



DISTRICT 5 NEWSLETTER

from COUNCIL MEMBER MARY SHEFFIELD



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Welcome to our monthly e-newsletter, updating residents and the District 5 community of the latest actions at City Council and across the District. Each month we will report on legislative activities impacting **you** and **your neighborhood**, while providing an important informational resource for you and your neighbors. As always, it is an honor and a privilege representing the residents of District 5 on the Detroit City Council.

On the Council Table

No Such Thing as a Free Ride, says who?



On March 18, City Council approved contracts related to the **Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)** and **New Freedom** programs providing transportation services to low Income individuals, assisting them in getting to job locations and offering free

transportation to seniors and disabled residents for non-medical transportation. DDOT will handle all eligibility matters with respect to qualifying for these services.

[For more information on these programs click here](#)

What's the Real Deal?



Jones Day and the City's Finance and Law Departments negotiated a new lease agreement with Olympia Entertainment for the use of Joe Louis Arena (JLA). The new lease settles any claims to money Olympia owes the City, lacks future revenue for Detroit, and requires demolition of JLA upon completion of the new arena. Therefore, I could not, in good conscience, support this agreement. In the end, City Council approved the measure by a vote of 5-4.

[For more details on the new lease click here](#)

Keeping Up with the Councilwoman

Touching the District!

The Councilwoman recently went on a "ride-along" on the Lower East Side of the District with officers from the 7th Precinct to see what they encounter everyday. "The officers of the 7th Precinct are the first line of defense in making our neighborhoods safer, and I will always support any initiative and legislative measures to make their jobs easier," said Councilwoman Sheffield. The Councilwoman has been very busy attending community meetings providing updates on Council actions and listening to

their concerns. She has visited the **Arden Park-East Boston Historic Association, the Butzel Charlevoix Village Association, Historic Boston-Edison Association, the West Village Association, the Warren Conner Development Corporation.**

Telling Our Story!

The Councilwoman was featured on two segments on My20 TV news. The first segment was in honor of Women's History Month and the other segment involved a discussion on revenue collection efforts in the City. She was also interviewed by a number of publications including the New York Times and Upbeat Detroit Magazine on various issues facing the City and District 5.

To watch videos and read articles click here

Live in District 5

"Conversations with the Councilwoman"



The second installment of the hugely successful "**Conversations with the Councilwoman**" series will be on Monday, April 28, 2014 and is the "**Eastern Market Edition.**" The series premiere was held at **Detroit Vegan Soul** where more than 70 residents attended and enjoyed fine vegan soul cuisine and intimate one-on-one conversations with the Councilwoman.

For more information and photos click here

District 5 Thrives!



"Happy"

District 5's own, the Detroit Academy of Arts & Sciences Youth Choir video of Pharrell Williams' hit "Happy" went viral. This invited national attention from NBC's *Today Show*, the *Ellen De Generes Show* and the *Queen Latifah Show*. The choir is made up of 3-8 grade students who must maintain a 3.0 GPA to participate. They are a shining example of the talent in District 5 and on April 1, 2014 the Councilwoman presented them with the Spirit of Detroit Award following their performance before City Council.

News You Can Use

What's the 411?

In an effort to assist District 5 Residents in navigating City Government and departments, our office has assembled a list of "Frequently Called City Departments."

[Please click here for the directory](#)

Bad Boys Bad Boys!

On March 18, DPD Police Chief James Craig presented to Council and introduced new Neighborhood Police Officers (NPOs) and Precinct Commanders as part of his new, comprehensive Neighborhood Policing Initiative. District 5 will be served by the 3rd, 7th and 10th Precincts. Take the time to get to know your NPO!

[For more precinct information click here](#)

Now Hiring, Apply Within!

Shinola, the world-renowned watch, bicycle and leather products manufacturer based in District 5, is looking to hire at least 40 employees.

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