



The Eastside's biggest summer street party is back! The Jefferson East Business Association is proud to present the second annual **Jazzin' on Jefferson**, a free street festival celebrating the jazz and blues heritage of the East Jefferson district June 25, on a closed-off section of Jefferson Avenue at Chalmers Street. The festival, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., will feature a wide variety of local and national jazz and blues artists on two stages in addition to crafts from regional artisans, ethnic and continental foods from area restaurants, and activities for children. Musical acts include the **Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Marcus Belgrave, The Eddie Burns Blues Band, Kimmie Horne, and Straight Ahead**. For more information, contact the Jefferson East Business Association at 313.331.7939 or visit JEBA's Web site at <http://www.jeffersoneast.org/>.

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The majority of local and national media coverage on the city of Detroit is related to negative events. In turn, people nationally, as well as locally, have only been exposed to one side of Detroit: its dark side. The main focus of my writing is to highlight the other side of Detroit - its good side. Knowledge is power and I believe that by exposing people to the positive events that are occurring in the city, I can assist them in becoming better educated about it.

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East Jefferson Gets Jazzy Tomorrow

Enjoy the flexible rhythms of jazz and the melancholic sounds of the blues at tomorrow's Jazzin' on Jefferson, a free outdoor festival aimed at bringing the local community together to celebrate its contribution to two of America's greatest musical genres: jazz and blues.

The event, organized by the Jefferson East Business Association (JEBA), succeeded at bringing 10,000 people to the area called the East Jefferson Business district during its inaugural year in 2004, and hopes to beat that number at this year's festival.

With East Jefferson resident and blues-great Eddie Burns playing the festival, as well as the Dirty Dozen Brass Band and many other local musicians, artists, and restaurants showcasing their own specialties, I have no doubt they will.

The festival runs from 11 am - 9 pm on Saturday, June 25. It will be held within a closed-off section of East Jefferson Avenue and Chalmers. Visit JEBA's website for detailed performance schedules and more information.

JEBA is one of five districts that was selected in 2002 as a recipient of the RE\$TORE Detroit! designation, a project created by the Mayor's Office of Commercial Revitalization (ONCR); selected districts were each awarded \$640,000 grants for neighborhood revitalization projects. The goal of the program is to empower local businesses, residents, and property owners to work together, rather than separately, to strengthen their respective districts and create a more community-oriented area.

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