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Officials cautioned about state finance

The municipal finance system in Michigan is broken and the difficulties facing local municipalities are threatening the overall fiscal health of the state itself.

That was the message Tony Minghine, chief operating officer and associate executive director of the Michigan Municipal League (MML), brought to a meeting of local area officials last week. Minghine and Frank Audia, group managing partner for Plante Moran, were traveling throughout the state informing officials and the public of the difficulties local governments have faced for the past eight years.

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"We have built a system that simply does not work," Minghine told the crowd of elected and appointed officials from southeastern Michigan who met in Romulus. "It's affecting your ability to attract and retain talent. This is going on across the state. We all have the

same issues." Local government finance is in trouble primarily because of the correlation between Proposal A, approved by voters in the mid-90s, and the Headlee Amendment which put a cap on the increase of property taxes each year. When the housing and economic crisis hit around 2008, the drop in property values

was so severe that, with the given funding mechanisms, it still hasn't recovered and probably never will, the municipal finance experts said.

Property values throughout the state dropped about 30 percent, on average, throughout that time, and Headlee and Proposal A only allow for an increase of 3 percent or the rate of inflation-whichever is smaller. Even worse, the state lawmakers have systematically reduced the amount of state shared revenue distributed to cities and townships, essentially plugging

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Westland OK's New \$700,000 open air pavilion

Construction of a new, \$700,000 open-air pavilion has been approved by Westland officials.

Members of the Westland Downtown Development Authority (DDA) approved a plan to construct the 3,000-square-foot, open-air pavilion which will complement the existing Farmers Market Pavilion and share several of the design elements and building materials. The new structure, to be called the Lions Pavilion, will accommodate the growing popularity of the Westland Farmers and Artisans Marketplace as well as the other amenities at Tattam Park, officials said.

"The Westland Lions are excited to have the reconstruction of the Lions' Pavilion," commented Ken Sharp, director of the Westland Lions Club. "It (the original pavilion) was originally financed and built by the Lions in the late 70s and was later removed due to the remediation of the park," he said.

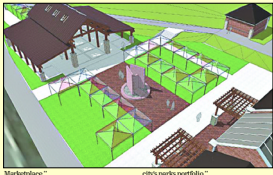
"We are excited to work with the City of Westland and contribute to the cost of the rebuilding and installation at the Farmers Market."

The project will also include the relocation of the All Service Memorial which is currently installed on the former city hall site on Ford Road. The All Service Memorial was dedicated in 1929 to all who have served, are serving and will serve in any of the U.S. military services.

"I am very excited to see this project move forward at what I consider the city's crown jewel, Tattam Park," commented DDA chairman Mike London. "I believe it will really complement our existing facilities, helping to expand our programming, as well as the needs of our ever-growing Farmers and Artisans



Artists' renderings of the new Lions Pavilion in Westland were presented to members of the Downtown Development Authority last week.



"I appreciate the contributions that the Westland DDA continues to make to the renaissance of Westland," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "This will be another extremely high quality asset in the

city's parks portfolio." The DDA approved a budget that is not to exceed \$715,000. The project will be put out for competitive bid the month construction is expected to be complete in 2017.

Romulus adopts upgraded master plan for development

A lot can change in five years. Officials in the City of Romulus want to make sure that they're able to plan for and react to those trends in their latest version of the Romulus Master Plan.

Members of the city council unanimously adopted the document last week that will set standards for development throughout the city. The original master plan was developed more than 12 years ago and the State of Michigan requires it to be updated every five years.

"We were ripe for a five-year amendment," said Brad Strader of LSI planning. "There were changes to zoning ordinances that needed to be supported by the master plan. There have also been some changes in the market conditions and needs, just looking at the state econo-

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my and other things going on in the region, that needed to be reflected in the master plan."

The document is essentially a blueprint for future land uses. It suggested changes in several areas of the city, but left two important ones alone, for now: the downtown and the Vining Road district. The city council met with the planning commission on those areas but decided not to make any changes at the time, opting instead to do further study on them and make amendments to the new master plan either this year or next

year. "I'll give the planning commission and your staff to talk to some of the property owners, get a better understanding of what some of the potential businesses are that would be desirable there and how to deal with the truck traffic that many of you brought up as a concern," Strader said of the Vining Road areas. Strader said the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is also updating the downtown plan, and it made sense to combine those changes into the master plan.

The plan marks a few development trends, such as less manufacturing and fewer corporate offices, as well as the intermingling of residential areas with home businesses, auto repair and demand for trucking and other logistics businesses. He said there was a need to diversify housing options, too, to retain and attract young people and appeal to the older population.

Some key changes include expanding the light industrial areas on the east side of the airport, keeping the small amount of commercial suggested on the south of the airport, east of I-275 but allowing for additional trucking/logistics and other types of industry there, as well as allowing for additional flexibility of businesses in the city's

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Threepeat? Westland mayor files for re-election

Westland Mayor William Wild will seek a third term at the helm of the 11th largest city in the state.

Wild was first appointed to the top job in the city in January 2007 when he replaced Sandra Cleirelli who was elected to a judgeship at the 18th District Court. He had served on the Westland City Council since 2001 prior to the appointment. In November that year, he won election to complete her term. He was re-elected as an unopposed candidate in 2009 and again in 2013, a unique situation in the city where there had not been an unopposed mayoral candidate in any previous election.

Wild was accompanied in presenting his filing paperwork at city hall by his wife, Sherrie, and children, Luke, Lily and Payton.

"It is a proud day," Wild, 48, commented in an email post. "It has been the

honor and privilege of my life to serve as mayor of my hometown since 2007." Wild was raised in the Norwayne section of Westland and is a graduate of John Glenn High School.

"I am so proud of our city and our 85,000 residents. We have an incredible city that recently celebrated our 50th anniversary and was named by 247 Wall Street as one of America's best cities to live in under 100,000 population. That is a testament to the incredibly compassionate residents and great city employees and the majority of city council that works very well with the administration," he said.

Wild led the city through a serious recession during his decade in office and saw the opening of Central City Park which had to be remediated from serious chemical waste pollution. He also saw the construction of a new city hall and five



Mayor William Wild, far right, was joined by his wife, Sherrie, and children, Luke, Lily and Payton, when filing for re-election last week.

station at no additional tax cost to residents and improvements at Taftan Park. Wild was also instrumental in promoting the adoption of one of the first city-wide recycling program which now collects and recycles more than one million pounds of material annually.

"We have made a lot of progress over

the last several years as our community works together to create a safe sustainable community that continues to offer opportunity and a platform for lifelong learning along with a great quality of life for our current and future residents," Wild said. "I'm looking forward to continuing that progress."

Troopers report no serious crime found in Wayne

Wayne officials received some good news from Michigan State Police Lt. Mike Shaw last week when he reported on the early experiences of troopers now patrolling in the city.

"Wayne doesn't have a crime problem," Shaw told the members of the city council during their regular meeting last week. "Our main focus has been traffic."

Shaw told the council mem-

bers and audience that troopers did take one gun off the streets during a traffic stop and have made 14 arrests during their first few weeks on patrol in Wayne.

Police Chief Alan MacIag and Shaw appeared before the council early last month to explain that troopers would now be helping patrol Wayne streets in an effort to augment the understaffed department.

Budgetary cuts in the city which faces a \$1.2 million shortfall have left the police department short-handed, MacIag said, and the help of the troopers was welcome.

Shaw said that the main focus of the troopers to date had been traffic stops, particularly on Michigan Avenue.

"We have seen speeds clocked at 60, 70, 85 and our winner at 93 m.p.h.," Shaw said.

"All of them received a 'coupon' from Gov. Snyder asking them to contribute to the state budget."

Shaw said that the troopers have not discovered any "hot spots" for crime in Wayne but that in might take another month to quantify that data.

"People have stopped troopers in the neighborhoods," he said. "People were surprised to see the troopers on patrol."

Shaw stressed that there have been some narcotics arrests during the Wayne traffic stops, but that was not at all uncommon today.

"Some arrests have been drug related, mainly marijuana and some heroin, it is a national problem," he said.

"Drug use is happening in all neighborhoods. If you think it isn't in yours, you are wrong," he said.

2 new officers join force

The latest officers to join the Westland Police Department bring a combined 28 years of public safety experience and have each been honored as an officer of the year in other communities.

Taking his oath of office Feb. 21 was Kristopher Landis who earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Ferris State University. He also earned his certification from the police academy.

Landis previously served in the Farmington Hills Police Department for 8.5 years where he received numerous unit citations, three lifeguarding awards and was named as the 2012 Police Officer of the Year. Landis has been trained in accident investigation and is also an evidence technician.

Also joining the Westland department was Shawn Davidson who joined the U.S. Army as a Black Hawk crew chief straight out of high school. His first assignment

was to the 159th Medevac Unit in Germany. Davidson was then deployed to Operation Desert Storm where he received the United States Air Force Medal for selfless service in a combat theater. His next assignment was to Ft. Campbell Kentucky where he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal. He was certified in repelling, completed Air Assault School and attained the rank of sergeant before his honorable discharge from the army.

Davidson returned to Michigan and joined the Detroit Police Department where he served for 20 years. During his time working in Detroit, he was awarded three lifeguarding awards, several meritorious awards and was nominated for the United States Medal of Valor. He was honored as the Officer of the Year in 2014. He is also trained in executive protection and is a defensive tactics instructor.



Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik, left, introduced new officers Kristopher Landis and Shawn Davidson to city officials including Mayor William R. Wild last week.

"Both of these officers are highly trained, highly skilled professionals," commented Mayor William Wild. "It is not often you have the opportunity to hire two

former Officer of the Year winners. We are extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to welcome these fine officers to the Westland Police Department."

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Planning Department, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **March 20th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

SALE OF CELL TOWER

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.cityofwestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Daniel J. Adams
 City Controller

CITY OF WESTLAND
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear on our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are hereby notified to state their comments.

Petition #2016-2, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
 Req. for a 1.5 acre 18' front lot, variance from: Art. X of the City Code as a result of the installation of a 40' high privacy fence in the east street side yd. of the house, whereas Sec. 22-30(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4' in height.

Petition #2016-3, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
 Req. for a side yd. fence location variance and a 18' side yd. fence lot, variance from: Art. X of the Westland City Code in order to install a 40' high privacy fence in the south side yd. of the house, whereas Sec. 22-30(c)(4) states that only rear yd. may be enclosed with a fence and Sec. 22-30(c)(5) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4' in height.

Petition #2016-5, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
 Req. for a 1.5 acre 18' front lot, variance from: Art. X of the City Code as a result of the installation of a 40' high privacy fence in the east street side yd. of the house, whereas Sec. 22-30(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4' in height.

Petition #2016-6, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
 Req. for a 1.5 acre 18' front lot, variance from: Art. X of the City Code as a result of the installation of a 40' high privacy fence in the east street side yd. of the house, whereas Sec. 22-30(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4' in height.

Petition #2016-7, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
 Req. for a 1.5 acre 18' front lot, variance from: Art. X of the City Code as a result of the installation of a 40' high privacy fence in the east street side yd. of the house, whereas Sec. 22-30(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4' in height.

Petition #2016-8, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
 Req. for a 1.5 acre 18' front lot, variance from: Art. X of the City Code as a result of the installation of a 40' high privacy fence in the east street side yd. of the house, whereas Sec. 22-30(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4' in height.

Petition #2016-9, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
 Req. for a 1.5 acre 18' front lot, variance from: Art. X of the City Code as a result of the installation of a 40' high privacy fence in the east street side yd. of the house, whereas Sec. 22-30(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4' in height.

Petition #2016-10, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-11, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-12, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-13, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-14, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-15, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-16, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-17, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-18, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
 Req. for a 1.5 acre 18' front lot, variance from: Art. X of the City Code as a result of the installation of a 40' high privacy fence in the east street side yd. of the house, whereas Sec. 22-30(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4' in height.

Petition #2016-19, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-20, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
 Req. for a 1.5 acre 18' front lot, variance from: Art. X of the City Code as a result of the installation of a 40' high privacy fence in the east street side yd. of the house, whereas Sec. 22-30(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4' in height.

Petition #2016-21, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
 Req. for a 1.5 acre 18' front lot, variance from: Art. X of the City Code as a result of the installation of a 40' high privacy fence in the east street side yd. of the house, whereas Sec. 22-30(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4' in height.

Petition #2016-22, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
 Req. for a 1.5 acre 18' front lot, variance from: Art. X of the City Code as a result of the installation of a 40' high privacy fence in the east street side yd. of the house, whereas Sec. 22-30(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4' in height.

Petition #2016-23, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
 Req. for a 1.5 acre 18' front lot, variance from: Art. X of the City Code as a result of the installation of a 40' high privacy fence in the east street side yd. of the house, whereas Sec. 22-30(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4' in height.

Petition #2016-24, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
 Req. for a 1.5 acre 18' front lot, variance from: Art. X of the City Code as a result of the installation of a 40' high privacy fence in the east street side yd. of the house, whereas Sec. 22-30(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4' in height.

Petition #2016-25, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-26, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-27, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-28, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-29, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-30, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
 Req. for a 1.5 acre 18' front lot, variance from: Art. X of the City Code as a result of the installation of a 40' high privacy fence in the east street side yd. of the house, whereas Sec. 22-30(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4' in height.

Petition #2016-31, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
 Req. for a 1.5 acre 18' front lot, variance from: Art. X of the City Code as a result of the installation of a 40' high privacy fence in the east street side yd. of the house, whereas Sec. 22-30(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4' in height.

Petition #2016-32, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-33, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-34, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-35, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-36, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-40, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-43, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-46, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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Petition #2016-48, 18th Ward, 18th Precinct
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INKSTER - PLYMOUTH

Hall of Fame Inkster Marvelettes to be re-inducted as music legends

The Marvelettes, a group of Motown singers from Inkster, will be re-inducted into the Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame this year.

The group included Inkster High School students Gladys Horton, Katherine Anderson (now Schaffner), Georgeanna Tillman (later Gordon), Juanita Cowart (now Cowart Motley), and Georgia Dobbins, who was replaced by Wanda Young (now Rogers) prior to the group signing their first deal. They were the first major successful act of Motown Records after the Miracles and its first significantly successful girl group after the release of the 1961 number-one single, Please Mr. Postman, one of the first number-one singles recorded by an all-female vocal group and the first by a Motown recording act.

Founded in 1960 when the founding members performed together at their glue club at Inkster High School, they were

signed to Motown's Tamla label in 1961. Some of their early hits were written by band members and some of Motown's rising singer-songwriters such as Smokey Robinson and Marvin Gaye, who played drums on a majority of their early recordings.

They had another major hit in 1965 with Don't Mess with Bill, along with several other smaller hits. The group had their struggles and Cowart left the group in 1963, followed by Georgeanna Tillman two years later, and Gladys Horton two after that. The group ceased performing together in 1969 and, following the release of The Return of the Marvelettes in 1970, featuring only Wanda Rogers, disbanded for good, with both Rogers and Katherine Anderson leaving the music business.

The group has received several honors including induction into the Vocal Group Hall of



The Marvelettes

Fame, as well as receiving the Pioneer Award from the Rhythm and Blues Foundation. In 2005, Please Mr. Postman and Don't Mess with Bill earned million-selling Gold singles awards.

The group was first inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2013, although only one member of the foursome was able to make the trip to Cleveland at that time.

"We feel it is fitting to re-induct them and we have members coming to the upcoming

induction ceremony," noted LaMott Robinson, founder/CEO Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame.

Among the major artists nominated for induction this year in addition to The Marvelettes are: Mitch Ryder, New Edition, Stevie Wonder, Gladys Knight & The Pips, Patti LaBelle, Sam & Dave, James Brown and The Impressions while non-artists included TV Host and entrepreneur Dick Clark, executives

Berry Gordy from Motown, Gamble & Huff of Philadelphia International Records, Clive Davis of Columbia and Arista, and both radio personalities Ernie Durham and Martha "Joan The Queen" Steinberg.

Ten10 music icons will be inducted into the Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame on June 11, at The Music Hall in Detroit. Tickets are now on sale at the Music Hall box office and can be ordered by calling (313) 887-8000.

Plymouth Library hosts authors

The creators of some of the most popular books for both children and adults will be on hand to talk to readers during the Author Fair at the Plymouth District Library.

The annual Author Fair will take place from 1-3 p.m. March 11 and showcase authors from both Plymouth and surrounding communities.

Books will be available for purchase and signing by the various authors, including books for children writers: Jack Leyden, Tom Bunker and the Start of a Strange Experience; Linda McLean, Wanda and Winky; Ian Moore, Zissan; Stephanie Neilan, The Cinderella Connection; Tisha Tan, Golden Cucumber: an Indonesian Fairy Tale and Carol Trumbull, Water Walkers.

Authors of books for teens will include: Teresa Lee / Brian Webster,

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Black Ice, Anthony Fieles, Death of the Republic; Gary Remblex, Black Feathers in Black Hats and Michael J. Schultz, The Vela Project.

Authors of works for adult readers will include: Brian Anderson, Chip Dip; K. M. Guerin, La Reyna; Donald Levin, Guilt in Hiding; Jon Milas; Gail O'Brien, Iconic Restaurants of Ann Arbor; Antoinette Pearson, Truth Transforms Education: A Framework

for New School Leaders; Terrance Puryear, Does Your Net Work: Exceptional Leadership through Biblical Principles; Bill Rapal, Lake Invaders: Invasive Species and the Battle for the Future of the Great Lakes; Pam Rossi, Over Easy Conversations with Pam Rossi; Kathleen Shepherd Skeek, Ghost by the Side of the Road: The Legacy of an Old Saltbox Farmhouse; Monica Starkman, The End of Miracles: A Novel; P. K. Summer, Behind the Facades of Suicide: Stories of Grief & Hope; Cheryl Vatcher-Martin, One Room School: Vanishing One Room Schools.

The author with the best book display based on attendee votes, will be awarded a prize as will two visitors to the event. The library is located at 223 S Main St. in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0750.

Library welcomes new director

Donna Sherrill has been named as the new director at the Lemma Hicks Public Library of Inkster.

Sherrill's background is in financial and business operations, customer service, marketing, and public service, according to a library spokesperson. Sherrill was employed by the Detroit Public Library for 13 years. A native Detroit, Sherrill has earned a masters degree in library and information science from Wayne State University.

A public reception for Sherrill is planned from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 at the library.

The event will also offer the opportunity to learn what resources and programs are available at the library and meet the library staff and board of directors. Refreshments will be served.

The library is located at 2025 Inkster Road, Inkster. For more information, call (313) 953-2922.

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

March is Reading Month celebrated at library

March is Reading Month and the Romulus Public Library has several special programs planned to interest readers of all ages.

Under way now is the BINGO game and cards are now available at the library. Readers can turn in their completed BINGO card by March 31 to be eligible for the grand prize drawing. The library is also sponsoring the Get Caught Reading event this month - participants can take a picture of someone reading or have someone take a picture of them reading and send it to the library. Photos will be displayed on the "I Got Caught Reading" wall.

Other programs include: Monday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. - Garden Club Speaker

The Romulus Garden Club will be hosting a speaker:

Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Rufus the Dufus Juggling Show is planned. Rufus the Dufus is back

with a comic program sure to amaze audiences.

Monday, March 13 at 7 p.m. - Second Monday Book Club members will meet to discuss "The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared" by Jonas Jonasson.

Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. Crossroads March will present a live animal program. Jennifer Pusek will be at the library to read aloud about the marshlands and she will bring along some of her marshland friends.

Thursday, March 16 at 6 p.m. Healthy Living Workshop. Dr. Travis Dockery from True Health Chiropractic in Romulus will be sharing information on nutrition, exercise, and pain management for healthy living. This event is one of two identical programs - the other is scheduled for Saturday, April 8.

Monday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. Garden Club planning meeting is

scheduled. Members of the Romulus Garden Club will be discussing gardening topics and planning community outreach for the upcoming growing season.

Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. The Storytellers, Build a Better World with Music and Stories program is planned. The storytellers will be at the library with a hands-on, interactive program that combines stories and music.

Tuesday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. Senior Book Club members will meet to discuss "Ruby" by Cynthia Bond and "The Valley of Amazeement" by Amy Tan. The Senior Book Club meets at the Senior Center on Bilbills Street. Saturday, March 25 at 1:30 p.m. ESL Conversation Group (English as a Second Language) residents will meet to practice English in a comfortable, informal setting. This group will be meeting every fourth Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Romulus Public

Library.

Tuesday, March 27 at 4 p.m. Anime Club members will meet to watch, eat, craft, and talk manga/anime. Cosplay is welcome and the meeting is open to all ages.

Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. Library event - Books, BINGO, and More. The library is partnering with the Guidance Center and the Recreation Department for this program. There will be snacks, crafts, prizes, and more.

Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. Storyteller Jennifer Strauss will present "Every Family has a Story" including stories of her own and tips/tricks for becoming storytellers.

Wednesdays - March 1, 8, and 15 at 10:30 a.m. Parent/Child Interactive Story Time.

The library is partnering with the Guidance Center for a story time focused on early literacy. There will be playing, stories,

crafts, and snacks. Ages 4 and under; older siblings are welcome.

Adult Literacy Program: volunteers are being sought including tutors and learners. Volunteers should be able to commit 2 hours per week. For more information, call the library.

Adult One-on-One Computer Tutoring: Call the library to schedule a 30 minute appointment. Library staff can assist with computer basics, Internet, email and word processing.

All programs subject to change. No registration is required for any programs, unless specified and all programs are free, stressed library officials.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7589 or access <http://www.romuluslibmi.org>.

Plan

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southern gateway. The plan also provides for improved aesthetics for developments along I-275 and other highly public roadways.

"We gave industry more flexibility in the types of uses and the design standards were increased where the public will most likely see it to give the city a good image," he said.

The Master Plan is designed to support changes in ordinances and suggest the best possible land use, Strader said the

city had done a good job of implementing the changes suggested during the last revision and recognized that the trends may change when its time to update the plan again.

"About 70 percent of the recommendations of the old master plan have been implemented or are under way," Strader said. "Some of other recommendations were applicable any more the issues of five or seven years ago aren't the issues of today, so we took those out. We replaced them with the issues and opportunities we see in 2017 and moving forward to 2022."

The full master plan is available on the City of Romulus website.

Finance

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state budget holes on the backs of local governments.

Romulus has lost about \$8.4 million in state shared revenue during that time; the City of Wayne about \$7.8 million; Canton Township, about \$21 million; Plymouth Township about \$7 million; the City of Westland, about \$30 million. At the same time, the overall property tax revenue collected by the state has gone up, according to Minghine.

"The idea of shared sacrifice is simply not true," he said.

Municipalities have had to cut staff and, in many cases, services, to the bone. In Romulus, for example, there are 100 fewer city employees today than in 2008. The city took drastic measures-closing the library, shutting down the parks and recreation department-to save off deep cuts to public safety. They also started a multi-year budget cycle and enacted concepts discussed during a five-year visioning session that took place in 2009 to weather the financial storm. As a result, the city is now seeing a comeback, with parks again reopened and maintained and a library that has improved its services and hours.

"We've come a long way, but there's still a lot to do," said Romulus Mayor Leroy Burrow. The 2016-2017 budget was amended only by dipping into the general fund reserves.

Like in Romulus, the City of Wayne has attempted several millage requests and

special tax authorities to attempt to resolve its funding crisis. As in Romulus, those measures were defeated by voters.

The city is in budget talks now, looking at every area of expense and potential revenue in hopes of averting a state takeover. Other local communities have managed to weather the financial tsunami more successfully.

The MML has created a website for elected officials, business leaders and residents with information about the issue and provide ways to take action. There's also a database at www.millegon.com that estimates the amount of state shared revenue each municipality has lost.

The answer, Audia said, is not an easy one.

"There's a lot of work that needs to be done. This is a long game plan," he said. "We've got to get everyone to understand the issue."

"I don't think there's one easy answer," he added. "It's a wholesale reform that's needed. It's really an issue of looking at the whole model."



Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe

Museum lecture series set

The Belleville Historical Museum will host the Third Thursday Lecture Series again this spring.

The lectures all begin at 6 p.m. and pizza and refreshments are provided.

Admission for Belleville Historical Society members is free and admission is \$5 for non-members.

Upcoming lectures will take place

March 16 when the topic will be the Story of the Dodge Brothers by Russell Dore; Tri-Community Civil War Heroes, April 20, Suik Thall/The Old Chicago Road/US 24, Part II, May 18 with John Geisler and The Alaskan Inside Passage with the Al and Dave Elcher on June 15.

The museum is located at 405 Main St. For information, call (734) 697-1944.

Spring Fashion show planned

Members of the Belleville Area Women's Club will present their annual Spring Fling Fashion Show at the Belleville Youth Club from 6-9 p.m. Monday, April 3.

The event, which is usually a sell-out, will feature strolling buffets, a cash bar, social and Chinese auctions as well as the

fashion display.

Tickets can be purchased from any club member, at Moving the Mitten Ball Estate Court, 245 Main St. Belleville or by calling Therese Antonelli at (734) 777-9094. Tickets are priced at \$32.

The Belleville Youth Club (BYC) is located at 651 East Huron River Dr.

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 1617-22 2017 DBA EVENT/CONCERT PRODUCTION FIRM FOR "SOUNDS IN DOWNTOWN" AND PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

The City of Romulus, Michigan on behalf of the Romulus Downtown Development Authority, is seeking proposals for qualified event and concert production firms to manage, produce and to provide all the sound engineering, sound and lighting equipment needed for and all personnel required for its operation and to contract with all musical entertainment for the "Sounds in Downtown" free summer concert series and for the three day annual Romulus DBA Pumpkin Festival.

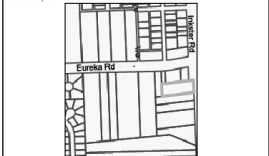
- (1) Qualified firms wishing to submit proposals must use the forms provided by the City. RFP forms and specifications may be obtained by visiting the MML website at www.mmlmi.org
- (2) Three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted in sealed envelopes and delivered to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., local time, Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Proposals should be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed using the proposal label provided herein
- (3) At approximately 2:45, local time all timely received proposals will be to be publicly opened and read.
- (4) The City reserves the right to reject all proposals and to waive irregularities.
- (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 may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the published date for submitting 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 Lynn A. Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lcconway@cityofromulusmi.org

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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Top Shelf Rezoning Inkster Road south of Eureka

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the City of Romulus Zoning Map to rezone property from the current designation of R-1A, Single-Family Residential District (R-1A), Local Business District. The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to rezone Parcel # 80-141-09-0010-701 to C-1, Local Business since it includes a portion of the Top Shelf retail center.



The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Mason, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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

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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 14, 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 appear 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, 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 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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Calendar of events

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The program screening will be provided by HHC, Quality Home Health Care Services of Michigan.
Lunch will be provided by CENA Healthcare.

Photographers to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club in the state will meet from 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The meeting will feature a presentation of the annual Stereo Sequence Competition entries. These are short programs using up to 20 stereo images by 3D photographers from around the world. After a refreshment break, there will be a drawing for free 3D items. The meeting will conclude with the monthly club 3D image competition.

The meetings are free and open to the public. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call (248) 398-3591.

Business safety seminar set

The Wayne Police Department will host a Business Safety Seminar from 4 until 4:45 p.m. Thursday, March 9.

Light refreshments will be served at the event which will take place at police headquarters, 35701 Michigan Ave. Wayne.

The event is free and open to all Wayne business representatives. Pre-register by calling (734) 629-6822 or email director@downtownwayne.org.

Night For Northville planned

A Night For Northville, a fundraising event for the Northville Educational Foundation, will take place from 7-11 p.m. March 11 at Schoolcraft College Vist/Tech Center.

The evening will include video horse racing, a \$1,000 prize raffle, a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres prepared by college culinary students and a cash bar.

The event is limited to those 21 and older.

Tickets are priced at \$50, \$15 of which is tax deductible, and includes "money" for betting on races. In addition, attendees can sponsor one of 144 race horses for \$25, name the horse and cheer it on to victory. Horse sponsorships include a raffle ticket for the \$1,000 prize.

More information and tickets can be found at NightForNorthville.com, or by calling (248) 344-8453.

Famed architect is topic

Yamasaki in Detroit will be the topic of a presentation by Free Press columnist John Gallagher at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14 at the Wayne Public Library.

Best-known for the World Trade Center in New York City, Japanese American architect Minoru Yamasaki (1912-1986) worked to create moments of surprise, serenity, and delight in distinctive buildings around the world. In his adopted home of Detroit, Yamasaki produced many important designs that range from public buildings to offices and private residences.

Gallagher will present both a biography of Yamasaki and discuss select projects spanning from the late 1940s to the end of Yamasaki's life.

To register for this free program, visit the Adult Services Desk or call the Wayne Public Library at (734) 721-7832.

The library is located at 3737 South Wayne Road in Wayne.

Tested documentary shown

A special screening of the documentary *Tested* will take place at 7 p.m. March 16 in the Northville High School Auditorium, 40700 Six Mile Road, in Northville. The film follows a dozen racially and socio-economically diverse New York City eighth graders as they compete for spots in one of nine top-notch public high schools. Getting in to one of these elite schools can change a child's life, but the only way in is to see a single standardized test, called the Specialized High School Admissions Test.

Admission to the March 16 screening is free and open to all school families and community members. For more information about *TESTED*, visit www.TestedFilm.com.

Free tax service available

Those with an annual household income less than \$54,000 may be eligible for a free tax service available from 1-6 p.m. Wednesday, March 15 and again March 22. The free tax service is provided through the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency and will be offered at the Wayne Public Library.

Walk-ins will be accepted, but an appointment would be preferable. Call (734) 284-6999 or (313) 388-9799 for more information or to make an appointment.

Clients must bring Social Security cards and a valid photo identification.

Library staff cannot make reservations or provide information on documents necessary for filing. The library is located at 3737 South Wayne Road in Wayne.

Kindergarten round-up set

St. Michael Lutheran School at 3003 Hannan Dr. in Wayne will host a kindergarten round-up at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16.

A tour of the school, information about the kindergarten program will be provided. Guests at the round-up will receive a free hot pizza to take home.

For more information call (734) 728-3315.

Park Players to perform

How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying will be presented by The Park Players Theatre Company at 7 p.m. March 17, 18 and 24, 25 at the Gloria Logan Auditorium for Performing Arts, Salem High School Canton.

Tickets for the show are \$12 and available at the door or online at <https://tpptickets.com/seating.php>.

Training sessions scheduled

Frog and Toad Survey training sessions for those interested in monitoring the health of the Rouge River will take place from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 18 at Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway in Canton Township.

Each training session will focus on frog and toad identification skills in order to help volunteers determine different species out in the field. Frogs and toads are considered excellent indicators of the environmental quality around us. The more species a site can support, the better the habitat.

Training sessions are open to anyone, child or adult, who is concerned about the environment and wants to play an active role in monitoring its health. The sessions are free and pre-registration is required. To register, call the Friends of the Rouge at (313) 752-0621 or visit www.thefrog.org.

Business Showcase planned

Community Financial will be the presenting sponsor for the Northville Business Showcase planned for 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. March 18 at Northville High School.

The spotlight will be on the Northville Business Community and the event will

also celebrate Michigan made products and b. businesses. The business showcase will feature more than 70 diverse businesses and professionals. Highlights include: giveaways, raffle prizes, Michigan Made products, free information, product samples, coupons, awards for best restaurant/caterer, business display and theme display.

For additional information contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or <http://www.northville.org>.

Winter market opens

The Canton Farmers Market will return with special Winter Markets during three Sundays in 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. 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 onsite 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. Bridge Card and Double Up Food Bucks transactions will also be accepted.

Tokens 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) 394-5375.

Healthy Coalition meets

Beaumont Healthy Wayne Community coalition is a partnership between Beaumont Health, Wayne-Westland Community Schools District and the City of Wayne. The coalition meetings are an effort to prevent the incidences of diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and obesity in the City of Wayne by implementing healthy eating and active living strategies in the community, according to a spokesperson.

Meetings are open to community organizations and citizens at no cost and take place from 8:30-10 a.m. at HYPE Recreation Center Wayne, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

The next meeting is set for March 23. For more information, contact project manager Lynette Ish-Green at (313) 655-1888.

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