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# **District 2**



# NEWSLETTER

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# **COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER**

# Watch City Council live & leave a public comment:

City Council Sessions may be viewed in the following manner:

- 1. Watch live on **Channel 10** for local broadcasting.
- 2. Watch online by using <a href="https://detroitmi.gov/government/city-council">https://detroitmi.gov/government/city-council</a> and clicking on **Channel 10**
- 3. To attend by **phone only**, call one of these numbers: +1 929 436 2866, +1 312 626 6799, +1 669 900 6833, +1 253 215 8782, +1 301 715 8592, +1 346 248 7799, then enter the Meeting ID: 85846903626##
- 4. Use the following Meeting ID on the Zoom application: **858 4690 3626**
- 5. Attend online: https://detroitmi.gov/Online-CC-Meeting

#### How to leave a public comment:

To participate at the time of Public Comment, please raise your hand through the Zoom application.

- 1. Telephone participants: Raise your hand by pressing \*9
- 2. Web participants: Raise your hand by clicking "raise hand" in the application or pressing the following:
  - a. Windows computer = [ALT] + [Y]
  - b. Apple computers = [OPTION] + [Y]
- 3. Public comments can also be submitted via email to CCPublicComment@detroitmi.gov







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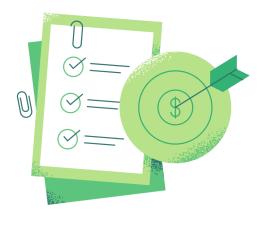
# Legislative Updates Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Allocations Concerning District 2

Council Member Calloway has achieved significant progress for District 2 and the entire city of Detroit in the FY25 budget (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025). Following more than fifty hearings, Council Member Calloway successfully secured funding for the following initiatives:

• Approval of \$2.5 Million for the repair and restoration of the Merrill Fountain at Palmer Park. Initially located near Campus Martius in front of the original opera house, the fountain was gifted to the People of Detroit. In 1925, it was relocated to Palmer Park, where children used to play in the water. Subsequently, the water pipes broke, leading

to the fountain's deterioration. It is time to repair and restore the fountain to its former glory, ensuring that future generations can appreciate this historic landmark.

- Approval of \$2.5 Million for a pilot program focused on lead-based paint encapsulation. This initiative aims to support Mom-and-Pop landlords in meeting rental property registration and certification standards. The objective is to enhance the availability of safe housing units and reduce the incidence of lead poisoning among children.
- Approval to transfer \$2.7 Million from the Detroit Police Department budget to fund a police driver safety program. The aim is to minimize avoidable traffic accidents involving police vehicles. In light of resolving prominent civil cases, the City of Detroit is prioritizing reducing accidents and enhancing traffic safety for officers and the community.
- Approval of \$500,000 for the GOAL LINE program. The after-school program has received much praise from working parents. Initially located at the Northwest Activity Center in District 2, it is scheduled to expand to other areas of the city in the near future.
- Approval of \$40,000 for welcome banners on the historic Avenue of Fashion in support of our local businesses.



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# **District 2 Resident Celebrates 108 Years of Life!**



By: Juwan Outlaw

On April 19, #TeamCalloway was on hand to celebrate the 108th birthday of Sarah McCrary. In addition to balloons, cake, and music, Sarah was also gifted a Spirit of Detroit Award for the wonderful life she continues to live. Sarah McCrary was born on April 19, 1916, to Hattie and Green McCrary in Reynolds, Georgia. It wasn't until 1941, a few years after giving birth to her daughter Rosie B. she would call Detroit home. Her first job in Detroit was as a Domestic Worker for the Silverman's of Silverman Jewelry Company.

Sarah founded her church in 1987 when she attended a Service at her daughter's church. The service consisted of seven prominent ministers from the city speaking, including the late Rev. J. D. Montgomery of Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. She was so inspired, elated, and excited when she heard him and immediately announced to her daughter, "I have found my Pastor!"

On that very next Sunday, she attended and joined and has been a member ever since. According to Sarah's family, she loves to watch television, talk on the phone, and look out the window. Even after reaching the Century Club, Sarah is still very independent, outspoken, and full of life. One of her favorite sayings is, "I will tell you in the front before you stick out behind." In other words, she is straight to the point, and you always know where she's coming from. Sarah continues to live a very long and exemplary life. She states that she has lived well and has always been loved. She owes it all to her almighty God. Happy Birthday Sarah!



# Meet #TeamCalloway for Coffee & Conversation

Please join Council Member Whitfield Calloway at Hartford Village, 17500 Meters Road, on **Monday, May 13, 2024**, at 8 AM for Coffee and Conversation.

This is a great opportunity to meet with Council Member Whitfield Calloway and learn about her work in the community. You can also share your ideas and concerns with her and #TeamCalloway and learn how to get involved. Coffee & Conversation is a casual event, so feel free to come as you are and enjoy a cup of coffee while connecting with your community. We hope to see you there!





Monday, May 20, 2024 5:30-6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting ID: 891 1083 7271 Passcode: 523822

# District 2 Virtual Community Meeting

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from the Detroit Reparations Task Force and the Detroit Radio Patrol. The virtual community meeting is coming soon, and you're invited to join. Here are the important details to keep in mind:

- The meeting will be held on **Monday, May 20, 2024**, at 5:30 PM
- The Detroit Reparations Task Force and the Detroit Radio patrol will present.
- Use the Zoom Meeting ID: 891 1083 7271
- Enter the Passcode: **523822** to participate.

#### Council Member Calloway's Small Business Spotlight

Human-I-T on Seven Mile opened its doors in June of 2023. Founded in Los Angeles in 2012 by Gabe Middleton and Detroit Native James Jack, Human-I-T started with the goal of closing the digital divide and diverting e-waste from landfills. Since its expansion to Detroit in 2020, Human-I-T has distributed over 18,500 devices, connected 3,500 Detroit households with affordable internet connections, and trained almost 800 individuals with vital digital skills training. Human-I-T recently collaborated with General Motors to provide 70 free devices to selected students and families associated with The Lab Drawer and Detroit Promise. The Lab Drawer offers culturally relevant STEAM experiences to historically marginalized youth, while Detroit Promise ensures tuition-free paths to higher education for eligible Detroit residents. Council Member Whitfield Calloway expressed her enthusiasm about their contribution to District 2 and their ongoing dedication to bridging the digital gap during their June grand opening. This recent device distribution reflects their belief that technology access is a fundamental right, not a privilege.





Meet the Duners

# **GABE MIDDLETON & JAMES JACK**



6375 W. SEVEN MILE ROAD, SUITE A101 WWW.HUMAN-I-T.ORG (313) 612-9990

To have your business featured in the District 2 Small Business Spotlight, scan the QR code:



#### Palmer Park Tennis Academy: A Legacy of Excellence and Growth



By: Jerry Perrett

Palmer Park Tennis Academy (PPTA), led by Lenora King, a.k.a. Coach Lee, has seen great success recently. In 2020, the program was honored as the Community Tennis Association of the Year by the U.S. Tennis Association, a prestigious recognition presented by tennis legend Billie Jean King. This accolade was followed by significant financial support from Dick's Sporting Goods, the Cranbrook Pro Men's Tournament in 2023, and the Kaspers Foundation.

The program's commitment to excellence is evident in its initiatives, such as the High-Performance Day Camp, now in its third year, catering to tournament-level and high-school athletes looking to elevate their tennis skills. The camp includes 20 players and runs five days a week for 3-4 hours a day, with a dedicated fitness trainer session each week. PPTA organized an annual Juneteenth celebration with the SE Michigan Tennis Association/Midwest USTA to introduce tennis to aspiring athletes

and honor African American History in the sport. Additionally, the program hosted wheelchair tennis training and has participated in numerous regional tournaments.

This season, PPTA aims to enhance its offerings. Plans include seminars by Sports Psychologist Dr. Jay Novetsky, nutrition presentations for high-performance athletes, hosting a Midwest Diversity Day in May, and USTA national footwork specialist David Bailey. PPTA also wants to improve its facilities, including installing lighting and renovating the clubhouse.

With a strong focus on player development, community engagement, and continuous improvement, PPTA is geared up for another year of growth and success, showcasing the program's commitment to excellence and inclusivity in tennis.

To enroll, visit

campscui.active.com/orgs/PeopleforPalmerPar k?orglink=camps-registration.



Kimberly P. Mitchell, Detroit Free Press

# Walk in the Park Returns to Palmer Park

Meet Council Member Calloway and her team at Palmer Park, 1121 Merrill Plaisance Street, on May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23, and May 30 at 8 AM to enjoy a stroll with fellow residents and District 2 stakeholders.

#### What to Expect:

- Fresh Morning Air: Breathe in the crisp, revitalizing air as you stroll on campus.
- A Brisk Walk: Get your body moving.
- Updates on District 2: Learn about the latest developments and initiatives led by Council Member Calloway and her team.

Remember to wear comfortable walking shoes. This is a community event, and everyone is welcome to join.

Mark your calendar and get ready!



# WALK IN THE PARK



EVERY THURSDAY AT 8 AM

MEET COUNCIL MEMBER CALLOWAY AND HER TEAM AT THE DISTRICT 2 PALMER PARK OFFICE AT 1121 MERRILL PLAISANCE.

For more information:
(313) 224-4535

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#### **Development in District 2**

First Merchants Bank recently hosted a groundbreaking event to mark its expansion into the cherished Fitzgerald neighborhood in District 2, with the goal of offering vital financial services to the area. The ceremony drew a large crowd from the community, including Mayor Mike Duggan, Council Member Calloway, Mark Hardwick (CEO of First Merchants Bank), Kevin Johnson (CEO of Detroit Economic Growth Corporation), and Dr. Chanel Hampton from Strategic Community Partners. This expansion signifies First Merchants Bank's dedication to promoting economic growth, financial education, and inclusivity in a historically underserved neighborhood. The bank aims to grant residents convenient access to banking services and financial guidance, empowering individuals and local businesses to better manage their finances.



# Senior Citizen Solid Waste Discount

The application period for the Senior Citizen Solid Waste Discount offered by the City of Detroit is July 1-September 15. Here are the details:

- Homeowners aged 65 and above with a Principle Residence Exemption on file are eligible for a discount.
- The Solid Waste Fee is \$250, with qualifying seniors receiving a \$125 discount.
- Annual reapplication is **not** required as long as ownership and residency are maintained.

Application instructions for the Senior Citizen Solid Waste Discount: Submit the completed Senior Citizen Application for Solid Waste Discount to the City of Detroit Treasurer's Office between July 1- September 15.

- EMAIL: DTSC@detroitmi.gov
- DELIVER IN PERSON: Detroit Taxpayer Center, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center Suite 130
- BY MAIL: Detroit Taxpayer Center,
   Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2
   Woodward Avenue, Suite 130, Detroit,
   MI 48226

Include copies of the following with your application:

• Proof of identity, address, and age (e.g., valid driver's license or passport)

Filing this form is optional, but the discount will not be processed without it. The Treasurer's Office may request additional documentation for verification.



# We're Looking for Interns through GDYT!

Grow Detroit's Young Talent is now open for youth ages 14 to 24 to sign up for a six-week paid work summer experience in partnership with Metro Detroit corporations, non-profit organizations, municipal departments, local businesses, and philanthropic endeavors. The application portal can be found at GDYT.org, and applications will close on May 31, 2024. If an applicant wants to work in the Office of Council Member Whitfield Calloway, please ensure that you use our special code CMAW24 on the application.

# Thank you, Marygrove Conservancy!

Throughout April, Council Member Calloway and her team strolled around the Marygrove Conservancy campus with residents and community stakeholders. Joining them during these walks were the conservancy's staff, faculty, a Sister of Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM), Urge Development Group, Bagley Community Council members, Marygrove Community Association members, and Tom Lewand, CEO of Marygrove Conservancy. Participants had the opportunity to discover the campus's rich history, explore the wide range of programs offered, and learn about upcoming events and initiatives. A big thank you to Marygrove Conservancy for accommodating the Office of Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway.





# Rallying for Better Living Conditions in Palmer Park

By: Juwan Outlaw

Last month #TeamCalloway was in Palmer Park peacefully picketing against Arizona-based Urban Communities (aka UC Palmer Park) after receiving multiple complaints from residents living in apartments owned by the company. The picket, which was well attended, drew attention to issues including continued maintenance neglect and inadequate living conditions reported by their tenants, mainly comprised of senior citizens. Urban Communities owns 14 properties in the area, with some buildings having multiple outstanding violations from the city's Building, Safety, Engineering, and Environmental (BSEED) Department. Following the picket, our team was made aware of recent changes that have occurred within Urban Communities, including a new property management company being named through a court order. #TeamCalloway will continue to fight for the tenants in the area, and throughout District 2 regarding inadequate service and living conditions. This change in property management is hopefully the beginning of new changes to come for the tenants in Palmer Park.



# Def Sound Studio Up for Historic Recognition

Jerry Flynn Dale is a valuable asset to the city and its residents. He is renowned for establishing a recording studio in the basement of his Winthrop Street residence in College Park, creating music that has resonated with countless rap and hip-hop fans. Dale founded Def Sound Studio, playing a vital role in Detroit's music community. Since its inception in 1983, when Dale was only 13, Def Sound Studio has been located in District 2. A **public hearing** is scheduled at Coleman A. Young Municipal Center at 9 AM on Thursday, May 23, 2024, to discuss granting a historic designation to the studio, similar to the recognition of the Motown Museum and Blue Bird Inn. The studio has welcomed numerous artists, including George Clinton Jr., Eminem, Vickie, Marvin, and Mario Winans. Dale apprenticed at Sound Suite Studios in his early career. Sound Suite Studios is known for its collaborations with Anita Baker, Luther Vandross, and Parliament Funkadelic.

#### 2024 Palmer Park Art Fair

Mark your calendars for the Palmer Park Art Fair on Saturday, June 1st, 2024, from 10 AM to 7 PM and Sunday, June 2nd, 2024, from 11 AM to 5 PM. Join a diverse crowd of attendees who gather annually to experience the array of attractions. Explore the talents of over 100 skilled artists showcasing their work in various mediums, including painting, sculpture, and jewelry. The fair will offer delicious food from local vendors, live music, poetry by local poets, and book readings. Don't miss this chance to enjoy the park's offerings and engage in its numerous activities. For more information visit, palmerparkartfair.com.



#### Detroit Horse Power Gala: Empowering Local Youth



# Detroit On The Rise with Council Member Calloway

The WSU Student Senate has introduced the "Elected Officials on Campus" initiative to strengthen the ties between policymakers and higher education. During the recent "Detroit on the Rise" panel discussion, Council Member Calloway, Council Member-at-Large Young II, and Wayne County Commissioner Baker-McCormick participated as panelists. The discussion centered on policy matters identified in a student survey. Council Member Calloway shared insights on public health, housing, education, sustainability, and public transportation, providing advice to students interested in local government positions.

Detroit Horse Power's gala will be on May 3, 2024, at Ford Field's Hall of Legends. This year's event will be graced by distinguished co-chairs, including Council Member Calloway, Deputy Mayor Todd Bettison, Wayne County Commissioner Irma Clark Coleman, and TAG Holdings' Chairman & CEO Joe Anderson. Attendees can expect an evening filled with philanthropy and entertainment, featuring a seated dinner, live music, a silent auction, and an educational program highlighting Detroit Horse Power's impactful mission. The gala aims to support the organization's youth development programs, which empower Detroit's youth through fostering essential life skills such as perseverance, empathy, responsible risk-taking, confidence, and self-control. Detroit Horse Power continues to positively impact lives and communities, bringing closer its vision of establishing a new equestrian center on a 14-acre former Detroit school site in District 2.





# On City Council, I have advocated for many matters, including the following:

- Passed Ordinance prohibiting Cashless Businesses
- Passed Ordinance concerning E-Scooter Regulation
- Passed Ordinance for Human Trafficking Hotel Signage
- Passed 17 Resolutions, including recognizing September as Suicide Awareness Month and April as Syphilis Awareness Month
- Allocated \$2M for childcare programming
- Allocated \$1M for paid parental leave for city employees
- Allocated \$3M for homelessness diversion
- Allocated funding for improvements of street designs and infrastructure Allocated \$150k for Detroit-Wayne Port Authority Ferry Feasibility Study
- Facilitated the Grixdale Community Development Plan
- Expanded Prenatal and Postpartum Family Planning services to fight the Black Maternal Mortality Rate
- Successfully allocated and implemented \$500k for Palmer Park capital improvements, including the dog park
- Allocated \$70k for Law Interns to assist in FOIA requests
- Successfully registered 300 eligible high school students to vote
- Advocated for the Detroit Amusement Tax at the MI Legislature

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Monday, June 10, 2024 at 8 AM

Youthnique StartUP Center
19456 Livernois Avenue
Detroit, MI 48221



# 2024 Detroit Summer Girls Volleyball League







Saturday, May 18, 2024 9:00 to 11:00 am

Peoples United Methodist Church 19370 Greenfield Rd Saturday, May 25, 2024 9:00 to 11:00 am

Universal Transformation Ministries Church 19901 James Couzens Fwy

#### Saturday, June 1, 2024 9:00 to 11:00 am

Overcomers Evangel Missionary Baptist Church 20045 James Couzens Fwy

Saturday, June 8, 2024 9:00 to 11:00 am

Greenfield Avenue Church of God 19900 Greenfield Road Saturday, June 15, 2024 9:00 to 11:00 am

Calvary Apostolic Church 20071 James Couzens Fwy



San Bernardo Park Association

Judge Mathis Community Center Young Men-N-Motion

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#### **SBPA Resource Event**

FREE and open to the public



#### **Featuring**

Wayne Metropolitan
Community Action Agency



- Lifeline Water Program
- Utilities Help (DTE and
- Hope Application
- Water)
- Financial Empowerment Programs & More

STOP BY TO APPLY FOR AVAILABLE PROGRAMS VOTER INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE

Mathis Community Center 19300 Greenfield Rd Detroit, MI 48235 Thursday, May 30, 2024

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Call/Text 313-437-1062 for more information







# District 2 NEWSLETTER

#### Invite Council Member Calloway's Office to Your Community Meeting

Is your community holding a meeting soon? Our Office of Council Member Calloway team would like to provide updates. To invite us to your next event, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (313) 224-4535 or email us at Council MemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov with the details.







If you are facing foreclosure and need assistance in starting a Wayne County Probate Court Case because a property is in the name of a deceased family member, please contact one of the following community partners for assistance:

Michigan Legal Services: 313-774-1527 | 313-725-4890 United Community Housing Coalition: 313-405-7726

Legal Aid & Defender: 313-967-5800

Contact the Wayne County Probate Court by calling: 313-224-5706

We are here to help!

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