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# District 2

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CALLOWAY

# NEWSLETTER

FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD CALLOWAY, JD



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# COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

## Legislative Policy Updates



### Requesting Resolution supporting the repeal of PA 389 of 2016

Through the proper procedures, Council Member Calloway requested that the Legislative Policy Division draft a resolution in support of legislation pending before the Michigan Legislature that will allow local municipalities to ban single-use plastic shopping bags.

The proposed legislature will make it possible for local communities to decide whether they want to regulate single-use plastic bags.

## Update on Land Value Tax

Council Member Calloway has yet to take a position on the proposed Land Value Tax and is still looking at the impact the proposal will have on Detroit property owners.

Now, any person can use the City of Detroit website to calculate the savings that the tax will have on their property. This estimated savings calculator will take the guesswork out of the discussion and allow for more clarity during discussions and deliberations.

Please remember that the Land Value Tax proposal must be approved by the Michigan legislature and Detroit City Council, but the ultimate decision-makers will be Detroit voters. Please stay informed and make an informed vote. This is a choice that will fundamentally change the property tax system in our city. The future is in our hands.

[Detroitmi.gov/departments/office-chief-financial/land-value-tax-plan](https://detroitmi.gov/departments/office-chief-financial/land-value-tax-plan)

### | The Land Value Tax Plan



This educational tool provides an estimate of your tax bill if the Land Value Tax proposal were in effect in 2023. These estimates are based on the current proposal in the Michigan State Legislature, which will also require City Council and voter approval.

[The Estimator Tool FAQs](#)

**It's time to lower Detroit's property taxes. Land Value Tax Plan Brochure has all the details.**

[Get the Brochure >](#)

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## Detroit City Council Redistricting Discussion

During Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 10 AM, Detroit City Council will host a discussion on the proposed changes to each district. City Council Districts need to be redrawn based on 2020 Census data. Specifics about the process can be found in the Charter and the Home Rule City Act. The population of each of the seven districts should be as equal as possible.

## Watch City Council live & leave a public comment:

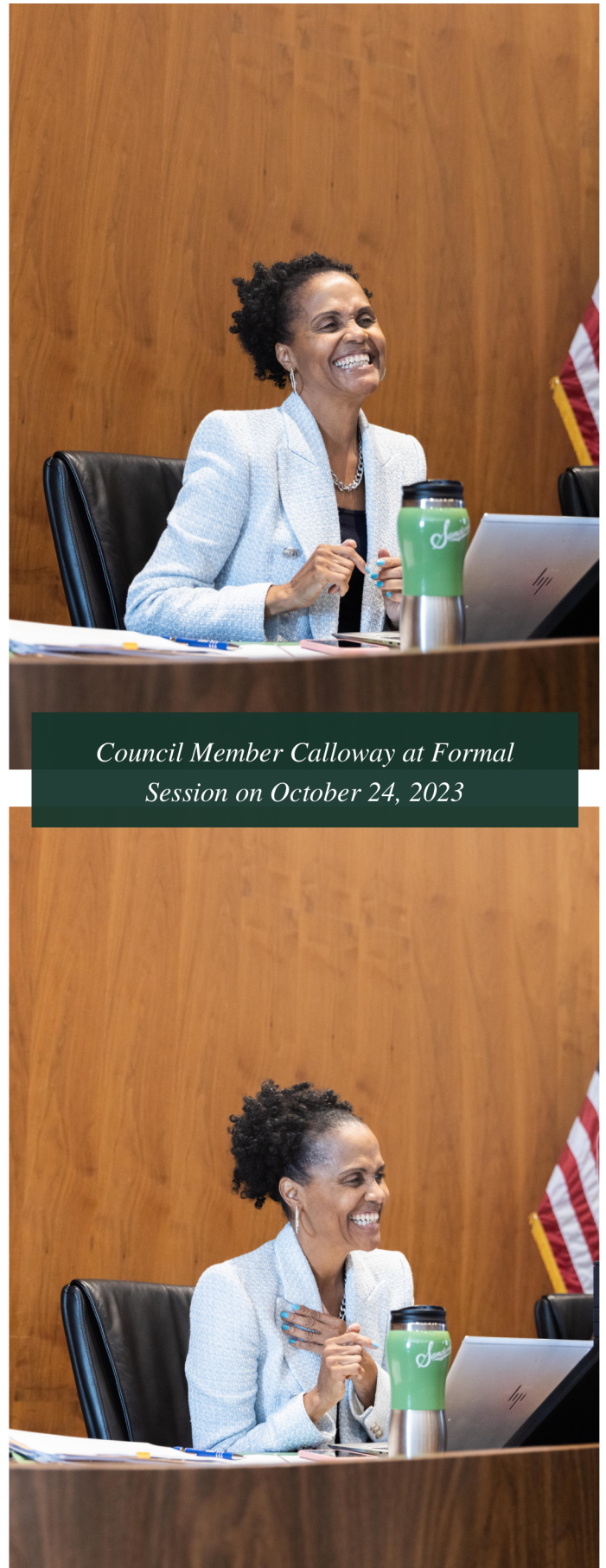
City Council Sessions may be viewed in the following manner:

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 October 24, 2023*

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## Councilmember Calloway's DIA Visit with Greenhouse Apartment Residents

Council Member Calloway and her team hosted the residents of Greenhouse Apartment for an enriching visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts.

A particular highlight of the visit was the "30 Americans" exhibit, which showcased various artistic styles, from bold and colorful paintings to intricate sculptures and thought-provoking videos. The exhibition's powerful artworks profoundly moved the residents, each providing a unique perspective on the African-American experience.

The Council Member and her team are committed to enriching the lives of District 2 residents through cultural experiences. Such outings have a profound impact on residents and help foster a greater appreciation for their community and what it has to offer.



*Council Member Calloway and Greenhouse residents on a guided tour at the Detroit Institute of Arts*



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**Monday, November 20, 2023**  
**5:30-6:30 PM**  
**Meeting ID: 894 7877 2623**  
**Passcode: 204750**

## Meet the Council Member for Coffee & Conversation

Please join Council Member Calloway and her team at GOAL Line, located within the Northwest Activities Center, **18100 Meyers Road**, on **Monday, November 13, 2023**, at 8 AM for Coffee & Conversation. GOAL Line is an after-school program that aims to nurture the academic and socioemotional growth of Detroit students. Their dedicated program is specifically designed to tackle and diminish disciplinary issues within Detroit schools. To date, they have positively impacted over 500 students. We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity to discover more about the inspiring work of GOAL Line at our upcoming "Coffee & Conversation" event. Your presence and participation would be greatly appreciated as we strive to make a difference in the lives of our students.

## District 2 Virtual Community Webinar

Take advantage of the upcoming District 2 virtual community meeting. The meeting will have a presentation from Tunesia Turner, District 2 Business Liaison of Detroit Economic Growth Corporation.

Here are the meeting details:

- **Monday, November 20, 2023** at 5:30 PM
- Detroit Economic Growth Corporation- Small Business Services
- Meeting ID: 894 7877 2623
- Passcode: 204750



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE DETROIT 501(C)3 ORG IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DISTRICT 2 DETROIT CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD-CALLOWAY PRESENTS

## THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY APPRECIATION & TURKEY GIVEAWAY



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH 12PM-2PM**

**RENAISSANCE HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT PICK UP 6565 W OUTER DR DETROIT, MI 48235**

JOIN US FOR FREE TURKEYS, MUSIC, FACE PAINTING, HOT CHOCOLATE

**Spendors**  
 Councilwoman Angela Whitfield Calloway  
 Shell Shock'd Tacos  
 House of Wax  
 Trapps Catering  
 Innovative Client Connections  
 Empowered Tutoring  
 Jen Violin  
 Hart Humanity Foundation

**Music**



## Join Council Member Calloway and PEACE Detroit for a Turkey Giveaway!

Together with PEACE Detroit, the Council Member is organizing a Turkey Giveaway event on **Sunday, November 19, 2023**. It will occur from 12 PM to 2 PM at Renaissance High School, 6565 W Outer Drive.

The event will feature various fun activities for people of all ages to enjoy, including live music, face painting, and hot chocolate. We will also be distributing free turkeys to those in need, so please don't miss this chance to take home a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. Join us for an afternoon of warmth, generosity, and community spirit.

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

Do you have a community meeting coming up? If so, the Office of Council Member Calloway would like to provide updates. To invite us to your next event, don't hesitate to contact our office at (313) 224-4535 or email [CouncilMemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov](mailto:CouncilMemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov) with the details.



## D2 Neighborhoods

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bagley</li> <li>Bethune Community</li> <li>Blackstone Park</li> <li>Chalfonte</li> <li>College Park</li> <li>Detroit Golf</li> <li>Dexter-Fenkell</li> <li>Fitzgerald</li> <li>Garden Homes</li> <li>Green Acres</li> <li>Greenfield</li> <li>Greenwich</li> <li>Grixdale Farms</li> <li>Harmony Village</li> <li>Hope Village</li> <li>Martin Park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Macdowell</li> <li>Oak Grove</li> <li>Oakman Blvd Community</li> <li>Palmer Park</li> <li>Palmer Woods</li> <li>Pembroke</li> <li>Penrose Village</li> <li>Pilgrim Village</li> <li>San Bernardo Park</li> <li>Schaefer 7/8 Lodge</li> <li>Schulze</li> <li>Sherwood Forest</li> <li>State Fair</li> <li>Tri-Point</li> <li>University District</li> <li>Winship</li> </ul>
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# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Mac Galleries: A Welcoming Space for Art Lovers

Last month, Council Member Calloway's Community Relations Manager had the opportunity to present Mac Galleries on Livernois Avenue with a Spirit of Detroit Award for their outstanding contribution to the community. The grand opening was a huge success and was attended by numerous community stakeholders, and residents thrilled to welcome the gallery to their beautiful neighborhood.

The Mac Galleries family has provided custom art framing and installation services throughout Metro Detroit since 1991. It all began with a father and son who shared a mutual interest in paintings, drawings, sculpture, and photography. Over the years, their passion for art and commitment to providing exceptional service have earned them a reputation as one of the best art galleries in the area.

Mac Galleries is a curated collection celebrating well-known and emerging artists from Detroit. The gallery is a vibrant and welcoming space that encourages art lovers to connect and collect. They offer a wide range of art pieces, including paintings, sculptures, and photography, and they also host regular art exhibitions and events that showcase the talent of local artists. Mac Galleries is an excellent addition to the community, and we look forward to seeing how they continue to inspire and engage residents through their love of art.



*James E. McKissic, James A. McKissic and Juwan Outlaw, Community Relations Manager at the grand opening of Mac Galleries.*



*Juwan Outlaw, Community Relations Manager presenting the Spirit of Detroit award.*

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



In the upcoming season, the Detroit Parks and Recreation Department will be actively engaging with the community to gather valuable insights on the additional improvements that would best meet the needs and desires of our residents and families.



## **NORTHWEST ACTIVITIES CENTER PARK** **Park Improvement Project**

**The community is invited to review draft plans and provide feedback.**



**Tuesday**  
**November 14th**  
**at 5 p.m.**

**Meeting Location**  
**NWAC - 18100 Meyers Rd**

The construction phase for these exciting improvements is scheduled to commence in 2024. This collaborative effort between the community and DPRD promises to make Northwest Activities Center Park an even more vibrant and inviting space for all. We encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas as we work together to shape the future of this cherished neighborhood park. Your input will play a pivotal role in creating a park that truly reflects the spirit and desires of our community. Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to be part of this exciting transformation.



**Learn more about the project at:**  
**[detroitmi.gov/NWACPark](https://detroitmi.gov/NWACPark)**  
**or scan the QR code**

## **Revitalizing Northwest Activities Center Park**

Northwest Activities Center Park, situated in the heart of the neighborhood at Curtis and Meyers, just behind the recreation center, has been a cherished green space for the community. At present, the park offers a playground, a beautiful garden, a quaint picnic shelter, a spacious grassy field, and a convenient walking loop.

We are excited to share the news that the City of Detroit Parks and Recreation Division (DPRD) has secured funding for enhancing this beloved park.





# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Holly Jolly Holiday Party: Unwrap the Magic of Community

The most wonderful time of the year is approaching, and there's no better way to kick off the holiday season than by saving the date for an event that promises to fill your heart with joy and festive cheer. Council Member Calloway and Council Member At-Large Waters are back with their highly anticipated annual Holly Jolly Holiday Party, and this year, it's set to be bigger, better, and merrier than ever before.

Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023

Location: Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers Road

Indulge in a delectable holiday meal and a mouthwatering assortment of desserts. Look forward to exciting prize giveaways that will add an extra sprinkle of joy to your holiday season. Get ready to unleash your competitive spirit and share laughter with friends and family in the Ugly Sweater competition. The Ugly Sweater Competition promises outrageous fashion fun. Who will be crowned the "Most Festively Ugly"? The Holly Jolly Holiday Party is not only about celebration; it's about community. Discover valuable resources and information from local organizations that can positively impact your neighborhood. The Holly Jolly Holiday Party 2023 is more than an event; it's a cherished tradition that brings our community closer together. It's an opportunity to create lasting memories, connect with neighbors, and bask in the enchantment of the holiday season. Stay tuned for further details and RSVP information as the date draws near.



Are you interested in volunteering for the Holly Jolly Holiday party? Please email us at [CouncilmemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov](mailto:CouncilmemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov) with your first and last name and contact number.

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## Celebrate the Season at the Marygrove Market Holiday Bazaar!

You are invited to the Marygrove Market Holiday Bazaar, a fantastic community event. Join the Marygrove Community Association and over 20 fantastic vendors for a day of shopping, fun, and supporting local businesses.

Get a head start on your holiday shopping, support your neighbors and friends, and find unique gifts for all the upcoming festivities. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to make your holiday season special. See you there!



## Livernois-McNichols Business Improvement Zone

In October, the McNichols Livernois area held an official Business Improvement Zone (BIZ) Meeting at Live 6 Alliance to discuss the benefits of starting a BIZ. Business and property owners were in attendance to hear from various speakers, including Alvin Horhn of the City's Assessor's Office. One of the topics discussed was the benefits having a BIZ brings to the area, such as having a say in future development within the BIZ boundaries. If approved, the McNichols/Livernois area would be the 1st majority Black Owned BIZ in the state of Michigan. The next meeting is planned for early 2024. Follow Team Calloway on your favorite social media platform for future updates.

A dark blue graphic with white and green text. At the top left is the "D2 TEAM ANGELA FOR DETROIT CALLOWAY" logo. The main title "BIZ MEETING" is in large white letters. Below it, "TOPIC DISCUSSION" is in red, followed by "Establishing A Business Improvement Zone" in white. A calendar icon is next to the date "MON. OCTOBER 23, 2023" in blue. Below the date is "Live6 Alliance" with a location pin icon, and "7426 W McNichols Rd, Detroit, MI 48221, USA" in white. The time "5:30PM-7:00PM" is in blue. At the bottom left, a box lists "HOSTS" in white: "Live6 Alliance", "LUMA (Livernois University Merchants Association)", and "LEA (Livernois Executive Association)". At the bottom right, a box lists "The Office of Councilmember Angela Whitfield Calloway" in white, with contact info: "Contact: (313) 224-4535" and "councilmemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov".

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DPD recently made national news in two matters that were frankly embarrassing for the Commission and our city. The first matter involved the former DPD Commission Chair and his “indiscretion,” resulting in his car being impounded and the ticketing of the parties involved. His actions reflected poorly on the Detroit Police Commission, the 1st in the nation and founded by our revered Mayor Coleman A. Young. As your Commissioner, I apologize to District 2. The second matter was much more severe: the false arrest and taking into custody (for the life sentence felonies of carjacking and robbery) of 32-year-old Porcha Woodruff, who was eight months pregnant at the time! Six officers went to her home to make the arrest pursuant to a warrant. The warrant was issued by the court based on DPD’s “evidence,” which reflected a poor investigation and violation of DPD’s investigation and arrest policies. All DPD parties involved will be disciplined. And although the trauma Ms. Woodruff experienced can never be erased, as an attorney, I can assure you she will be well compensated with our tax dollars, and rightfully so. Although the victim in the felony case referenced above positively identified Ms. Woodruff, he did so pursuant to a “six-pack” lineup of photos that was not correctly presented or vetted. There were approximately 93 persons who “matched” Ms. Woodruff’s description in facial recognition. When there’s a tentative identification, that’s supposed to be when the police work begins and detectives “INVESTIGATE”! For example, was the “identified person” in the city? Near the location of the crime? Most importantly, when you see the person, not just the photo, is it possible for this person to have committed the crime? In this case, there was no mention of a pregnant woman! The entire process utilized violated several DPD policies, as indicated above. The detective in charge is being held accountable by Chief White, and the Board is proposing changes to policies, processes, and procedures to put checks and balances on using facial recognition “hits” and investigatory procedures so this will never happen again.

## DPD District 2 Police Commissioner Apologizes to the Community



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

Chief White is to be commended for meeting with Ms. Woodruff and her Counsel and extending his apology for the Department’s actions. Taking responsibility demonstrated his character and empathy. As your Commissioner and one of only 18 elected officials in the city, I respectfully apologize first to Ms. Woodruff, her family, and attorney, to District 2 residents, and to all Detroiters and our supporters for this reprehensible action that has brought us national disdain. I PROMISE:

- 1 - DPD IS BETTER THAN THAT!
- 2 - WE WILL DO BETTER IN THE FUTURE!
- 3 - DPD AND THE COMMISSION WILL MAKE YOU PROUD!

I chair the Policy Committee. Commissioners Willie Burton (Dist. 5) and Commissioner Ricardo Moore (Dist. 7) serve with me. I promise you that you will see increased accountability.

# District 2 NEWSLETTER



Come Home for Christmas

## “Pop Up” Bazaar

Saturday, November 25, 2023  
(Small Business Saturday)  
12 noon - 4 p.m.  
BAM Studio  
19954 Livernois, Detroit, MI  
(Avenue of Fashion)

**\*\*Limited Vendor Spots still Available\*\***  
Scan the QR Code for more info!



Presents  
**W. McNichols Development  
Update Meeting**



Thursday,  
November 2,  
2023

at 7434 W.  
McNichols

6-8pm



Learn about the new  
developments  
coming to the  
neighborhood

Dinner provided by  
TMO's BBQ

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