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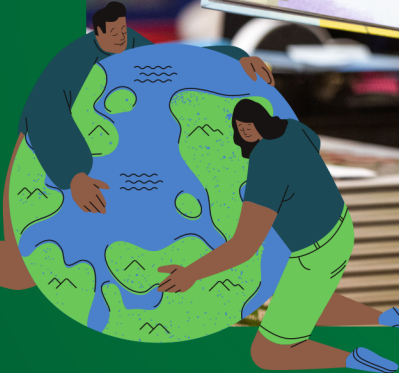
# District 2

**D2 TEAM**  
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# NEWSLETTER

FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD CALLOWAY

**Happy  
Earth  
Month**



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# COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

## CELEBRATING READING MONTH IN DISTRICT 2

Council Member Calloway took the initiative to honor National Reading Month by visiting MacDowell Preparatory Academy and reading to 3rd graders. Reading is an essential skill that helps children develop language, imagination, and creativity. It's also an excellent way to encourage empathy, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

Last month, Council Member read "The Year We Learned to Fly" by Jacqueline Woodson. The students at MacDowell Prep. are developing their reading skills and appreciate the shared valuable messages of self-confidence, anti-bullying, and putting your best foot forward.

We applaud Mr. Rick Silva and Superintendent Brian Banks for the invitation to participate in Reading Month at MacDowell Prep. Seeing the school community unite to promote literacy and education is terrific. Congratulations to the students and teachers at MacDowell Prep for their academic achievements, and we wish each of you continued success.



*Mrs. Hall's 3rd grade class*





# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Monday, April 17, 2022, 5:30-6:30 PM**

Click the link below to join:

<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/84596224163>

Or manually enter the Meeting ID:

**845 9622 4163**

## COFFEE & CONVERSATION AT JOHNSON RECREATION

If you are interested in contributing to your community and discussing ways to improve District 2 and the city of Detroit, Coffee & Conversation is the perfect opportunity for you. Here are reasons to attend the upcoming event on **Monday, April 10th, 2023, at 8 AM** at U of D Jesuit Johnson Rec. Center, 8550 Chippewa Ave:

1. Engage with Council Member Calloway and her team in an informal setting.
2. Meet other members of the community who share your interests and concerns.
3. Participate in discussions on topics that matter to you and your community.
4. Learn about the latest initiatives and programs to improve the quality of life in District 2 and the city of Detroit.
5. Share your ideas and insights on how to make your community a better place to live, work, and play.
6. Help shape the future of your community by actively participating in the conversation.

## DISTRICT 2 VIRTUAL MEETING

Our next District 2 virtual meeting is on Monday, April 17th, at 5:30 PM. Join us at 5:25 PM to view the pre-meeting presentation of District 2 announcements. More information about the meeting can be found on [detroitmi.gov/government/city-council/city-council-district-2](https://detroitmi.gov/government/city-council/city-council-district-2)

**Zoom Meeting ID: 845 9622 4163**



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am pleased to share with you “DPD’s Report Card.” DPD’s men and women in Blue continue to vigorously “PROTECT AND SERVE” our community, and when DPD’s actions are questionable, I promise you transparency and accountability. Detroit’s city-wide 2022 crime stats are impressive when compared per capita with other large metropolitan areas. All Part One Crimes (violent crimes) decreased in 2022: Aggravated Assaults (non-fatal shootings) decreased by 11% to 12,967. Rape decreased by 15% (697). Robbery 7% to 1,403. Homicide was the lone exception. A murder before the new year increased by one Detroit’s homicide rate over 2021 to 309. Other news - new 4-year labor agreements were signed, increasing “Copper” salaries (my nephew’s term) by a minimum of 13% to \$73K for 2023! The “Brass, Sergeants, Lieutenants, Commanders, Deputy Chiefs, also got megabucks, a minimum of 4%. Detroit is now competitive with Police Depts in the suburbs. Hopefully, we will no longer lose hundreds of officers we trained (the best training in the state) to surrounding communities. I wish you God’s Blessings, Excellent Health, Freedom, and Prosperity!

Atty. Linda D. Bernard J.D., LL.M.

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR POLICE COMMISSIONER



*February Coffee & Conversation at Palmer Park Office with guest Senator Mallory McMorrow*



# COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

## DISTRICT 2 HOSTS EVENING COMMUNITY MEETING

Council Member Calloway hosted the City Council Evening Session at Renaissance High School on Detroit's west side. Her Council colleagues and more than 200 attendees joined her to share District 2 updates and public commentary from residents. Council Member Calloway celebrated the accomplishments of her office, District 2 residents, and businesses. The evening meeting also included a special appearance from the FLICS Middle School Robotics Team, the Techno Phoenix, who will travel to Houston, Texas, for this month's World Robotics Championship. Thank you to all who attended.



*#TeamCalloway greets meeting guests*



*Ms. Zetia Hogan, Principal of Foreign Language Immersion and Cultural Studies*





# COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER



## HONORING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AT DETROIT UNITY TEMPLE

Council Member Calloway commemorated Women's History Month with a speech at Detroit Unity Temple. During her address, she praised the bravery of Margaret Wood, the church's founder, and highlighted how Wood used courage to create a lasting legacy at Detroit Unity Temple. Council Member Calloway shared her story and how a particular Bible verse, Romans 8:28, has guided her throughout her life. The verse emphasizes the importance of trusting and believing in God's plan, even when we may not understand our purpose. While speaking, Council Member reiterates that in this scripture, "all things" refers to all beings, good and evil, eternal and created, emphasizing that all of them work together for the good of them that love God. Thank you, Rev. Gregory Guice, Carol Weaver, and Detroit Unity Temple, for the invitation.





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## TASK FORCE MEETS TO BRING AWARENESS TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The first meeting of Council Member Calloway's Human Trafficking Task Force took place on March 15 at the Palmer Park Community House. The task force includes representatives from the Covenant House, Alternatives for Girls, the 10th Precinct, the 11th Precinct, and Neighborhood Legal Services. The purpose of the task force is to (1) Bring awareness to the issue of human trafficking in Detroit; (2) Educate the public and target audiences about the issue in an appropriate manner; (3) Put forth legislative proposals that could help address the issue; and (4) Discover appropriate resources that are available and provide them to those who need them. We are looking forward to all the great work the task force will do.



*Human Trafficking Task Force meeting on March 15*



### D2 Neighborhoods

Bagley	Oak Grove
Blackstone Park	Palmer Park
College Park	Palmer Woods
Detroit Golf	Pembroke
Dexter-Fenkell	Penrose Village
Fitzgerald	Pilgrim Village
Green Acres	Schaefer 7/8 Lodge
Greenfield	Schulze
Greenwich	Sherwood Forest
Grixdale Farms	State Fair
Harmony Village	Tri-Point
Hope Village	University District
Martin Park	Winship
Macdowell	Oakman Blvd Community

**D2 TEAM**  
ANGELA FOR DETROIT  
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## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Are you having a community meeting? Would you like to hear updates from the Office of Council Member Calloway? We want an invitation to your event! Contact our office at (313) 224-4535 or [CouncilMemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov](mailto:CouncilMemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov) with your event details. We can't wait to see you.

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## LEGISLATIVE/POLICY UPDATES

- **Property Tax Rate Reduction:** In February 2023, Council Member Calloway proposed a decrease in the property tax rate of 2 Mills that would take effect July 1, 2023. Later, Mayor Duggan announced a property tax rate decrease of 1 Mill effective July 1, 2023, and an additional 1 Mill decrease effective July 1, 2024. This is progress but not enough progress. Council Member Calloway will continue to work for more property tax relief for the average resident. High property tax rates are a barrier to growth and a better future. We are unsatisfied with the current system and will continue the struggle for our residents.
- **Split Rate Property Taxes:** Land speculators buy cheaply large quantities of land, guess when the prices of the land would rise enough to make a profit, and then sell that land. They often demand outrageous hostage prices for vacant lots and houses. This real estate business plan is bad for business and contributes to urban blight. Land speculators are a barrier to neighborhood growth. The current practice is bad for neighborhoods and bad for the average resident. This practice has gone on far too long. Council Member Calloway will work with Mayor Duggan to enact a split rate tax that will tax land at a higher rate than the building on the land. For most residents, this will not affect the amount of property taxes paid. For land speculators, this will be a huge burden and will finally force them to either develop the land or sell it to someone who will develop it. The days of the greedy land speculator will be over. We ask everyone to support the split-rate property tax reform. We know there will be a fight as special interest groups attack the idea.





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## LEGISLATIVE/POLICY UPDATES



- **Cashless Businesses:** Detroit is a welcoming city; however, some residents feel unwelcomed when they cannot do business at locations that do not accept cash as a form of 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. In cooperation with the Law Department, Council Member Calloway drafted an ordinance prohibiting most cashless businesses. This will eliminate another barrier and will ensure that everyone is welcome.



- **Short-Term Rentals:** Detroit needs effective 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. Most rentals are without incident. Some rental operations are a big problem. Finding a solution allowing responsible rental operators and banning irresponsible rental operators will be challenging. This is a big task. Council Member Calloway will work to find a solution. We need your help and suggestions. Please give us your comments.



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## HONORING DR. DORA R. SCOTT

Bishop Dr. Dora R. Scott, affectionately known as "The Church Lady," was recently presented a Spirit of Detroit Award from the office of Council Member Calloway for her outstanding leadership and twenty-year-long commitment to her congregation at Word Restoration Ministries, where she has served tirelessly as the Senior Pastor and Founder. Bishop Dr. Scott has also made a significant impact through her many years of work with Project Tyme and has helped at-risk youth turn their lives around and become positive societal contributors. Bishop Dr. Scott founded Project Tyme to assist delinquent youth in Detroit. Bishop Dr. Scott's example reminds us of the importance of giving back to our communities and positively impacting the lives of those around us. We can all learn from her leadership and commitment to helping others.

## BAGLEY STRIDE RETURNS

The Bagley Stride will continue their twice-weekly walks on Sunday, April 2nd, at 10 AM and Wednesday, April 5th, at 6:30 PM. This will be the walking schedule throughout the spring and summer. Participants will meet at the Bagley Elementary School parking lot on Roselawn at Curtis. Remember to wear comfortable walking shoes.

**BAGLEY  
COMMUNITY  
STRIDE**

**10AM SUNDAYS  
& 6:30PM WEDNESDAYS**

Meet us at Bagley Elementary School  
Parking Lot



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**8,000 Summer Jobs  
for Detroit Youth** →

**GDYT application  
portal open until  
MAY 31**

The banner features a group of diverse young people smiling. On the left is the City of Detroit logo with the text 'Grow Detroit's Young Talent'.



## GROW DETROIT'S YOUNG TALENT APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Youth Summer Employment applications opened on February 7th at 9 AM. GDYT is an opportunity for Detroit's youth ages 14-24. To apply, visit [gdyt.org](http://gdyt.org)

If you know of any youth who might be interested in seeing how their city government works and would enjoy working in Council Member Calloway's office, please have them reach out to our Chief of Staff via email at [thomaesa.bailey@detroitmi.gov](mailto:thomaesa.bailey@detroitmi.gov).

## APRIL IS EARTH MONTH

With the increasing concern over climate change and its impact on our planet, there has never been a more critical time to raise awareness and take action toward sustainable living. Earth Month, every April, is a time to come together and create consciousness around environmental issues. By taking steps towards sustainable development and offering climate solutions, we can all play a part in minimizing our carbon footprint and preserving our planet's natural resources. We must encourage our communities to make sustainable choices in their homes and businesses, such as using sustainable materials, installing energy-efficient appliances, and reducing their interactions with single-use plastics. This Earth Month, let us all consciously create a more sustainable future for ourselves and future generations. By taking small steps towards sustainability in our daily lives, we can make a big difference in protecting our planet and preserving its natural beauty.





# District 2

# NEWSLETTER

**General Services Department  
PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION**

**#DOYOURPART  
KEEP DETROIT  
CLEAN  
REPORT BLIGHT  
IN THE D**

**Tree Issues, Alley Clean Up and  
Illegal Dumping Sites:  
Report via [detroitmi.gov/gsd](http://detroitmi.gov/gsd)**

**Park Issues:  
Report via [detroitmi.gov/recreation](http://detroitmi.gov/recreation)**

**All other blight concerns and  
complaints: Text name,  
phone number, email, photos &  
location of the blight issue to  
**313-570-7585****

**motor city  
makeover**

**2023**

**TAKE PART!!**  
Register today to help keep Detroit beautiful!

Cleanup and beautification projects will take place three Saturdays in May.

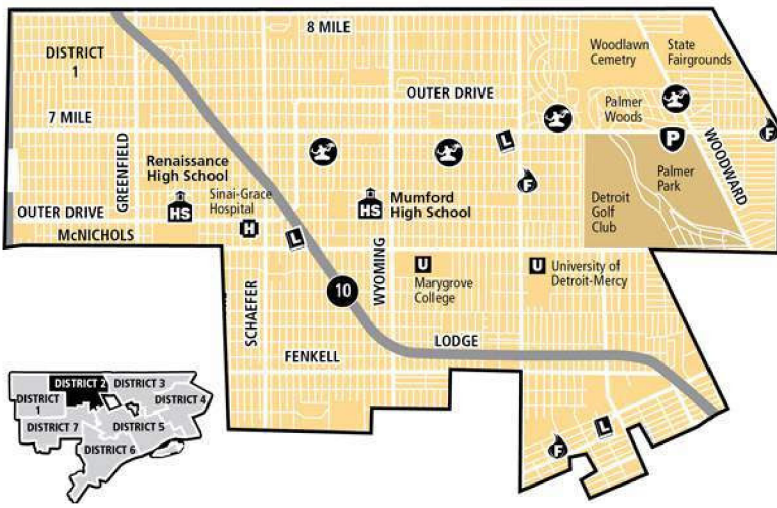
<b>MAY 6</b>	Districts 1, 2 and 3
<b>MAY 13</b>	Districts 4 and 5
<b>MAY 20</b>	Districts 6 and 7

Upon registration, your District Managers will provide supply pick-up information.

Register for flowers today to enhance your project!

Groups MUST register with the City of Detroit to receive supplies, flowers and to schedule special pickups.

To register in advance, call (313) 224-4415 or go online to [www.motorcitymakeover.org](http://www.motorcitymakeover.org)



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