

# DISTRICT

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NEWSLETTER



## MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL CHAIRWOMAN

*Jana Swearengen-Washington*

### A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN



This month, we were reminded that the strength of District 4 lives in its people—those who serve with dedication, those who rise with purpose, and those who continue to pour into our communities every single day.

From honoring a lifetime of service in healthcare, to celebrating a young star making his mark on the national stage, to creating opportunities for families and pets to connect through community engagement—each moment reflects the spirit of Memphis.

We are a city rooted in legacy, driven by opportunity, and strengthened by unity.

And as we move forward, we do so together—committed to building a District 4 where every story matters and every community has the opportunity to thrive.

Yours in service,

*Jana Swearengen-Washington*



## HONORING A LEGACY OF SERVICE: MR. CATO JOHNSON

This month, I had the distinct privilege of presenting a resolution to Mr. Cato Johnson in recognition of his retirement after more than 40 years of dedicated service at Methodist Le Bonheur.

For over four decades, Mr. Johnson has exemplified commitment, compassion, and excellence in healthcare—touching countless lives and helping to strengthen one of our city’s most vital institutions. His career reflects not just longevity, but impact.

We thank him for his service, honor his legacy, and wish him a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement.

A life of service is a legacy that continues to give.



## CELEBRATING A RISING STAR: JAYLEN HUNTER

Memphis continues to shine through the brilliance of its young people, and this month, we proudly honored Jaylen Hunter with a resolution recognizing his role in the “MJ The Musical” production.

As a talented performer from the Young Actors Guild, Jaylen represents the future of creativity and excellence in our city. His recognition during the Africa in April Festival was a powerful reminder of how culture, talent, and opportunity intersect to create something truly special.

We celebrate his achievements and look forward to all that lies ahead.

When our youth succeed, Memphis rises with them.

# COMMUNITY IN ACTION: MEMPHIS ANIMAL SERVICES PARTNERSHIP EVENT

Community care takes many forms—including how we care for our animals.

Join us this **Saturday, May 2, from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM** at the **McFarland Community Center** for a special event in partnership with Memphis Animal Services.

This event is an opportunity for residents to connect with resources, support responsible pet ownership, and ensure that every member of our community—both people and pets—has access to care and compassion.

We encourage families to come out, get involved, and take advantage of the services being offered. When we care for every part of our community, we build a stronger, more compassionate Memphis.

**PROJECT PAWTECT**  
MEMPHIS ANIMAL SERVICES

**FREE VACCINE CLINIC!**

Memphis Animal Services, in partnership with Councilwoman Swearingen, is bringing Project Pawtect to your community with a free vaccine and microchip clinic.

**Services Provided:**

- Free vaccines
- Free microchips
- Pet care information and resources

**What to Know:**

- Dogs must be on a leash and cats in carrier
- No appointment needed; first-come, first-served basis
- Supplies are limited—early arrival is recommended

Saturday, May 2 2026  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
McFarland Community Center  
4935 Cottonwood Rd., Memphis, TN 38118

For questions, please call 901-636-1416.

**MEMPHIS ANIMAL SERVICES**

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## SERVICE NUMBERS

Aging Commission: 222-4100  
 Alley Closures: 636-6710  
 Animal Services: 363-1416  
 City Council: 636-6786  
 City Court Clerk: 636-3400  
 City Tax Info: 522-1111  
 Code Enforcement (County): 222-8300  
 COVID: 222-9000  
 Shelby County Commission: 222-1000  
 Drug Hotline: 528-2338  
 Election Commission: 222-1201  
 Emergency Management: 222-6700  
 Health Dept./Illegal Dumping: 222-9000  
 Housing Community Dev: 636-7300  
 Housing Urban Dev: 544-3367  
 Mayor's Citizen Service Center:  
 311/636-6500

Library/LINC: 415-2700  
 Mayor Young's Office: 636-6000  
 Memphis City Beautiful: 636-4410  
 MLGW: 544-6549  
 MFD (Non-Emergency): 636-1400  
 MPD (Non-Emergency): 545-COPS  
 MIFA: 527-0208  
 Park Services: 636-4200  
 Potholes Hotline: 636-6500  
 TDOT: 684-5467  
 Street Maintenance/Drain: 636-7127  
 Recycling: 636-6500  
 Sewage Stoppage Dispatch: 529-8025  
 Entrepreneur Network Center: 636-9300  
 Speed Humps: 636-6912  
 Vector Control/Mosquitos: 222-9715  
 MATA: 274-6282

# COMMUNITY PHOTOS

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