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DETROIT CITY COUNCIL • DISTRICT 2

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD CALLOWAY, JD

Breast Cancer Awareness Month



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COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

Watch City Council & leave a public comment:

How to view City Council Sessions:

1. Watch live on **Channel 10** for local broadcasting.
2. Watch online at **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**

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

Vote by Tuesday, November 5

By Mail: Register for absentee ballot voting and mail in your ballot as soon as possible to ensure it will be counted.

Dropbox: At the clerk's office or an authorized drop box location.

Early In-Person: At early voting locations, July 27-August 4.

Election Day In-Person: At your designated polling location on Aug. 6th. from 7 AM-8 PM.



Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway at Formal Session on October 1, 2024.

Ballot Drop Box Locations in District 2

Liberty Temple Baptist Church-Ballot Box Only

17188 Greenfield Rd (near McNichols),
Detroit, MI, 48235

Hours: Available 24 Hours/7 Days a Week

Northwest Activity Center

18100 Meters Rd, Detroit, MI, 48235

Hours: Available 24 Hours/7 Days a Week

Tindal Activity Center

10301 W. 7 Mile Rd, Detroit, MI 48221

Hours: Available 24 Hours/7 Days a Week

Adams Butzel Recreation Complex

10500 Lyndon St, Detroit, MI 48238

Hours: Available 24 Hours/7 Days a Week

Palmer Park Community Center

1121 Merrill Plaisance St, Detroit, MI 48203

Hours: Available 24 Hours/7 Days a Week

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CITY OF DETROIT

Coffee & Conversation

Monday, October 14, 2024, at 8 AM
Mount Beulah Baptist Church
20056 Cherrylawn Ave., Detroit, MI 48221



Meet the Councilwoman and her team on **Monday, October 14, at 8:00 AM**, at Mount Beulah Baptist Church, located at **20056 Cherrylawn St, Detroit, MI 48221**. Coffee & Conversation is an opportunity to meet with the Councilwoman, city of Detroit departments, community organizers, and neighbors. We've got a lot of work to do, so please be mindful to arrive on time as we anticipate the conversation will begin promptly at 8:00 AM.

'Walk in the Park' Series Ends

The last walk of the 'Walk in the Park' series concluded last month, starting at the Detroit Medical Center Sinai-Grace Hospital on W. Outer Drive. This final event was a great success, featuring the CEO, Chief HR Supervisor, Chief Nursing Officer, Physical Therapists, and, most importantly, community

residents from District 2. The series will make a comeback in the spring of next year, and we eagerly anticipate seeing everyone in the community again.

District 2 Virtual Community Meeting

Join Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway and her team for a virtual discussion with the Wayne County Treasurer, City of Detroit departments and local stakeholders.

Monday, October 21, 2024
Zoom Meeting
5:30 PM-6:30 PM

Meeting ID: 873 0775 6876
Passcode: 175815



October District 2 Virtual Community Meeting

This month, Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway and her team have organized a special presentation featuring Wayne County Treasurer Eric A. Sabree along with the Property Assessment Board of Review for the District 2 Virtual Community Meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 21, 2024**, at 5:30 PM on Zoom, lasting for one hour.

To participate, please use the following details:

- Meeting ID: 873 0775 6876
- Passcode: 175815

Additionally, you can find the meeting information and link on the City Council District 2 page at detroitmi.gov.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

Conversations on Early Childhood Education



Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway attends DPN Policy Pop-Up on September 25, 2024.

By: Councilwoman Angela Whitfield Calloway

As a recent panelist for the Detroit Parent Network's Policy Pop-Up, I had the privilege of discussing an issue that I am deeply passionate about: early childhood education. Reflecting on the event, I was reminded of the power of community engagement and the vital role that conversations like these play in shaping the future of our children.

Throughout my fifteen years working in the Detroit Public School system and my recent experience as a Hunt Institute Fellow, I have seen firsthand the significant disparities that exist in early education. Far too many children, especially those from low-income backgrounds, lack access to high-quality early learning opportunities. The data is clear: Michigan currently ranks 27th nationally for state pre-K spending, emphasizing the need for increased investment to improve access and quality.

Events like the Policy Pop-Up provide a space where parents, educators, policymakers, and community leaders can come together to discuss

these challenges and, most importantly, work toward solutions.

As a local government official, I understand the value of listening to the voices of those directly impacted by our policies. Hearing from parents and caregivers at the Policy Pop-Up reminded me that the solutions we seek must be rooted in the experiences of our families. These conversations are where change begins; they are the driving force behind the policies that will create equitable opportunities for every child in Detroit.

My time as a Hunt Institute Fellow also underscored the importance of these dialogues. During the Early Childhood Leadership Summit, I engaged with leaders from across the country who are tackling similar challenges, and I saw how crucial it is to bring diverse voices to the table. We must continue to create spaces where our community can come together to share, learn, and advocate for the needs of our youngest learners.

The work ahead will not be easy, but it is necessary. I am committed to advocating for high-quality early childhood education, but I need each of you—parents, educators, community members—to be part of this journey. Attending events like the Policy Pop-Up is just the beginning.



COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

Expanding Free Pre-K Opportunities for All 4-Year-Olds in Michigan

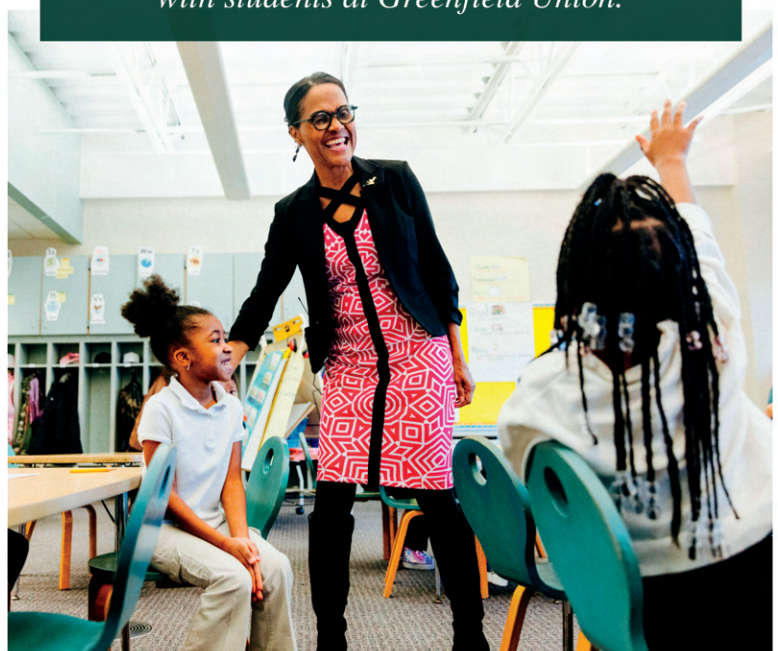
Families in Michigan have great news on the horizon! Governor Whitmer has included \$130 million in the FY25 budget for the "continued expansion" of free pre-K for all 4-year-olds in Michigan. This investment is part of the state's Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), an initiative that aims to provide every child in Michigan with an equal opportunity for early learning. The new budget represents a \$54 million increase from previous years, allowing for 5,300 additional children to enroll in pre-K. Families interested in learning more can do so at greatstarttoquality.org. In addition, the Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) is actively participating in this program and is currently accepting applications for GSRP. Families in Detroit can complete the interest form at detroitk12.org/prek.

To further support families, the MI Tri-Share Child Care program provides a unique way for parents to share the cost of childcare with their employer and the State. This innovative program is coordinated regionally, with Everybody Ready serving as the Facilitator Hub for Wayne County. Under this program, childcare expenses are divided equally between the employer, the employee, and the State.

To be eligible, families must have a total monthly household income between 200-325% of the Federal Poverty Level. The costs are distributed directly to the childcare provider by the Tri-Share administrator, United Way of Northwest Michigan (UWNWMI). For those employees whose companies are already participating, their portion of the cost is collected via payroll



Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway interacts with students at Greenfield Union.



deduction. Employers and partners interested in participating can sign up at mitrishare.org.

With these new initiatives, families in Michigan can save on the cost of early childhood education, gain access to quality childcare, and be assured that every child has a great start to their education journey. Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway encourages families to take advantage of these opportunities and learn more about how they can benefit their children and their community.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Empowering Youth Voices: The Initiative of the Youth and Civic Engagement Task Force

By: Robeon Cooper

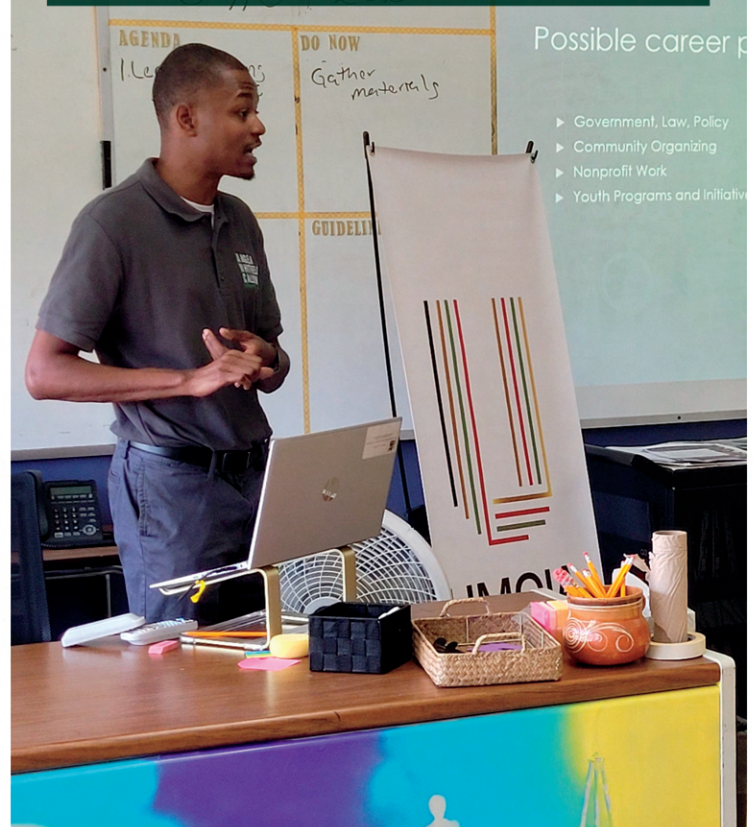
When Councilwoman Angela Whitfield Calloway took office in 2021, she and her team took the initiative to establish the Youth and Civic Engagement Task Force. The main objective is to promote youth engagement in civic matters, such as ensuring eligible students are registering to vote, while also understanding the political process and advocacy in order to build better and stronger communities.

The task force's main objective for the 2024-2025 school year is to register eligible high school students to vote, while also aiding in discussions surrounding the exploitation of illegal substances amongst youth. In an effort to address the issues most impacting our youth, the Councilwoman and her team have partnered with various community stakeholders with the intention of hosting informative events throughout the year so the voices of the youth will be heard. Through these findings we aspire to have these conversations lead to policy recommendations drafted by the youth.

If you know any youth that may be interested in joining the Youth and Civic Engagement Task Force please contact Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway at CouncilMemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov or call (313) 224-4535.



Community Relations Team hosts informational forum to introduce Youth & Civic Engagement Taskforce.



COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

HERstory in the Making at Loyola High School



Dr. Richardson-Phillips and Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway on September 24, 2024.

On September 24, 2024, Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway presented Dr. Deborah Richardson-Phillips with the prestigious Spirit of Detroit Award to congratulate her on her historic appointment as the new president of Loyola High School, the all-male Jesuit high school in District 2 located at 15325 Pinehurst.

Dr. Richardson-Phillips is the first female and first African American president in the school's 30-year history. Each school year, Loyola serves approximately 150 young men, and is one of only three Catholic high schools still operating in the city of Detroit.

Prior to serving as president of Loyola, Dr. Richardson-Phillips was vice president of diversity, equity, and inclusion at the Saint Ignatius High School in Cleveland, Ohio where she created the school's first-ever DEI strategic plan. She also collaborated with the Office of Advancement at Saint Ignatius on stewardship efforts, including increasing giving by alumni of color. Dr. Richardson-Phillips also taught African American history at Saint Ignatius and made many other important contributions to the school.

Day of Volunteering at Palmer Park

By: Jerry Perrett

Detroit's Palmer Park is undergoing an amazing restoration led by Environmental Consulting & Technology (ECT). On Wednesday, September 18th about 200 ECT employees volunteered alongside the City of Detroit, The People for Palmer Park, and The Greening of Detroit.

ECT was founded in 1988 with the goal of providing innovative environmental consulting services. The company focuses on delivering solutions that support environmental sustainability and compliance for various industries. Over the years, ECT has expanded its operations to emphasize the importance of community engagement and the need for ecological restoration in its projects. The initiative includes improvements such as the rehabilitation of Lake Frances, the establishment of urban gardens, the removal of invasive plants, and the planting of thirty new trees to enhance its natural environment. This effort reinforces the importance of providing ecological, social, and economic benefits to the community.



Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway explores native trees with volunteers from The Greening of Detroit.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Policy+

Special letter from
D2 POLICE
COMMISSIONER
LINDA BERNARD JD, LL.M



Hello Friends and Neighbors:

Only in Michigan does the weather change in 24 hours from 80 degrees and sun bathing, to the damp and chilly 60s, sweaters and raincoats! They say it's going to be a tough winter, but Detroiters can handle it! I remember walking to school in three feet of snow dumped in a single storm!

The weather is changing and so is the Police Department. Everywhere, we are becoming more and more dependent on technology in law enforcement. I chair the BOPC's POLICY COMMITTEE. The committee is charged with the responsibility of developing (together with DPD), policies to govern the use of these new powerful technologies to help reduce crime in our community. As part of Community Input Over Government Surveillance, the Policy Committee reviews each CIOGS request by the Department and forwards our recommendation to the full BOPC for approval and submission to the City Council.

Let's take a look at four of them:

- 1. License Plate Readers (LPRs)** – City Council recently approved the additional expenditure of \$5M to increase the number of LPR's located at intersections and on freeways. LPRs are also used "in reverse" when they have a vehicle description but no plate numbers. Per policy, LPRs are supposed to be used only in Priority One Violent Cases: Homicide, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Assault (a weapon), Robbery, Burglary (of an occupied dwelling), Larceny, & Carjacking.
- 2. Project Green Light** – Business Owners pay the City for the cost of the HD cameras, lighting, and installation: roughly \$12K to \$15K per installation. Once installed, the cameras recording function is activated. When a 911 call is made from the business, the film is immediately activated and uploaded on monitors in the Real Time Crime Center in Public Safety HQ and some precincts, enabling officers to immediately review the video, speak to witnesses, identify the culprit(s) and expedite an arrest. If you are interested in becoming a Project Greenlight site, contact DPD at (313) 592-8899 or email projectgreenlight@detroitmi.gov.
- 3. DPD Surveillance Van:** The new van (\$80,000) can film anything in public view. This is constitutionally allowable. However, it does not have x-ray vision. [DPD and its law enforcement partners already have night goggles and scopes that see through walls.] The Committee agreed with me that surveillance of the public is constitutional, per the U. S. Supreme Court. However, "listening" without a warrant is NOT permissible, in my view or that of the Committee. This prohibition is articulated in the forthcoming policy. The compromise position that the Committee and the Department ultimately agreed to, was that any listening devices would ONLY be located on the four (4) corners of the van, with a listening radius, of no more than five feet, to assure officer safety.
- 4. Drones (Aerial Surveillance):** The Committee is working on the policy for the use of drones. They show in HD video the real time action and circumstances on the street, and are guided by trained personnel. The Department plans to use drones to gather information and help determine the best police response in situations ranging from crowd control to barricaded armed threats.

This is just a snippet of the many "tools" in DPD's technology tool kit. I will continue to keep you informed! We are a free and Democratic Society that values privacy, individual freedoms, and the right to freely assemble. Any and all mechanisms that infringe on these principals are subject to intense scrutiny to assure protection to the fullest extent of the law: Full Protection of all our Constitutional Rights! ■

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Calloway's Small Business Spotlight

2020 Event Center, originally established as Let's Get Creative, was founded by Mercedes M. Wilson, a Certified Event Planner and Specialist, in March 2015. This premier decorating company aims to create unforgettable experiences for individuals, couples, families, and organizations in need of professional event decor services for weddings, parties, corporate gatherings, and significant life events, both indoors and outdoors. Their offerings include event decorating, venue rental, event planning and coordination, prop rentals, photo booth services, photography and videography, linens, table and chair rentals, centerpieces, and much more. Reach out to Mercedes Wilson and 2020 Event Center to make your event truly memorable.



Meet The Owner
MERCEDES WILSON



6375 W. 7 MILE RD., SUITE 102
WWW.WILSHINLUXURYEVENTS.COM
313-648-3754

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



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY FUND



WHAT IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY FUND?

Funded through the City of Detroit's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public service annual allocation, the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund program provides grants to non-profit and neighborhood service organizations to improve the social condition of low-income residents in the city.



FUNDING PRIORITIES

- EDUCATION
- SENIORS
- HEALTH SERVICES
- YOUTH RECREATION
- PUBLIC SAFETY

APPLICATION KEY DATES

- **BEST PRACTICES WORKSHOP (VIRTUAL)**
July 16, 2024 – [VIEW RECORDING HERE](#)
- **1ST APPLICATION WORKSHOP (VIRTUAL)**
August 27, 2024 – [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **APPLICATION OPENS**
September 9, 2024
- **2ND APPLICATION WORKSHOP (IN-PERSON)**
September 19, 2024 – [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE**
October 11, 2024

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

At a minimum, all applicant organizations must meet the following **THRESHOLD ELIGIBILITY**:

- Meet HUD National Objective (serves low to moderate income individuals)
- Attend NOF application workshop or view webinar
- Complete and submit proposal(s) by the deadline
- Read and sign Application Certification forms
- Has a board with at least five (5) members, which meets at least twice a year
- Has 501(c)(3) status prior to applying for proposal
- Has at least two (2) years of operation and proof of operations
- Has no unresolved government audit and monitoring problems (i.e., tax, legal, etc.)
- Submit most recent fiscal year cash flow statement, financial statement and if available, recent audit
- Submit current [Michigan Annual Non-Profit Report](#)
- Submit Recorded Articles of Incorporation
- Applicant's organization has provided proof of operating cash on hand (at least 7 % of the request)
- Submit Current Certificate of Good Standing (obtain Certificate [here](#))

**ALL APPLICANTS MUST REGISTER WITH THE
CITY OF DETROIT'S [SUPPLIER PORTAL](#)**

QUESTIONS?

Contact **Tamra Fontaine Hardy**
at fountainet@detroitmi.gov.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DETROIT HOMEOWNERS
APPLY TO REDUCE TAX DEBT**



HOPE → PAYS



www.detroitmi.gov/hope or call **313-244-0274**

STRUGGLING WITH **back taxes?**

Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE) can exempt you from your current year taxes and make you eligible for financial assistance

STEP 1 Apply for HOPE

STEP 2 If approved, you may be invited to **Pay As You Stay** (PAYS) Plan with Wayne County Treasurer's Office

STEP 3 Detroit Tax Relief Fund (DTRF) pays off your PAYS balance in full

Apply now online at detroitmi.gov/HOPE
or call **313-244-0274**

2024 HOPE Deadline: November 1

District 2 NEWSLETTER



**DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT
DETROIT FIRE DEPARTMENT
HALLOWEEN
ACTIVITIES**

2nd Precinct 13530 Lesure
Oct. 31 • Trick-or-Treating from 5-8 p.m.

3rd Precinct 2875 W. Grand Blvd.
Oct. 31 • Trick-or-Treating from 4-7 p.m.

4th Precinct at Patton Park
2301 Woodmere
Oct. 31 • Trick-or-Treating from 4-7 p.m.

5th Precinct 3500 Conner
Oct. 31 • All Aboard the Halloween Float and
Trick-or-Treating from 4 – 8 p.m.

6th Precinct 11450 Warwick
Oct. 31 • Trunk-or-Treating from 5-8 p.m.

7th Precinct at Butzel Family Center
7737 Kercheval
Oct. 31 • Trick-or-Treating from 5-8 p.m.

8th Precinct 21555 W. McNichols
Oct. 31 • Trunk-or-Treating from 5-8 p.m.

9th Precinct 11187 Gratiot
Oct. 31 • Halloween Party at Heilmann
Recreation Center (19601 Crusade) from 3 – 8 p.m.
Trick-or-Treating from 5 – 8 p.m. at Precinct

10th Precinct 12000 Livernois
Oct. 31 • Trick-or-Treating from 4 – 8 p.m.

11th Precinct 5100 Nevada
Haunted House
Oct. 21 • 27 from 6 – 10 p.m.
Oct. 28 • 31 from 6 p.m. – midnight
Oct. 31 • Trick-or-Treating from 6 – 10 p.m.

12th Precinct 1441 W. Seven Mile Road
Oct. 30 • Halloween Party and Hayride
from 4 – 8 p.m.
Oct. 31 • Trick-or-Treating from 4 – 8 p.m.

These fire stations also will distribute
Halloween candy on October 31.

Engine 30
16543 Meyers

Engine 33
1041 Lawndale

Engine 58
10801 Whittier

**ANGELS' NIGHT
VOLUNTEER CAMPAIGN**




**SOUTH OF 7
LIVERNOIS
BLOCK CLUB**

HOSTED BY: MOTOR CITY BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE
&
SOUTH OF SEVEN BLOCK CLUB

1pm-7pm
Trick or Treating
8 mile to 6 mile

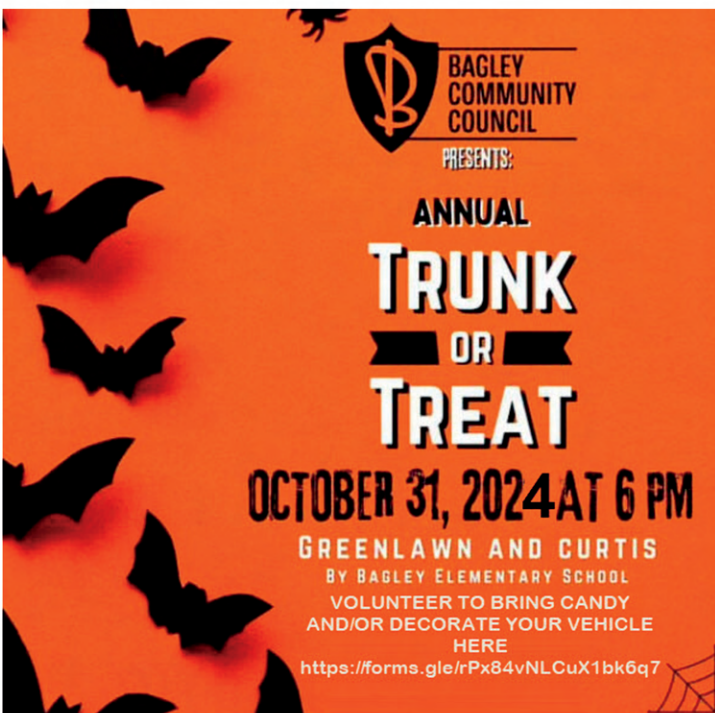
SPECIAL
PERFORMANCE BY:
LEVEY WORLD FAMED
JAGUARS BAND

**THE AVENUE OF FASHION 2024
FALL FEST**

2 MILES OF FAMILY FUN.

— ★ ★ ★ —
26TH OCT, 2024 - 1:00PM-7:00PM

**Kiddie Discos Freebies & Discounts And More
Carnival Rides Face Painting Live DJ
Trick-or-treating at EVERY BUSINESS!!**



**BAGLEY
COMMUNITY
COUNCIL
PRESENTS:**

**ANNUAL
TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

OCTOBER 31, 2024 AT 6 PM

GREENLAWN AND CURTIS
BY BAGLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
VOLUNTEER TO BRING CANDY
AND/OR DECORATE YOUR VEHICLE
HERE
<https://forms.gle/rPx84vNLCuX1bk6q7>



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