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# District 2

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DETROIT CITY COUNCIL • DISTRICT 2

# NEWSLETTER

FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD CALLOWAY, JD



**Happy  
Holidays!**

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# COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

## Watch City Council & leave a public comment:

*City Council Sessions will resume the week of January 6, 2025.*

### How to view City Council Sessions:

1. Watch live on **Channel 10** for local broadcasting.
2. Watch online at [detroitmi.gov/government/city-council](https://detroitmi.gov/government/city-council)
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: [detroitmi.gov/Online-CC-Meeting](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. Submit comments via email to [CCPublicComment@detroitmi.gov](mailto:CCPublicComment@detroitmi.gov)

## No December District 2 Virtual Community Webinar

This month, there will be no District 2 Community Webinar as we observe the holiday season. Please keep an eye out for further updates. We will resume in February.



*Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway at Mayor's Charter Meeting on November 6, 2024.*



# COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

## Vacant School Being Transformed into Housing

From: Councilmember Whitfield Calloway

When I joined the City Council, I made a commitment to advocate for the things that matter most to Detroiters—strong neighborhoods, thriving small businesses, good schools, and affordable housing. Right now, Detroit is facing a serious housing crisis. We have beautiful, historic structures in many of our neighborhoods, but we often lack the resources to transform them into homes that people can afford. To me, investing in affordable housing isn't just about creating places to live—it's about telling Detroiters, "You belong here. We care about you and your family, and we want you to stay in the city you love." That's why I'm so inspired by the work of URGE Development, led by Roderick Hardamon. Their project at the historic Higginbotham School is the perfect example of how we can revitalize our neighborhoods while preserving our history. Higginbotham School, built in the 1920s, has been a symbol of Black excellence since its inception. It was a place of learning for Black students in the Eight Mile-Wyoming neighborhood during a time when redlining and segregation limited where Black families could live. For over 80 years, it stood as a pillar of the community. Now it's being given new life as the Higginbotham Art Residences, a project that will provide 100 affordable housing units while celebrating the school's legacy. This project is special because it's about community. There will be installations by local artists to make the space vibrant and inspiring. As someone who loves Detroit and believes deeply in its potential, I see projects like the Higginbotham Art Residences as a roadmap for the future. When we invest in the neighborhoods where people have lived and worked for generations, we make it possible for



*Higginbotham Ground Breaking ceremony on November 19, 2024.*



them to stay and thrive. And when we preserve the history of places like Higginbotham, we honor the stories of the past while building a brighter future. Detroit is a city of resilience, creativity, and community. The transformation of Higginbotham School is a reminder of what we can achieve when we prioritize people and honor the places that shaped us.

# COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

## A Veteran Detroit Police Lieutenant Honored with the Spirit of Detroit Award

On Tuesday, November 26, during the final Formal Session of 2024, Councilmember Whitfield Calloway and her colleagues gathered to honor Lieutenant Mark Young for his dedicated service to the city of Detroit.

Lieutenant Young boasts an impressive 38-year career with the Detroit Police Department, having started on May 18, 1987. Early in his career, he recognized a disconnect between the police force and the city's youth. To address this, he initiated a basketball program that has successfully mentored over four hundred young people over the years. As his career advanced, this program expanded, leading to the creation of a new initiative called "Tied to Success." Through this program, law enforcement officers and esteemed community leaders donated new or gently used neckties to young men in the city. Participants learned how to tie neckties while also gaining valuable professional etiquette skills and mentorship. The Tied to Success program has opened doors for many young men to understand their mentors' journeys, including their obstacles and setbacks. Lieutenant Young collaborated closely with former Detroit Police Chief James E. White and Dr. Alan Drimmer to develop affordable, streamlined educational programs for Detroit police officers at Cleary University. As a champion for empowerment, Lieutenant Young has served as a true source of inspiration for many officers and young men in Detroit.

Congratulations, Lieutenant Young, on receiving the Spirit of Detroit Award! You truly exemplify the values of our great city.



*Councilmember Whitfield Calloway celebrates Lt. Young on Nov. 26, 2024.*



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## Newly Proposed Detroit Humane Pet Ordinance

Detroit Councilmember Angela Whitfield Calloway, in collaboration with the Humane Society of the United States, is advocating for an ordinance amendment to prohibit the retail sale of puppies and kittens in local pet shops. Key points include:

- **Public Health Protection:** Reduces exposure to sick animals that may carry diseases.
- **Encouragement of Adoption:** Promotes adopting from shelters and reputable breeders.
- **Combatting Puppy Mills:** Disrupts the supply chain for puppy mills by cutting off their sales avenue.
- **Consumer Protection:** Addresses issues with high-interest financing schemes in pet sales.

The amendment will revise the definition of pet shops and prohibit the sale of dogs and cats and disrupt the supply chain for puppy mill-bred animals by cutting off a major sales avenue for puppy mills, and retail stores, thereby decreasing the demand and financial incentive for puppy mill breeders and brokers. Pet shops in violation of this ordinance risk having their city license suspended, revoked, or not renewed in accordance with Chapter 28 of the Detroit City Code, Licenses.

“I believe this is the right time to advocate for a measure like this,” said Councilmember Whitfield Calloway. “Detroit currently has no pet shops selling cats or dogs, and as we witness the resurgence of our city with new businesses opening and others returning, it’s essential to implement proactive measures now before the issue can arise.” Councilmember Whitfield Calloway’s goal is to align with the growing movement to support ethical and humane animal care practices while protecting public health and consumers. The City of Detroit has an opportunity to join the other ten municipalities in Michigan in denouncing the inhumane treatment of animals by puppy mills, illegal breeders, and the retail pet shops that enable them. The public hearing for this ordinance is scheduled during Public Health and Safety Committee for **January 13, 2025, at 10:00 AM** where community members can provide comments or support.

## Detroit's Suggested Ordinance for Marijuana Billboard Advertising



Earlier this year, DPSCD Superintendent Nikolai Vitti raised alarms about the increasing presence of marijuana in schools, a situation worsened by its legalization in Michigan in 2018. From 2021 to 2023, DPSCD reported over 1,700 incidents and hospitalizations related to marijuana use, affecting students as young as those in elementary school. This situation is not only distressing but also significantly disrupts the learning environment. As the chair of the Youth and Civic Engagement Task Force and a dedicated educator, Councilmember Whitfield Calloway is committed to addressing and preventing substance use among children. She is well-acquainted with the educators in our city who strive to support the holistic development of every child.

The Councilmember believes that the proposed ordinance will reinforce the city's dedication to safeguarding the welfare of our youth. By aligning with existing restrictions on the advertising of tobacco and alcohol, her aim is to diminish the subconscious exposure that contributes to normalizing these harmful behaviors. The overwhelming presence of such advertisements has created a mindset that suggests, “if everyone is doing it, it must not be harmful.” Through this ordinance, the Councilmember and her colleagues are diligently working to challenge that narrative and prioritize the health and safety of our youth. We are living in a new era where marijuana is increasingly accepted and prevalent in daily life. Nevertheless, it is crucial to recognize that marijuana has no place in our schools. Let us not normalize marijuana use among our youth. Councilmember Whitfield Calloway calls on the community to support the council in enacting this vital change to protect the future of our city’s children.

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## Fellowship Chapel Church Leads Initiative for Affordable Housing Designed for Families

Amandla Community Development Corporation, located in Northwest Detroit is an extension of Fellowship Chapel Church at 7707 W. Outer Drive. Amandla CDC plans to bring more affordable housing options to Detroiters by developing 96 units of affordable housing in two key phases across 84 parcels. The development will be named Fellowship Estates Family Housing and will be located on the boarder of District 2 in the area of Santa Maria Street and W. McNichols Road on Biltmore, Gilchrist and Lindsay Streets. The first phase will be twelve 2-story buildings each containing 8 units. There will be sixteen one-bedroom units at 720 square feet, eighteen two-bedroom units at 930 square feet, and fourteen three-bedroom units at 1100 square feet. The property will also include a community building, play areas, and retention ponds. The proposed development will be affordable to residents at 30%, 50%, 60%, and 80% Average Median Income. On Tuesday, November 19, 2024, the Detroit City Council unanimously approved this development in District 2.



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### DONATIONS NEEDED

We are gathering new and gently used items such as coats, gloves, hats, scarves, and boots. Additionally, we are collecting toiletries and feminine care products to create kits for individuals and families experiencing housing insecurity.

- Toiletries
- Clothing & Footwear

The Office of Council Member Whitfield Calloway provides pickup services for donors; please reach out to our office to make arrangements.

**DONATION DEADLINE**  
Friday, Dec. 13 By 4 PM

Instagram @angelaforDETROIT

Main Office 313.224.4535

## Here's the Latest on the Merrill Palmer Fountain

Exciting news! The City of Detroit's Office of Contracting and Procurement has issued a request for proposals to restore the historic Merrill Palmer fountain located in Palmer Park. In October, a contractor was selected at the end of the bidding process. Come Spring 2025, under LaJuan Counts' leadership, the Department of Demolition will begin the preservation efforts on the Merrill Fountain at McNichols and Merrill Plaisance. The goal of this project is to return the fountain to its original beauty and functionality from 1901 while maintaining its historical architectural significance. Stay tuned for further updates!

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HOW TO APPLY FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

Funded by the Neighborhood Improvement Fund



### 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.



#### STEP 1 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.

#### STEP 3 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 Kevin Finch at [Kevin.Finch@detroitmi.gov](mailto:Kevin.Finch@detroitmi.gov) or Ashley Powell at [Ashley.Powell@detroitmi.gov](mailto:Ashley.Powell@detroitmi.gov).

APPLICATIONS WILL BE OPEN 11/4 - 12/13 ON THE [WAYNE METRO WEBSITE](#)

Register now for an info session:

- [INFORMATION SESSION - 10/28 at 5pm](#)
- [PLOT PLAN + PERMITTING SESSION - 11/6 at 9am](#)
- [QUESTION + ANSWER SESSION - 11/13 at 12pm](#)

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

### Spreading Holiday Cheer in District 2

By: Jerry Perrett

As the holiday season comes in, America's Community Council (ACC) hosted the "Giving Thanks Celebration" at the ACC Marketplace, providing families with ingredients to make a Thanksgiving dinner. Located in District 2 at 62 W Seven Mile and 110 W 7 Mile, the ACC has been dedicated to empowering our community since 1979. With the help of your D2 Community Team, we were able to distribute dinner ingredients to hundreds of families. Over the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, families received meal kits filled with holiday foods—from turkey to potatoes, all the way to juice!

Despite the weather conditions, all the volunteers and participants created an amazing and harmonic atmosphere, truly showcasing the meaning of the holiday spirit. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making these efforts a success and to the ACC for all their work. Happy Holidays!



By: Darcell Brown

I'm extremely grateful that I am in a situation to be able to serve those who are in unfortunate circumstances during the holiday season. Everyone deserves to receive love and gifts during this time, and we often do not realize that it means the world to people when you can, in those moments, be selfless and prioritize others' happiness. While assisting McDonald's with their turkey giveaways at two locations, we were able to give out roughly 200 turkeys to families in District 2! Through volunteering with America's Community Council (ACC), we were able to feed over 800+ families as well! Seeing the smiles and appreciation on families' faces made it worth while and was a great opportunity to show what Councilmember Whitfield Calloway's office can do for the community!





# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Join Us for Our 3rd Annual Holly Jolly Holiday Party!

**3RD ANNUAL**

**Holly Jolly HOLIDAY PARTY**

with  
**COUNCIL MEMBER**  
**Angela Whitfield Calloway**  
and  
**COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE**  
**Mary Waters**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 12**  
1-4 PM

**Northwest Activities Center**  
18100 Meyers Road

**Open to the first 200 senior citizens!**  
(No RSVP required. First come, first served!)

Enjoy a **warm holiday meal, prize giveaways, bingo, festive sweater competition** and a **live DJ** and lots of **dancing!**

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The most delightful time of the year is on the horizon, and there's no better way to usher in the holiday season than by marking your calendars for an event that is sure to fill you with joy and festive spirit. Council Member Calloway and Council Member At-Large Waters are excited to return with their eagerly awaited annual Holly Jolly Holiday Party, and this year, it promises to be even bigger, better, and merrier than before.

Date: **Thursday, December 12, 2024**

Time: **1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Location: **Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers Road**

Savor a warm holiday meal and a tempting array of desserts. Anticipate prize giveaways and games that will sprinkle extra joy into your holiday festivities. Prepare for some fun and laughter with friends and family in the Festive Sweater competition, where holiday fashion takes center stage. Who will earn the title of "Most Festive"? The Holly Jolly Holiday Party is more than just a celebration; it's a gathering of community spirit. Engage with local organizations to discover valuable resources and information that can positively influence your community. The Holly Jolly Holiday Party 2024 is not just an event; it's a beloved tradition that unites our community, creating lasting memories, connecting with neighbors, and embracing the magic of the holiday season.

Are you interested in volunteering for the 2024 Holly Jolly Holiday party? If so, call us at 313-224-4535 or email us at [CouncilmemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov](mailto:CouncilmemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov) with your first and last name and contact number.



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Council Member Calloway's Small Business Spotlight

Brightlytwisted brings the vibrant art of hand-dyeing to life, showcasing a stunning collection of fashion and homewares that celebrate individuality and self-expression. As the flagship brand of Detroit Dye House, Brightlytwisted offers a range of unique casual wear, accessories, and home goods. The journey began with Montessori teacher Greg Stemas, whose natural talent for color and composition inspired him to explore hand-dyeing. Operating from his home for nearly a decade, Greg transformed his passion into a thriving business. By the early 2000s, Brightlytwisted gained recognition in the art fair circuit, captivating audiences with its high-quality, trend-conscious garments and distinctive color palettes.

At Detroit Dye House, not only do they offer distinctive products, they're also empowering the community to get creative. Whether you're a first-timer or an experienced artist, their Do-It-Yourself dye experiences are perfect for all ages and group sizes. These workshops provide a creative space for participants to craft unique, personalized pieces in an encouraging and inspiring environment. Brightlytwisted also serves as a thoughtful alternative to "fast fashion," offering wearable art that merges creativity with sustainability. With production centers located in Corktown and on the Avenue of Fashion, Detroit Dye House is committed to supporting local artists and makers.

Detroit Dye House seamlessly integrates the essence of a family-owned business with vibrant community collaboration. Through their bold designs and interactive dye workshops, Brightlytwisted and Detroit Dye House continue to honor Detroit's rich spirit of artistry and innovation. Explore more about their offerings and experiences at [www.detroitdyehouse.com](http://www.detroitdyehouse.com).



*Meet The Owners*

**GREG, TAMMY & ALEX  
STEMAS**

**Detroit  
Dye  
House**

*brightlytwisted*

18981 LIVERNOIS AVE., DETROIT, MI 48221

HOURS: SUN-WED: CLOSED

THURS-SAT: 12-6 PM

248-310-8579

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



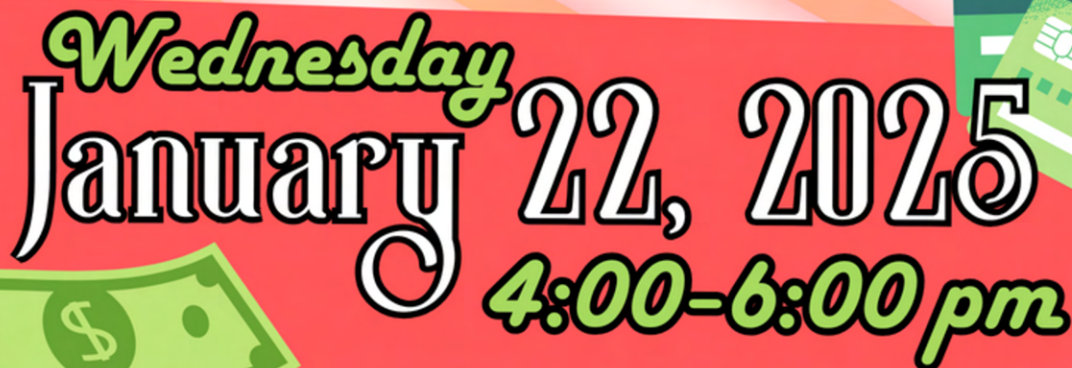
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DETROIT YOUTH & CIVIC  
ENGAGEMENT TASK FORCE

# Financial Literacy

JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL FOR INTERACTIVE  
INFO SESSIONS TO LEARN ABOUT FINANCIAL  
LITERARY! THERE WILL BE PRIZE GIVEAWAYS,  
FOOD, AND A MEET AND GREET WITH  
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*Wednesday*  
**January 22, 2025**  
*4:00-6:00 pm*



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**EMERGE COMMUNITY PRESENTS**  
**WINTER COAT DRIVE**

DECEMBER 14, 2024  
DOORS OPEN @ 2 PM

LOCATION:  
JOE LOUIS PARK & JOHNSON RECREATION CENTER  
8550 CHIPPEWA AVE  
DETROIT, MI 48221

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*CHILD MUST BE PRESENT & ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN. ITEMS WILL BE GIVEN OUT ON A 1ST COME BASIS UNTIL GONE.*



**Merry Christmas**

**Outer Drive Faith Lutheran Church  
Community Dinner**

Join us here at **Outer Drive Faith Lutheran Church** (17500 James Couzens Hwy., Detroit, MI 48235) for our **Annual Community Dinner** on **Sunday, December 15th, 2024 at 12:30pm.**

Free hot food provided by **Larry Burton** of **Larry's Soulful Delights.**

Monetary donations are always accepted and appreciated.

Please invite your family, friends, neighbors or anyone who may need a hot meal.

If you have any questions, please call 313-341-4095.

Thank you and we hope to see you all there!

Outer Drive Faith Lutheran Church, Pastor Eddie Morales M.Div., 17500 James Couzens Hwy, Detroit, MI 48235, P: 313-341-4095, Fax: 313-341-2926, Sunday Service: 10:00am / Sunday Mem. Bible Study 9:00am / Sunday School: 9:00am, Email: odofcl@yahoo.com



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Senior Holiday Delivery

**Saturday, December 21 | 8 a.m.**  
1400 Oakman Blvd, Detroit, MI 48238

Join us as we safely deliver 1,500 holiday meal boxes to pre-selected participants for our Senior Holiday Meal Delivery program!

To sign up to volunteer please visit : [bit.ly/fHshD24](https://bit.ly/fHshD24)



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