



## 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 continues "**Occupy The Corner Detroit**" on **October 10th from 7-9pm at the corner of Davison and Linwood**. The Councilwoman, community leaders, staff and volunteers will hit the blocks in District 5's highest crime and impoverished neighborhoods to bring resources and hope to residents. 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

**OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
@ THE CORNER OF DAVISON AND LINWOOD

**OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
@ THE CORNER OF WOODWARD AND SEWARD

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!*

**JOIN** **DET. COUNCIL MEMBER MARY SHEFFIELD**

The poster features a large 'Occupy the Corner' logo with a red and black color scheme. A circular emblem on the right contains the text 'OCCUPY THE CORNER' and 'DETROIT' with silhouettes of people. A portrait of Mary Sheffield is shown in a circular frame with a red banner below it. The background is a grayscale image of a city street with graffiti.

[Click here for pictures of the event!](#)

### On the Council Table

#### EM Given the Boot?



On September 25, 2014, the City Council passed a resolution authorizing the dismissal of Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr and ending receivership in the City of Detroit effective immediately with the effective date of the plan of adjustment. The

resolution restores power to the Mayor and Council even though Kevyn Orr was kept in place to continue with the bankruptcy proceedings. The vote was unanimous and begins a new chapter in Detroit's history. Councilwoman Sheffield preferred to restore complete democracy immediately but like her colleagues realized exit from bankruptcy was priority for a host of reasons.

[To read the Mayor and Council's joint statement click here](#)

### Blind-Sided!



To the dismay of Council and countless residents, the Emergency Manager, in one of his last actions before Council adopted the resolution to remove him, repealed Chapter 14, Article VI of the 1984 Detroit City Code outlining the establishment, authority and operation of Citizen District Councils. Upon learning of the order, Councilwoman Sheffield immediately requested the Legislative Policy Division draft a report outlining the effects of the ordinance and analyzing the legality of such a repeal of rights granted by the State Constitution.

[To see the EM Order to Repeal the CDC Ordinance click here](#)

### DWSD Waterboarding???



After months of private negotiations between Mayor Duggan, Tri-County Executives and the Governor, Council was presented with the Great Lakes Regional Water Authority for its approval. The measure would lease, for 40 years, the parts of the system servicing the suburbs to the new authority. 900 of the the approximately 1,400 employees will now become GLRWA employees. The measure was passed by City Council by a vote of 7-2 with Council Member Sheffield and Council President Brenda Jones dissenting. Overall, Councilwoman Sheffield wanted to vet the proposal more and do her due diligence with respect to weighing all options before entering into any agreement.

[For more info on the GLRWA and Member Sheffield's Statement click here](#)

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## **Keeping Up with the Councilwoman**

*Touching the District!*



Durfee Elementary and Middle School was one of 25 elementary schools across the country to receive a new library as part of the Target School Library Makeover program. The Library was redesigned and constructed with 2,000 new books, furniture, carpet, shelves, and a complete technology upgrade (including new ipads, interactive white boards, and more). Councilwoman Sheffield attended the event to speak with the students and presented Target, the Heart of America Foundation and Durfee with Spirit of Detroit Awards for their commitment to education and the community.

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

*Telling Our Story!*

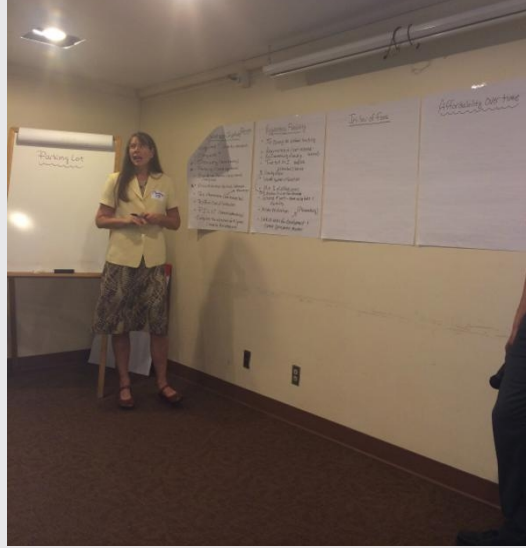


Councilwoman Sheffield was highly sought after by the media looking to spread the word and learn more about Occupy the Corner - Detroit. She was interviewed by 92.3's Frankie Darcell, WWJ 950, and both 1200 WCHB's Mildred Gaddis and Cliff Russell. Channel 7 WXYZ's Simon Shaykhet did a feature story for the evening news and Fox 2 and TV 20 both reported on the initiative.

[To watch the interview click here](#)

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*Standing up for District 5*



The Councilwoman participated in a 2 hour session with housing industry experts and developers to have a dialogue about a proposed Inclusionary Housing Ordinance which she plans to sponsor. The meeting was a great first step in ensuring those who happen to have greater needs will not be left out as Detroit forges ahead with revitalization. Councilwoman Sheffield was pleased that the notion of affordable does not always mean quality was addressed and that the group wanted to make sure the two go hand in hand in the development of the ordinance.

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## **Live in District 5**

*"Conversations with the Councilwoman"*





Conversations with the Councilwoman will be hitting the road this month! Councilwoman Sheffield will be touring District 5 senior buildings engaging in a dialogue with residents about issues facing our seniors. If you would like the Councilwoman to visit your senior building please call (313)224-4505.

### Angels Night in D5



Councilwoman Sheffield and staff will be at stationed at Butzel Family Recreation Center to volunteer for Angels Night. If you are interested in joining the

Councilwoman in keeping the city safe and quite during the three day Angel's Night period, which runs from Wednesday October 29th through Friday October 31st please call (313)224-4505 or (313)628-1119.

[For more information about Angel's Night click here](#)

### *District 5 Thrives!*



Please help Councilwoman Sheffield as she supports District 5 organizations in keeping families warm this winter. If you have any new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, and scarfs please drop them off at our District Office at the Butzel Family Recreation Facility 7737 Kercheval on Monday and Wednesday from 11am-5pm. For more information please call (313)224-4505.

[Click here to view a map of the District 5 Office](#)

### **News You Can Use**

## *Breast Cancer Awareness Month*



Councilwoman would like to recognize a strong fighter and survivor of breast cancer as we celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Wanda Bush, Councilwoman Sheffield's Aunt is a walking testimony and inspiration to others who are battling the disease. Councilwoman stated that " Her journey is inspiring to me because she never complains, stands strong, remains positive, and fights hard everyday."

Many women can survive breast cancer if its found and treated early. A mammogram-the screening test for breast cancer- can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Make a difference! Spread the word about mammograms, get screened, and encourage others to do so as well!

[For more info about Breast Cancer click here](#)

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*Now Hiring, Apply Within!*



The State of Michigan is the largest employer in the State. Therefore, the State is constantly seeking prospective employees for a wide variety of positions. The positions include full and part-time opportunities as well as jobs for every educational and skill level. Find out if they have the perfect career waiting for you!

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