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Westland City Hall will soon be filled with original creations by local artists from the Three Cities Art Club who have agreed to display their work at the new building.

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## Westland to test residents' water

Nothing would lead us to believe there is any health threat to any Westland resident from the water.

Despite the allegations of a city employee, Westland officials are confident that the water in the community is safe.

Last week, Department of Public Services employee Frank Raymore told members of the city council during a regular meeting that he could no longer remain quiet about his suspicions of contamination from lead water pipes in the city. He told the council members that he was making the claims under the provisions of the Whistleblower Act, a federal provision that prevents the disciplining or firing of an employee who publicizes wrongdoing on the part of an employer.

Raymore alleged that when he was called out to the site of a water leak in the center of a street, he dug up the roadway to expose the pipes and discovered they were lead. He says he was told to fix the leak and rebury the pipe by his supervisor, instructions Mayor William Wild said are consistent with the policies in the city.

"We have an outside contractor who has the equipment and the skill to replace these lead pipes," Wild said. "We replaced one in September, one in October and a third one we discovered wasn't lead." Each replacement cost the city about \$3,000, Wild said.

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threat to any Westland resident from the water," Wild said.

But, he added, as a precaution, he was going to request funding from the members of the City Council at a special meeting Monday to provide free water testing in the area Raymore alleges may still have lead pipes.

"The area he (Raymore) is discussing is bordered by Palmer and Glenwood and Wayne Road and Wildwood," Wild said. There are about 910 homes there and we will offer free water testing to put residents' minds at ease," Wild said.

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## Celebration of spring Ancient Chinese tradition to take place at Village Theater

Celebrating a tradition that is thousands of years old, the Canton Commission for Culture Arts and Heritage Multicultural Committee will host the 2016 Chinese Spring Festival at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 12.

Joining the festivities providing main stage entertainment are choral performances by: the Michigan Chinese Choir; the Canton Philharmonic Choir; the March Wind Choir; the AM Choir and the New Century Chinese School youth chorus. Also featured will be duets and small group performances by Yangtze Melody Group and Xin Yun. Pop music of the Desert Island Band will also entertain crowds during the special celebration that will include Chinese Yo-yo, Tai Chi, and a traditional Chinese instrumental performance by the Troy Chinese Classic Music Guzheng Team.

The evening will include a special guest performance by Shuping Ma, a notable opera singer in China and the U.S. She is a graduate of Sichuan Music College in China and was a vocal professor at Xinhai Music College in Guangzhou. Shuping Ma has performed at the Detroit Opera House, and throughout China and the U.S. and is the director for three area Chinese choirs.

The art of traditional Chinese folk and classical dances will be shared by Cherry Blossom, Shihui Dance Group, Michigan New Century Chinese School, Clivia Dance Group, Ann Arbor Jade Dance School, the Ann Hua Waist Drum Team, Ann Hua Chinese Dance Group and the Senior Chinese American Golden Years Troupe.

Event-goers can also enjoy a free punch and cookie reception starting at 6 p.m. In addition, a variety of cultural displays will be available in The Village Theater lobby.

Tickets to this special Chinese celebration are \$5 per person. The performance will be on the main stage and seating will be reserved.

Tickets can be purchased, and printed at home or held at will call, anytime from www.cantonvillagetheater.org at no extra charge. The box office is open between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. weekdays. Tickets can also be ordered by phone, (734) 394-5300 x2, with a Visa or Mastercard between the hours of 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. weekdays. If tickets are available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to program time.

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

For more information on the 2016 Chinese Spring Festival or other performances scheduled at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, visit www.CantonVillageTheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

## Teen pleads guilty in knife attack on family

Roksana Sikorski entered a guilty plea Monday, admitting to assault with intent to murder in the knife attack on her Plymouth Township family in 2014.

Sikorski, 15 at the time of the attack, has been incarcerated since she was arrested, along with her then 22-year-old boyfriend, Michael Angelo Rivera, at his Detroit apartment Oct. 15, 2014, the day after the attack.

Sikorski is scheduled to be sentenced by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James Callahan on March 28, just before she turns 17. She and Rivera had both been charged with offenses including conspiracy, assault with a dangerous weapon, felony assault and using a computer to commit a crime. The two, according to prosecutors, had planned to kill her family as they slept by slashing their throats.

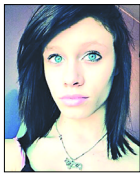
The motive, according to police investi-

gators, was a plan for the two to run off together and for Rivera to avoid statutory rape charges her parents had filed in response to the sexual relationship between the two.

Sikorski attacked her younger brother, 12, with a 6-8 inch knife, slashing at his throat and severely wounding him before he ran to a bathroom to escape her, according to investigators. During the attack, according to police, Sikorski and Rivera were in constant contact by texts on their phones, as she asked for instructions and advice on killing her family.

The attack on her brother woke her sister, 11, whose screams roused her parents and Sikorski allegedly fled the Heather Hills subdivision home with Rivera.

While Sikorski initially confessed to the



Roksana Sikorski

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# Romulus

## Mayor assures residents city water is safe

The City of Romulus may soon step up efforts to educate the public about the quality of water within the city.

Mayor Larry Burecuff said officials are discussing the best way to get the message out to the public in the spirit of transparency.

"We're looking at doing a Public Service Announcement for cable or supplying other basic information," he said. "We're trying to talk about the Romulus system, and different ways that residents can get the data."

The idea is in part a response to the water crisis in Flint, and to alleviate any concerns residents have over the safety of their water.

Resident Charles Miller said he first had the inkling of concern five years ago, when they changed the water meter in his daughter's house and found that there were lead pipes there.

"At the time I had a generalized concern about it," Miller said.

Those pipes dated back to 1943; the pipes in his own house are two years older.

"This city of Romulus has lead pipes in many of the older homes," Miller said. "In many instances, older homes still have lead pipes."

Lead pipes were still used in homes under construction until 1986. After that, the Environmental Protection Agency

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Mayor LeRoy Burecuff

(EPA) issues the Lead and Copper Rule, through the Safe Drinking Water Act. The rule requires corrosion control treatment to prevent lead and copper from contaminating drinking water.

Random tests are now required to help maintain water safety. In Romulus, homes are tested in each corner of the community at random, said Keith Boc, assistant director of the Department of Public Works. Residents are instructed about the way to conduct the tests-to take samples first thing in the morning, after water has rested in the pipes all night. The results are analyzed and the city sends the results to the homeowner. They are also published and distributed every year in the annual water quality reports each summer.

Any result higher than 15 parts per billion (ppb) requires action.

Those results have always exceeded federal regulations for quality and safety,

said Boc.

"We've not had a result that exceeded the action level-not even close to that level in all the houses we've tested," he said.

Even so, there are things a homeowner can do if he or she is concerned. Lead testing kits are available at hardware stores. Also, run the water before you drink from it first thing in the morning, he said.

Burecuff said water quality and safety information is also available on the city website. It can be found through the public works link under the department of public works tab.

"We're happy to talk about the quality of our water because we're proud of our water quality," Burecuff said. "We've got good data."

### CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID

**ITB 1516-21 ROAD ENTRY VESTS-ROMULUS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- (1) The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the purchase of said entry vests for the City of Romulus, Special Response Team.
- (2) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system (g) <http://www.mtin.net>.
- (3) Two (2) copies of the bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., Thursday, March 17, 2016. Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed using the Bid package label provided in the ITB documents.
- (4) At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids 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) For additional information contact Lynn A. Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing [lconway@cityofromulus.net](mailto:lconway@cityofromulus.net).

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### CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID

**ITB 1516-18 TWO YEAR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TESTING OF RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES TO BE DEMOLISHED**

- (1) The City of Romulus, Department of Building and Safety is seeking bids from qualified contractors licensed under the State of Michigan DEW laws governing their respective trade, for a two (2) year contractual agreement for the testing, sample evaluation and reporting for the presence of hazardous materials on or as needed basis on a privately owned residential, commercial and/or industrial structures scheduled for demolition.
- (2) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system (g) <http://www.mtin.net>.
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### MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 8, 2016  
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174

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

**Prayer of Absolution**  
**Roll Call**

**Present:** Kathleen Abdo, John Bardeen, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Rensse, William Whelan.

**Unexcused Absences in Attendance:**  
Arlene D. Burecuff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**10-122. 2A.** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 1, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**10-142. 1A.** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. - Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**2. Pledges:**  
**10-143. 3A.** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to approve the request from Pearl Varner, on behalf of the Romulus Historical Society, to issue no-fee permits for the electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and interior carpentry at the Peter C. Drell House at 12855 Wayne Rd. (which is in the City of Romulus) and the no-fee permit will be in effect until the restoration to the house is completed. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**4. Chairperson's Report:**  
Mayor Pro Tem Bardeen announced the annual seal dinner will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016 at the Romulus Senior High School.

**10-146. 4A.** Moved by Abdo, seconded by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Daniel Burecuff. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**10-146. 4B.** Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Kathy Sandstrom. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**10-147. 4A.** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Samuel Hubbard J. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**10-148. 4B.** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to schedule the annual no-fee spring city-wide landscaping sale on Thursday, May 19th through Sunday, May 22, 2016 with rain dates - Thursday, June 2nd through Sunday, June 5, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**4. Moved by Rensse, seconded by Choate to accept the Chairperson's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**5. Mayor's Report:**  
Mayor Burecuff presented a video of upcoming community events and also announced that tickets for the 2016 City Seal Dinner may be purchased from the Mayor's office. All proceeds from the bid will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

**10-149. 5A.** Deleted from agenda.

**10-151. 5B.** Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to authorize the Romulus Fire Department to dispose of 1986 Ford F-350 Police Mini Van Pumper #134 through a third-party vendor, Fomco Fire Sales. The City will not incur any expense for the sale of this equipment. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**10-151. 5C.** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Wadsworth, to authorize the Romulus Fire Department to dispose of the department's extra air filling station #2 through a third-party vendor, Fomco Fire Sales. The City will not incur any expense for the sale of this equipment. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**6A. City's Report**  
**10-161. 6A1.** Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to schedule a study session on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss revisions to "Animal" and "Sidewalk" Code and Zoning Ordinances with City Attorney, Steve Hirschick, and City Planner, Carol Mease. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**10-162. 6A2.** Moved by Makowski, seconded by Rensse to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 1516-15 General Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of January 1, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**6B. Treasurer's Report**  
**7. Public Comment**

A resident requested about a pipeline that has been approved by the State of Michigan that runs from Huron Road to Wick Road. Information will be posted on the city website. A resident asked that the mayor look into the City of Romulus Water Department rules and regulations. A resident, representing other residents, made the following comments: "Where does road funding come from?" Answer: At 51 funding. Any road made in the City of Romulus comes from road?" Answer: No. Is the City of Romulus providing any type of vacation for road work that is done? Answer: No. Will there be any increase in water bills this year? Answer: City of Romulus purchases water from the City of Detroit. Resident commented on poorly constructed sidewalk in front of her house.

**8. Unfinished Business**  
**9. New Business**  
**10. Communication**

Councilwoman Abdo announced that the Community United Methodist Church's Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the church on Olive St.

**10-163. 1A.** Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to give Warren 16-40 in the amount of \$384,064.63. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**12. 1A1. 1A2.** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Rensse to approve the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

1. Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 8, 2016.  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY OF ROMULUS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Public Accuracy Test** for the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election has been scheduled for **Thursday, March 1, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Romulus City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law. Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk  
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2016**

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary Election will be held at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Thursday, March 8, 2016. The Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time candidates for the office of President of the United States (Republican and Democratic Parties) will be nominated.

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

Precinct 1	St. Kenneth's Catholic Church	14051 N. Hagarty Rd.
Precinct 2	Friendship Station	42755 Schockcraft Rd.
Precinct 3	Township Hall	9055 N. Hagarty Rd.
Precinct 4	St. Michael's Academy of Faith	30750 Joy Rd.
Precinct 5	Johnston Elementary School	9000 Canton Center Rd.
Precinct 6	West Middle School	14400 W. Ann Arbor Rd.
Precinct 7	Church of the Nativity	45801 Ann Arbor Rd. W.
Precinct 8	Pratt Middle School	15800 N. Lantana Rd.
Precinct 9	Loring Wald Church	46500 N. Lantana Rd.
Precinct 10	Northridge Church	49555 N. Lantana Rd.
Precinct 11	St. Ann's Catholic Church	48250 Ann Arbor Rd. W.
Precinct 12	Protestant Middle School	46001 Ann Arbor Rd. W.

Applications for Absentee Ballots may be obtained during regular business hours, which are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, 9555 N. Hagarty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170.

On Saturday, March 5, 2016 the Clerk's Office will be open, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to issue Absentee Ballots to qualified voters in person.

On Monday, March 7, 2016 qualified voters may request an Absentee Ballot in person, and shall vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tapes and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Township Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Nancy Connelahan, Clerk  
Cheryl Thompson, Township Clerk

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**PROPOSED ACTION:** AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP

**REZONE FROM:** R-1, Single Family Residential

**REZONE TO:** VP, Village Park

**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, March 16, 2016

**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.

**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 9555 N. Hagarty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received a proposed petition to rezone Tr. 10 (10-16-16-001-10-16-001-10) from R-1, Single Family Residential to VP, Village Park.

The proposed rezoning is located on the east side of Joy Road, west of Hagarty Road, south of Ann Arbor Road, and east of Lolly Road. The existing address is 9200 Hagarty Road and 9500 Hagarty Road.

Application: 10-16-16-001-10-16-001-10. Applicant: Waters Park Lincoln/Mcswary



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Per the plat description, see tax records based on Tax ID no. 10-16-16-001-10-16-001-10.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that persons interested are required to be present. Pertinent information relative to the proposed rezoning 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 time as defined by 9555 N. Hagarty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. The meeting will be held in the Township Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, which is located at 9555 N. Hagarty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting. Persons with disabilities may also request the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9555 N. Hagarty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone: 734-354-3201. TDD: 800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

**PUBLISHED:** February 25, 2016 KENDRA BARBERA, SECRETARY  
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# CANTON - NORTHVILLE

## Township honored with state recreation awards

Canton Leisure Services was honored with two mParks awards this year, including an Excellence in Therapeutic Recreation Programming Award and a Special Brochure Award.

The honors are awarded annually to parks and recreation agencies and individuals who have contributed to the state recreation industry by mParks. This year, 22 parks and recreation professionals, agencies, advocates and legislators were honored with Michigan Recreation and Park Awards at the 2016 conference Feb. 18. The

Canton awards were presented to the Camp Leisure Club, and the seasonal brochure for the Canton Farmers Market.

"This recognition is further proof of Canton Leisure Services' dedication to quality programs and events," said Canton Leisure Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz. "Canton residents are fortunate to have access to these award-winning programs in our community, as well as year-round recreation opportunities, health and wellness classes and activities, fine arts and

cultural programs, family-friendly community events and more."

Over the years, mParks members, professionals and partners have made a tremendous impact on quality of life through parks and recreation," said mParks Chief Operating Officer Ann Conklin. "The award winners and the entire industry truly make an important difference in the lives of Michigan residents and visitors."

mParks is the statewide professional association for Michigan's parks and recreation industry, committed to educating

and inspiring a diverse membership of more than 2,000 parks and recreation professionals, agencies, advocates and vendors. mParks also serves as the voice for the industry, promoting and advocating for parks and recreation as an invaluable resource for community, economy and public health. Learn more about mParks at [www.myparks.org](http://www.myparks.org).

Since 2004, Canton Leisure Services has been accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), which recognizes park and

recreation agencies for excellence in operation and service. Currently there are 143 CAPRA accredited agencies in the United States. Canton Leisure Services was also recognized as the 2008 winner of the National Recreation and Parks Association Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management.

For more information about Canton's award-winning programs and other Canton Leisure Services classes, programs and events, visit [www.cantontown.org](http://www.cantontown.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

## Ridge Wood is named 3rd Lighthouse school

The Northville School District is now home to three of only nine Lighthouse Schools in the state.

Ridge Wood Elementary School received the prestigious designation last month after a Lighthouse Review Team from Franklin Covey Education, a component of the global consulting and training leader Franklin Covey, spent a day in January interviewing Ridge Wood students, teachers, staff and parents. The team members toured the school, visited classrooms and reviewed data with students. Just 14 days later Ridge Wood principal Heather Bauer got the call that Ridge Wood is a The Leader in Me Lighthouse School.

Students and staff members celebrated their accomplishment during a school-wide assembly the next day.

Ridge Wood is one of 10 to achieve Lighthouse status and only the ninth in Michigan - along with Moraine and Silver Springs elementary schools, which earned the Lighthouse designation in 2013 and

2014, respectively.

"To have three of the nine Lighthouse schools in Michigan is a remarkable achievement to celebrate. This achievement underscores the meaningful work under way across our learning community from early childhood through graduation to prepare our students for a bright future in the 21st century world," said Northville Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher.

The Leader in Me is a whole-school transformation framework - developed in partnership with educators - that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. It is based on the principles and practices of personal, interpersonal and organizational effectiveness. The Leader in Me starts with the premise that every child possesses unique strengths and has the ability to be a leader and have a voice in their learning.

"The Leader in Me framework has enabled both our teachers and our stu-

dents to see themselves as true leaders," said Bauer. "We have students who take charge of their learning, set goals, and make plans for how they will achieve those goals. It is amazing to hear our children talk about what they can do, and what they are leaders of. Being recognized as a school earning the Lighthouse status is an honor and is simply amazing. I couldn't be more proud of our students, and the entire Ridge Wood family," she said.

"I would like to extend a huge thank you for the support of Ridge Wood families, our teachers and staff, our Dad's Club,

PTA, and the Northville Educational Foundation, all of whom have made this journey possible," Bauer added. "We are celebrating this milestone as we continue to focus on our mission to Learn and Lead Together."

"We applaud the entire Ridge Wood community for achieving the distinction as a Lighthouse School in their The Leader in Me journey," said Gallagher. "This is powerful work that brings students, teachers, parents and families together with the collective focus on learning in a way that nurtures the leadership capacity and potential within every learner."

## Count Me In storyline continues

The Canton Library is offering Storytime for kids with special needs. Count Me In, at 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The Storytimes are designed for young children with developmental delays and disabilities. The programs are funded by the

Dollar General Library Foundation.

Programs are planned for March 12, April 23, May 21 and June 18 at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center Road.

For information, call (734) 397-0099.

To subscribe to The Eagle call 734-467-1900.

### NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)  
Request for Applications and Public Notice of Availability of Funds

The Charter Township of Canton announces the availability of approximately \$10,000 in CDBG funds for housing and community development activities beginning July 1, 2016. All applications must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the applicant name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. 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.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following office:

President of the United States (Republican and Democratic Ballots)

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

Listed below are the polling locations for the Tuesday, March 8, 2016 Election which will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting:

Precincts	Name of Polling Location	Address
1	University Middle School	4000 Highland Rd
2	St. John's Lutheran Church	3515 S. Shelden Rd
3	St. John's Lutheran Church	4000 Warren Rd
4	St. John's Lutheran Church	4072 Highland Rd
5	St. John's Lutheran Church	4072 Highland Rd
6	St. John's Lutheran Church	4072 Highland Rd
7	St. John's Lutheran Church	4072 Highland Rd
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The Office of the Charter Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2016 for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to obtain a ballot. On Monday, March 7, 2016, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots (ENAB) will be issued on Election Day, March 8, 2016.

To obtain election information in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5123 prior to Election Day.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card, check the Clerk's voting page on Canton's Website at [www.cantontown.org](http://www.cantontown.org), or call the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5123.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 2016 for the following:

### KUBOTA CAR TRACTOR & DOCKING MOWER

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at [www.cantontown.org](http://www.cantontown.org), or you may contact Mike Shugart at 734-394-5123. 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.

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 12 of 2008, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 14, 2016, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT** CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1.03 RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF SPECIAL EVENT AND SECTION 2.07 RELATIVE TO SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., prior to Thursday, March 10, 2016 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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Greg Greene, Chairman  
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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2008, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 14, 2016, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.01 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

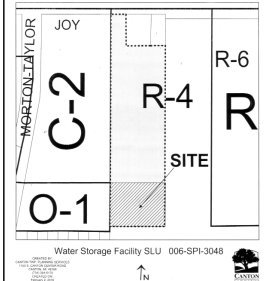
**CANTON TOWNSHIP WATER STORAGE FACILITY SPECIAL LAND USE** CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A WATER STORAGE AND PUMPING FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.03 FOR THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF PARCELS NO. 99-99-0801-001 (4147 JOY ROAD). Property is located south of Joy Road and east of Morton Taylor Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 10, 2016 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

### SEE ATTACHED MAP

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# BELLEVILLE - Inkster

## School board terminates superintendent

Michael Van Tassel has been replaced as superintendent of the Van Buren Public Schools. Members of the board of education approved the termination of his contract at a meeting Monday, following months of complaints and controversy regarding Van Tassel's management of the district. Parents had been crowding school board meetings for months, demanding answers and criticizing Van Tassel, and at times, the board members for their actions.

Parents were highly critical of Van Tassel's physical removal of five teachers from Savage Elementary School last month

when officials from the Michigan Department of Education alleged that cheating took place on required state tests and disallowed the results from the school.

At Van Tassel's urging, an outside firm also interviewed students at the school to determine if there were improprieties in the way the tests were administered or if teachers offered extra help or even answers to students.

Parents protested the interviewing of the children months after the tests were taken and reported that the students were upset by the manner in which some of the interviews were

handled.

In December, when a freshman student was found with a gun at Belleville High School, along with ammunition in a backpack, Van Tassel and the school principal failed to alert parents who did not find out about the incident for more than a week, also prompting concern and criticism from parents.

In the most recent incident, Van Tassel filed an assault charge Jan. 28 against board member Sherry Frazier following a loud argument in his office. While Frazier maintained that she did no more than touch Van Tassel's sleeve

in an attempt to get his attention, he claimed that she grabbed his arm and "poked" him.

Van Tassel dropped his claims of assault with the police department Feb. 4.

During the crowded meeting this week, several teachers criticized Van Tassel's leadership style as controlling and intimidating.

Frazier, an outspoken critic of Van Tassel, said, "The superintendent was exclusive. He was not inclusive. He did not encourage staff members' participation in decision-making or the board's input." She also said that he was "a victim of

making poor decisions."

Board vice president Martha Toth expressed regret at having to terminate Van Tassel, noting that his performance evaluations have found him to be "highly effective." She added that the continued criticism from teachers and parents prevented him from being an effective leader in the district.

"There is no chance he can continue to be our leader when he is under siege like this," she said.

Board members named current Human Resources Director Shonta Langford Green as interim superintendent.

## Investigations into homicides, gunfire continues in Inkster

Detectives from the Inkster Police Department and Michigan State Police Special Investigation Section are currently investigating a third homicide in the city during the past three weeks and the non-fatal shooting of two men Feb. 16.

The fatal shooting took place at about 7:30 a.m. Feb. 10 in the 27000 block of Moore Court, according to police reports. A preliminary investigation revealed that two vehicles were involved in altercation that resulted in numerous shots being fired into one driver's vehicle. That vehicle subsequently struck a home on Moore Court and the driver was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival, according to police

reports.

A second individual ran from the scene and was apprehended by officers and transported to a local hospital with a gunshot wound. Police said they have not yet determined what his role was in the incident, although the shooting does not appear to be random, according to investigators.

Officers are also searching for a suspect in a shooting that took place at about 2:30 a.m. Feb. 16, at an apartment complex on the 400 block of Cherry Hill in Inkster.

A preliminary investigation revealed that two men suffered gunshots fired by a third man who fled on foot from the scene.

One victim suffered a gunshot wound to his abdomen and the other had a gunshot wound to his right bicep. Both subjects were transported to Eastern Michigan University Hospital and are expected to recover from their injuries according to police.

The suspect was described as a light skinned black male, 17-20 years old, with

wavy black hair and a mustache. The suspect was reportedly wearing a red hooded jacket.

Police said that this shooting, too, does not appear random, and the investigation is continuing by both Michigan State Police and officers from the Inkster Police Department.

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### NOTICE OF ELECTION

**CITY OF ROMULUS, Michigan**  
**March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election**  
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7-9 AM.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that for **ALL** Precincts there are three ballot types: one ballot for Democratic Party, one ballot for Republican Party, and one ballot without Presidential Primary (this ballot choice is for voters not voting in the Presidential Primary who wish to vote on local proposals or candidates) as shown below:  
**Democratic Party Presidential Primary, President of the United States: Raquel Rocky De La Fuente, Martin J. O'Malley, Bernie Sanders, Hillary Clinton, Uncommitted.**  
**Republican Party Presidential Primary, President of the United States: Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Rick Santorum, Donald J. Trump, Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee, John R. Kasich, George Patakis, Uncommitted.**

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Romulus City Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540. The following proposal will appear on the ballot:

### CITY OF ROMULUS

**NEIGHBORHOOD STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSAL**  
Shall the City of Romulus, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, payable in not to exceed ten (10) years from the date of issuance, for the purpose of paying the cost of neighborhood street improvements throughout the City, consisting of paving, repaving, repairing, reconstructing and improving neighborhood streets, including all related appearances and attachments? The estimated value to be levied in 2016 is 3.53 mills (\$3.53 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated savings over the annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 3.55 mills (\$3.55 per \$1,000 of taxable value). Yes | No | NO

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Clerk's Office, Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540.

### STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964

Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act  
I, RICHARD P. HATHAWAY, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of January 26, 2016, the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 4, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

### WAYNE COUNTY

Wayne County, Michigan  
City of Romulus

Jurisdiction	Date of Election	Voted	Increases	Years
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill		2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill		2021
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills		2015
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills		2020
Community College	November 6, 2012	1 mill		2022

### School Districts

Romulus School District	May, 2011	18 mills		2021 (non homestead only)
	August, 2002	5.1314 mills		2017 (homestead only)
	November, 2008	.75 mills		2018
Wayne-Westland	May 2010	18 mills		2025 (non homestead only)
Community Schools	February, 2012	1 mill		2022
Woodward - Brownstown School District	August 5, 2014	18 mills		2023 (non homestead only)
	February, 2011	1 mill		2020

Richard P. Hathaway, Wayne County Treasurer  
Dated: January 26, 2016

All electors who are registered with the City of Romulus Clerk are eligible to vote at this election. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tapes in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Romulus Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

- 1, 7 & 10 Romulus Middle School, 37300 Wick Road
- 2, 8 & 4 Hildebrand Elementary School, 16200 Harrison Road
- 3, 8 & 9 Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road
- 12 Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road
- 11 Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road
- 11 North Elementary School, 38207 North Road
- 6 West Village Estates, 7040 Shawnee Drive (All located in Romulus, MI)

Absentee ballots available for all electors; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absentee voter ballot. You may vote by absentee ballot if you:

- Are unable to attend the polls without assistance.
- Are 60 years of age or older;
- Expect to be absent from your city for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day;
- Are in jail, awaiting arraignment or trial.
- Have been assigned to work as a precinct inspector in a precinct other than where you are registered or
- Are unable to attend the polls because of religious beliefs.

Ellen L. Craig-Blogg, City of Romulus Clerk  
11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174  
734-942-7540

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### CITY OF ROMULUS 2016 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 14, 2016:	9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
March 15, 2016:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
March 16, 2016:	9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Residents and Non-Residents may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals (documentation not later than March 16, 2016 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 Board of Review, please call the City of Romulus Department of Assessment at 734-942-7520.

For the purpose of addressing clerical errors, mutual 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 19, 2016:	9:30 am
December 13, 2016:	9:30 am

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

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### INVITATION TO BID CITY OF ROMULUS ITB (1516-20) - MIDDLELEB ROAD WATER MAIN ABANDONMENT Project #0155-14-0090

The City of Romulus, in requesting sealed bids for the abandonment of the 8-inch water main along Middlelebe Road from Goddard Road to Wick Road (Project 1516-20). The major items of work include approximately 5,100 feet of 8-inch water main abandonment with fibre-optic grid, 500 feet of water main removal, 5 service connections, and 8 new water main connections made with tapping sleeve and valves to existing 16 and 24-inch water mains.

No pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City of Romulus Clerk until 2:00 PM local time, on March 15, 2016. All bids should be clearly addressed:

ITB 1516-20 - Middlelebe Road Water Main Abandonment  
City of Romulus Clerk's Office  
11111 Wayne Road  
Romulus, MI 48174

Contract documents for this project shall be on file on and after 4:00 PM, February 25, 2016, at the City of Romulus Clerk's Office or may also be examined from the office of the City's Engineer, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 (phone 734-522-6711), or online at the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network website: www.MITN.info.

Copies thereof may be obtained from the office of the City's Engineer, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. A proposal, non-refundable fee of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) will be charged for each set of contract documents and an additional non-refundable fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) will be charged if contract documents are mailed.

Bid security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or bid bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

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

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

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

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# PLYMOUTH

## 'Debate' draws heated response from city official

Don Howard  
Staff Writer

Nearly 70 residents crowded the meeting room at the Plymouth Library last Thursday where a community forum, advertised on social media and purported to be about taxing authorities, special assessment districts (SADs), and downtown development authorities (DDAs), escalated into a somewhat heated debate regarding the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) and the animosity of township officials toward the city.

Program speakers were Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price and Don Soenen, the philanthropist who is the driving force behind and president of PARC, a project to re-purpose Central Middle School into a multi-use community facility. Price contended last week that the forum, set up by Republican Precinct Delegate Estelle Ollanski, "was not a debate," despite that characterization on some social media sites.

Price appeared somewhat confounded when during the course of the discussion, his comments and assertions regarding acrimony between the city and township were directly challenged by Plymouth City Commissioner

Colleen Pobur from the audience.

Plymouth Township officials have been adamant about not participating in the PARC project and the board of trustees, led by Treasurer Ron Edwards, last year agreed to a resolution preventing any involvement with the city until November 2016, after the general election. In 2014, board members also agreed to Edwards' proposed \$50,000 in funding for a recreation survey of township residents that has not yet taken place. The township is also in the midst of a \$2.5 million controversial recreation plan that has drawn much public criticism and protests from residents.

Pobur, apparently prompted by Price's remarks regarding the city of Plymouth, introduced herself to the audience and Price and challenged Price's repeated comments about the strained city-township relationship.

"The city is not fighting with the township, Mr. Price," Pobur said. "Why don't you make a resolution to abolish that resolution...we are making good progress on the (five department) legacy costs and I think that's a good example."

"It's a disingenuous thorn in our paw that there's a resolution on the books in the town-

ship that says we will not use what's in the higher good for all citizens and work collaboratively with the city," she said emphatically.

Price defended the board resolution saying it was in place before he was appointed.

"You say that was before you came here, but now, you're here..." Pobur responded.

"I don't see where there's a member of the board that would be interested in un-doing a resolution. We're still looking at a long-term solution, we've made a lot of progress but we haven't gotten any commitment..." said Price.

"That's not true," Pobur retorted.

"Rather than have a big debate we need to move forward in a positive way as opposed to having to having to go back...there's a lot of animosity and we're trying to keep calm, we're trying to move forward...that's what we're trying to do," Price said in response to Pobur's comments.

The meeting was quickly closed by moderators following the confrontation between Pobur and Price.

The discussion began earlier in the evening with cursory comments by Price regarding the fundamental elements of SADs and DDAs while Soenen, detailed the progress made to

restore the downtown Plymouth facility by volunteers, the contributions from citizens and the 3,000 current users who support the arts and recreation complex in the former school building where 14 community groups are now housed.

"We need a facility for the greater Plymouth community that addresses both the arts and recreation needs," explained Soenen. He added that a proposed millage would fund about \$30-\$25 million in needed structural repairs at the building which was purchased from the school district for about \$3.3 million.

Price responded, "PARC is a great idea, but where is the feasibility study?" Price said he wasn't in support of or against PARC, but needed more information. He said the township needs a business plan before officials go to voters for a millage to support the complex, citing a \$2.5 million liability caused by the acrimonious split of the city and township fire department.

Plymouth Township has since hired former attorney general Mike Cox to attempt to recoup claimed fire department legacy costs.

His remarks regarding the current status of those negotiations with the city apparently triggered Pobur's rebuttals.

Soenen said earlier in the

discussion that he favored a team effort between the city, the township, the school district and PARC representatives to conduct a "One Plymouth" arts and recreation survey, needs assessment, in an effort to develop a plan to move forward.

Soenen also said long-term leases and agreements are now generating more than 65 percent of the current operating revenue at PARC but felt the Plymouth community cannot afford two recreational facilities with a combined population of only 36,000 residents.

"We need to get Plymouth Township engaged in this process," Soenen said. As the discussion became more heated, he suggested that the PARC supporters might simply wait two years before seeking participation from township officials, indicating that "things could change."

"There's no point in me coming back to the township," he told Price. "You know what they're going to do with it (the business plan). We're not going back until this situation really improves, then maybe we'll get somewhere," Soenen said.

"We're doing OK, our operations are just fine," Soenen said as moderators moved to quickly close the meeting following the exchange between Pobur and Price.

## Attack

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crime, her admittance was not allowed by Callahan who ruled that she obviously did not under-

stand her rights when she spoke to police investigators and admitted what she had done.

Callahan's ruling was upheld by an appellate court where judges agreed that she did not understand her rights at the time of her confession and did not knowingly waive her consti-

tutional rights before the interrogation by detectives was conducted.

A gag order was issued by Callahan in the case following the appearance of her parents, Jeffrey and Lauren Sikorski, on a local TV station discussing the case. The three children were

adopted about 12 years ago from Poland and Sikorski's parents have alleged that she suffers from post traumatic stress syndrome as a result of the abuse she suffered. She was 5 at the time of the adoption.

Sikorski, who was charged as an adult by Wayne County

Prosecutor Rym Worthy who said her decision was based on the content of the graphic texts, entered the guilty plea to the single charge on the first day of her trial.

Rivera, now 24, was convicted and sentenced in August to life in prison.

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# WESTLAND

## Showing off Art club to exhibit at city hall

Westland City Hall will soon be filled with original creations by local artists who have agreed to display their work at the new building.

Three Cities Art Club has joined with the City of Westland in a partnership to create an art gallery in the new Westland City Hall.

The agreement specifies that the art will change every three months and that for three of every 12 months, the space will be available for other art groups to display works.

The new area in the west wing of city hall will be called The Gallery and is located near the banquet and meeting rooms.

"Three Cities Art Club is celebrating its 60th birthday this year," club President Marilyn Meredith explained. "Mayor (William R.) Wild, who has made it a priority to bring more cultural opportunities to Westland, has followed and supported our club for over 5 years in our annual art exhibitions at the Westland Library and our Festival of the Arts at Westland Mall which is co-sponsored by the Westland Rotary Club."

"The art club has brought with them a lot of excitement and culture to Westland," said Wild.

The gallery at city hall is the brainchild of photographic artist Allen

Brooks. "When I saw the new city hall I thought, 'What a great place for an art gallery,' and with Three Cities Art Club having some of the finest artists in southeast Michigan, many nationally and internationally known, and with everyone eager to display their work.....what a perfect match," Brooks said.

The premier exhibition includes watercolors, oil, acrylics, pencil, pastels, airbrush, mixed media and photography, and runs through April 30. In May, students at the art department of John Glenn High School will take over for a month showing the best of students' work created during the past school year. These works will be on display for the 50th anniversary celebration of the city.

The official opening of the new gallery, with a ribbon cutting ceremony, is planned for 4 p.m. tomorrow, Feb. 25. Wild and several city officials will be on hand to open the new attraction and the public is invited to the ceremony and reception which will continue until 7 p.m.

Westland City Hall is located at 36300 Warren Road in Westland. For more information, contact Meredith at (313) 221-3039 or Brooks at (734) 899-1080. Also, visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) or [www.threecitiesartclub.org](http://www.threecitiesartclub.org).

## Water

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there could be 11 lead pipes in the area and the city would replace all of them to ensure the safety of residents in the area.

Wild stressed that the water-quality testing would be performed by a third-party laboratory not affiliated with the city to prevent any appearance of collusion.

City Council President Jim Godbout concurred with Wild's assessment of the handling procedures for the pipes in the city.

"We replace them as we find them," Godbout said. Godbout was also critical of a recent report alleging that Westland water customers paid a rate second only to that of Flint as the highest in the state and one of the highest in the country. He said that the city had contacted Mary Grant, director of the Food and Water Watch organization and that she had agreed to send a letter explaining the way the rates were calculated which would drop Westland from 29th highest rate in the country to 151st for 60,000 gallons of water.

Wild said that representatives from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) had been in the city last Thursday to investigate Raymore's claims and that they would be at the meeting on Monday to inform residents of their findings.

Raymore had also claimed that he was instructed to pump raw sewage into a drain going into the City of Inkster, another claim MDEQ representatives investigated. Wild said.

Godbout noted that the new pumping station on which the city is spending about \$3 million will alleviate any such flooding or overflow sewage problems during heavy rainfall.

All Raymore's charges and allegations were to be discussed at the meeting last Monday.

Godbout said that he found it curious that Raymore would bring this matter forward in such a public fashion shortly after a discrimination complaint he filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission had been dismissed.

Raymore, a 19-year city employee, prepared a packet of his allegations to present to members of the council. He claims that City Attorney James Fournier intercepted the documentation Jan. 27 and did not adhere to a 14-day deadline he set in his written allegations, prompting his public charges at the city council meeting Feb. 15. He said that he could not in "good conscience" remain silent any longer.

Raymore filed for arbitration in his disputes with a supervisor last year. Arbitrators found for the supervisor but did reduce the discipline. In January last year, Raymore alleged discrimination when he was not promoted and filed complaints with both the EEOC and the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. Both were dismissed on Jan. 13.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton the March Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Office on the first floor, at 1130 S. Canton Center Road.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing to or in writing to the Board of Review. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 16, 2016 by 9:00 a.m.

The following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Tuesday, March 8, 2016	Organizational Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (No Appearances)
Monday, March 14, 2016	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Appearances Only)
Tuesday, March 15, 2016	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appearances Only)
Wednesday, March 16, 2016	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appearances Only)

Please be advised that after 5:30 p.m. entry to the building can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township Hall. To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review you may call the Assessor's Office at 734-384-5111.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK  
Charter Township of Canton Township

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

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

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**ZAHZ CHV RETAIL MINOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD),** CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCELS NO. 873-99-0857-713. Property is located on the southeast corner of Cherry Hill and Roosevelt.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1130 S. Canton Center, 5 prior to Thursday, March 10, 2016 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Greg Grasso, Chairman  
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**RIVER HILL RIDGE PUD AMENDMENT NO. 1** - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PUD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCELS NO. 874-00-008, 874-00-009, 874-00-010, 874-00-011, 874-00-012, 874-00-013, 874-00-014, 874-00-015, 874-00-016, 874-00-017, 874-00-018, 874-00-019, 874-00-020, 874-00-021, 874-00-022, 874-00-023, 874-00-024, 874-00-025, 874-00-026, 874-00-027, 874-00-028, 874-00-029, 874-00-030, 874-00-031, 874-00-032, 874-00-033, 874-00-034, 874-00-035, 874-00-036, 874-00-037, 874-00-038, 874-00-039, 874-00-040, 874-00-041, 874-00-042, 874-00-043, 874-00-044, 874-00-045, 874-00-046, 874-00-047, 874-00-048, 874-00-049, 874-00-050, 874-00-051, 874-00-052, 874-00-053, 874-00-054, 874-00-055, 874-00-056, 874-00-057, 874-00-058, 874-00-059, 874-00-060, 874-00-061, 874-00-062, 874-00-063, 874-00-064, 874-00-065, 874-00-066, 874-00-067, 874-00-068, 874-00-069, 874-00-070, 874-00-071, 874-00-072, 874-00-073, 874-00-074, 874-00-075, 874-00-076, 874-00-077, 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## Hero Wall Controller honors hospital staff

As the controller at Beaumont Hospital - Wayne, Jay Bonnell works behind the scenes to fulfill the needs of staff and physicians so they can provide the best in care to the community.

His philanthropic efforts were recently acknowledged by the health-care organization with the opportunity to have a section of Beaumont-Wayne named in his honor, a tribute the organization reserves for those who have demonstrated remarkable efforts to help fund various programs at the facility.

It was no surprise to those who know him that Bonnell opted to stay behind the scenes and defer the public recognition to others. As an Oakwood Foundation Presidents and Legacy Society member, Bonnell chose honor the employee team at Beaumont - Wayne, men and women he works with on a daily basis. The result was the Hero Wall, named in honor of site president Eric W. Widner and dedicated to showcasing the staff and physicians who provide care to patients.

"Jay has made a tremendous impact on the programs and services we provide at Beaumont Hospital - Wayne," said

Michelle Anderson, interim executive director of the Oakwood Foundation. "He has made this impact in the most humble and unassuming manner."

His gifts have helped provide equipment for the Beaumont Breast Care Center - Wayne, supported the Summer Speech Therapy Program and more. Bonnell offered a challenge grant that matched Spirit of Giving Campaign contributions by management at the hospital and he has also made arrangements through his estate plan to make a significant gift to support patient care.

"Jay has taken significant personal action by making charitable investments in areas that impact patient care, and challenging our staff and leadership to do the same," said Dr. Neelam Kumar, Oakwood Foundation chair and physician supervisor of pathology at Beaumont - Wayne. "The wonderful thing about Jay is that he sees the personal side of things. He speaks directly to our physicians, our patients, their family members and staff each day. I think that Jay has a unique perspective into the impact of charity and philanthropy."



Division President Eric W. Widner and Jay Bonnell, corporate controller of Beaumont Hospital - Wayne, stand near the new Eric W. Widner Hero Wall featuring physicians and clinicians who provide excellent, compassionate care to patients.

The wall is prominently located in the hallway behind the main lobby. The photos of team members who have gone above and beyond to impact the lives of patients are displayed on a gray background under special lighting. The wall is already full.

"I can see the impact each day I come to work," said Bonnell.

Widner said even though Jay chose to honor him with the naming of the hero hall, it's Jay's spirit that reverberates through the hallway.

"Jay's enthusiasm and his passion for

this hospital, for our coworkers, the physicians and for our patients, radiates from him," Widner said. "This hallway is designed to celebrate the caring heroes on our team, but it really demonstrates Jay's commitment to excellent patient care and the community. We are so fortunate to have him as a partner, as a colleague and as an investor in our efforts."

"I think this is a fantastic way to honor the dedicated staff members and physicians who go above and beyond to provide exceptional care to our patients and their families."

## Police stand-off ends with apparent suicide

A 39-year-old Wayne man who barricaded himself inside his home Monday apparently took his own life, ending a 12-hour stand-off with police.

According to police reports, officers entered the Ash Street home after hearing a single gunshot at about 8:51 p.m. Monday to find the man dead, apparently from a self-inflicted wound. Officers had been at the home on the 35000 block since about 10:30 that morning when he

called police insisting that his mother and sister leave the home. The three, along with his 6-year-old son, reside in the home, according to preliminary reports.

The man, armed with a shotgun, insisted his sister, 39, and mother leave while he remained in the home. His sister returned in the afternoon, and attempted to convince the man to communicate with police and leave the house, but her

efforts were unsuccessful.

During the day, Wayne City Hall, the 29th District Court and other municipal buildings were on a temporary lockdown while police determined the exact situation. Those lockdowns were lifted after a brief time when officers determined that the area was safe and that the man did not present a wide spread threat.

"This is not him. He snapped. I don't what happened. He doesn't have mental

issues," his sister told reporters. "He's a wonderful father, a good man, a kind-hearted person. He needs help. I don't want him to get hurt."

His sister also told reporters earlier than she suspected her brother had experienced some kind of mental break and thought she and her mother were the object of kidnappers.

Wayne police are continuing their investigation into the incident.

### Calendar of events

#### Cruise is raffle prize

The Michigan Philharmonic will raffle off a cruise through the Baltic Sea, Scandinavia and Russia for two.

The 11-night trip includes air fare and will take place aboard the Royal Princess of Princess Cruise Lines Aug. 4-19.

Tickets for the raffle are priced at \$50 and only 400 will be sold.

The cruise will depart from Copenhagen visiting the ports of Oslo, Norway; Berlin, Germany; Tallinn, Estonia and spend two days in St. Petersburg, Russia, Helsinki, Finland and Stockholm, Sweden.

The drawing of the winning ticket will take place May 21 at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.

The winner need not be present and will be notified May 21.

For more information contact Kate Rosewater at (734) 455-5610.

#### Slithering Snakes is topic

Wayne County Parks will host a program titled Slithering Snakes from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Participants will have a close encounter with snakes that live at the center and children will make a snake craft to take home. The event is indoor and recommended for participants 6 and older.

The cost is \$6 per child and \$2 for adult for country residents. For pre-registration, call (734) 261-1990.

#### Summer Camp registration opens

Maybury Farms will offer Day Camp for Kids again this summer. Maybury Farms Day Camp is a total hands-on experience that offers a wide variety of activities that are both educational and fun-filled, according to Northville Community Foundation President Jessica Striege. Campers will enjoy learning about farm animals including grooming, feeding and walking. Campers will take nature hikes, do crafts, play

games and learn team building skills as they get to know all about farm life and the importance of farm animals in our everyday lives.

Maybury Farms Summer Day Camp is open to boys and girls ages 5-12 years old. Camp hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from June 21 until Aug. 18. There will be no camp the week of July 4. The cost is \$60 per camper per week or \$150 per week. Tuesday through Thursday Campers can sign up for one day or join for a whole week.

To register for Day Camp, call (248) 374-0200 or visit [www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org). Space is limited.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. It is 1.14 mile west of Beck Road on Eight Mile, 12 mile west of Maybury State Park.

#### Underground Railroad topic

Wayne County Parks will host a program regarding the history of the Underground Railroad at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27.

The Underground Railroad was a systematic way of secretly helping people escape to freedom in the North which became operational in Michigan in the 1830s.

The presentation is recommended for those 12 and older. The cost is \$3 per person for Wayne County residents.

To register or for more information, call (734) 261-1990.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Academy applications accepted The Canton Police Department is now accepting applications for the next Citizens Police Academy for individuals interested in acquiring insight and knowledge about how the police department works. Individuals attending the academy will learn about the

policies and operational procedures of the department through presentations, demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Canton Police Department Citizens Police Academy will take place from 6-9 p.m. on Thursdays for six weeks, starting April 14 - May 19, with one Saturday morning session on May 7.

Class size is limited for this free program. Applicants must be residents of Canton Township, be 21 or older, have no felony convictions, and no misdemeanor convictions in the past 3 years and will be subject to a background check.

Applications are available online at [www.cantonpublicsafty.org](http://www.cantonpublicsafty.org), or in person at the front desk of the Canton Police Department located at 1150 S. Canton - Center Road. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 29. Questions can be directed to Staff Operations Sgt. James Harrison, (734) 394-5411.

#### Teen writers to meet

The Romulus Community Library is hosting a writing club for teens to share creativity.

Meetings take place from 4-5 p.m. the last Monday of the month through Feb. 29.

Light refreshments will be served. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 942-7269.

#### Skate to help others

Plymouth Community United Way will host the third annual Community Family Skate Fundraiser from 6-8 p.m. today at Skatin' Station 11, 8611 Ronda Dr., Canton.

Admission is \$6 and includes skate rental. Blade/speed skate rental is \$2 extra. Proceeds benefit Plymouth Community United Way (PCUW). For more information, call (734) 453-6879, ext. 7.

#### Chorus serves dinner

Belleville Community Chorus members will host their 3rd annual Baked Potato Dinner

from 4-7 p.m. Feb. 26 at Open Arms Lutheran Church, 7865 Belleville Road.

Tickets, priced at \$5, include 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.

The event is a fundraiser for the group. For more information, call Geoff Bush at (734) 776-7596 or go to [www.BellevilleChorus.org](http://www.BellevilleChorus.org).

#### Muslim culture explored

Area residents can sample international delicacies, get a henna design, view in Arabic-style calligraphy, and have the opportunity to speak face-to-face with one of the area's many Muslim residents at an event at the Canton Public Library from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Feb. 27.

The event is being organized by the library, the Muslim American Society-Detroit, the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs and the Canton Response to Hate Crime Coalition to create a culture of peace and build a safe, inclusive community.

Among other topics, speakers will address misconceptions about the role of women in Islam and the wearing of the hijab, basic tenets of Islam and how Muslims view other religions.

"The library is a great venue for this event. Not only are we fulfilling our mission of connecting our community, we are providing a neutral common ground for all of our residents to meet and learn about our Muslim neighbors," said library Director Eva Davis, who serves with Canton Public Safety Sgt. Dale Waltz as co-chair of the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition.

The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. For more information or directions to the library, visit [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org).

#### Wine and Canvas event planned

An evening of wine and paint-

ing is planned as a fundraiser for the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road in Belleville, beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 27.

For \$35, guests can paint a under the guidance of an instructor and for \$30, attendees can enjoy the snacks and companionship. There will be a cash bar during the evening.

Pre registration for the event is requested at (734) 277-9253. Information is available from Joanne@wineandcanvas.com.

#### Needcraft group to meet

The Needcrafts group will meet at 6:30 at the Belleville Area District Library every other Thursday, March 3, March 17 and March 31.

All skill levels are welcome and the group includes knitting, crochet, embroidery, weaving and needlepoint.

The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

#### Birdhouse lessons offered

A build a birdhouse family program is planned at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5.

Participants will be supplied with all materials and tools needed to construct a birdhouse along with instructions and information about types of birds that might use the house.

It is an indoor program recommended for participants 6 and older with parental assistance. The cost is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult. There is an additional material fee of \$7 per family.

For pre-registration or information call (734) 261-1990. Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

#### Church serves chicken dinner

Willow United Methodist Church will serve a Chicken Supper from 5 p.m. until sold out Wednesday, March 9. Dinners, priced at \$10 per

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person, include fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole saw, dessert, coffee, hot tea and milk. Children's dinners are priced at \$5 for those 12 and younger.

Carry out will be available at 4:30 p.m.

The church is located at 36925 Willow Road in New Boston.

For more information, call (734) 654-9030.

## Craft items are topic

As part of the Homegrown Knowledge series at the Belleville Area District Library, Carmen Stovall of Crafted Modern Handmade Boutique will speak at 7 p.m. March 10 in the Library Program Room.

The series features a local speaker on the second Thursday of the month and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville. For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

## Chamber hosts

### Comedy/Auction Night

A Comedy/Auction Night dinner is being planned by the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce for 6-10 p.m. Friday, March 11 at the Marriott Hotel at Detroit Metro Airport, 30559 Flynn Dr. in Romulus.

Sponsorships for the event and donations of auction items are being sought. Items such as gift baskets, artwork, sporting event tickets, concert tickets, electronic equipment and gift certificates have sold well at previous events.

Cash donations are also being accepted.

For more information, or tickets, priced at \$45 per person, contact Betsey J. Krampitz at (734) 855-0934.

## United Way fundraiser set

Granite City Food & Brewery and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering for

Dine to Donate at their Northville location, 39603 Traditions Drive, Seven Mile and Haggerty roads on March 10.

Granite City will donate 10 percent of each patron's total bill to Plymouth Community United Way. Take out orders are also included. Simply print a flyer, or show the flyer on your mobile device, for the evening. Flyers can be found at [www.plymouthunitedway.org](http://www.plymouthunitedway.org), or at the Plymouth office, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail [randi.williams@pcuwc.org](mailto:randi.williams@pcuwc.org).

## Mayor's Ball is planned

The Mayor's Ball, hosted by Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burecchio and Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, is planned for 5 p.m. until midnight, Saturday March 12 at the Romulus Sheraton Hotel, 8800 Merriman Road in Romulus.

Tickets are \$100 per person and the donation to the Boys and Girls Clubs in the communities will include dinner, an open bar, dancing and entertainment along with live and silent auctions.

Advance ticket purchase is required.

Tickets and information are available from Rob McLachlan, (734) 578-5682 or [rwmcclachlan@gmail.com](mailto:rwmcclachlan@gmail.com).

Sponsorships at various financial levels are still being sought for the event and ads in the program book are available.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are a registered 501(c) 3 organization.

## Senator serves coffee

State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) is inviting members of the community to join him at an upcoming coffee hour to discuss state and local issues of concern. Hopgood represents the 6th Senate District, which includes the Wayne County, Brownstown



Still Got It Players Laura Kitzman, left, of Canton Township, Philip Lukasz of Westland and Chris Saksewski of Belleville rehearse for Old Ringers at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

## Players bring 'Old Ringers' to Village stage

The "Still Got It" Players is set to perform "Old Ringers" from March 16 - 20, in the Biltmore Studio at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"Old Ringers" is an adult comedy written by Joe Simonelli about four senior women and one man affected by their negative financial changes due to the economy. Strapped for funds, they decide to start a new business venture that includes a phone sex service to increase their incomes. This all comes about from a call accidentally made to one woman from the As You Like It - Shakespeare Phone Sex Service. The play overflows with one bawdy comic

line after another, while also addressing relationship issues between mother and daughter, as well subjects regarding religion, age, sex, dating and morals.

"Senior citizen phone sex gone hilariously wrong. This play will appeal to anyone who wants to get away from the cold and snow and enjoy a cleverly written comedy," said producer Laura Kitzman.

"There are also some great messages in this play regarding relationships, integrity and ethics."

"Old Ringers" will feature 1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday performances, 7:30 p.m. performances on Friday and

Saturday and a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee.

Tickets are priced from \$16-\$18 each and can be purchased by calling the box office at (734) 394-6300 or visiting <http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org>. Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For additional information about this or other Spotlight Players productions, visit [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or call the number listed above.

Township, Flat Rock, Huron Township, Rockwood, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township and Westland.

The coffee hour will provide an opportunity for citizens to meet Hopgood and share their thoughts about current events in Lansing and the local community.

The March Coffee Hour will take place at 9 a.m. March 14 at Mr. Mike's, 6047 North Wayne Road in Westland.

## Alumni hockey game set

The annual Wild's Wings versus Red Wings Alumni Hockey Game will take place on Friday, March 18.

Doors of the Mike Modano Ice Arena will open for the game at 5:30 p.m., with the proceeds benefiting the municipal arena.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and can be purchased at Westland City Hall, the Mike Modano Ice Arena, North Brothers Ford or online at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com).

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