



CLOSING THE INFORMATION GAP



INAUGURAL NEWSLETTER FROM MEMPHIS CITY
COUNCILWOMAN PEARL 'EVA' WALKER
DISTRICT 3

HELPFUL CONTACTS

Animal Shelter:
901-636-1416

Citizen Service Center:
901-636-6500 (311)

Health Department:
901-222-9000

Non-Emergency Police:
901-545-2677

Memphis City Beautiful:
901-522-1135

Memphis Code
Enforcement:
901-636-7464

Memphis City Council
Office:
901-636-7686

Memphis Light, Gas, &
Water:
901-544-6549

Memphis Police
Department Crime Unit:
901-525-3673

Public Works:
901-636-6762

Shelby County Code
Enforcement:
901-222-8394

Solid Waste:
901-636-6876



Hello, District 3 family!

As I embark on this journey of connecting with you through our inaugural newsletter, I am reminded of the power of community and the importance of staying informed and engaged. Whitehaven is not just a place on the map; it is a vibrant, diverse, and resilient community that I am proud to call home. Every day, I see the strength, dedication, and passion of our residents, and it fills me with hope and determination to work even harder for you. This newsletter, "Closing the Information Gap (CIG)," is our platform to share the stories, news, and updates that matter most to our community. Together, we can bridge gaps, foster connections, and build a stronger Whitehaven.

Our shared journey is not without challenges, but I firmly believe that by staying connected and informed, we can overcome any obstacle. Whether it's addressing issues of blight, championing environmental justice, or celebrating the achievements of our neighbors, this newsletter will serve as a beacon of communication and collaboration. I encourage you to engage with us, share your thoughts, and join us in making District 3 an even better place to live, work, and thrive.

Where is District 3? It's the east side of the world famous Elvis Presley Blvd including Oakhaven and part of Hickory Hill, Parkway Village and Fox Meadows.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our community. Let's make this a space where every voice is heard and every story is told.

Warm regards,



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COMMUNITY NEWS

District 3 Safe & Clean Neighborhoods Townhall Meeting July 11th, 2024 at 5:30 PM Southbrook Town Centre 1254 E Shelby Dr, Memphis, TN 38116

The District 3 Townhall meeting will be held on July 11th, 2024, at the Southbrook Town Centre at 5:30 PM. The focus of this town hall meeting is to address and discuss efforts to create a cleaner and safer District 3.

The divisions of Solid Waste, Public Works, and Memphis Police will be present to provide updates, answer questions, and engage in meaningful dialogue with constituents. This is an excellent opportunity for residents to voice their concerns, share ideas, and work together toward practical solutions for a better District 3.

District 3 Dumpster Day July 13th, 2024 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Hickory Ridge Elementary, Memphis, TN 38115

Dumpster Day is a community-driven initiative aimed at fostering a cleaner, more beautiful District 3. This event provides residents with a convenient and free way to dispose of large, unwanted items that cannot be collected through regular trash services. By participating in Dumpster Day, we take a collective step towards reducing blight, enhancing our neighborhoods, and promoting a healthier environment for all. Join us in this effort to keep District 3 pristine and welcoming, showing our pride in the community we call home. Let's work together to make a visible difference!

Putting with Pearl July 21st, 2024 The Link at Whitehaven 12 PM

I'm excited to invite you to "Putting with Pearl," a fun and engaging social golf event designed especially for millennials! Join me on Sunday, July 21st, 2024, at the Links at Whitehaven Golf Course. Whether you're an experienced golfer or just starting out, we'll have instructors on hand to help you improve your game. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect, learn, and unwind. Let's enjoy some golf, network, and build community together. See you there!

Back to School Party July 27th, 2024 at 10 AM Hickory Hill Community Center

This event will be hosted on July 27th 2024 at 10 am at the Hickory Hill Community Center. This event will be free to all. Bring your family out for a day of family fun, food trucks, performances, and games for all ages. Please stay tuned for more information.

District 3 SAFE & CLEAN NEIGHBORHOODS TOWN HALL

Join us on Thursday, July 11th, 2024, at 5:30 PM at Southbrook Town Centre for its town hall meeting. This event will focus on efforts to create a safer and cleaner District 3. The divisions of Solid Waste, Public Works, and Memphis Police will be in attendance. This is a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue and collaborate on finding effective solutions for the District 3 community. Don't miss this chance to voice your thoughts and make a difference!

**July 11, 2024
5:30 PM - 7 PM**

**Southbrook Town Centre
1254 E Shelby Drive
Memphis, TN 38116**

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Memphis City Councilwoman
Pearl 'Eva' Walker
District 3

PUTTING WITH PEARL

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN, LEARNING, AND COMMUNITY BUILDING!

SUNDAY, 21ST JULY 2024
THE LINKS AT WHITEHAVEN
(750 E HOLMES RD, MEMPHIS, TN 38109)
12:00 PM - 02:00 PM

Event Highlights

- Golf event geared towards millennials
- Instructors available for beginners and all skill levels
- MIs, Mugs, and beverages

FREE EVENT

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Dumpster Days District Cleanups

Help us rid our streets of litter and unwanted items! As a City resident, you can utilize a free dumpster in your council district to remove clutter and debris from your home, yard, and neighborhood.

District 3 | Councilwoman Pearl Eva Walker

Saturday, July 13, 2024
8am to 1pm | Hickory Ridge Elementary
3890 Hickory Hill Road
Enter from Ridgeway Blvd

901 KEEP IT CLEAN

prohibited items

- Fuel Tanks/Drums
- Motor Oil
- Hazardous/Toxic Waste
- Pesticides/Herbicides
- Acids/Alkalis
- Pool Chemicals
- Commercial Waste
- Liquids of Any Kind
- Animal Carcasses
- Tires with Rims

Memphis Residents only!
Must present ID as proof of residency

No Commercial Haulers, Contractors, or 0-loads - single-axle trailers only

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

27TH JULY, 2024

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ★ SCHOOL SUPPLIES BAZAAR & GIVEAWAY
- ★ FREE KIDS HAIRCUTS & HAIRSTYLES
- ★ FOOD VENDORS & FUN GAMES
- ★ MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

WHERE

HICKORY HILL COMMUNITY CENTER
3910 Ridgeway Rd., Memphis, TN 38115

10 AM - 2 PM

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PEARL'S PERSPECTIVES



What inspired you to pursue a career in public service, and how did your journey lead you to the Memphis City Council?

Growing up in Memphis, I witnessed firsthand the disparities and challenges our communities face. My journey into public service was fueled by a deep desire to address these inequities and uplift our neighborhoods. My involvement with grassroots organizations and my role as a community advocate laid the foundation for my path to the Memphis City Council. I wanted to ensure that the voices of our residents were not only heard but acted upon. I wanted to take my community work to the next level and effect policy.

Can you share a memorable moment or achievement from your time as a Councilwoman that you are particularly proud of?

One of the moments I'm particularly proud of is being a part of the groundbreaking for fiber - a massive high-speed Internet project. It was very exciting because I know what this will mean for our city for decades to come. This will impact all Memphians as it will give everyone access and change the way we live, conduct business, pursue education.

What do you see as the biggest challenges currently facing District 3, and how are you addressing them?

District 3 faces several challenges, including economic disparities, blight, and inadequate access to resources. We are addressing these by focusing on economic development, supporting small businesses, and implementing comprehensive blight reduction programs. I am providing constituents with access to information that can impact various areas of their lives in a positive way.

How do you stay connected with the residents of your district and ensure their voices are heard in the council?

Staying connected with my constituents is a top priority. I regularly engage on various platforms to close the information gap. In the near future I will host town hall meetings and community forums. Through social media platforms and newsletters, like "CIG - Closing the Information Gap," I keep residents informed and provide them with opportunities to voice their concerns. My open-door policy ensures that everyone feels welcome to share their ideas and issues with me directly. In addition, I am a guest on WLOK's Rainbow Push talk show every 1st Sunday, 6-7pm, and I co-host 901 Voices & Votes Podcast where I share information and updates on the what's going with the city council and in Memphis.

What initiatives or projects are you most excited about for the upcoming year?

I am particularly excited about expanding our environmental and energy justice programs. We have several projects lined up that aim to make District 3 greener and more sustainable, such as community gardens, neighborhood cleanups, and energy efficiency workshops. Additionally, our partnership with local schools to promote STEM education is something I'm incredibly enthusiastic about.

How do you balance the demands of your public service role with your personal life and family commitments?

Balancing public service with personal life requires a lot of organization, consistency, and support from my family. I prioritize my time and ensure that I set aside moments for myself and my loved ones. As much as possible, I have my meetings scheduled on the same day. Stepping up my yoga game up has been a self-care priority. My family's understanding and encouragement allow me to serve the community effectively while maintaining personal well-being.

What do you love most about Memphis, and what makes District 3 a unique and special community to you?

Memphis is a city rich in culture, diversity, history, and resilience. What I love most about District 3 and particularly Whitehaven, is its strong sense of community and the unwavering spirit of its multi-generational residents. District 3 is unique because of its diverse population, vibrant local businesses, and the deep-rooted pride that people have for their neighborhood. This is exemplified by active neighborhood associations that contribute and support in a variety of ways to include collaborations.

What advice would you give to young people in Memphis who are interested in getting involved in their community or pursuing a career in politics?

My advice to young people is to stay informed, get involved, and never underestimate the power of their voice. Start by volunteering in local organizations, attending council meetings, and understanding the issues that matter to your community. Make use of technology and various social media platforms to support your passion and amplify your causes and voices. Persistence, passion, and a willingness to listen and learn are key to making a meaningful impact.

How do you envision the future of District 3 and Memphis, and what steps are you taking to help achieve that vision?

I envision District 3 and Memphis as thriving, inclusive, and equitable communities where everyone has access to opportunities and resources. To achieve this, we are working on comprehensive plans that address economic development, education, healthcare, and environmental sustainability. By fostering strong partnerships with local organizations, businesses, and residents, we can build a brighter future for all.



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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Honoring Hazel Moore: A True Whitehaven Icon

As we celebrate the legacy of Hazel Moore, we recognize her remarkable contributions to our community. On Saturday, May 4, we marked the bittersweet occasion of closing Hazel's Hair Fashions, a beloved anchor on Elvis Presley Boulevard for over 40 years. Hazel, with her 60 years in the beauty industry, has been a pillar of strength, grace, and service in District 3.

Her salon was more than just a place for beauty; it was a hub for community connection and empowerment. Hazel's dedication and passion have left an indelible mark on Whitehaven, and her spirit of service continues to inspire us all. Thank you, Hazel, for your unwavering commitment to our community. We honor your incredible legacy and the many lives you have touched.



Honoring Lawrence and Magnolia Johnson: A Legacy of Service and Community

I am deeply honored to sponsor an honorary street name for the late Lawrence Johnson III and Magnolia Johnson. This tribute recognizes their exceptional contributions to the Whitehaven community and the City of Memphis. Lawrence, a pioneering real estate professional, and Magnolia, a beloved figure in beauty and community service, left an indelible mark on District 3.



Join us on Tuesday, July 9th at 3:30 PM at the Regular Council meeting as we commemorate their legacy and dedication to uplifting our community. Their spirit of service continues to inspire us all.



**ARE YOU MAKING A POSITIVE
IMPACT IN THE DISTRICT 3
COMMUNITY? SHARE YOUR STORY
WITH US FOR A CHANCE TO BE
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What is 311?

311 is a non-emergency hotline for city services and information. You can report issues like potholes, streetlight outages, or graffiti, and request services like trash collection or code enforcement. If you want to speak with a live agent, please call Memphis 311 at (901)636-6500. Report issues online by visiting the Memphis 311 website or by downloading the SeeClickFix app to your smartphone.

Bulk Waste Pickup (up to 5 tires)

Dispose of up to five unwanted tires per household with your Bulk Waste Pickup. Help keep our community clean and safe.

Memphis City Beautiful

Join Memphis City Beautiful in its mission to keep our city clean and green. Participate in neighborhood cleanups, recycling programs, and beautification projects. Together, we can make Memphis a more attractive and sustainable place to live. Visit <https://memphiscitybeautiful.org/> for additional information or call 901-636-4410.

Memphis City Council Community Grant Program

The Memphis City Council Community Grant Program is a fantastic opportunity for nonprofit organizations to receive funding and enhance their positive impact within our community. The program targets essential priorities such as Crime and Drug Prevention, Youth Empowerment, Economic Development, and Poverty.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a registered 501(c)(3) organization.
- Have an official address within the City of Memphis.
- Been in operation for at least two years.
- Attend a Grant Writing and Administration Workshop.
- Submit the application by July 19, 2024, at 12:00 PM.

For more information, visit: <https://www.memphistn.gov/city-council-grants/>

Correct Items for Residential Recycle Dumpster

Proper recycling helps the environment. Accepted items include:

- Paper: newspapers, magazines, and cardboard
- Plastics: bottles and containers labeled #1-#7
- Metals: aluminum cans, tin cans, and foil
- Glass: bottles and jars (clean and clear)

Avoid putting in items like plastic bags, food waste, or electronics. For a complete list of accepted items, visit the city's recycling guidelines page.

Let's work together to keep District 3 clean, green, and beautiful!





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MEET YOUR SUPER DISTRICT 8 MEMBERS



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District 8-3
Councilwoman Yolanda Cooper-Sutton
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JB Smiley, Jr., a native of Memphis and the son of a social worker and a Bronze Star Army soldier, learned the value of hard work and community support early on. After a career in collegiate and semi-professional basketball, he pursued legal education and entered politics, serving the vulnerable from a young age. Currently, JB is the Chair of the Memphis City Council, while also managing his law practice and enjoying time with his family and hobbies.

Janika White, a dedicated Memphian, combines her passion for community service with a distinguished legal career, specializing in personal injury, business law, and federal criminal defense at her own firm, Janika White Law, PLLC. With deep roots in service inspired by her educator parents, she engages in pro bono work, mentoring, and active participation in various professional organizations. Recently elected as City Councilwoman for Super District 8, Janika is committed to transformative change through attentive listening, thorough research, and collaborative efforts to benefit the vibrant city she calls home.

Councilwoman Yolanda Cooper-Sutton, a Memphis resident of 26 years, brings a wealth of experience in healthcare advocacy and community service to her role, including involvement with Respect The Haven Community Development Corporation and the Westwood Neighborhood Association. Holding a certificate in Health Care Innovation from the University of Pennsylvania and educated at Riley Business College, she is also a Tennessee Notary Public. Beyond her professional work, she actively volunteers with organizations like the Union Mission Homeless Shelter and the Junior League of Memphis, demonstrating her commitment to the city's growth and prosperity.

ADDITIONAL CITY COUNCIL INFO

-  901-636-6786
-  <https://www.memphistn.gov/city-council/>
-  (Access meetings) <https://www.youtube.com/c/memphiscitycouncil>

2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES		
JANUARY	9	23
FEBRUARY	6	20
MARCH	5	19
APRIL	9	23
MAY	7	21
JUNE	4	25
JULY	9	23
AUGUST	6	20
SEPTEMBER	10	24
OCTOBER	1	15
NOVEMBER	12	26
DECEMBER	3	17