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District 2



NEWSLETTER

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Redistricting Discussions in District 2

Working together to encourage public engagement, Council Member Calloway and Planning Commission Director Marcell Todd have hosted three discussions to discuss proposed changes to each city council district. Over several virtual and in-person meetings, residents from District 2 have shared their ideas and concerns about district lines. The 2020 Census data shows that City Council districts must be redrawn to evenly distribute the city's 639,000 residents. The City Charter mandates that district updates are completed 120 days before the primary on August 5, 2025. The discussions have been productive, with attendees expressing their opinions and providing feedback on the proposed changes. The input from District 2 has been particularly valuable in shaping the new district lines.

Council Member Calloway has taken note of all the feedback received and is working to incorporate it into the final plans. The new district lines will help to create a more equitable distribution of resources and representation across the city. Council Member Calloway is committed to ensuring the process is transparent and everyone's concerns are considered. Those who could not attend the previous meetings are encouraged to participate in upcoming discussions during the Formal Session.



Council Member Attends the State of the State

"I attended my first State of the State address in Lansing on January 24, 2024. I was honored to be one of two distinguished guests of Senator Mallory McMorrow, the other being Berkley's esteemed Mayor, Bridget Dean. The visit to the capital provided a firsthand look at the state's proceedings and allowed me to reconnect with familiar faces. I also had the opportunity to meet Senator Sarah Anthony (my sorority sister), who is the chair of the appropriations subcommittee. I am looking forward to working with these amazing leaders in 2024!" said Council Member Calloway



Council Member Calloway Honored by Board of Police Commissioners

On January 11, 2024, the Board of Police Commissioners met at Northwest Activities Center to host a community meeting to discuss law enforcement operations. During the meeting, Council Member Calloway was honored with a resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners for her hard work and dedication in the city, specifically District 2. Council Member Calloway was recognized for her tireless efforts to meet her constituents' needs. She shared a few words with the crowd, expressing her gratitude for the honor and reaffirming her commitment to serving the community. The resolution presented to Council Member Calloway symbolized the progress that could be made by working together. Special thank you to Police Commissioner Linda Bernard for the recognition.

Spreading Love and Appreciation to Seniors

This Valentine's Day, Council Member Calloway and Team Calloway are spreading joy to seniors in District 2 with special treat bags filled with chocolates, candies, and heartfelt notes. These deliveries express care and appreciation for our cherished elders. In challenging times, recognizing the invaluable contributions of seniors is crucial, and Council Member Calloway's initiative aims to bring smiles to their faces. Each treat bag symbolizes gratitude for the wisdom they bring to our community. Let's celebrate love, compassion, and connection, making this Valentine's Day unforgettable for our seniors. Council Member Calloway's gesture exemplifies the holiday spirit, showing that small acts can make a significant difference, reinforcing the bonds that make our neighborhoods special.



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





Statement Concerning the Proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance

Currently, Detroit has no effective regulation of short term rental locations. I am proposing an ordinance to have all short term rentals obtain a business license. I propose four classes of short term rental licenses. The Class A Short Term Rental License (14 days) is designed to allow a person to rent an address for a special event such as the Rocket Mortgage Classic golf tournament or a large convention or event. The Class B Short Term Rental License (90 days) is designed to allow a person to rent an address while they are away for the winter or summer and wish to generate revenue. The Class C Short Term Rental License is designed to allow a person or business to operate a year round short term rental operation in a building where the owner resides in one of the units. The Class D Short Term Rental License will allow for year round operations for locations where the owner does not live at the premises. Class D licenses will only be allowed in the greater downtown area. Under all short term rental licenses, the City of Detroit can suspend or revoke the license if the property is operated as a nuisance, with excessive noise, trash or traffic including large parties, illegal gambling, creation of parking congestion, or creation to traffic congestion. Any appeal of a denial, suspension or revocation will be controlled through the Department of Administrative Hearings pursuant to well established procedures. Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns - Peter Rhoades peter.rhoades@detroitmi.gov



Jerica Williams achieves Black History in D2

Jerica Williams breaks barriers as the first female assistant coach for the University of Detroit Mercy men's basketball team, marking a significant milestone in sports diversity. Head coach Mike Davis praised her exceptional talents, emphasizing her collaboration with Steph Curry and the fresh perspective she brings. Williams, also Chief of Staff, expressed gratitude for the groundbreaking opportunity and highlighted the university's forward-thinking vision. In a testament to her impact, Council Member Calloway presented Coach Williams with the Spirit of Detroit Award on November 21, 2023, recognizing her contributions to the community and her trailblazing efforts in sports and entrepreneurship. This accolade solidifies Coach Williams as a leader excelling professionally. Her impact will continue to be felt for years as she paves the way for future generations of female coaches and athletes.

Urging MI Legislature for Detroit Amusement Tax

Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) draft a resolution urging the Michigan Legislature to pass legislation allowing for implementing an amusement tax in Detroit. Many US states currently enforce amusement taxes on large-scale entertainment events, contributing significantly to state and local government revenues, totaling \$8.87 billion in 2018. However, Michigan cities hosting major concerts and sporting events miss out on this potential revenue source. Detroit, in particular, stands to benefit as it hosts numerous significant events, necessitating substantial investments in infrastructure and services. Implementing an amusement tax could offset costs associated with hosting these events, improving city services and infrastructure while ensuring a positive experience for attendees. Amusement taxes have proven less controversial than alternative tax methods, such as property tax increases, as they only affect event attendees, with minimal impact on ticket costs. Allowing cities the autonomy to decide if and how to implement such taxes would empower local governments to tailor solutions to their specific needs. Beyond funding infrastructure and services, a portion of the revenue could support local arts, cultural events, and community programs, promoting artistic talent and enhancing cultural experiences.











Monday, February 19, 2024 5:30-6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting ID: 813 6569 2605 Passcode: 210340

Meet the Council Member for Coffee & Conversation

Please join Council Member Calloway and her team at Live6 Alliance, 7426 W. McNichols, on **Monday, February 12, 2024**, at 8 AM for Coffee & Conversation.

This is a great opportunity to meet with Council Member Calloway and learn about the work she is doing in the community. You can also share your ideas and concerns with her and her team, and find out how you can 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!

District 2 Virtual Community Meeting

Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn from Steve Watson, the Deputy Chief Financial Officer and City Budget Director. 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**, **February 19, 2024**, at 5:30 PM
- The Office of the Chief Financial Officer will present.
- Use the Zoom Meeting ID: **813 6569 2605** to join
- Enter the Passcode: **210340** to participate.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS





Community Excitement Builds for 2024 NFL Draft

In collaboration with Visit Detroit and the Detroit Sports Commission, the city of Detroit is set to host a series of community events to promote the utilization of the city's recreation centers and build excitement around the upcoming 2024 NFL Draft. Dubbed the "On The Clock" tour, the initiative will make stops in seven different neighborhoods, offering unique activities tailored to each local community. Attendees can look forward to appearances by Roary, the Detroit Lions' mascot, inflatables, and various football-themed stations, including opportunities to run the 40-yard dash and attempt field goals.

Invite Council Member Calloway's Office to Your Community Meeting

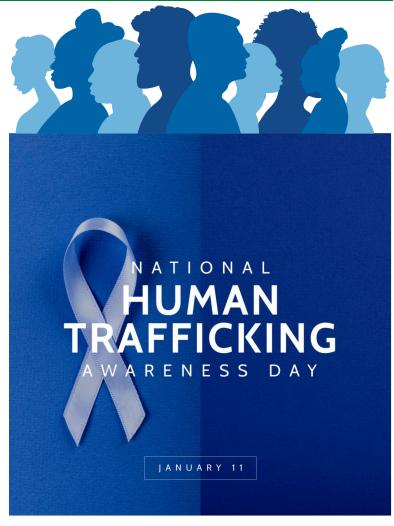
Is your community holding a meeting soon? Our Office of Council Member Calloway team would like to provide updates. To invite us to your next event, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (313) 224-4535 or email us at Council MemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov with the details.



Blue Ribbons for Human Trafficking Awareness Day

By: Juwan Outlaw

On January 11th, Team Calloway was out to deliver blue ribbons to various businesses in District 2 to bring attention to Human Trafficking Awareness Day. In addition to handing out ribbons, Team Calloway participated in #WearBlueDay, which helps raise awareness of human trafficking. The United Nations internationally recognizes blue as the universal color for human trafficking prevention and awareness. According to Polaris, the operator of the National Human Trafficking Hotline, more than 10,000 cases of human trafficking were reported to their national hotline, involving over 16,000 victims. Early last year, Council Member Calloway established the Human and Sex Trafficking Task Force. Since then, Council Member Calloway and her staff have held multiple rallies and events to bring awareness not only to District 2 but across the entire city.





Fighting Heart Disease with Healthy Habits

National Wear Red Day® is observed on the first Friday of February to raise awareness about heart disease, the leading cause of death in the US. It is important to prevent heart disease by maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly, eating a balanced diet, managing stress, avoiding smoking and excessive alcohol consumption, getting enough sleep, and knowing the warning signs of a heart attack. Raising awareness about heart disease and promoting heart-healthy habits can help reduce the number of deaths caused by this disease.

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District 2 Hosts Charter-Mandated Evening Meeting

Find the latest information about the agenda at detroitmi.gov/government.

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: U of D Jesuit Johnson Recreation

Center, 8550 Chippewa Ave.



Dear Detroit Residents:

Please join the City Council for the February Evening Community Meeting

District 2

U of D Jesuit Johnson Recreation Center 8550 Chippewa Ave Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

- 2. To attend online: https://detroitmi.gov/Online-CC-Meeting

You may also access the meeting via City Council's webpage under 'City Council Meetings and Agendas'. The TV broadcast airs at a later date on Comcast Channel

Please Note

- City departments will be on-site to provide assistance to residents.
- Interpreters for hearing-impaired residents are available if requested at least seven (7) business days in advance. Requests should be made to the Department of Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity at (313) 224-9516.
- Per Sec. 8.7-8.7.3 of the Rules of Order for City Council, a maximum of five citizens may call the Legislative Policy Division at (313) 224-4946 to make a special presentation. Requests should be made by 4pm on Friday, February 16th. All other citizens may speak at public comment during the meeting

Sincerely yours,

Mary Sheffield City Council President

Angela Whitfield Calloway City Council Member, District 2

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE **NEIGHBORHOOD**

BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM



WHAT IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD **BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM?**

The Neighborhood Beautification Program (NBP) provides funding to Detroit-based block clubs, neighborhood associations, nonprofits and faith-based organizations to conduct projects on vacant lots in their community. Nonprofit and faith-based organizations must partner with a City-registered block club.

Applicants must currently own the lots or purchase them from the Detroit Land Bank Authority. Awards range from \$500 to \$15,000.



APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Must be registered with the Department of Neighborhoods or partnered with a City-registered block club (see Partnership Letter).
- Must be designated as a 501(c)(3) or LLC, or have a 501(c)(3) fiduciary.
- To register with the Department of Neighborhoods, visit here

STEP 2

SELECT YOUR SITE

- If you already own the lot(s), move to Step 3 to design your project.
- If you wish to purchase lots, identify property in your neighborhood here.
- DLBA-owned Neighborhood Lots can also be licensed for clean-up activities.

DESIGN YOUR PROJECT

- Community gardens
 - Raised beds for flowers or crops Fruit and shade trees

 - Ornamental gardens
- Public space improvements:
 - Landscaping
 - Benches and tables Art installations
 - Fencing or boulders
- Clean-up activities:
- Brush clearing
 - Grading and seeding
 - Street/alley clean-ups

QUESTIONS?

For more information, contact Samuel

APPLICATIONS WILL BE OPEN 1/15 - 2/23 ON THE WAYNE METRO WEBSITE

Register now for an info

- **INFORMATION SESSION 1/10 at 5pm**
- PLOT PLAN + PERMITTING SESSION 1/24 at 9am

QUESTION + ANSWER SESSION - 1/31 at 12pm

Transform Vacant Lots into **Community Spaces with** the Neighborhood **Beautification Program**

The Neighborhood Beautification Program provides funding for Detroit-based block clubs, neighborhood associations, non-profits, and faith-based organizations to convert vacant lots into community gardens, art installations, and other public spaces. Applications for the program are open until February 23, 2024. To apply, please visit

waynemetro.org/neighborhoodbeautification-grant/.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday, March 11, 2024 at 8 AM
The Raw Space
8420 W McNichols Rd.
Detroit, MI 48221





For more information,

Detroit, MI 48235

4-6pm

contact Joanna Underwood at (313) 628-2363 or joanna.underwood@detroitmi.gov.



Opportunity for Youth to Work as Caddies at Detroit Golf Club in 2024

The Detroit Golf Club is searching for young individuals interested in working as caddies for the upcoming 2024 Golf Season. To qualify, applicants must be at least 14 years old by July 1, 2024, and submit a 150-word essay explaining their suitability for the position. Additionally, letters of recommendation are required. Applications can be postmarked or emailed by **March 7, 2024**. For more information, visit

detroitgolfclub.org/files/CaddiApplication20 24.pdf.

Skilled Trades Task Force

Join the Skilled Trades Task Force meeting on Wednesday, February 28th, at Randolph Career and Technical Center to discuss how you can help revitalize Detroit. Attend the meeting to learn how you can apply for tuition-free apprenticeship programs and careers in construction which can lead to stable and well-paying jobs.

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03 FEB 2024 REPARATIONS
TASK FORCE
PUBLIC SESSION

2PM - 4PM

To attend in person:
Northwest Activities Center
18100 Meyers Rd
Detroit, MI 48235

To attend online click the link below:

https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/87510091466

To attend by phone: +1 301 715 8592 US +1 312 626 6799 US; +1 267 831 0333 US



Guest Speaker: PROPERTY TAX JUSTICE **Dr. Bernadette Atuahene**



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