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## District 2

**ANGELA  
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CALLOWAY**  
DETROIT CITY COUNCIL • DISTRICT 2

# NEWSLETTER

FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD CALLOWAY, JD



*Councilmember Calloway celebrates the grand opening of the Detroit Fitzgerald First Merchants Bank.*



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# COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER



*Dylan Watkins, 2025 City Council Intern*

Hello District 2!

I'm Dylan Watkins, an intern for Councilmember Angela Whitfield-Calloway this summer, and a rising sophomore at Morehouse College. I'm also a proud 2024 graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School, right here in District 2. I wanted to take a moment to share a bit about my journey and my first year at Morehouse, an experience that I will treasure for the rest of my life.

As a Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics major, my first year at Morehouse has been both challenging and incredibly rewarding. I've had the opportunity to grow not only academically but also personally as a young African-American man. One of my goals for the year was to get involved on campus, and I'm proud to say I did just that. I was elected Treasurer of Brazeal Hall, became a Campus Ambassador for the youth-

mentoring non-profit Ready, Set, Success!, and joined the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). Additionally, I completed the Maurice Washington Emerging Leaders Program, which has been an invaluable experience in shaping my leadership skills.

Being a part of the HBCU community at Morehouse has been eye-opening. It's a space where young Black men are not only encouraged to excel academically but are also supported in becoming leaders in our communities. This environment has been inspiring, and I've learned so much from my peers and professors about the importance of education and mentorship. Along with my time at Morehouse, I've also had the opportunity to engage with the Atlanta University Consortium (AUC), which includes Spelman College and Clark Atlanta University. This collaboration has expanded my network and allowed me to connect with students from other institutions that share the same passion for academic and personal growth.

In addition to my studies, I've had the privilege of interning with Councilmember Whitfield-Calloway, both last summer and during the winter break. My time here has been rewarding, and I am deeply committed to serving District 2. This summer, I look forward to continuing to support Councilmember Whitfield-Calloway's work, and I am excited to contribute to the efforts to re-elect her as our representative. Thank you for allowing me to serve our community, and I'm excited to see what the future holds for District 2!

Best regards,  
Dylan Watkins



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## Supporting Small Business, Wellness & Community: Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway's May Outreach

On Friday, May 2nd, The Office of Councilwoman Angela Whitfield Calloway partnered with local juicing bar, The Energy Zone to host a Free Juice Giveaway right here in District 2. The event was a refreshing success, as over 50 healthy, energizing juices were distributed to local police officers, business owners, and residents throughout the area.

This initiative wasn't just about free juice, it was about connection. Councilwoman Calloway and her team used the opportunity to spark meaningful conversations, strengthen neighborhood ties, and promote wellness in our community. Longtime supporters of The Energy Zone returned to show love, and many new faces were introduced to the business for the first time.

This was a great way to highlight the importance of small businesses in our district while also encouraging healthy lifestyle choices.

As we move forward, the Councilwoman remains committed to uplifting local entrepreneurs and fostering strong partnerships like this one. We look forward to continuing our relationship with The Energy Zone and other incredible businesses that make District 2 a vibrant, thriving community. Stay tuned for more ways to connect, support, and grow with us!





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## First Merchants Bank Opens in Fitzgerald: A Win for District 2

As the proud Councilwoman for District 2, I am thrilled to celebrate the grand opening of the new First Merchants Bank branch in the heart of the Fitzgerald neighborhood. This investment represents more than just bricks and mortar—it represents opportunity, access, and a deep commitment to economic justice for our residents.

Before the branch officially opened its doors, I had the pleasure of working alongside Branch Manager Artina Packnett to support families in need during the holiday season by distributing gift cards for groceries. That early act of service set the tone for the type of community-first leadership this branch will bring to District 2. I was honored to join First Merchants CEO Mark K. Hardwick, DEGC President and CEO Kevin Johnson, the City's Group Executive of Public Services Jessica Parker, and Deputy Mayor Melia Howard for this special occasion. Their presence underscores the power of collaboration and the importance of bringing resources directly to our neighborhoods.

This branch brings not only financial services but also hope to a community that deserves investment and attention. I look forward to continued partnership with First Merchants Bank as we work together to ensure District 2 thrives—block by block, business by business, and family by family.





# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## District 2 Park Tour

Be on the lookout for the D2 Park Tour this summer. Every month Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway will visit a different park to connect with the residents of District 2! Each location will offer different activities and guests. First stop is Alfonso Wells on Saturday, June 21st at 12 PM in collaboration with 8 mile Emerge Community Association. To keep up with the Park Tour, follow the Councilwoman on [instagram.com/angelaforDETROIT](https://www.instagram.com/angelaforDETROIT).

## Summer Reading with Detroit PBS Kids

Your PBS Education team is excited to collaborate with the Children's Librarians of the Detroit Public Library throughout the summer!

**Library Kick-Offs:** Meet a member of the PBS Education Team at our library kick-off events, where you'll also have a special visit from a furry friend from PBS KIDS or the Michigan Learning Channel!

- Chase Branch: June 24, 2:00 – 3:00 PM
- Hubbard Branch: June 23, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

**ODD SQUAD Experience:** Join us for the Odd Squad experience, a fun TV show aimed at children aged 5 to 8 that teaches math concepts through entertaining and quirky cases. As part of the PBS KIDS educational programming, it is available on TV and online. Our team will bring this show to life with engaging video clips, books, and activities at:

- Chase Branch: July 28, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- Hubbard Branch: July 23, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

THE CITY OF DETROIT  
OFFICE OF CONTRACTING & PROCUREMENT AND CPIO PRESENTS

**ANGELA WHITFIELD ALLOWAY**  
DETROIT CITY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 2

Grow with Detroit:  
Opportunities for Established Firms  
**DETROIT SUPPLY SCHEDULE**

The program offers long-term contracts for vendors in areas like security, janitorial, light duty vehicles, printing, moving, and more to serve city agencies and residents.

Where: Northwest Activities Center  
18100 Meyers Rd, Detroit, MI 48235

When: June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Time: 2:30pm to 4:30pm

You must register in order to join this virtual outreach. Register by clicking the link in our bio!



## Interested in Contracting with the City of Detroit?

The Detroit Supply Schedule is building long-term partnerships with vendors to deliver essential goods and services across the city. If your business specializes in **security, janitorial services, light-duty vehicles, printing, or moving**, this is your chance to get involved.

Join us at the 📍 **Northwest Activities Center on Wednesday, June 25th from ⌚ 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM** to learn how your company can become a trusted supplier for Detroit's agencies and residents. **Scan the QR to register and take the first step toward working in and for your city!**





# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY FUND

**Scan the QR  
to register!**



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Hosted by Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway  
In Partnership with the Detroit Housing and  
Revitalization Department

### **Virtual Informational Session**

**Monday, June 23  
11 AM-12 PM**

Join Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway along with the Housing and Revitalization Department for an enlightening session to discover more about the City's Neighborhood Opportunity Fund. Come ready to participate, take notes, and ask questions regarding the qualification process.

Email us at:  
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# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Calloway continues to champion neighborhood beautification as a vital part of revitalizing District 2. Public art like this not only uplifts physical spaces but also affirms the stories, talent, and pride of Detroit's youth. Through poetry, paint, and purpose, Livernois Avenue now bears a vibrant new landmark that speaks to the power of creativity and community.

## InsideOut Literary Arts Celebrates 30 years in D2!

On Saturday, May 31, Councilwoman Angela Whitfield Calloway and her team stood proudly alongside Executive Director Suma Karaman Rosen to celebrate the 30th anniversary of InsideOut Literary Arts with the unveiling of a powerful new mural at 19360 Livernois Avenue.

The mural—bold, bright, and deeply meaningful—was created by principal muralist Oshun Williams and inspired by the voices of youth poets in the program. Poet Charisma delivered a stirring performance that left a lasting impression and helped shape the mural's vision and message. The presence of both current students and alumni sharing their poetry gave the community a glimpse into the brilliance being cultivated through InsideOut.

This event was more than a celebration—it was a declaration. Councilwoman Whitfield





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In Observance of World Day Against Trafficking of Persons  
The Detroit Human Trafficking Task Force Presents...

## STAMPING OUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING 3RD ANNUAL EVENT

**Calling all Detroit community members!**

Join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual awareness and outreach event as we tackle the issue of human trafficking head-on, arming community members and families with the knowledge to prevent, intervene, and get help – all while taking steps together towards building a stronger, safer Detroit.

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Human Trafficking Awareness Rally**

Interested rally participants, please meet in the Mack Alive parking lot at 10:45 AM. The rally will march down Mack Ave and return at NOON. *Come prepared with handmade signs + posters!*

#### **Educational Forum (family-friendly)**

Gather with us for an informative and engaging forum about the realities of human trafficking, how to stay safe online, and ways to get involved as a concerned community member.

#### **Resource Tables**

Stop by our community partner tables for additional information and resources.

**FREE FOOD,  
Bounce House,  
music, & more!**



Questions?

Call (313) 224-4535



**Hosted in partnership by:**

Detroit City Council Member Calloway

Detroit Police Department  
Avalon Healing Center  
Neighborhood Legal Services  
Michigan Abolitionist Project  
Haven Homes of Detroit  
Sparrow Freedom Project  
Crime Stoppers of MI  
Covenant House of MI  
Alternatives for Girls  
and growing...

SEE YOU  
THERE!

**SATURDAY  
JULY 26  
11 AM - 3 PM**

**MACK ALIVE  
3746 FISCHER ST.,  
DETROIT, MI 48214**



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELLO MIGHTY DISTRICT 2! IT'S SUMMER! IT'S TIME TO DIVE IN! SPLASH!!! Detroit is a buzz with "politics" and perhaps, "Poli-tricks"? But D2 residents can rest assured that, as my Grandmother used to say, **with D2 being led by Councilwoman Calloway (C-2), and your humble servant me, Police Commissioner Bernard, (PC-D2)** *"leading the charge"* as *your* elected representatives...***"You Have the Bases Loaded"*! We both have spent a lifetime in the business of "Protecting and Serving the Community"!**

Councilwoman Calloway has opened her campaign office on Livernois in the gray - "All things Political" Building immediately south of **Noni's Sherwood Grill**. She is on the ballot and officially a candidate. All the community has to do is check the box – **CALLOWAY!**

Unfortunately, unforeseen circumstances prohibited me from being on the ballot, **so I am relying on Y\_O\_U, our D2 community, to write in my name, Linda Bernard on your ballot!** My campaign is a WRITE IN CAMPAIGN. It's not exactly a household name, but I'm

relying on **Y-O-U** to write it in on your ballot, like you did Mike Duggan (to get him elected as a write in candidate) a few years ago. But enough on me! Let's get down to **POLICE BUSINESS AND PUBLIC SAFETY—MY PRIORITY! FYI-** We recently promoted 27 Police Officers to Sergeant; 11 Sergeants to Lieutenant and 11 Lieutenants to Captain so you have 49 new people in command positions in the city! As part of its "Due Diligence", the BOPC reviewed disciplinary records and citizen complaints records of each nominee, prior to authorizing the promotions. All four D2 Precincts (12th; 10th; 8th; and 2nd) will benefit from these promotions. **CONGRATULATIONS to all the new "Brass"**

**nominated by Chief Bettison! As Chair of the powerful BOPC POLICY COMMITTEE**, and as the Board's only attorney, the committee (consisting of Commissioners and Community Leaders) reviews: Policies and Police Special Orders with the objective of promoting Constitutional Policing by our officers; fostering strict adherence to our policies; and protection of the Constitutional Rights of civilians. Various special interest groups, i.e., ACLU, WSU Law School Reps, Citizens, are included. All are welcome. On a closing note, ALL city residents can be proud of the fact that the BOPC is two years ahead of the MI Legislature which recently introduced the police Practices, Standardization, Transparency and Trust Act in implementing police reforms recently introduced by Rep. Cynthia Chang and the Michigan Bipartisan Community Trust Committee to

## A Message from the District 2 Police Commissioner



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

and approved by the MI Legislature. **I'm proud to say the BOPC adopted policies more than a year ago** addressed many of the reforms in the legislation. We all but eliminated "NO KNOCK WARRANTS" (Brianna Taylor) except in kidnapping, terrorism, etc., the most extreme situations. DPD officers also have a "DUTY TO INTERVENE" in the face of officer misconduct (George Floyd). Officers are required to use "DE-ESCALATION" techniques PRIOR TO USING FORCE, and all use of force must be "reasonable", and is reviewed by command officers as to reasonableness and necessity and OCI, if there is a citizen's complaint. DPD Officers can be disciplined for disabling their body cams and are disciplined for domestic violence arrests. The S.T.A.T. Act does standardize testing procedures for MI Commission on Law Enforcement Standards; **allows an officer's license to be revoked for a finding of guilt for misdemeanor domestic violence**; requires a separate record/ files for officer misconduct; and eliminates the protection of officers for untruthful, compulsory statements.

And ***"THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, FOLKS!"***

**Atty. Linda D. Bernard J.D., LL.M.**  
**"The People's Advocate, Now and Forever"©.**



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Council Member Calloway's Small Business Spotlight

The Haus of Bae Salon & Boutique officially opened its doors on September 4, 2022, marking the beginning of a journey that would see it become a beloved fixture in the local community. Initially envisioned as a vibrant social hub, this space was created for individuals to connect, share their personal experiences, and build meaningful relationships. Over time, the salon has evolved, expanding its role to become not only a place for beauty services but also a venue that offers invaluable resources to residents. It provides a welcoming third space where people can come together, share resources, and feel a sense of belonging. For the past three years, The Haus of Bae has stood strong as a cornerstone of the community, thriving under the dedicated leadership of Erica Lane. With a deep-rooted passion for hair and beauty, Ms. Lane takes immense joy in styling and helping her clients feel and look their absolute best. As a proud resident of District 2, she has committed herself wholeheartedly to using her talents and expertise to uplift her community. Through her hard work and dedication, Ms. Lane has created a space that offers not just beauty services but also a wealth of resources to each and every individual who steps through the doors of The Haus of Bae. Her efforts have transformed the salon into a true community gem, where everyone is welcomed with open arms and can find a sense of home away from home.

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



*Meet The Owner*



**Erica Lane**

**STORE ADDRESS:**  
**19146 JAMES COUZENS FWY,**  
**DETROIT, MI 48235**





# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CELEBRATING**  
**JUNETEENTH**  
**FREEDOM DAY**

ENTERTAINMENT, VENDORS, RESOURCES, FOOD  
TRUCKS, LIVE DJ, AND MORE...

**SAT**  
**JUNE**  
**14**  
**12PM**

**OAK GROVE AME CHURCH**  
19801 CHERRYLAWN, DETROIT, MI 48221  
REV. CINDY RUDOLPH, SENIOR PASTOR

## Celebrate Juneteenth with Oak Grove AME!

The Commission on Christian & Social Relations (CC&SR) at Oak Grove A.M.E. Church is committed to fostering community harmony through meaningful and engaging programs. This year, we invite you to join us for our Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 14th from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the church parking lot. This festive event will include live music, health screenings, spoken word performances, Black history presentations, children's activities, food trucks, and a wide array of local vendors. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors as we honor the spirit of freedom and unity together!

## HAPPY *Father's* DAY

**Mindfulness Kids Enrichment**

Starting June 26th

Join the fun at the park!  
Free weekly youth activities, bursting with excitement. Get ready for adventures in movement, mindfulness, nature exploration, art, and so much more!

No cost to families

**Van Antwerp Park**  
19891 Wyoming Detroit, MI 48221  
Snacks and supplies provided.

Every Thursday 3-6pm

**L.U.F.E.**  
Lifting Up Families Effectively

**PROGRAMS**  
*In the park coming in June*

Starting June 26th

- Park clean ups
- Yoga
- Arts & Crafts
- Snacks and water provided
- Nature based learning
- Environmental education





**NO COST TO ATTEND**

Van Antwerp Park  
734-577-7477





# District 2 NEWSLETTER

LIVERNOIS AVENUE COMMUNITY EVENT

## JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

### LIVERNOIS AVE OF FASHION

ALL DAY EVENT | CULTURE | SALES | GRAND OPENING

ENJOY A FULL DAY OF CELEBRATION FEATURING A  
GRAND OPENING, SPECIAL SALES, CULTURAL  
EXPERIENCES, AND ACTIVITIES THAT PAY TRIBUTE  
TO JUNETEENTH.

**19 JUNE 2025**  
**12PM - 12 AM** LIVERNOIS AVE  
BETWEEN 6 MILE AND 8 MILE

**GET HELP & AVOID FORECLOSURE!**

Wayne County Treasurer  
Eric R. Sabree Presents

## ASK THE TREASURER

Join us for a virtual event to get  
resources and information for  
delinquent taxes, payment plans,  
and much more!

**Wednesday, June 18, 2025 | 6:00PM**

**JOIN THE CONVERSATION:**

**MEETING ID: 812 1577 4048**  
**PASSCODE: 415440**

**OR CALL IN:**  
**+1 301-715-8592**

**SCAN HERE**



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Office - Eric R. Sabree



Join HRD for the City of Detroit's  
**Consolidated Plan** meetings to discuss  
Federal funding for housing and  
community development!

Come in person for **refreshments** and **raffle**!  
The community organization that shows up  
with the most people wins a **prize**!

**Tuesday, June 3, 5:00 - 6:30pm**  
Butzel Family Center (East Side)  
7737 Kercheval

**Thursday, June 5, 5:00 - 6:30pm**  
Northwest Activities Center (West Side)  
18100 Meyers

**Wednesday, June 18, 5:30 - 6:30pm**  
**ONLINE (Zoom)**  
<https://tinyurl.com/ConPlanZoom> (or scan)

**Please register in advance!**  
<https://tinyurl.com/ConPlanRSVP> (or scan)

**For more information, visit:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/detroithrd>

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