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Romulus district sues City of Inkster

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The Romulus Community School District has filed a lawsuit against the City of Inkster and Inkster Treasurer Darrin Carrington seeking payment of a tax millage and subsequent legal fees.

According to the court documents, voters in the Romulus school district, which includes a section of Inkster, approved a supplemental school millage on the Nov. 7, 2017 ballot. The tax, known as a Hold Harmless millage, was levied at a maximum of 2.5 mills for a period of 10 years. The new levy was for 1.3137 mills of the authorized levy.

Court documents claim that

the schools filed the appropriate forms with the Michigan Department of Treasury with each tax collecting unit, which includes the City of Romulus, City of Inkster and City of Westland. According to the lawsuit, filed by attorneys from the Thrun Law Firm, P.C. based in East Lansing, Carrington was notified on Nov. 16 of approval of the new rate and asked

specifically "whether the hold harmless mill will be (or not be) or your December tax bill to Inkster residents."

Carrington replied the same date stating, "Emailing to confirm receipt. We are finalizing the winter tax bill and will include this accordingly."

The tax, however, was not collected from Inkster residents. According to the court filings,

"Defendants (City of Inkster and Carrington) made the affirmative decision not to levy and collect this millage on Dec. 1, 2017," and "Defendants have declined requested to make Plaintiff whole and to assure that it will levy the hold-harmless millage in the future."

The millage affects an estimated 20 percent of Inkster residents.

Romulus Board of Education President Robert McLachlan said that he did not want to comment on the situation as the case was ongoing.

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Solemn tribute Fallen officers remembered

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Five years ago on rainy October day, at a 15-acre grassy knoll on Hines Drive just a half-mile from Plymouth Township Hall, civic leaders, county executives, media representatives, police officers, firefighters and other guests gathered to dedicate a new Wayne County First Responders Memorial. Recently, on a rainy Tuesday, another meaningful and solemn ceremony took place at the site with local and county dignitaries, police officers, firefighters and invited guests. This time the audience included the widows and family members of 10 fallen heroes whose names were added and chiseled into the seven-panel granite effigy as an eternal tribute to their selfless contribution to the community.

A presentation of colors and an invocation led by Taylor Police Chaplain Dave Edwards and Pastor Renae Kaufmann of Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth gave way to comments by Detroit Police Chief James Craig, Detroit Fire Commissioner Eric Jones, Wayne State Police Capt. Patrick Saunders and family members honoring six Detroit police officers, three Detroit firefighters and one Wayne State University police officer who died in line of duty.

Following the presentation of the final colors and rifle volley by the Brownstown Police Department and the Firefighters Bell Service by the Livonia Fire Department, the sobering ceremony concluded with the playing of the traditional "taps." Bagpiper Kim Johnson played Amazing Grace while Wayne County Executive Warren Evans placed the ceremonial wreath.

From ages 25 to 71, the 10 men who were posthumously honored represent the first responders, the people who will come into a smoke-filled dangerous building to find those who may be trapped inside, or the policeman who never knows the perils when approaching any situation.

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Canton and Plymouth officials are becoming somewhat "alarmed" at the misuse of security system alerts in the township.

Officials agree that false alarms at businesses and homes tie up valuable first responder time and resources although the severity of the problem varies.

"You sometimes have bad actors who are aware their alarm system has faults. It creates a nuisance for public safety departments," noted Canton



A presentation of colors by an honor guard begins ceremonies honoring fallen first responders recently at the Wayne County memorial in Hines Park.



Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise, left, the Rev. Rennie Kaufmann and Westland Mayor William R. Wild listen to a memorial speaker.



Detroit Police Chief James Craig pays tribute to the fallen first responders during the recent memorial.

Honored were:
Detroit Police Department:
Kevin D. Miller, 49
Kenneth M. Sisk, 46
Myron A. Jarrett, 40
Donald G. Kimbrough, 71
Glenn A. Doss, Jr., 25

Darren M. Weathers, 25
Detroit Fire Department:
Vincent H. Smith, 49
Walter R. Searles, 45
Kevin V. Ramsey, 50
Wayne State Police Department:
Collin J. Rose, 29

Communities 'respond' to area false alarms

"You sometimes have bad actors who are aware their alarm system has faults."

Township Supervisor Pat Williams during a recent meeting of the board of trustees.

He joined other board members May 22 in voting unanimously to revise the township ordinances to comply with current state law. "It's mostly businesses," Williams said of Canton false alarms. "Nobody will ever be

negatively impacted by this ordinance by surprise. It's really getting the bad actors. Our ordinance officers will follow through."

Canton, like other municipalities, begins with issuing a warning regarding any false alarm which draws first responders to the scene.

In Plymouth Township officials

are aware that outside factors can be the cause of some false reports. alarms. "Sometimes a lot of this is weather-dependent," explained Plymouth Township Clerk Jerry Verva.

In Plymouth Township, the first two false alarms prompt a warning while the third false alarm could result in a monetary fine. "Apparently there's a problem here. You need to address it," said Verva, adding, "Subsequent ones can go up."

Sometimes, Verva noted, a building owner gets a new ten-

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gressive fine punishment to encourage people to "get your alarm fixed or show your employees how to run it."

"You get five-six trucks rolling," he said of emergency responders who must react immediately.

in operation, i.e., deep water. Flushing covered wells shall be a frequent situation. The automatic control valve shall be elec-

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CANTON - NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

New transit agreement signed in Canton

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Canton Township officials have inked a pact with Nankin Transit which will allow those age 55 and up along with disabled people better access to local transportation. The previous plan required senior riders to be at least 62 years old.

Greg Hohenberger, director of Canton Leisure Services, noted at the May 22 Board of Trustees meeting that cost savings of some \$60,000 a year will come follow-

ing first-year capital costs.

"It sounds like a great alternative. Thanks for getting it done," commented Trustee Steven Snedeman."

He and other public officials in Canton said they are pleased that as many as 15 vehicles will be in service at a time, based on maintenance, an improvement over the five vehicles of the past.

The Canton transit issue arose some time ago when a contract with Huron Valley Ambulance was being discussed.

"HVA basically did not want

to conform to a federal requirement," Supervisor Pat Williams said, noting that the issue ended up in a favorable situation for the township.

The three-year agreement with Westland-based Nankin Transit will cover Canton, Westland, Garden City and Wayne. A previous section north of Canton will no longer be cov-

"The SMART system will also guarantee the buses."

ered, other than the St. Mary Mercy Hospital of Livonia area.

Hohenberger noted that about 80 percent of the 22,000 rides provided each year start in Canton. The new area will also include a 1-mile radius beyond boundaries.

The St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and other areas of Washtenaw County are no longer included,

although Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority and other resources will be partners.

"The SMART system will also guarantee the buses," added Hohenberger, noting the fleet will be more flexible. It will connect with SMART routes, allowing access to Detroit and elsewhere.

Each Nankin Transit community gets two seats on the governing board. Hohenberger said specific schedules "will have to be worked out with the other communities."

Maybury Farm Fest set to welcome crowds

There is only one spot to see baby animals up close, watch sheep shearing, wool spinning, blacksmithing, enjoy a square dance and listen to live music.

Farm Fest at Maybury Farm will take place this weekend featuring games and activities for children along with all the other activities and other farming demonstrations and attractions.

Highlights include live music by The Flutter & Woe (1:30-3:30 p.m.), square dancing with the Golden Griffon Stringtet (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.), farming demonstrations including sheep shearing, wool spinning with Michigan Handspinners Guild, blacksmithing, along with wagon rides through the Maybury Farm fields and forests.

Children will love getting their hands dirty planting their very own container garden with the Country Garden Club of Northville and then washing them off while making bath bombs with Great Lakes Natural Soap Co. They'll also enjoy games, homemade candle making, a craft project with the Northville Art House, face painting, germination-bracelet making, and a building workshop with The Home Depot. Now this is the Farm and Home Safety Passport challenge in which children can visit various stations around the farm to learn about animal, home, and outdoor safety.

Stage 2 of Farm Fest will feature additional farming demonstrations on sheepkeeping, chickens, goat milking, and gardening



as well as story time. Along with concessions, the Naughty Boys Rolled Ice Cream Truck will be in attendance.

Admission to Farm Fest is just \$5 per person, children 2 and younger are admit-



ted at no cost. The event will take place at Maybury Farm, located at 50305 Eagle Mile Road in Northville. Parking is free at Maybury Farm. To learn more, visit www.mayburyfarm.org.



Bloom town

Sprucing up downtown Plymouth recently has included some 15 round planters in Kellogg Park, noted Plymouth City Manager Paul Snodgrass. "It's basically to add some color, a little more pop to the park," he said. The yellow flowers are from the Plymouth-Canton Civic Club, while members of the Noon Rotary Club spent a recent Saturday planting begonias in the Main Street median across from the park.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center St., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 14, 2018 for the following:

RESCUE EQUIPMENT - AIR LIFTING BAGS

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.cantonmi.org, or you may contact Mike Shegrest at 734-990-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or in the provision of services.

MICHAEL SHEGREST, CLERK

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Notice of Public Hearing CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Special Land Use

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, June 20, 2018

TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9935 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170

APPLICANT: 2294-0518 Medical Rehabilitation Services

APPLICANT: Michigan Abilities Center (Dr. Steve & Kathy Haden)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application for a Special Land Use on Tax ID No. 8-74-01-00-0070, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99. The property is located at 15511 Northville Road (south of M-14 west of Northville Road, east of Five Mile Road, and east of the C&N Railroad). The site is generally zoned the B2D, Industrial district where Medical Rehabilitation Services (physical medicine and rehabilitation and other medical office rehabilitation specialties and treatment) are conducted. A Special Land Use is required.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the case to the Charter Township Hall, addressed to the Planning and Zoning Department, attn: Ms. Carol Martin, Permitted information related to the application and information related to the Plymouth Township Public Services Center (second floor) and may be viewed during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide reasonable reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one week advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9935 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170; (734) 554-5201.

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Kathleen Haden, Secretary, Planning Commission

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Canton celebrates MSD

Canton Township will mark National Public Works Week with a special recognition of the men and women who make up the township Municipal Services Department (MSD). Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association in 1960, National Public Works Week is observed each year during the third full week of May to honor the vital contribution public works employees make to communities all across North America. This year, the celebration began on Sunday, May 20 and continued through Saturday, May 26.

According to MSD Director Tim Paas, "This year the recognition is more special for Canton as we are now accredited with the American Public Works Association. The staff in Municipal Services has a long-standing objective to deliver exceptional customer service and it is nice to have this special day each year to recognize them all."

Employees from the Canton Township Municipal Services Department began working on the accreditation process in October of 2014. By the end of 2017, they proudly became the 133rd agency in North America to be awarded accreditation.

and only the second agency in Michigan to receive this honor.

The Canton Municipal Services Department comprises four divisions, Public Works, Planning Services, Engineering Services and Building and Inspection Services. All four divisions provide planning, building and infrastructure services. The department employees play a key role in shaping development to meet the needs of the community and are committed to exceptional customer service.

This year in honor of National Public Works Week, officials from the American Public Works Association are asking residents to take a few minutes to contact their senators and representatives to tell them about National Public Works Week and tell them why their support for this week is so important. This process will only take a few minutes and can be at: http://civiceengage.com/apwa/app/ta-ka-action/?engagementId=7621349p-A4A-AC2F0C9PpGkKJAc0UCYVpKpCetBebkATLz00LQ0P7CQVwslvYv0Bz0yqZ01fJ4142dbb-D67G2qhw2WYBw00Yv0gIKMYS72Yy4h22N7Djv_vG04q0k4p-0

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MODULAR BREATHING AIR CENTER

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide reasonable, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its service, program, or activity.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities in its Charter Township of Canton, programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48180, (734) 594-5200 or email access@cantontownship.org as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Kathleen Haden, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48180, (734) 594-5200.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids or reasonable modifications of policies, such as relieving from fees from individuals that are open to the public, but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Belleville considers millage, special assessment

Members of the Belleville City Council are considering asking residents to approve a Headlee override in an effort to increase revenue to meet city expenses.

Currently, according to officials, the city does not receive enough revenue to meet the expenses detailed in the proposed 2018-2019 budget which includes costs for repairs at The Landings seawall and unraveled public safety department costs.

The repairs at the seawall will cost a total of about \$239,000 of which the city is expected to pay all but \$45,000, which is the estimated cost of repairing the structure behind condominiums which at the city property. City council members awarded the bid for the Belleville portion of the repairs to Kornfield during a recent meeting. The condominium owners could also use Kornfield for the repairs to the area of the wall that is their responsibility, or hire a different contractor to complete that section of the work officials said.

During discussions of the upcoming budget, council members discussed a one-year Headlee override millage along with a dedicated Public Safety Millage for the upcoming November ballot as possible solutions to the financial

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shortfall.

The city is allowed, by law, to levy up to 20 mills, but provisions in the Headlee Amendment have rolled that amount back to 16.79 mills. Officials are discussing the possibility of levying the full 20 mills for a single year, which, if approved by members of the city council, could appear on the November ballot and be included on winter tax bills in the city.

Such a measure, if approved,

could generate about \$225,000 in property tax revenue for the city. Officials said that the average Belleville taxpayer would see an increase of \$80.25 in taxes on a home with a State Equalized Value (SEV) of \$25,000. The increase on a home with a SEV of \$125,000 was anticipated at \$401 annually.

That estimated amount would still fall short of the city portion of the seawall repair expense.

Council members also discussed the possibility of a Public Safety Special Assessment in an effort to meet expenses in the city fire department. Officials said there was no guarantee that such a millage would be successful or that it would provide adequate funding to continue the current fire safety services.

The proposed city budget for 2018-2019 is \$2.1 million. The millages under discussion are a financing mechanism to replenish the general operating budget for the one-time costs of the Doane's Landing seawall repairs and public safety department expenses.

Hometown Heroes are honored in city ceremony

More than 20 individuals were recognized as Romulus Hometown Heroes during the 2018 ceremony at the Romulus Athletic Center.

Started in 2013, the Hometown Heroes program was planned this year by the Romulus Police, Fire and Safety Commission, who solicited honorore nominations from the community in addition to those on the fire and police departments.

Honorees this year included:

Veterans Advocate Award - Kayla Leonard, a student at Romulus High School, was honored for significant public service contributions on behalf of military veterans.

Citizen Award - Shona Silvey Baum, who initiated the creation of the Romulus Relay for Life, the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

Educator Award - Julie Wadsworth, a teacher at Barth Elementary School, who was recognized for going beyond the normal expectations of her job by enhancing the education of the children and quality of education in Romulus.

Courage Award - Freddie King and Ryan Stockton Jr., who displayed extraordinary courage and commitment.

Police National Butler Life Saving Award - Sgt. Nicole Harris, Cpl. Darryl Nippes and Officer Rodney Coffield II, all of whom were honored for saving lives.

Police Distinguished Service Award - Cpl. Matthew Reese, Cpl. Eric Harris, Cpl. Daniel Czajkowski, Ofc. Daniel Schanbe, Ofc. Christopher Roynia and Ofc. Joseph Ashby. All were honored for exceptional and continuous meritorious service throughout the year.

Police Detective of the Year - Detective Allen Hayes

Police Chief's Distinguished Service Award - Capt. Josh Morfe and Sgt. Roger Salva

Firefighter Exceptional Duty Commendation - Lt. John Thiede, whose performance of duty reflected integrity and devotion.

Firefighter Unit Commendations - Lt. John Thiede, Firefighter Eric Beamish and Firefighter Jason Overbee

Firefighter Life Service Commendation - Chief of Fire Prevention David Allison and Battalion Chief George Sinko

Lifetime Service Award - Stanley Bragg, who has more than 40 years of service to his country, state and community. He entered the Army in 1976, serving in military police, and retired as a military police provost sergeant in 1995. He became a corrections officer at the Huron Valley Men's Facility, retiring in 2018. He was appointed to the Romulus Police, Fire and Safety Commission in 2008 and currently serves as vice-chairman.

Five individuals were honored in memoriam, including Leonard Gierak and Donald Daughenbaugh of the Fire Department and Felix Glinski, William Hardiet and Charles Claxton of the Department of Public Works.

The Hometown Heroes program began in 2013 as an annual program to recognize employees in the Police and Fire Departments for acts of heroism and selflessness. In 2014, the committee expanded the awards to include city employees from other departments whose actions exceeded expectations in the scope of their job duties.

In 2015, the selection committee felt that residents and business owners who exemplified service and dedication to the



Stanley Bragg is presented the Lifetime Service Award for his more than 40 years of service to his country, state and community. Pictured are Police, Fire and Safety Commission members Charles Pescenye (left), Jasmine Noble, Cynthia Harris, James Crova, Stanley Bragg and Vonda Cooley, Director of Fire Services and Emergency Management Kevin Krause and Commissioner Mark Wilhoit.



Julie Wadsworth (third from left) displays her Hometown Hero Educator Award. She is joined by Barth Elementary School teacher Katelyn Gold (left), staff member Jerilyn Burcott, Principal David Thompson, secretary Sue Evitts and learning specialist Gerilyn Bick. Photos by Roger Nadco

community should be included. In 2016, the Romulus Citizens Academy Alumni Association hosted and planned the event.

In 2017, the Citizens Academy partnered with the Romulus Police, Fire and Safety Commission to plan the event.

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INKSTER - WAYNE - WESTLAND

Driver will stand trial in death of couple

A Wolverine Lake man will stand trial in the death of a Wayne couple last December.

Michael Gerard Stack, 59, waived his preliminary examination in 35th District Court last week and was bound over for

trial on two counts of reckless driving causing death and one count of open intoxicants in a vehicle.

The charges stem from an incident reported to Michigan State Police about 10:36 p.m. Dec. 12

when callers said a man was driving his vehicle southbound on northbound I-275 near Cherry Hill Road. According to prosecutors, Stack lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a vehicle traveling northbound. Wayne residents

Shannon Marie McIntyre, 32, and Nicholas Lee Pare, 33, were pronounced dead at the scene. The engaged couple were the parents of three children.

Police reported finding an open bottle of liquor in Stack's

vehicle but tests proved he was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the crash.

He was remanded to Wayne County Circuit Court to stand trial on the charges but will remain free on personal bond.

Commissioner hosts dinner

Inkster residents 60 and older have been invited to dinner by Wayne County Commissioner Glenn Anderson.

Anderson will host a free Senior Appreciation dinner from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 at Burton Manor in Livonia. The event will include pasta, salad, cake, entertainment and door prizes. Space is limited to the first 200 to register. Eligible attendees must be at least 60 or older, a resident of the 12th Commission

District, which includes Garden City, Inkster and Westland (north of Palmer Road), and register in advance of the event. There is a limit of two attendees per registration.

To reserve a seat, contact Anderson's office at (313) 234-8855 or send an email to District12@WayneCounty.com. Those registering will be asked to provide their name, phone number and address to complete the reservation.

'Yankee Doodle' on stage

Inspire Theatre in Westland will present Yankee Doodle Dandy Song and Dance Man at 7:30 p.m. June 22, 29 and 30 and July 6 and 7 and at 3 p.m. June 24, July 1, 7 and 8.

In the play, the spirit of song-and-dance man George M. Cohan reappears on stage to help stage a centennial pageant for the town of Snookersville. The great-granddaughter of the town founder tried to force to town to stage a dull and phony historical play but she is outmaneuvered by Cohan

and his friends. The show includes five original rock, ragtime and western ballads and many Cohan favorites like Yankee Doodle Dandy, Give My Regards to Broadway and You're a Grand Old Flag. Tickets for the show are priced at \$16 and now available at inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com.

The performances will take place at the Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road in Westland.

For more information, call (734) 751-7077.

Lawsuit

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"We do not want to litigate our case in the media," he said. "We've tried for months to resolve this, trying not to expose our taxpayers to exorbitant legal fees, but the City of Inkster has refused to discuss the matter."

"The failure or refusal to levy this approved tax, which was levied by other cities, including Romulus and Westland, deprives the Romulus Community School District of critical operating funds."

The filing further requests a writ of mandamus from the court directing the city and Carrington to collect the millage until the 2026 expiration of the levy. Lawyers claim that Inkster is in violation of state law and state constitutional provisions.



In remembrance

Raymond Carl Parker Jr., who worked for the Westland Building Department, was honored May 23 at a ceremony at Westland City Hall. He worked full time for the Westland Building Department, and part-time on Westland elections for "a few days a year," said City Clerk Richard LeBlanc. LeBlanc said Mr. Parker, who died last November, was "a great guy, a retired police officer out West." As part of the memorial service outside Westland City Hall, a bagpiper played Taps for Mr. Parker's friends, family and co-workers. Photo by Julie Brown



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Calendar of events

Romulus library is open

The Romulus Public Library will remain open during construction of the new 34th District Court building which will be built next to the facility.

A portion of the library parking lot has been fenced off and the west entrance to the campus off of Wayne Road is closed. Entrance to the library is available off of Goddard Road north and east of the library.

Maps of the construction area are available in the library for patrons and the information is available on the library website and social media sites. Construction is expected to be complete around this time next year and the parking lot will be resurfaced after the building is completed.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7389.

Chamber and schools on a roll

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation will host a bowling fundraiser beginning with registration at 7 p.m. June 1 at Lodge Lanes.

The cost is \$20 per person which includes three games of bowling, shoe rental and pizza. Bowling will begin at 8 p.m. and there will be prizes for men and women's high games, mystery games and a 50-50 raffle.

Tickets can be purchased at the chamber office, 248 Main St. in Belleville.

Lodge Lanes is located at 46255 194 Service Dr. in Belleville.

Creek clean up planned

Plymouth Township, BOSCH, and Friends of the Rouge are sponsoring a cleanup of the Tunquish Creek between Ann Arbor Road and Joy Road from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, June 2.

Volunteers will be removing trash and log jams along the creek. Volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Riverbank Shopping Plaza, 521 Ann Arbor

Road next to Snap Fitness. Participants should dress appropriately.

This project is generously sponsored by a grant from BOSCH and support from Friends of the Rouge.

Parking is limited so carpooling is encouraged. Call (734) 414-1452 for more details.

City sponsors equipment sale

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will host an All Sports Equipment Sale from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, June 2, inside the Plymouth Ice Arena, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth.

Spots can be rented to sell equipment for \$20 for each 10 by 10-foot space. All tables, shelves, racks etc. must be able to fit in the 10 by 10 spot. Multiple adjacent spots can be purchased.

Admission to the sale is free. For more information or to register, go to www.plymouthmi.us or call (734) 455-0620, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Men's Health Fair set

Big Sisters in Nursing will host a Men's Health and Wellness Fair from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. June 2 at Kate Hair Studio in Belleville.

The day will include a variety of free health screenings and wellness packets.

Kutz is located at 264 East Columbia Ave. in Belleville. For more information, call (313) 828-8278.

Cancer symposium planned

My Compassion, a federal 501(c)(3), will present "Treating Cancer With Cannabis Symposium" from noon until 5 p.m. June 3, which is National Cancer Survival Day. The program will be presented at the Sheraton Hotel Metro Airport 8000 Merriman Road Romulus, Michigan 48174.

My Compassion is a non-profit group established to educate the public about the positive uses for medical cannabis. The symposium will provide an overview of the use

of cannabis and its components as a treatment for people with cancer-related symptoms caused by the disease itself or its treatment.

Registration is available at mycompassion.org/treatingcancer. Group rates and student rates are available. For more information, visit mycompassion.org or call (844) 296-6200.

Camp 911 planned

Plymouth City Fire Services in cooperation with Huron Valley Ambulance will host Camp 9-1-1, a free two-day camp July 9 and 10.

The camp is open to children ages 8-12 and will take place at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day.

Huron Valley Ambulance Paramedics and EMTs serve as camp counselors and teach campers about safety at home and at play, first aid skills, and how to perform CPR and use an AED. Campers' activities include ambulance tours and visiting local hospital emergency departments.

For more information or registration visit camp911.org or <http://bit.ly/Camp9112018> [<http://bit.ly/Camp9112018>]. The camp is limited to 30 students.

Opioid use is topic

The Canton Public Safety Department will host a public forum on the Heroin/Opioid epidemic and how the crisis is impacting the Canton Community beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 6.

The forum will take place in the Board Room of the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Police and Fire officials will be joined by guest speakers from the DEA, 35th District Court, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and Growth Works to cover the objectives of understanding opioid addiction, the impact of the epidemic impact on the community and strategies for tackling opioid issues, including opportunities for recovery and healing for addicts and their families.

A question and answer session involving all speakers will conclude the evening.

The forum is open to anyone interested in increasing their knowledge and understanding of this troubling, trending topic.

The free forum is open to the public.

Swing Dance and Victory Rally set

A vintage swing dance and victory rally is planned or 5-9 p.m. Saturday, June 9 in downtown Belleville at Fourth and Main St.

Original Rosie the Riveters will be on hand along with food and entertainment. A pie eating contest, cake walk, Tarot reader and silent auction are planned along with a classic car show, a military vehicle parade and rides on a 5-ton army truck.

All donations will help the Willow Run Roses march in the Fourth of July parade in Washington D.C.

Joint shred day in Plymouths

The City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will offer a shred day for all residents of both communities from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, June 9, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer.

Paper to be shredded will be limited to five banker boxes on each trip. Residents can make multiple trips throughout the morning however the service will only be available until the trucks are filled. Documents can be in paper bags or boxes when brought for shredding. Plastic bags must be removed from documents before shredding.

Residents participating must also provide proof of city or township residence using a driver's license, voter ID card, water bill, or property tax bill.

There will be another joint shred event this fall. For more information, email shred@cityofplymouthmi.us.

Coffee With A Cop Tuesday

The Inkster Police Department will continue to host Coffee With A Cop at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday

of each month at Applewood Cones Island. The next meeting will be June 12.

There is no agenda or speeches, just an opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee with a local police officers, ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the neighborhood officers.

The restaurant is located at 28840 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

Art at being sought

The Northville Art House is now accepting donations for the Art from the Attic sale set for July 27 and 28 in Northville Square.

The sale will benefit the Art House and donations of old frames and unwanted art pieces are being sought.

Funding will benefit Art House programs including free exhibits, After School Art, scholarships and art awards.

Items can be dropped off during normal business hours, noon until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon until 4 p.m. Saturday.

Legends fundraiser set

It may be May, but the Basketball Legends of Inkster are already thinking about summer camps for students.

The group, which annually provides food and toys for 100 Inkster families during the holiday season, also hosts basketball clinics and camps for students during the summer will host the first fundraiser of the year from 4-10 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 at Texas Roadhouse.

That evening, 10 percent of all total food purchased will be donated to the Inkster group to help fund the upcoming basketball camps.

Texas Roadhouse is located at 36750 Ford Road. To donate to the Basketball Legends of Inkster, access the website, www.inksterlegends.com for a copy of the invitation from Texas Roadhouse which must be presented to send the donation to the group.

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