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Arena bond sale prompts questions

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Several Plymouth Township residents have expressed skepticism regarding the involvement of officials in a \$25 million bond sale to finance the purchase of Compuware Arena.

Township officials scheduled a public hearing during the regular board of trustees meeting Jan. 13 to accommodate a finance plan by Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority to issue \$25 million in tax exempt revenue bonds for the purchase and renovation of Compuware Arena, recently sold by owner Peter Karmanos, Jr. Karmanos

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The substance of what's covered in the resolution is that the authority needs local approval in order to qualify for a loan, and that's it!

announced last week that he had also sold the Whalers hockey team to Rolf Nilson, an industrialist from Flint who will move the team to that city.

The proceeds of the bonds will be loaned by the authority to Plymouth AC, LLC, of Colorado Springs and used to finance the acquisition and improvements at the arena and facilitate a lease with USA Hockey, Inc., the governing body for amateur ice hock-

ey in conjunction with the U.S. Olympic Committee. USA Hockey acknowledged the acquisition would be funded by tax-exempt bonds based on their status as a non-profit 501(c)3 District of Columbia corporation.

USA Hockey, now based in Ann Arbor, presented plans for taking over the Plymouth Township arena and moving youth hockey teams into the facility at a recent board meeting.

According to Plymouth Township attorney Kevin Bennett and information detailed in the board meeting packet, the issuance of the bonds must be approved by the local governmental unit on behalf of which the bonds are issued as part of the Internal Revenue Code. In a published Notice of Public Hearing, the township claims the arrangement will not constitute indebtedness or create a liability for the township.

Several residents expressed speculation as to the township involvement and proper investigation into the sale of the bonds,

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Legislator pledges dedication to residents

State Rep. Erika Geiss (D-Taylor) was sworn into office on Wednesday at the state Capitol with other members of the 98th Michigan Legislature. The first-term representative will represent House District 12, which comprises Romulus, Taylor and part of Van Buren Township.

"I'm thrilled to take the oath of office and get started working for residents of the 12th House District," Geiss said. "Improving the lives of the families, seniors and students of my community will be my first priority, and I can't wait to get to work."

Geiss has been named as one of five assistant whips in the House Democratic Caucus for the 2015-16 legislative term. House Democratic Whip Robert Kosowski (D-Westland) declared the positions last week. Geiss is the only woman and one of three first-term representatives to be named to the post. The appointment is just one distinction Geiss carries as she begins her first term. As the daughter of Panamanian immigrants, she is the first black and Latina individual to represent all three communities that comprise her district. She is also the first woman to represent Romulus and Taylor in the state House.

"It's an honor that the people of the 12th District put their trust in me, and it's a privilege I won't forget," Geiss said. "Those



State Representative Erika Geiss (D-Taylor), second from right, takes the oath of office from Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack on Wednesday, Jan. 14. Joining Geiss were her husband, Douglas, their two children, her mother, Germaine Swanson, and her sisters, Frances Swanson and Chantal Murray.

communities have asked me to take their priorities to Lansing, and it's those priorities I'll always keep in mind as I introduce and vote on legislation the next two years."

In addition, the speaker of the House announced committee assignments this week. Geiss was named the Democratic vice chairwoman of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, which reviews rules put forward by state departments and executive offices. She will also serve as a member of the House

Committees on Commerce, Health Policy, and Workforce and Talent Development.

"I want to help create an economy that works for everyone, not just the wealthy and big corporations, and I look forward to doing so in my committee work," Geiss said. "These assignments will allow me to put forth common-sense regulations that will grow our economy, create jobs and make Michigan a state where everyone can succeed."

Geiss will be the guest speaker at the Greater Romulus

Chamber of Commerce luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 16 at The Clarion Hotel, 8600 Merriman Road in Romulus.

Seating is limited and tickets are \$20 for chamber members and \$25 for non-members. Reservations should be made no later than Friday, Feb. 13.

For more information or tickets, call (734) 893-0694.

Before joining the Legislature, Geiss operated a home-based editing business. She is also an adjunct faculty member at Wayne County Community College District.

Prison property is site of redevelopment plan

Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix and Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume last week announced an economic development initiative branded as the Michigan International Technology Center (MITC). The primary objective is to repurpose the former Detroit House of Corrections and the Robert Scott Prison land for private development, according to a statement from the officials.

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Detroit attorneys have said they are more than confident the land will be returned to the city based on the clarity of state law.

The statement did not address the current lawsuit against Plymouth Township by the City of Detroit demanding the return of 190 acres of land included in the proposed development. Lawyers for the City of Detroit contend in court docu-

ments that the township mis-recorded the ownership of the property, west of Ridge Road and south of Five Mile Road, and then sent erroneous documentation to the Wayne County Treasurer regarding that ownership and subsequent unpaid

taxes on the land. Township officials then purchased the land, legally the property of the City of Detroit, at a 2011 Wayne County tax sale foreclosure for about \$600,000, according to court records. The land had been on the township and county tax rolls at one time valued at more than \$15 million. City of Detroit attorneys have claimed in legal filings that state law is clear that municipi-

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Art group receives \$21,000 foundation grant

The Canton Partnership for the Arts and Humanities was the recent recipient of a \$21,000 Heartland Fund grant from the Jeffris Family Foundation, an organization dedicated to Midwestern historic preservation in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Ohio.

The grant from the Jeffris Heartland Fund will fund 50 percent of the cost of a Historic Structure Report for The Village Arts Factory, a 14-acre site currently being developed by the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities. The Historic Structure Report will provide written documentation about

current structural conditions of the building, which will be an effective tool in preservation planning and will also address goals for the future use of the building. In addition, the report will provide insights into the people and historic context with which the site is associated.

Located on the corner of

Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads in Canton, The Village Arts Factory site was acquired in 2012 by the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities. Current site plans include the development of a future regional arts and culture destination that will support and

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INKSTER - WAYNE

Wayne hires outside firm to balance budget

Members of the Wayne City Council, still facing a \$500,000 budget deficit, have agreed to spend \$73,350 for some professional help in untangling the city finances.

The council members unanimously agreed to hire Plante-Moran, the outside accounting firm currently employed by the city to perform annual audits, to help analyze the current budget, spending and finances in the city which faces an even more serious budget deficit predicted for next year.

At the recent council meeting,

Interim City Manager David Murphy told the council members that representatives from Plante Moran had already been working on the banking records which had not been reconciled since July.

Murphy implied the expense might be funded by a larger than expected rebate from the city insurer, Michigan Risk Management. Wayne had expected a rebate of about \$200,000, the amount received last year, but will receive \$330,000, Murphy said. The city has not had a finance director for several months and the position of personnel director

is also vacant, allowing for savings in payroll expenses. Murphy told the members of the city council that Plante Moran accountants would help the city "on a multitude of issues and effectively serve as our finance director."

"They will help us with this year and next year, along with continuing the bank reconciliation," he said. "This is expensive but I think we can afford it. This work needs to be done in any case," Murphy said.

Brian Camiller of Plante Moran told the council members that the six-month time frame was

"aggressive" but that the work was needed. He said simplifying city financial records and the budget was necessary to make any effective decisions.

"I read financial documents for a living, and I had trouble reading them (the Wayne records) - they were so dense. The budget is 2 inches thick," Camiller said. "At the end of the six months, you will have a much better idea about your finances; you will be in significantly better condition."

Ron Roberts, a regular at the council meetings, asked about the time frame for the necessary

information council needed to make decisions about budget adjustments or the closing of city facilities such as the ice arena.

"We need some of that information quickly. We have a large deficit to overcome," replied Mayor James Hawley. "We need to deal with the current year budget, get it balanced and then move forward looking at next year - maybe a couple of years."

Plante Moran will reportedly assign Tim McCurley, a former financial manager with both Wayne and Westland, to work with the city.



State Rep. Julie Plawecki (D-Dearborn Heights), right, takes the oath of office from Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack on Wednesday, Jan. 14. Joining Plawecki are, from left to right, husband Mark Plawecki, mother Kathleen Palowski and sister Mary Kern.

Representative takes office

State Representative Julie Plawecki (D-Dearborn Heights) was sworn into office last week at the state Capitol with other members of the 98th Michigan Legislature. The first-term representative will represent House District 11, which comprises the cities of Garden City and Inkster, and portions of Dearborn Heights, Livonia and Westland.

"It's a great honor to formally join the House of Representatives as we begin our work serving the residents of Michigan,"

Plawecki said. "I'm looking forward to bringing my constituents' needs to the Capitol and making my district a better place to live, work, go to school and raise a family."

Before joining the Legislature, Plawecki worked as a medical technologist and teacher. She most recently worked at St. Robert Bellarmine School. Joining Plawecki for the ceremony were her husband, Mark; her mother, Kathleen Pawloski and her sister, Mary Kern.

Offer for school rejected

Demolition of the closed Blanchette Middle School in Inkster will remain on schedule despite a \$1 offer to purchase the building and property.

T. Cortez Spann Jr. of Wayne made the offer to the Wayne-Wetland Board of Education at the end of December on behalf of Covenant-Second Baptist Church of Inkster and the T.C. Spann Bible Institute of Wayne. The Wayne Westland district received the school as part of the dissolution of the former Inkster School District by the State of Michigan Board of Education and Inkster students assigned to surrounding communities.

Wayne-Westland district officials agreed to the demolition of the building

based on the disrepair and deteriorated condition of the structure. Estimates were that bringing the building to minimum safety codes would cost more than the value of the facility and the cost for utilities at the building is currently \$80,000-\$100,000 per year.

The Wayne Westland district is still paying for maintenance at the Blanchette site, including snow removal, grass cutting and parking lot maintenance.

Demolition of the property is estimated at \$515,000 including about \$372,000 for asbestos removal. The demolition will be funded by the state which has provided a fund of \$5 million for operational costs related to the dissolution of the Inkster district.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon a two week notice to the Charter Township of Canton. These services include signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

Gwyn Belcher, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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Public Notice

The Township of Sumpter is seeking sealed bids for a new steel roof for the Pavilion (approximately 7000 square feet) in the Township Fairgrounds. Specifications may be picked up at the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. Sealed bids are due in the Township Clerk's Office no later than February 18th, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Bids will be opened on February 19th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RE: Case # 15-01 Z Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Map - Rezoning

In accordance with and pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the City of Inkster Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 9, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141, to consider a proposed amendment to the City's Zoning Map.

At the public hearing, the Planning Commission will consider the following amendments to the Zoning Map:

1. Rezoning of the site at 3952 Beech Daly located at the northwest corner of South Beech Daly Road and Andover St., South of Dartmouth Ave. from B-2 Thoroughfare Mixed-Use District to B-3 General Business District. The purpose of the proposed rezoning is to permit the use of the site for a used car dealership and repair facility.

The land involved consists of Lots 16, 17 and 18 FRANK H. FELLRATH'S SUBDIVISION; Tax Parcel ID Number 44-024-01-0016-000. A map showing the location of the site is provided below.

The application is on file and available for review at the City of Inkster Community Development Department. Public comments are invited and encouraged. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Community Development Department, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, Monday, February 9, 2015. Please reference 3952 Beech Daly Rezoning.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at 313.563.9770.

Felicia Rutledge, Inkster City Clerk

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 7 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan as part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Greenfield Die & Manufacturing, for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real property at their facility located at 7295 Haggerty Road within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

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Terry G. Bennett
Clerk

BELLEVILLE - CANTON

Area senator sworn in

Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) was formally sworn in to serve a second term in the Michigan Senate last Wednesday. He was joined by his wife and daughters as he took the oath of office during a swearing-in ceremony at the state Capitol.

"I am truly honored to begin a second term representing Wayne County families in the Michigan Senate," Hopgood said. "We have made some great strides during my time in the Legislature, but more work remains to be done. I look forward to working collaboratively with my constituents and my legislative colleagues on the issues that matter most to Michigan families."

During the new legislative session, Hopgood will serve on four senate standing committees: Appropriations, Energy and Technology, Health Policy, and Transportation. He will continue to serve as the Minority Vice-Chair on the Senate

Energy and Technology Committee, and will also serve as the Minority Vice-Chair on the Senate Transportation Committee.

Hopgood was also selected by his colleagues to serve as Associate President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the current legislative session. In that role, Hopgood will assist with presiding over Senate session and ensuring the daily chamber operations run in accordance with proper Senate rules and procedure.

Hopgood is a lifelong resident of Taylor. He has served in the Michigan Senate since 2011. He previously served three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives. He represents the new sixth Senate district, which includes the communities of Belleville, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Huron Township, Rockwood, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township and Westland.



Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood's wife, Sunhwa, and daughters, Jenna and Julia, watch as he takes the oath as State Senator at the swearing in ceremony on the Senate Floor.

Senior focus group set

Canton-area adult residents are invited to take part in a special focus group from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at the Summit on the Park community recreation center to provide input on programming opportunities, special events and continuing education for Canton's adults.

"In addition to our many leisure, enrichment and wellness opportunities, we are always looking to create new recreation options for Canton's adults," said Susan Doughty of Canton Leisure Services. "We are eager to hear from the community about ways we can better serve Canton."

The focus group will take place in the Chestnut Room in the Banquet Center of the Summit on the Park, located at 46000

Summit Parkway in Canton. The focus group will serve as a follow-up to a Leisure Services community survey conducted in spring of 2014.

Participants are asked to RSVP by calling Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5360 by Monday, Jan. 26.

Canton Leisure Services is dedicated to offering quality services and facilities to meet the needs of the growing Canton community. Canton Leisure Services offers over 2,000 innovative programs, classes and events annually that contribute to a vibrant and rewarding community life by offering a wide variety of recreational opportunities that promote healthy lifestyles. For more information on Canton Leisure Services and programs, visit www.Cantonfun.org.

'Close garages' caution police

Residents of several subdivisions in Canton Township may have noticed an increased presence of patrol cars on their neighborhood streets recently.

According to Special Services Lt. Craig Wilsher with the Canton Police, thefts from garages in local neighborhoods have prompted the increased community patrols.

"Thieves are using open and unlocked garages as an opportunity to steal basically anything of worth they can walk away with," said Wilsher.

During the past two months, thefts of items from garages in subdivisions have included items such as snow blowers, leaf blowers, power tools, power washers, gen-

erators, and even tires, Wilsher said and the thefts are not limited to any particular time of day. Thefts have taken place throughout the day: morning, afternoon and evening.

"The best way to avoid becoming a victim is to close and lock your garage and side utility doors," Wilsher added.

Officers in marked and unmarked vehicles are now patrolling residential neighborhoods, and in some high activity areas, and are even notifying residents to close their garage doors.

Wilsher urged residents who observe suspicious activity in their neighborhoods to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

"We are truly grateful to the Jeffris Family Foundation for providing us with this generous grant," said Jill Engel, Partnership for the Arts and Humanities director. "This report will help with all future decision-making regarding design and space usage and will help us in the preservation and restoration of the this historic site."

Grant

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encourage arts, education, historic preservation, and environmental conservation.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

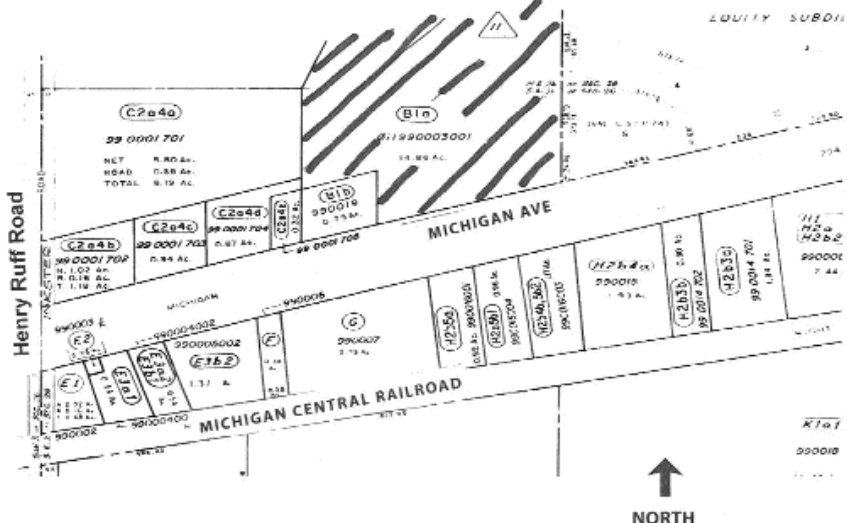
RE: Case # 14-10 Z Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Map - Rezoning

In accordance with and pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the City of Inkster Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 9, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141, to consider a proposed amendment to the City's Zoning Map.

At the public hearing, the Planning Commission will consider the following amendments to the Zoning Map:

1. Rezoning of the site at 30000 Michigan from B-3 General Business to M-1 Light Industrial. The purpose of the proposed rezoning is to permit the use of the site for a salvage yard.

The land involved consists of 26B1A PT of E 1/2 of Sec 26 T2S R9E Beg S89DEG 55M SOS E 663.80Ft from Cen 1/4 Cor of Sec 26 Th N21DEG 45M 08S E 842.04Ft Th N87Deg 22M SOS E 35S.49Ft Th S0DEG 01M 26S E 1114.12Ft Th S73DEG 03M SOS W 498.86Ft Th N0DEG 06M E 180Ft Th S73DEG 03M SOS W 200Ft Th N0DEG 06M E 339.37Ft; Tax Parcel ID Number 44-011-99-0003-001. A map showing the location of the site is provided below.



The application is on file and available for review at the City of Inkster Development Department, Public comments are invited and encouraged. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Community Development Department, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, Monday, February 9, 2015. Please reference 30000 Michigan Rezoning.

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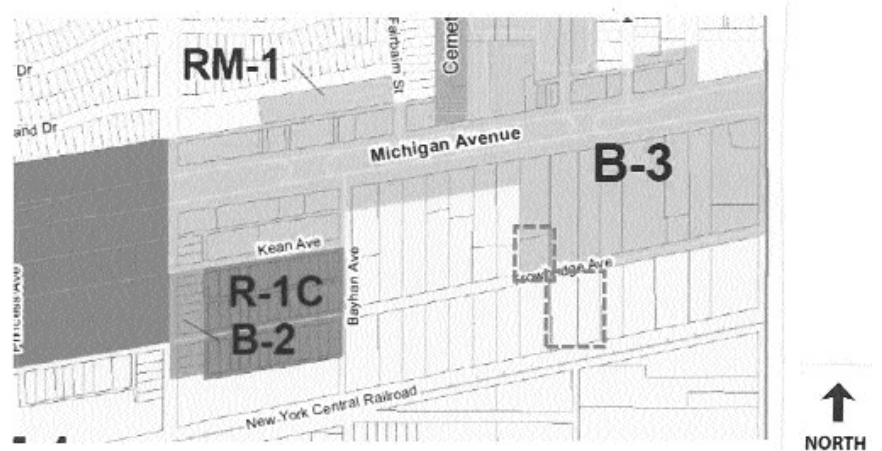
RE: Case # 14-06 Z Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Map - Rezoning

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At the public hearing, the Planning Commission will consider the following amendments to the Zoning Map:

1. Rezoning of the parcel on the north side of Trowbridge associated with the site at 26091 Trowbridge from 8-3 General Business to M-1 Light Industrial. The purpose of the proposed rezoning is to permit the use of the site for employee and client parking for the warehouse and office building located on the south side of Trowbridge.

The land involved consists of the South 140 feet, as measured along the East line and as defined by a line parallel with Trowbridge Avenue, of that part of Lot 2, FELL-RATH'S WESTWOOD GARDENS SUBDIVISION, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of lot 2 and proceeding thence North 81 degrees 13 minutes 20 seconds East 137.03 feet along the North line of Lot 2; thence due South 508.45 feet; thence South 79 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds West 139.26 feet along the North line of Trowbridge Avenue (50 feet wide); thence North 00 degree 09 minutes 20 seconds East 514.08 feet along the West line of Lot 2 to the point of beginning; Tax Parcel ID Number 44-020-03-0002-306. A map showing the location of the site is provided below.



The application is on file and available for review at the City of Inkster Community Development Department. Public comments are invited and encouraged. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster- Community Development Department, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, Monday, February 9, 2015. Please reference Zaman International Rezoning.

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Township fire department name change OK'd

Everything old becomes new again, and in Plymouth Township that applies to the name on the fire department vehicles.

Members of the Board of Trustees agreed to spend up to \$6,000 to return the name on the vehicles to the Plymouth Township Fire Department, a

name used about two decades ago. The funds will be used for new signage on fire trucks, ambulances and other vehicles along with new badges and uniform arm patches. The department will also purchase new stationery and business cards with the new old name.

The return to the former

name is a result of the changes since the City of Plymouth left the joint department about three years ago. The City of Plymouth is now served by the on-call City of Northville Fire Department.

Fire Chief Dan Phillips said the current name, The Plymouth Community Fire

Department, "just serves as a reminder of the intergovernmental agreement that's been canceled."

The change is timely, Phillips said, as two new ambulances are on order and will need insignia, an engine is scheduled for repainting and the department is applying for a grant with

which it plans to buy another engine.

Trustees voted unanimously to return to the former department name but the funds to repaint the logos and names on vehicles did not meet with the approval of Trustee Bob Doroshewitz who cast the lone negative vote on the motion.

Land

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pally-owned land is not subject to foreclosure proceedings and that the City of Detroit has always been the legal owner of the property.

Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said that the parties involved have been assured that there is a resolution coming on this issue and that during a meeting last week attorneys assured officials of a positive outcome.

If Detroit prevails in court, however, penalties include the return of the land to the city and/or payment to Detroit of up to double the market price of the land. The matter is being adjudicated by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Robert Columbo who will hear motions on the issue Feb. 27. Detroit attorneys have said they are more than confident the land will be returned to the city based on the clarity of state law.

Snider said that Northville may have somewhat of a head start on Plymouth as the township already owns all the land from Beck to Napier and has had some interest from buyers looking at smaller parcels of 10-15 acres. Some parcels of the land on the south side of Five Mile Road are already developed with utilities such as water and sewer. Approximately 78 acres of the property located in Plymouth Township is considered wetlands and unbuildable, according to tax assessments.

Snider said Northville is working on developing the north side and the disputed acreage is on the south side of Five Mile Road in Plymouth Township.

In the prepared statement from

Northville and Plymouth townships, the municipalities claim the new initiative is a cooperative effort with the Wayne County Department of Economic Development. The statement refers to the engagement of "a highly collaborative team of stakeholders," including State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, State Reps. Kurt Heise and Laura Cox, Wayne County Commissioners Terry Marecki and Shannon Price, together with representatives from the US Department of Commerce, Michigan Department of Transportation, Wayne County Department of Public Service, DTE Energy, Detroit Regional Chamber, Strategic Communication Solutions and "experienced private sector development expertise to serve as planning, marketing, funding and regulatory advisors."

"The goals of this project are to create a large scale, multi-jurisdictional real estate development containing private and underutilized public land holdings as a platform for investment," according to the prepared statement. The primary goal is to create development ready sites that will be marketed to technology based users and developers. Initial properties are projected to be available early 2015, the officials said.

The project will involve approximately 800 acres, including the property involved in the current lawsuit, and "could support 5 million square feet of facilities, \$620 million of investment and provide more than 9,000 jobs," according to the officials. "Currently, many of the area firms are international entities operating on a global basis prompting the branding as the Michigan International Technology Center as a place for technology users and reflecting the current business attraction in Western Wayne County," the statement concluded.

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other than that of an interested third party, especially after township officials thwarted efforts by a City of Plymouth group to develop a recreation facility at the Central Middle School and stalled efforts by L.A. Fitness to develop a fitness center on Ann Arbor Road, a case finally resolved in Wayne County Circuit Court last fall. Those questioning the proper handling of the hearing say they surmise the township might offer a tax-free proposal to USA Hockey in exchange for use of the facility during off months for a unilateral in-township recreation program proposed by Township Treasurer Ron Edwards.

Residents skeptical of the Compuware bond sale transaction say they are suspicious of covert action by township officials and Edwards, who last year voted down an opportunity to work with supporters of the proposed Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) to be located at the site of Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth and rejected a request to join a feasibility study for the community center plan. Board members also voted to abstain from any joint agreements with the City of Plymouth on any project for three years. Edwards was adamant at the meeting that a recreation plan he proposed, including a \$1.9 million bond sale to fund a pavilion and amphitheater as part of a township-controlled recreation department, not be "tossed aside" for the PARC proposal.

The board of trustees also entered into a protracted legal battle with L.A. Fitness in an effort to prevent construction of a recreational/sports complex on Ann Arbor Road. The lawsuit, settled last fall, allowed L.A.

Fitness to proceed despite the efforts of the township to halt the project. The facility has not yet begun construction. Those issues, and others, sparked the recall campaign currently under way against Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, Edwards, Conzelman and Trustee Kay Arnold, who all supported Edwards' plan.

During the board meeting power point presentation last week by USA Hockey Director of Operations Scott Monaghan, Trustee Chuck Curmi questioned board officials as to whether or not Bennett approved of the arrangement and if the taxes currently collected for the Beck Road facility would be coming off the tax rolls.

Bennett said he felt the resolution drafted by the township clerk was "proper and formal."

"So you feel the language sufficiently indemnifies the township and makes it clear we're not responsible for any debt whatsoever in the event of a bankruptcy...or drawn into a lawsuit from the lenders?" Curmi inquired.

"I've read the resolution, but I've not seen the contract... The authority needs local approval as part of the internal revenue code in order to qualify for the bond."

"So you're OK going forward?" Curmi asked.

"The substance of what's covered in the resolution is that the authority needs local approval in order to qualify for a loan, and that's it!" Bennett responded.

Conzelman indicated she felt there was "no problem" with the language.

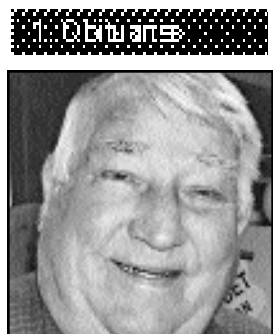
Curmi pressed further questioning whether Compuware is on the tax roll as a commercial property.

"I'm trying to do due diligence. Will it or will it not be on the tax roll?"

Reaume, noticeably annoyed at Curmi's questions responded, "Foundations are not exempt from paying taxes!"

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Hoy Von Robinson, 81, of Plant City, FL died Jan. 11, 2015

Mr. Robinson was born in Tazewell, TN to Charlie and Maggie (Drummonds) Robinson. He and his wife of 57 years, Myrtle Katherine Robinson, traveled from Belleville to Plant City annually. Mr. Robinson was a jobsetter for General Motors. He attended Whitehurst Baptist Church in Plant City.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Brenda Kay Kincaid. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Bobby Lee Robinson; two grandchildren, Jesse Kincaid and Terry Danzle Kincaid, and three great-grandchildren, Blake, Cody and Preston. A Celebration of Life Service will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, at Belleville Free Will Baptist Church in Belleville. Condolences may be offered at www.wellsmemorial.com.



Roshelle Monique Peoples

Sunrise: Nov. 26, 1970
Sunset: Dec. 25, 2014
Roshelle Monique Peoples died Dec. 25, 2014. Among those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Precious Richardson;

her five siblings; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Willimon and Alta Peoples. A memorial service took place at the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster with the Rev. Dr. Arthur Willis officiating. Serenity Cremation Services in Taylor accorded final rites.



Louise Gaines
Sunrise: Dec. 22, 1923
Sunset: Jan. 7, 2015
Louise Gaines died Jan. 7, 2015.

Mrs. Gaines was from Alabama and resided in Imperial Health Care Center for a number of years. Among her survivors are her cousin, Leona Peason of Alabama; a number of health care workers at Imperial Center, and many members of Amity Baptist Church. A memorial service took place at Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Anthony B. Eaddy Funeral officiating. Final rites were accorded by a cremation service.



Mary Pardue Davis
Born: June 16, 1929
Died: Jan. 9, 2015
Mary Ruth Elizabeth Pardue Davis died Jan. 9, 2015.

Among her survivors are her daughter, Cathy Triplett

She was born to Hezzie and Flossie (Perkins) Pardue in Hickory Point, TN. She graduated from Inkster High School in 1949 and received her formal education at Michigan State University, concentrating in Child Psychology. She was baptized in August of 1944 at Bethlehem Temple of Inkster. She was a member of the Young Girls Christian Unity with an Outreach, later known as the League of Christian Women, comprised of a group of women who were saved in their youth during the 1940s and 1950s.

She and Jesse Davis were married on Aug. 30, 1952 and Mr. Davis died on Jan. 27, 1982, on his 57th birthday.

Mrs. Davis was employed by the Inkster Public Schools System where she served in multiple administrative positions. She retired from the district in 1996 as Supervisor of Food Services.

Mrs. Davis moved her church membership to Christ Temple Westland in 1982 where she was a member of the Senior Usher Board, Assistant Secretary, Vice President of the Pastor's Aide and the Hospitality Committee.

Among her survivors are her children; Dennis Alan (Claudia) Davis, Kenneth Anthony (Patricia) Davis, Mark Edwin Davis, Pamela Lynn (Christopher) Davis Drake and Tracey Yvette Davis; eight grandchildren, Gina, Alana, Armanda, Crystal, Jesse, Quentin, Quinlan and Sabrina; two great-grandchildren, Paige and Cydney; her aunts, Cleo Majors Merriweather and Mary Majors Roache of Clarksville, TN; her in-laws, Samuel (Ella) Hurd, Margaret Calhoun and Dorethea Johnson, of Lafayette, LA; special cousins, Larry (Sandra) Sallee, James Harold (Madeline) Skinner and Wilbur (Ollie) Majors; her adored god-brother, Elliott (Elaine) Karo; her devoted caregiver, Cathy Triplett

Jones; a host of other loving family members and many friends. Funeral services took place at Christ Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith in Westland with Suffragan Bishop Luke A. McClendon officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Garden in Plymouth. Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.



Larry Dobie Jordan
Oct. 14, 1952
Jan. 12, 2015
Larry Dobie Jordan died Jan. 12, 2015.

He was born the son of Ed and LueBertha Jordan in Greenville, MS. He moved to New York as a teen and served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He also served in Germany.

After moving to Michigan, he met and married Lillian White. In addition to his wife, Mr. White is survived by four children, Edward (Christine), Lawrence, Chakhan (Duane) and Faith; two grandchildren, Isaiah and Daniel; three stepchildren, Angela, Tania (Willie) and Bobby (Rekeya); four step-grandchildren, Juwan, Jordan, Justice and Janae; two brothers, Earl (Jacqueline) and John (Yvonne); four sisters, Lucille (Edward), Mary Louise, Dorothy and Margaret; a host of nieces, nephews and other family members; his special niece Cindy; his neighbors, Fernando and Jennifer; his dear friend, Steve; his brothers- and sisters-in-law, and many friends. Mr. Jordan was preceded in death by his brother James (Bennie); sisters, Hazel, Annie and Ellanor.

Funeral services took place at the Pentecostal Temple COGIC in Inkster with Bishop Isaac King, Jr. officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster. Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

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The above vehicles are all impounded through the Canton Township Public Safety Department. There is a \$100 per vehicle buyer fee made payable to Canton Township Public Safety.

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The above vehicles are impounded through the Allen Park Police Department. All paperwork will be handled by management at Great Lakes Towing.

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1998 Dodge SW
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The above vehicles are owned by Great Lakes Towing, and were acquired to by previous auctions and

vehicle owners relinquishing titles.

All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the conclusion of the auction.

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Calendar of events

Blood Drive set

The American Red Cross will be at Plymouth City Hall from 10 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. Jan. 21 for a blood drive.

Red Cross organizers said that the need for blood is constant and that one pint of blood can save up to three lives.

City Hall is located at 201 S. Main St. in Plymouth. The blood drive will take place on the second floor.

Visit www.redcrossblood.org to learn more and to schedule an appointment or call (313) 549-7052

Register now for Plymouth Daddy-Daughter dances

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is sponsoring the 4th Annual Daddy Daughter Dances from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30 and Saturday, Jan. 31 at the Cultural Center.

Dads, uncles and grandfathers can accompany their little ladies to an evening packed with dancing and memories. There will be a DJ from Dramatic Dimensions and light refreshments and snacks will be served. Semi-formal, dressy-casual attire recommended. Advance ticket purchase is required because space is limited. No walk-ins will be accepted. The Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer, in Plymouth. The dances are open to all ages and the cost is \$10 per person. More information and registration is available at (734) 455-6620 or www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/recreation [<http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/index.aspx?NID=21>]

School hosts open house

In conjunction with Catholic Schools Week, St. Mary Catholic School will be hosting an open house from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25.

This event is open to anyone who may be interested in school for grades Preschool 3, Preschool 4, and Kindergarten through 8th grade. Visitors will have an opportunity to meet teachers and administration, as well as view classrooms and work done by students.

A learning specialist will be available to discuss extra help that is available to students during the school day as well as after school small group tutoring. Students from the middle school will also be demonstrating a dissection in the science lab.

Registration and tuition information for the 2015-2016 school year will be available. Families may also inquire about Tuition Assistance Programs.

More information regarding St. Mary School is available at stmaryschool-wayne.org or feel free to call the school office at (734) 721-1240 or email schooloffice@stmarywayne.org.

Residents can Mingle with Mayor

Residents will have a couple of new ways to connect with Mayor William R. Wild in the New Year, including Coffee Hours and Lunch Hours, as he launches his "Mingle with the Mayor" series.

"Brown-Bag Lunch with the Mayor" will take place from noon until 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 at City Hall, located at 36300 Warren Road.

"I am always looking for new ways to connect with and hear from our residents - it's one of the best parts of my job," said Wild. "When I hear directly from people about what's working, what could be improved, or what needs to change, it provides an opportunity for progress in our community and it empowers residents and lets them know that their voice matters."

Future dates and times will be based on demand and input from residents.

Drama club to perform

The Northville High School Drama Club will present *Almost, Maine*, a play by John Cariani at 7 p.m. Jan. 30 and 31 and at 1 p.m. Feb. 1.

The play is broken into nine simultaneous stories that explore the pursuit of love and the hazards of loss in a remote, mythical almost-town called Almost, Maine.

All tickets will be sold at the general admission price of \$10 and will be available at the box office one hour prior to each performance. Tickets are also available by contacting Denise Stacer at (248) 924-2324 or drstacer@dsemail.com.

Groups of eight or more may have reserve seating and are advance purchase only before Jan. 29. The show is appropriate for ages 10 and older.

For more information on the Northville High School Drama Club and the 2014-2015 season, visit www.nhstheatre.com.

Library hosts book discussion

A discussion of the biography, "I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World," by Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai is planned for 7 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Northville District Library.

The discussion of the book which covers Yousafzai's inspiring stand against the

government of Pakistan for the education of women is open to the public. Yousafzai was shot by the Taliban and survived to tell her story.

The library is located at 212 West Cady St. in Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-3020

Chamber hosts legislator

State Rep. Erika Geiss will be the guest speaker at the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 16 at The Clarion Hotel, 8600 Merriman Road in Romulus.

Geiss is in her first term representing the 12th House District. A published author, she is a small business owner and free-lance writer.

Seating is limited and tickets are \$20 for chamber members and \$25 for non-members. Reservations should be made no later than Friday, Feb. 13.

For more information or tickets, call (734) 893-0694.

High school hosts information session

Northville High School will host a Community Information Session from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22. Visitors can tour the state-of-the-art, technology-equipped high school with student leaders as guides. Academic department chairs and representatives from athletic teams, student clubs, and music and art programs will be on hand to provide insight along with current students, administrators and parents.

Northville Public Schools commitment to excellence is evidenced in its Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), Michigan Merit Exam (MME), ACT and SAT performance, where Northville students consistently score well above state and national averages, a spokesperson noted.

While this information session is geared toward incoming freshmen for the

2015-16 academic year, families with students of all ages, as well as community members, are welcome.

Northville High School is located at 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville. For more information, call (248) 344-3800 or visit <http://nhs.northvilleschools.org/>.

Ambulance volunteers needed

Huron Valley Ambulance is recruiting for its Volunteer Team and seeking individuals interested in training for a variety of volunteer positions.

Volunteers can train to be a medical first responder at special events or to assist with community education, awareness programs, and administrative tasks.

There is free training for medical first responders during an eight-week training program beginning Feb. 23. Classes meet from 6-10:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. three Saturdays. Student who successfully complete the course are eligible to take the state examination to be certified as a Medical First Responder.

Free training also provided for citizens interested in community education and administrative support volunteer positions.

Go to <http://bit.ly/1BfVnO> to register for the information meeting, email communityrelations@emergenthealth.org, or call (734) 477-6218 for more information.

Wild Wings game set

The annual Red Wings Alumni game against Westland Mayor Bill Wild's team, the Westland Wild Wings, will take place Friday, March 20.

Tickets will be available for purchase online on the city website, as well as in the mayor's office at city hall and at the Mike Modano Ice Arena. Last year, the game set an attendance record.

More information will be available at city hall closer to the event, officials said.

Teacher clarifies students' role

In a story last week regarding the documentary film *Mettetal Airport: The Jewel of Canton and Plymouth*, the student involvement was limited only to some editing and narration, according to Janet Sutherland, the video production instructor at the Centennial Educational Park.

"Most of the images and the script

were written or procured by Mr. (Raymond) Rolak," she said last week. She said that while some students assisted on the project, their input was minimal and the finished film is "not reflective of the work the students do."

The film will preview at 7 tonight at the Plymouth District Library.

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