

# DISTRICT 4 NEWSLETTER



## MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL CHAIRWOMAN

*Jana Swearengen-Washington*

### THE BEST IS YET TO COME



As Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington enters her third month serving as the Chair of the Memphis City Council, she remains inspired by the momentum building across our neighborhoods.

These first months have been grounded in listening, engaging residents, and strengthening partnerships that reflect the needs and aspirations of the people of Memphis.

From community meetings and public safety discussions to supporting small businesses and neighborhood initiatives, Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington is committed to ensuring that every voice matters and every community feels connected to the progress of our city.

The work is intentional, the conversations are meaningful, and the vision is clear — the best is yet to come.

Yours in service,

*Jana Swearengen-Washington*



## ENGAGING WITH THE COOPER-YOUNG COMMUNITY

Thank you to the Cooper-Young community for inviting me to join your recent neighborhood meeting. I truly appreciate the opportunity to sit in a space where thoughtful residents are not afraid to ask the tough questions, share their concerns, and engage in meaningful dialogue about the future of District 4.

Open conversation is the foundation of strong neighborhoods and strong leadership. It was a pleasure to listen, exchange ideas, and continue building partnerships that move Memphis forward together. I look forward to joining you again soon and remaining in active dialogue as we work collectively toward solutions that serve everyone.



## HONORING EXCELLENCE: 2025 HUMANITARIAN AWARD RECIPIENT

It was with immense pride and heartfelt gratitude that I had the honor of presenting the 2025 Memphis City Council Humanitarian Award to Ms. Chrysti Chandler, Founder of Young Actors Guild.

For more than three decades, Ms. Chandler has poured vision, discipline, and love into the lives of over 41,000 young people through the performing arts. Through Young Actors Guild and the Harriet Performing Arts Center in the historic Orange Mound community, she has created spaces where children are seen, heard, nurtured, and empowered. Her mission of “Bringing the Arts Back to the Community” has not only cultivated talent — it has cultivated confidence, character, and college-bound scholars, reflected in a remarkable 98% graduation rate among participants.

Ms. Chandler’s life’s work reminds us that the arts are not a luxury — they are a lifeline. They build bridges across neighborhoods, inspire purpose, and give our children the courage to dream boldly. Her humanitarian spirit, unwavering commitment to youth, and enduring impact on Memphis make her most deserving of this highest City honor.

Memphis is stronger, brighter, and more hopeful because of leaders like Chrysti Chandler.

Let’s continue to celebrate and support the changemakers among us.

# PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN HALL – JOIN THE CONVERSATION AT GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

Chairwoman Swearingen-Washington invites you to join us for our Public Safety Town Hall on March 26th at 5:30 PM at the Glenview Community Center.

This meeting will focus on Memphis Police Department neighborhood updates, including crime trends, enforcement strategies, and proactive efforts taking place in our area. Most importantly, it will provide residents the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns, and speak directly with public safety leadership.

Your voice matters. These conversations help ensure transparency, strengthen accountability, and build stronger partnerships between our community and law enforcement. When we stay informed and engaged, we help shape safer neighborhoods for everyone.

I encourage you to attend, bring a neighbor, and be part of the solution. Together, we can continue working toward a safer and stronger Memphis.



## 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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