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Former school trustee awaits sentencing

A former member of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education will be sentenced in U.S. District Court Aug. 7 on charges of making false statements to federal agents in the course of a criminal investigation.

John Goci, a Westland resident, and the owner of U.S. 12 Bar in Wayne, resigned his board seat May 9, after he came to a plea agreement with federal prosecutors. The plea arrangement was filed with the court on April 22. He now faces a \$100 special fine, up to 6 months in prison and up to 3 years on probation for his admitted infractions.

Goci was arrested by federal agents in August of 2012 in connection with a loan sharking investigation into the activities of Tomo Duhanaj, an undocumented alien resident from Kosovo. Duhanaj is the owner of Bray's Hamburgers in

Westland.

Federal investigators determined that Duhanaj loaned thousands of dollars to area residents of Albanian descent. Those loans were issued with "exorbitant annual rates of interest usually exceeding 46 percent and sometimes exceeding 100 percent" according to court documents. Failure to repay the loans was met with violence, according to investigators.

Goci was questioned by investigators at the time of Duhanaj's arrest and told them that the interest rate on his loan of \$50,000 was 15 percent. An FBI forensic accountant analyzed paperwork found in Duhanaj's car by officers during a traffic stop. Duhanaj was driving on a suspended license and officers searched his vehicle. Documents found in the car included blank checks from Goci

and one check written in the amount of \$2,700. The FBI accountant determined that the interest on the loan to Goci was more than 45 percent.

Goci, who ran unsuccessfully for Congress in the 13th District in 2012, was subsequently questioned by investigators and arrested at his Westland home. He was released on \$10,000 bond while awaiting trial.

Duhanaj entered a guilty plea to charges of making extortionate extensions of credit and money laundering in December of last year. He was sentenced in March of this year to 41 months in prison and will be deported back to Kosovo when he completes his prison time, according to court records.

In the plea agreement signed by Goci, "at the time the loans were made, Duhanaj and the bor-



John Goci

rowers both understood that failure to make repayment on the loans could result in violence being perpetrated on them.

Artful excursions Residents can bike to see museum works

Romulus art lovers are inviting anyone with a bicycle to join in a Family Bike Tour of nine replica art masterpieces that have been installed in the city by the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The tour, which will be led by a guide from the museum, will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, May 30, in front of the Romulus Public Library, 11121 Wayne Road.

Bicyclists will travel to nine of the 10 art replicas that are part of the DIA's Inside|Out program in Romulus. In all, organizers say, the roundtrip will be less than 3 miles.

In connection with the family event, all bicyclists are invited to be creative and transform their bikes into pieces of art in a contest sponsored by the Romulus Recreation Commission. Those attending will receive information on an Inside|Out photo contest



Local volunteers in the InsideOut program surround one of the works of art on display outside the Romulus Athletic Center. The replica masterpiece is "A Woman" by Amedeo Modigliani.

and scavenger hunt.

Romulus is the only community in the Downriver area and Western Wayne County that has received replica masterpieces this spring in the Inside|Out program. The popular program takes framed replicas of masterpieces normally seen inside the world-class

Detroit Institute of Arts to the main streets and landmark outdoor spaces throughout Southeast Michigan.

The Family Bike Tour is the latest event planned surrounding the artwork, which will

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Early-morning apartment fire claims resident's life

An early-morning fire Saturday claimed one life and displaced a family at Bellridge Apartments in Van Buren Township.

According to Van Buren Fire Chief Dan Besson, the distress call came into the emergency dispatch center at the public safety department at 3:55 a.m., reporting the activation of a smoke alarm in the apartment complex near Independence and Haggerty roads. Callers to the 911 line reported smoke already gathering in the common hallways of the building, according to official reports.

When firefighters arrived,

along with several police patrol cars, a ground floor apartment was "well-involved with fire and the windows were beginning to break out," Besson reported. Police officers at the apartments had been pushed back from the building by the heat and flames coming from the apartment and were assisting residents of the 12-unit complex to evacuate.

Firefighters entered the burning apartment and performed fire suppression in conjunction with searching for possible occupants. Moments after entering the engulfed apartment, fire crews discovered an occupant, still lying in bed, deceased, according to a

report from Besson. Firefighters worked to extinguish the fire to prevent it from spreading to other apartments and the scene was brought under control at 4:52 a.m. Besson said.

Van Buren Firefighters were assisted by the Van Buren Police Department, the Michigan State Police, and the City of Belleville Fire Department. Investigators from the Michigan State Police, Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office, and the Van Buren Department of Public Safety were still on scene several hours after the blaze was extinguished collecting evidence.

The identity of the deceased

resident, believed to be a man in his 20s, was still being withheld at press time pending positive identification by the Wayne County Medical Examiner and notification of the next of kin. The cause of the fire, which reportedly began in the kitchen, dining and living room area of the apartment, remained under investigation by the Michigan State Police.

No other injuries were reported. One family displaced by the fire was assisted by the Van Buren Department of Public Safety Chaplin Program.

Besson said a preliminary estimate of property damage is in excess of \$75,000.

Police sweep finds no drugs at high school complex

A surprise drug inspection at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park last week found no illegal substances in any student lockers at the three high schools located on the campus.

The Canton Police Department conducted the drug sweep at the educational park in Canton May 21. School resource officers, in collaboration with Plymouth-Canton Community School administrators, were joined by 10 canine officers and their drug-identifying dogs to sweep the student lockers located in the three high school buildings,

according to police reports of the incident.

The Canton Police Department in continually working with the school district to reduce the presence of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in the schools, and conducted this sweep as a proactive step to deter teen use of alcohol and other drugs, officials said.

While there were several positive indications from the canines, nothing illegal was actually found in the buildings, according to police reports of the effort. One student was ticketed for Possession of

Paraphernalia, ancillary to the building searches.

For several years the Canton Police Department has conducted decoy operations at local businesses throughout Canton in an effort to curb the availability of tobacco and alcohol to underage youth. The department plans to continue the decoy operations and drug sweeps on a random basis, noted Special Services Lt. Craig Wilsher. The objective of the program is to deter teen drug use while bringing awareness of the consequences of drug and alcohol possession, he

added.

"The result of today's drug sweep confirms the proactive efforts of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the Canton Police Department are making an impact regarding the presence of drugs at the high schools," said Wilsher. "The zero tolerance stances taken by the district and the department will continue to be the standard," he added.

For further information contact the Canton Police Department Special Services Division, (734) 394-5402.

INKSTER - WAYNE - WESTLAND

School board chooses new superintendent

Members of the Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education voted unanimously to hire the first woman superintendent of schools in the district.

Board members selected Michele Harmala, currently an associate superintendent for instructional services and organizational leadership in the Farmington Public Schools as their choice as the top candidate for superintendent of the district during a regular meeting last week.

If contract negotiations are successful, Harmala will begin work July 1. She will replace Dr. Greg Baracy who announced in January that he would be leaving the district next month. Baracy has been the Wayne-Westland superintendent for 19 years.

During her final public interview with the board members, Harmala spoke highly of the district accomplishments and programs. She visited Hicks Elementary School in Inkster, P.D. Graham Elementary and Adams Upper Elementary schools in Westland and Wayne Memorial High School prior to the interview. She also attended a reception at the school board offices.

She told the board members that she wanted to be the new superintendent in Wayne-Westland although she was also a candidate for the superintendent's job in Southfield. She said that her first two to three months on the job would include visits to the district buildings and talks with the staff.

She told the board members she would use that dialogue to determine what the district's values are, what is working and what might need to be changed. Harmala described her management style as collaborative but said that when decisions have to be made, she can make them.

Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin said he expected Harmala to do a good job for the district. "I think she is an excellent candidate," he said. "I think we're going forth with a candidate as a united board and she sees that. I think that will pay dividends."

Board Treasurer Frederick Weaver described Harmala as head and shoulders above the other candidates for the job and said he felt she was the best choice for the district.

If the board members and Harmala can now negotiate a satisfactory contract, her official hiring could be announced at the June 9 meeting of the board.

Cities to combine service in new department

Wayne and Westland have once again partnered to reduce costs yet provide qualified leadership, noted Westland Mayor William Wild in a statement announcing the merger of the respective Public Works Departments.

In a move expected to save Westland approximately \$180,000 per year by avoiding typical employee benefit and legacy costs, Ramzi El-Gharib, long-time Wayne City Engineer/DPW Director, has been contracted to serve as the joint Wayne-Westland Public Works director.

The agreement will also save Wayne \$160,000 annually, according to Wild.

El-Gharib and the communities have signed a three-year contract that sets an annual fee of \$70,000 for Westland and \$30,000 for Wayne. El-Gharib will provide oversight for both cities in the areas of water and sewer distribution systems, road repairs and snow removal and fleet management beginning July 1.

El-Gharib, who possesses a State of Michigan S-1 Water Distribution certification, is also licensed as a professional engineer and has been serving as Interim City Manager as well as Public Works Director for the City of Wayne. El-Gharib will not receive healthcare or retirement benefits under the agreement.

"Both communities will realize tremendous cost savings from this agreement which is yet another chapter in our efforts to develop innovative partnership opportunities that save tax payers money and allow both cities to use those dollars in other areas of fiscal concern," commented Wild. "Ramzi is a proven leader and because of our shared boundaries, his experience and professional credentials, he can hit the ground running in oversight of projects such as the Newburgh/Cherry Hill Road intersection project."

The shared interlocal agreement is the sixth between the cities, the most recent of which continued the shared fire chief and fire services agreements.



Ramzi El-Gharib



EMS rocks!

The staff at Oakwood Hospital-Wayne took the celebration of Emergency Medical Services week to a new level last Friday, dedicating a plaque in honor of the partnership between the hospital and community EMS workers. Pictured are: firefighter Carl Peters, Sgt Rob Caccia, firefighter Matt Peczynski, Sgt Gordy Cronk, Capt. Bob Stoddard and Jay Bonnell. "May is a month when we honor all of our heroes," said Division President Eric Widner. The plaque reads: First responders and hospitals, dedicated partners in service. Photo by Scott Spielman

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Competition for young golfers set in July

Young golf enthusiasts will have the opportunity to participate in a local qualifier for the 2015 Drive, Chip and Putt Championship at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton Township.

The qualifier will take place July 1, and golfers 7-15, both boys and girls, are eligible.

Each participant's skills will be put to the test in driving, chipping and putting, with players judged on

their accuracy and distance. Each of the contestants will be given three attempts with their best shots qualifying them for points that will be accumulated throughout the day. Certificates will be awarded to the top finishers. Boys and girls just need to bring a driver, a putter and a wedge. Winners will continue to advance leading up to the Drive, Chip, and Putt Championship finals scheduled on

the grand stage of the Augusta National Golf Club during the 2015 Masters Tournament week. The national competition is sponsored by the Professional Golfers Association, (PGA).

Online registration is currently under way at www.drivechipandputt.com. Participants will be grouped based on their age as of the championship final on April 5, 2015.

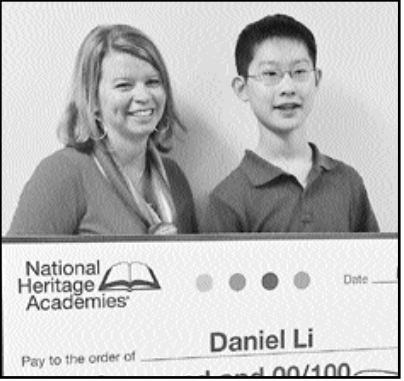
“Augusta National and the Masters have given these young golfers such a gift by providing them this opportunity to achieve every golfer's dream of earning the right to compete at Augusta National,” said Greg Bores, PGA Professional of Pheasant Run Golf Club. “They may not know it now, but this is a real once-in-a-lifetime experience for them.”

Located at 46500 Summit

Parkway in Canton, Pheasant Run Golf Course was designed by world renowned architect Arthur Hills. This 27-hole layout covers more than 300 acres of rolling terrain, and traverses over 10.5 miles from start to finish.

For more information about the competition or to learn more about Pheasant Run Golf Club seasonal offers and specials, visit www.golf-prgc.org or call (734) 397-6460.

Local student wins \$5,000 scholarship



Daniel Li receives congratulations from Achieve Charter Academy in Canton Township Principal Jennifer Conley after his \$5,000 scholarship win was announced.

Eighth-grade student Daniel Li already has a nice addition to his college fund.

Li, a student at Achieve Charter Academy in Canton Township was recently awarded one of four \$5,000 scholarships from National Heritage Academies.

Li was one of only four successful applicants for the scholarship, competing against 500 other students in 76 school from nine states.

Li is a member of the math club, robotics club, band, Little Stars Foundation, National Junior Honor Society, Metropolitan

Youth Symphony, Student Council, science club, and writing circle club. He also participates in local international cultural events and Chinese culture events around the area. He has been the recipient of multiple awards including a perfect score on the American Mathematics Competition 8. After high school, Li said, he hopes to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

“Daniel Li is a model student at our school, and someone all other students can look up to,” said Jennifer Conley, principal at Achieve Charter Academy.

“Daniel naturally exemplifies our Moral Focus virtues daily. He is always seeking out ways to grow and learn. He is a true leader.”

Each student was required to pick from three topics to write a 250-500 word essay about their school Moral Focus curriculum. An independent professional selection group picked the winners based on their essay submission, academics, and community service. tuition.

“Receiving this scholarship is really exciting, it's a great feeling,” said Li.

“I think it is important to keep your interest in mind when learning. Take advantage of what you learn in school, but also make sure to take time to learn all you can about things that you enjoy. I have always enjoyed community service, I like helping people so it felt natural that it should be the topic of my scholarship essay.”

Rotary awards annual grants

Three area non-profit entities were awarded grants from The Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation this year.

The grants were announced by Foundation President David C. Brown last month.

The foundation awarded \$10,000 to the Michigan Aerospace Foundation for informational or educational exhibits.

The Belleville Area Museum was

awarded \$3,600 from the foundation to be used for a computer system including a scanner, storage and recording hardware.

The foundation also awarded \$1,500 to the Ms. Molly Foundation to fund Survivor Care Kits for the Wayne County shelter for domestic violence victims.

The Cozadd Rotary Foundation was named in honor of Mr. Charles B. Cozadd who was the impetus for the

creation of the foundation through the local Rotary Club. No individuals or individual projects are funded by the foundation and all funded projects have community-wide benefit, according to the organization.

Funding requests are received for consideration in March and September.

More information is available at <http://www.bellevillerotary.org/cozaddapps.php>.

Library collecting for veterans

The Canton Public Library is currently collecting donations for patients at the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Items needed include packages of new men's t-shirts and underwear in all sizes, but especially sizes

XXL and larger. Meijer, Walmart and gas station gift cards are also suggested as ideal donations.

Donations will be accepted at the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, during regular hours through May 31.

The library is open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from noon until 6 p.m. on Sunday.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 16, 2014, 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:

RIVER HILL RIDGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN)- CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 075 99 0004 003 (1101 RIDGE S.), 075 99 0013 702, 076 99 0002 000 (50224 PROCTOR) AND 076 99 0004 000 (49940 PROCTOR). Property is located north of Proctor Road between Ridge and Denton Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, June 12, 2014 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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River Hill Ridge 076-PDD-2056

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GARDEN VILLAS AT CHERRY HILL MINOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 078 99 0009 712. Property is located south of Cherry Hill Road and east of Denton Road.

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Garden Villas at Cherry Hill 078-PDM-2094

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Romulus

City to reopen Elmer Johnson Park

Officials in the City of Romulus are preparing to reopen Elmer Johnson Community Park, located at 9700 Ozga St. on the west side.

The 36.6-acre park, which was a premiere recreation site in the community during its heyday, was among several parks closed in recent years due to budget cuts.

The park is named for Elmer Johnson, a retired Kelsey-Hayes tool and die maker. He was the first and only president of the Romulus Progressive Club for nearly 40 years. The Progressive Club donated \$5,000 to the then-Romulus Township Parks and Recreation Commission for the development of the park on Feb. 6, 1967.

The facility features a basketball court, an inline hockey court, two softball fields, an archery range, children's play areas with swings, slides, rocking animals, a large picnic shelter; two beach volleyball courts, restroom facilities, horseshoe pits and a large picnic area with barbecue grills.

Having been closed the past few years, the weather and some vandalism left the site in need of major repairs, redesign and refurbishment.

Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff made reopening the park one of his priorities during his first year in office and has presented a plan to return the park to its former glory. The plan calls for a joint public/private partnership of city employee members of Teamster Union Local 214 and the professional landscape design company, Brickman Landscaping, to perform the work necessary to open the park in time for the annual fireworks on June 26.

Once the park is opened, several volunteers from different community organizations have expressed interest in “adopting” specific sections of the park for ongoing basic maintenance, utilization and beautification.

“Parks and recreation are so important to a community,” Burcroff said. “If Elmer Johnson

Park continues to be closed, it will deteriorate to a point beyond repair. With the plan in place, we feel we can get the park up and going and maintain it over the long term.”

City council members supported the idea at the meeting May 5.

“The reopening of Elmer Johnson Park is great news for our community.” City Councilwoman Celeste Roscoe said. “The timing of the reopening couldn't be better; considering our kids will be out of school soon, and now will have a positive and organized place for summer activities.”

The work should begin this month. City employees will repair and paint all of the facilities on the site, including the restrooms, concession stand and storage buildings, benches, picnic tables, and bleachers, as well as the archery area. They will remove the damaged park equipment and, if necessary, install some new equipment. They will power wash and reseal the basketball and inline skating

courts and make numerous road-way and parking lot improvements.

The scope of the Brickman work includes the use of a certified arborist to assess all of the trees throughout the park and the removal of several fallen or dead trees and branches; the removal of trash from illegal dumping, other debris and leaves; the initial mowing of all of the turf and the application of vegetation control where needed; the repair and restoration of all fencing; the restoring of the sand volleyball courts and the design and installation of safety-approved fall zones in all of the children's playground areas.

Brickman also will redesign and restore the north softball field to state-of-the-art playing conditions, which includes the design and installation of specialized infield dirt with improved drainage capabilities, as well as the installation of new safety fencing where needed and the permanent installation of bases and a pitcher's mound.

An exact park-reopening date will be determined relatively soon, according to Burcroff. In order to ensure ongoing safety measures, Burcroff said he will work with the Romulus Police Department to require numerous unannounced patrol checks at the park as well as look into the installation of a security video camera system in the park.

Mayor Pro Tem John Barden said: “Not only do I support the reopening of Elmer Johnson Park, I'm also very appreciative of the fact that we have a long-term plan to keep the park open as well as make it a safe place for everyone.”

Burcroff said his administration is looking into opening some other neighborhood city parks in the near future.

“We hope to find ways to do the same thing with other parks,” he said. “There is a lot of demand and enthusiasm to get more parks open and my staff and I are dedicated to find creative and cost effective ways to do it.”

Art

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be available for viewing through mid-July.

During an April 26 Inside|Out kickoff at the Romulus Athletic Center, participants learned about the artwork and a received a gift bag containing a map, a DIA button and some brochures. They were invited to participate in a scavenger hunt by visiting the pieces of art and they learned about the special events, including the Family Bike Tour.

At the kickoff, Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff thanked the volunteers serving on an organizing committee and said he enjoyed all of the community enthusiasm about the Inside|Out program. Burcroff called the program one of the “good, positive things happening in Romulus.”

“Art really is important for everybody,” the mayor said. “There is a buzz in our community since these masterpieces were installed. It's exciting. I thank the DIA for including Romulus in this program.”

An Art in the Park event is being planned for Tuesday, June 24, at Mary Ann Banks Park on Goddard Road near Five Points. It will include artist demonstrations, refreshments, entertainment and a tour at 7 p.m.

Entry forms for the Inside|Out scavenger hunt and photo contest can be picked up at City Hall, the Library and the Romulus Athletic Center. Completed scavenger hunt forms can be dropped off at the Library. The prize drawing will take place in July.

In addition, Romulus residents are invited to visit the DIA at no cost.

Facebook users are invited to “like” a Facebook page created by Patty Braden, who is director of the Romulus Public Library and is coordinator of the Romulus Inside|Out program. The site, www.facebook.com/romulusinsideout, is updated regularly and includes the art installation map, news, events and contest details.

Seven of the masterpieces are located at public city-owned facilities:

- Dancers in a Green Room by Edgar Degas is located in Mary Ann Banks Park on Goddard Road east of Five Points.
- Konigsee by Willhem Wex is located at the Romulus Police Station, 11165 Olive St.
- A Day in June by George Wesley Bellows is located at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins St.
- The Wilkinson Family by Francis Wheatley is located at the Romulus Public Library, 11121 Wayne Road.
- The Nut Gatherers by William Adolphe Bougeureau is located outside Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road.
- Berenice Reproaching Ptolomy by Jean-Joseph Taillasson is located at the 34th District Court, 11131 Wayne Road.
- A Woman by Amedeo Modigliani is located at the Romulus Athletic Center (RAC), 35765 Northline Road.

The other three masterpieces are located elsewhere in the community:

- The Communicant by Gari Melchers is located at Community United Methodist Church, 11160 Olive St.
- Portrait of Postman Roulin by Vincent

Willem van Gogh is located at Romulus Tower Apartments, 36500 Bibbins St.

- Alexander the Great and the Women of Darius by Giovanni Domenico Tiepolo is located at the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, 11189 Shook Road.

Each reproduction is accompanied by an explanation of the work of art, information about the artist and a description of the Inside|Out program. A small case is attached to the structure and contains maps to the locations of all of the great treasures from the DIA in Romulus. The maps also are available at City Hall, the library, the Romulus Athletic Center, the Romulus Senior Center and the office of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

The reproductions are printed on vinyl with a UV coating and fare well in the sun, rain and other weather elements. The wood frames are coated in an exterior-grade varnish. Each of the pieces of art has been in other communities the last year or two.

Sponsored by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, 2014 is the fifth year of the DIA installation of the popular project. Additional installations in other communities are scheduled for the summer. All locations will be featured on an interactive map on the DIA's website, www.dia.org.

NOTICE!!

WESTWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING

A Public Hearing on its proposed budget will be held by the Board of Education of the Westwood Community School District on:

Tuesday, June 10, 1014
at 7:00 o.m.

In the
Equilla F. Bradford
Administrative Center
3335 S. Beech Daly Road
Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48125

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available for review in the Westwood Administrative Office Center between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on June 10, 2014.

Sarah O. Ward, Secretary
Westwood Board of Education

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE TO ELECTORS Absentee Voter Ballots

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

Notice is hereby given that **ABSENTEE VOTERS' BALLOTS** are available for the August State Primary Election to be held Tuesday, August 5, 2014, and may be obtained from the Office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, for electors who:

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

To obtain an Absentee Voter Ballot APPLICATION please visit the City website at www.romulusgov.com or call the Clerk's office at 734-942-7540.

Notice is further given that Saturday, August 2, 2014 2:00 p.m. is the deadline for the acceptance of Absentee Ballot Applications. in accordance with Section 168.759 of Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948, as amended. The City Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to accept ballots.

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

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

REMINDER: Last day to register to vote for this election is Mon. July 7, 2014 by 4:00 p.m.

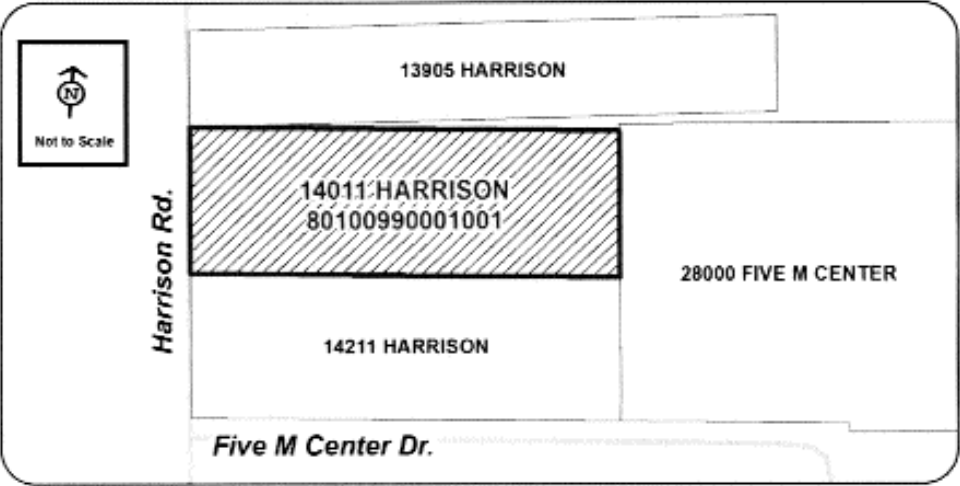
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED SPECIAL LAND USE OUTDOOR STORAGE APEX STRUCTURAL INNOVATIONS ~ 14011 HARRISON

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2014** for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use proposal. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request from Apex Structural Innovations LLC for the outdoor storage of lumber and finished lumber products located on a 3.14+/-acre parcel at 14011 Harrison Road. Parcel # 82-80-100-99-0001-001. Zoning: M-1 Light Industrial District. Accessory outdoor storage is permitted in the M-1 Light Industrial District, subject to Special Land Use Approval. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, June 16, 2014 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Trustee protests new minutes policy, spending by board

Plymouth Township Trustee Bob Doroshewitz questioned a change in a 26-year-old policy regarding official minutes of board meetings.

At the meeting of the trustees May 13, Doroshewitz said he wanted to revisit the question of striking public comments from the official meeting minutes.

Supervisor Richard Reaume responded that he had “checked with the townships’ association” and “the AG (attorney general) says we don’t have to include comments or names.”

“That didn’t answer my ques- tion. For 26 years, when members of the public come to give com- ments, sometimes critical, some- times favorable, the public has been identified and the comment recorded.

“Some time ago, this public lost their names and this time there are no comments. The minutes only say the supervisor invited the public to give comments. I think it’s insulting to people who prepare for the meeting and stand up in front of the community,” he said.

Doroshewitz then proposed a motion that meeting minutes include comments and questions from the public.

That motion failed and the new board policy of not answering citi- zens questions during the meeting and not including the citizens’ com- ments in the official minutes will continue.

Doroshewitz also questioned the procedures of approving credit card bills used by township employees and officials.

He said he went back six months to look at the credit card charges. One of the charges he asked about was a December, 2012 charge for \$355 to the State Bar of Michigan.

Township Clerk Nancy Conzelman said the expense was for her “bar association fee.”

“You think that’s proper?” Doroshewitz asked? “That the tax- payers pay the clerk’s bar fee? Why isn’t the township paying my bar fee?”

Reaume responded that there are a number of membership and association feeds paid by the town- ship for department heads and officials in the township.

Local attorney John Stewart also spoke to the board regarding the refusal of township Treasurer Ron Edwards to mail a tax bill to the home of a 69-year-old widowed township resident. As the citizens comments section of the meeting was about to close, Stewart again took to the podium and reintro- duced himself as a “long-time township resident, a former trustee, a former state representa- tive, a local attorney, and I pay my own bar fees,” he said, to loud applause from the audience.

“We can do better. All across Michigan people are looking at this (township) and your conduct is impacting on my property values.

“Shame on you for what’s going on here,” he said to the trustees.

Women’s charity kickball tournament set for Sunday

Last year, they generated about \$10,000 for Northville Civic Concern, a group that helps feed the underprivileged in the commu- nity through the local food bank.

This year, they hope to kick that total up even higher.

The 2nd Annual Main Street League Women’s Kickball Tournament is planned for noon until 5 p.m. Sunday, June 1 at Ford Field in downtown Northville, according to organizers Lauren Romeo and Jennifer Mullan.

The tournament will feature six teams of 10-15 high-spirited and civic-minded women who will com- pete in the kickball games to raise funds and “kick hunger to the curb.”

Northville Civic Concern helps more than 150 local families in need, the organizers said, and they hope to provide as much help as possible to the non-profit service.

“The Main Street League mis- sion is to gather like-minded volun- teers within Northville and sur- rounding areas who pool their resources, time, expertise and cre- ativity to support non-profit organi- zations and empower others to become agents of change,” the organizers said in a prepared state- ment.

The tournament will also fea- ture activities for children, a lemonade stand and snacks will be available for purchase for a small donation.

The event is free and open to the public.

Ford Field is located at 151 North Griswold in downtown Northville.



Wine Warriors

Celebrating their new reality cable TV show at E. G. Nick's in Plymouth last week were the executive producers of Wine Warriors, a half-hour show based on the chal- lenges Michigan wine producers face in growing, producing, bot- tling and selling their products. As promotional taping for the show went on all evening, show produc- ers Marco Tabone, left, Gerry Venittelli, Skip Starr and Andy Vance stepped outside to thank Frank Agostini, right, co owner of E.G. Nick's, for his help with the event. The show is based in the Traverse City wine region of Old Mission Peninsula and Leelanau Peninsula. Photo by Dave Willett

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