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## Cuts to retiree health delayed in Wayne

Members of the Wayne City Council have temporarily postponed the implementation of cuts to retiree health care benefits although adoption of the delay has apparently prompted some confusion among opponents of the measure.

The issue of cuts to benefits for retirees has been a topic of discussion and comment at regular city council meetings for several weeks. The city first implemented a new system last year whereby the retirees were required to pay 70 percent of health care premiums while the city paid 30 percent, a sharp reduction in benefits about 200 city retirees had been receiving.

The most recent plan cuts benefits even more sharply by providing each retiree a monthly "stipend" with which they can purchase health insurance independently in the marketplace.

**"It's a bad deal for everybody but hard decisions have to be made. We just don't have to be hard people in making them."**

Under the stipend plan, originally approved by members of the city council in December, the plan will provide retirees 65 and older with \$110 monthly to pay for health insurance while those younger than 65 and single will receive \$175 monthly. Couples will be allocated \$400 a month for health insurance premiums and a family will receive a \$485 monthly stipend.

Proponents of the plan including Mayor Susan Rowe and City Manager Lisa Nocentini said that the new plan would save the city about \$805,065

annually. The city currently faces a \$15 million deficit and has been notified that it will be out of cash by the end of this year.

The stipend plan effectively voided the retirement agreements employees from the fire, police, DPW, clerical and even administrative departments and would have become effective this month.

A motion was introduced by Councilman Chris Sanders to delay the implementation of the new stipend system and return retiree health insurance bene-

fits to the 2016 level for 6 months until the city and a retiree committee reach an understanding or agreement on the issue was proposed at the regular city council meeting two weeks ago. The motion for a delay of implementation of the stipend plan was approved by a 4-3 roll call vote of the council with Rowe, Councilman John Rhessa and Councilman Tom Porter voting no while Sanders, and councilmen Anthony Miller, Ryan Gabriel and Richard Sutton cast the yes votes, delaying the stipend plan.

Rowe called an "emergency meeting" of the council members last week to discuss the situation and any confusion about the previous resolution to delay the stipend plan. All four of the council members who approved

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## High marks Local teacher honored with excellence award

A Plymouth kindergarten teacher known for creating engaging, hands-on lessons to make learning fun for her students and for involving parents in their children's education has been honored with an Excellence in Education award from the Michigan Lottery. The award winner, Julie Dillon, teaches kindergarten at Ishister Elementary in Plymouth. The school is part of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools District.

The Michigan Lottery established the Excellence in Education awards in 2014 to recognize outstanding public school educators across the state during the school year.

Winners of the weekly award receive a plaque, a \$500 cash prize, and a \$500 grant to their classroom, school or school district. One of the weekly winners will be selected as the Educator of the Year and will receive a \$10,000 cash prize. Each winner also is featured in a news segment on the Lottery's media partner stations: WXYZ-TV in Detroit, FOX 17 in Grand Rapids, and FOX 47 in Lansing. For the Excellence in Education awards program, the Lottery has teamed up with Michigan State University basketball coach Tom Izzo, who recently presented Dillon with the award at the Breslin Center.

"My love of kids attracted me to a career in education. They smiles melt my heart," Dillon said. "I am the youngest of nine children and since I can remember, I have wanted to be a teacher."

Dillon said her favorite part of being an educator is "building relationships



Julie Dillon poses for a photo with her husband, Jim, after accepting her Excellence in Education award from Michigan State University basketball coach Tom Izzo.

with my students and their families and together seeing the progress each child makes."

Two parents nominated Dillon for the Excellence in Education award with one saying: "Julie Dillon personifies excellence, dedication, and commitment in an educator."

"You can see how her positive energy, enthusiasm, and efforts help students make connections, both academically and socially. At the first sign that a student is struggling, she identifies how to work with that student to encourage their success. She genuinely wants each of her kindergartners to flourish!"

"She's also in constant communication with parents, making kindergarten an exciting family experience. Mrs. Dillon always goes above and beyond to make sure her students (and their parents) have a successful and memorable kindergarten year."

The other nomination noted that Dillon "makes learning come alive in her classroom on a daily basis with fun,

engaging and hands-on activities. She spends time outside of the classroom with her students too, meeting them for hot cocoa at the Plymouth Ice Festival or for a pizza lunch to celebrate great reading through Book It!"

"She also attends school functions such as movie night, state night, and literacy night. She spends countless hours preparing learning activities for her students. She has fantastic communication with parents through texts, emails, and newsletters and provides many ways we can support our children's education at home."

Dillon has earned degrees from Michigan State University, Eastern Michigan University, and Marygrove College. She has been an educator for 22 years, all with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Outstanding public school educators may be nominated for an Excellence in Education award at <http://bit.ly/ExcellenceInEducation> or through the websites of the Lottery's media partner stations.

## Officials vow to correct financial shambles

Don Howard  
Staff Writer

**"We have to get through 20 years of dysfunction in this building. Time is of essence, our accounting practices are a mess-I'd like to move on."**

After only three weeks in office, newly-elected officials in Plymouth Township are bracing for what they say will be a difficult task in bringing township records up to date and into compliance with acceptable government financial standards.

At the meeting of the board of trustees last week, Treasurer Mark Clinton recommended the township engage a professional accounting firm to provide additional professional assistance in the creation and recording of past business transactions. Clinton said the

extra consulting services were necessary for the timely submission of the 2016 state audit.

Clinton expressed his serious concern regarding the state of records in the township and proposed a resolution to seek additional professional assistance from Flannery Moran, the outside auditing and accounting firm used by the township.

"I think everyone here is aware that we went through a painful audit. I'm very concerned that we are going to run into a problem in 2017," Clinton told the board members.

Clinton said that his office and staff are continuing to correct problems from last year and that bank reconciliations have not been completed since

March, 2016. Clinton said he is working closely with Township Clerk Jerry Vorva on reconciliation problems with the General Ledger, where there was not a clear separation of responsibility between the clerk and the treasurer's office.

One example Clinton cited was an unexplained overpayment to Schoolcraft College in the amount of \$188,000. Another was the return of \$26,000 from the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) for unearned employee contributions, something that would have

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# BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

## Festival official criticizes plan to move rides

A plan to move the kiddie rides to downtown Belleville during the Strawberry Festival this June drew sharp criticism from the St. Anthony's Church Festival Chairperson Sharon Pokernvinski.

"They absolutely cannot do that," she said of the plan proposed by Chamber of Commerce President Mike Dobson to move the rides. "They have a signed contract with us and festival by-laws state the rides that are to be at each location of the festival." Pokernvinski is also the secretary of the Downtown Strawberry Festival Committee and is involved in nearly every aspect of the national event which draws

huge crowds into the community, including the coordinating of the vendors during the event and overseeing all the activities at St. Anthony's, where a large portion of the festival takes place.

The proposal to move the kiddie rides from St. Anthony's to downtown met with no support from Police Chief Hal Berriman, Fire Chief Brian Loranger or EMT chief Rick Rutherford.

Berriman and Loranger both pointed out to the members of the city council that the plan to put those rides on Third and Fourth streets downtown would block the only emergency access from one side of town to another.

Loranger said the move would

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block the only access he would have to get a fire truck from one side of town to the other in case of an emergency. He added that the plan looked "like a parking nightmare."

Berriman said that he was "dead set against" the plan and indicated that he thought it would cause serious traffic problems while Rutherford said that

moving rides to the proposed location would block the vendors access to their booths during the event.

Pokernvinski was also concerned that such a plan would be brought to the city council without any discussion with her or other members of the St. Anthony or downtown festival committee.

"I could have told them they cannot do this. They have a contract. We gave them the rides they have downtown as it is in an effort to help the chamber when officials there claimed they weren't making enough money," Pokernvinski said. "For them to even propose this is ridiculous."

She said the idea of moving the rides was inappropriate given the relationship between the chamber and St. Anthony's regarding the festival activities. Pokernvinski said that she planned to address the issue at the Jan. 16 meeting of the city council and at the meeting of the festival committee set for 5:30 p.m. Feb. 14 at Victory Station.

## Community unites to aid veteran during holidays

During the holiday season, community members from around Romulus came together to raise money and find resources to help a veteran and his family in need.

Back in November, the Romulus VFW Post 9568 was notified about the family by the Plymouth VFW Post Auxiliary unit and immediately reached out to begin learning about the family and how best to help them.

The family includes a wounded combat veteran from the Iraqi War, his wife and two young daughters. For the last year, the family had been homeless and living in a local hotel at the price of \$50 per day. Both parents were working odd and part-time jobs for meager pay and missing

meals to feed their children and continue to pay for housing.

After assessing the need, the Romulus VFW and the Auxiliary group assembled a task force to help the family. City of Romulus officials and many concerned citizens from Romulus and Belleville joined in the effort. The group organized a spaghetti dinner benefit to help the family for the holidays.

The dinner, which took place Dec. 2, generated more than \$3,300 to help the family.

The task force also secured a manufactured home in Huron Township, where the girls were enrolled in school, to provide more stable housing for the family. The group was able to close on the home within two days of making contact with the housing

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office. Martin's Towing also donated a used vehicle to the family which was given a full safety inspection at no cost by local area mechanics.

A week before Christmas, the family was presented with this vehicle, only to find it filled with gifts for the holiday. The task force was able to raise more than \$5,000 to benefit the local veteran and his family.

Commander of the Romulus VFW Post Robert Koski said he

would like to thank the members of the task force for their selfless work in assisting this family. Members included Romulus VFW Post 9568; Robert Williams; Robert McCraight of the City of Romulus and Rolling Thunder Chapter 5; 34th District Court; Tony Gradzinski; Mike O'Brien; Lisa Koski; Jan Lemmon; Romulus VFW Auxiliary; City of Romulus Officials; Huron Estates; Extended Stay Hotel; Rolling Thunder Chapter 5; Roy

Frank; City of Romulus Police, Fire and EMS; Romulus Department of Public Works and Martin's Towing.

"The Veterans Outreach Committee was happy that the VFW reached out to collaborate on the assistance efforts for this family," said McCraight, City of Romulus Veterans Outreach Committee Chairperson.

Throughout the year, the Veterans Outreach Committee conducts clothing, blanket and food drives to support local veterans, as well as coordinates the annual "Romulus Chores" poker run fundraiser in August and the Wreaths Across America program at the Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Funds raised with the help of the community go to support local veterans.

## Annual Soul Food Dinner set

The Annual Soul Food Dinner in Romulus is planned for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 this year.

The annual event, now a tradition in the community, will include a special Black History Month presentation this year. The dinner, started by a small group of volunteers at Cory Elementary School many years ago, began as an effort to help involve parents in their children's education and to build a sense of community.

The event has continued to grow dramatically during the years, moving from Cory to Romulus Middle School and expanding to Romulus High School due

to the popularity and involvement of the community in the event.

Mayor LeRoy Burroughs had the dinner placed on the city calendar and the event has been dubbed as a "community effort."

Now, elected officials from the city attend and help serve the southern-style soul food dishes to the crowds who show up. All the food is prepared by local church members and other volunteers.

The event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend, according to organizers.

For more information, contact Tina Talley at (313) 405-3577.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1559 Canton Center, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 2, 2017 for the following:

#### MOWING & LAWN CARE MAINTENANCE

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at [www.cantonmi.org](http://www.cantonmi.org), or you may contact Mike Shoppard at 734-944-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL MEGERS, CLERK

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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1559 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

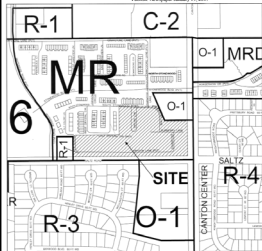
**THE GLENS AT CAMBRIDGE - MINOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PREVIEWED BY SECTION 20-04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCELS 30, 60, 91, 90, 780. Property is located north of Saltz Road and west of Canton Center Road.**

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1559 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, February 2, 2017, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

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Greg Greene, Chairman  
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# WAYNE - WESTLAND

## Westland Historic Commission seeking new volunteers

The City of Westland is seeking applicants to fill vacant positions on the Westland Historical Commission.

The Historical Commission is a nine-member board appointed by the mayor that collects, maintains and preserves materials and documents relating to the history of Westland and Nankin Township.

Members of the Historical Commission meet at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at the Helen C. Brown Historical Museum which is operated by the commission.

"As Westland just celebrated its momentous 50th anniversary year, I am encouraging all interested individuals to apply to serve on the Westland Historical Commission to help preserve the history of our All American City," commented Mayor William Wild.

Westland Historic Commission members volunteer to oversee the historical building complex located at 807 N. Wayne Road from 1 until 4 p.m. one or two Saturday afternoons per month and attend one meeting per month with fellow

low commissioners to discuss current projects. No specific educational background is required and there are no fees as part of commission membership but interested applicants must be residents of the City of Westland.

The Westland Historical Society is also seeking society members. The society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Members are not required to work any specific days or hours but a minimal yearly donation of \$10 is necessary. Society members can work on the project

or projects of their choosing. Projects include digitizing photographs that often date back more than a century to repairing or maintaining artifacts like the 1922 Ford Model T fire truck from the Eloise Hospital complex. Members also collect artifacts to be placed in the new Westland time capsule and even help with basic maintenance and cleaning of historic buildings.

Schedules for participation are very flexible and accommodating officials said.

"With the new year come not

only new projects but also new promises. Are you looking for a way to use your skills, resources, and/or free time to keep Westland the best land?" asked Commission President Jeff Koslowski. "The Westland Historic Village Park is looking for volunteers of all ages for numerous programs it has started or will soon be starting to make our city's 51st year its best one yet."

For more information or to discuss joining the commission, email Koslowski at WHCJeff@gmail.com.



### It's official

Wayne County Commissioner Abdul 'Af' Haidous (D-Wayne, left) is given the oath of office by Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara at the commission organizational meeting Jan. 5. Haidous is beginning his second year as a county commissioner and serves District 11, which includes Belleville, Romulus, Wayne, Sumpter, Huron and Van Buren townships and part of Westland.



### One more time

State Rep. Robert L. Kosowski (D-Westland) was sworn in for his third and final term representing the 16th House District last week by Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack. "It has truly been an honor to represent the residents of Wayne and Westland," Kosowski said. "I am humbled that my constituents put their faith in me once again and allowed me to be their voice in Lansing for another term."

## Retirees

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the motion for delay said they had previous commitments and were unable to attend the emergency meeting set for last Tuesday. There was no quorum in attendance at the emergency

meeting and no discussion of the issue took place publicly.

Retirees from the city have attended city council meetings for months, protesting the plans and cuts being implemented. Rowe said at a recent meeting that while these were difficult decisions they had to be made to "keep the doors of the City of Wayne open."

She told the retirees that officials have been assured that retirees will be able to find health care at the stipend amount.

"We are not going into bankruptcy, we aren't getting a financial manager. The state says we are not broke enough, so we have to keep making cuts," Rowe said at a recent meeting when the

stipend plan was discussed.

Sanders said that his motion to delay was an effort to soften the blow of the cuts which will force some retirees to pay half or more of their monthly income to maintain their current insurance.

"Remember, these people do not get Social Security," Sanders said. "They live on a city pension

and this is a serious blow to them. I think we owe them the courtesy of a dialogue and discussion of whatever help we can provide before we implement cuts this drastic to people who spent years working for the city. It's a bad deal for everybody but hard decisions have to be made. We just don't have to be hard people in making them."

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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 & 2, Hazard Operations Level certified and must be licensed as a Paramedic by the State of Michigan. Evidence of licenses & certifications 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 have and maintain a good driving record. Valid Certification from a Fire Training Academy recognized by the Civil Service Commission and current valid completion of a Physical Ability Test (CPAT) or (BPAAT) within the preceding 365 days is required. Additional requirements are listed in the position specifications. Applicants will be scheduled to attend and successfully pass an oral Board interview.

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

Starting annual base wage is \$41,787.41 and Top Salary is \$71,735.01

To schedule a test for these positions, go to the web site <http://www.empco.net/ta/> 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 6th 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 services.

Jerry Voris, Clerk

Published: Monday, January 09, 2017

## 2017 Soul Food Dinner



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### Cafeteria Dinner/Program

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017

Dinner Program Starts at 6:00pm

Promply 7:00pm - 8:00pm

"All donations go to the Romulus Middle School Student Activities Fund"

# INKSTER - NORTHVILLE

## Police Athletic League fundraising dinner is tonight

The Inkster Police Athletic Activities (PAL) League is hosting a kick off fundraising dinner from 6:00 p.m. tonight, Jan. 19, at the Booker T. DeLoe Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road.

Tickets may be purchased at the event for \$10. All of the proceeds raised will directly benefit the launch of the organization. This fundraising dinner will be used to introduce the new organization to the community and to help raise money to acquire insurance to start recruiting youth for our sports teams.

There will be refreshments, entertainment, and remarks from Inkster Mayor Byron Nelson and Inkster Police Chief William Riley, among others.

"Our efforts to lower juvenile crime rates can't take effect unless we have the support from as many people as possible," said Ode. Andrea Lebo.

The Police Athletic League (PAL) is an organization in many American police departments in which members of the police department, and volunteers from the community coach youth, both boys and girls, in

"Our efforts to lower juvenile crime rates can't take effect unless we have the support from as many people as possible."

sports and help with homework and other school-related activities. The purpose is to build character, help strengthen police-community relations, and keep children off illegal drugs. PAL Leagues are recognized as the largest juvenile crime prevention program in the nation.

The Inkster Police Athletic League is being created to provide local youth with a positive nurturing environment to develop different aspects of their lives including but not limited to; academics, athletics, social interaction,

life skills, leadership skills, the arts, and community service, Lebo said. The lack of after school activities to keep children engaged and off the street has caused a dramatic increase in the juvenile crime rate in the City of Inkster. In response, the Inkster Police Department partnered with local leaders to create the Inkster Police Athletic League, she added.

For more information about the Inkster Police Athletic Activities league and for ticket information, contact Lebo at [Alkebo@cityofinkster.com](mailto:Alkebo@cityofinkster.com).

## 'Inauguration Day' Jones takes oath of state office

Wayne County-based members of the Michigan House Democratic Caucus were ceremonially sworn in to serve in the Michigan House of Representatives for the 99th Legislature in 2017-18. The Wayne County Democratic representatives said that their priorities in office will mirror those of the working families, seniors and students of Southeast Michigan.

"Young people like myself want to

live in communities that provide an outstanding quality of life through reliable public transportation, vibrant neighborhoods and safe communities, but without full revenue sharing, our cities are struggling to afford even the most basic services," said state Rep. Jewell Jones (D-Inkster), who is in his first term representing the 11th House District. "I'm proud of my home town and my home state, but we must do better."



State Rep. Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) takes the oath of office from Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the state Capitol in Lansing. With him are his father, Lyndon Jones, his mother, Octavia Smith, his sister, Shauna Jones and his staff, Preston Peterson and Javon Johnson.

## Northville area mourns death of long-time educator



Dave Longridge

The Northville community is mourning the death of long-time educator Dave Longridge who died Dec. 21.

Mr. Longridge, 83, spent nearly 40 years with the Northville Public Schools District beginning his teaching career right out of college.

He was named as Oakland County Basketball Coach of the Year for the 1961-62 season after leading his high school team to a state championship. Mr. Longridge served as vice-principal

at Northville High School from 1963-74 and then served as principal at Cooke Junior High School until 1985. He transferred to Meads Mill Middle School where he was principal until his retirement from the district in 1997. Mr. Longridge was named Michigan Secondary School Principal of the Year in 1995.

Mr. Longridge attended Dearborn Fordson High School where he played both varsity football and basketball, earning school letters in both sports. He

continued to play basketball during his stint in the Navy from 1953-56. He played football during his college career at Eastern Michigan University where he earned both his bachelor and master's degrees in education.

He attended First Presbyterian Church of Northville where he participated in organizing the Old Times annual luncheon. Mr. Longridge is survived by his wife of 37 years, Margaret (Marge); his daughter, Karen (Madden) Cullen; a son, David

(Sonia) Longridge III; five grandchildren, Matthew, Ryan and John Cullen and Jason and Billy Longridge; a sister, Carole (Bill) Rankin; several nieces and nephews, and many friends.

A memorial service took place Jan. 4 and memorial donations may be made to the Northville Educational Foundation or First Presbyterian Church in Mr. Longridge's name.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Costerline Funeral Home in Northville.

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[www.associatednewspapers.net](http://www.associatednewspapers.net).

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### CITY OF ROMULUS CHAPTER 38. PARKS AND RECREATION CITY OF ROMULUS ORDINANCE NO. 2017-001

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38, SECTION 38-4 COMMUNITY PARKS AND NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND SECTION 38-2 HOURS, TO ALLOW FOR SEASONAL CLOSURE OF PARKS.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Chapter 38 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

I. Section 38-4. Community parks and neighborhood parks to be amended to read:  
Community parks, for the purpose of this chapter, include Elmer Johnson, located at the east side of Omega between McElroy and Tyler; St. John's Lodge No. 44, located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Beverly and Henry Rial; Fernandez, located at the east side of Columbia between Avalon and Jase; and Historical, located at the east and west sides of Hunt between Bibbins and Gossard. Neighborhood parks, for the purpose of this chapter, shall include Jimmy Rappaport, located at the southwest corner of Cypress and Hunt; Beverly McAnally, located at the east side of the north end of Cordell; Mary Ann Banks located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Gossard and Oak; and Oakbrook located at the north side of the west end of Spain.

II. Sec. 38-2. Hours.  
All parks within the city shall be open 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., except that the Mayor or his/her designee may seasonally close the parks, including dog parks, from November 1 to April 1 at his/her discretion and may also extend the hours the parks are open for special events sponsored by the City with at least 24 hours notice to the Police Department.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus on the 3rd day of January, 2017.

LEROY BURCHOFF, Mayor

ELEEN L. CRAIG-BRAGA, CMC, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Room in said City on the 3rd day of January, 2017.

ELEEN L. CRAIG-BRAGA, CMC, City Clerk

I further certify that the foregoing was published in Romulus Eagle, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 19th day of January, 2017.

ELEEN L. CRAIG-BRAGA, CMC, City Clerk

Within thirty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against any ordinance containing an effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

Introduced: 12-27-16

Second Reading: 01-05-17

Published Effective: 01-19-17

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PUBLIC NOTICE

2017 BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING AND STUDY SESSION DATES

To all residents and other interested parties:

Agendas and minutes for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings and Study Sessions are available for review online at [www.plymouthmi.org](http://www.plymouthmi.org) under Agenda/Minutes and in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9555 N. Hagarty Road, Plymouth MI 48178. Regular Meeting Dates for 2017 are scheduled for January 19, January 24, February 14, February 20, March 14, March 20, April 11, April 25, May 9, May 24, June 11, June 27, July 11, July 25, August 8, August 22, September 12, September 26, October 10, October 24, November 14, November 28, and December 12. Study Sessions for 2017 are scheduled for January 17, February 7, February 21, March 7, March 21, April 11, April 25, May 9, May 24, June 11, June 27, July 11, August 1, August 15, September 19, October 3, October 17, November 7, November 21, and December 5. This public notice is provided and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustee Meetings and Study Sessions.

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### MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING January 3, 2017

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 Burden.

Prayer of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathleen Abels, John Burden, Linda Chaste, Harry Cross, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Rescoe,

William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Julie Wojtyla, Chief of Staff

Ellen L. Craig-Braga, Clerk

Excused: Lefroy D. Burchoff, Mayor; Stacy Paige, Treasurer

I. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Chaste to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

II. 2017-011. Moved by Crout, seconded by Rescoe to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 27, 2016. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abels, Burden, Chaste, Cross, Rescoe.

Abstains: Makowski, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried.

3. Petitioner: None.

4. Chairperson's Report:

A. Moved by Rescoe, seconded by Makowski to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor's Report:

Dennis Davidson announced upcoming City events.

II. 2017-014. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to concur with the administration and approve the reappointment of Daniel McQuinnally and Melvin Ziffa to the City of Romulus Planning Commission for a three year term expires on January 31, 2020. Motion Carried Unanimously.

II. 2017-015. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abels to concur with the administration and authorize the use of both the State of Michigan contract and the Federal GSA contract for all cellular services through Cello Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the terms of both contracts or each time as the City should select bids to replace these services. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Chapter 24, Section 36-1. Community Parks and Neighborhood Parks and Section 38-2. Hours, to Allow for Seasonal Closures of Parks.

II. 2017-016. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Rescoe to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a mutual general release agreement with M&K Construction Co. releasing the City from any further claims in the Wickham Road Water Main project (ITB-1516-11) and the discontinued Middlefield Road project. The total settlement is in the amount of \$52,000.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A. Clerk's Report:

II. 2017-041. Moved by Abels, seconded by Crout to approve second reading, final adoption to amend Ordinance Chapter 24, Section 36-1. Community Parks and Neighborhood Parks and Section 38-2. Hours, to Allow for Seasonal Closures of Parks. Motion Carried Unanimously.

II. 2017-042. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to adopt a resolution to recognize the 60th anniversary of Union Grove Baptist Church. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6B. Treasurer's Report:

7. Public Comment:

Joe Lumsden, Chairman, Cemetery Board of Trustees, spoke about the family that the VFW and Romulus employees adopted for Christmas.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

10. Communication:

Councilmember Makowski spoke about upcoming Romulus Library events.

II. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Ellen L. Craig-Braga, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify that foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 3, 2017.

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# Calendar of events

## Distinguished alumni sought

Nominations are being sought for the annual Belleville High School Distinguished Graduate award. Nominations will be accepted for the annual honor until Jan. 31. The Distinguished Graduate Award is an annual honor that recognizes Belleville High School graduates who have distinguished themselves in business or profession, or have contributed to the welfare and progress of the community.

Nominees must have graduated prior to 2008. The selected honoree, or family member in the case of the posthumous award, will be invited to attend the National Honor Society induction ceremony April 28, when the award will be presented.

Nomination forms are available on the website of the Van Buren Public Schools and at the school administration building.

## Congregation meets Sunday

Redeemer Lutheran Church offers worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville.

For more information call (734)740-4250 or access [www.redeemertlutheranchurch.com](http://www.redeemertlutheranchurch.com).

## Legislator hosts coffee hours

State Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton) will host monthly coffee hours at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road in Canton Township.

Pagan has invited residents to join her to discuss their thoughts and ideas about how she can best represent and address the needs of her constituents.

## 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) 942-7599 or visit [www.romuluslib.mi.us](http://www.romuluslib.mi.us). The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

## Patriotic volunteers sought

Plymouth Township officials are seeking volunteers to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the regular meetings on the

second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at township hall.

Suggested qualifications include being an active duty or retired military serviceman or woman, a member of a service or Scouting organization, a retired first responder, member of a student government organization or a patriotic citizen.

Interested residents should contact Sue Braun, executive assistant to the supervisor at [sbraun@plymouthtwp.org](mailto:sbraun@plymouthtwp.org); or call (734)654-3254.

## Chamber seeks board members

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce has two open seats on the board of directors.

According to chamber President Don Nicholson, this is an opportunity to have input into the chamber and the Wayne community.

The board members meet at noon the first Tuesday of each month for an hour.

Interested applicants should contact Nicholson at (734) 658-5296 or email [Don@DonNicholson.net](mailto:Don@DonNicholson.net).

## 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 to aboard Old Road Murder Mystery Dinner Trains.

Complete rules can be found at [www.joykids.com](http://www.joykids.com). Only 200 tickets at \$50 each will be sold and winners need not be present at the drawing which is planned from 7-11 p.m. March 4 at Skateland West, 37500 Cherry Hill in Westland.

## 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 (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 Kuckelman, Leona Van Buhler and Business of the Year awards will be honored. Entertainment will be provided by Duetting 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.

## Gospel concert planned

An evening of gospel music sung by Larry Callahan & Selected of God will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The choir will be in full concert at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, along with their special guest—the 40+ member Detroit Youth Choir.

Tickets are \$15 and available now online at [www.villagetheater.org](http://www.villagetheater.org) or by calling (734) 394-5300. Tickets can be purchased at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Village Theater box office will also be open one hour prior to this scheduled performance. To learn more about the group, visit [www.villagetheater.org](http://www.villagetheater.org).

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

## Wild game to be served

Wayne County Fair Association is hosting a Wild Game Dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22.

The dinner will take place at the Wayne County Fairgrounds Dining Hall and admission is \$35 per person. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m.

For information contact (734) 697-7002 or [vcfairgrounds@gmail.com](mailto:vcfairgrounds@gmail.com).

## Soup and salad served

The Mayflower/L. Gamble VFW Post 665 Auxiliary will host a Soup and Salad Dinner from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at 1435 South Mill St. in Plymouth.

The cost for the dinner is \$5 and there will be a cash bar available. The menu includes hot soup, cold salads, bread and rolls, coffee and tea. Desserts will be sold separately.

For more information, contact Judy Thomson, (734) 545-0184.

## 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 37905 Glenwood in 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.distinguishedywo.org](http://www.distinguishedywo.org) and clicking on Apply Now.

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

## Parenting classes offered

A free 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 Higgins office at (734) 513-7385.

## Garden Club to meet

Members of the Garden Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Romulus Public Library.

The meeting will include planning for the upcoming growing season and discussion of community partnerships along with welcoming new members.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in gardening topics and community service opportunities.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734)942-7599.

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