

District 2 NEWSLETTER

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District 2 Community Meeting



Thank you for joining us in
November for our last
community meeting of 2022.
We look forward to meeting
with you all in the New Year.

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LEGISLATIVE/POLICY UPDATES

- **E-SCOOTERS:**

- In a collective effort, staff members from the offices of Council President Mary Sheffield and Council Member Calloway's worked to finalize an ordinance to regulate e-scooters throughout the city. The staff members worked with the Mayor's Office of Mobility Innovation, Department of Public Works, Law Department, and Department of Administrative Hearings. The final version of the ordinance was introduced. Public hearings will take place in January 2023. Hopefully, the new ordinance will be in place before the e-scooter companies start a new season.

- **CASHLESS BUSINESS:**

- Detroit wants to be a welcoming city from Eight Mile Road to the Detroit River; however, some residents feel unwelcomed when they cannot do business at locations that do not accept cash as payment. Many Detroiters do not have bank accounts, credit cards, or debit cards. All Detroit businesses should be open to customers with cash to pay for the transaction.
- Staff members for Angela Whitfield Calloway proposed an ordinance concerning cashless businesses based on the New York City and Philadelphia ordinances.

- **SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE:**

- Detroit needs to have adequate regulations surrounding the short-term rental industry. Airbnb and other rental platforms are used by hundreds to rent properties for a day or a week. Short-term rental industry supporters introduced legislation before the Michigan Legislature to strip away the power of local municipalities to use local zoning to control the industry. Team Calloway strongly opposed this proposed legislation and introduced a Detroit City Council resolution expressing our opposition. The entire Detroit City Council joined in the resolution, which passed unanimously. Hopefully, in early 2023 Team Calloway will introduce an ordinance to effectively regulate the industry.

SURVEY QUESTION

- Do you support local regulation of the short-term rental industry? Please send your YES or NO with a short comment or suggestion to **CouncilMemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov**, and please remember to be constructive with your comments. We look forward to your thoughts.

STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSDEV CONTRACT

In late November, Council Member Calloway was a No vote on the proposed contract between the City of Detroit and Transdev Services, Inc. in the amount of \$49,213,192.13. Council Member Calloway opposed the contract for the following reasons:

- The well-documented history of poor service by Transdev Inc. There was no reason to believe they would improve their paratransit service if they received the contract.
- The paratransit contract should be forced into a new RFP round. The new round may take months, but the delay is better than five more years of inadequate services.
- The testimonials of those who primarily use paratransit services desired termination of the contract due to unreliability and poor treatment. Riders expressed that they were required to wait unreasonably long for service.

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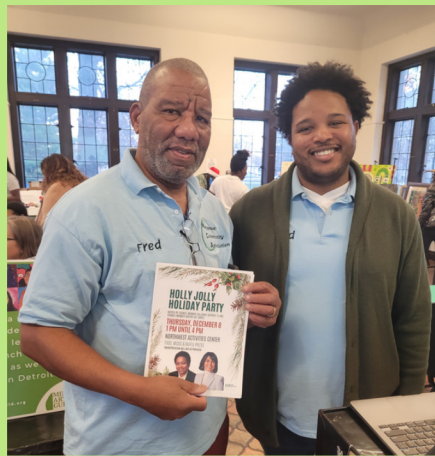
DISTRICT 2 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST

The Office of Council Member Calloway invites you to participate in the District 2 Holiday Decoration Contest! Local businesses and residents are encouraged to share their community spirit by decorating their space for a chance to win a special surprise! Judging will take place on December 23rd, so submit your pictures/videos on time!

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

Congratulations to the first organizations in District 2 to receive the Neighborhood Beautification Grant:

- Demographic Inspiration's Detroit
- PR²OmiSE



#TEAMCALLOWAY ATTENDS MARYGROVE MARKET HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Congratulations to the Marygrove Community Association, which hosted its first-ever Marygrove Market at the conservancy on Tuesday, November 22nd. The room was full of local small businesses that sold greeting cards, artwork, clothing, jewelry, sweets, and so much more. The community association also received the Detroit Economic Growth and Detroit Means Business 2022 Holiday Corridor Activation Grant!



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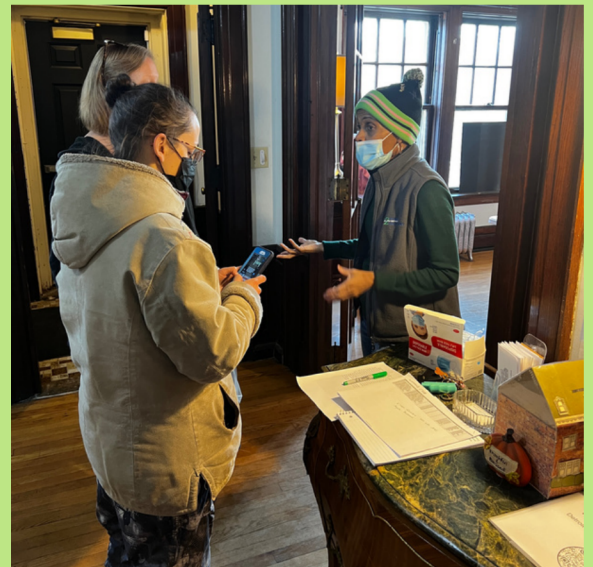
HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UPLIFTS GRADUATING STUDENTS

The Council Member and *#TeamCalloway* attended the annual Mumford Alumni Association Laptops for Seniors brunch. The event's purpose is to help raise money to purchase laptops for graduating students. Council Member Calloway spoke briefly at the event stating, "All alumni associations should have initiatives like this. No student should graduate from our high schools without having the proper equipment to succeed in college and beyond."



COUNCIL MEMBER CALLOWAY MEALS ON WHEELS

Council Member Calloway and *#TeamCalloway* volunteered with the Detroit Agency on Aging for Holiday Meals on Wheels. On Thanksgiving morning, they served at the historic Detroit Association of Women's Clubs, Inc., and distributed over 250 meals to seniors.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee & Conversation

with Council Member Calloway

Monday, December 12
at 8 AM

Love Ministries

15003 Fairfield Street
Detroit, MI 48235



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KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE!

JOIN A CITIZENS' RADIO PATROL

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision... it is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

ANDREW CARNEGIE

Through a partnership with the Detroit Police Department (DPD), citizens form radio patrols to deter crime by observing activity in their neighborhoods and reporting any suspicious behavior to law enforcement.

What is Citizens' Radio Patrol?

It is a community-driven process that gives residents the option of taking ownership of their neighborhood's safety. Committed citizens act as patrollers, observers or base operators — all crucial to the overall operation of the program.

Who takes part?

A patrol group includes community members who dedicate their time and effort to establish a new standard of safety in their neighborhood. It is made up of residents who have an interest in crime prevention working with local law enforcement officials.

Why is the focus of Citizens' Radio Patrol?

Crime deterrence. Increasing the presence of patrollers

in a neighborhood leads to reduced crime and improved quality of life.

How does it work?

Each team consists of three people: A driver, observer (in designated uniform) and base operator. The driver and observer patrol the neighborhood in a designated vehicle and observe a specific area. They communicate with a base operator with radios or cell phones. Anytime a suspicious behavior or criminal act is observed, the observer contacts the base operator who contacts the proper authorities. If it is an emergency, the observer directly calls 9-1-1.

Drivers are reimbursed for their efforts (other approved operating expenses may be approved for reimbursement as well).

If you are interested in forming a radio patrol in your community, contact **Myra Gracey, Chief's Neighborhood Liaison**, at (313) 596-2520 or via email at gracym800@detroitmi.gov.



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app through
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PROJECT CLEAN SLATE

WINNER OF A 2020 DOLLARWISE INNOVATION GRANT
CITY OF DETROIT — MICHAEL E. DUGGAN, MAYOR

A thriving city creates opportunity for all its residents and helps remove barriers and obstacles that stand in the way. Thousands of Detroiters who want to work and be a part of Detroit's comeback have been held back for too long because of mistakes they have made in their past—some of which are decades old. In 2016, Mayor Duggan launched an innovative program called, "Project Clean Slate (PCS)" to address this issue.

PCS is a free expungement program for Detroit residents. The goal is to help Detroiters have their records cleared to create better opportunities for employment, education, and housing.

PCS employs three dedicated attorneys who provide expungement services and represent each eligible resident. PCS attorneys handle all steps of the expungement process - from preparing the expungement application to representing the client in court hearings.

PCS partnered with other city/county agencies to streamline the process.

- The **Detroit Police Department** provides free fingerprinting service, which is required as a part of the expungement process
- The **Third Circuit Court** created an expungement docket and assigned two judges to preside.
- PCS has a physical presence in the **Detroit At Work Career Centers** to connect participants - both eligible and ineligible for expungement - to employment opportunities

Over **6,000 Detroiters** have sought to have their records expunged through PCS, but the current Michigan expungement statute is restrictive; fewer than 10% of the applicants were eligible.

In 2019, Mayor Duggan worked with a bi-partisan group of state legislators to reform the state's expungement law. The reforms greatly expanded the number and types of convictions eligible for expungement, more than doubling the number of Detroiters eligible.

In late 2020, the bills were signed into law and will make an additional **86,000 Detroiters eligible** in April 2021.

90%

of PCS applicants cite better employment opportunities as their primary motivator for seeking expungement

82%

of PCS clients cite the removal of stigma as the greatest benefit of expungement*

23% the anticipated wage increase one year after expungement**



\$1 to \$3.70 every one dollar the City of Detroit spends on PCS results in a potential \$3.70 return in the form of potential annualized wage gains, creating local, state, and federal employment tax revenue**



* University of Michigan Empirical Expungement Study, 2019, JJ Prescott and Sonya Starr. **Alex Johnson, Project Clean Slate Consultancy.

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**LIFE IS
BETTER
WITH YOU HERE**

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988
Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network: 1-800-241-4949
The Trevor Project: 1-866-488-7386

THERE IS HELP

Wayne County Crisis & Referral Line: 800-241-4949

Veterans Crisis Line: Dial 988 then Press 1 or Text 838255

Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network
24-Hour Helpline: 1-800-241-4949

Reach Us Detroit: 313-488-HOPE

LGBTQIA+ Crisis Line: 866-488-7386

CNS Healthcare: www.cnshealthcare.org

Caleb's Kids: www.calebskids.org





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End of Year HOPE Application Events

The City of Detroit, in partnership with the HOPE Counseling Network, is hosting HOPE Application Assistance Events. Completing the Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE) application may reduce your current year tax obligation. The HOPE application is also the first step toward receiving financial assistance for back property taxes. For more information, visit detroitmi.gov/hope

**THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR HOPE IN 2022 IS
DECEMBER 12!**

To schedule an appointment, visit detroithope.timetap.com or call (313) 244-0274
Masks Required.

DECEMBER 5
Patton Recreation Center
2301 Woodmere St.
Detroit, MI 48209

DECEMBER 9
Samaritan Center
5555 Conner St.
Detroit, MI 48213

DECEMBER 12
**Wayne Metro
Community Action Agency**
7310 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Recorded proof of ownership
- Current photo ID for ALL ADULTS in the home
- Proof of residency for ALL MINORS in the home
- Proof of income for ALL ADULTS AND MINORS in the home
- 2021 Federal and State tax returns for ALL ADULTS REQUIRED TO FILE

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**The Mumford HS Alumni Association
Partners with Palmer Park Academy
to make sure every child has
warm hands this winter.**



*Mittens
for detroit*

HOLLY JOLLY HOLIDAY PARTY

UGLY SWEATER COMPETITION

HOSTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CALLOWAY (DISTRICT 2) AND
COUNCIL MEMBER WATERS (AT-LARGE)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022
1 PM UNTIL 4 PM**

**NORTHWEST ACTIVITIES CENTER
18100 MEYERS ROAD**

TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED



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Join Us!
Wednesday,
December 14th,
12:00pm - 2:00pm



Together We Thrive



ABUNDANT MERCY CHURCH

Brilliant Detroit
creating kid success neighborhoods



N'NAMDI

OUR THIRD ANNUAL Holiday Giveaway!



**Brilliant Detroit
Fitzgerald
in partnership with:
Live 6 to host our
3rd Annual Holiday
Giveaway!**

When: Wednesday, December 14th

Where: 16919 Prairie Street
(Brilliant Detroit Fitzgerald Site)

Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

You must RSVP by December 3rd
at 5:00pm by emailing:
ssmith@brilliantdetroit.org



Fitzgerald location:
16919 Prairie, Detroit, MI 48221

La'Shonta Smith, Site Manager 313-447-0165
email: ssmith@brilliantdetroit.org

REGISTER HERE!

Visit our facebook page: [@brilliantdetroit](https://www.facebook.com/brilliantdetroit)
www.brilliantdetroit.org

About Brilliant Detroit:

Brilliant Detroit works with neighbors to build kid success families and neighborhoods, where neighbors with children ages 0-8 have what they need to be school-ready, healthy, and self-sufficient. We work block by block with families and community as essential partners in developing our young children's future.

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