



DISTRICT 5 NEWSLETTER

from COUNCIL MEMBER MARY SHEFFIELD



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Welcome to our inaugural edition of our monthly e-newsletter, updating residents and the District 5 community of the latest actions at City Council and across the District. First and foremost, let me express my eternal gratitude for the honor and privilege of representing you and District 5 on our City Council. Look out for our monthly updates on current legislative activity, and new and exciting happenings in the District.

On the Council Table

Talkin' Trash



On February 17, 2014, City Council approved the Emergency Manager's proposal to outsource residential solid waste collection and disposal and bulk and recyclable collection services to two contractors: Advanced Disposal Services Solid Waste Midwest and Rizzo Environmental Services. DPW will continue to service our neighborhoods until those contracts are effective.

[For more information click here](#)

Get Engaged! Get Involved!

This is your chance to get involved in our city's government. The new City Charter requires City Council to establish Community Advisory Councils (CACs). Since taking office in January, I have met with members of the community, the Law Department and other interested stakeholders to spell out what this important ordinance will mean to Detroiters. I am pleased to report that we are one step closer to seeing this important reform take shape.

[For more information click here](#)

Fight the Blight!

City Council cleared the way for the Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA) to pursue legal action against owners of blighted property. DLBA will intercede on behalf of the City of Detroit and bring civil legal actions against property owners in an effort to bring properties up to code, or collect the appropriate fines and fees.

[Read more here](#)

Keeping Up with the Councilwoman

Touching the District!



I have been hard at work connecting with community groups throughout District 5. I would like to thank the Detroit Association of Women's Clubs and the Order of the Eastern Star for having me as their keynote speaker for the 2nd Annual "Fulfilling the Legacy" Women's History Month Chari-Tea. It was truly a pleasure ladies!

Live in District 5

Conversations with the Councilwoman

Join me as I tour District 5 for intimate conversations about our city. Our first event of monthly gatherings engaging and connecting with the District 5 (D5) community will be held **Tuesday, March 25, 2014 from 6-8 pm** at Detroit Vegan Soul restaurant, located at 8029 Agnes in the West Village off Van Dyke on Detroit's lower east side. I am excited to enjoy vegan soul cuisine from one of our District's hottest restaurants. I look forward to seeing you there!

[Read more here](#)

District 5 Thrives!



Shinola, the global watch and bicycle manufacturer, has transformed 30,000 square feet of raw space into a state-of-the-art watch factory inside the **College for Creative Studies** building in the historic **Argonaut** building, located at 485 W. Milwaukee in the heart of D5 in Midtown. Shinola's commitment to Detroit and their recent gift of a pole-mounted 13 ft. clock to be displayed in front of the **Cobo Hall** is a shining example of the "Spirit of Detroit" and the exciting things coming from District 5.

[For more information about Shinola click here](#)

Guess Who's Moving Next Door!

We are excited to announce that our official District 5 office will be located in the **Butzel Family Center**, 7737 Kercheval (at the corner of Van Dyke). We will be holding an Open House & Kick-Off event in the near future...We will be sure to let you know the date!

News You Can Use

Let There Be Lights!

On February 4, 2014 Mayor Duggan presented the Public Lighting Authority (PLA) public lighting plan for the City of Detroit to City Council. Some highlights of the plan include: 11,400 mid-block lights will be added to streets 300-600 feet in length; alley lighting will remain in place until they expire, at which time residents may contract with DTE to maintain them. All lighting will be replaced with new LED lights and full

implementation should be completed by 2016.

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