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Officials optimistic about store closings

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Top officials in Plymouth Township and Westland are viewing the closings of major retail stores in their respective communities as opportunities, rather than bad news.

"We were very fortunate to have been given a one-year heads up," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise about the Kmart store on Ann Arbor Road that will close as part of a major reorganization by parent company, Sears Holdings.

The store is now being redeveloped by Grand Savoy under a plan approved by the

previous board members," Heise, who took office in November, said.

The plan is for the existing building to be subdivided into two or three smaller retail stores and for two restaurants with drive-through windows to be constructed on the outlots in

the parking lot of the location, he added. Sears announced the closing of 78 Kmart stores last week.

"We are much further ahead than many of our neighboring communities," Heise said.

"Savoy is actively marketing the property and along with

the township and the chamber we are all doing our best to market the site. It's not a shock. We've known for a year," he added.

"It is a high volume location and I'm confident that we'll see the site redeveloped very quickly," he said.

The closing of the Kmart location on Wayne Road in Westland was a shock to officials, however, who were not informed in advance, according to Mayor William Wild.

Wild said that city officials

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Dream lives on Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King celebrated

Next Monday, area communities will mark the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King with tributes while most municipal offices and schools will be closed in a gesture of respect for the man at the forefront of the fight for racial equality in America.

Dr. King was born Jan. 15, 1929 in Atlanta, GA and while a Baptist church minister, led the movement for the advancement of civil rights using nonviolent civil disobedience based on his Christian beliefs.

In the 11-year period between 1957 and 1968, Dr. King traveled more than 6 million miles and spoke more than twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action, while writing five books as well as numerous articles. In these years, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience, and inspiring his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail."

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Civil Rights activists lead the March on Washington on August 28, 1963.

he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Dr. King was arrested upwards of 20 times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by Time magazine in 1963 and became not only the symbolic leader of American Blacks but also a world figure.

At the age of 35, Martin Luther King, Jr. was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, TN, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed legislation

making the third Monday of January an official day of recognition of Dr. King's memory and legacy. The day became an official holiday in 1986.

IN CANTON TOWNSHIP

Canton Township will once again honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a special tribute, "Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." Monday, Jan. 16 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

A punch and cookie reception will begin at the Village Theater at 6 p.m., followed by the main program at 6:30 p.m. This annual event is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage, members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sub-Committee, and Canton Township.

The keynote address this year, "Be the Difference" will be presented by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Monica L.

Merritt. Merritt, who hails from Alexandria, VA, has extensive experience as a teacher, principal and administrator and resides in Plymouth Township with her family. She is the daughter of Carol and Herman Boone, who received great attention and accolades for his time as football coach of the TC Williams High School, as portrayed in the Disney movie, "Remember the Titans" (2000).

The program will also feature music by the Workman Elementary School Choir under the direction of Kerl L. Mueller; additional music will be provided by the Interfaith Community Outreach (ICO) Choir directed by Indreeta Taber, along with a presentation by spoken word artist, Khadega Mohammed.

Tickets to the program are available at the door at \$2 per person or \$5 per family; exact cash appreciated. The reception is sponsored annually by Darrian and Rayna Moore of

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Northville OKs new \$8.5 million project

Northville Township officials have confirmed the \$8.5 million sale of the former Scott

Correctional Facility site at the northeast corner of Five Mile and Beck roads.



The 53-acre land was sold Dec. 29 to Bloomfield Hills-based Northville Five LLC for the development of residential and retail construction, according to a prepared release from the township offices.

Conceptual plans recently approved by the Northville Township Planning Commission and members of the board of trustees include a mixed-use development. The uses include single family, townhouse and loft style residential together with retail/restaurant uses. The project is "branded" as the Village at Northville and will

target upscale retailers, according to the statement.

The focal point of the project is a community-oriented central park and public gathering area. The project design reflects a very deliberate effort to create a walkable streetscape through and around the central park area while linking restaurants and shops to the residential areas and Township Community Park located north and west of the project, according to Township Supervisor Robert Nix II.

Nix said he expects the

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PLYMOUTH

Museum exhibit marks 150th city anniversary

The City of Plymouth will celebrate a special anniversary this year, marking the 150th anniversary of the founding of the community.

The event is of special significance to the Plymouth Historical Museum where a year-long special exhibit highlighting the people and stories of the past will open tomorrow, Jan. 13.

The new exhibit "Celebrating Plymouth 150 years" will be open from 1-4 p.m. tomorrow, followed by an evening Wine & Appetizer reception for members from 6-8 p.m.

"It is a very exciting year for the museum as we celebrate this community milestone," said Liz Kerstens, executive director.

The exhibit will continue to change throughout the year to feature various decades in the 150-year history of the city.

This first installment of the exhibit will be centered around the early years of Plymouth, community pioneers and life in the area during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Visitors are sure to enjoy tales of names they will recognize on street signs and buildings throughout town, Kerstens noted.

Paula Holmes, museum volunteer, said she is looking forward to the new exhibit to learn about her town and its history.

"I love it when I find the name of a person and then I see that name on a building or a street sign," Holmes said. "It's something special about living in a small town."

"It's about 150 years of Plymouth in this continually unfolding exhibit," said Jan Dersey, exhibits volunteer. "Visitors can look forward to a quilt display, small collections from local residents and mementos from iconic businesses like Daly's."

The exhibit will also address the way Plymouth has dealt with fires throughout the years. It includes highlights from local churches — some gone and some still here. Locally famous people will be represented: Lapham



Church display

Draper, Penniman and Dr. Patterson along with other business leaders, merchants, craftsmen, and educators.

"It's wonderful work the exhibit people do to create a realistic representation of what life was like," Holmes said. "A lot



Dr. Albert Patterson

of research goes into each exhibit. Everything is very factual. You learn so much."

One hundred fifty years covers so much history we have to keep updating and changing, visitors should definitely come more than once," Dersey said.



Early class photo

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

Admission prices, museum hours and special event ticket information can be found at www.plymouthhistory.org.

Director's absence, employee's overtime questioned

Don Howard
Staff Writer

The recent termination of a part-time park manager in Plymouth Township has called the employment practices of the recently defeated former township administration into question.

The relationship between the part-time park manager, former Parks and Grants Director Mike Mitchell and former Supervisor Shannon Price has been criticized by veteran employees who described the situation as a "patronage job gone awry."

Current Supervisor Kurt Heise, who defeated Price last November, would only comment that the employee is no longer in the employ of the township and said it would be inappropriate for him to comment on investigations that could be ongoing.

Records obtained in a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by The Eagle show seasonal employee Matthew Kidd was paid a gross

total of \$169,623.80 for 6615 hours of work in the months of October, November and December 2016, racking up more than 181 hours of overtime in the off-season fall and winter period. Records show Kidd was paid \$22.44 an hour and time and one half for overtime, receiving an average of \$1,635.31 weekly for his part-time parks job.

Several township employees expressed concern and questioned Kidd's overtime hours in those post primary election months when Price was defeated by Heise.

Kidd served at the pleasure of Price, reporting to Mitchell. All three were active with the Republican Party in Livonia, and were well acquainted, according to employees. Mitchell was Price's aide during his time on the Wayne County Commission before his controversial appointment to the supervisor's job.

Kidd was hired for his job late in the season by Human Resources Director JoAnn

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Cosbatis, immediately after she had terminated the previous manager Eric Anderson. Anderson was released by Cosbatis and Mitchell on March 28, 2016 at the same meeting during which Kidd was hired. Mitchell denied Anderson was fired and Price reiterated Mitchell's stance and added that Anderson was "just a seasonal employee and not called back."

Anderson was considered by other employees to have been a "whistleblower" because of his complaints about the management of the parks department and some student seasonal

employees hired by former Treasurer Ron Edwards as "political paybacks." Anderson's complaints immediately preceded his firing.

In November, Mitchell was advised in a letter that his absence from work since Oct. 21 constituted job abandonment under township policy and that his employment was terminated. The letter asked for the return of his keys, ID badge, cell phone and iPad. Information provided in response to the FOIA request indicates that Mitchell was paid \$2,533.85 on Nov. 10, the date of the termination letter. He was

paid a total of \$16,476.95 from July 31 until Nov. 6, the final date in that pay period.

Heise confirmed Kidd was no longer employed by the township but was reticent to discuss the details of his employment or the nature of his assignment, only saying Kidd's official job title was that of part-time "Parks Foreman" and that he was considered an "at-will" employee.

"Mr. Kidd's services are no longer required—he was hired as seasonal employee," Heise said, adding he had no knowledge of the job responsibility or description prepared by Mitchell and Price. Heise also declined to comment about whether Kidd's overtime was excessive or out of line. "I'm not going to say anything or comment further on investigations that are happening or taking place right now," Heise said.

Heise did, however, reportedly call Anderson in for an interview Monday morning.

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 27, 2016

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.

Prayer/Aldermen

Roll Call

Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Colene Roscoe.

Excused: Sylvia Malowski, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Lefley D. Burcroft

Ellen L. Craig-Stragg, Clerk

Excused: Stacy Page, Treasurer

1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Abdo to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

16-512 14. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Choate to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 12, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously.

16-512 18. Moved by Barden, seconded by Roscoe to approve the minutes of the special meeting (public hearing) for the Resolution List 16-41 held on December 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Petitioner: None.

3. Chairperson's Report:

Mayor Pro-Tem Barden asked Mayor Burcroft to give an update on the outlet mail and grocery stores.

Mayor Burcroft commented that the mall is still a live project and looks good for 2017. Mayor Burcroft and Mayor Pro-Tem Barden, then Kaye, traveled to Lansing to get information about grants, etc. in regards to marketing projects such as the grocery store.

16-512 4A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Evelyn Campbell. Motion Carried Unanimously.

16-512 5A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to accept the Chairperson's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor's Report:

Joanne Dine, Community Outreach Director, gave an update on upcoming City events which included the announcement of the Citizens Academy coming up in the spring. The MLK Walk will be held on Jan. 16, 2017.

The Mayor's State of the City Address will be held on Jan. 19, 2017 at the RAC. Tickets are available for \$20.00 and all proceeds will go to the 2017 Romulus Summer Programs.

16-512 6A. Moved by Crout, seconded by Choate to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Charles Hildrey. Motion Carried Unanimously.

16-512 5A. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor

and clerk to enter into the FY 2017 Strategic Initiative Agreement with the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force program for the overtime reimbursement of \$5,000.00 as a result of having an officer assigned to the FBI Task Force Clerk Unit full time. Motion Carried Unanimously.

16-512 5B. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Crout to concur with the administration and extend the bid to purchase, on an as-needed basis, cold patch materials for the repair of local and major roads from Cadillac Asphalt (formerly Barrett Paving Materials, a Romulus business) through May 1, 2017 and with Ajax Materials through December 31, 2017 at the BCC bid price as a per unit price of \$108.25. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A. Clerk's Report:

16-512 6A1. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to approve first reading to amend Ordinance Chapter 18, Romulus City Code, to amend the Parks and Neighborhood Parks and Section 38-2.10, to allow for seasonal closure of parks. Motion Carried Unanimously.

16-512 6A2. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Roscoe to schedule two public hearings for anticipated 2017-2018 CDBG projects — first public hearing: Jan. 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and second public hearing on Feb. 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers. Motion Carried Unanimously.

16-512 6A3. Moved by Crout, seconded by Choate to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Yvonne Mae Henderson-Phillips. Motion Carried Unanimously.

16-512 6A4. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Choate to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Jaqueta Helen Jackson. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6B. Treasurer's Report

7. Public Comment: None.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

10. Communication

16-512 11. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to pay Warrant 16-24 in the amount of \$1,260,589.89. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Moved by Barden, seconded by Abdo to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

13. Clerk's Report:

1. Ellen L. Craig-Stragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 27, 2016.

ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE

PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Plymouth Charter Township Department of Public Works within 48 hours after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notices should be mailed to Plymouth Charter Township, 9055 N. Huron Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48178.

Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Works, 734-734-1278, Extension 3, for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

Thank You

PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

JERRY VORNA,

Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Public: January 12 & 16, 2017

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CITY OF ROMULUS

RFI 16/17-15 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING FIRMS FOR WICK ROAD PHASE II CONSTRUCTION

ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Romulus is requesting responses to this request for information (RFI) for the purpose of gathering written qualifications for providing construction engineering and testing services for the reconstruction of Wick Road from Vining Road to Wickham Road. The construction engineering for this project will include all surveying, staking, field inspection, construction administration and quality control testing in accordance with MDOT requirements, specifications and guidelines for the reconstruction of approximately 3,600 linear feet of roadway, pavement removal, grading, utility structure adjustments, storm sewer installation, concrete pavement, pavement material installation and restoration. Engineers must be an MDOT pre-qualified firm for road construction engineering and have working experience with Field Manager software and the MERL Program. The City will be following the most current version of the MDOT vendor selection guidelines for service contracts.

(1) The Draft G1 package for this project will be available viewing at the City Clerk's Office located on the lower level of the Romulus City Hall Offices, 11111 Wayne Road, beginning 12:00 p.m., Monday, January 9, 2017

(2) Documents to be used for the submission of qualifications can be downloaded from the firm's MIFN system (http://www.mfn.info). Until the expiration date of this solicitation, it is incumbent upon the Respondent to check the website for additional information and/or addenda.

(3) To be considered, Four (4) copies of the submission must be submitted in a sealed envelope (one marked "Original" and three copies marked "Copy") and received in the City of Romulus Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 31, 2017. At approximately 2:45 all timely received submissions will be publicly acknowledged as received.

(4) ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

DONOT OPEN - RFI RESPONSE

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE

RFI 16/17-15 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING FIRMS FOR WICK ROAD PHASE II CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES

11111 S. Wayne Road

Romulus, Michigan 48174

(5) Written questions regarding the substance of the RFI or scope of services must be submitted via e-mail, by 12:00 p.m., Friday, January 20, 2017 to Roberto J. Scappaticci, Department of Public Works Director, scappaticci@romulusmi.gov and/or by mail to the City of Romulus, 11111 S. Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

(6) The City reserves the right to reject all submissions and to waive irregularities.

(7) No submission may be withdrawn for a period of 120 calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the submissions.

Please Public: January 12, 2017

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INKSTER - WAYNE - WESTLAND

Champions Beaumont awards residents for work toward healthier lifestyles

Wayne residents Albert Damito and Ali Sayed have officially been named as champions by Beaumont Health.

During the final Wayne City Council meeting of 2016, an official from Beaumont Health presented Damito and Sayed with 2016 Healthy Communities Champion awards for their outstanding efforts to promote healthy living in partnership with Healthy Wayne, a diverse coalition of local individuals, businesses and organizations dedicated to improving the overall health outcomes of all who live, work or play in Wayne.

"The important work of addressing the factors contributing to our region's health disparities and overall poor rankings begins with community partnership," said Lynette Ish-Green, Healthy Wayne project manager. "These individuals are truly making a difference in improving

the health and wellness of those around them and deserve to be recognized as vital health champions for their community."

Healthy Communities is a Beaumont Health-sponsored multi-city initiative designed to address priority health needs identified as part of its 2013 Community Health Needs Assessment. By establishing a coalition of essential stakeholders to improve the health outcomes of the community, Healthy Communities aims to cultivate a local environment that promotes and supports healthier living.

Since 2015, four healthy community coalitions have launched including Healthy Wayne. Currently, the Wayne coalition has a multi-cultural alliance of more than 100 people committed to helping develop programs and infrastructure that offer residents increased access to



Healthy Wayne award recipient Albert Damito is congratulated by Lynette Ish-Green of Beaumont Health. Photo by Lisa Nease.

healthy lifestyles.

As a Wayne resident and former city councilman, Damito was recognized for his service as a member of the Beaumont Healthy Communities Leadership coalition, his role as a liaison from the city and his contributions to the Healthy Wayne - Healthy Workplaces Team playing a key role in shaping the coalition programming for the past year.

Sayed, founder and CEO of HYPE Recreation Centers in Wayne and Dearborn Heights was recognized for his leadership and services to the disadvantaged. A Healthy Eating team member,

Sayed has focused on improving the health and wellness of school-aged children and their families promoting healthy lifestyles, personal development and academic performance.

"Albert and Ali are true health champions who have made significant efforts to influence and improve community health across the City of Wayne," said Ish-Green. "We are extremely grateful for their leadership."

For more information about Healthy Wayne, contact Lynette Ish-Green at (313) 655-1968 or Lynette.Ish-Green@beaumont.org.

Credit union president convicted of embezzlement charges

A Westland woman has been sentenced to serve 2½ to 10 years in prison for stealing nearly \$2 million from a veterans credit union.

Hustaina Afutu, 50, will serve a minimum of 2½ years in prison for taking nearly \$2 million from the Veterans Health Administration Credit Union, where she was president and CEO, according to a statement

last week from the office of Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette.

Schuette called the crime "despicable" and said that Afutu "took advantage of military veterans, many of whom were disabled or on a fixed income."

"Individuals who served and sacrificed for this country deserve the utmost respect, but instead the members of the cred-

it union were victimized. I am pleased to see this verdict," Schuette said in a news release.

Following an audit at the credit union, cash shortfalls and irregularities were discovered. A subsequent investigation alleged that Afutu had leased or bought six vehicles from 2013 through 2016, including a 2013 Mercedes-Benz and a \$100,000 motor home. Prosecutors charged that the

missing funds paid for Afutu's vacations and other personal expenses.

Afutu pleaded guilty to a single charge of receiving proceeds from a continuing criminal enterprise and a single charge of embezzlement from a credit union. Wayne County Circuit Court Judge David Groner handed down her sentence Dec. 29.

The credit union in Westland

was closed in late March and the Public Service Credit Union assumed the assets, loans and stock shares to safeguard the savings of its 1,297 members. Chartered in 1954, the Veterans Health Administration Credit Union primarily served employees of the Detroit and Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Medical Centers, according to the prepared release.

Free parenting classes offered at Inkster Family Health Center

A five nine-week parenting class is planned at the Western Wayne Family Health Center in Inkster.

The classes are designed to assist parents in further developing skills to parent children

from newborns to 18-year-olds.

The Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) program is offered at no cost, although participants are expected to purchase the STEP parenting book at a cost of

\$15.

Organizers suggested that participants bring cares, concerns and enthusiasm to the classes. Certificates are only given to those who complete the program and participants must

attend all classes for completion.

The classes will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the community room at the health center, 2700 Hamlin Blvd in Inkster.

There is no childcare available during the classes.

Funding for the program is provided by the Western Wayne Family Health Center. To register, call the Helga office at (734) 513-7388.

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For more information call
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Interactive Story Time under way
The Romulus Public Library
offers Interactive Parent/Child Story
Time for children 4 and younger
and parents at 10:30 a.m. every
Wednesday. The program is free
and no registration is required.
Story time helps prepare children
for success in school and beyond
and is presented in partnership
with the Guidance Center.

For more information, contact
the library at (734) 942-7389 or visit
www.romuluslibrary.org. The library
is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

Community Calendar

at 4 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Romulus
Athletic Center, 35765 Northline
Road in Romulus.

Reservations for the event
will be accepted through Jan.
12. Cost to attend is \$20 per person
with proceeds benefiting the 2017
Romulus summer programming at
the center.

Light refreshments will follow
the mayor's address from 5:15 until 6
p.m.

For more information or to
register for the event, call the mayor's
office at (734) 942-7074. To purchase
tickets my mail, send checks
payable to City of Romulus,
Romulus City Hall, Attn: Mayor's
Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus,
MI 48174.

Tickets for the address are also
available at the Romulus Chamber
of Commerce office, admin@romu-
luschamber.org.
Space is limited and the address
usually sells out quickly; organizers
said.

Friends to self used books
The Friends of the Romulus
Library will host a used book sale
from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday, Jan.
13 and Saturday, Jan. 14, which is
bagged.

The library is located at 11121
Wayne Road in Romulus. For more
information call (734) 942-7389.

Strikes For Freedom set
The fourth Bowl It Out event,
dedicated to spreading the message
of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is
planned for 7:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m.
Jan. 15 at Wayne Bowl.

The event was started by Printing
Plus by United Sons and this year
the theme is Strikes for Freedom
with a message of hope, love and
prosperity.

The team fee of \$100 includes a
five-person team with two games of
bowling, shoe rental and a shirt.
There will be a live disc jockey, food
kitchen, mystery jackpots and a por-
tion of proceeds will be donated to
the local non-profit African

Community Calendar

American Endowment Fund.

For registration and information,
call (734) 485-8889.

Raffle benefits children's foundation
The Garden City Rotary 200 Club
Raffle to benefit the Joy Children's
Foundation is now under way.

The grand prize is a two-year
prepaid lease on a 2017 Ford Focus
SE or \$4,000; second prize is round
trip airfare for two from Spirit
Airlines and third prize is dinner for
two at aboard Old Road Murder Mystery
Dinner Trains.

Complete rules can be found at
www.joykidsfund.com. Only 200 tickets
at \$20 each will be sold and winners
need not be present at the drawing
which is planned for from 7-11 p.m.
March 4 at Skateland West, 37550
Cherry Hill in Westland.

Blood Drive at city hall
The American Red Cross is spon-
soring a blood drive at the Plymouth
City Hall Tuesday, Jan. 17.

There is a great need for blood
resources and every pint helps meet
the critical demand in our area,
organizers said.

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tory questionnaire on the day of
your appointment.
Plymouth City Hall is located at
201 South Main St.

Chamber sets awards dinner
The Belleville Area Chamber of
Commerce Awards Dinner, Holiday
Party and Silent Auction is planned
for Jan. 21.

This year, the event will take
place at the Belleville Yacht Club
See Calendar, page 6

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PLYMOUTH - ROMULUS

Plymouth commission limits size of new houses

More than 100 residents crowded the Plymouth City Commission meeting last week in response to a new ordinance which limits home sizes in the city.

The commissioners heard from several residents who were opposed to the current spate of "Bigfoot" homes being constructed on lots which formerly held smaller, older homes and from others who felt the new rules were much too restrictive.

A second reading of a new ordinance limiting the size of homes by a ratio of lot sizes was on the agenda for a second reading and approval by members of

the commission.

The new limits were approved with only Commissioner Colleen Pabur casting a no vote on the new ordinance, saying that she felt it was too restrictive.

The new ordinance, the Floor Area Ratio Ordinance, was developed by members of the planning commission as an effort to curb the construction of large new homes or extensive remodeling homes on smaller lots.

The new ordinance is one of several recent changes in rules for new home construction in the city, according to officials, including restrictions on the size of garages which face the street and

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allowing larger porches.

The new ordinance floor area ratio will limit the size of houses that can be built on various size lots. Currently, a property 50 feet by 120 feet, would be allowed to construct a 4,200 square foot home. With the new ordinance, set to become effective next month, the building or remodel-

ing would be limited to a maximum of 2,400 square feet.

The adopted restriction is a 4 floor area ratio, the lowest considered by members of the commission, although some audience members sought to make it even more restrictive. The ratio excludes garages but does include the total square footage

of the home, preventing the construction of large second floor additions which previously could double the size of a home.

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Kevin O'Keefe, a developer currently building four homes in the city, said that the new rules would have prevented the construction of three of the homes. He said tearing down substantial homes built just after World War II and building newer homes for families is good for the community and the housing market.

Plymouth Library to offer free business consultations

The Plymouth District Library will offer a free business consultation to local entrepreneurs and professionals in January and February.

Volunteer consultants work through SCORE to provide free and confidential business advice throughout the country. These sessions will be conducted by area professionals through the Ann Arbor chapter

of SCORE.

These one-hour sessions will take place from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1 and from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9. To schedule an appointment, contact the library directly at (734) 453-0750, ext 4 or go to plymouthlibrary.org and click on Events.

Ann Arbor SCORE volun-

teers are experienced professionals with first-hand business knowledge who donate thousands of hours to help small businesses succeed. Mentors have expertise in many areas including accounting, finance, marketing, operations, sales, training, human resources, intellectual property, and the effective use of social media.

Mentors have experience

with many types of businesses and industries including retail, wholesale, construction, start-ups, technology, manufacturing, and visual and written arts.

Ann Arbor SCORE has 22 mentors and has been serving the area since 2000. SCORE is a national non-profit organization established in 1964 dedicated to entrepreneur education and formation, growth and success

of the nation's small businesses.

The Plymouth District Library offers many resources to address the informational needs of entrepreneurs and small business owners. For more information, contact Librarian Tim Sherman, (734) 453-0750, ext 206 or tsherman@plymouthlibrary.org.

The library is located at 223 Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

Tickets for annual Belleville, Romulus Mayors' Ball on sale

The fourth annual Mayors' Ball is planned for 5 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017.

The event, hosted by Belleville Mayor Korenson Conley and Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burrell will take place at the Belleville Yacht Club and include dancing, food, refreshments and silent live and live auctions.

The event is an annual benefit for the

Romulus and Belleville Boys and Girls clubs.

Cocktails will be served beginning at 5 and the dinner and auctions are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$100 per person and must be purchased in advance. The donation includes dinner an open bar and entertainment.

For tickets, contact event coordinator

Rob McLaughlin at (734) 578-5882 or rwmclaughlin@gmail.com.

"We'll have plenty of unique and valuable items for our auctions," McLaughlin

said.

Dress for the event is business/cocktail. The Belleville Yacht Club is located at 831 E. Huron River Dr. in Belleville.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT Firefighter/Paramedic

The Charter Township of Plymouth is currently accepting applications to establish an eligibility list for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic. Work to be performed includes saving lives & reducing property loss through rescue techniques & fire suppression operations. Applicants must be certified Michigan Firefighter Level 1 & II, Illinois Operations Level certified and must be licensed as a Paramedic by the State of Michigan. Evidence of license & certification must be presented at the time application is submitted.

Additional Requirements: Must be 18 years of age or older, U.S. Citizen, possess a high school diploma or equivalent, have and maintain a valid State of Michigan driver's license and must maintain a good driving record. Valid Certification from a Fire Training Academy issued by the Civil Service Commission and current valid completion of a Physical Agency Test (PAT) or (BOP) within the preceding 180 days is required. Additional requirements are listed in the position specifications. Applicants will be scheduled to attend and successfully pass an oral and board interview.

A post job offer requires that an applicant must also pass a drug screening, background investigation, psychological exam and a post-employment physical examination.

Starting annual base wage is \$41,767.41 and Top Salary is \$75,750.00.

To schedule a test for these positions, go to the web site www.mplsfire.org and follow the instructions. There is a fee to take the examinations, but results of this one test will be accepted by all participating fire departments in Michigan. You must apply and pass the test by February 10th 2017.

The Charter Township of Plymouth does not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, handicap, height or weight, in the employment or provision of services.

Jerry Verica, Clerk
Friday, January 06, 2017

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CITY OF ROMULUS

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Flavores, Inc.
14241 Five M Center Dr.
WEDNESDAY February 1, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 for the purpose of considering a variance request for BZA-2017-001, Flavores, Inc.

A variance from Section 13.01(a)(4) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow mechanical equipment to encroach into the required front yard setback is requested.

The subject property is located at 14241 Five M Center Dr. DPN: 80-100-99-4012-702.



Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maize, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Lorensa Walker
32275 Henry Road
WEDNESDAY February 1, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 for the purpose of considering a variance request for BZA-2016-012, Lorensa Walker.

A variance from Section 11.01(a)(6) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a pitched roof of 3:12 is requested. The ordinance requires that the roof pitch of a single-family dwelling be 4:12.

The subject property is located at 32275 Henry Road. DPN: 80-412-99-4002-702.



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Closings

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actually had to call Sears Holdings corporate offices to verify the news of the closing of the store, opened in 1966.

The city did receive an official notice of closing from Macy's, which opened as a J. L. Hudson's in 1965 and was the original anchor store in the Westland Shopping Center. That store was among the 68 closures announced by the corporation in a downsizing move last week.

The notice informed the city that layoffs of the 160 Macy's employees at the Westland store would begin this month and be complete by March 31.

Wild said that the city had anticipated the closing of Macy's, although they did not have any official notice in advance of the announcement last week.

"The store has been a part of the community since the beginning," Wild said. He added that the city is also concerned about the continued operation of Sears in the mall in light of the announced closing of the Kmart.

Wild said Westland Mall has new ownership and that the city will work with them to help develop the Macy's site.

"The mall is still viable," Wild said. "The Kohl's there is the top grossing store in the entire nation and has been for several years."

Wild added that a new H&M

store is coming into the Westland mall which should attract a lot of younger shoppers.

"It's definitely a change of the marketplace," he said and "a correction in the business model."

Wild said he was confident that the Macy's site would be redeveloped within a short time and that the 11-acre Kmart property was still a viable location.

"The city will be involved in helping market the site," he said. "We keep a good record of the inventory of property in the city and have them all listed on the city website. We'll be very active in trying to help."

He said he didn't believe that the closings were any indication of any economic downturn in Westland, but rather a change in marketing across the country.

"It stresses the fact that as a city need to distance ourselves from a dependence on retail. We have been slowly attracting new businesses in our industrial park and we will continue to market to those businesses," he said.

Wild said he had several calls from residents about the closing of Macy's wondering if there was any action the city could take.

"We have reached out to the corporate office, but I doubt that there is anything we can do," Wild said.

In addition to the Plymouth Township and Westland locations, Kmart announced the closing of the original store in Garden City open since 1982.

celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a march beginning at 8 a.m. Jan. 16 from Romulus Middle School to Romulus High School.

Shuttle Service will be provided from Romulus High School to the Middle School from 7 a.m. until 7:45 a.m.

The celebration, titled "The Dream Still Matters," is being organized by the City of Romulus, the Romulus

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(BYC) and tickets are priced at \$50 per person. The ticket price includes a three-course buffet meal, beverages, beer and wine. Tables of eight can be purchased at a discount rate of \$360, officials said.

The evening will include an awards ceremony during which the recipients of the Ted Kachelman, Leona Van Buhler and Business of the Year awards will be honored. Entertainment will be provided by Dueling Pianos and a silent auction is also planned as part of the evening. Chamber of Commerce membership awards will also be presented.

Chamber officials are currently accepting items that can be used as part of the silent auction. Donated items can be picked-up for the convenience of local merchants or businesses, officials said. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the chamber office at (734) 697-7151.

Distinguished young women sought

The next Distinguished Young Woman program will take place March 10 and preparations are already under way to find participants.

An orientation meeting for young women who are juniors in high school will take place Monday, Jan. 23 at 3:00 p.m. in the Wayne.

The program format has changed, organizers said, and the program now focuses on junior rather than senior high school students.

Any high school junior who lives in Wayne or Westland can register at any time at www.distinguishedyoungwomen.org and clicking on Apply Now.

Those who enter will be contacted with more detailed information regarding the orientation meeting, organizers said.

Friends and Chamber on a roll

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Romulus Library will host Bowling Night At Romulus Lanes beginning with registration at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28.

Bowling will begin at 8 p.m. and the \$20 per

Calendar of events

person fee included three games, shoe rental, pizza and pop. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a cash bar will be available.

The event is limited to 72 bowlers and is usually a sell out.

Romulus Lanes is located at 37452 W. Huron River Dr.

For ticket information, call (734) 893-0694.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Friends of the Library and the Chamber of Commerce.

Butterfly balls return in Canton

Back by popular demand, the Butterfly Ball, a Valentine's tradition, return Feb. 10 and 11 to the Summit on the Park, offering a unique experience and plenty of special memories. Dads and daughters can enjoy an evening of dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the popular balloon drop that caps off the festivities.

Dads and their dates can choose from three dances, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10 or 2 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Feb. 11.

Semiformal or dressy-casual attire is recommended. No corsage pre-sales will be available.

Ticket sales end Feb. 1 and each participant is required to have a ticket for entry. Tickets are available at the Summit on the Park front desk for \$30.50 for residents and \$13.90 for non-residents.

These dances traditionally sell out, organizers said. For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

Winter market planned

The first of three monthly Winter Markets will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 in the Summit on the Park Banquet lobby, located at 6000 Summit Parkway.

Markets are also scheduled for March 19 and April 23 at the Summit. More than a dozen local vendors will be featured. Michigan goods available include: baked goods, artisan cheese and bread, frozen and dried pastas, hoop-house grown produce and more. For the latest information, visit www.facebook.com/cantonfarmersmarket.

March

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Keller Williams Realty of Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheatre.org

IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS

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Ministerial Alliance and the Romulus Rotary Club, will be served.

At 9:30 a.m. a celebration of Dr. King's life and achievements will take place in the high school auditorium.

IN WESTLAND

In Westland, a Freedom Walk and Celebration will take place starting at the Westland Public Library at 9 a.m. Monday. The

walk will travel to Westland City Hall where light refreshments will be served and a celebration is planned. The event is expected to continue until 11 a.m.

The library is located at 6122 Central City Parkway. Bus service from Westland City Hall on Warren Road will begin at 8 a.m. and take participants to the library for the walk back.

The City Hall celebration will begin at 10 a.m.

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