



Ten Detroit businesses to visit this weekend

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This weekend kicks off the 2014 [Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix](#), featuring the Verizon IndyCar series, the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship, the Pirelli World Challenge Series and the truck of the SPEED Energy Stadium SUPER Truck Series.

With increased traffic to Belle Isle, local businesses in the area will feel the economic benefit. In fact, if every family in the U.S. shifted \$10 a month to locally-owned independent businesses, more than \$9.3 billion would be directly returned to local economies. Below is a round-up of ten Detroit businesses to visit this weekend while enjoying the Belle Isle Grand Prix.

City Bird – 460 W. Canfield St. between Cass and Second, Detroit, MI 48210

Founded in 2005 and located in Midtown, Detroit, City Bird carries housewares, jewelry, paper goods, apparel, accessories and home décor supplied by artists who call Detroit and surrounding cities home. City Bird is a great place to find that perfect Michigan-made gift.

Detroit Vs. Everybody - 400 Monroe St #340, Detroit, MI 48226

Born and raised in Detroit, **Tommey Walker** was frustrated that Detroit doesn't get the credit it deserves. He hadn't seen clothing to highlight the positive in the city and took advantage of the opportunity to start his own clothing line called "Detroit vs. Everybody."



Green Dot Stables – 2200 W Lafayette Blvd, Detroit, MI 48216

Looking for inexpensive but delicious food? Green Dot Stables prides itself on “great food, great service and a great atmosphere all at a great price.” With more than 20 different sliders all less than \$3 and a variety of \$3 cocktails and beer, there is a little something for everyone.

Hugh – 4240 Cass Ave, Detroit, MI 48210

Hugh sells an assortment of nick-knacks and home décor from barware, personal accessories, smoking accessories, men’s grooming products, furniture and lighting – all inspired by the classic bachelor pad. The company started business in 2009 as Southeastern Michigan’s first pop-up retail store, and after much success, won the first-ever Hatch Detroit retail prize and opened a permanent location in 2012.

Motor City Java House Coffee Shop – 17336 Lahser Rd., Detroit, MI 48219

The Motor City Java House Coffee Shop was opened by the Motor City Blight Busters, a Detroit based non-profit that cleans up blighted houses in the Old Redford District. The Motor City Java & Tea House is a neighborhood coffee house offering everything from lattes and mochas to smoothies, soups, sandwiches, muffins, and cakes.

3 Dogs 1 Cat Urban Pet Shoppe - 2472 Riopelle St., Detroit, MI

For most pet owners, pets are part of the family and deserve the best. 3 Dogs 1 Cat, located in Eastern Market, sells high quality “eclectic and affordable” pet items including beds, collars, apparel, food and toys – many items from local craftsmen and artists.

Drought – 441 W. Canfield, Detroit, MI 48216

Drought is a Detroit based raw juice company that hand-crafts juices out of organic fruit and vegetables. The company was created by five sisters who strive to help others “find treasure in the ordinary” and simplicity of raw juices. Drought juices are available within Shinola’s flagship store in midtown.



Detroit Pop Shop – Parker Street Market (Friday 4p.m. – 8 p.m.)

Looking for something to cool down from the heat of the race cars? The Detroit Pop Shop offers handcraft gourmet popsicles in many unique and tasty flavors. Hildie Haviland and her husband came up with the idea and a mission to “share happiness throughout Detroit, one popsicle at a time”

Seva Detroit – 66 E. Forest (between Woodward and John R, near Warren), Detroit MI 48201

Vegans and Vegetarians can also find great eats in Detroit. Seva Restaurant offers a completely vegetarian menu, fresh juice bar, coffee bar and full bar in a friendly, casual atmosphere. Take a seat on the patio and enjoy the sun while munching on some yam fries.

Detroit Mercantile co. – 3434 Russell St., Detroit, MI 48207

The Detroit Mercantile co., located in Detroit’s Eastern Market, sells an assortment of general merchandise, books, clothing, home goods and art. Although the three founders have resided in many places across the country, they chose to open their shop in Detroit because it was “where [they] found life at its most vibrant.”

Tell us your favorite small business in Detroit.