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# District 2

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# NEWSLETTER

FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD CALLOWAY, JD



**Happy  
Spring!**

**FOLLOW COUNCIL MEMBER CALLOWAY**

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# COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

## Watch City Council live & 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)



*Council Member Calloway at Formal Session on March 5, 2024.*



*Council Member Calloway at Formal Session on March 19, 2024.*



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## Legislative Updates

### Council Member Calloway Advocates for Syphilis Awareness

Since the start of this year, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has raised concerns about the increase in cases of Syphilis. Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection that can seriously affect the health of men, women, and infants.

In 2022, the U.S. surpassed the highest count of infections since 1950. In Michigan, Syphilis rates have risen, on average, 11% annually since 2012. MDHHS has reported a 25% increase between the years of 2020 and 2021 alone.

Detroit has the highest rate of Syphilis cases in the state. Council Member Calloway shares the

concerns of the experts at MDHHS and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who are sounding this alarm nationwide.

In recognition of these facts, Council Member Calloway is putting forth a resolution declaring April as “Syphilis Awareness Month” in the City of Detroit.

### Council Member Calloway Supports Legislation Concerning Payday Loans

During Formal Session on March 19, Council Member Calloway shared her support of Senate Bill 632, which will regulate payday loans. Council Member Calloway congratulates Senator Sarah Anthony for successfully navigating this important legislation through the Michigan Legislature.

If passed by the Michigan House of Representatives, the legislation will limit payday lending rates to a cap of 36% annually, aligning Michigan with similar legislation enacted in 20 states and the District of Columbia.

Currently, those who borrow from payday lenders in Michigan pay as much as 300% annually. On March 11, 2024, SB 632 was reported out of the Committee on Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection.

On March 14, 2024, the entire Michigan Senate passed the legislation with bipartisan support. The legislation now moves to the Michigan House of Representatives for action. This legislation will be good for Detroit and the state of Michigan. Everyone should support this effort.



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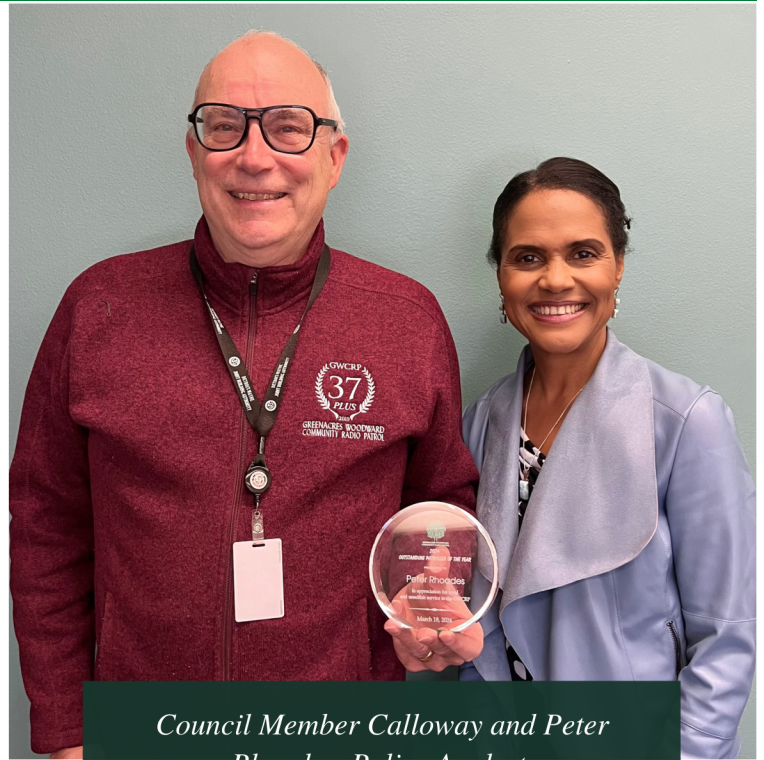
## Council Member Calloway attends NLC Congressional City Conference



*Council Member Calloway and Senator Gary Peters.*

This year's Congressional City Conference (CCC) allowed Council Member Calloway to network with over 3,000 other attendees. The conference aims to teach local leaders how to sharpen their skills in forging impactful connections/relationships, advocacy, and leadership. While attending the CCC in Washington, D.C., Council Member Calloway met with Senator Gary Peters. During their meeting, they discussed the historic Avenue of Fashion and potential opportunities to collaborate to offer relief for commercial property owners in District 2. The Council Member also discussed the District's dire need for affordable housing and better mass transit.

Council Member Calloway used this as an opportunity to meet with policy experts and uplift the priorities of District 2 and the entire city of Detroit. CCC is an excellent opportunity for local leaders to meet their federal representatives.



*Council Member Calloway and Peter Rhoades, Policy Analyst.*

## Celebrating 37 years of Community Vigilance

On March 18, 2024, the Greenacres-Woodward Community Radio Patrol (GWCRP) held its annual meeting at "The Lighthouse" on Livernois Avenue. Deputy Mayor Todd Bettison was the keynote speaker, and City Clerk Janice Winfrey made special presentations.

Council Member Calloway was in attendance to applaud *#TeamCalloway* Policy Analyst Peter Rhoades as he received one of several "Outstanding Patroller of the Year" awards presented in appreciation for his loyal and unselfish service to the GWCRP. Community radio patrols help reduce crime in our neighborhoods under the leadership of Jim Ward. The GWCRP celebrated its 37th anniversary, and its neighborhood enjoys one of the lowest crime rates in the city. Volunteers give their time and talents freely. Please support your local radio patrol.



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Meet #TeamCalloway for Coffee & Conversation

Please join Council Member Whitfield Calloway at Eden Manor, 18040 Coyle Street, on **Monday, April 8, 2024**, at 8 AM for Coffee and Conversation.

This is a great opportunity to meet with Council Member Whitfield Calloway and learn about her work in the community. You can also share your ideas and concerns with her and *#TeamCalloway* and learn how to get involved. Coffee & Conversation is a casual event, so feel free to come as you are and enjoy a cup of coffee while connecting with your community. We hope to see you there!



**Monday, April 15, 2024**  
**5:30-6:30 PM**  
**ZOOM Meeting ID: 896 9583 7346**  
**Passcode: 549961**

## District 2 Virtual Community Meeting

Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn from the Detroit Fire Department and the Detroit Health Department. The virtual community meeting is coming soon, and you're invited to join. Here are the important details to keep in mind:

- The meeting will be held on **Monday, April 15, 2024**, at 5:30 PM
- The Detroit Fire Dept. and Detroit Health Dept. will present.
- Use the Zoom Meeting ID: **896 9583 7346**
- Enter the Passcode: **549961** to participate.



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## Council Member Calloway's Small Business Spotlight

Culture Detroit opened its doors in October 2021 and has been a place for young entrepreneurs to learn about business and marketing ever since.

What began as an online medium for buying and selling fashion, started by four brothers, grew into a platform for over 120,000 members, eventually resulting in a brick-and-mortar on Detroit's historic Avenue of Fashion. Culture Detroit specializes in high-end designer and retro collectible sneakers and clothing.

The brothers designed the online platform to create a safe digital forum for collectors and entrepreneurs to trade valuable fashion safely. Their desire to mitigate dangerous selling techniques used by scammers to steal and misrepresent items charged them to create a brick-and-mortar store to facilitate trades in a safe space.

Culture Detroit has significantly impacted the city of Detroit and has successfully helped entrepreneurs flourish in a fast-paced industry. The brothers have made it their mission to be good community partners by providing food and coat drives, back-to-school supply giveaways, and hosting events for major holidays.



*Meet The Owners*

**JUANZEL SMITH, RUMEAL SMITH,  
KHARIE SANDERS & DEMITRIS JONES**

**CUL-TURE**

19327 LIVERNOIS AVENUE

CULTUREDET@GMAIL.COM

(313) 569-1312

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





# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Human Trafficking Advocacy Day

By: Thomaesa Bailey, Esq.

On Tuesday, March 19, 2024, the Detroit Human Trafficking Task Force traveled to the Michigan State Capitol to host an Advocacy Day Against Human Trafficking. The advocacy day was organized to advocate for three legislative proposals that the task force believes will address human trafficking not only in the city of Detroit but also in the state of Michigan.



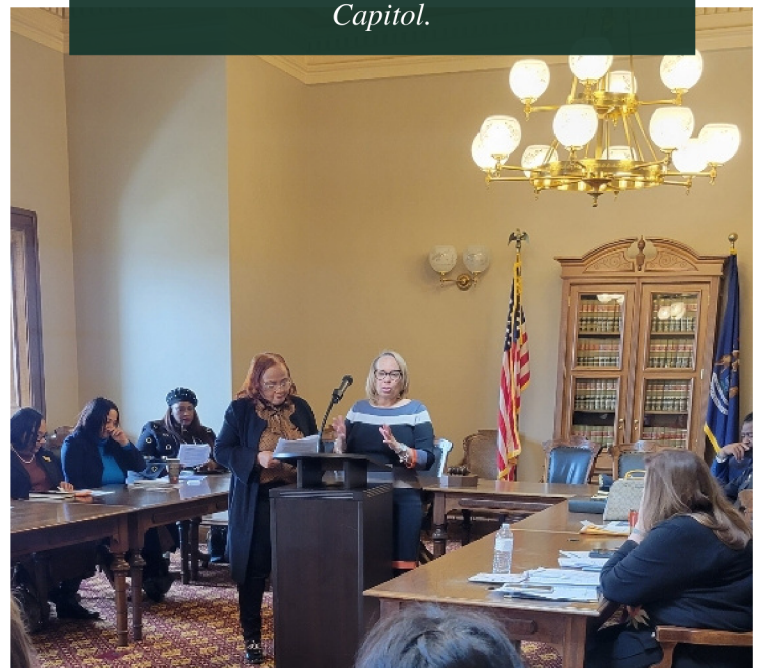
*Task Force members with Dana Nessel, Michigan Attorney General.*

While in Lansing, task force members advocated for criminal record restriction for individuals who were trafficked as minors and forced to commit crimes while they were being trafficked. We advocated for a statewide law that would require hotels and motels across the state to post the human trafficking hotline number in their establishments. Additionally, we advocated for training grants to fund the creation and implementation of age-appropriate survivor and educator-led human trafficking training. In addition to advocating for these three legislative proposals, the Human Trafficking Task Force also educated state lawmakers and Capitol staff on the prevalence of human trafficking in the state. According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline,

Michigan ranked in the top 10 states in 2021 for human trafficking calls, with 295 cases of human trafficking identified involving 429 known victims. We also discussed the demographics of human trafficking victims, showing that it disproportionately impacts women and girls, many of whom are of color and from disadvantaged backgrounds. Additionally, we talked about the economic impact of human trafficking on the state and how human trafficking impacts families and communities. We wanted to impress upon the audience that each human trafficking statistic is tied to a story of a person who was taken from his or her family.



*Task Force members at the Michigan State Capitol.*





# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Walk in the Park Returns this Month

Meet Council Member Calloway and her team at Marygrove Conservancy, 8425 W McNichols, on April 4, April 11, April 17, and April 25 at 8 AM to enjoy a stroll with fellow residents and District 2 stakeholders.

What to Expect:

- Fresh Morning Air: Breathe in the crisp, revitalizing air as you stroll on campus.
- A Brisk Walk: Get your body moving.
- Updates on District 2: Learn about the latest developments and initiatives led by Council Member Calloway and her team.

Remember to wear comfortable walking shoes.

This is a community event, and everyone is welcome to join.

Mark your calendar and get ready!

## WALK IN THE PARK WITH COUNCIL MEMBER CALLOWAY



EVERY THURSDAY

AT 8 AM

MEET COUNCIL MEMBER CALLOWAY AND HER TEAM AT MARYGROVE CONSERVANCY AT 8425 W MCNICHOLS.

For more information:  
(313) 224-4535



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Black Men Vote outreach event at 313 Community Barbershop.

## Supporting Black Men Vote

By: Jerry Perrett

On March 9, #TeamCalloway was honored to attend Black Men Vote at the 313 Community Barbershop on W. McNichols. Thank you to Todd Williams for inviting #TeamCalloway to share resources and support the initiative. Black Men Vote aims to empower Black men, especially young Black men, to participate actively during elections. The organization provides education on the significance of voting and emphasizes its power in effecting desired changes in neighborhoods and communities. They complete this goal by going into neighborhoods, registering willing residents to vote, and starting conversations that further the discussion of Black men voting. We hope to partner with Black Men Vote through the Youth and Civic Engagement Task Force.



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Senior Citizen Solid Waste Discount

The application period for the Senior Citizen Solid Waste Discount offered by the City of Detroit is July 1-September 15. Here are the details:

- Homeowners aged 65 and above with a Principle Residence Exemption on file are eligible for a discount.
- The Solid Waste Fee is \$250, with qualifying seniors receiving a \$125 discount.
- Annual reapplication is **not** required as long as ownership and residency are maintained.

Application instructions for the Senior Citizen Solid Waste Discount:

Submit the completed Senior Citizen Application for Solid Waste Discount to the City of Detroit Treasurer's Office between July 1- September 15.

- EMAIL: [DTSC@detroitmi.gov](mailto:DTSC@detroitmi.gov)
- DELIVER IN PERSON: Detroit Taxpayer Center, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center Suite 130
- BY MAIL: Detroit Taxpayer Center, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 130, Detroit, MI 48226

Include copies of the following with your application:

- Proof of identity, address, and age (e.g., valid driver's license or passport)

Filing this form is optional, but the discount will not be processed without it. The Treasurer's Office may request additional documentation for verification.

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)

Portal and Application open:  
**THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 8  
2024**  
[gdyt.org](http://gdyt.org)

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Grow Detroit's  
Young Talent

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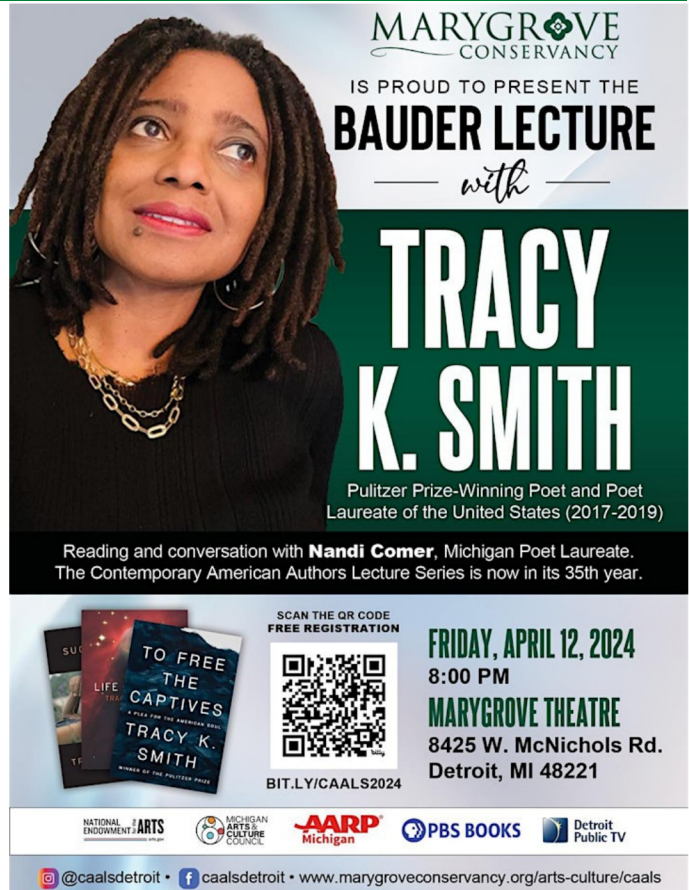
## Grow Detroit's Young Talent Program

Grow Detroit's Young Talent is now open for youth ages 14 to 24 to sign up for a six-week paid work summer experience in partnership with Metro Detroit corporations, non-profit organizations, municipal departments, local businesses, and philanthropic endeavors. The application portal can be found at **GDYT.org**, and **applications will close on May 31, 2024**. If an applicant wants to work in the Office of Council Member Whitfield Calloway, please ensure that you use our special code **CMAW24** on the application.

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series presents the Bauder Lecture

Tracy K. Smith, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and U.S. Poet Laureate (2017-2019), will be the 35th guest in the Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series (CAALS) hosted by the Marygrove Conservancy at 8425 W. McNichols Road. Smith will deliver the Bauder Lecture in the Marygrove Theatre at 8 PM on **Friday, April 12, 2024**. After reading her poetry, she will be joined by Michigan's poet laureate, Nandi Comer, for an onstage conversation. This event is free and open to the public; please register in advance by scanning the QR code.



MARYGROVE CONSERVANCY IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE BAUDER LECTURE with **TRACY K. SMITH** Pulitzer Prize-Winning Poet and Poet Laureate of the United States (2017-2019)

Reading and conversation with **Nandi Comer**, Michigan Poet Laureate. The Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series is now in its 35th year.

SCAN THE QR CODE FREE REGISTRATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024  
8:00 PM  
MARYGROVE THEATRE  
8425 W. McNichols Rd.  
Detroit, MI 48221

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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS MICHIGAN ARTS & CULTURE COUNCIL AARP Michigan PBS BOOKS Detroit Public TV

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## Motor City Makeover is coming to District 2

Registration is currently open for the 2024 Motor City Makeover event! Motor City Makeover 365 is a yearly volunteer initiative in Detroit aimed at citywide cleanup and enhancement efforts. Every year, thousands of volunteers unite to clean and beautify various areas, including neighborhoods, parks, playgrounds, businesses, schools, and places of worship.

How to Participate:

- Register by dialing (313) 224-4415 or visiting [www.motorcitymakeover.org](http://www.motorcitymakeover.org)
- Upon confirmation, collect supplies on Friday, April 26, 2024, at the Northwest Activity Center
- Pick up flowers on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at the Northwest Activity Center

2024

**TAKE PART!!**

Register today to help keep Detroit beautiful!

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

Cleanup and beautification projects will take place three Saturdays in May.

**DISTRICT 2**

**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

Cleanup and Beautification Day

**SUPPLY PICKUP**

Friday, April 26

Northwest Activities Center  
18100 Meyers

**FLOWER PICKUP**

Thursday, May 2

Northwest Activities Center  
18100 Meyers

Groups **MUST** register with the City of Detroit to receive supplies, flowers and to schedule special pickups.



To register in advance, call (313) 224-4415 or go online to [www.motorcitymakeover.org](http://www.motorcitymakeover.org)

KEEP DETROIT CLEAN



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS & HAPPY SPRING TIME!

We survived snow on the first day of spring! BRRR! It's a good thing we did not put those winter coats away! Hopefully, we will have tulips from now on!

The first quarter of 2024 has brought new challenges to the Police Commission, and I need your help!

1. **BACKLOG**—The Commission's Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) is responsible for investigating allegations of non-criminal police misconduct. We need to hire and train 8 investigators, PRONTO!

Specifically, we seek excellent writers and clear thinkers who are "teachable" or experienced in investigative techniques and providing high-quality customer service. Check out the job announcement on the City's and BOPC websites. Let's wipe out the case backlog!

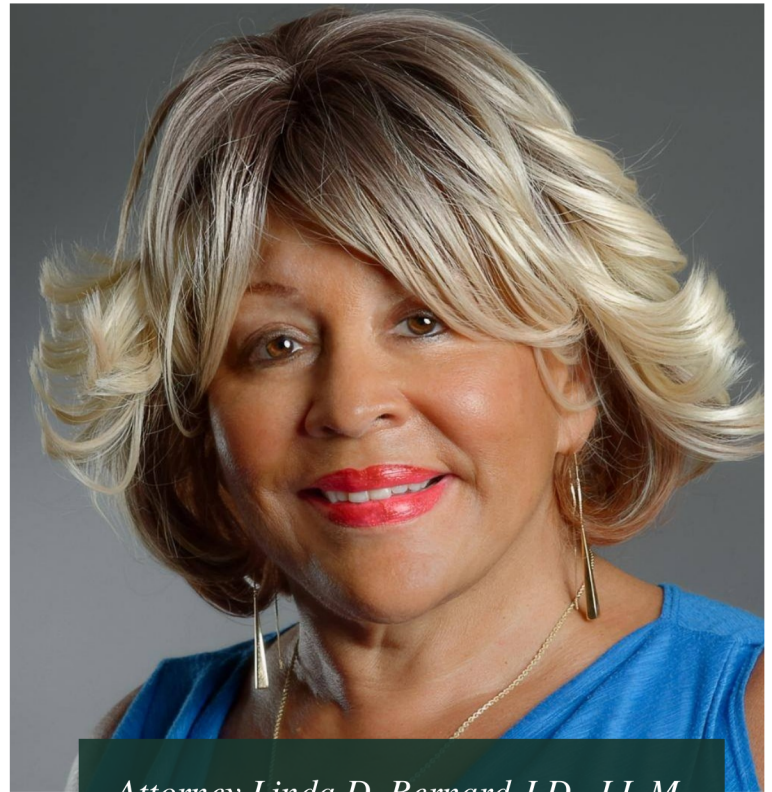
2. **CRIME STATS**—Priority One Crimes (Violent Felonies) have decreased City-Wide by 8% from last year. The 12th and 8th precincts, the largest precincts in D-2, have similar reductions in crime. HEH "TEAM RESIDENTS" AND "TEAM DPD"!

3. **SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY**—The investment in tools involving surveillance technology is dramatically increasing. DPD is spending more than \$100 million dollars on new, existing, or expanding surveillance technologies. The Dept. is investing in these technologies to address solely Part 1 Violent Crimes better, and include:

FYI—More license plate readers to be placed at intersections and around town

FYI—Improved lighting, video cameras, and license plate readers on city freeways to address freeway shootings and other Part 1 Crimes.

## A Message from the District 2 Police Commissioner



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

FYI—An expansion of "Shot Spotter" locations and, of course, "Project Greenlight," together with more constitutional policy protections in the application of Facial Recognition Software to Lineups and Eye Witness Identifications.

FYI—The photos used in Lineups come from the MI State Police.

FYI—We are also paying for "enhancements" to mobile command centers, which not only capture video but can now listen to your conversation!

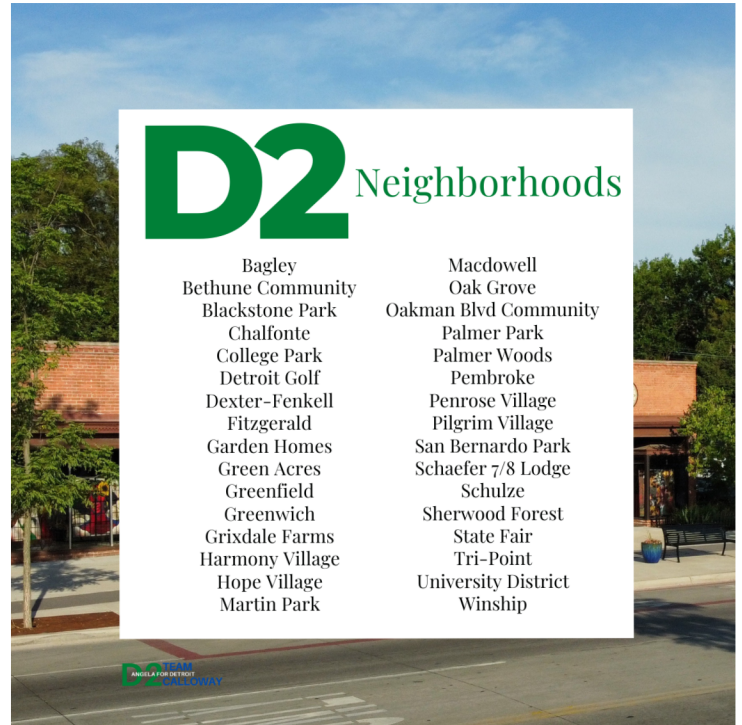
FYI—You have no constitutional right to privacy in a public area, per The U.S. Supreme Court! However, listening is protected...To be continued.

I invite all who want to assist in developing "policies providing for the constitutional use of these "tools", to join me at the BOPC Policy Committee Meeting in person or on ZOOM every other Tuesday. The next meeting is **Tuesday, April 2, 2024.**

# District 2 NEWSLETTER

## Invite Council Member Calloway's Office to Your Community Meeting

Is your community holding a meeting soon? Our Office of Council Member Calloway team would like to provide updates. To invite us to your next event, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (313) 224-4535 or email us at Council MemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov with the details.



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