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District 2

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WHITFIELD
CALLOWAY**
DETROIT CITY COUNCIL • DISTRICT 2

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD CALLOWAY, JD



**Congratulations
Pembroke Academy!**

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Watch City Council & leave a public comment:

How to view City Council Sessions:

1. Watch live on **Channel 10** for local broadcasting.
2. Watch online at **detroitmi.gov/government/city-council**
3. To attend by **phone only**, call one of these numbers: +1 929 436 2866, +1 312 626 6799, +1 669 900 6833, +1 253 215 8782, +1 301 715 8592, +1 346 248 7799, then enter the Meeting ID: 85846903626##
4. Use the following Meeting ID on the Zoom application: **858 4690 3626**
5. Attend online: **detroitmi.gov/Online-CC-Meeting**

How to leave a public comment:

To participate at the time of public comment, please raise your hand through the Zoom application.

1. Telephone participants: Raise your hand by pressing *9
2. Web participants: Raise your hand by clicking "raise hand" in the application or pressing the following:
 - a. Windows computer = [ALT] + [Y]
 - b. Apple computers = [OPTION] + [Y]
3. Submit comments via email to **CCPublicComment@detroitmi.gov**

Vote by Tuesday, November 5

Dropbox: At the clerk's office or an authorized drop box location.

Election Day In-Person: At your designated polling location on November 5th. from 7 AM-8 PM.



Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway at Formal Session on October 22, 2024.

Ballot Drop Box Locations in District 2

Liberty Temple Baptist Church-Ballot Box Only

17188 Greenfield Rd (near McNichols),
Detroit, MI, 48235

Hours: Available 24 Hours/7 Days a Week

Northwest Activity Center

18100 Meters Rd, Detroit, MI, 48235

Hours: Available 24 Hours/7 Days a Week

Tindal Activity Center

10301 W. 7 Mile Rd, Detroit, MI 48221

Hours: Available 24 Hours/7 Days a Week

Adams Butzel Recreation Complex

10500 Lyndon St, Detroit, MI 48238

Hours: Available 24 Hours/7 Days a Week

Palmer Park Community Center

1121 Merrill Plaisance St, Detroit, MI 48203

Hours: Available 24 Hours/7 Days a Week

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Coffee & Conversation

Monday, November 11, 2024

Cancelled in observance of Veterans Day.



November District 2 Virtual Community Webinar

This month, Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway and her team have organized a presentation featuring Marcus Twyman from the Assessment Board of Review for the District 2 Virtual Community Webinar.

The meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 18, 2024**, at 5:30 PM on Zoom, lasting for one hour.

To participate, please use the following details:

- Meeting ID: 824 8314 6269
- Passcode: 503103

Additionally, you can find the meeting information and link on the City Council District 2 page at detroitmi.gov.

Business Roundtable in District 2 featuring Congressman Thanedar



Congressman Thanedar, D2 Business Liaison Turner and Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway attend D2 Business Roundtable.

Council Member Calloway organized the inaugural District 2 Business Roundtable, inviting business owners to explore opportunities to become City vendors and to connect with one another. We were also honored to have Congressman Shri Thanedar as a special guest, who shared his journey into entrepreneurship and the policies he is currently championing.

NO KIDS WITHOUT A CHRISTMAS
KIDS WINTER COAT, HAT, & GLOVE GIVEAWAY

Sunday
November 17, 2024
12pm-3pm

Join us at the River Rouge Fire Station via the Schaefer/Coolidge Hwy entrance.

This will be a drive-through event.

Must be a River Rouge Resident with proof of ID or if you have a student in the River Rouge School District, please bring ID or Report Card.

ALL children who will be receiving coats **MUST** be in the car with you.
Only one coat per child. Supplies are Limited.

Odette Chiropractic Family Health Center

ABC Warehouse

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TOM GORES FAMILY FOUNDATION

COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

Support of Deputy Mayor to Interim DPD Chief



Chief White speaks at DPD press conference on October 25, 2024.



Councilwoman Calloway, Deputy Mayor Bettison and Police Commissioner Bernard at press conference.

From: Council Member Whitfield Calloway

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Chief James E. White for his leadership and unwavering commitment to the Detroit Police Department and the City of Detroit. Chief White's dedication to reducing crime and prioritizing the safety and well-being of residents and officers has left an indelible mark on our community.

Among Chief White's many accomplishments is the creation of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program, an initiative that provides a compassionate and effective response to mental health crises. I have witnessed the CIT's impact, as it brings a crucial layer of support and sensitivity to challenging situations, bridging law enforcement with mental health care when our community needs it most. As Chief White steps into his new position as CEO of the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network, I am certain he will bring the same commitment, compassion, and leadership to his new role.

I am equally pleased to support Deputy Mayor

Todd Bettison as he steps in as Interim Chief of Police. With an impressive career in law enforcement, Deputy Mayor Bettison has shown exceptional leadership, beginning his career as a patrol officer and rising through the ranks due to his community-oriented approach and focus on safety, transparency, and trust-building. He has held key leadership roles, including serving as Deputy Chief, where he spearheaded community-policing initiatives and strengthened relationships between residents and the department.

In his role as Deputy Mayor, Mr. Bettison has broadened his impact on Detroit through oversight of municipal operations, fostering collaboration between various city agencies, and supporting initiatives that address root causes of crime. His unique perspective as both a law enforcement leader and a municipal executive gives him a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities our city faces. I have had the privilege of working closely with Deputy Mayor Bettison, and each interaction has highlighted his work ethic and dedication to our city. His servant leadership and firsthand experience with the complex needs of our community make him an excellent choice to lead the department during this transition period.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

Celebrating Excellence: Pembroke Academy Named 2024 National Blue Ribbon School

Congratulations to Pembroke Academy in District 2 for their remarkable achievement as a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School, under the leadership of Principal Salwa Kinsey and her dedicated team. This prestigious designation is awarded to public and non-public schools through a nomination process that assesses student performance on state tests in Reading, English Language Arts, and Math, or a combination of these subjects. Notably, Pembroke Academy is the fourth school in Detroit to receive this honor and the first since 2001.

In addition, Pembroke Academy has been recognized as an Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing School, acknowledging its success in reducing achievement gaps among different student groups and the overall student population. Recent honors for Pembroke Academy also include being named a Michigan Reward School for its exceptional academic performance, ranking in the top five percent statewide based on standardized test scores, which consider achievement, improvement, or "beating the odds."

On Tuesday, October 15, 2024, Council Member Whitfield Calloway presented the Principal and faculty with a Spirit of Detroit award to honor their hard work. "As an educator at heart, I dedicated my early career to teaching and truly understand the commitment required in this profession. I am incredibly proud of the teachers and students at Pembroke. I couldn't let this moment pass without recognizing them with a Spirit of Detroit award to thank everyone for nurturing our youth and creating an environment where they can flourish," stated Council Member Whitfield Calloway.



Councilwoman Calloway awards SOD to Principal Kinsey on October 15, 2024.



Principal Kinsey addresses City Council Body.



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Transforming Vacant Land Through Youth Education



Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway presents Mr. Silver with Spirit of Detroit award.

Detroit Horse Power is breaking new ground on Fenkell and Linwood Avenue with an urban equestrian training facility designed to engaged Detroit's inner-city youth, particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds, in the world of horseback riding. For years, Executive Director David Silver transported city students over 45 minutes to access equine programs, hoping to make this unique experience available to youth who may otherwise never encounter it.

At the facility's groundbreaking, Council Member Whitfield Calloway honored Mr. Silver's dedication to empowering Detroit's youth by presenting him with a Spirit of Detroit award. In her remarks, the Council Member commended Mr. Silver's efforts not only for expanding youth opportunities but also for revitalizing a former vacant school ground in District 2. The new facility will provide Detroit youth with an opportunity to build valuable social skills and potentially spark an interest in equestrian careers.

The project is expected to have a transformative impact, fostering a sense of community and

belonging among participants. Through engaging with horses, students will develop confidence, responsibility, and empathy, attributes that are beneficial both in and out of the equestrian arena.

Additionally, the facility aims to offer educational workshops and mentorship programs, connecting young people with professionals in the equine industry.

Nearby residents have expressed excitement about the development, seeing it as a positive step towards neighborhood rejuvenation and increased recreational opportunities for families. The initiative has already garnered support from various community organizations, local businesses, and volunteers who are eager to contribute to its success.

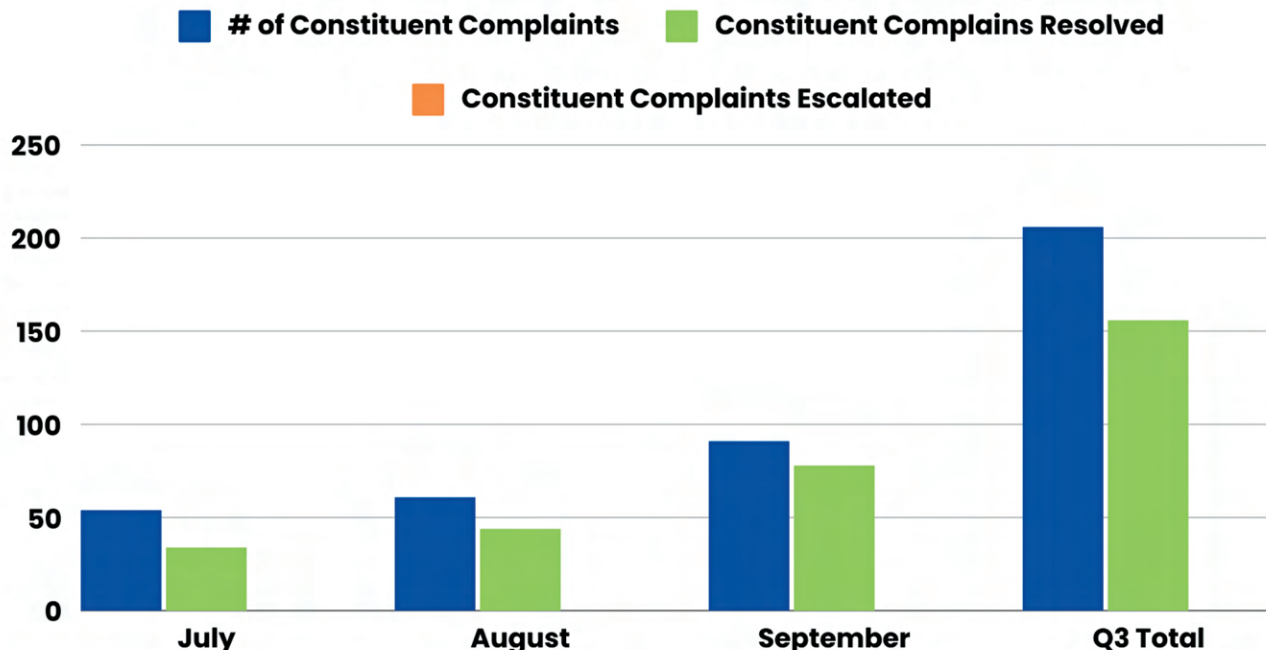
As construction progresses, Detroit Horse Power envisions a bright future where more inner-city youth can harness the therapeutic and educational benefits of horseback riding. This groundbreaking facility is more than just a place for learning new skills; it represents hope, growth, and the potential for a more inclusive and vibrant community.



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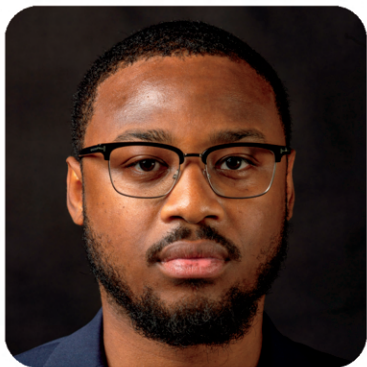
Q3 RESIDENT COMPLAINT METRICS

DISTRICT 2



Council Member Whitfield Calloway’s Community Relations team has been diligently addressing your concerns throughout the third quarter of this year. The graph above illustrates that the office received a total of 206 complaints via email and phone calls, successfully resolving 156 of them. Impressively, the team was able to manage all resident concerns internally, without needing to escalate any issues to other department directors. In July, they resolved 34 out of 54 complaints, which is approximately 63%. In August, 44 out of 61 cases were closed, equating to about 72%, and in September, 78 out of 91 cases were resolved, representing around 86%.

Meet the Community Relations Team



*Juwan Outlaw
Community Relations
Team Manager*



*Robeon Cooper
Asst. Community
Relations Manager*



*Jerry Perrett
Asst. Community
Relations Manager*



*Darcell Brown
Asst. Community
Relations Liaison*

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Join Us for Our 3rd Annual Holly Jolly Holiday Party!

3RD ANNUAL

Holly Jolly PARTY
HOLIDAY

with
COUNCIL MEMBER
Angela Whitfield Calloway
and
COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE
Mary Waters

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 12
1-4 PM

Northwest Activities Center
18100 Meyers Road

Open to the first 200 senior citizens!
(No RSVP required. First come, first served!)

Enjoy a **warm holiday meal, prize giveaways, bingo, festive sweater competition** and a **live DJ** and lots of **dancing!**

ANGELA WHITFIELD CALLOWAY
MARY WATERS

The most delightful time of the year is on the horizon, and there's no better way to usher in the holiday season than by marking your calendars for an event that is sure to fill you with joy and festive spirit. Council Member Calloway and Council Member At-Large Waters are excited to return with their eagerly awaited annual Holly Jolly Holiday Party, and this year, it promises to be even bigger, better, and merrier than before.

Date: **Thursday, December 12, 2024**

Time: **1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Location: **Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers Road**

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Savor a warm holiday meal and a tempting array of desserts. Anticipate prize giveaways and games that will sprinkle extra joy into your holiday festivities. Prepare for some fun and laughter with friends and family in the Festive Sweater competition, where holiday fashion takes center stage. Who will earn the title of "Most Festive"? The Holly Jolly Holiday Party is more than just a celebration; it's a gathering of community spirit. Engage with local organizations to discover valuable resources and information that can positively influence your community. The Holly Jolly Holiday Party 2024 is not just an event; it's a beloved tradition that unites our community, creating lasting memories, connecting with neighbors, and embracing the magic of the holiday season.

Are you interested in volunteering for the Holly Jolly Holiday party? Please email us at

CouncilmemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov with your first and last name and contact number.



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AVENUE
COMMUNITY SERVICES
& COLLETTE WILLIAMS

THANKSGIVING TURKEY

Giveaway

Special Guest
District 2 Council Member
Angela Whitfield Calloway

Avenue Community Services,
along with our generous
sponsors, is organizing a
Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway
for families in need.

Sponsored By
amazon

JOIN US

NOVEMBER 23, 2024
SATURDAY, 12PM - 3PM
First Come, First Serve.

AVENUE PLAZA 19353 Livernois Ave, Detroit, MI 48221

For More Information (313) 355-3785 • info@avenuecommunityservices.org

www.avenueplazalivernois.com/acs @acs.detroit

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Hello Friends and Neighbors,
There are lots of “Happenings” in our city, that impact DPD and District 2! Also, on a personal note, my Birthday, Nov.1 – IS ALL SAINTS DAY—All Catholic countries/businesses/ governments/ schools are closed (including those in Detroit)...in honor of the “SAINTS”! It’s a Holy Day of Obligation! So, if it’s also your “Earth Day”“CLAIM IT”, and please join me in prayer and gratitude for life, health and the opportunity to serve! A key “happening” is Chief White’s announcement that he is leaving DPD after a total of 27 years, to serve as CEO of Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network, at a base salary of \$300K with numerous \$30,000 “bumps” or incentives built in for meeting/exceeding the powerful non-profits goals and objectives. I guesstimate his total package with perks will easily exceed \$400,000 in his first year! DWIHN’s annual budget is more than \$1 Billion Dollars! He will serve as CEO of the multi-million-dollar non-profit corporation with 400+ employees. More than 50 of its staff members are dedicated just to taking calls at the center from people experiencing a mental crisis! As Chief of Police, he commanded a staff of approximately 3,000 officers and 1,000 civilian employees. His DWIHN staff is clearly a more manageable group, but there is nothing comparable to leading a large para-military force in protection of 600,000+ Detroiters and visitors. On the other hand, he will no longer be on speed dial 24 hours a day, every day and required to awaken and respond to active crime scenes. DPD and DWIHN have developed a close, collaborative relationship during Chief White’s tenure which has been strongly supported by the Board of Police Commissioners (BOPC). Chief White recognizes that much of Detroit’s crime is driven by persons experiencing a mental health crisis. His academic and professional background, together with the passion he has demonstrated on this subject as Chief, makes him exceptionally well suited for his new role. The BOPC and DPD are looking forward to strengthening their relationship with DWIHN to better serve Detroiters. Finally, my neighbors please do not despair at the loss

A Message from the District 2 Police Commissioner



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

of our very effective Chief White in reducing crime in the city. Mayor Duggan has appointed Deputy Mayor Todd Bettison and former DPD First Assistant Chief to serve as Interim Chief, effective Nov. 11, 2024. Deputy Mayor Bettison is a longtime friend to the community; he is highly respected by the business community, Governor Whitmer, City Council and other elected officials. Acting Chief Bettison is a phenomenal leader, and he plans to vigorously compete for the permanent position of DPD Chief. But he is not a shoo-in! The Commission is required by Charter mandate to conduct a national search. A special search committee made up of Commissioners appointed by the Board Chair, Darryl Woods. I am serving on the Search Committee. We will formalize the process, make recommendations for the hiring of a search firm, and schedule interviews before the full Board. The public is invited to witness the interviews – it is an open meeting. We will vote on the top three candidates to be referred to the Mayor for his consideration. So, stay tuned!

Atty. Linda D. Bernard J.D., LL.M. Police Commissioner, District 2. ©

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Council Member Calloway's Small Business Spotlight

YouthNique LLC, established in 2009 to serve clients remotely, expanded its mission by opening the StartUP Center in Detroit in March of this year. This innovative center serves as an all-in-one solution for business and nonprofit start-up needs, providing a comprehensive range of services, including business filings, graphic design and branding, program and service development, business and strategic planning, financial projections, and more. What sets YouthNique apart is its commitment to a hassle-free experience, handling all aspects of these services on behalf of its clients.

The StartUP Center uniquely integrates mental health support through Play Therapy, a concept woven into the center's philosophy. By incorporating games, creative activities, and a ThinkTank space, the center offers a relaxing, rejuvenating environment designed to address the stressors of entrepreneurship. In addition, a weekly wellness group, "Mental Marvels," allows entrepreneurs to connect, share experiences, and discuss the challenges and successes of their journey. Located at 19456 Livernois Ave, Detroit, the StartUP Center stands as a supportive space that brings innovation, community, and wellness under one roof for entrepreneurs at every stage of their development.



Meet The Owner



TORRI HICKS M.A, MFT



19456 LIVERNOIS, DETROIT, MI 48221
HOURS: MON-THURS. 10A-7PM

313-887-7799

To have your business featured in the District 2 Small Business Spotlight, scan the QR code:



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DONATIONS NEEDED

We are gathering new and gently used items such as coats, gloves, hats, scarves, and boots. Additionally, we are collecting toiletries and feminine care products to create kits for individuals and families experiencing housing insecurity.



Toiletries



Clothing & Footwear

The Office of Council Member Whitfield Calloway provides pickup services for donors; please reach out to our office to make arrangements.

DONATION DEADLINE
Friday, Dec. 13 By 4 PM



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Main Office

313.224.4535



Focus: HOPE

DETROIT AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Tuesday, November 19th
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Focus: HOPE Westside Food Center
1300 Oakman Blvd, Detroit MI 48238

Join the Detroit Area Agency team at Focus: HOPE as they assist individuals with open enrollment options, comparing Medicare plans, reading and understanding the Medicare Summary Notice, and prescription drug coverage.

For more information please contact:
313-494-4600

**PLEASE JOIN URGE DEVELOPMENT GROUP, MSHDA,
CINNAIRE, & THE CITY OF DETROIT**

for

**HIGGINBOTHAM ART RESIDENCES
GROUNDBREAKING**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
AT 1:00PM
2019 WISCONSIN STREET
DETROIT, MI 48221



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