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(Photo by Liana Jadan)

Tony Roko

## Artist in residence Leno, GaGa join 'brewing' legion of fans

His new fans include Lady Gaga and Jay Leno, along with the myriad art collectors across the country who have his work hanging on their walls.

Plymouth artist Tony Roko has come a long way from the plant floor at the Ford Motor Co. Wayne Assembly Plant where his career began years ago.

Roko, 46, named the Best Fine Artist of 2015 by readers of Hour magazine, has recently taken on a unique challenge with the creation of original artwork on which the Atwater Brewery is basing the labels for their new series of beers.

When executives from Atwater were ready to introduce the new beer flavors for 2016, they wanted to ensure the brand had a unique and instantly recognizable identity. To guarantee that the new beers would stand out, even before being tasted, they

decided to use a recognizable artist, rather than an advertising agency illustrator, to create a series of unique labels. They sought out Roko for the commission and he, always looking for a challenge, agreed to take on the massive task. Roko, a Canton High School graduate, is known throughout the art world for his unique style and use of color and materials.

The beer labels were something new for him, however. "What started as a single painting for one label for just 40 cases of beer five months ago has turned into designing 35 paintings.

"What an opportunity, to have my work seen in 26 states and three countries," Roko said, although he admitted the job has evolved into far more work than he first envisioned.

"I don't think people realize the amount of work or the

number of hours that goes into each of these labels. They begin as sketches for full-size paintings. They aren't just sketched and inked in," he noted. "Each label is an original."

Roko said he wanted to match the colorful characters of Detroit with the individual beer flavors. His paintings, on which the labels are based, are all in his distinctive and personal style. They are completed over 30 hours or more in his basement studio and use the commercial sensibility of Toulouse-Lautrec with a van-Gogh-esque pallet, a couple of Roko's favorite artists.

He plans to frame each final label painting with unique handmade frames made from base moldings reclaimed from abandoned Detroit homes, another of his interests and one of his trademarks.

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## Township loses court land case

The three-judge panel at the Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld the decision of Circuit Court Chief Judge Robert J. Columbo ordering Plymouth Township to return a 190-acre parcel of land to the City of Detroit.

The 11-page appeals decision found no legal basis or viable argument in the briefs presented as arguments by attorney Mike Cox who represented the township in the court hearing. Township attorney Kevin Bennett was also present at the oral arguments last week.

Plymouth Township obtained the land, once on the tax rolls for more than \$15 million, in September of 2011 for \$606,150 in a Wayne County tax foreclosure sale. The contested property is located and Five Mile and Ridge roads, the site of the former Detroit House of Corrections, which closed in 1996. Plymouth Township obtained an installment purchase contract with Bank of Ann Arbor for the purchase which included monthly payments of \$17,000.

The three-judge panel included Presiding Judge Michael J. Tabor, Judge Mark J. Cavanaugh and Judge Kirsten Kelly who were unanimous in their opinion that the township arguments were invalid and without merit.

Attorneys for Detroit originally argued that the foreclosure was improper as municipally-owned land is not subject to tax foreclosure and the city was never properly notified of any taxes due on the land, arguments Colombo and the appellate panel found valid.

According to attorneys for Detroit, the township can now accept the decision and return the property to the proper owners or ask for a reconsideration at the court of appeals or attempt to take the matter to the Michigan Supreme Court.

City of Detroit Deputy Court Counsel Chuck Raini said that he felt any further pursuit of the matter by the township would be "futile."

While state law allows for the city as the damaged party to seek double the assessed price of the land as damages, Raini

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## Romulus mayor is named to conference post

Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burroff has been selected as the secretary of the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW), an association of 18 chief elected local officials in the largest county in the state.

Burroff is now a member of the CWW 2016 Executive Committee which also includes Chairman Mayor William Wild (Westland), Vice-Chairman Mayor Jack O'Reilly (Dearborn), Treasurer Supervisor Robert Nix II (Northville Township) and Chair Emeritus Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kofsky (Redford Township). The new executive committee took their oaths of office before the Honorable Judge Christopher D. Dingell Jan. 8 in Northville Township.

"Serving on this committee is a great opportunity for Romulus to share and learn some of the best practices from our neighboring

communities," said Burroff.

The CWW is a bi-partisan group that works collectively to discuss mutual issues, share information and generally improve the quality of life for the nearly 700,000 residents who live in the 340 square mile region and make up the most populated area in Wayne County, bordered by Washtenaw County to the west, Oakland County to the north, the City of Detroit to the east, and Monroe County to the south.

Members of the CWW include the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and

Van Buren.

Despite the diversity of size, economic development and population density, these communities have been working together - working regionally - to enhance this area of Wayne County for over 35 years, a spokesperson said.

The conference is the access point for funding negotiations and local units from county, state and federal agencies. In this capacity, the CWW will monitor state and federal legislation for its impact on local government. In addition, the CWW works as a liaison between local government and many service organizations by representing its members on various committees and boards, she added.



LeRoy Burroff

# BELLEVILLE - INKSTER

## 2 Inkster men charged in Detroit death

Two Inkster men have been arrested and charged in the death of well-known musician Anthony Tolson on Christmas Eve in Detroit.

Police investigators said that Tolson had finished playing bass guitar at Central Baptist Church in Detroit and was on his way to visit his three children at his

mother's home on the east side of Detroit when he was shot and killed in an apparent carjacking. His killers took his SUV and the holiday gifts he had inside the vehicle for his children, William, 7; Aaron, 12 and Amber, 13.

The shooting and robbery took place at about 9:30 p.m.

the 14800 block of Gratiot near State Fair Avenue in Detroit, according to police, when Tolson's Chevrolet Trailblazer was taken by two assailants.

Friends said that Tolson, 33, had toured with musical talents including No-Yo, Young Jeezy, Kelis and J. Moss. While Tolson took his music seriously, he had

recently begun training to become an ordained minister, according to friends.

Last Thursday, Charles Cox, 35, of Inkster was arraigned on charges of first degree murder, felony murder, carjacking, armed robbery and felon in possession of a firearm, and felony firearm in connection with the

death and robbery of Tolson.

Gene Arthur Young, 18, also of Inkster, was arraigned on the same charges as Cox last Friday.

Both were remanded to jail by the court and will face a preliminary court hearing on the charges Jan. 28 before 36th District Court Judge Shannon Holmes.

## Anderson named as new county commissioner

Members of the Wayne County Commission voted unanimously Jan. 7 to appoint Glenn Anderson to replace Richard LeBlanc as the 12th District commissioner. LeBlanc resigned effective Jan. 1 when he began his first four-year term as Westland City Clerk.

The 12th District includes Garden City, Inkster and most of Westland.

"I am appreciative to the Wayne County Commission for the unanimous vote of confidence in my appointment to fill the unexpired term of former Commissioner Richard LeBlanc," Anderson said. "I look forward to working with the commission and the county executive to secure the county's finances, and strengthen processes to bring

greater efficiency and accountability to county government, while providing exceptional services to our residents and businesses."

The Wayne County Charter requires that a replacement be named within 30 days of a commissioner's resignation. The replacement must be a registered voter in that district and of the same party as the departing commissioner. While the departing commissioner can recommend a replacement, the vote is conducted by the remaining commissioners. Anderson will serve the remainder of the two-year term, which ends Dec. 31, 2016.

Anderson, D-Westland, served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 2001-06 and the Michigan Senate from 2007-14, and was the commission's appointment to the seven-member

Wayne County Ethics Board in 2015.

He also served on the Westland City Council from 1991-2000, has been a Realtor since 1979 and worked for Ford Motor Co. for 28 years. He has been a UAW member since 1972.

Anderson, 61, and his wife, Gail, have lived in Westland since 1978. They have two adult children, Melissa and Kyle, and two grandchildren, Mackenzie and Logan.

LeBlanc, 57, was midway through his second term on the commission. He was elected in November 2012 for the 2012-14 term and then re-elected in November 2014.

He also served for three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives, three terms on the Westland City Council and one term on the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education.

## Millage to be on ballot

Voters in the Van Buren Public Schools District will see the renewal of an 18-mill non-homesteaded tax on the ballot May 3.

The tax, if approved, will be in effect for 10 years.

According to Finance Director Sharon Barker, the millage will be in effect for 10 years and generate about \$9.6 million annually, or about 21 percent of the district's budget.

The tax would not affect homeowners but is levied against business property, rental housing and vacation homes.

Voters approved the tax for five years in November of 2011.

Barker suggested the board members place the 10-year term on the ballot this year, rather than the 5 years approved previously. School officials said the ballot question could be repeated if voters rejected it during the May 3 election.

### NOTICE

#### PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

If you are registered as a voter or have a driver's license, you must file a written claim with the Plymouth Charter Township Department of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup has occurred. Notice should be mailed to Plymouth Charter Township, Department of Public Works, 955 N. Hagerty Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48178. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Works, 734-558-3270, Extension 1, for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

Plymouth Charter Township  
Department of Public Works

NANCY CONZILMAN  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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### CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**REF 1516-10 PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES - ONE YEAR CONTRACT**  
(1) The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking proposals from qualified companies to provide a local ambulance service in accordance with the RFP documents. The successful company will be required to enter into a contract with the City. The initial contract period will be one year, with two additional one-year renewal options, for a possible total of three years upon mutual written agreement of the parties. The renewal options shall be at the same terms and conditions as the original contract.

(2) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a proposal must use the forms provided by the City. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained from the [MTIN system](http://www.mtin.com) at <http://www.mtin.com>.

(3) Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the [City Clerk's Office](mailto:City Clerk's Office) no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, February 9, 2016. At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.

### RESPONSE ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED:

#### CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE

#### REF 1516-10 PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES - ONE YEAR CONTRACT

11111 Wayne Road

Romulus, Michigan 48174

(4) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive irregularities.  
(5) Proposals shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date for submitting bids/proposals.  
(6) The awarded Company will be required to submit proof of all insurance required by the RFP documents and all required endorsements.  
(7) For additional information contact Lynn A. Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing [lconway@cityofromulus.mi.us](mailto:lconway@cityofromulus.mi.us).  
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### CITY OF ROMULUS

### NOTICE TO ELECTORS

### Absentee Voter Ballots

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that **ABSENTEE VOTERS BALLOTS** are available for the March Presidential Election to be held Tuesday, March 8, 2016, and may be obtained from the Office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, for electors who:

1. Expect to be absent from the community the entire time the polls are open,
2. Are physically unable to attend the polls,
3. Cannot attend the polls due to religious beliefs,
4. Are 60 years of age or older,
5. Have been appointed as election inspectors in a precinct other than where they reside, or
6. In jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

To obtain an Absentee Voter Ballot APPLICATION please visit the City website at [www.romulus-mi.com](http://www.romulus-mi.com) or call the City Clerk's office at 734-942-7548.

Notice is further given that Saturday, March 5, 2016, 2:00 p.m. is the deadline for the acceptance of Absentee Ballot Applications in accordance with the 16th Amendment of the Michigan Constitution, 1948, as amended. The City Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to accept ballots.

**"LATE" REQUEST DEADLINE:** Absentee voter ballots can be picked up by the voter in person anytime up to 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to the election - the ballot must be voted in the office; the voter is not permitted to leave with the ballot.

**"EMERGENCY" REQUEST DEADLINE:** An elector may make an "emergency" request for an absentee ballot if he or she cannot attend the polls because of (1) personal disability or (2) a family death or illness which will require the elector leave the community for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day. The emergency must have occurred after 2:00 p.m. on the Saturday before the election.

**REMINDER:** The last day to register to vote for this election is Monday, February 8, 2016 by 4:00 p.m.

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

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED USE OF THE 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

FEBRUARY 2, 2016 \* 7:00 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that the first of two (2) public hearings concerning the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program will be held by the Charter Township of Plymouth at 7:00 p.m. in the Jones Hall Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall located at 955 N. Hagerty Road on Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2016 CDBG funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant program are that the estimated 2016 funding allocation for the Township will be approximately \$108,000. Wayne County requires that our request for public service projects not exceed 15% of the total allocation. Based on that special requirement the projects are proposed as follows:

ESTIMATED 2016 ALLOCATION BASED ON 15% PUBLIC SERVICE CAP	
	Allocation
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b>	<b>\$15,180</b>
Amber Station	\$1,200
Lighting	\$1,500
Security	\$1,500
Water	\$1,500
Water	\$1,500
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>\$15,180</b>
RAW & MHEU	\$15,180
RAW & MHEU	\$15,180
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATION</b>	<b>\$30,360</b>

A second public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 after which the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth will determine the use of the 2016 funds.

Any written comments regarding the proposed use of the 2016 funds should be directed to Susan Vignas, Solid Waste and Public Services Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 955 N. Hagerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48178 and must be received by Friday, February 5, 2016.

Nancy Conzilman  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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### MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 14, 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 Rasmussen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Roll Call:** Present: John Rasmussen, Linda Chubb, Henry Crout, Celeste Rousso, William Wadsworth.

**Excused:** Kathleen Smith, Sylvia Malowicki.

**Administrative Officers in Attendance:**

LeRoy D. Burnett, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

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

2. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

4. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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29. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

30. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

# PLYMOUTH - ROMULUS

## Citizens academy now taking applications

Romulus residents or business owners who want a first-hand look at the police and fire operations in the city will soon get their chance.

The Romulus Citizens' Academy will start on Feb. 2 and applications are now available. The academy is a free 15-week course that highlights various services provided by the police and fire departments, from SWAT team demonstrations to the joys of life and crime scene

investigation.

Started and led by Lt. Damian Hull and Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Krane, the course is popular with city and public safety officials and citizens alike, according to Romulus Mayor Leroy Burroff.

"There have been nothing but good things to come from it," he said.

The academy will take place on Tuesday evenings. Each session will feature a different topic,

including: patrol operations, use of force, S.W.A.T. operations, bomb squad, crime scene investigations, fire suppression demonstrations, jail tours and more.

"It's really very interesting," said City Councilwoman Celeste Roscoe, who has attended a previous citizen's academy. "I encourage everyone to go through the program. It's time well-spent."

Burroff said the academy is also a good way for police and

fire staff to engage with the citizens and for Romulus residents to get involved with the community. Past participants now organize the annual Hometown Hero event and help out in other ways, too.

"They're very helpful at a lot of our events," said Burroff. "A lot of people come out of the academy not only well-informed, but fired up about the community."

The class is free, but limited to

25 participants. Applications and additional information are available at the Romulus Police Department, 11165 Olive St., Romulus or online at [www.romulus.com/citizensacademy](http://www.romulus.com/citizensacademy).

This year, the sessions will take place from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays from Feb. 2 through May 17, according to city officials.

All applicants must complete a pre-screening interview prior to acceptance into the classes. There is no cost to participate.

## Trustee suggests abolishing local pay board

A proposal from Plymouth Township Trustee Mike Kelly to abolish the Local Compensation Commission met with discussion but no action from fellow board members last week.

The five-member commission, by state law, meets in odd-numbered years to recommend salary levels for township officials. The commission members

did not meet in 2015 and therefore did not issue a recommendation for 2016 and 2017. State law also dictates that the recommendations of the commission become effective unless rejected by a two-thirds vote of the board of trustees.

Supervisor Shannon Price said attempts to schedule a meeting in December were unsuccessful as the dates did

not fit into commission members' schedules. He added that two of the commission terms have expired and appointments to the commission should be made.

Because the commission did not meet or offer a recommendation, the salary for Price will remain at \$111,284. Treasurer Ron Edwards and Clerk Nancy Conzelmann will each be paid

\$104,959 annually and the trustees will each be paid \$11,921.

Kelly, who said he proposed dismantling the commission because of his frustration with the system that automatically approves any recommended raises, said he was "OK" with the current salary levels until 2018. Kelly, Trustee Bob Doroshechewitz and Trustee

Chuck Carmi voted against the raises the commission recommended in 2013 for 2014 and 2015. Then Supervisor Richard Reaume, Edwards, Conzelmann and the late trustee Kay Arnold voted in favor of the raises, which were 4.5 percent for the supervisor, 3.5 percent for the clerk and treasurer and 1.5 percent for trustees for each of the two years.

## Land

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said that action was "not applicable. The court returned the property to the city and that's all we wanted."

He added that to appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court, the township would have to

overcome serious odds as the court agrees to hear only a very small percentage of the cases attorneys file for hearings.

"There's nothing here that would merit review by the Michigan Supreme Court," Raini said.

Attorneys have said that the township would have to sue the office of the Wayne County Treasurer for a return of the

\$606,000 paid for the land. The treasurer's office has repeatedly stated that they offered the land in the foreclosure sale based on information provided by the township and therefore acted properly in the situation.

City of Detroit attorneys claimed in their legal briefs that the township was "not an innocent third party. The township engineered the foreclosure by

failing to send property tax bills to the city despite the fact that the City at all times was owner of the Subject Property. Plymouth Township then purchased the Subject Property for back taxes and now seeks a multimillion dollar windfall at the expense of the City." The court made no specific comment on those claims.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, who

has declared his candidacy for township supervisor, said that the decision was "a huge loss for the township." He added that further litigation would be foolishness. "We've already wasted enough of our citizens' tax dollars. This is an open and shut case. They (township officials) need to move on."

(Staff Writer Don Howard contributed to this story.)

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 11 2016 for the following:

#### SPRING 2016 STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Bids 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 Sheppard at 734-796-5221. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid 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.

TERRY G. BENNETT, 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 109 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 8, 2016, at the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**GRANDVIEW ESTATES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) FINAL PLAN:** CONSIDER REQUEST TO INCREASE A PDD TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) FOR THE ZONING ORDINANCE, INCLUDING OF PARCELS 121-99-0612-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0613-000 (4310 DENTON), 121-99-0615-000 (4400 DENTON), 121-99-0616-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0617-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0618-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0619-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0620-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0621-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0622-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0623-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0624-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0625-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0626-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0627-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0628-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0629-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0630-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0631-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0632-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0633-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0634-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0635-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0636-000 (06175 GEDDES), 121-99-0637-000 (06175 GEDDES), 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## Norwayne vitality center wins 2015 national award

The Jefferson Barns community Vitality Center has been named as the winner of the 2015 Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Award.

The National Community Development Association (NCDA) will recognize the Norwayne project during the Jan. 22 Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. where Mayor William R. Wild and Community Development Director Joanne Campbell will accept the award for the city. Westland is one of 16 award winners nationwide.

The award has special significance for Wild, who made the improvement of the Norwayne subdivision, the oldest in the city, a priority of his administration when he first took office in 2007.

"I was born in Norwayne," Wild said. "This was an exciting project for me to see this former school building undergo a rebirth to the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center that will be the hub of community activity in the Norwayne neighborhood. We are honored to accept the Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement award on behalf of the city," he added.

In 1987, NCDA established the Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Award to recognize exemplary uses of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and the partnerships between local governments and non-profit organizations to assist low- and moderate-income individuals.

The award has been expanded in recent years to include projects funded with the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, and other funding sources.

Westland opened the newly-renovated Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center in July last year in what was formerly a vacant elementary school. Closed since 2010, the school was built during World War II to educate the children of

parents working as part of the Arsenal for Democracy war effort. Following the building from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools for \$1 per year, renovations were made possible when the city received a loan from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that will be repaid over 15 years from Community Development Block Grant funds.

City officials used those funds to complete renovations that included moving a wood gymnasium floor from the closed Melvin G. Bailey Recreation Center to the former elementary school. New tenants at the community center include the Housing and Community Development Department, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, Nankin Transit and the Norwayne Boxing Gym. The center also contains a library and community space. Safe Step / Beginning Step Communities have negotiated a lease at the Dorsey Center where Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous will continue to meet. Community rooms are available at the Norwayne center for rentals for public and private events and the police department is expected to have an office at the center for community police officers.

Constructed in 1942, the Norwayne neighborhood was added to the National Registry of Historic places in July of 2013. Erected during World War II for the workers at the Willow Run Bomber Plant and during its peak was home to more than 20,000 residents. By the 1980s Norwayne's housing stock started to decline and it was apparent that the area was in need of restoration.

"It is a wonderful opportunity to work on this project with so many dedicated people and organizations," commented Campbell. "Almost every week another group is calling to schedule a new class or activity. This is a significant impact on the revitalization of the Norwayne community."



## Stepping up

The staff at Wayne Memorial High School "stepped up" for their students recently after they offered to wear tutus for a day if students and other staff members made donations to the Zebra Step Team. Step Team members made the tutus for the staff members and sure enough, they donned the ballet skirts. The effort generated more than \$250 to be used to help purchase new uniforms for the Step Team. Fashionistas included, from left, David Daigneau, Assistant Principal Kasha Reeves, Step Team Advisor Trish Barnes, Assistant Principal Lindsay Rousseau, Kristen Skoryanc, Stephanie Bigelow and Lee Grizzell.

## Wayne finances remain dire

Wayne officials got both good and bad news about the city financial reports during a meeting earlier this month.

The good news was that the audit of city finances was unmodified and is an accurate reflection of the financial condition of Wayne. According to Brain Camiller of Plante Moran, the financial statements are materially correct and can be relied on.

"I'm not telling you that you're in good financial shape," he cautioned the mayor and council members.

The city continues to operate at a loss in the general fund and the 2016 budget deficit is reported at \$2.25 million. That deficit does not include the \$82 million in unfunded legacy and retirement medical obligations.

"That number should scare you," Camiller said. "You don't have \$2.25 million to balance the budget. You are bleeding a couple hundred thousand dollars per month. You will be out of money by Labor Day 2017."

Camiller expressed concern about the water and sewer fund which currently has

a balance of \$528,000 after liabilities, enough to fund only three weeks of operations. Camiller said that that was clearly not enough.

"You should have 90 days of operational funds on hand," he said, in addition to funds for repairs.

He said that he did not intend to frighten officials, but the picture is clear.

Mayor Susan Rowe thanked Camiller for his presentation and after discussion, members of the council approved a plan to create a task force of citizens to help address the financial woes. Each council member will appoint two members of the community to the task force and the city manager would work with them to clearly outline the current situation. No council members would participate in the task force. Rowe said that the task force members would serve for two years and could suggest areas for more revenue for the city.

Wayne has experienced a 40 percent drop in tax revenue during the past several years, accounting for the majority of the deficit in the budget, officials have said.

### INVITATION TO BID

City of Romulus ITB 1516-12

- Project #0155-14-0050 - Pennsylvania Road Water Main

The City of Romulus is requesting sealed bids for the construction of a new water main along Pennsylvania Road from Whetstone Road to Wayne Road (Project 1516-12). The major items of work include approximately 3,200 feet of directional drilled 12-inch flexible PVC water main, and 400 feet of open trench 12-inch ductile iron water main with connections to existing water mains.

No pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City of Romulus Clerk until 2:00 PM local time, on February 9, 2016. All bids should be clearly addressed:

ITB 1516-12 - Project # 0155-14-0050 Pennsylvania Road Water Main  
City of Romulus Clerk's Office  
11111 Wayne Road  
Romulus, MI 48174

Contract documents for this project shall be on file on and after 4:00 PM, January 19, 2016, at the City of Romulus Clerk's Office or may also be examined from the office of the City's Engineer, Orchard, Hiltz & McClement, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 (phone 734-522-6711) or online at the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network website: www.MITN.info.

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Bid security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or bid bond for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each bid.

The City of Romulus reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, or waive irregularities in Bids. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids.

Neither the submission nor acceptance of any bid shall constitute a contract between any bidder and the City of Romulus. No such contract shall exist unless and until all required bonds and proof of insurance and copies of endorsements have been received by the City and an agreement is signed by authorized representatives of the City of Romulus and the successful Bidder.

Questions regarding the project or the ITB documents should be directed to Marcus McNamara of Orchard, Hiltz & McClement at 734-522-6711 or marcus.mcnamara@ohm-advisors.com

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### INVITATION TO BID

City of Romulus ITB 1516-11 - Project #0155-11-0010

Wickham Road Water Main

The City of Romulus is requesting sealed bids for the construction of a new water main along Wickham Road between Wick Road in Meridian Road (Project 1516-11). The major items of work include approximately 1,450 feet of directional drilled 8-inch flexible PVC water main, 250 feet of open trench 8-inch ductile iron water main with 7 tapping sleeve and valve connections to existing water mains and a butterfly valve on an existing 24-inch water main.

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## Artist

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"The garage has turned into a workshop for framing," he said.

The new branding and slogan, "Atwater Brewery. Born in Detroit. Raised Everywhere." will be rolled out this month, along with the introduction of three of the new Atwater beers, Going Steady IPA, Corktown Rye IPA and Tunnel Ram, an imperial bock.

"Craft brewing is becoming a big business but it's a business about good times," said Mark Raith, president of Atwater Brewing. "Now we're focused on making sure people remember us and think about us first and that's what these new labels are intended to do."

Roko, the first natural-born American citizen in his family, has been drawing and painting for as long as he can remember. His parents immigrated to Canton Township from a refugee camp in Rome, after fleeing Albania, and old world traditions were ingrained in his family life where English was a second language.

While Roko's teachers in the Plymouth-Canton district, where he first learned to speak English, constantly encouraged his innate artistic talent, at 19 he gave up his hope for formal art training and instead followed his parents' version of The American Dream, and took a job on the assembly line at the Wayne Assembly Plant on Michigan

Avenue.

His degree of talent did not go without notice, however, and very soon, coworkers, union officials and plant managers took note of the sketches he would complete during his lunch breaks and asked him to be a part of a beautification project at the plant.

He painted several huge murals using materials already in the plant like industrial coatings, auto paints, car parts, pallets and other auto-related supplies. The materials brought a new and lasting life to his work, created from materials designed to withstand the harshest of environments, including the grit and byproducts in an auto plant.

Other commissions followed and he's come a long way in the art world, receiving great critical acclaim. His original works are now installed on the walls of serious art collectors across the country. His work has also been exhibited in several one-man shows in prestigious area galleries during the past few years.

He still uses those bright, vivid auto colors in many of his creations that maintain and evoke an undertone of turmoil and urban survival.

Roko, in addition to being an official Ford artist, recently completed commissions for Lady Gaga and Leno, who called Roko personally to express his appreciation of Roko's style and work. Roko's paintings can also be seen in the permanent collection at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.

He and his two sons, 11 and 13, are long-time Plymouth residents.



Tony Roko designs for some of the new Atwater Brewery beers to be introduced this month include: Going Steady IPA, a grapefruit session ale that "rocks any situation while keeping you rock steady"; Corktown Rye IPA, a spicy, sweet, bitter aromatic rye malt with a caramel backbone; and Tunnel Ram, an imperial bock that Atwater calls "the big block of big bock." Atwater plans a total of 26 of the new beers, each with an original Roko label.



## 'Magic' Puppets appear in Canton

They must be seen to be believed.

That's the verdict of experts from the Center for Puppetry Arts of Atlanta about the "magic" of the Cashore Marionettes coming to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The internationally acclaimed troupe, under the hand of master puppeteer Joseph Cashore, will make two appearances, one at 2 p.m. and one at 7 p.m. Jan. 23.

The matinee is geared more toward families and is appropriate for all ages, according to Canton Arts Coordinator Jennifer Tobin. The matinee, Simple Gifts, will include a series of scenes and portrayals from everyday life set to the music of Vivaldi, Strauss, Beethoven and Copland. Through a combination of skilled puppetry, music and theatrical illusion, the original vignettes presented in "Simple Gifts" provide a vision of what it is to be human. Tickets to this performance for all ages are \$12.

In "Life in Motion," presented at 7 p.m. Jan. 23, Cashore presents his collection of marionette masterworks. This series of nine vignettes runs the gamut of emotions from high-spirited good humor to quiet reflection. This production is recommended for adults and children 8 and older. Tickets to this performance for all ages are \$15.

"Cashore's marionettes are intricate, mesmerizing and a lot of fun to watch," said Tobin. "We've been trying for several years to book this interna-

tionally-acclaimed troupe, so we're thrilled to bring these magical performances to Canton."

Cashore first became interested in marionettes at age 11, when he saw one hanging in a shop window and asked the clerk if he could try it out. When that wasn't allowed, he decided to make one himself, using blocks, wood, clothes pins, and a tin can. He experienced his first "magical puppet moment" shortly thereafter while giving a show for his family, but didn't make another marionette until years later, after he had graduated from the University of Notre Dame.

These internationally acclaimed performers have entertained audiences in Europe, the Far East and North America since 1990, including a stop at the Kennedy Center. Cashore has received numerous awards for his artistry, including a 1995 Citation of Excellence from Union Internationale de la Marionette USA, the highest honor an American puppeteer can receive.

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased online at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or by calling (734) 294-5300. Additional information is available at [www.cashorem Marionettes.com](http://www.cashorem Marionettes.com). View Cashore Marionettes in action at <https://vimeo.com/561598905>.

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