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## District 2

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DETROIT CITY COUNCIL • DISTRICT 2

# NEWSLETTER

FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD CALLOWAY, JD



**Happy Women's History Month!**



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# COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

## Watch City Council & leave a public comment:

City Council Sessions may be viewed in the following manner:

1. Watch live on **Channel 10** for local broadcasting.
2. Watch online by using <https://detroitmi.gov/government/city-council> and clicking on **Channel 10**
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: <https://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. Public comments can also be submitted via email to [CCPublicComment@detroitmi.gov](mailto:CCPublicComment@detroitmi.gov)



*Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway during Coffee & Conversation on February 10, 2025.*





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## Legislative Updates

### Merrill Fountain Restoration Moves Forward with Council Approval

On February 25, 2025, Detroit City Council approved a contract for engineering studies for the Merrill Fountain restoration. This is yet another big step in the restoration project. The Merrill Fountain was first installed in 1901 near the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Woodward Avenue in downtown Detroit in front of the old Detroit Opera House that stood on Campus Martius. In 1925, the fountain was moved to its present location in Palmer Park at the foot of Second Avenue. The fountain needs extensive repairs and renovations. In April 2024, Councilmember Calloway fought for \$2.5 million for the complete restoration of the fountain and City Council approved the budget request. It is very satisfying to have this project go forward. Eventually, the fountain will shine like the 1901 version and Detroiters will need sunglasses to fully enjoy the moment. Thank you to all who love our Detroit treasures and work to preserve our history.

### Council Member Calloway Supports Rx Kids Program

One of Councilmember Calloway's biggest budget priorities for the FY 2026 is Detroit's children. As a former educator and lifelong advocate for youth, Councilmember Calloway understands that investing in children lays the foundation for a stronger, more equitable Detroit. Among the most promising initiatives to uplift Detroit families is Rx Kids — a groundbreaking program to fight childhood poverty through direct cash assistance to families during the

critical first year of a child's life. After the birth of a child, families often experience a dramatic decrease in income paired with a significant increase in expenses. Rx Kids is designed to help alleviate that financial burden, providing critical support during this pivotal time. The program will give a mother \$1,500 before the birth of the child and \$500 a month for the first year of the child's life. This innovative approach empowers mothers to make the best decisions for their children, trusting that they know what their families need most. Rx Kids is currently in operation in Flint, MI, where it has already demonstrated its potential to improve child well-being and reduce poverty rates. Councilmember Calloway believes that expanding this program to Detroit will be transformative — not just for individual families, but for the entire community. The total cost of bringing Rx Kids to Detroit is estimated at \$50 million, with 70% of the funding expected to come from foundations and charitable organizations. However, the program requires a \$15 million contribution from the City of Detroit to make this vision a reality. *#TeamCalloway* is committed to advocating for this investment, recognizing that supporting Detroit's children is not just a moral imperative — it is a strategic investment in the city's future. Rx Kids will be a prescription to fight childhood poverty, empower families, and ensure that every child in Detroit has the strongest possible start in life. Councilmember Calloway will continue to champion this vital initiative, working tirelessly to secure the necessary funding and prioritize the well-being of Detroit's youngest residents.

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## Advocating for Third Consecutive Property Tax Reduction

*#TeamCalloway* will fight for another one mill decrease in the city debt service property tax. Property tax revenues have increased, and our debt obligations have decreased. *#TeamCalloway* believes that a one mill decrease will be possible and still allow enough revenue to cover all debt obligations. This will be the third straight year of property tax decreases and taxpayers should see a significant tax decrease effective July 1, 2025.

## Ordinance to Regulate Marijuana and Vaping Billboards Passes

On March 4, the City Council passed an ordinance to regulate marijuana and vaping billboards, led by Councilmembers Angela Whitfield Calloway and Scott Benson. This new regulation bans marijuana and vape billboards within 1,000 ft. of schools, libraries, parks, rec. centers, and other child-focused areas. This decision follows concerns from DPSCD Superintendent, who reported over 1,700 marijuana-related incidents in schools from 2021 to 2023. Aligning with existing restrictions on tobacco and alcohol ads, the law mandates the removal of any violating ads within 60 days. Councilmember Calloway highlighted that this ordinance is a crucial measure for safeguarding the health and safety of Detroit's youth. Both Calloway and Benson are optimistic that this initiative will help reduce youth marijuana use, reflecting studies that indicate adolescents exposed to marijuana ads are more likely to misuse the substance.

Have you heard about the retroactive law in Michigan that says: **If you lost your home due to foreclosure between the years of 2015 to 2020 you may be due proceeds on the sale of your home?**

Please reach out to the Detroit Justice Center for help in filing the claims to your proceeds.

**taxsurplus@detroitjustice.org**  
**313-925-3191**

**»»» DEADLINE: March 31st, 2025**

Take a look at the city website where you can find the claims process that we will be helping you with:



Thousands of Detroiters may be owed money from homes lost to foreclosure between **2015 and 2019** due to a recent Michigan Supreme Court ruling. If your home was foreclosed and sold for more than the amount of unpaid taxes, you may be entitled to claim the surplus proceeds. For example, if your home was taken for **\$5,000** in back taxes and later sold for **\$20,000**, you could claim the **\$15,000 surplus** — but **you must file a claim by March 31, 2025** to receive these funds. This is your money, but it won't automatically be returned. To apply, fill out the "**Notice of Intention to Claim Interest in Foreclosure Sale Proceeds**" (**Form 6156**) and have it notarized. The form is available on the Michigan Department of Treasury's website under **Property Tax & Special Assessments**. Completed forms must be delivered in person or by certified mail to the Wayne County Treasurer's Office at **400 Monroe, Suite 500, Detroit, MI 48226**. Thank you to Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree for joining Councilmember Whitfield Calloway's virtual community webinar last month to share this vital information with residents.



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***Coffee  
&  
Conversation***

## WHEN

 **MARCH 10, 2025**  
8:00-9:00 AM

 **APRIL 14, 2025**  
8:00-9:00 AM

## WHERE

 **AMERICA'S COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL**  
62 W SEVEN MILE RD

 **ADAMS BUTZEL COMPLEX**  
10500 LYNDON STREET



Join Council Member Angela Calloway for *Coffee & Conversation* where you'll get the latest updates from your councilperson and connect with fellow stakeholders. Don't miss this opportunity to share your thoughts, ask questions, and be part of the conversation!

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# COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

## District 2 Virtual Community Webinar

Join Councilmember Angela Whitfield Calloway and her team for an engaging virtual discussion, featuring a special presentation from the Planning and Development Department.

**Monday, March 17, 2025**

**Zoom Meeting**

**5:30 PM-6:30 PM**

Webinar ID: 880 2802 4391

Webinar Passcode: 812187



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## D2 Resident Newly Appointed to Advisory Board

On February 24, the City Council appointed Chuck Rivers to the Historic Designation Advisory Board for a term ending on February 28, 2028. Rivers is the President of the Neighborhood Association in the Schulze neighborhood and has proudly called District 2 home for over forty years. His academic background includes degrees in History/Anthropology, Psychology/Sociology, Administration, and Labor and Industrial Relations. Additionally, he serves as Director in the Office of the Executive Vice President under Government Affairs at Michigan State University. Before that, he was Assistant to the Corporate Vice President at Ford/Visteon. Rivers has also contributed to several organizations, including serving as a board member for Detroit Future City/Impact Detroit, and FoodPLUS Detroit. With his wealth of knowledge and experience, Rivers is sure to bring valuable expertise to his new role on the Advisory Board.





# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CITY OF DETROIT  
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

## FENKELL AVE CORRIDOR ACTION PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING

MAR  
18TH

6:00PM-  
7:30PM

**WHERE:** New Life  
Family Church 15329  
Livernois, Detroit, MI  
48238



City of Detroit  
Planning & Development Department  
[www.detroitmi.gov/PDD](http://www.detroitmi.gov/PDD)





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## An Annual Report from YCE

The Youth & Civic Engagement (YCE) Task Force presented its annual report to the City Council, highlighting its goals and achievements. Established in 2022 when Councilmember Calloway took office, the task force has united a diverse group of passionate board members, including community leaders, educators, mental health professionals, and activists, all dedicated to advocating for Detroit's youth. The primary mission of YCE is to increase civic engagement among young people, focusing on key areas such as policy, financial literacy, health, and exposure to careers, colleges, and cultures. Through its initiatives, YCE has empowered students to commit to becoming active stewards of their communities. In addition, YCE has successfully registered over 100 students to vote, reinforcing its commitment to building a more engaged and informed generation.



*Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway and the YCE task force on March 4, 2025.*

## Join #TeamCalloway for Motor City Makeover 365!

For over 30 years, the Motor City Makeover volunteer initiative has brought Detroiters together to beautify their neighborhoods, parks, and community spaces. From block clubs to neighborhood associations, partnerships have been key to its continued success. This year, cleanup efforts will take place on **three Saturdays in May**, with each date dedicated to different City Council Districts. On **Saturday, May 3**, #TeamCalloway and all of District 2 will roll up our sleeves to help keep our community clean and vibrant!

**Registration opens March 19, 2025**—sign your group up to receive supplies, flowers, and coordinate special debris pickups. Let's continue working together to keep District 2 beautiful! For more information or to volunteer, visit [motorcitymakeover.org](http://motorcitymakeover.org) or call (313) 224-4415.



### Citywide Clean-up / Beautification

2025

**Saturday, May 3 | District 1, 2 & 3**  
**Saturday, May 10 | District 4 & 5**  
**Saturday, May 17 | District 6 & 7**

Upon registration, your District Managers will provide supply pick-up and flower 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,  
**(313) 224-4415**  
[www.motorcitymakeover.org](http://www.motorcitymakeover.org)



The City of Detroit is supporting block clubs, community groups and other organizations as they beautify their neighborhoods for Motor City Makeover 365.

**Keep Detroit Clean**



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Become a Summer Intern with #TeamCalloway!

Councilmember Calloway and #TeamCalloway are seeking summer interns aged 14-24 through the Grow Detroit's Young Talent (GDYT) program. This citywide summer jobs initiative trains and employs young adults for up to 120 hours. To qualify, participants must be permanent residents of Detroit and eligible to work in the United States. A variety of job opportunities are available, including community cleanups, event planning, accounting, retail, Junior Police, Fire Cadets, and even roles as a Community Organizer in Councilmember Calloway's office. Last year, the program provided 8,000 local youth with employment, and this year, you could join #TeamCalloway! We'll need your assistance with event planning, neighborhood canvassing, setting up informational/resource tables at various events, community cleanups, and much more! This is a fantastic chance to gain insights into municipal government and the legislative branch. You'll have the opportunity to attend City Council sessions, learn about the city contract process and ordinances (city laws), and build networks and strategic relationships. We are looking for enthusiastic youth who want to make a positive impact in Detroit. If this sounds like you, we invite you to reach out to our office for more information on how to join our team this summer! The application portal on [gdyt.org](https://gdyt.org) opens on February 6, at 9AM.



**PORTAL AND APPLICATION OPEN:**  
**Thursday, February 6, 2025**  
**[gdyt.org](https://gdyt.org)**



Are you a Detroit resident between the ages of 14-24 interested in a paid, summer experience? Express your interest by completing the online application at [gdyt.org](https://gdyt.org).



[gdyt.org](https://gdyt.org)



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*Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway and GDYT interns during Summer of 2023.*



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## Howdy Neighbors!

As I rid myself of the Texas syntax I acquired last week in Houston trying to escape winter AND celebrate my niece, Dr. Sharon Miller MD, [Board Certified, Detroit based OB/GYN's], birthday. Dr. Miller has delivered more than 6,000 healthy babies! That's a lot of pushing and coaching! CONGRATS TO YOU AND THE "WELLNESS PLAN," which services low income women in Detroit and Wayne County.

My goal is for Detroiters and all D2 residents to move into a glorious "March Spring" with "April Flowers". It has already started at DPD! Chief Bettison was unanimously approved by my colleagues on the Police Commission and by City Council. Chief Bettison also responded to my plea that no child will freeze to death in Detroit ever again. I will forever be overwhelmed with sorrow at the tragedy of losing 2 children to hypothermia in a car with no gas, parked in a freezing parking structure in downtown because the family had no place to live.

DPD has stepped up to the plate! ANY HOMELESS FAMILY OR PERSON CAN GO TO ANY OF THE 12 DETROIT PRECINCTS AND THE POLICE WILL ESCORT THE FAMILY TO A SHELTER! How's that for "PROTECT AND SERVE?"

Also, we have finally met our police quota for new hires, and are at full strength at approx. 3,000 sworn officers and 1,000 civilian employees. Moreover, the BOPC's citizen complaint backlog has dwindled to 500 cases because we have a full complement of investigators, 23 total!

## I have a FITNESS CHALLENGE for D2

**Residents!** DPD's Special Reserve Team (SRT) of officers are required to minimally meet unique physical conditioning standards. The CHALLENGE FOR D2 residents is to meet and/or exceed the physical requirements. If you do so, on behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners, I and Chief Bettison will honor you in a GOLD MEDAL CEREMONY!

## A Message from the District 2 Police Commissioner



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

Each applicant should be prepared to perform the following in succession to successfully complete the challenge:

	Male		Female
<b>Run:</b>	3 miles without stopping within 25 minutes 100 points – subtract 1 point for every 10 seconds over 18 minutes. (Maximum of 25 minutes is allowed.)	<b>Run:</b>	3 Miles without stopping within 28 minutes 100 points – subtract 1 point for every 10 seconds over 21 minutes. (Maximum of 28 minutes is allowed.)
<b>Sit-ups:</b> (Arms across chest)	Minimum 60 – Maximum 80 1.25 points each = 100 points	<b>Sit-ups:</b> (Arms across chest)	Minimum 25 – Maximum 50 2 points each = 100 points
<b>Pushups:</b> (Overhand grip)	Minimum 30 – Maximum 50 2 points each = 100 points	<b>Pushups:</b> (Overhand grip)	Minimum 15 – Maximum 25 4 points each = 100 points
<b>Pull-ups:</b> (Overhand grip)	Minimum 5 – Maximum 20 5 points each = 100 points	<b>Flexed Arm Hang:</b> (Overhand grip)	Minimum 25 – Maximum 50 2 points each = 100 points

A maximum of 400 points may be obtained; a minimum qualifying score of 231 points.

The rules, time, and date of the competition will be published on the Board of Police Commissioner's Website, who will be the BOPC/ DPD's **Bernard/Bettison (Double B) – SRT Champion?** Start getting in shape. We want to hold the competition in the next 90 DAYS! MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH AND ONLINE! Peace and Blessings to all.

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



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Council Member Calloway's Small Business Spotlight

The Energy Zone opened its doors on the Avenue of Fashion in May 2021 to address a gap in the community's access to healthy food and drink options. Many residents of Detroit find themselves near gas stations, liquor stores, and dollar stores, which often do not offer raw and organic juice selections. Mark and Jackie Lang, lifelong Detroiters, decided to take action. They thoughtfully chose to invest in their own neighborhood to cultivate a sense of pride and community while meeting the demand for healthier alternatives.

Having lived in District 2 for many years, the Lang family intentionally established their business in the district to give back to the community that nurtured them. When you visit with your family and friends, be sure to try some of their fan-favorite flavors, such as ginger pineapple and electric lemonade! Don't forget to mention that the Office of Councilmember Angela Whitfield Calloway sent you!



*Meet The Owners*



**MARK & JACKIE LANG**

**THE ENERGY ZONE**

19166 LIVERNOIS AVENUE,  
DETROIT, MI 48221

HOURS: TUES-SAT. 10 AM-6 PM

313-929-8057

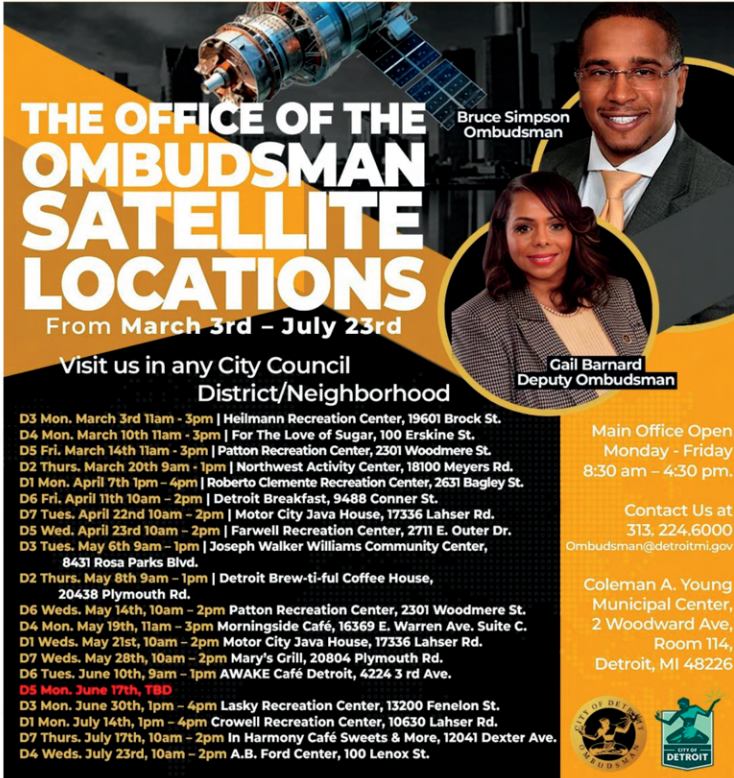
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To have your business featured in the District 2 Small Business Spotlight, scan the QR code:





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From March 3rd – July 23rd

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Ombudsman



**Gail Barnard**  
Deputy Ombudsman

D3 Mon. March 3rd 11am – 3pm | Hellmann Recreation Center, 19601 Brock St.  
D4 Mon. March 10th 11am – 3pm | For The Love of Sugar, 100 Erskine St.  
D5 Fri. March 14th 11am – 3pm | Patton Recreation Center, 2301 Woodmere St.  
D2 Thurs. March 20th 9am – 1pm | Northwest Activity Center, 18100 Meyers Rd.  
D1 Mon. April 7th 1pm – 4pm | Roberto Clemente Recreation Center, 2631 Bagley St.  
D6 Fri. April 11th 10am – 2pm | Detroit Breakfast, 9488 Conner St.  
D7 Tues. April 22nd 10am – 2pm | Motor City Java House, 17336 Lahser Rd.  
D5 Wed. April 23rd 10am – 2pm | Farwell Recreation Center, 2711 E. Outer Dr.  
D3 Tues. May 6th 9am – 1pm | Joseph Walker Williams Community Center, 8431 Rosa Parks Blvd.  
D2 Thurs. May 8th 9am – 1pm | Detroit Brew-ti-ful Coffee House, 20438 Plymouth Rd.  
D6 Weds. May 14th, 10am – 2pm Patton Recreation Center, 2301 Woodmere St.  
D4 Mon. May 19th, 11am – 3pm Morningside Café, 16369 E. Warren Ave, Suite C.  
D1 Weds. May 21st, 10am – 2pm Motor City Java House, 17336 Lahser Rd.  
D7 Weds. May 28th, 10am – 2pm Mary's Grill, 20804 Plymouth Rd.  
D6 Tues. June 10th, 9am – 1pm AWAKE Café Detroit, 4224 3 rd Ave.  
**D5 Mon. June 17th, TBD**  
D3 Mon. June 30th, 1pm – 4pm Lasky Recreation Center, 13200 Fenelon St.  
D1 Mon. July 14th, 1pm – 4pm Crowell Recreation Center, 10630 Lahser Rd.  
D7 Thurs. July 17th, 10am – 2pm In Harmony Café Sweets & More, 12041 Dexter Ave.  
D4 Weds. July 23rd, 10am – 2pm A.B. Ford Center, 100 Lenox St.

Main Office Open  
Monday - Friday  
8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

Contact Us at  
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Ombudsman@detroitmi.gov

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Thursday, March 20, 2025  
5:00 P.M.**

DDOT is hosting a hybrid in-person and virtual public hearing to get feedback on proposed service enhancements that would take effect on June 22, 2025.

Zoom Meeting ID: 962-6808-2855  
Zoom Call-In Number: 1 (312) 626-6799  
In-person location: Rosa Parks Transit Center, 1310 Cass Ave.



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