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NEWSLETTER

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Legislative Policy Updates Accomplishments to Date

- Passed Ordinance prohibiting Cashless Businesses
- E-Scooter Regulation
- Property Tax Decrease
- 16 Resolutions Passed
- \$2M for Child Care Programming
- \$1M for Parental Leave
- \$3M for Homelessness Diversion
- \$350k for the Office of Civil Rights, Inclusion, and Opportunity Conduct Disparity Study
- \$150k for Detroit Wayne Port Authority Ferry Feasibility Study
- Funding for Improvements of District Street Designs and Infrastructure
- Grixdale Plan
- Expansion of Prenatal and Postpartum
 Family Planning Services to Fight Black
 Maternal Mortality Rate
- \$500K for Palmer Park capital improvements (Dog Park)
- Board of Zoning Appeals adjustments to improve efficiency
- \$70k for Law Interns to assist in FOIA requests
- Establishment of Human Trafficking Task Force
- Establishment of Youth and Civic Engagement Task Force







Council Member Calloway and Amazon Unite to Donate School Supplies

In August, Council Member Calloway collaborated with Amazon to donate school supplies and backpacks to 300 families in need. Calloway's strong dedication to education stems from her 25-year Education and Human Resources background. She has held positions such as the Director of Employee Engagement in HR, an Investigator and Hearing Officer for DPSCD in the Employee Relations office, and an Adult Education instructor. Council Member Calloway's steadfast commitment to education is demonstrated by her ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of education in her community.

The event was a resounding success, with volunteers from MacDowell Community Council, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and Detroit Public Schools Community District joining forces to pack backpacks with rulers, binders, colored pencils, glue sticks, crayons, and other essentials. DET6, Amazon's Detroit Fulfillment Center, also announced that they would adopt Greenfield Union Middle School for the school year, which was a tremendous relief for the school and its administration.

Thanks to these contributions by Council Member Calloway and Amazon, students could start the new school year with all the necessary supplies, enabling them to concentrate on their studies. The generosity of the volunteers and donors was genuinely heartening, demonstrating how a community can unite to make a positive impact on the lives of others.



Council Member Calloway with Jay Meeks of Marygrove Community Association at grand opening



Perkins, and Stacy Varner (Left to Right)

New Public Dog Park Encourages Health and Community

Detroit's newest dog park opened on National Dog Day due to a collaborative effort between City of Detroit- General Services Department, People for Palmer Park, and Council Member Calloway. This dog park is the first to be publicly funded by the city of Detroit as Council Member Calloway prioritized it in the city's budget during her first year in office. The vision for the park has been in the works for years, and it's exciting to see the hard work finally come to fruition. The park provides a safe and fun space for furry friends to exercise, interact, and play.

The new dog park is more than just a place for dogs to run around. It's a space that promotes a sense of community among dog owners, encouraging friendships and connections to form. It also benefits the mental and physical health of both pets and their owners. Dog owners can come to the park and socialize with other owners while their pets get the exercise they need to stay healthy and happy. The park is easily accessible and provides ample space for dogs to roam and play. The park also has water fountains, waste stations, and seating areas for owners. The new dog park is a beautiful addition to the community. It's a space that brings people together and promotes the health and happiness of beloved pets. The hope is that the park will thrive and become a staple in the community.







Team Calloway Takes Seniors on a Field Trip

Team Calloway's recent visit to the Charles H. Wright Museum was a resounding success, with a group of seniors getting to experience the museum's exhibits and learn more about African-American history and culture. Thanks to the museum's guided tour and Oak St. Health's donation of lunches, the seniors had a fun and educational day in the city.

Led by Council Member Calloway, they plan to organize similar visits for senior citizens in all the buildings of District 2. This initiative is part of their ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life of seniors living in the area. They are committed to making sure that everyone has the opportunity to experience the city's cultural offerings.

By allowing seniors to explore museums and other cultural institutions, Team Calloway hopes to encourage lifelong learning and foster a sense of community among District 2's elderly population. They believe that everyone deserves the chance to experience the richness and diversity of the city, and they are doing everything in their power to make that happen.





Monday, September 18, 2023, 5:30-6:30 PM Click the link below to register: https://bit.ly/sept-d2-virtualmeeting

> Webinar ID: 838 8771 9918 Passcode: 605413

Coffee & Conversation Returns This Month

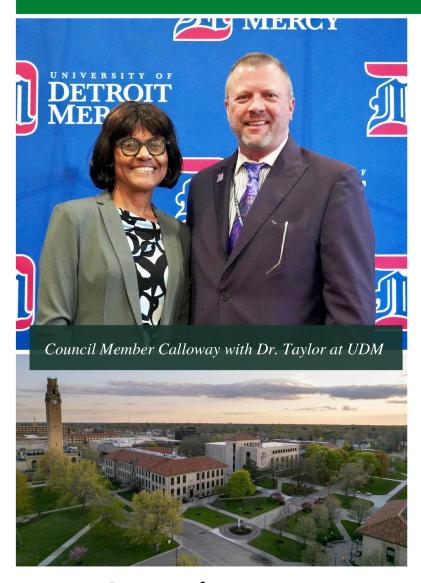
Join Council Member Calloway and her team at the Atmosphere of Praise Community Center at **8615 Puritan Avenue** for a casual and friendly Coffee & Conversation on **Monday, September 11, 2023**, at 8 AM. The main objective of this event is to provide residents of District 2 with a comfortable setting to interact with the Council Member and her team. Moreover, attendees can meet other members of the community who share similar interests and concerns and collectively brainstorm sustainable solutions. We encourage residents to attend to stay informed about the latest initiatives and programs designed to enhance their quality of life in District 2 and the city of Detroit overall.

District 2 Virtual Community Webinar

Take advantage of the upcoming District 2 virtual community webinar. The webinar will have an educational presentation from the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation about tax incentives and how they work in the city of Detroit. Here are the meeting details:

- Monday, September 18, 2023, at 5:30 PM
- Detroit Economic Growth Corporation discusses Tax Incentives
- The meeting has been converted to a webinar. **Registration is required** to participate.
- Visit https://bit.ly/sept-d2-virtualmeeting to register.





A Mouthwatering Event You Can't Miss!

Join TMO's BBQ event for a fantastic day of mouthwatering food and impressive beats! The event will take place on Saturday, September 2nd, from 12- 6 PM at 7401 W. McNichols Road. Make sure to mark your calendar and bring your appetite for this epic BBQ & Beats event. We can't wait to see you there!

UDM's President Taylor Shares Vision for Stronger Community Ties in D2

In late August, Team Calloway had the pleasure of sitting down and meeting with the President of the University of Detroit Mercy (UDM), Dr. Donald B. Taylor. Dr. Taylor became the 26th president of Detroit Mercy in July of 2022. Before that, Dr. Taylor held the same position at Cabrini University (Pennsylvania) and worked as the chief executive at Benedictine University (Illinois). During the meeting with Team Calloway and the Liv6 Alliance, Dr. Taylor expressed UDM's goal to expand its footprint and connect more with the residents in District 2. From having a more welcoming campus for residents to activating more businesses along Livernois and McNichols are in the plans for UDM. As a District 2 resident himself, Dr. Taylor aims to establish the University of Detroit as a hub for both residents and students alike in District 2.



Upcoming Public Hearing at the Detroit City Planning Commission

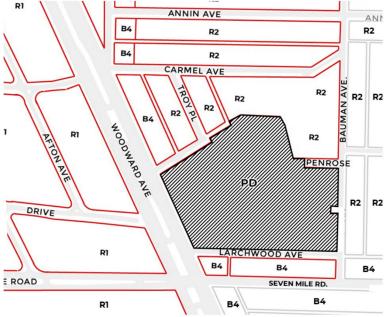
On Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 5:15 PM, the Detroit City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The meeting will be hybrid--both in-person and via Zoom.

The hearing will be held to consider the request of Perfecting Church to replace the existing Planned Development (PD) zoning classification at 19150 Woodward Avenue, the authorization for which has lapsed, with a new PD and site plan. The lapsed PD was created by Ordinance #40-04 of 2004. The subject property is approximately 12 acres and is generally bounded by Bryson Avenue on the north, Bauman Avenue on the east, Larchwood Avenue on the south, and Woodward Avenue on the west. The proposed PD would establish the "Perfecting Church Woodward Campus," reflecting a reduced scope from the 2004 PD. The 168,000 sq ft. structure includes a 4,200seat church with a fellowship hall, chapel, administrative, and ancillary facilities. Surface parking is proposed for 720 vehicles.

The Detroit City Planning Commission will meet in person in the Committee of the Whole Room, 13th floor, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48226. The meeting can be viewed online via

https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/96355593579 Webinar ID: 963 5559 3579









Join Council Member Calloway for a Fun-filled Picnic in the Park

Are you looking for a delightful and rejuvenating day outdoors? Join Council Member Calloway and her team for a picnic in Palmer Park on Saturday, September 16th! Gather your family and friends to relish a day filled with outdoor activities and relaxation. We'll take care of the food and beverages, so you can focus on making unforgettable memories. Don't forget your lawn chair. To RSVP, email us at CouncilMemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov or call us at (313) 224-4535.

Invite Council Member Calloway's Office to Your Community Meeting

Do you have a community meeting coming up? If so, the Office of Council Member Calloway would like to provide updates. To invite us to your next event, don't hesitate to contact our office at (313) 224-4535 or email CouncilMemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov with the details.





District 2 Weekly Bike Rides with Council Member Calloway

Come join Council Member Calloway and her team for weekly bike rides every Monday at 6 PM, except for the third Monday when District 2 Virtual Webinars are held. These bike rides will continue every month until the end of October. The starting point is Palmer Park, which is located at 1121 Merrill Plaisance, at the District 2 office. If you want to join, bring your own bike. However, if you need one, MOGO bike rentals are available at Palmer Park. Remember to bring your helmet and water bottle for the ride!

Organizing a Block Club to Empower Your Community

A block club is a group of individuals living in the same street or neighborhood with a shared interest in enhancing their community. By working together, they can effectively advocate for their area and maximize the city resources available. The group's purpose often involves addressing the community's problems and fulfilling residents' needs. To establish a block club, recruiting a core group of members who can collaboratively develop and execute the group's objectives is crucial. This requires teamwork and empowerment to ensure every member is engaged and contributes to the community's growth. To find out how to start a block club, visit

detroitmi.gov/departments/departmentneighborhoods/block-club-program or call our office at (313) 224-4535.



Aquila Peeples, owner of Natural-ish, and Thomaesa Bailey, Chief of Staff





Natural-ish: Your Go-To Hair Salon and Beauty Store in District 2

On Wednesday, August 16th, Council Member Calloway's office presented a Spirit of Detroit Award to Natural-ish and its owner Aquila Peeples to congratulate them on the grand opening and ribbon cutting of their new location at 6375 W. 7 Mile Road in the heart of District 2.

Natural-ish is a natural hair salon and beauty supply store that specializes in holistic haircare practices as well as sustainability. They offer classes to those wanting to get into holistic haircare and treatments for those suffering with hair loss and other scalp issues. Additionally, they offer specialized services that provide the most effective scalp and hair nutrients for alopecia and hair thinning.

Natural-ish was the recipient of a \$65,000 grant from Motor City Match, which supported the building renovations on her new space. It allowed her to open up the location on 7 Mile Road and relocate her business to the city of Detroit from Southfield.



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JOIN COUNCILMEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD CALLOWAY FOR ALLEY CLEAN UPS.

We invite everyone to come out to help. Bring your rakes, gloves, clippers, lawn mowers, debris bags and a big smile we will meet on the corner of Greenlawn and Curtis.

D2 t-shirts, energy bars and bottled water will be provided

SEPTEMBER 9TH 10 AM - 1 PM

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