

# Local Facts and Lore

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**Michigan Left:** At many intersections, left turns are forbidden; the intersection of Warren and Anthony Wayne near the Physics building is a prime example. A left turn is then accomplished by either (a) a right turn followed by a U-turn or (b) proceeding through the intersection, then making a U-turn followed by a right turn. Making the illegal left turn can net you a moving violation and fine in excess of \$120.

**Street Names:** It is common to omit St., Rd., Ave., Blvd., or whatever after the name of the street. Hence, Woodward Avenue and Warren Avenue are just Woodward and Warren. Woodward divides Detroit into East and West sides. On streets perpendicular to Woodward, the address increase away from Woodward, and an E for east or W for west is added. Hence, the Physics building address of 666 W. Hancock.

**Smoking** While the Michigan legislature continues to debate outlawing smoking in most public buildings, most local restaurants allow smoking. Smoking is banned in Wayne State buildings, including the restaurants on campus. It is indicated if other establishments are known to be non-smoking.

**Coney Island:** The local speciality is the Coney dog, a chili dog usually served with raw onions and mustard. Get the chili cheese fries to complete the experience.

**Windsor, Canada:** While the relevance of Alaska's proximity to Russia to presidential aspirations is questionable, Detroit's proximity to Canada can be seen first-hand. The Canadian city of Windsor lies just a few hundred meters from Detroit, across the Detroit River. In fact, the best view of Detroit is from the Canadian side. Windsor is accessible by car using either the Detroit-Windsor tunnel or the Ambassador bridge. New rules are in effect, and a passport (or government approved ID card) is required by U.S. citizens; a driver's license is no longer sufficient.

**Casinos** Detroit has three casinos — Greektown, MGM Grand, and Motor City — and Windsor has one (smoke free). Experimental tests of the probabilities are not encouraged by the conference organizers.