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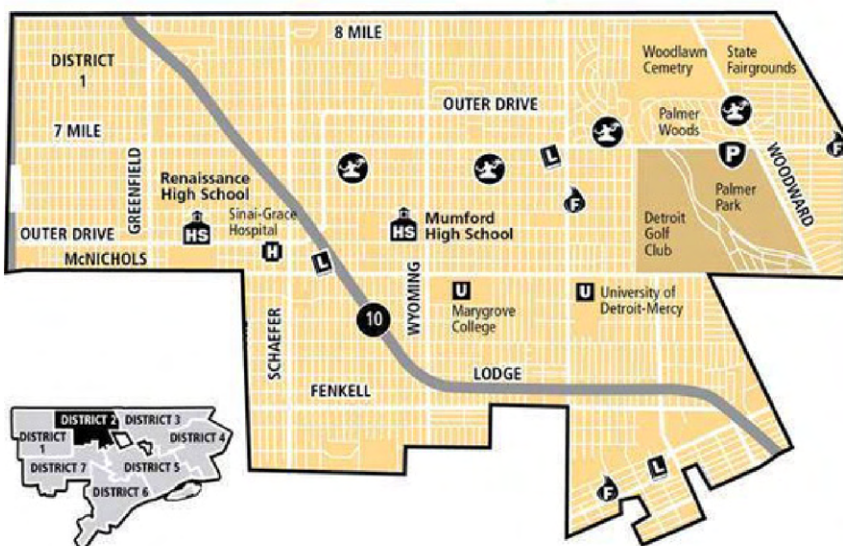
D2 TEAM
ANGELA FOR DETROIT
CALLOWAY

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD CALLOWAY



**Happy
Women's
History
Month**



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COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY UPDATES

- **Property tax rate reduction:** Council Member Calloway proposed reducing the Detroit property tax millage rate for operations. The proposed 2 Mill (10%) tax rate reduction would take effect on July 1, 2023. The City of Detroit's property tax rate for operating expenses is over 19 Mills. The average property tax rate for operating expenses for Michigan municipalities is closer to 9 Mills. We will seek a 2 Mill decrease each year for the next five years until the Detroit property tax for operating expenses is comparable to most other Michigan municipalities. This will eliminate one barrier to investment in our great city and may decrease the number of tax abatement requests from developers.
- **E-scooters:** City Council enacted the e-scooter ordinance sponsored by Council Member Calloway and Council President Mary Sheffield. The ordinance will bring order to the unregulated e-scooter industry and better protect public safety.
- **Cashless business ordinance:** Detroit is a welcoming city, but some businesses need to welcome customers who only use cash. About 23% of Detroiters do not have bank accounts, and many do not have credit or debit cards. All businesses should accept cash or provide other means of payment. The proposed cashless business ordinance will stop cashless business practices and allow everyone to feel welcome.

The City of Detroit's budget is from March 13-29, public hearings on the budget are on April 3, and the City Council will vote on the budget April 10. For more information visit detroitmi.gov/budget



Mayor's budget address to City Council



COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER



Council Member Calloway attends Reparations Task Force Press Conference

DETROIT INTRODUCES REPARATIONS TASK FORCE

We ended Black History Month with a bang! For the first time in Detroit history, the first-ever ballot initiative, Reparations Task Force, was unveiled and introduced. Council Member Calloway looks forward to hearing the recommendations prepared by the Reparations Task Force as we work collaboratively to make meaningful progress toward repairing the damage caused by public and private systemic racism. The Reparations Task Force will make recommendations to help address the racial wealth gap and promote economic mobility and opportunity for Black people in Detroit.

HONORING DR. HUBERT MASSEY

On February 17th, Council Member Calloway had the pleasure of presenting Dr. Hubert Massey with a Testimonial Resolution in honor of his continuous involvement in the community. Dr. Massey is an award-winning Kresge Fine Arts Fellow and a recipient of an honorary doctor of Art from Grand Valley State University. Dr. Massey will guide the city's installation of 200 murals in neighborhoods and commercial corridors. The initiative was launched last year under the Blight to Beauty campaign. Congratulations again!



Council Member Calloway honors Dr. Massey

COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER



ADVOCATING FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE DETROIT

This past week Council Member Calloway joined the Detroit Green Task Force for a trip to Seattle, Washington, to meet, network, and interface with key decision-makers and change agents in sustainability. The role of the Green Task Force is to advise the council on green principles and practices to serve the City of Detroit better. The Green Task Force comprises numerous environmental advocacy groups, nonprofit organizations, environmental businesses, government employees, and residents. The Green Task Force works to create green jobs, improve environmental policy and build a more sustainable city. The task force comprises various committees representing various topics critical to supporting a healthier Detroit. Sub-committees include Water, Renewable Energy, Energy Waste Reduction, Climate Action, Organics Recycling, and Recycling & Waste Reduction.

The task force engaged with Seattle's Office of Sustainability and Environment, Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Department of Transportation, and more for three days. The group visited projects and facilities and engaged in interactive workshops to learn firsthand from local leaders about what it took to accomplish their sustainable agenda. Council Member Calloway hopes that the city of Detroit will adopt and implement sustainability best practices and continue capacity-building measures in the future.



COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL MEETS "LOVE KITCHEN"

On March 6, Council Member Calloway selected Loyola High School for the "Love Kitchen" Lunch provided by Little Caesar's Pizza and Olympia Development. The event provided lunch for Loyola's entire student and staff body in recognition of Principal Wyatt Jones' continued success. As of this year, the school will boast thirteen consecutive years of 100% graduation and college acceptance and state and national recognition in several athletic and academic endeavors, from Football & Basketball to Wrestling, Debate, Bowling, and more. Principal Jones and his staff, *#TeamCalloway*, and the Olympia Development representative, Ms. Chiemene Anderson, attended the event. More than forty pizzas were prepared on-site to feed almost two hundred people. Sounds by local entrepreneur DJ Detroit.



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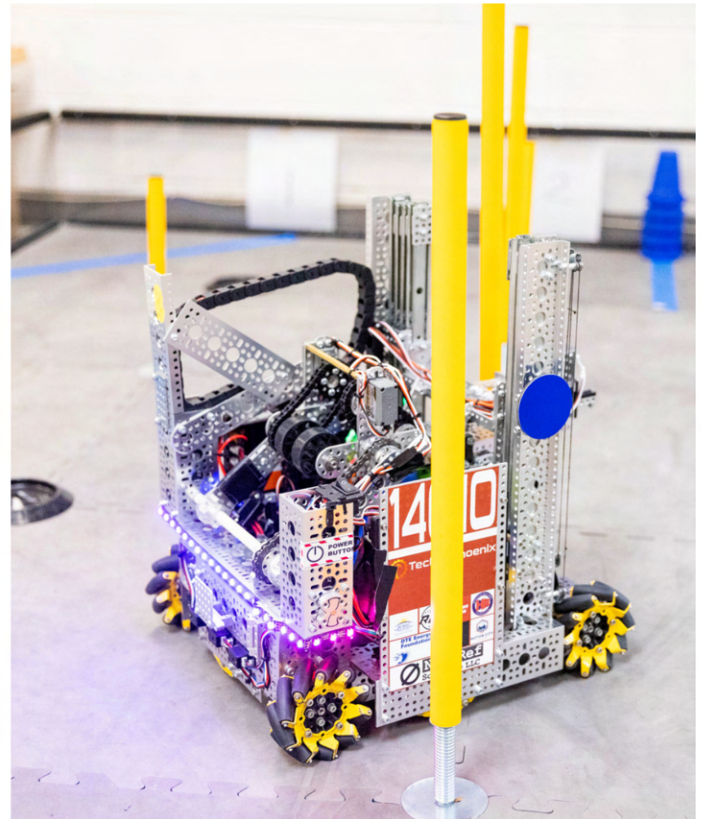


Techno Phoenix Robotics Team at FLICS



GO TECHNO PHOENIX ROBOTICS TEAM!

Congratulations to Coach Pryor! He will take the FLICS Robotics Team to their first international championship next month. The team—First Technical Challenge Team 14010, or the “Techno Phoenix”—will be traveling to Houston, Texas, after winning the city’s FIRST Robotics competition this past December. After seeing a deficiency in collaboration amongst Detroit teams, Pryor contacted other coaches to pool their resources and help the children reach their highest potential. Council Member Calloway, District 2, and the entire City of Detroit are immensely proud of this team. Enjoy Houston, and do your best!



COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

CELEBRATING WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

Council Member Calloway presented a Spirit of Detroit Award to Meagan Dunn, Chief Executive Director of Covenant House Michigan. Before joining Covenant House, Dunn supervised a 62-bed shelter for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking and one of the first 24/7 childcare centers in southwest Michigan. Dunn also was director of community outreach and partnerships for Detroit-based Henry Ford Health System for nearly ten years and was formerly the deputy director of neighborhood city halls for the city of Detroit. Covenant House shelters young people facing homelessness and trafficking by providing care that meets their immediate needs for food, clothing, protection, and medical care and supports them in advancing their goals of education and employment. More than 80,000 young people have been served by Covenant House Michigan since September 1997.



Meagan Dunn attends Formal Session on March 7, 2023



Council Member Calloway honors Sherisse Butler

Sherisse Butler is City Year Detroit's Senior Vice President and Executive Director. During Formal Session, Council Member Calloway presented Ms. Butler with a Spirit of Detroit award to celebrate her continued advocacy for the needs of children in Detroit. City Year Detroit is working to address the lack of equitable access to educational opportunities. The organization partners with teachers and schools in the city to add more support and assistance in creating learning environments that uplift students and allow them to be fully engaged in their learning. Before joining City Year Detroit, Butler was the Senior Director of Government and Community Affairs with Detroit Public Schools Community District.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAID PARENTAL LEAVE IS HERE!

Thanks to the efforts of Council Member Calloway, the city of Detroit now offers Paid Parental Leave for city employees for the first time. Eligible employees can receive six weeks of paid parental leave for the birth of a child, the adoption of a child, and the foster placement of a child. To be eligible, you must be a full-time, civil service, or regular appointed employee in good standing, working at least 1250 hours during the 12 months before the life event. For more information visit detroitmi.gov.



DISTRICT 2 VIRTUAL MEETING

Our next District 2 virtual meeting is on Monday, March 20th, at 5:30 PM. So that you know, the Zoom meeting link and ID **will remain the same** until August. The link will change in September, and our District 2 website will be updated accordingly.

More information about the meeting can be found on detroitmi.gov/government/city-council/city-council-district-2

Zoom Meeting ID: 811 3976 2616

Every third Monday of the month at 5:30 PM

Click the link below to join:

<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/81139762616>

Or manually enter the Meeting ID: 811 3976 2616



DETROIT SIP UP NEXT FOR COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Coffee & Conversation is an ongoing community engagement program that provides a space for discussion on topics aimed at helping improve our lives in District 2 and the city of Detroit. Join Council Member Calloway and her team for Coffee & Conversation on **Monday, March 13th, 2023, at 8 AM** at Detroit Sip.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



DETROIT
CITY COUNCIL

EVENING COMMUNITY MEETING

Dear Detroit Residents:

Please join the City Council for the March Evening Community Meeting

District 2
Renaissance High School
6565 W Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48235
Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 7:00 PM

1. **To attend by phone only, call one of these numbers:** +1 929-436-2866, +1 312-626-6799, +1 669-906-6833, +1 253-215-8782, +1 301-715-8592, +1 346- 248-7799 **Enter Meeting ID: 858 4690 3626 #**
2. **To attend online:** <https://detroitmi.gov/Online-CC-Meeting>

You may also access the meeting via City Council's webpage under 'City Council Meetings and Agendas'. The TV broadcast airs later via Comcast Channel 10.

Please Note

- Prior to the meeting, citizens may call the Legislative Policy Division at (313) 224-4946 to register to speak during public comment at the meeting regarding community-related issues. **Requests should be made by Friday, March 10th.**
- Interpreters for hearing-impaired residents are available if requested at least **seven (7) business days** in advance. Requests should be made to the Department of Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity at (313) 224-9516.

In community,

Angela Whitfield Calloway
Detroit City Council, District 2

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

**GDYT application
portal open until
MAY 31**



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

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.

MARCHING INTO READING MONTH

March is celebrated as Reading Month to promote the importance of reading across the country. Reading stimulates our imaginations, improves our writing and communication skills, expands our knowledge, and helps us develop and strengthen our language skills. Reading can improve word pronunciation, vocabulary, comprehension, logical thinking, and concentration. This month, Council Member Calloway encourages individuals of all ages to read.

Reading resources:

Read aloud for children: storylineonline.net

Read Across America Calendar:

nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/read-across-america/2022-2023-calendar



MARCH IS READING MONTH



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR POLICE COMMISSIONER

GREETINGS, COUNCILWOMAN CALLOWAY & D2 FAMILY!

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.

Your Elected D-2 Commissioner

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Are you having a community meeting?

We want an invitation to your event! Contact our office at (313) 224-4535 or

CouncilMemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov with your event details! We can't wait to see you!

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



FORGOTTEN HARVEST NEW PROSPECT GROCERY DISTRIBUTION

NEW PROSPECT BAPTIST CHURCH
PARKING LOT A- 6330 PEMBROKE, DETROIT, MI

THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
2:00P.M.-4:00P.M.

Contact Ph.#
313-341-4204



PICKUP LOCATION

We Ask that you enter the lot, in a vehicle, from Santa Rosa Street.

THE GROCERIES WILL BE PLACED IN THE TRUNK OF YOUR VEHICLE. WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT EXIT YOUR CAR AT ANY TIME DURING THE PROCESS!

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Coffee & Conversation

Monday, April 10th at 8 AM
Johnson Recreation Center
8550 Chippewa Ave, Detroit,
MI 48221



SAVE THE DATE!



March 14th

The final day to enter into a payment plan for delinquent 2020 property taxes is March 14, 2023.



Assistance is available! Visit
treasurer.waynecounty.com for information
on property tax payment plans.

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
TO STAY
HEALTHY?



DETROIT
PUBLIC
LIBRARY

PARKMAN
BRANCH

1766 OAKMAN

JOIN
US!

Community
Wellness
Walks

Tuesday's 2p-2:30p Feb. 7th thru
March 28th

Registration is not required

This is an outside
winter weather activity
please dress warm



The temperature
must be 35°
or warmer with
no rain or snow

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**

**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**

**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 **gracem800@detroitmi.gov**.

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**VIRTUAL COMMUNITY INPUT
MEETING**

Thursday, March 16th | 5 p.m.

Zoom Call In Number: 1 (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 962-6808-2855

Submit your questions in advance to DDO7comments@detroitmi.gov

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