**March 2023** 

CITY OF DETROIT District 5 **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** 

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# COUNCIL VING PRESIDENT

66 *"Know what sparks the light in you so that you, in your own way, can illuminate the world."* — Oprah Winfrey

# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

# HAPPY Women's History Month

Mary Sheffield

FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT





"WOMEN NEED A SEAT AT THE TABLE, THEY NEED AN INVITATION TO BE SEATED THERE, AND IN SOME CASES, WHERE THIS IS NOT AVAILABLE, THEY NEED TO CREATE THEIR OWN TABLE. WE NEED A GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING THAT WE CANNOT IMPLEMENT CHANGE EFFECTIVELY WITHOUT WOMEN'S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION."

**MEGHAN MARKLE** 











# BUDGET SEASON

### Here is the schedule for the 2023 Budget Season!



# **ON THE COUNCIL TABLE**

# **INSIDE SCOOP**

Here are a few items that were on the table recently:

### E-SCOOTER & ELECTRIC MOBILITY DEVICE ORDINANCE

In February, City Council voted to approve an electric mobility device ordinance. This ordinance will have the following effects:

- Creates a permitting process for companies that wish to supply escooters in the city.
- Establishes violations for abandoned devices.
- Allows for device geofencing and geolocation to ensure safety.
- Requires companies to share their data with the City.
- Establishes standards for device construction, safety lighting, and maintenance.
- Establishes parking, conduct, and operational standards in accordance with the Michigan Vehicle Code and traffic laws.

It was a pleasure to work with the Office of Mobility Innovation and Councilmember Calloway's Office on this ordinance. E-scooters and other personal mobility devices, when properly regulated, bring an accessible, green addition to the growing mobility options in Detroit.

### **BUDGET SEASON**

Budget Season is officially underway! Mayor Duggan will present his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, followed by budget hearings with every city department.

I held a townhall meeting in February to get resident input on their top budget priorities. Throughout the month, I also held budget planning meetings with my team and I will be pushing for what our residents need most.

You are always welcome to contribute to the budget process by calling in to any public budget meeting. Check out **Page 3** to see the Budget Season schedule!

## STATE OF THE CITY

Mayor Duggan will be giving the 2023 State of the City Address on Tuesday, March 7th at 6:45pm. The SOTC address will be streamed live on local channels, <u>detroitmi.gov</u>, the City of Detroit Facebook, and the City of Detroit YouTube account.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION: By using the hashtag **#DETSOTC23** on social media.

### SPIRIT OF DETROIT AWARDS

City Council was proud to present Spirit of Detroit Awards to the Detroit Youth Choir, honoring their tremendous achievements of TWO seasons of America's Got Talent.



**Pictured**: Council President with the entire Detroit Youth Choir and director, Anthony White.

**INTERESTED?** Learn more about the Detroit Youth Choir and get tickets to see them LIVE locally at <u>detroityouthchoir.org</u>.

# **ON THE COUNCIL TABLE**

# **RECENT MEMOS**

Often, my office submits memorandums to get official answers to pressing questions of our residents. My recent memos and resolutions include:

### INCOME PROTECTION ORDINANCE INQUIRY

I recently inquired with the City's Law Department on the legality of an ordinance prohibiting rental discrimination on the basis of an individual's source of income.

The city of Detroit currently has an ordinance that prohibits rental discrimination based on whether an applicant receives public benefits from government programs. The Law Department advised that we do not need a new ordinance, but that we may amend the existing ordinance to extend past public benefit status and covers any source of income.

### **GUN LAWS RESOLUTION**

In February, the epidemic of gun violence hit even closer to home in the senseless mass shooting at Michigan State University. The three students killed were all Wayne County residents, including one Detroit resident from District 5. My heart and prayers are with the families of all that are suffering as a result of this devastating tragedy.

I submitted a memo to have a resolution drafted that will urge the Michigan State Legislature to enact the 11 common-sense gun laws recently introduced in the state house and senate. I will fight for right of all people to learn, worship, and exist safe from the threat of gun violence.

### 2% EVENT SURCHARGE

I recently submitted a memo inquiring into the process and potential effects of establishing a two percent entertainment surcharge for events in the Arena District.

Detroit's Arena District brings thousands of locals and visitors to the downtown area. While the City does see some economic benefits of these events, the ticket revenue for these events goes solely to Development/venue owners.

The ability to raise capital from tickets sales could be a vital tool for increasing revenue to the City and to cover the cost and expenses that come with serving as the premier event and entertainment hub in the State of Michigan. I will share an update when I receive a response to this memorandum. The District Detroit project is anticipated to receive approximately \$800 million in tax capture revenue over the life of the proposed Transformational Brownfield. While several taxing jurisdictions stand to be impacted by the Brownfield, the Detroit Public Library and Detroit Public Schools are particularly vulnerable to the loss in revenue.

**DISTRICT DETROIT EXEMPTION** 

I submitted a memorandum to see what the effects would be of exempting Detroit Public Schools and Detroit Public Library from tax capture. Detroit's Legislative Policy Division prepared a report in response to the memorandum. Their report states that the Library's tax contribution will be 1% of the project's total tax capture and that DPS' tax contribution will represent 22% of the total tax capture.

# Keeping Up with the President



Pictured Above: Council President with the new Detroit Reparations Taskforce.



### **STATE OF THE YOUTH 2023**

I held my 8th Annual State of the Youth Panel last month at Osborn High School. Students requested the panelist that they would like to see at heed advice from.

Panelists included Justice Kyra Harris Bolden, Icewear Vezzo, Randi Rossario, and many more. Students asked questions on the value of education, pressures of success, and maintaining friendships.

In addition to an amazing panel, we had giveaways on giveaways! Thank you to Massive Lifestyles, Detroit vs Everybody, the Wealthy Store, and Paper Dolls Boutique for spoiling our students!

Osborn High School, thank you so much for showing love and showing out! I can't wait to do it all again next year!

### ESTABLISHMENT OF REPARATIONS TASKFORCE

The Reparations Taskforce that was voted on by more than 80% of voters during the November 2021 election has been appointed and will begin the work to repair the harm and damages done to Black people in our City.

As many other cities have begun constructing similar committees, I am honored to have Detroit join those leading municipalities that are paving the way for those affected by the historic discrimination and oppression against the Black community.

Our goal was to have these members seated before the end of Black History Month and I am elated that this body made it happen! Thank you to my colleagues and the members of this honorable Taskforce for your diligent service and efforts for the residents of Detroit.



Pictured: Council President with the SOTY2023 Panelists



# Keeping Up with the President



### **EVENING COMMUNITY MEETING**

District 5 hosted February's evening community meeting! Thank you to Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church for being such great hosts. We were joined by the following departments:

- The Detroit Land Bank Authority
- BSEED
- Detroit Water & Sewerage Dept
- Demolition Department
- Detroit at Work
- Detroit Police Department
- Department of Neighborhoods
- General Services Department
- Detroit Health Department
- Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity Department
- Department of Public Work
- Board of Review

We also had an informative presentation from Project Clean Slate. Learn more at https://detroitmi.gov/departments/lawdepartment/project-clean-slate.

### MAYA ANGELOU VILLAGE GROUNDBREAKING

I had the honor of joining Alternatives For Girls, Mayor Mike Duggan, and Councilman James Tate at the groundbreaking for the Maya Angelou Village. This time next year, it will be a supportive housing facility, featuring 45 units of *affordable and permanent* housing with resources to aid those experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Alternatives for Girls is a Detroit-based nonprofit dedicated to helping vulnerable, at-risk girls and young women avoid violence and exploitation and teen pregnancy. They are building this \$17.3 million project in collaboration with a nonprofit developer, Full Circle Communities.

I can't wait to return next year for the grand opening!

If you or someone you know needs help, you can contact Alternatives for Girls at (888) 234-3919 or visit alternativesforgirls.org.



# Keeping Up with the President



### TENANTS' RIGHTS WORKSHOP

Plan is available to those who need assistance with their water bill.

As you all know, one of my favorite parts of my job is getting to visit my seniors every Friday! Usually I bring a hot meal, some small gifts, and games for us to play.

Last month, in addition to food, I held a renters' rights workshop at Van Dyke Center. Detroit People's Platform came out and informed all the residents of their tenant rights. They provided renters' resource guides and contact information for each resident in case they need assistance.

Housing Justice is one of Detroit People's Platform's main areas of advocacy. They advocate for affordable housing, renters' rights, anti-eviction, water and utilities protections. and more. Learn more about this phenomenal organization at <u>detroitpeoplesplatform.org</u>.

### **COMMUNITY LEADERS TOWNHALL**

I was a special guest at our Ombudsman Bruce Simpson's Community Leaders Town Hall last month. My team and I presented a year in review of my first year as City Council President. I was also able to share my policy and budget priorities for the new year.

My main focus of the meeting was hearing from our residents. I conducted several polls and heard from the community about what their top priorities are for this year. The poll results showed that alley cleanup, home repair, and beautification are our residents' highest priorities. Once again, the community showed up! I can't thank you all enough for your contributions to this city.

Also attending the meeting were DWSD, We The People of Detroit, and the Wayne Metro Community Action Agency. I would like to thank Bruce Simpson and all the special guests for making this Town Hall so great.



# HOW TO APPLY FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM



Funded by the Neighborhood Improvement Fund | Founded by Council President Mary Sheffield

### WHAT IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM?

The Neighborhood Beautification Program (NBP) grant provides funding to Detroit-based neighborhood associations, block clubs, faith-based organizations, and non-profit organizations that currently own property or purchase Land Bank vacant lots (up to 4) to carry out a project in their community. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$15,000.

NBP has three eligible project areas: Clean-up Activities, Community Gardens, and Public Space Activities



### HOW TO APPLY FOR NBP GRANT

### STEP 1 APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a registered block club with the Department of Neighborhoods.
- Block clubs and/or neighborhood associations can register with the Department of Neighborhoods at How to Get Started. Visit bit.ly/3yjnBDR.

To receive funds, all applicants (even if approved by the Department of Neighborhoods) must be a NonProfit 501(c)(3) organization to receive grant funds.

- If the applicant is a 501 (c)(3) organization, move to Step 2.
- If you do not have a 501 (c)(3) designation, you may partner with one in your community.

### STEP 2 SELECT YOUR SITE

If applicant already owns the vacant lot(s), move to Step 3. Please note: the property owned must be in the name of the LLC.

### If applicant does not own vacant lot(s), go to Detroit Land Bank Authority:

- To find property in your area, visit https://buildingdetroit.org.
- To apply for properties, visit https://bit.ly/3yjnJ6j

### STEP 3 SELECT YOUR PROJECT

### **Clean-Up Activities**

- Vacant Lot Cleanup
- Graffiti Removal/Public Space
- Street Cleanup
- Litter Removal/CLB, City Lot/Public Spaces

### **Community Gardens**

- Raised-Bed Flower Gardens, Living Fences
- Tree Planting
- Vegetables/Community Gardens

### **Public Space Activities**

- Community Owned and Managed Park Improvements
- Neighborhood Beautification Projects/Public Space
- Park and Playground Seating
- Gathering Spots (pocket parks, seating, benches and picnic tables)
- Art Installation (murals and public art)

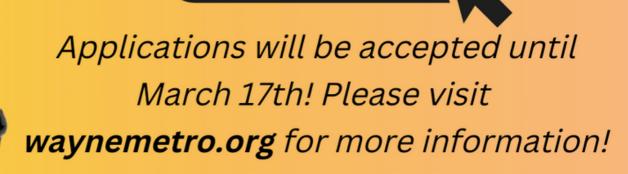
### **QUESTIONS?**

If you have questions, please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at arpacommunity@detroitmi.gov

# **Get Beautified**

# NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

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**Apply Now** 

# REPORT BLIGHT

General Services Department

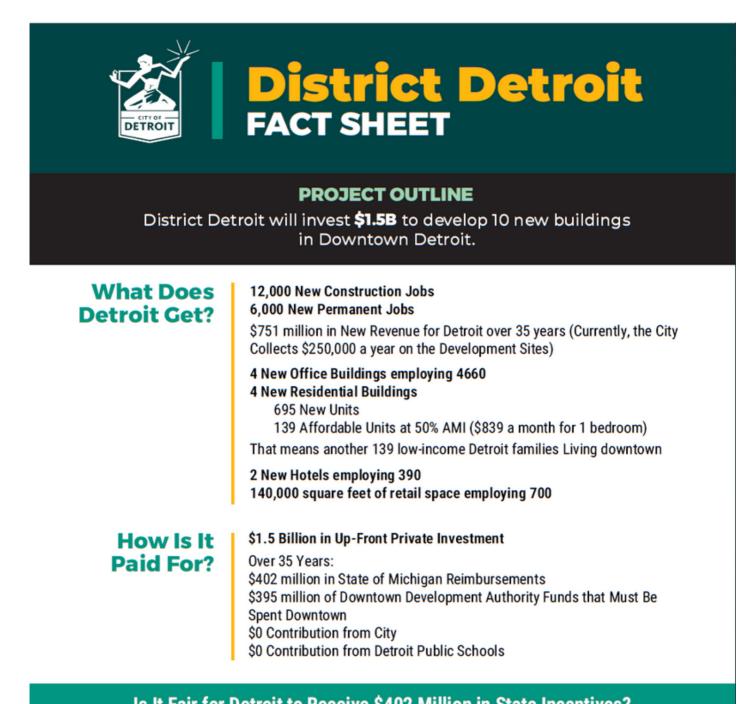
**#DOYOURPA** 

Tree Issues, Alley Clean Up and Illegal Dumping Sites: Report via detroitmi.gov/gsd

Park Issues: Report via detroitmi.gov/recreation

All other blight concerns and complaints: Text name, phone number, email, photos & location of the blight issue to <

313-570-7585



is it fair for Detroit to Receive \$402 million in State incentives?			
	PROJECT	CITY	STATE INVESTMENT
_	Ford Blue Oval Battery Park	Marshall	\$1 Billion
	Gotion EV Battery Plant	Big Rapids	\$715 Million
	GM EV Plant	Orion Township	\$600 Million
	District Detroit	Detroit	\$402 Million
_	Next Energy EV	Van Buren Township	\$236 Million
	GM Ultium Battery Plant	Lansing	\$224 Million
	Billerud Papermill	Escanaba	\$200 Million
	LG EV Battery Plant	Holland	\$189 Million

**DWSD IS HERE TO HELP** 



DWSD has developed this water affordability program to keep everyone's rates low. This is also why water conservation is built into the program. Once your water debt is erased and you are enrolled, please pay your income-based monthly bill.

Updated: 2.2023

TAKE PART: Tap into the Lifeline Plan

# **Stay Active**



General Services Department PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

# Detroit Senior Olympics JUNE 12-14, 2023

REGISTRATION: January 3 - March 31, 2023 Open to persons who turn 50 by December 31, 2023

### PARTICIPANT FEES

Athlete \$25 Athlete (On-site) \$30 Spectators \$5

If athletes want to participate in these activities, there are additional fees:

Bowling + \$20 Golf (Rider) + \$20 Golf (Walker) + \$15 Pickleball + \$10 Soccer + \$10

T-Shirts (Additional/ Non-Athlete) \$12

Awards Dinner Dance \$25 (July 12, 2023)

# EVENT LINEUP

- 3 on 3 Basketball\*
- 8-Ball Billiards
- Archery (40 yd)
- Arts & Crafts (Crotchet/Knit, Ceramics, Drawing/Painting, Jewelry Making, Quilting, Sewing)
- Baking (breads/rolls, pies/tarts, cookies/scones, cakes/brownies)
- Basketball Free Throw
- Bounce Volleyball\*
- Bowling
- Dancesport (Chicago style stepping, Club ballroom, hustle/line dance)
- Frisbee Toss

- Golf
- Horseshoes
- Pickleball
- Soccer\* (8 v 8)
- Softball Hit
- Softball Throw
- Swim (Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Individual Medley Relay, Swim Walk)
- Table Tournament (8 Ball Billiards, bid whist, chess, pinochle)
- Track (50 Meter Dash, 400 Meter Run, 1500 Meter Race Walk, 1500 Meter Walk)

\*Team Sport

### EVENT LOCATIONS

ARCHERY: Rouge Park Archery Range, Lahser Road BOWLING: Garden Bowl, 4140 Woodward Ave. GOLF: Rouge Park Golf Course, 11701 Burt Road SOCCER: Rouge Park, 21860 Joy Road ALL OTHER EVENTS 2023: Tues - Williams Recreation Ctr, 8431 Rosa Parks Blvd Wed - Adams Butzel Complex, 10500 Lyndon



### SEEKING OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:

Resource Vendors (Senior Focus), Sponsors, Volunteers and Souvenir Journal Ads

### REGISTER AT:

https://register.capturepoint.com/reg/cat\_program\_ list.cfm?season\_id=17646&program\_group\_id=9425

# **Stay Connected**

**#TAKEPART IN #OPPORTUNITYINTHED** 

WITH #DETROITREC

# DETROIT PARKS AND RECREATION LICENSED VENDOR!

Make Money at Detroit Parks, Detroit Recreation Centers and at Detroit Recreation Sponsored Events!



### One Time Fee for the entire season: April 1-October 31! Food Trucks, Food Tents, Food Carts and Dry Vendors ONLY!

You must be on the Licensed Vendor List to sell in city parks. It is strictly prohibited to sell at city parks without being hired or booked by Detroit Parks and Recreation or an event organizer approved by Detroit Parks & Recreation. Apply Today: detroitmi.gov/recreation

# **Stay Connected**

# We Are HIRING! Available Positions

- Maintenance
- Lifeguard
- Golf Course Worker
- Recreation Attendant
- Toll Both Attendant
- Receptionist
- Food Service
- And More!

THEY'RE YOUR METROPARKS AND A GREAT PLACE TO WORK HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS

**JOB FAIR** 

# April 8, 2023 | 8-10am

### 12048 Grand River Ave Detroit, MI 48204



CALL IN DURING THE LIVE SHOW

313-778-7600

# **Stay Healthy**



Detroit Health Department

# Effective Monday, February 27, 2023

# COVID-19 VACCINATIONS & TESTING

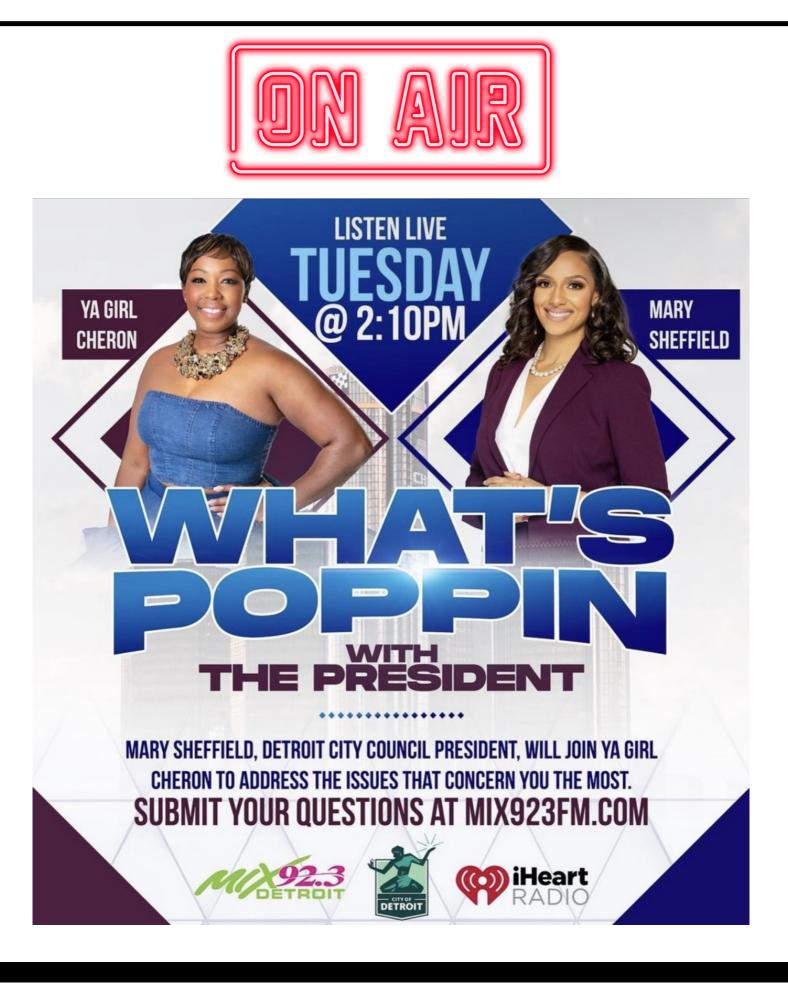
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# DETROIT HEALTH DEPARTMENT 100 Mack Avenue

COVID OPERATIONS AT NORTHWEST ACTIVITIES CENTER CLOSED

Effective Friday, February 24, 2023

# **Community Updates**



# News You Can Use

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Zoom and enter the following information:

Meeting ID: 979 8806 9636 Passcode: 594257

> Join by Phone 312-626-6799 301-715-8592

Join Council President Sheffield and staff via Zoom and Facebook Live for our weekly virtual office hours.

# District 5 Business Spotlight!

# **Sloppy Crab Restaurant**



Sloppy Crab is a newer seafood restaurant that opened right on Jefferson! Beyond their delicious and juicy seafood dishes, Sloppy Crab's location gives you a great view of the Riverfront.

You'll have yet another reason to look forward to warmer months when you see their rooftop patio. They also feature other delicious dishes including lamb chops, blackened salmon, lobster mac & cheese, and much more. They are open 7-days a week, so give Sloppy Crab a try today!



SLOPPY CRAB IS LOCATED AT 519 E. JEFFERSON AVE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226



# **STAY CONNECTED**



"I raise up my voice — not so I can shout but so that those without a voice can be heard." — Malala Yousafzai

