizza for their great food and drinks, but there's another reason. Their friendly service. It's nice to eat in an atmosphere where friends and families come together and share stories over delicious food. Niki's has become more than just a dining spot, it's a social hub that enriches the fabric of Greektown. As the sun sets over Downtown Detroit, the warm glow of Niki's pizza beckons. For anyone craving a delicious slice of pizza in a lively setting, this establishment checks all the boxes. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a loyal patron, the Niki's experience is one that leaves a lasting impression. By choosing Niki's Pizza, you're not just savoring amazing food; you're participating in a community staple that mirrors the heart and soul of Detroit itself. When you're in Greektown you must travel 735 Beaubien to indulge in the city's tastiest pizza spot. Niki's Pizza is where every bite is a celebration of flavor, tradition, and togetherness. Visit soon! They'll have a table waiting just for you.



The famous Niki's signage



Tabitha & Walter Reed from White Lake, MI





## DANA REDD

## **ARE THEY UNION WORKERS?**



Some people call them bums. I call them hustlers. I'm talking about the ones who stand on the corners of busy intersections asking for money.

I spend a lot of time driving within the city limits of Detroit, and after a while, you begin to notice that each 'hustler' has their own territory. They seem to work in shifts with certain days off. Could this be some sort of underground union? Do they pay dues? It sure seems like organized labor.

I don't mind giving, but I'd like them to at least earn it – wash my windows, do a cartwheel something. This one guy dances for his cash – I mean he really gets down. So I'll give him a couple of bucks. One day I stopped at 'his' corner and asked why he wasn't dancing today. He said both his knees went out and he could barely move (sorry, no money). A few days later, the same guy was doing 'The Robot' (doesn't require much leg action), so I put him back on payroll. Many of these free money-seekers are simply standing stone-faced, holding a sign that may read "Help, I'm Homeless." Sorry, I can't do it. One guy had a sign so professional, I suggested that he could make a living as an artist. He responded, "I wish I could."

I spotted a lady trying to take over a man's spot, and he's telling her he just got off break and she knows he works here. I told another 'hustler' he looked pretty ragged from the top of his head to the bottom of his pants, but he needed to take off those new pair of shoes. One of my favorite moments is when I saw a delivery man pull up and actually deliver this 'hustler' a pizza, right on the street corner.

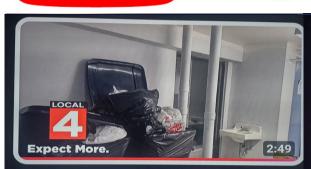
I had been ok with all this until just recently when I followed one of these guys after he finished his shift, as he walks several blocks and hops in a brand new SUV and jumps on the freeway. Maybe he's headed to a union meeting.

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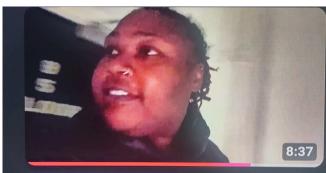
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What A Way To Go 1964 Full Movie Movie of the Month-What A Way To Go!



I was woke up by the police and told to evacuate my building

Jeffersonian #2

Only the Strong Survive- Joe "Pep" Harris & TFO

Joe "Pep" Harris & TFO #2





The McCall's Visit Niki's Pizza from Florida! Niki's Pizza

# WHAT A WAY TO GO!

You would think a movie where a woman loses four husbands in death is sad. No. In this case the opposite is true. This movie is funny. Very funny! This 1964 film is ahead of it's time. It details the life of Louisa May Foster. (Played by Shirley MacLaine). Louisa is a simple girl who wants to live a simple life. Unfortunately, (for her) each man she marries goes from poverty to becoming extremely rich. Once they obtain wealth, they die (hilarious deaths) and leave Louisa huge sums of money she does not want. Actually one of her husbands was rich and divested to live the simple life. He died too. To watch go to www.themonthlystandard.news. CLICK THE LINK.,





By REX COLLIER

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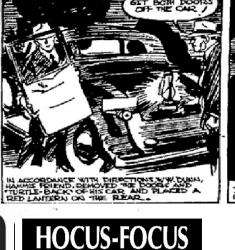


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- 3. Tomatoes
- 4. Chiles
- 5. Wild Yams
- 6. Asparagus
- 7. Garlic
- 8. Almonds
- 9. Pumpkin Seeds 10. Celery

Source: planetgreen.discovery.com





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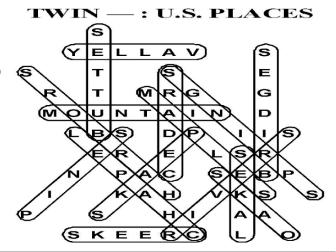
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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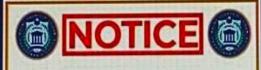
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