



ARISE DETROIT! MAYOR KENNETH COCKREL JR. AND FORMER MAYOR DENNIS W. ARCHER APPEAL TO ALL DETROITERS TO VOLUNTEER ON ANGEL'S NIGHT

Thousands of volunteers sought to patrol on Angel's Night

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DETROIT – ARISE Detroit! has joined forces with City of Detroit Mayor Kenneth Cockrel Jr. and former mayor Dennis W. Archer in an appeal for volunteers for the Angel's Night Halloween period to keep the city safe and free from arson fires.

A news conference with mayor Cockrel, Dennis Archer, ARISE Detroit! and hundreds of representatives of community groups and organizations from throughout the city is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 at 14825 Eastwood near McCrary and East Seven Mile. The street is located in the 48205 zip code.

The host organization for the event will be the Detroit Community Initiative (DCI), which has played a major role in fighting crime, blight and arson in the east-side area known as Northeast Village. Abandoned homes in the area have been hit by arsonists in recent years, but DCI has been active in building new housing in the area.

“We believe in our community and there are hundreds of people in the neighborhood that are working every day to make it better,” said Mike Fisher, president and CEO of DCI. “We are asking as many community and organizations as possible to show up for our news conference and commit themselves to volunteering during the Angel's Night period in neighborhoods all over the city.”

On Saturday, Oct. 18, DCI and the Saratoga Community Association will host a neighborhood cleanup. For more information call 313-368-0240.

Archer, now chairman of Dickinson Wright, was mayor of Detroit from 1994 to 2001. Angel's Night was formerly known as Devil's Night in the 1980s and early 1990s before a massive turnout of thousands of volunteers to patrol the neighborhoods helped change the name to Angel's Night under Archer's administration and greatly reduce the number of arsons. The Angel's Night period is October 29-31.

“It’s important that Detroiters continue to turn out to keep the Angel in Angel's Night,” Archer said. “I’m pleased to support ARISE Detroit! in its call for Detroiters to play an active role in keeping neighborhoods safe on Angel's Night – and continue with their can-do spirit throughout the year to help make a better Detroit.”

Groups and organizations interested in volunteering should contact their neighborhood city halls or phone 313-224-4451. They can also register online by going to the website, **www.ci.detroit.mi.us/angelsnight**.

Established in 2006 and funded by the Skillman Foundation, ARISE Detroit! is a coalition of more than 300 non-profits, churches, community groups and organizations. ARISE Detroit! recruits volunteers and markets events and programs on behalf of local community groups to improve the quality of life in Detroit.

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