



The Slow Roll

Monday, Apr. 20th 7-10pm

This month, the <u>Challenge Detroit</u> Fellows Detroiters are partnering with Detroiters Working for Working for Environmental Justice (DWEJ) to develop a clean air Environmental awareness campaign. According to the Environmental Justice Protection Agency (EPA), Wayne County is the

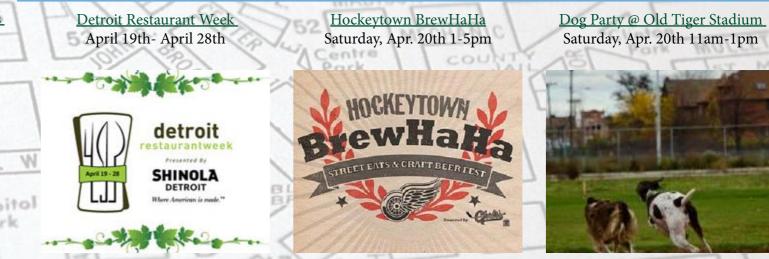
highest risk level for pollution related cancers, neurological disorders, respiratory illness, infant mortality, and low birth weight rates. Asthma (respiratory illness) is the leading chronic illness among children and low birth weight increases risks to heart disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure which some of the top causes of death in Detroit.

While many officials focus on the health industry to increase access to treatment, public and environmental health representatives look to improve resident's living conditions to decreases the root causes of these medical conditions. Furthermore, Detroit ranks in the top three in Michigan for emissions for every criterion of air pollutants. The fellows will develop a campaign engaging local businesses in clean air initiatives throughout five Detroit neighborhoods.

If you are interested in learning more about <u>DWEJ</u>, please checkout their website. You may want to take advantage of the Charitable Volunteer Program and participate in an event with others at Billhighway.

Also, check out the Challenge Detroit Fellows via their weekly spotlights. You can find more videos and older spotlights here at the <u>Challenge Detroit Youtube</u> page.

-Isaac







Spotlight: Samuel Brennan

