



STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**BRENDA CARTER**

Dear Friends,

I am honored to serve as the representative from the 29th House District and am proud to be a strong advocate in Lansing for the residents and families of Auburn Hills, Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake Village, Pontiac and Sylvan Lake. Please encourage your friends and family to stay connected and subscribe to this e-newsletter. It will keep you up-to-date on legislation and policies coming from the Capitol, as well as my coffee hours and other community events I will host so we can get together face-to-face.



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**Reasons to Contact My Office**

The short answer is any reason at all. As your state legislator, my number one priority is YOU. So any reason you can think of to reach out to me for help is the right reason. My staff and I are ready to listen and work with you to solve whatever challenges you may face. A few examples of why you may want to contact my office are:

- Commenting on current legislation or proposing a solution; as your voice in Lansing, it is critical for me to know how you feel about certain issues and I want to hear from you.
- The state offers a wide range of free publications on topics such as seniors and veterans services, child safety, consumer protection and more. If you would like one, or if you have

- questions about what is available, please contact my office.
- I will be hosting coffee hours, town halls and other community events throughout the year. If you need additional information or want to follow up on one of those events, then this is another excellent reason to get in touch.
  - If there is someone you know who should be honored with a legislative tribute or certificate, please tell us about the milestones or achievements they have reached.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of reason to contact my office; if you need help or assistance of any kind, please contact us. We will work side by side with you to find the answers you need.

### **Constituent and General Information Publications**

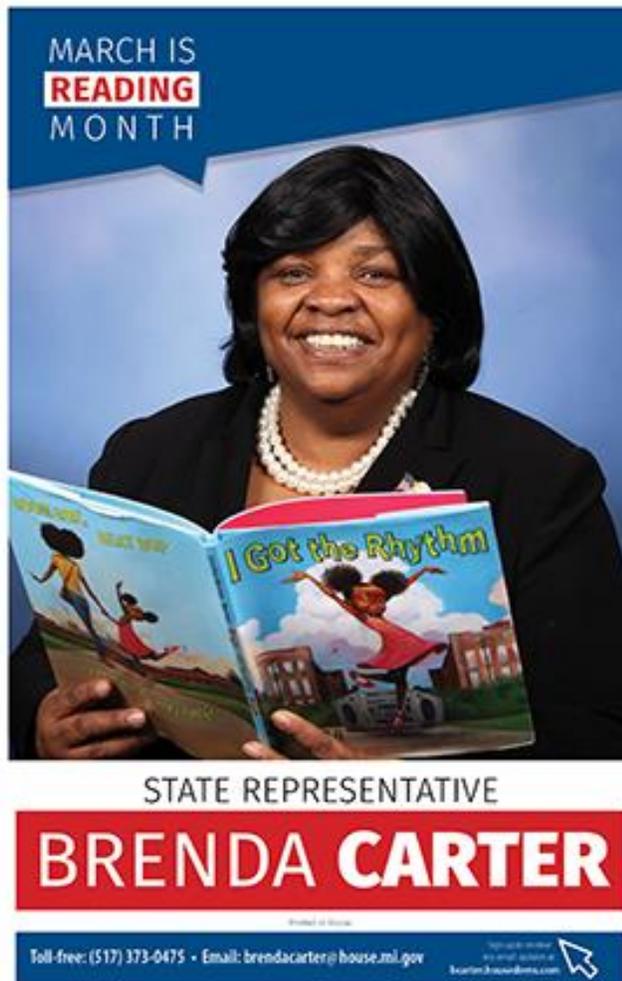
The state of Michigan offers a variety of publications full of helpful information and resources on a variety of topics. To see a list of all the publications available from the state of Michigan and download a digital copy, please click [here](#). If you would prefer a hard copy of any of these publications, please contact my office, and we will assist you.

### **Honoring Local Black History Makers**

During Black History Month, it is important to recognize not only those who have come before us but also those within our community who embody the best of us. As Black History Month came to a close, I wanted to recognize Willie Ramsey, president of the motorcycle club Pontiac Night Riders.

This grassroots organization opened its doors to our community in 1971, providing low-cost events to those who cannot afford to go elsewhere. Mr. Ramsey has presided over the club for the past decade and, under his leadership, the club has given voice and forum to the marginalized. Most members are former General Motors or city of Pontiac employees, and their commitment to the success of their community runs deep. The club's most notable accomplishment was they were the catalyst for the Woodward Dream Cruise.

## March is Reading Month



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It is March, and that means it is reading month! I am especially looking forward to spending time with our students and sharing with them my love and joy for reading. While we are combating the literacy crisis, we have to use several methods to not only help our students do better but give them the motivation to continue trying when things get hard. One of the best ways we can do that is to read to and with our children. Just like many other behaviors children will read more if they can share those experiences with us.

## **Chitlins and Champagne Gala**



It was an honor to attend the annual Chitlins and Champagne Gala, a celebration of African-American history and recognition of our African roots. This year it was co-sponsored by the Delta Fortitude Foundation and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.-Pontiac Alumnae Chapter and held at St. George Cultural Center in Bloomfield Hills. It was a great event to celebrate Black History Month.

## **Upcoming Events**

### *Brews with Brenda*

Friday, April 5 from 5-7 p.m. at Dimitri's Opa Restaurant & Bar, 3315 Auburn Road in Auburn Hills.

Thank you for taking the time to read this e-newsletter, and I hope you will stay tuned for more legislative updates, resources and community events schedules to come.

In Service,

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