



## DISTRICT 5 NEWSLETTER

from COUNCIL MEMBER MARY SHEFFIELD



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Welcome to the latest District 5 Monthly E-Newsletter, updating residents and the District 5 community on the latest City Council actions and happenings across the District. The newsletter will provide important informational resources for you and your neighbors. As always, it is an honor and privilege to serve the residents of District 5 on City Council.

### **Councilwoman Sheffield Launches Occupy the Corner Detroit**

Join Councilwoman Sheffield as she kicks off "**Occupy The Corner Detroit**" on **October 3rd from 7-9pm**. The Councilwoman will be joined by Councilman Jumaane Williams from Brooklyn, New York as well as community leaders such as Rev. Charles Williams II, Minister Malik Shabazz, and Bishop Corletta Vaughn. They, along with volunteers, will occupy the corner of **Chene and Lafayette**, in District 5, and engage residents while providing resources and opportunities. The resources provided will include employment opportunities, information on education, utility assistance information, voter registration forms and much more. To get involved please call (313)224-4505. Let's be a part of the solution!



**Occupy**  
**the corner** 7 PM - 9 PM

**OCCUPY THE CORNER**  
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**OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**  
**THE KING HOMES ON THE CORNER OF LAFAYETTE AND CHENE**  
**COME JOIN CLERGY, COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND STAFF**  
**AS WE ENGAGE, REACH OUT, AND OFFER A CHANCE FOR**  
**CHANGE AND HOPE IN SOME OF DETROIT'S HIGHEST CRIME**  
**NEIGHBORHOODS. BECOME PART OF THE SOLUTION!**

**DET. COUNCIL MEMBER MARY SHEFFIELD**  
**NYC COUNCIL MEMBER JUMAANE WILLIAMS**

For more information on the movement and to volunteer click here!

## On the Council Table

### *Bridging the Gap*



The Emergency Manager resubmitted a resolution to Council requesting the approval

to transfer 301 City-owned properties to the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority for the New International Trade Council (NITC). The new resolution included a "Neighborhood Development Agreement" which effectively asked the City to wait to cross the "Community Benefits Agreement" bridge when we get there. The "there," in this instance represents the execution of a concessionaire agreement when the City/Community would have no power to negotiate. Council voted **9-0 to deny** the request and is seeking to author an alternative proposal. Councilwoman Sheffield had serious concerns and voiced them during the discussion on the NITC ultimately expressing her disdain for the process so far.

[For more information on the proposed land transfer click here](#)

### *"Sheffield Plan"*



The Mayor and the Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA) submitted a request to Council seeking approval to transfer 40,000 vacant parcels for the side-lot purchase program. The program would allow owners of occupied property adjacent to City-owned vacant lots to purchase the lots for \$100 with preference given to purchasers with a history of maintaining the property. Council had several questions and was not ready to approve the resolution. Council Member Sheffield took the opportunity to offer an alternative plan only transferring the vacant property in the Hardest Hit Fund areas which is currently the area of concentration for the DLBA. The Corporation Counsel and DLBA leadership dubbed it the "Sheffield Plan" calling it a great idea which allows the DLBA to demonstrate the success of the program before the City agrees to transfer all vacant lots. Under this plan the City would transfer 10,316 vacant properties spread out throughout all seven council districts. Council is set to

vote on the plan on Tuesday, September 16, 2012.

[For more information on the proposed land transfer click here](#)

## Keeping Up with the Councilwoman

*Touching the District!*



Councilwoman Sheffield served as the commencement speaker for the graduating class of 2014 at Detroit Job Corps. The Councilwoman is dedicated to empowering youth and she was very grateful for the opportunity.



The Councilwoman joined AT&T in awarding Gleaners Food bank a \$5,000 check in an effort to help feed those in need. The month of August was very busy for the Councilwoman who attended several back to school events and community events as the summer came to an end.

[For more photos of community events click here!](#)

## *Telling Our Story!*



Councilwoman Sheffield was featured on Detroit Wants to Know with Steve Hood discussing her first 8 months in office and some of her accomplishments. She was grateful for the opportunity to share her experience and offer insight into her plans for District 5. She never misses an opportunity to share her love and passion for D5 and the residents who make it great.

[To watch the interview click here](#)

## *Standing up for District 5*



Council Member Sheffield worked extremely hard with community groups to save the historic Brewster Wheeler Recreation Center. This building was once on the City's demolition list but has been removed pursuant to a request from Council Member Sheffield and the diligence of the community who wish to preserve its history. The Councilwoman urges all interested parties to submit proposals to re-purpose and redevelop Brewster Wheeler Recreation Center. The deadline for proposals is September 22, 2014.

[For info on Brewster Wheeler's history and the RFP click here](#)

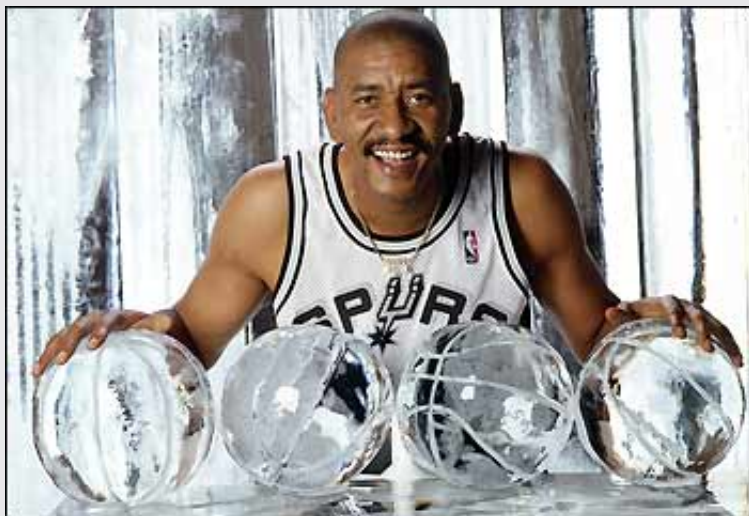
## **Live in District 5**

*"Conversations with the Councilwoman"*



Councilwoman Sheffield is excited the evening City Council Community Meeting, alas, is coming to District 5. The meeting will be held at the Charles H. Wright Museum for African American History on September 16, 2014 at 7pm. This will serve as the Councilwoman's monthly conversation with District 5. Please come out and show the full Council body how engaged District 5 is in the future of Detroit.

### *District 5 Thrives!*



In conjunction with NBA Hall of Famer and Detroit Native George "Iceman" Gervin, Council Member Sheffield is helping organize an effort called the Detroit Alumni Initiative. This initiative aims to bring together successful current and former Detroiters to redevelop Detroit (targeting District 5) with a focus on community and neighborhood issues such as crime, housing, job creation and youth empowerment. The Councilwoman is excited about the opportunities to come and downright ecstatic that the Iceman and others have chosen District 5 as the target of their benevolence.

[To learn more about George Gervin click here](#)

### **News You Can Use**

#### *Weathering the Storm*



**Don't open refrigerators or freezers** more often than absolutely necessary. A closed refrigerator will stay cold for 12 hours. Kept closed, a well-filled freezer will preserve food for two days.

**Turn off or unplug all appliances** to prevent an electrical overload when power is restored. Leave on one light switch to indicate when power is restored.

**Always operate generators outdoors** to avoid dangerous buildup of toxic fumes.

If you have a medical condition that would be adversely impacted by a power outage, try to make **alternative accommodations** with family or friends.

**During low-voltage conditions** - when lights are dim and television pictures are smaller - shut off motor-driven appliances such as refrigerators to prevent overheating and possible damage. Sensitive electronic devices also should be unplugged.

**Stay out of flooded or damp basements or other areas** if water is in contact with outlets or any electrically-operated appliance. The water or moisture may serve as a conductor of electricity. This can cause serious or even fatal injury.

**Assemble an emergency kit.** It should include a battery-powered radio, a flashlight and candles, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, a fire extinguisher, bottled water and non-perishable food.

If you depend on **electrically powered medical equipment** ask your physician or equipment provider about an emergency battery back-up system.



**Keep a corded or cell phone on hand** because a cordless telephone needs electricity to operate. Also, customers should learn how to manually open automated garage doors.

[For info on preparing for inclement weather click here](#)

*Now Hiring, Apply Within!*



The federal government is constantly seeking employees, with all skill sets, for a cross-section of jobs. These jobs are typically well-paying and permanent positions with great benefits. You can serve your country and earn a living. Click the link below to see if there is an opportunity just waiting for you!

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