



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.

On the Council Table

Council Boots Municipal Parking RFP



The Emergency Manager presented a resolution requesting approval to issue a "Request For Proposals" (RFP) to start the process of privatizing and monetizing the municipal parking functions of the City. The RFP would seek bids for the administration of parking garages, metered parking and abandoned vehicle towing currently provided by the Municipal Parking Department. According to

representatives of the EM's office, the measure would not be pursued if Council disapproved, which they did by a vote of 6-2. The EM proceeded to "kick the Council to the curb" and issued the RFP under Public Act 436 also known as the "Emergency Manager Law."

[To read the proposed resolution click here](#)

Bridge Two....Nowhere



The Emergency Manager submitted a resolution to Council requesting the approval to transfer 301 City-owned properties to the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority. The property would be in exchange for a payment of \$1,420,423.50, funded by the Canadian Government, which would serve as the City's investment in the New International Trade Crossing (NITC). Councilwoman Sheffield, along with many of her colleagues, expressed opposition to the proposal mainly citing the valuation of the property, the lack of a defined community benefits agreement (CBA), and the City not being a party to the NITC agreement. In response to their dissent, the EM requested the item be withdrawn and reconsidered in 30 days to allow time to develop a CBA.

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

Keeping Up with the Councilwoman

Touching the District!



Councilwoman Sheffield served as the speaker for the Annual Women's Day at St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church on July 13, 2014. As an ordained minister, she delivered the word and enjoyed the fellowship with the membership after service. The Councilwoman is dedicated to empowering women and she was very grateful for the opportunity.



The Councilwoman joined the Detroit Youth Energy Squad for their Canton Street Project. This project is reaching out to churches and organizations to green and beautify the 3900 block of Canton located in District 5 on Detroit's Eastside. Given the City's current financial position, the Councilwoman recognizes the need for all of us to pitch in to make our community better and was encouraged to see Detroit's youth in

action.

[For more photos of District 5 events click here](#)

Telling Our Story!



Councilwoman Sheffield was featured on Channel 7's 11pm news broadcast during their "Taking Action for You" segment for her Safety and Crime Prevention edition of "Conversations with the Councilwoman." During her interview she highlighted the need for the community to work together with law enforcement and other entities to address the problems with crime in our neighborhoods.

Council Member Sheffield was also interviewed by Channel 7 for a feature the station did on water shutoffs and the international attention Detroit was receiving as a result. She was chosen because of her opposition to the shut-offs and her vote to deny water and sewerage rate increases.

[To watch and read the Councilwoman's interviews click here](#)

Branching Out



At the invitation of New York City Council Member Jumaane Williams, Council Member Sheffield agreed to become a founding member of the National Network to Combat Gun Violence. The organization will be comprised of local elected officials from urban cities struggling to deal with violent crimes in their respective locales. She traveled to Brooklyn, NY to meet with Councilman Williams to discuss solutions to tackle gun violence.

Live in District 5

"Conversations with the Councilwoman"



On Tuesday, July 29, 2014, Councilwoman Sheffield pulled off her most successful "Conversations with the Councilwoman" in the series to date. There were over 150 attendees and a very impressive array of law enforcement, security professionals and

community groups with expertise in protecting the community. Among the guests were Detroit's Police Chief James Craig, Fire Commissioner Edsel Jenkins, Central Collegiate Academy Principal Steven McGhee, Detroit 300, EMS, Threat Management and many more. Stay tuned for the announcement of the next installment.

To view the video and photos of this edition of "Conversations" [click here](#)

District 5 Thrives!



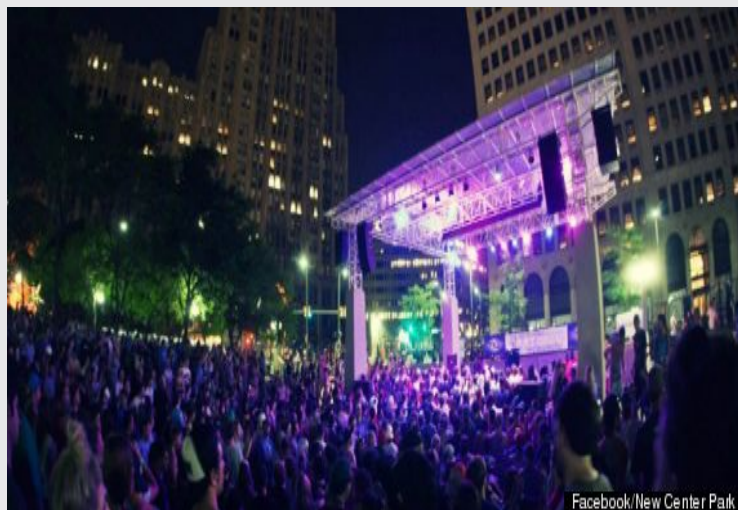
Community for Change is a small group of citizens doing big things on the eastside of Detroit in District 5. The area includes Burns to James Court and is bounded by Gratiot and I-94. Their mission is to provide resources and information to residents and facilitate a grassroots approach to resolving quality of life issues within their community. In that vein, through the leadership of Ms. Norma Vaughn, the Community for Change has developed partnerships with local business owners to have lawn equipment donated for community use.

They are making the equipment available to anyone who wants to help clean up their neighborhood. Councilwoman Sheffield applauds Community for Change and would like to duplicate their efforts throughout District 5 in conjunction with her planned Neighborhood Angels program.

For more info about Community for Change and the program [click here](#)

News You Can Use

All the Way Live in D5



New Center Park, owned and operated by Midtown Detroit, Inc., is a unique green space located on the Southwest corner of W. Grand Boulevard and Second Ave. across from the Fisher Building. New Center Park presents music, films & performances every year from June through August with the vast majority being free of charge. It's a shining example of the uniqueness of District 5 and Councilwoman Sheffield urges everyone to experience the New Center Park.



Building on the extraordinary cultural legacy of Detroit's North End, the Metropolitan Observatory of Digital Culture and Representation (MODCAR) in collaboration with the Oakland Avenue Artists Coalition (OAAC) is working on reactivating one linear mile of historic Oakland Avenue by bringing together a network of architects,

landscape architects, musicians, urban designers, contemporary artists, community advocates, and residents to collectively plan and produce a series of vibrant civic spaces. The project is known as O.N.E. Mile and is situated along a mile-long stretch of Oakland Avenue - the central commercial and creative artery of Detroit's historic North End. For more information on O.N.E. Mile visit <http://www.onemile.us/> .

For more info on New Center Park events click here

Now Hiring, Apply Within!



The Detroit Public Schools is currently looking to fill various positions associated with the all too important job of educating young Detroiters! The positions range from principals to janitorial services and there is something for all skill and educational levels.

For information on specific DPS listings click here

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