

From Your Councilwoman

Hi, District 4!

Tuesday, November 5th is election day. If you haven't had an opportunity to vote early, today is your last chance to vote in the 2024 General election. VOTE! It's not only your right; it's the right thing to do.

Can you believe that we are nearing the holiday season? As we near the winter months, consider some easy weatherization actions like changing your furnace filter or adding film to windows to keep out drafts.

If you are low-income and need support with home repair, come out to the November Monthly Meeting where Wayne Metro will help residents apply for supportive services.

I look forward to seeing you!

Councilwoman Latisha Johnson, District 4



Councilwoman Johnson joined developer, Edward Carrington, community leaders and partners at the opening of The Ribbon.



313-224-4841

313-224-0369





Join Council Member Latisha Johnson for

District 4 In-Person Monthly Meeting

Monday, November 18th 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Location:

Jesus Tabernacle

11001 Chalmers St, Detroit, MI 48213

*Refreshments provided while supplies last



Wayne Metro to assist District 4 residents

Residents will have the opportunity to apply for a variety of programs and services designed to help you and your family thrive. Whether you're looking for assistance with housing, utility bills, or job training, our team is ready to assist you.

Keeping Up with City Hall

National Stormwater Day

National Stormwater Day is observed annually in November to raise awareness around both the challenges and successes in stormwater management. Stormwater is water generated from rainfall and melting snow that flows over surfaces like roads and parking lots, often picking up pollutants and debris such as motor oil, gasoline, harmful chemicals, and litter. Proper management practices can help mitigate flooding, reduce water pollution in local waterways, and enhance public health.

Effective stormwater management is vital for Detroiters, specifically those in District 4. Our residents face significant challenges due to a combined sewer system that overflows during heavy rain events that are becoming increasingly more common due to climate change. This leads to basement backups, street flooding, and polluted wastewater potentially entering the Rouge and Detroit Rivers, causing environmental concerns and property damage, particularly in low-lying areas like Jefferson Chalmers.

To learn more about National Stormwater Day, you can <u>register</u> for the National Stormwater Day Webinar hosted by the National Municipal Stormwater Alliance on Friday, November 15 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM.

Report Water Issues Immediately

If you notice flooding, blocked storm drains, or other stormwater issues, report them promptly to ensure they are addressed quickly. Report areas where water remains standing for extended periods after rain, as this can indicate drainage problems.

- **DWSD Customer Service:** (313) 267-8000
- Online Reporting: detroitmi.gov/ImproveDetroit
- DWSD Emergency Services: (313) 267-7401
- Send detailed reports or inquiries to dwsd-publicaffairs@detroitmi.gov

Councilwoman's Policy Updates

Animal Keeping & Husbandry Ordinance SURVEY

The Detroit City Council is in the process of considering a zoning ordinance amendment that would allow residents and urban gardens to maintain a combination of chickens, ducks, and honeybee hives on their land. Roosters will not be allowed. Residential properties could maintain a combination of 8 chickens and ducks and up to 4 honeybee hives. Up to 12 chickens would be allowed on urban farms and gardens. An urban garden is a lot under one acre and an urban farm is a lot over one acre.

Chickens and ducks would be required to be kept in an enclosure in the rear of the owner's property no less than 30 feet from the neighboring homes and 5 feet from the property line. Honeybee hives must be no less than 5 feet from the property line if a barrier is present. If a barrier is not present, hives must be 25 feet from the neighbor's property line. Barriers include fence, wall, and trees. Applicants will need to apply for a license through Detroit Animal Care and Control for chickens and ducks. The license fee is \$50. A license is not required to keep honeybee hives.

Click the link to complete the 1-minute survey and let Councilwoman Johnson know how you feel about animal keeping in the city. Please respond by Monday, November 11.

Survey Link

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Fast Track Ordinance

City Council unanimously passed the PILOT Fast-Track Ordinance last Tuesday during Formal Session. This Ordinance is designed to expedite the approval process and development of affordable housing projects across the City. With this ordinance, the City will offer property tax reductions in exchange for developers committing to providing 15 years of affordable rent and maintaining a certificate of compliance. Although this is a step in the right direction and will hopefully promote more workforce housing, there is still an opportunity to provide deeper affordability and ensure that we are serving all of our residents.

To fill this gap and create more affordable housing in the city, Councilwoman Johnson will be working to formulate a new Community Land Trust (CLT) Ordinance. A CLT is a nonprofit that owns land and leases it to homebuyers, who then purchase the house on the land. This process can make homeownership more affordable since homeowners only purchase the house and not the land it sits on. As Detroit's population continues to grow, it is essential that we promote policies that support long-term affordability. With this ordinance, Councilwoman Johnson aims to promote affordable housing in the city, while also increasing homeownership rates and housing stability.

LPD drafts a report on the impact of living in a floodplain

In August 2024, Councilwoman Johnson requested that the Legislative Policy Division provide a report that outlines the financial, psychological, and physical impact of living in a floodplain. Specifically, she requested that the report take a deeper dive into how it impacts residents living in Jefferson Chalmers. In the report, LPD states that Jefferson Chalmers' position next to the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair make the problems of flooding, financial viability, and quality of life especially acute for its residents.

As a result of the increasingly higher rain volume and intensity coupled with the combined sewer overflow events, residents in Jefferson Chalmers are experiencing sewage backup in their basements resulting in a host of poor health outcomes and financial loss.

These events are in addition to the flooding that comes from inundation points where canals enter the river along the shoreline. However, a February 2022 report from the United States Army Corps of Engineers expressly disclaims that combined sewer overflows plague the east side after heavy rains. According to LPD, some of the impacts of living in a floodplain include:

Prohibitive costs of flood insurance Gastrointestinal illnesses Respiratory illnesses Skin rashes and infections Poisoning from chemical irritants Anxiety, depression, and PTSD Increased mortality rates

Furthermore, the report included a study that examined 3842 households that responded to a question regarding home flooding due to rainfall between 2012-2020. Among the respondents, 2085 reported experiencing flooding in homes located throughout the City of Detroit.

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Several factors were significantly associated with flooding risk. Rental properties and homes with unfinished basements were more likely to experience flooding. Homes built prior to 1910 through 1930 and between 1946 and 1957 are more prone to flooding. Homes with roofs that were in bad condition, had mold on the walls, moldy smells, uncapped sewer outlets, or the occurrence of previous sewer backups were more prone to flooding.

Roof leaks had the highest association with flooding. In discussing how to address the issue of the Jefferson Chalmers flood plain designation, LPD states that overcoming the affordability and sustainability challenges of flood insurance, and the consequent ability to recover from heavy rains and floods, both from river shore inundation and from CSOs, is an initial heavy policy lift that will require major federal resources and FEMA authorities to maintain areas like Jefferson-Chalmers as viable communities. They argue that the initial cost-increasing aspect is only one of the challenges around the larger issue of our ability to adapt to global warming, especially in areas designated as frequent "floodplains."

Society has failed to adopt aggressive measures to mitigate global-warming related harms in low-lying areas. Therefore, adaptation is the only viable strategy available currently. Subsidizing the costs of flood insurance in heavily impacted floodplains is only an initial policy response. More resources and programs for adaptation, including emergency flood relief after major events, will be especially necessary in vulnerable communities like Jefferson Chalmers.



October Monthly Meeting Recap

At October's Monthly meeting, D4 residents were treated to a presentation by Mr. Willie Donwell, Director, Property Assessment Board of Review who explained the Homeowners Property Exemption Program (HOPE).

Additionally, residents learned more about the Benefits Period Homeowner Program which offers special benefits within existing City programs, such as preferred access, award increases, discounts and more, to current Detroit residents who were impacted.







Benefits-Period Homeowner PROGRAM

WHO IS **ELIGIBLE?**

- Owned a home prior to 2009
- Owned the home from 2009 until 2016, unless it was sold or lost to foreclosure during that time
- Had a Principal Resident Exemption (PRE) effective during all years of ownership
- Currently live in Detroit

BENEFITS Choose ONE, plus the HR Benefit

ALL participants receive the HR benefit:

City of Detroit Human Resources

+10 points added to any City job application score

Choose ONE of the below:

Detroit I	Land B		

- . Up to 50% discount on Auction or
- . Up to 50% discount on BuyBack or
- . Up to 50% discount on Side-Lot

Grow Detroit's Young Talent*

Preferential access for 14-24 year-old children and grandchildren of Affected

Homeowners

City of Detroit Housing and Revitalization Department

Preferential access for:

- · 0% Home Repair Loan or
- · Detroit Housing Services or
- · Down Payment Assistance* or
- · Renew Detroit* or
- · Senior Emergency Repair* or
- · A Future Housing Assistance Program

Detroit At Work*

Preferential access to:

- D@W job search
- · Career services
- · Financial counseling

Assigned special, designated career coach to leverage non-workforce program

components

Motor City Match, Small business launcher* 20% increase in maximum financial or TA award.

as needed

Any Tax-Abated Development*

Preferential access to purchase or lease

*Resources contingent upon program availability

AND MORE!! CALL FOR A FULL LIST OF BENEFITS!



HOW TO ENROLL

Call City of Detroit Housing Resource HelpLine 866-313-2520 option 5

Program verifies your eligibility, contacts you directly Qualified homeowners: Choose your benefit by December 2024

detroitmi.gov/homeownerbenefits

Upcoming Meetings/Events



You are invited to a public meeting!

WHAT: Learn and Provide Feedback on the Proposed I-94 Drainage Tunnel and Iron Belle Trail Design Updates

WHY:

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is hosting a public meeting to present and obtain feedback on the I-94 drainage tunnel from M-3 (Gratiot Avenue) to Barrett Avenue as well as updates to the Iron Belle Trail design at I-94. MDOT and project team members will be present to answer questions. At **6:30 p.m.**, MDOT and the project team will be conducting a presentation of the proposed improvements. Written and verbal comments can be submitted at the public meeting, via email, or through the project website.

WHEN AND WHERE:

Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Wayne County Community College District 5901 Conner Ave. Detroit, MI 48213



Special Accommodations: Attendees who require mobility, visual, hearing, written, or other assistance for effective participation should contact Orlando Curry at 517-241-7462 or CurryO@Michigan.gov, preferably at least five business days prior to the scheduled meeting. Requests made after this timeframe will be evaluated and honored to the extent possible.

Keep an eye out for the Mayor's District 4 Charter Mandated meeting coming up in November

Budget Priorities Forums for

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS



Participate in one of seven forums to learn more about and provide input on the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. One will be hosted for each City Council District.

	ALL MEETINGS	ARE VIRTUAL
DISTRICT	THUR. OCTOBER 17 5PM	https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/3631409738. (312) 626-6799 or (346) 248-7799 Meeting ID: 363 140 9738
DISTRICT 3	OCTOBER 22 6PM	https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/3631409738. (312) 626-6799 or (346) 248-7799 Meeting ID: 363 140 9738
DISTRICT	THUR. OCTOBER 24 5:30PM	https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/3631409738. (312) 626-6799 or (346) 248-7799 Meeting ID: 363 140 9738
DISTRICT 7	Web. OCTOBER 30 5PM	https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/3631409738. (312) 626-6799 or (346) 248-7799 Meeting ID: 363 140 9738
DISTRICT 2	NOVEMBER 12 6PM	https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/3631409738. (312) 626-6799 or (346) 248-7799 Meeting ID: 363 140 9738
DISTRICT	NOVEMBER 19	https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/3631409738. (312) 626-6799 or (346) 248-7799 Meeting ID: 363 140 9738
DISTRICT 5	NED NOVEMBER 2 6PM	https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/3631409738. (312) 626-6799 or (346) 248-7799 Meeting ID: 363 140 9738

ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

The Budget Office within the City of Detroit Office of the Chief Financial Officer is preparing the Mayor's Recommended Annual Budget for programs, services, and activities for Fiscal Year 2026, which starts July 1, 2025 and ends June 30, 2026. It will be presented with the Four-Year Financial Plan to City Council in early March for its review and adoption.

ONLINE FEEDBACK

Public comments on the City's budget can be made at any time by emailing yourbudget@detroitmi.gov.



Do you know how our air is protected? Come and learn more about how air protection works and who's responsible for keeping our air safe!

Speakers Include:

University of Michigan School of Public Health · Great Lakes Environmental Law Center · Local Community Organizations · Local Officials

> Thursday, November 21, 2024 6:00PM TO 7:30PM Doors Will Open At 5:00PM For Dinner

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

KEMENY RECREATION CENTER (SPANISH TRANSLATION PROVIDED)

2260 S FORT ST, DETROIT, MI 48217

EASTSIDE COMMUNITY NETWORK

4401 CONNER ST, DETROIT, MI 48215

ISLAMIC CENTER OF DETROIT (ARABIC TRANSLATION PROVIDED)

14350 TIREMAN AVE, DETROIT, MI 48228
VIRTUAL OPTIONS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE

REGISTER HERE



Scan QR Code or use link below

bit.ly/airquality101

With the generous support from the ERB Family Foundation















Schoolcraft Improvement Association





Eligible households may receive the following services:

- Clean and inspect of private lateral sewer line.
- Repair or replace private lateral sewer and install cleanout.
- Install backflow water valve on private lateral sewer.
- Install backflow water valve and sump pump with overflow.
- Disconnect downspout and install extension, where possible to a proper place of disposal.

All applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Households applying must be at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) as determined annually by HUD. *Chart below
- Applicants must live in a single-family residential structure (1-4 units).
- Households must be able to demonstrate impact
- (tie-back) from the June 25-26, 2021 flood event.
- The property cannot be in a floodplain.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate that there is no duplication of benefits.

The property must be in one of the following 22 neighborhoods in the designated most impacted City Council district:

District 4: Cornerstone Village, Morningside, Chandler Park, Fox Creek, Riverbend, West End

District 6: Midwest, Chadsey-Condon, Claytown, North Corktown, Michigan-Martin

District 7: Aviation Sub, Garden View, Plymouth-196, Plymouth-Hubell, Paveway, We Care Community, Fiskhorn, Joy-Schaefer, Warrendale, Warren Ave Community, Barton-McFarland

Income Limit			
\$53,700			
\$61,400			
\$69,050			
\$76,700			
\$82,850			
\$89,000			
\$95,150			
\$101,250>			

*Gross annual income limit is defined as the TOTAL income received by all members of the household (18 years and older) before deductions. This information is provided by HUD, effective 2024

FREE Estate Planning and Will Preparation



Protect your family's future with an estate plan. Work with an experienced attorney to ensure your home is passed down to the next generation.

2024 Workshop Dates:

Thurs, October 31st - 2:00PM

Location: 7310 Woodward Ave Hosted by Wayne Metro

Thurs, November 14th - 5:30PM

Location: 11475 East Outer Drive Hosted by U-SNAP-BAC

Note: Workshops available within the next 90 days are displayed.

Scan QR code to sign up for our estate planning workshop!



Workshops will cover:

- Will a legal document that outlines a person's final wishes.
- Power of Attorney assigning a person to handle some or all of your property and financial affairs.
- Ladybird Deed A deed that allows a property owner to transfer the property to another person at the time of the owner's death.



(866) 313-2520





Detroit Water & Sewage Department's

NEW Easy Pay Program





Detroit Water & Sewerage Department's (DWSD) easy way to keep your water running and pay your past due balance!

Open to ANY DWSD customer who has a past due balance and is not eligible for the Lifeline Plan.

EASY TO ENROLL WITH ONLY \$10 DOWN.

The remaining balance will be spread out across 36 months.

HOW IT WORKS



\$34.17
EasyPay installment

\$85
Current monthly bill
(average bill for family of 3)

\$119.17
Total average
monthly bill
plus EasyPay

- NO INCOME REQUIREMENTS INTEREST FREE
 - PROTECTED FROM SHUTOFF & PENALTIES (so long as you stay current on your payments)

EASY TO ENROLL & EASY WAYS TO PAY



Log in and sign up through the Customer Self-Service Portal at csportal.detroitmi.gov

OR Call 313-267-8000 and say "EasyPay" when prompted.

Then, make your monthly payment online, by phone or at a DivDat Kiosk.



Detroit Home Accessibility Program Home Entry and Exit Modifications for Disabled Detroiters

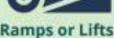
Grant Funds Are Limited. Apply As Soon as Possible

About The Program

The program provides Detroit residents with disabilities grant funded home modifications that make it easier to get in and out of their homes. If you live in Detroit and need modifications made to the entry and exit of your home, you must meet all requirements below.

Eligible Modification Categories







Widened Exterior Doors





Alarm Bells

Eligibility Requirements

Property Requirements

Property must meet all requirements:

Owner-occupied single-family home with less than two units, including duplexes and flats

Valid homeowner's insurance policy

Current on property taxes or on stipulated payment plan

Income

Combined household income must:

Meet income levels on our website. Current or previous year HOPE property tax exemption would satisfy income requirement

Program Applicant & Beneficiary

Applicant must be owner of the home and beneficiary must receive one of the following benefits:

Social Security Disability Benefits or MDHHS Children's Health Care Services or Veterans Administration Disability Benefits

Learn More & Get Started Today!





CHNHousingPartners.org/Detroit/DHAP



(866) 313-2520

Additional eligibility requirements may apply, including additional American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) requirements.



This program is made possible through the City of Detroit ARPA funding. Full list of eligibility requirements at CHNHousingPartners.org/Detroit/DHAP









WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Weatherization provides energy efficiency services at no cost to the homeowner or renter that are tailored to each house for maximum cost savings. Families receiving weatherization services see their annual energy bills reduced by approximately \$250 to \$450.

PROGRAM FAQ

ARE THERE ANY COSTS?

No! Weatherization provides energy efficiency services that are tailored to each house for maximum cost savings.

WHAT SERVICES CAN I RECEIVE?

- Wall Insulation
- Attic Insulation and Ventilation
- Furnace Evaluation
- Foundation Insulation
- Air Leakage Reduction
- Smoke Detectors
- Dryer Venting
- Carbon Monoxide Detectors

WHO IS WORKING ON MY HOME? Wayne Metro works with certified weatherization contractors who are all licensed and insured. All energy measures are installed to meet state standards and verified by a certified quality control inspector.

INCOME GUIDELINES FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE

(Auto Eligibility SSI, SDA, FIP):

Household Size	One Month Income	Three Months Income
1	\$2,510	\$7,530
2	\$3,407	\$10,221
3	\$4,303	\$12,909
4	\$5,200	\$15,600
5	\$6,097	\$18,291



EASY TIPS TO SAVE ENERGY

- Use fans instead of air conditioners
- Unplug unused appliances
- Keep water setting at low
- Take seven minute showers
- Do not use space heaters, if at all possible

To learn more about
Weatherization, visit Wayne
Metro's Youtube channel to
view the LIVESMART Video Series.







Apply Today!

www.WayneMetro.org/Programs
For assistance with the application or
more information about Weatherization:

Call our WM CONNECT Center at 313-388-9799 chat with us! | website: waynemetro.org email: wmconnectcenter@waynemetro.org

WAYNE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY



WATER AFFORDABILITY PROGRAMS



Wayne Metro has the following water programs available: The Water Affordability Program and the Local Water Utility Affordability Program.

PROGRAM BENEFITS:

- (\$) UP TO \$3,000
 - PAY OFF back bills
 - CONNECT to affordable payment plans
 - LEARN about resources
 - CONSERVE and lower your bills

Both Water Affordability programs provide direct water bill payment assistance to eligible residents who: have a financial burden, a past due balance, water service shut off, and/or at risk of having their water service shut off

200% Federal Poverty Chart (Annually)										
Number of Household Members	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Income Limit (\$)	30,120	40,880	51,640	62,400	73,160	83,920	94,680	105,440	116,200	126,960



CALL 313-388-9799

or scan this code to apply today! www.WayneMetro.org/Programs



WAYNE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

MICHIGAN ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) is a preventive program designed to provide energy assistance to low-income households so that they can reach energy self-sufficiency.

A household that qualifies for State Emergency Relief (SER) for heat or non-heat electricity services also qualifies for additional energy services from MEAP through agencies that have received Michigan Department of Health & Human Services grant funding.

PROGRAM BENEFITS



Enrollment in a home energy supplier affordable payment plan



Financial education and budget conversation



Energy education and conservation



Energy waste reduction services through home energy supplier programs



Ongoing case management services

ELIGIBILITY

- Must have approved and valid SER
- SER copay must be equal to or less than \$3,000

WAYNE METRO IS HERE TO HELP.

For assistance with the application or for more information about MEAP:

Call our Wayne Metro CONNECT Center at 313–388–9799, chat with us on our website: www.WayneMetro.org or email us at wmconnectcenter@waynemetro.org

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Whether you live, work or own a business in Detroit, sign up to receive important information:

Weather warnings/flooding
Missing persons
Evacuation notices
Boil water advisories
Safety advisories
and more

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