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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



*DPD Chief Bettison, Former U.S. Attorney Ison and Councilmember Calloway*

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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)



*Councilmember Calloway at Formal Session on Tuesday, March 18, 2025.*



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DETROIT CITY COUNCIL • DISTRICT 2

**Coffee  
&  
Conversation**

## WHEN



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



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

## WHERE



**ADAMS BUTZEL COMPLEX**  
10500 LYNDON STREET



**NEW PROSPECT CHURCH ANNEX**  
19940 LIVERNOIS AVE.



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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## District 2 Virtual Community Webinar

Join Councilmember Angela Whitfield Calloway and her team for an engaging virtual discussion, featuring a special presentation from the Office of Inspector General and community stakeholders.



**Monday, April 21, 2025**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**5:30 PM-6:30 PM**

**Webinar ID: 894 8248 2060**  
**Webinar Passcode: 549541**

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BEYOND CITY BOUNDARIES - BEYOND 1

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## Celebrating Former U.S. Attorney Dawn Ison



Last month, during Women's History Month, Councilmember Calloway paid tribute to a trailblazer, Attorney Dawn Ison, for her groundbreaking career as the first Black female United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. A proud daughter of Detroit, Attorney Ison was appointed to this esteemed position by President Joe Biden. Her remarkable career reflects an unwavering commitment to justice, blending legal expertise with deep empathy for the communities she serves.

Throughout her journey, Attorney Ison has become known for her work as a criminal defense attorney, civil litigator, and prosecutor of high-profile cases involving public corruption and drug trafficking. From 2010 to 2014, she led the Drug Task Force Unit, handling complex cases and dismantling major criminal networks. Her leadership expanded when she became the head of one of the largest U.S. Attorney's

Offices in the nation, overseeing operations across 34 counties and serving more than 6.5 million people.

Under her leadership, significant reforms were implemented to reduce violent crime, rebuild community trust, and bridge the gap between law enforcement and communities affected by systemic injustice.

This celebration of Attorney Ison's accomplishments takes on additional meaning when we reflect on her connection to Spelman College, an institution founded on April 11, 1881. As we approach Spelman's 144th Founders Day, we are reminded of the college's long-standing commitment to empowering women to pursue lives of purpose, leadership, and service. Spelman College's mission, "A Choice to Change the World," is not just a slogan but a call to action — one that resonates deeply with Attorney Ison and Councilmember Calloway, both proud alumna of Spelman College. The work of these two leaders reflects the transformative power of a Spelman education, which fosters an environment where women are prepared to make an enduring impact in every sector of society.

Attorney Ison also became the first recipient of Councilmember Calloway's prestigious Crystal Award. This recognition highlights her exceptional leadership, dedication to justice, and profound impact on her community.

As we honor Attorney Ison and all the women who have shaped history, we are reminded that Spelman College continues to produce leaders who not only achieve greatness but also inspire future generations to follow in their footsteps. Attorney Ison's career is a testament to the legacy of Spelman's commitment to justice and equity.

# COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

## Inaugural Detroit Women's Commission



*Detroit Women's Commission Swearing-in on March 31, 2025.*

On the last day of National Women's History Month, the Detroit Women's Commission was officially sworn in, marking a historic milestone as the first of its kind in Detroit. Councilmember Calloway, a proud mother of four, understands the importance of advocating for expectant and new mothers. When she first proposed the resolution to create the commission in March 2023, the *Michigan Advance* highlighted some alarming statistics: the maternal death rate in Detroit is 3x higher than the national average, and pregnant Black women are 4.5x more likely to die compared to non-Hispanic white women. Disturbingly, 44% of pregnancy-related deaths are preventable. "In 2023, I introduced the resolution to establish the Detroit Women's Commission because women are the backbone of our communities, yet our voices have often been overlooked in policy decisions that directly impact our lives," said Councilmember Calloway. "This commission ensures that our perspectives, needs, and contributions are at the forefront of Detroit's policymaking." Councilmember Calloway recognizes that addressing the challenges in our community requires the skills and collaboration

of a diverse group of people. The community grapples with various issues, such as domestic violence, underemployment, pay inequality, homelessness, inadequate healthcare, and substance use. The Detroit Women's Commission unites leaders and stakeholders to take swift, compassionate action and directly support those affected by these challenges. The commission aims to be a platform for listening to women's voices, understanding their needs, and advocating for a holistic approach that tackles the social, behavioral, and health-related aspects of their lives. Its focus will be on crucial issues affecting women and families, making thoughtful and impactful recommendations to legislative and administrative bodies. Mayor Mike Duggan, First Lady Dr. Sonia Hassan Duggan, Deputy Mayor Melia Howard, and the administration have been instrumental in supporting the establishment of the Detroit Women's Commission. The women who have volunteered for this inaugural commission have dedicated their time and talents to this critical work, ensuring that Detroit remains at the forefront of championing women's rights and well-being.



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **#TeamCalloway Celebrates Reading and Literacy Month**

In March, #TeamCalloway took part in National Reading Month by reading to students at various schools throughout District 2. National Reading Month serves as a vital opportunity to inspire young readers and foster a love for books.

Engaging with students during this crucial time can enhance their comprehension, vocabulary, and phonological skills. Councilmember Calloway had the pleasure of reading to students at Pembroke Academy and Detroit Achievement Academy, while team members visited Palmer Park Preparatory Academy and The School at Marygrove during a special engagement day, where Divine 9 members shared their favorite childhood books with elementary students.

After the reading sessions, they had the chance to interact with different grade levels, discussing their educational journeys, work experiences, and the sororities and fraternities they represent. This initiative not only promoted literacy but also emphasized the importance of community involvement in education. The students were enthusiastic and eager to participate, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their own favorite stories. By connecting with local leaders and role models, the children were encouraged to dream big and understand the value of education in achieving their goals.



*Robeon Cooper, Community Relations Manager at The School at Marygrove for Reading Month.*



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Wayne Health Mobile Unit

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

### OAK GROVE AME

JOIN US:

Friday, February 21 at 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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



## OAK GROVE

African Methodist Episcopal Church

#### 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)



\*Services vary by availability



WAYNE HEALTH

If you have any questions or comments, please call 313-448-9850 or visit, [waynehealthcares.org](http://waynehealthcares.org)



WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

## Free Community Health Services at Oak Grove AME!

The Wayne Mobile Health Unit is bringing essential health services to District 2 in partnership with Oak Grove AME! Stop by next month on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, for free health screenings, including blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, and kidney function. Flu shots and COVID-19 testing (for symptomatic or exposed individuals) will also be available. No insurance? No problem—vaccines are provided at no cost to uninsured individuals. Plus, access additional services like STI, HIV, and hepatitis C testing. For more information: [waynehealthcares.org](http://waynehealthcares.org) or call (313) 448-9850.

## Come out & Volunteer for Motor City Makeover!



### 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)



Department of Neighborhood General Services Department

### Keep Detroit Clean



Motor City Makeover has united Detroiters for 30+ years to beautify our neighborhoods! This year, cleanup efforts are on three Saturdays in May. On **May 3**, #TeamCalloway and District 2 will pitch in to keep our community vibrant! Register starting March 19 for supplies, flowers & debris pickup. Let's keep District 2 beautiful! For more information: [motorcitymakeover.org](http://motorcitymakeover.org) or (313) 224-4415.



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## 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](http://gdyt.org) opens on February 6, at 9AM.



**GDYT**  
PROGRAM 2025

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



WORKS!

Supported by the Michigan Department of Economic Development, a Michigan State Agency. Equal opportunity employer/program. Supported by the State of Michigan, Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. #RealJobsInTheMotorCity. All other work and promotional materials apply subject to individual work conditions or language needs. 1-800-456-4600, TTY: 313-224-2200



Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway and GDYT interns during Summer of 2023.

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**GREETINGS NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS,** Spring is on the way, and it's clean up your yard season, (front and back)! I'm sure **Councilwoman Calloway** will soon recruit all of us as "voluntary maintenance workers" to clean up the freeways and public areas in **District 2!** On another subject... **WARNING! DPD IS USING TECHNOLOGY TO SLOW DOWN ALL D-2 DRIVERS AND ENFORCE ALL TRAFFIC AND VEHICLE LAWS!** This past week **DPD Chief Bettison** initiated a "**RESPONSIBLE DRIVING INITIATIVE**" in the **12<sup>th</sup> Precinct** and the **10<sup>th</sup> Precinct**. The goal was to make sure that vehicle operators:

1. Are operating within the speed limit and not committing traffic violations.
2. Are not transporting illegal weapons or narcotics.
3. Are driving properly licensed vehicles; whether it be a plate or a paper/temporary plate.
4. Have a legal driver's license (not a suspended license).

**In the 12<sup>th</sup> Precinct there were:**

- 26 Felony Arrests
- 1 Firearm was recovered
- 43 tickets issued, including 7 for no license plate and 17 for fake or expired paper license plates. (Some actually folded up a piece of blank paper, wrote a date on it, and taped it to the back window!)

**In the 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct there were:**

- 59 Traffic Stops
- 89 Tickets Issued
- 1 Felony CCW Arrest

In response to my concern that we not unknowingly "paper" the community with expensive tickets which they cannot afford, I requested the Dept. to mount a media campaign, especially with contemporary and hip-hop radio stations, to **WARN** the community that the Dept. is vigorously enforcing traffic laws. It's a real problem. Every week Commissioners get an "earful" from residents about the running of red lights and speeding in Detroit. Recently a bus load of frustrated Detroiters went to Lansing requesting that the Legislature address their concerns about speeding and the running of red lights with specific enforcement legislation targeted for Detroit!

## A Message from the District 2 Police Commissioner



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

**Unlike many cities, Detroit is a GREAT city for driving!** We have boulevards and streets that are 8 lanes wide! Think of Gratiot, Jefferson Ave., Michigan Ave., Grand River, and Woodward and Livernois (until the islands were built). These boulevards and avenues run east/west and north/south! Detroit also built the **FIRST** expressway in the US; the Davison Freeway! Parenthetically, I remember when I moved to Boston, MA to be General Counsel for the Massachusetts Port Authority. The streets were narrow and driving even on the freeway was like being in a parking lot—all you could see were brake lights! The traffic was atrocious, because the city was built with narrow streets for horses and buggies! I could not wait to come back to Detroit, just to drive the speed limit, have the wind blow in my face and freely maneuver my vehicle! **In conclusion, notwithstanding the fact that Detroit is the American city that created "VROOM, VROOM", City Leaders, the Police Commission, the Community and DPD Brass have spoken: in Detroit, OBEY the traffic laws, or PAY FINES, FEES AND PENALTIES, (or possibly go to jail); AND, UNFORTUNATELY pay even higher insurance rates! UGH!**

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

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## Council Member Calloway's Small Business Spotlight

1st Step Healthcare Training LLC, founded by Annette Anderson, is a Round 25 Detroit Motor City Match awardee. 1st Step Healthcare Training has made a significant impact on the Detroit community, especially in District 2, by providing transformative educational opportunities for individuals seeking to advance their careers in healthcare. Inspired by her own life-changing experience as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Annette Anderson established 1st Step Healthcare Training with the goal of empowering others to succeed in the healthcare field. The organization offers a four-week CNA boot camp, along with certification programs in phlebotomy and EKG technician training. These courses provide students with essential skills and open doors to a wide range of career opportunities in the healthcare industry. Thanks to the support of the Motor City Match, 1st Step Healthcare Training received a grant, which has been used to improve classroom equipment, furnishings, and marketing efforts. In its first year, the school has successfully graduated more than 70 students, many of whom have advanced to nursing and physician assistant programs. As 1st Step Healthcare Training continues to grow, plans are in place to expand the curriculum to include additional nursing courses, furthering the mission to empower the next generation of healthcare professionals in Detroit.



Meet The Owner



## ANNETTE ANDERSON, RN

**ADDRESS:** 7800 W OUTER DRIVE  
SUITE LL60, DETROIT, MI 48235

**HOURS:** MON-FRI: 8:00AM – 4:00PM  
SAT: APPOINTMENT ONLY  
SUN: CLOSED

**PHONE:** (313) 385-3307

**INFO@FIRSTSTEPHEALTHCARETRAINING.COM**

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



# District 2 NEWSLETTER

People for Palmer Park

## Earth Day Clean Up

Sunday, April 27 • 10 am-3 pm

We provide bags, gloves & tools (or BYO favorites!)

Sign Up: [palmerparkearthday2025.eventbrite.com](https://palmerparkearthday2025.eventbrite.com)

Meet Up: Detroit's Palmer Park next to Community House  
990 Merrill Plaisance • Park in Splash Park lot



## Aziza Fairy Forest

### TRASH & TREASURE HUNT!

For All Ages!

Clean the forest while you & your children search for Aziza Fairies and nature's magic.

Make a Fairy Door, Bird House, or Butterfly Art  
Refreshments  
Learn About Recycling



## Enjoy Live Music & Art

### ART in the TREES

With Integrity Shows



Artists, Music & Art Installations throughout the Woods



Detroit City Council  
Historic Designation Advisory Board  
[detroitmi.gov/hdab](https://detroitmi.gov/hdab)

## Arab and Chaldean History Project Community Meeting

Tuesday  
April 29  
5pm

Greenfield  
Union  
School

420 W. Seven Mile Rd.  
Detroit, MI 48203

### Get Involved!

Learn about the 100+ years of Arab and Chaldean history in Detroit and what's next for the project.



Images: (Top to bottom) Christine Hopkins, 1970s courtyard, Detroit Public Library, Central Branch, 144 E. Boston Historical Library, Southeast Street School, 2010s, 4000 10000, 10000 students learning English, 1970s, Betty P. Swisher Library

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# 2025

## YARD WASTE COLLECTION

begins March 31 and ends December 19.

Curbside pickup for 38 weeks along with weekly trash pickup.

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