



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 as a whole on the latest City Council actions and happenings across the District. The newsletter will be providing important informational resources for you and your neighbors. As always, it is an honor and privilege representing the residents of District 5 on City Council.

On the Council Table

DLBA set to huff, puff and blow Blight Down!



On April 15, 2014, City Council unanimously approved a measure to transfer 16,399 City owned properties to the Detroit Land Bank Authority. Under the plan, the DLBA will maintain, demolish and ultimately auction the properties with the goal of eliminating blight and igniting development in distressed neighborhoods. This insures the DLBA will have the ability to expend the \$52 million in Hardest Hit Funds on blight

removal and demolition by April 30, 2015.

For more information on the agreement and a property list [click here!](#)

EM to (s)ticket to motorists!



On April 8, 2014, the Emergency Manager held a public hearing on Order No. 24: Revision of the Parking Fine Ordinance. According to the EM an increase in the fines was necessary to cover processing costs and increase funds available to the City. A couple of the major changes include: increasing expired meter fines from \$20 to \$45 and eliminating the \$10 fine reduction for payments made within 10 days of the infraction. In preparation of increased fines, Municipal Parking is offering an **"Amnesty Program"** for all 3-year old fines, penalties and fees **May 1 -14, 2014.**

For new parking ticket fines and amnesty information [click here!](#)

Keeping Up with the Councilwoman

Touching the District!

On March 26, in conjunction with the Neighborhood Police Officer, Council Member Sheffield's office met with residents on Burlingame and helped launch their first neighborhood association **"The Burlingame Ave Subdivision Block Club."**



On April 29, the Councilwoman delivered the keynote address to **University Preparatory Academy** students during their Annual College Signing Day event promoting post-secondary education.



Telling Our Story!

The Councilwoman is featured in Crain's Detroit Business 2014 20 in their 20's, for leaders making waves in our community. She joined other young professionals making strides in their community through public service, entrepreneurship and business.



To watch video and read article click here!

Live in District 5

"Conversations with the Councilwoman"



The 2nd edition of the hugely popular Conversations Series was held at the Eastern Market and nearly 100 business owners and patrons attended and enjoyed culinary delights, from Market businesses, and conversations with Councilwoman Mary Sheffield as well as various City departments. Please support Cutter's, Bert's Marketplace, Mootown, De Vries & Co., Supino, Roma Cafe, Louisiana Creole, Mike's Pita Grill, Nirvana Tea, and Savory Pies all of whom sponsored the event and received special recognition awards. The next "Conversations with the Councilwoman" will take place in June. Stay tuned for details.

[For more information and photos click here!](#)

District 5 Thrives!



On April 25th, the Councilwoman toured **Bamboo Detroit**. Bamboo provides a work space, resources, and a network of services to help entrepreneurs and those interested in starting a business. They are dedicated to bringing more new businesses to the city.

[For more information on Bamboo Detroit click here!](#)

Parks Need Love Too!



The City of Detroit is calling on Community Development Councils, Neighborhood Associations, Block Clubs, Churches, Businesses, Families and Individuals to adopt-a-park. Adopt-A-Park partners will agree to mow and weed their adopted parks every two weeks from May 1st through October 31st. Partners' names will be prominently displayed in their adopted park and the City will pick up what they clean up. Adoptable parks in District 5 are: **St. Anthony** (5330 Field St. 48213), **Callahan** (3356 E. Ferry St. 48211) and **Perrien** (4840 Chene St. 48207- pictured).

[For more information on adopt a park click here!](#)

News You Can Use

Half "mill" to help businesses build!

The New Economy Initiative (NEI) is a special project of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. On April 16th, in conjunction with Councilwoman Sheffield, NEI announced the NEIdeas contest which will award 30 existing businesses with an award of \$10,000 each and 2 existing businesses with an award of \$100,000 each. The contest goal is to support existing businesses in a way that will maintain and strengthen them in the neighborhood and cities that need them most. Councilwoman will be hosting an event at Tech Town on Thursday May 8th at 6pm.

[Please click here for the event flyer and contest details!](#)

Spring Clean in the "D"!



May is Motor City Makeover month, in partnership with Keep Detroit Beautiful. District 5's day to clean up will be on Saturday, May 10th and the Councilwoman and her staff will be pitch in at various locations. She hopes to see you there because it takes all of us to achieve a Safer, Cleaner and more economically Competitive district and City. Individuals and groups must register to request materials, pick-ups and in some cases large dumpsters.

[For more information on Motor City Makeover click here!](#)

Now Hiring, Apply Within!

There are a number of jobs being offered in the non-profit arena and the Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA) publishes these listings for job seekers online. The MNA regularly updates their website as they receive employment information.

[For more information on these listings and how to apply click here!](#)

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