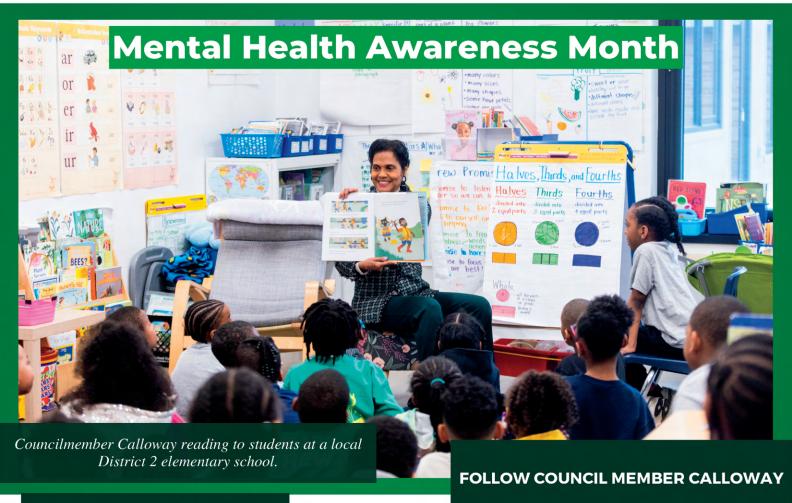
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 - b. Apple computers = [OPTION] + [Y]
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Councilmember Calloway at Formal Session on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.





WHEN



MAY 12, 2025 8:00-9:00 AM



JUNE 9, 2025 8:00-9:00 AM

WHERE

- NEW PROSPECT CHURCH ANNEX
 19940 LIVERNOIS AVE.
- PETERSON PARK
 19141 GREENFIELD ROAD



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Calloway for Coffee &
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stakeholders. Don't miss this
opportunity to share your
thoughts, ask questions, and
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District 2 Virtual Community Webinar

Join Councilmember Angela Whitfield Calloway and her team for an engaging virtual discussion, featuring a special presentation from the General Services Department, DPSCD, and other District 2 community stakeholders.

Monday, May 19, 2025 Zoom Meeting 5:30 PM-6:30 PM

Webinar ID: 839 5553 8369

Webinar Passcode: 152482





Budget Season Successes and Major Wins for District 2

#TeamCalloway has secured several significant victories during this year's budget season, resulting in major benefits for the residents of District 2 and the entire City of Detroit. Here's a recap of the key accomplishments:

Property Tax Decrease

#TeamCalloway successfully advocated for a three-mill property tax decrease, effective July 1, 2025. This decrease adds to the one-mill reductions already secured for July 1, 2023 and July 1, 2024, totaling a five-mill (17%) decrease over three years. This reduction will directly impact Detroiters' tax bills, providing much-needed relief without compromising city services. The savings will be reflected in your August tax bill.

Introducing Rx Kids to Support Families

In a major win for families, #TeamCalloway gained the commitment of the Detroit Health Department to prepare for the rollout of **Rx** Kids in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Rx Kids is an innovative program that combines government funds and private foundation grants to provide a financial safety net for families during the first year of a child's life. Before the child's birth, the mother receives \$1,500 to cover expenses, and after the child's birth, she receives \$500 per month for the first year. This initiative is designed to reduce financial burdens on new parents and help combat child poverty. **Rx Kids** will be available to Detroit families starting next year, thanks to the efforts of #TeamCalloway and the Detroit Health Department.

Protecting Children: Lead-Based Paint Program Refunded

One year ago, #TeamCalloway fought for a \$2.5 million program aimed at encapsulating lead-based paint in rental properties to make them safer for children. Unfortunately, much of the appropriated funds went unused, putting the program at risk of defunding. #TeamCalloway stood firm, advocating for the re-funding of the program to protect Detroit's children. As a result, \$300,000 will be spent by June 30, 2025, and a fresh appropriation of \$2.2 million was secured to continue the program into the next fiscal year. This is a major victory for child safety in Detroit.

ARPA Funds Allocated for District 2

#TeamCalloway also helped secure over \$9 million in ARPA funds, which have been distributed equally among the nine members of City Council. These funds will be used to support projects that directly improve the quality of life for residents in District 2. #TeamCalloway is committed to working with the Duggan Administration to ensure these funds are used to benefit the community.

These successes demonstrate #TeamCalloway's dedication to making real, lasting improvements for the people of District 2. With continued support from the community, we will keep fighting for progress and positive change.



A Push for Human Trafficking Awareness



Councilmember Calloway and the Detroit Human Trafficking Task Force at the State Capitol on April 24, 2025.

Last month, Councilmember Angela Whitfield Calloway and her team joined the Detroit Human Trafficking Task Force for its annual Advocacy Day at the Michigan State Capitol. The task force—which includes mental health professionals, attorneys, law enforcement, faith leaders, and community advocates—gathered to educate lawmakers and push for stronger statewide protections against human trafficking.

This year's Advocacy Day materials included several impactful resources: the original City Council resolution establishing the task force, language from the unanimously passed Hotel Signage Ordinance requiring lodging establishments to display the national trafficking hotline, a visual guide from Alternatives for Girls highlighting warning signs of trafficking, a sample hotel placard, and a summary of the task force's upcoming initiatives.

"We're looking for opportunities to educate people about this very serious and heinous crime," said Councilmember Whitfield Calloway. "This crime has been reported in every zip code in Michigan. It's not just happening in Detroit—we need to come together as a state to stand up and fight back."

Throughout the day, task force members met with state legislators and their staff members to advocate for the expansion of Detroit's hotel signage ordinance to the state level, increased funding for survivor-led trainings, and legislation supporting record restriction for trafficking survivors.

Looking ahead, the task force will host its third annual rally in July in observance of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. The event will raise awareness, empower survivors, and educate the public on prevention and intervention strategies.

The Detroit Human Trafficking Task Force includes representatives from the Detroit Police Department, Crime Stoppers, Haven Homes, Alternatives for Girls, Covenant House, Sparrow Freedom Project, and The Gateway

Councilmember Whitfield Calloway emphasized the importance of sustained community engagement in combating human trafficking. "This work cannot fall solely on law enforcement or service providers," she said. "Every resident has a role to play—whether it's recognizing the signs, supporting survivors, or advocating for policy change. Together, we can build a safer city and state where exploitation has no place."

Councilmember Calloway Celebrates Groundbreaking of Paul Robeson Malcolm X Academy

Councilmember Angela Whitfield Calloway brought a sense of pride and renewed hope to the community as she joined students, educators, and neighborhood leaders to celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Paul Robeson Malcolm X Academy. With heartfelt remarks, she emphasized the importance of investing in public education and reaffirmed her commitment to creating safe, modern, and inspiring spaces where Detroit's youth can thrive.

"This moment isn't just about a new building," said Councilmember Calloway. "It's about honoring the legacy of this community, uplifting our children, and showing them that they are worth every investment."

The new state-of-the-art facility will stand at the corner of Linwood and Grove, on the former site of Hally Magnet Middle School. It is expected to open its doors in the fall of 2027, offering a revitalized environment that reflects the excellence and cultural richness of the historic Paul Robeson Malcolm X Academy.

As the shovels hit the ground, the energy was filled with excitement and purpose—marking a bold step forward in the city's vision for equitable education and community-centered development.





District 2 Council Office Helps A Local Business

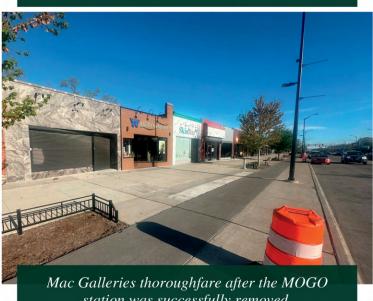
At the Office of Detroit City Councilmember Angela Whitfield Calloway, we are committed to supporting businesses and residents across District 2 with everyday challenges — big and small. Recently, our office was proud to assist a valued local business, Mac Galleries, in addressing a significant concern regarding a MOGO bike station that had been installed directly in front of their storefront.

Business owner James E. McKissic reached out to express his concerns about the bike station's placement. He noted that the station posed a potential hazard to customers entering and exiting the gallery, made it difficult to move large pieces of artwork into the space, and had been installed without prior consultation with him. Understanding the importance of a safe and accessible entrance for both patrons and business operations, our team quickly took action.

Through coordinated efforts, our office arranged a consultation meeting with Mr. McKissic and representatives from MOGO Bike Share, including Jacob Graham. During this collaborative discussion, all parties had the opportunity to voice concerns, explore options, and determine the best course of action. Thanks to open communication and teamwork, it was agreed that the bike station could and should be relocated. Remarkably, within two weeks of the meeting, the bike station was successfully removed. Mr. McKissic expressed his appreciation for the responsiveness, flexibility, and cooperation shown by all sides—the District 2 Council Office, MOGO, and Mac Galleries. We extend a special thank you to Jacob Graham from MOGO, Tuneisha Turner, our District 2 Business Liaison, and Mr. James Erick McKissic for their willingness to work together swiftly and respectfully through this matter.

The Office of Councilmember Angela Whitfield Calloway remains dedicated to helping businesses across District 2 thrive by addressing everyday issues like this. If you are a business owner facing a challenge, please know that our door is always open and we are here to support you.





Join #TeamCalloway For the Summer!

Councilmember Whitfield Calloway is seeking interns through the Grow Detroit's Young **Talent** program. This initiative provides training and job opportunities for eligible Detroit residents, allowing for up to 120 hours of work.

An internship with #TeamCalloway includes:

- Community cleanups & Event Planning
- Neighborhood canvassing
- Constituent Services Support
- Research and Policy Assistance

Interested candidates must have reliable transportation and must be familiar with Microsoft Suite. Interested applicants may apply at gdyt.org until May 16, 2025, at 11:59 PM.



Your District 2 Precinct Delegate Corner

Salutations! Neighbors and Friends,

I am Michelle Broughton, Precinct Delegate #248. I would like to share with you the information on what a precinct delegate is and the responsibilities they have to the community. What is a Precinct Delegate? It can be you!

It is a person that is interested in the political process and willing to share that information with their neighbors to make their community better and greater. "When you know better you do better". Learning about the different candidates and their platforms. Being informed about the current issues and proposals that affect our community is worth having a representative voice our concerns.

Precinct delegates are elected local representatives of the Democratic Party or Republican Party, charged with working and serving within their neighborhood to engage the voters with political information and getting the vote out. Engaging with our absentee voters and reminding them to mail in that ballot. Precinct delegates are the Drum Majors of their community armed with the voices and the votes of the grassroots people's choice of their next leader, be it Mayor, City Council, State Rep, Senator, President, etc. "you get my point"!



Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) is now accepting open enrollment for its Home Inspection Certificate Program beginning May 15, 2025. This six-week program offers hands-on training, flexible class options, and expert instruction to prepare students for national licensing exams and a career in residential home inspection. Graduates will receive a Home Inspection Certificate and be equipped to conduct inspections according to industry and state standards. For more information and to register, 9 please call 313-496-2704.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 22, 2025

Contact:

Katie Dowgiewicz, kdowgiewicz@detroitpubliclibrary.org

The Sherwood Forest Branch Library Temporarily Closed



Detroit—Starting May 8, 2025, the Sherwood Forest Branch Library located at 7117 W. 7 Mile Road near Livernois, will be temporarily closed for maintenance.

During the closure, customers may visit these nearby libraries:

| Hubbard Branch | Chase Branch | Parkman Branch |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 12929 W. McNichols | 17731 W. 7 Mile Rd. | 1766 Oakman Blvd. |
| 313-481-1750 | 313-481-1580 | 313-481-1810 |
| M & W: Noon - 8 pm | M, W & F: 10 am - 6 pm | M & W: Noon – 8 pm |
| Tu, Th & F: 10 am - 6 pm | Tu & Th: Noon – 8 pm | Tu, Th & F: 10 am - 6 pm |

Updates to the facility will include new exterior windows and repairs to the air conditioning system. The Sherwood Forest Branch is expected to reopen to the public in June 2025.

The Sherwood Forest Branch is a popular community meeting center and offers a wide range of resources to help improve the quality of life for area residents, including family and children's programming, job readiness services, and access to computers and other technology.

Established in 1942, the Sherwood Forest Branch Library is named for the community in which it is located. The current facility opened on February 20, 1957.

Stay up-to-date by visiting our website at www.detroitpubliclibrary.org.

May Brings "Flowers" & an Increased Police Presence. Yes, my Friends, DPD is committed to increasing patrols during the hot summer months. "Special attention" will be given to ALL outdoor events, including events scheduled for parks, and block parties (both of which require city issued permits), and notice to your precinct's neighborhood police unit.

Even back yard parties that draw large numbers of people will be subject to extra scrutiny, especially if someone calls the police and complains about noise, traffic curfew or noise violations. These complaints are now "Priority One Calls", and will receive a speedy response by specialized units. We do not want a "repeat" of the incident last summer when 17 people were shot and at a single outdoor party.

FWI, you, yes Y-O-U are on Candid Camera 24/7! We are in a surveillance society. All officers (except command offices) are required to activate their body cams when interacting with the public in protection of the citizen and the officer (from false allegations of police misconduct, But surveillance is not limited to body cams.

There are "Dash Cams" on the police car hoods. Even when you are not interacting with the police directly, you are on camera virtually all the time you are in the city especially downtown, or in the area I call "Detroit's Golden Circle". It spans from West Grand Blvd to the Detroit River (N/S) and then E/W, between the Lodge Freeway and I-75. It's where all Detroit's "Jewels" are located; Lions Stadium, Tiger Stadium, The Opera House, the FOX Theatre, the DIA, the Main Library, Theaters, Concert Venues, etc. People who live in the Golden Circle enjoy games, concerts, etc. and never have to move their car! They just hop on the Q Line or The People Mover! On Game Day, we D-2 residents have to pay upwards of \$100 for parking!

Back to surveillance! There are numerous cameras at every intersection, and the city uses **License Plate Readers** (**LPRs**) downtown, throughout the city, and

A Message from the District 2 Police Commissioner



on freeways. Specifically, there are 328 devices at City street intersections; 235 Freeway Cameras; 3 portable trailer devices; and 55 mobile devices in police vehicles. Total devices in Detroit are **566**! Captured plates are compared to NCIC/LIENS.

Facial Recognition Technology, a technology that has cost the city millions in damages from inaccurate "hits", i.e., misidentifications. To DPD's credit, it is currently used very sparingly in Detroit, and then only after numerous other indicators have been confirmed. Facial recognition algorithms have been shown to be "inherently biased". They just cannot get it right with dark skin! So hopefully, the seven figure lawsuits related to this technology are behind us!

Stay tuned for the FACTS!

Proud to be "Your Commish" and "Your Supporter",

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

Council Member Calloway's Small Business Spotlight

Founded in 1964 by Eli Chapman, Chapman's Jewelry has long been a trusted name in Detroit's fine jewelry scene. Before opening the store, Mr. Chapman was a World War II Army veteran and a semi-professional basketball player. He brought those same values into the world of jewelry, creating a business that has stood the test of time.

The original store, Eli Chapman & Sons, opened on Detroit's east side and relocated in 1982 to its current home on West Seven Mile Road. Today, Chapman's Jewelry is known for its craftsmanship and personalized service. The store offers a curated selection of leather goods, watches, and gold, and is especially known for its \$5 watch repairs and ability to create custom engagement rings tailored to each customer's vision.

Now in its third generation of ownership, Chapman's continues to thrive under the leadership of Eli Chapman's son, Eric Chapman, and his grandchildren, including Max Chapman, Michael Chapman Jr., and Arthur Chapman II. While their online store allows them to serve customers nationwide, their roots remain strong in District 2. The Chapman family remains committed to carrying on Eli's legacy delivering quality, integrity, and style to every customer they serve. As a cornerstone of the community, Chapman's Jewelry is more than just a store—it's a symbol of resilience, heritage, and Black-owned excellence. Their enduring presence reflects the power of family entrepreneurship in Detroit, and they continue to shine as a beacon of pride for the neighborhood and beyond.



Eric Chapman, Max Chapman, Michael Chapman Jr. & Arthur Chapman II

> STORE ADDRESS: 10535 W. SEVEN MILE ROAD

> > **HOURS:**

TUES-FRI: 11 AM – 5 PM SAT: 11 AM– 4 PM

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



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Friday, May 16 at 1:30 to 4:30 pm
Friday, September 19 at 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Friday, December 19 at 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm



SERVICES OFFERED:

- Blood Pressure Screening
- General Health Screening for Diabetes, Cholesterol, Kidney Function
 *Fasting not required
- Standard Flu Vaccinations (5+ years old) * May be available during flu season. We bill
 insurance for vaccines. There will be no cost to individuals who do not have insurance.
- COVID-19 PCR testing (3+ years old):
 - ONLY Symptomatic or exposed individuals
 - NO routine screening
- Linkage to care and community resources
- · Other Services, as requested:
 - Point-of-Care Lead Testing
 - HIV Testing (13+ years old)
 - Hepatitis C Testing (18+ years old)
 - STI Testing (13+ years old)

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If you have any questions or comments, please call 313-448-9850 or visit, waynehealthcares.org





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Shelter Dogs @ the Library



Join DPL at the Chase Branch on Saturday, May 10th, at 1 PM for a delightful story time featuring the dogs from the Friends of Detroit Animal Care & Control shelter. You'll have the chance to read to the dogs and create a special bond with them. This event welcomes children of all ages along with their caregivers.



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20045 James Couzens Fwy

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