

2007 in Review

2007 WAS A PRODUCTIVE YEAR AS THE SOUTHWEST DETROIT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION CONTINUED TO WORK WITH SOUTHWEST DETROIT BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS TO CREATE A VIBRANT AND SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY.

A NEW ERA OF VITALITY FOR SOUTHWEST DETROIT

Michigan's first Business Improvement Zone, funded by a special assessment to the property owners along W. Vernor Hwy. and Springwells Ave., will facilitate new investment and strengthen clean, safe and beautiful initiatives with the hiring of safety ambassadors, expanded maintenance, and the creation of a new customer base as well as providing financing for new parking. *For more information on the BIZ, call Theresa Zajac at 313/842.0986 x28.*

COMPAS, A PICTURE OF COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

COMPAS, the Center of Music and Performing Arts Southwest, opened its doors in September. Currently serving more than 100 students, COMPAS is a collaboration of local performing artists and organizations such as Living Arts, Mosaic Youth Theatre, and The Sphinx Organization. Sixty percent is Latino programming as well as classes offered in ballet, hip-hop and African dance & drumming. Instituted and sponsored by Southwest Detroit Business Association, COMPAS receives support from the McGregor Fund and the Skillman Foundation. *For further information or to register, call 313/842.0986, ext. 40.*



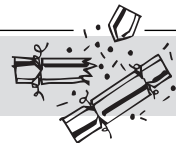
SDBA ON THE MOVE...

- More than 20 new façade improvements under construction or completed
- Collaboration with Tigers Foundation to increase capacity for little league in SW Detroit
- 20 new SDBA business members & property owners whose strong & active participation has been crucial to the organization's current & future success
- More than \$12 million in private investment & commercial development



- Creating awareness of Southwest Detroit as a regional specialty food & restaurant destination
- Financial literacy for businesses/property owners
- Leadership development for businesses/property owners
- Continue work as a community collaborator and intermediary toward the improvement of life in Southwest Detroit.

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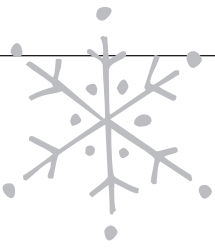
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