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Fireworks celebration could be cancelled

Don Howard
Staff Writer

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Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise is weighing the benefits of the 4th of July picnic and fireworks display, a long tradition in the township.

Heise told members of the board of trustees at their regular meeting last week that he felt the elaborate event including the picnic, fireworks and a private VIP party "is not the proper role of government." He said the past administration spent an enormous amount of man-hours on the event.

"It's expensive and burdensome, taxing on manpower and causes unnecessary overtime," Heise said of the event.

Neither the picnic, the fireworks or the VIP party generated revenue for the township. Former Treasurer Ron Edwards spearheaded and organized the celebration which included a public fire-

works display and picnic along with a far more upscale invitation-only celebration open only to those who donated or contributed to funding the event and his other invited guests.

Edwards would send solicitation letters requesting donation checks made payable to Plymouth Township, suggesting that the contributions were

public funds. In reality, the VIP party was a private function hosted by Edwards and restricted to about 700 invited-only guests at Hilltop Golf Course. In addition to the contributors and friends the guest list included prominent community officials and political advocates.

Heise, who has long been critical of the VIP party, told board members last week he had already made the decision to discontinue the private VIP event.

Heise indicated that donation solicitations written on

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Ka-ching

Students celebrate improved grades, receive cash reward

There are about 300 high school students in the Wayne-Westland area who have some extra spending money this month.

They are among the Champions of both Wayne Memorial and John Glenn high schools where the scholastic rewards program presents students who achieve a .5 increase in their grade point average a check for \$200. The students sign a contract agreeing to make the goal, along with their parents and a mentor of their choice. Superintendent of the Wayne Westland Community Schools Michelle Harmala is a mentor along with Westland Mayor William Wild and several police officers, teachers and other volunteers in the community.

This year, each school celebrated the accomplishments of the students with a banquet and award presentation Feb. 8. John Glenn students were feted at the Hellenic Center while the students from Wayne Memorial were honored at Wayne Tree Manor.

The Wayne program began in 2009 as an effort to encourage students to achieve higher grades and experience the real benefits of learning. It is funded by Wayne Memorial High School graduate Richard Helppie.

The John Glenn program began in 2015 and is modeled on the Wayne program. It was initiated by Glenn and Patty Shaw, and their family, all grad-



Champions of John Glenn students line up to receive their \$200 reward checks during a celebration of their success at the Hellenic Center. Photo by David J. Willett



Celebrating with the Wayne Memorial Champions were Sean Galvin, executive director of Champions of Wayne, left, Napier Bryant, Keri Horton, Kayla Powell, Kameron Clime, Hannah Gottman, and Kevin English, director of academics for Champions of Wayne. Photo by Douglas Willett

uates of John Glenn were committed funding to the program, also funded by the Westland Community Foundation.

Next semester, more than 1,000 students between the two high schools have signed onto the program which has some incredible success statistics.

According to school officials, 25-33 percent of Champions students make their semester goals. Sixty-five percent of those who sign up increase their grades.

Ninety-five percent of staff members at the schools are mentors, which is strictly a vol-

unteer effort for which they receive no monetary compensation.

Officials said that the state testing scores have increased by 9.8 since the program began at Wayne Memorial and four students in the Champions program have earned the Gates Millennium Scholarship in the past three years at the school.

Next semester, the John Glenn program will change the name from Champions to Scholars to provide the students with a unique identity, according to Shaw.

"The program is more about

education and grades, so the new Scholars name seemed appropriate," Glenn said. "We had 98 percent of our students enrolled this year improve their grades. We are just thrilled for all of them."

No public or tax money is used to fund the program at either school, officials stressed.

For more information about the programs, contact Wayne Memorial High School program director Sean Galvin at GalvinS@wvmsd.net or Louis Przytylski, John Glenn High School Scholars program, at PrzytylskiL@wvmsd.net.

Former officials' antics plague new board

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township Clerk Jerry Vorva says that the barrage of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests his office has received in the last two weeks is part of a scripted political ambush aimed to harass the new administration.

Vorva, who took office Nov. 20, 2016 replacing defeated incumbent Nancy Conzelmann, said the purpose of the FOIA is to help people understand the workings of government, not a means of retaliation against a political opponent. He said the

multiple requests by Thomas Parely, a failed candidate for trustee, and Conzelmann are at the direction of former Township Supervisor Shannon Price, also defeated by voters last year.

Vorva said that a Feb. 3 email written by Price, addressed to Parely and Conzelmann, was sent to Conzelmann's prior official township email, which is now his. The subject line reads, "FOIA." The first line says, "Items to FOIA," and lists eight topics ending with, "Did I miss anything?"

Vorva said because of the

official email to the clerk's address and the subject line, he opened and read the email, believing it was official township business within his designated responsibilities.

He added that within a few hours of receipt of Price's email, the clerk's staff began to receive FOIA requests from Parely asking for employee payroll records.

The actions by the recently defeated officials led Vorva and other board members who criticized them at a recent public meeting, calling the tactics "childish antics."

"I question Mr. Parely's

motives. He's not doing this in the spirit and intent of the FOIA, which is to aid in the understanding of government. His continued requests are aimed at seeking employee payroll information on township employees," Vorva said.

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz in a social media post said he found the actions of the defeated board members strange and puzzling.

"What I find puzzling is that many of these documents listed on the email don't exist...they know they don't exist."

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INKSTER - WAYNE - WESTLAND

'Buddy Up' healthy living program set to begin

Westland wants to help area residents buddy up to better health and fitness.

The city will begin the fifth year of the 8-week "Buddy Up" program at 7 p.m. March 3 in the banquet room at city hall where Buddy Shuh, a former contestant on NBC's *The Biggest Loser*, will speak about the program.

"The heart and soul of the program is Buddy Shuh," noted Westland Mayor William Wild. "Westland is very fortunate to benefit from his experience and knowledge on this very important subject."

That subject is obesity, according to a prepared statement from Wild's office, which notes that 35 percent or 78 million Americans are considered obese. Research has shown that "buddying up" can be the difference between failure and success with any weight loss plan, the statement continued.

Shuh, a Wayne resident, was a contestant on the nationally-televisioned show. He left the popular program two weeks before the finale, but he said the lessons he learned there have stayed with him. It is these lessons, he said, that he hopes to share with the Buddy Up program

which he launched in Westland in 2013. He estimates that more than 800 people have started the program since that time.

The Buddy Up program has been the cornerstone of Wild's Healthy Passport program in the city in announcing the program, which he called "wildly popular," the mayor said. "Not only does it provide a fun way to maintain an active lifestyle throughout the winter but it does so through an individual who truly knows first-hand how living a healthy lifestyle can change one's life."

Shuh stressed that the program doesn't require participants to exercise six hours a day and lose 2 pounds every 24 hours like the TV show did.

"A more reasonable weight loss is 2 pounds a week," he said.

Following the March 3 meeting, participants will meet at 9 a.m. every Saturday for eight weeks and will receive guidance and encouragement by their team captains. The meetings will include 30 minutes of exercise and 30 minutes of nutritional education including ways to make simple yet meaningful choices for a sustainable, healthier

lifestyle. Various types of exercises, from Zumba to Yoga, will be introduced to participants by trained fitness professionals.

The program will include the six-week triathlon where participants bike, run and swim. This year, participants will be offered an optional weight loss challenge with prizes for the three individuals who lose the most weight.

Registration is limited to the first 250 paid registrants and is available at www.wyofwestland.com. The fee is \$30 which includes a tee shirt and an informational binder. This year, participants can compete for the top weight loss prize for an extra \$10. Doors will open at city hall at 6 p.m. March 3 and the program will begin at 7 p.m.



Buddy Shuh

Shooting suspect sought by police

Inster police have arrested one man and are seeking another suspect in a double shooting that took place Feb. 11 at a local party store.

The shooting apparently took place in the parking lot of the party store, on Middlefield Road, south of Michigan Avenue. According to police reports, one man was shot in the stomach and another shot in the chest. Emergency medical personnel rushed both to a local hospital where one of the men was pronounced dead.

Police arrested one suspect almost immediately but continue to seek a second individual who is described as driving a white Nissan and wearing an orange hat and green jacket.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the Inkster Police Department at (313) 553-9555.

Senior Alliance names new director

Tamera Kiger has been named as the new executive director of The Senior Alliance. Kiger assumed responsibilities of the agency, which serves more than 190,000 older adults and their caregivers, on Jan. 30.

Kiger brings more than 25 years of experience and leadership positions to improve the health care delivery systems for individuals with needs. As a pioneer in the 1980s for Community-based living facilities in Michigan, she was on the forefront of developing solutions at a time when the closure of state hospitals and institutions risked displacing at-risk populations, according to a prepared statement from the agency. Recently, she led the implementation of an integrated care delivery model for dually eligible individuals with Medicare and Medicaid.

"Changes in how we age, enjoy retirement and access health care are leading to unique opportunities for innovation. I am excited to be a part of the team at The Senior Alliance and look forward to working to improve the lives of older adults and those living with a disability

in western Wayne County and the downriver area," said Kiger.

The Senior Alliance, AAA-C is a private non-profit agency that was established in 1980, and designated by the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging to operate as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for the 34 suburban communities of Southern and Western Wayne County. The agency offers programs such as Meals on Wheels, the Nursing Facility Transition Program, the MI-Choice Medicaid Waiver Program, Medicare and Medicaid Assistance Program, and an Information and Referral call center, as well as many other community-based services, the statement continued.

Older adults and their caregivers with questions about these services, aging or other inquiries can call (734) 722-2830 or visit www.aaa-c.org for more information.

Kiger succeeds Bob Brown, who was



Tamera Kiger

the director of the alliance for more than 12 years.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017

The Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township budget for fiscal year 2017 on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Plymouth Township Hall, 9555 North Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48176. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the above address in the Clerk's Office work days from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

"The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing."

Public: Thursday, February 23, 2017

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center St., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 9, 2017 for the following:

BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.cantonmi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734-799-5225. 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.

MICHAEL SHEPHERD, CLERK

Public: 2/23/2017

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

Request Approval of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Option
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, March 15, 2017
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 PM
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9555 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application requesting PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS (PUD) APPROVAL for shopping plans with drive-through facilities on the 10.00-acre parcel located at 15275 Black Road, located at the intersection of Five Mile Road, east of Black Road, and north of Copper Street. The existing address is 15275 Black Road. The site is zoned C-2, General Commercial.

Application: 224-0217

Applicant: JB Back, LLC



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. B-78-005-09-0001-001.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that persons interested are requested to be present. Pertinent information relative to the application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be made by 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. The Planning Commission will hold its meeting in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Township Hall, located at 9555 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48176.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as sign language, for the hearing and public notice of planned materials being considered at all Township meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing, upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9555 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48176. Phone: 734-554-5200. TDD: 800-489-2777 (Michigan Relay Service).

PUBLIC: February 23, 2017

KENDRA BARBERA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment only, please call 554-1269, between 9 am and 4:30 pm to arrange for an appointment.

MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

Thursday, March 7, 2017	9 am	Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 13, 2017	2 pm - 5 pm	Hearings by Appointment
	6 pm - 9 pm	Hearings by Appointment
Wednesday, March 15, 2017	9 am - Noon	Hearings by Appointment
	Noon - 4 pm	Hearings by Appointment
Saturday, March 18, 2017	9 am - 11 am	First Case - First Round

Other Hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board of Review. A personal appearance is not required. Written protests to the Board of Review must be received by mail or delivered in person to the Assessing Office by the close of business on Friday, March 24, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 9555 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48176.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly enforced.

Public: February 16, 2017

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2017 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM
ISSUING OF NOTICES FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENTS
FOR THE FOLLOWING SUBDIVISIONS:

Holiday Park #1

Holiday Park #2

Holiday Park #3

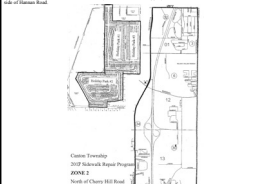
Also:

Miscellaneous Locations and Metro-Act Locations throughout Canton Township

ALL addresses are located in ZONE TWO, North of Cherry Hill Road.

SEE MAP

PERMETER OF ZONE TWO: South side of Joy Road, East side of Haggerty Road, North side of Van Horn Road and the West side of Haggerty Road.



Zone Two includes all commercial and residential parcels that are located along a public road right-of-way.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the findings of necessity, assessment against owners of property, hearing, acceptance, notice of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the Township Administration Building, 15000 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48103 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board Room for the proposed sidewalk replacements.

Public: The legal 02/23/17 & 03/07/17

Larger Map Available in the Clerk's Office

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PLYMOUTH

Antics

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exist... they know they don't exist because they didn't create them back when it was their job to do so. ...

Official records show just days before he sent the instructional email, Price registered with the State of Michigan as a Lobbyist Agent employed by M & B Consulting, LLC, 9613 Tension, a Plymouth Township Limited Liability Corp. located at the same address of record as Price's residences. According to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, the firm was dissolved in 2015.

"It's an intentional waste of our time, and a certain waste of taxpayers' money," Vorva said. "It's just silly."

One request reads: "...copies of all correspondence, documents, emails, budget items, contracts and their time cards in regard to the hiring and ongoing employment of the following employees, Sandy Groth, Susan Brams and Amy Hamme."

Groth is the new deputy clerk and Brams is Supervisor Kurt Heise's secretary. Hamme is the incumbent deputy treasurer appointed by former Treasurer Ron Edwards. Conzelmann is said to have overtly objected to the salary amount offered to Vorva's deputy. Conzelmann's deputy clerk was not reappointed after the election. Brams and Groth were both

new hires.

According to a TV news report last week, Conzelmann filed a complaint with the state Attorney General and then contacted the news station over a purported technical error she alleges occurred when the new township board adopted the 2017 budget, one prepared by Edwards and the previous board of trustees. Conzelmann claimed the new board failing to have a formal public hearing on the budget, a state requirement.

Conzelmann defended her actions in an online post saying she asked for payroll information to clarify the claim of Groth that she was not paid "an illegal amount of money."

"I, like every citizen, have every right to FOIA a township information I want," she posted.

Conzelmann and Edwards were captured on surveillance video in township hall shredding documents and removing bags of items for nearly 24 hours on their last day in office. Vorva and other new officials, including Heise and Treasurer Mark Clinton, confirmed that they were greeted with empty file folders and missing financial and other necessary records during their first weeks in office.

"This why Americans are disgusted by politics, the campaign is over, it's time to move on," Heise said. Vorva told the audience at the recent trustees' meeting that he had taken action and met with the police chief on the matter.

"To conspire against ourselves... is not right," Vorva said.

Audit of golf course OK'd

Members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees have agreed to a forensic financial audit of the losses at Hilltop Golf Course. A representative from Plante-Moran attended the regular meeting of the trustees last week to answer questions about the procedures involved in performing a detailed financial audit of the township-owned facility.

The golf course has been operating at a loss for several years and township officials discussed the need for a complete audit of the finances and operations during a study session two weeks ago. After hearing a report from Treasurer Mark Clinton which noted that the 18-hole course operated at a loss of \$108,000 last year, trustees agreed that such an audit was necessary.

Supervisor Kurt Heise, who promised such an audit during his campaign for office, said that the township was "wasting a lot of money" and that "solid financial numbers" were necessary to determine the future of the golf course.

Currently, the golf course on Powell Road east of Beck near Plymouth Township Park is managed by Billy Casper Golf. Under that management since 2011, the golf course has not shown a profit during the past six years. The audit for last year is expected to cost less than \$5,000, according to Plante-Moran partner Martin Obojnik.

Trustee John "Jack" Demaggio told the

board members he would favor a motion for a formal audit to be made before the board members for a vote. Heise agreed but noted that the estimated amount was under the limit required for board approval.

The contract with Billy Casper has another two years until expiration and pays the management company 11 percent of the annual gross revenue at Hilltop, between \$1 and \$600,000, with 1 percent increases as gross revenue increases to a maximum of 15 percent if revenue is \$800,000 or more. The company was paid approximately \$87,000 in 2015 while on a different compensation plan. Revenue that year was reported at \$709,000 in the township audit.

Last Tuesday, board members asked the Plante-Moran representative if the problem financial areas were "poor accounting practices or fraudulent activity." Heise read a list of charges only recently submitted by Billy Casper, Inc. The invoice, dated Aug. 5, 2016, was for expenses incurred at the "July 4 VIP Party" hosted by former Treasurer Ron Edwards and included: beer, \$296; Northern Harset Tenderloin Steaks, \$1,614; salmon, \$1,149; entertainment, \$460 and the chef, \$500.

"This is the type of shenanigans we've faced with," Heise said. "How long has this been going on? Every day we find stuff like this."

Fireworks

FROM PAGE 1

township stationery by the township staff, on township time, placed businesses and vendors in an uncomfortable situation. He had previously remarked that the tactic was damaging to the reputation and image of the community.

Heise added that the optics of the "villain" adorning with flower leis dining on prime rib while the "commoners" sat on the hill to watch the show "hurts our image as a welcoming and inclu-

sive community."

The \$41,500 spent last year with a fireworks contractor was raised instead by solicitation of township businesses. Heise cited charges from a \$4,261.61 invoice recently submitted by golf course contractor, Billy Casper, Inc.

The invoice, dated just after the August Primary election, was for the July 4 VIP party and included charges for keg beer, \$296; Northern Harset Tenderloin Steaks, \$1,614; Salmon, \$1,149; entertainment, \$400 and the chef, \$500, among other expenditures.

Rita Gajewski whose home backs to the township park told

the officials she's "had enough of the problems" the event causes including trash, illegal parking, people coming into her yard and fireworks landing on her home and grass. She claimed that last year, the eighth year her family has lived in the house, was the worst.

"We had to turn on our sprinkler system because of the fireworks landing on our (dry) grass. People parked everywhere, it was awful," she said.

Police Chief Tom Tiderington commented that every year the fireworks display has grown and has become increasingly more difficult to manage safely.

"It's too large for a residential

neighborhood. I'm not for having fireworks at that location. It's not safe. Kids are running back and forth across Ann Arbor Trail. This is something I can't support," Tiderington told the trustees.

Trustee Chief Dan Phillips concurred with Tiderington and said the problem fire department personnel have in an emergency is the number of parked cars and access.

"In past years we spent thousands to water the grass in the golf course just prior to the event to keep it wet," he said.

Heise said he would take the issue before the board for a vote if a sponsor should come forward

to fund the event.

"If we are to continue the fireworks, we need a sponsor and I've talked to some of our businesses. We need a line item 501(c)(3), for example Plymouth Community Fireworks fund, but so far no one is interested. They could put their name on it. We'll keep the door open," he said.

Trustee Chuck Curmi said he did not favor continuing the fireworks. He said he was aware the City of Plymouth has a DDA (Downtown Development Authority) to support entertainment costs, which is helpful to the downtown.

"It's not our job to entertain people," Curmi said.

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CITY OF WESTLAND

2017 MARSHAL BOARD OF REVIEW
The City of Westland Board of Review will be conducting the 2017 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Council
Chambers at 34300 Road Road, Westland, Michigan 48185.
The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
APPEAL HEARINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:
Monday, March 13, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
MAIL-IN APPEALS REVIEW ONLY:
Thursday, March 16, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2017 BOARD OF
REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline
for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appear in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 15,
2017.
A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance
by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted
to the Board of Review as well as the fees provided by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by March 15,
2017 or be reviewed by the Board. Petitions are not accepted.
Copies of the action stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.
All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 667-5168.
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City Clerk
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NORTHVILLE - ROMULUS

Libraries state Quality Services award

The Library of Michigan has awarded the Romulus Public Library a certificate of completion for meeting the Essential Level requirements of the Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC).

To earn certification, the library demonstrated competence in seven categories of achievement including human resources, governance/adminis-

tration; services; collection development; technology; facilities and equipment and public relations/marketing.

"We are proud that the library has done such good work in providing services deemed essential by the Library of Michigan," said Romulus Public Library Board President, Jim Napierkowski. "By focusing efforts on these key areas, our

library has shown a strong commitment to customer service and quality management."

QSAC has defined "essential services" - the basics of all library service - as relatively low-cost standards that every library can and should achieve to provide a minimum level of service to their community.

"The staff of the Romulus Public Library is to be commended

for achieving a vital milestone in library service," said State Librarian Randy Riey.

"Some of the library's most recent accomplishments include new programs such as the Senior Book Club, Romulus Garden Club, Lego Club, and Anime Club, as well as the creation of a comprehensive Library Safety Plan and orientation manuals for members of the library board,"

said Library Director Patty Braden.

For more information about the Romulus Public Library, visit the website at www.romulus.lib.mi.us or facebook.com/romuluslibrary.

For more information about the Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC), visit the Library of Michigan QSAC webpage.

Landfill awarded permit to burn off methane gas

Some Northville Township residents may witness flames shooting more than 20 feet in the air from the nearby Artor Hills Landfill, following approval of a state permit to burn off gas emissions at the site.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approved a permit allowing Advanced Disposal Systems, the landfill operator, to burn off gas on the north side of the landfill. State officials said that while the burn-off will be 42 feet high, area residents could see a 20-foot high flame. The burn off, or flame, is an effort to eventually decrease odors at the site. Odors from the landfill have been the subject of numerous complaints from area residents during the past several months and prompted a class action lawsuit against the company last April. Residents were seeking compensation for the odors and any negative

impact of the noxious odors on property values in the lawsuit.

The flames will be used to burn off and contain methane gas at the site, according to state officials, who added that some landfill odors would continue as the facility made further improvements to the flare control system. The state permit to burn off the methane is for a 12-month period.

State officials said the amount of methane trapped by the Artor Hills capturing system has dropped since monitored in 2015. Landfills are required to capture 75 percent of gas produced on-site. Increased gas odors at Artor Hills were attributed to a failure of the gas trapping mechanism. Residents have complained to township officials about the smell emanating from the landfill along with truck traffic in routes to and from the facility. State officials feared

then-operator Republic Waste to repair the system to meet acceptable standards.

Advanced Disposal has been operating the gas collection system since January.

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 16-17-13 Vining Road Development District

- Economic Development Strategic Plan
- The City of Romulus, Michigan Economic Development Department is seeking proposals from qualified firms for the development of an economic development strategy containing goals, objectives, and implementation measures developed through research, analysis, trend forecasting and outreach for the Romulus Vining Road Development District.
- (1) Qualified individuals or firms wishing to submit a proposal must use the forms provided by the City. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained from the [MTA website](http://www.mta.info) at <http://www.mta.info>.
- (2) Contractors must submit five copies of the proposal (one marked "ORIGINAL" and the remaining marked "COPY") and one electronic copy. All proposals copies must be submitted together in one sealed envelope and delivered to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, 3/14/2017. Proposals should be addressed using the proposal label provided.
- (3) Proposals shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date for submitting bids/proposals.
- (4) Approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received proposals are to be publicly opened and read.
- (5) 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.
- (6) Proposals shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date for submitting bids/proposals.
- (7) The successful Company will be required to submit proof of all insurance required by the RFP documents and all required endorsements.
- (8) For additional information contact Lyle A. Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@romulusmi.gov.
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Hit-and-run driver sought

Romulus police continue to seek a hit and run driver who struck a pedestrian Feb. 10.

The incident took place on the shoulder of Middlebelt Road, south of Eureka, when a tan-colored Buick Rendezvous struck Jeffrey Allen Compu, Jr., 43, as he was walking along the side of the road.

The driver fled the scene, according to police reports, leaving Compu in grave

condition. Compu was walking home at about 7 p.m., according to police, when he was struck by the vehicle.

Police investigators suspect that the vehicle sustained damage to the passenger side mirror and passenger headlight in the crash.

Romulus police are asking anyone who has any information about the incident to call (734) 941-8400.

CITY OF ROMULUS 2017 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by APPOINTMENT ONLY for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll. Please come prepared, as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

March 13, 2017: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
March 15, 2017: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
March 15, 2017: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Residents and Non-Residents may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board OR (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review must receive all written appeals documentation no later than March 15, 2017 at 12:00 pm.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. According to Ordinance, all Representatives or Agents MUST submit an original, notarized, current proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment to appeal to the March Board of Review, please call the City of Romulus Department of Assessment at 734-942-7520.

For the purpose of addressing clerical errors, mistal mistakes of fact, poverty exemptions, veteran's exemptions, and principal residence exemptions, the Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on:

July 18, 2017: 9:30 am
December 12, 2017: 9:30 am

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

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CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF Final Statement FY 2017/18

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
Pursuant to federal guidelines, the Romulus City Council, on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm to adopt the following final projects for the fiscal year 2017/2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Program. The CITY OF ROMULUS expects to receive an estimated \$151,807 not including \$5,000 in Program Income.

The primary objectives of the Federal HUD (CDBG) program are to assist low to moderate income families directly or to provide benefits in areas where 51% of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, improve recreational facilities and programs and assist in meeting special needs of the elderly and physically disabled.

The following projects have been adopted and will meet HUD objectives by benefiting low and moderate-income families, preserving deteriorating housing stock and enhancing parks and public facilities.

OBJECTIVES:

- Benefiting Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Persons
- Benefiting Low and Moderate Income Limited Clientele (LMC) Persons
- Addressing Shells and Blight or Low and Moderate Income Housing Benefit
- Meeting a particularly urgent community development need

FY 2017/2018 Proposed Projects

ACTIVITY	Amount	* Objective Met:
Senior Services (Public Services - LMC - OSA)	\$ 22,771	A & B
Romulus Fire Station - LMI		
35255 Goddard Rd	\$93,855	C & D
Romulus DDA Building -		
36542 Goddard	\$20,000	C & D
General Administration - 21A (10%)	\$ 15,181	A
Housing Rehabilitation - LMI - From Program Income	\$ -5,000	B & C
	\$156,181	

For further information, contact the Economic Development Department, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 942-7545.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING February 6, 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 Pat Ste. John Barlow.

Prayer of Adjournance

Roll Call

Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barlow, Harry Crost, Collette Rouse, William Wadsworth.

Excused: Linda Chouteau, Sylvia Malowski.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Lefroy D. Blandini, Mayor

Stacy Papp, Treasurer

Ellen L. Craig-Blogg, Clerk

I. Moved by Crost, seconded by Abdo to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

II. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Rouse to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 23, 2017. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barlow, Crost, Rouse, Wadsworth.

Says - None. Abstains - Abdo, Motion Carried.

III. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Rouse to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 23, 2017. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barlow, Crost, Rouse, Wadsworth.

Says - None. Abstains - Abdo, Motion Carried.

IV. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Rouse to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 23, 2017. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barlow, Crost, Rouse, Wadsworth.

Says - None. Abstains - Abdo, Motion Carried.

V. President's Report:

Mayor Pat Ste. John Barlow read a list of waste-collection dates and locations coming up in Wayne County.

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Calendar of events

Scholarship deadline nears

Each year the Plymouth Rotary Club awards scholarships to students who reside in the Plymouth Canton school district. This year, Rotary will award two scholarships valued at \$10,000 over a four-year period as well as a number of additional scholarships valued at approximately \$8,000.

Applications are available in the high school counseling office or on line at www.plymouthrotary.org.

The deadline for applications is March 2.

Historic calendars for sale

The 2017 Belleville Area Historical Society calendar is now available and has been discounted to \$5.

The calendars can be purchased at several tri-community locations including, Belleville Area Museum, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Belleville City Hall, Garden Fantasy on Main, Sumpter Ace Hardware, Sumpter Township, and the Van Buren Township Hall Treasures office.

The museum is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville.

For more information, contact Katie Dallas at (734) 697-1944.

Citizens Academy enrollment open

Canton residents who want to learn more about how their police department works will have that opportunity during the upcoming Citizens Police Academy in the township.

Individuals who attend the academy will have the opportunity to learn the policies and operational procedures of the department through presentations, demonstrations and hands-on activities.

This year, the Citizens Police Academy will take place from 6 p.m. on Thursdays for eight weeks beginning April 6 and continuing through May 25.

Class size is limited to this free program. Applicants are limited to Canton Township residents who are at least 21 years of age. Applicants must have no felony convictions and no misdemeanor convictions in the past three years. Applicants will be subject to a background check.

Applications for the academy will accept online at www.cantonpublicsafety.org, through Feb. 28 or in person at the front desk of the Canton Police Department located at 1190 S. Canton Center Road.

More information is available by contacting Special Services Sgt. Ed Johnson at (734) 394-5411.

Art exhibit continues

The Northville Art House is presenting the 11th Annual Member Exhibition, featuring original works in all mediums, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, jewelry, clay, and mixed media. The exhibition showcases the talents of more than 60 member artists of the Northville Art House as well as recognizes the people who support the growth and creativity of the arts in the community.

Applications are being accepted for

memberships to be considered for future Northville Art House member exhibitions and events as well as other benefits. Applications are available online at www.northvillearthhouse.org by calling (248) 344-0487, or at the Northville Art House, 215 West Cady St., Northville, Michigan 48167. Memberships start at \$30.

The exhibition continues through Saturday, March 25 during Art House hours, noon until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon until 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

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) 740-4280 or access www.redeemertlutheranchurch.net.

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.

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 Bruns, executive assistant to the supervisor at sbruns@plymouthtwp.org, or call (734) 654-3204.

Grief program under way

A grief/recovery seminar and support group will meet at Romulus Wesleyan Church in Romulus at 6 p.m. on Thursdays through May 18. The church is located at 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive.

GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. The 13 video sessions include "Effects of Grief," "When Your Spouse Dies," "Your Family and Grief," "Stuck in Grief," and more. Attend any or all sessions. A \$15 registration fee will include a workbook/journal and weekly handouts.

More information is available by calling the church at (734) 943-1511 or on the web at www.griefshare.org. Pre-registration is not required.

Beloved Community event planned

Beloved Community members will host the Final Friday conversation 1 centered around the Ava DuVernay film 13th at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at Geneva Presbyterian

Church, 58345 North Sheldon Road in Canton.

Members are asked to bring a dish to pass.

The film is a documentary referring to the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, which reads "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States." The progression from that second qualifying clause to the horrors of mass criminalization and the American prison industry is laid out by DuVernay.

Baked potatoes served

The Belleville Community Chorus invites everyone to enjoy their 4th annual Baked Potato Dinner from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at Open Arms Lutheran Church, 7865 Belleville Road.

For a minimum donation of \$5, diners will enjoy a large baked potato with a choice of toppings, plus a beverage and dessert. Tickets may be obtained from any chorus member prior to the event or at the door. For more information, call (734) 697-1783 or (734) 740-4165 or go to www.bclchorus.com.

Try hockey for free

Boys and girls ages 4 to 9 can receive free hockey instruction from Gordon Bowman and Plymouth Canton Hockey Association coaches from 4-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena.

The lessons are presented by the Detroit Red Wings Foundation and Michigan Amateur Hockey Association. No prior hockey experience is needed although participants must pre-register at <http://www.mhahq.org/tff>. Space is limited to 50 participants. Participants will be given a jersey to keep provided by The Detroit Red Wings Foundation.

A limited amount of equipment is available for use, but participants are urged to bring their own skates if possible.

The Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Winter market opens

The Canton Farmers Market will return with special Winter Markets during three Sundays in February: March and April at the Summit on the Park community recreation center. The Markets will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 26, March 19, and April 23, in the Banquet Lobby in the

Summit on the Park, located on 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

More than a dozen vendors will be on site at the Feb. 26 Winter Market offering a wide assortment of Michigan grown and made products, including: honey, jam, cider, apples, artisan cheese and bread, baked goods, farm eggs, seasonal produce grown in greenhouses and hoop houses (weather permitting) and more. A local chef will host a cooking demonstration from 10:30 a.m. - noon with tasty bites for market-goers to sample. Bridge Card and Double Up Food Bucks transactions will also be accepted.

Tickets can be purchased at the Canton Leisure Services table. Plenty of parking is typically available toward the rear of the Summit Parking lot. Enter through the banquet doors. For more information, call (734) 394-3375.

Fat Tuesday buffet served

Belleville Rotary Club members are organizing the annual club Fat Tuesday Italian Buffet to benefit youth and tri-community projects.

The dinner is open to the public and is planned for 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Van Buren Eagles Hall, 9961 Beck Road in Van Buren Township. The hall is west of Belleville Road and South of Tyler Road.

Tickets for the buffet are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and younger and are available for any Rotary Club member or at the door. The evening will also include raffles and carry-outs are available.

The menus will feature a variety of favorite pastas and sauces along with other Italian delights. Prezzi and pop will be sold separately.

For more information, call (734) 699-8836.

Jazz at the Elks presented

Jazz @ The Elks happens from 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Tuesday, Feb. 28 brings back the seasoned Latin band Nuevo Jazz Detroit with Duncan Jones on keyboard, Don Lewandowski on bass, Patrick Fitzgibbon on vibas, Chuck Golemba on drums, and Jeff LeDuff on congas.

The Plymouth Arm. Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazz@elks325@gmail.com.



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