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The Northville Art House will present the 7th annual West of Center contemporary arts, all media show beginning with a reception tomorrow.  
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Members of the Plymouth Canton Community School District Board of Education and the administrators currently face a \$6 million budget deficit.  
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## THE ROMULUS ROMAN

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The newest park in Romulus has been reopened and renamed to recognize the work of St. John's Lodge No.44 Free and Accepted Masons who helped revitalize the park.  
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## THE WAYNE EAGLE

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Wayne residents will see some changes on their upcoming water bills following a new billing system adopted by members of the city council last month.  
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## THE WESTLAND EAGLE

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The 17-year-old Westland man accused of fatally stabbing a Belleville man will face a preliminary hearing on murder charges before Judge Mark McConnell June 18.  
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## Inkster to levy 6.45 mills to pay victim

A settlement of \$1,377,500 will be paid to Floyd Dent, the victim of a police beating, by a one-time 6.45 mill tax against each property owner in the City of Inkster.

A consent judgment to a \$10 million suit was approved in Wayne County Circuit Court last week agreeing to pay Dent the settlement amount with a lump sum of \$75,000 by July 10 and the balance paid in increments as accrued from the collection of taxes by the city, according to the settlement documents.

According to Inkster City Treasurer Mark Stuhldreher, this is the highest millage levied in the city. He said that about 70

percent of the judgment amount will be collected by the end of next February and the settlement amount should be paid in total by the middle of 2016. He said that the city can levy the tax against property owners if it cannot pay the judgment and that the new millage will be collected in the same manner as any other property tax according to the rules of the General Property Tax Act.

The tax will first appear on the summer tax bills in Inkster and will cost property owners of a home with a market value of \$55,400 about \$178.67.

The settlement agreement and the levy of the millage were



William Melendez

approved by a vote of the Inkster City Council members during a regular meeting Monday.

The former Inkster officer who was criminally charged in the beating, William Melendez, now faces a third felony charge in the incident which began as a traffic stop last January.

Melendez, 46, appeared with attorneys James Thomas and David Lee in 22nd District Court last week before Judge Sabrina Johnson in a preliminary examination on felony charges of misconduct in office and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. An additional felony charge of assault by strangulation was requested by Assistant Wayne County

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## Civic groups prepare for Liberty Fest

The upcoming Liberty Fest in Canton Township offers more than a good time for everyone. The event also provides an opportunity for local civic groups to host events to help fund their charitable work in the community.

Canton Leisure Services, which organizes the Liberty Fest, has partnered with several non-profit community groups during the annual celebration, including:

**America's Most Wanted Car Club:** This Canton-based club has been conducting car shows to benefit local charities for more than 20 years and has participated in each of the Canton Liberty Fest celebrations. Stroll along the ponds of Liberty Fest on Saturday, June 20 to enjoy some of the finest automobiles created from classic restorations to race cars. More than 225 vehicles are expected to be exhibited. Proceeds will benefit Open Door Ministries - an area food bank, and Blum's Landing - a retreat for veterans located in northern Michigan. For more information about America's Most Wanted Car Club, contact President Bob Hayes at (734) 421-8308 or Vice-President Jim Tilley at (734) 459-8308.

**The Canton Firefighters #2289 Charity Foundation:** This non-profit group was established in 1995 by Canton Firefighters to support Canton community charities, assist in emergency relief efforts and other worthwhile causes that surface in the community. Each year the Canton Firefighters #2289

Charity Foundation hosts a popular Spaghetti Dinner at Liberty Fest, thanks to the generous donations from Rose's Restaurant of Canton. The event will take place from 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 19 this year. Proceeds this year will support Canton community charities, assist in emergency relief efforts and other worthwhile causes. This year, the dinner is sponsored in part by Sysco Detroit, Rose's Restaurant, Mama Mucci's Pasta, Gordon Food Service, and Absoupure. The Bob Skon Trio will also be performing a mix of folk-rock and a touch of jazz. For more information about the Canton Firefighters #2298 Charity Foundation, visit [www.canton-firefighters.org](http://www.canton-firefighters.org)

**The Canton Lions Club:** Celebrating 20 years of hosting the Liberty Fest Pancake Breakfast and more than 40 years of dedicated service in the community, the Canton Lions Club is a group that comes together and shares a common interest in community service, supporting the Lions motto "We Serve." The clubs exist so that members may pool their skills, talents and resources for the betterment of the community. Since establishing its charter in 1968, club members have raised and distributed more than \$200,000 in charitable grants to nonprofit service agencies. This year, the Canton Lions Club's 20th Annual Pancake Breakfast will take place from 7-11 a.m. on Saturday, June 20 in the Heritage Park North Pavilions.



The menu includes a stack of golden pancakes and waffles hot off the griddle along with sausages, juice or coffee all for just a donation.

All proceeds will benefit local Lions Club charities. For more information about the Canton Lions Club, visit [www.cantonlions.org](http://www.cantonlions.org).

**The Rotary Club of Canton:** The Rotary Club of Canton was chartered on May 16, 1977 and supports many ongoing projects including the contribution of backpacks to the Plymouth Canton Clothing Bank at the

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## Joint Northville/Plymouth recreation area proposed

Don Howard  
Staff Writer

Elected officials from the City of Northville, Northville Township and Plymouth Township are working toward a new cooperative recreation area to serve the three communities.

Northville Township Manger Chip Snider said last week that Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price had expressed his desire to be involved in the development of recreation opportunities that could be shared by the three communities. At a recent meeting of the Northville/Northville Township Recreation Committee, Price requested that Plymouth Township join the effort to offer a community recreation center

that would serve the needs of families and seniors alike. The committee is currently in talks to develop a soccer park and other amenities at the former Robert Scott Prison property, closed by the state in 2012.

The former prison site on Five Mile Road is being considered by members of the joint Northville city and township recreation committee which includes members of the Northville Community Schools Board of Education. Price appeared at the recent meeting asking to have Plymouth Township included in the recreational park development. The property includes the area north of Five Mile from Beck to Napier roads. Northville Township officials were able to

acquire the property with help from State Rep. Kurt Heise at a final cost of \$1.

Snider said that national surveys have indicated that people will travel up to 4 miles to seek recreation. "With our largest field being at Five Mile and Beck, a Plymouth resident would not have far to travel," he said. Snider said that all current programming would be under evaluation for improvement. "For example, soccer would be a high priority, we have several well-groomed fields that would serve Lacrosse as well. Baseball could be combined and I believe there would be some economy in terms of field maintenance and resources."

Snider added that a consolidation of park administrative

costs would be a financial and organizational benefit for all three communities.

"The legal definition of consolidation might not cause each community to gain or lose assets just simply a shared service agreement much like we have with the City of Northville," Snider said. He added that recent discussions on the soccer contract stimulated dialogue regarding the proposed collaboration. He said that Price's request is a reflection of the cooperation between the townships of Northville and Plymouth.

"The Five Mile Road corridor has been evidence of the collaboration resulting in development throughout our border," Snider said.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon a two week notice to the Charter Township of Canton. These services include signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting. 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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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – May 26, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, Williams, Yack Members Absent: McLaughlin, Sneedman Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Faas, Director Mutchler, Director Trumbull, Kristin Kolb **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Yack, supported by Anthony to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the Board Minutes of May 12, 2015 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. Last week HB 4052 passed the house. This legislation could possible invalidate some local ordinances. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** State Representative, Kristy Pagan gave an update on various items in State Government: The House is looking into alternate funding plans for Michigan roads. The State Budget is in process and working its way through the House and the Senate. The Senate recently passed Senate Bills 1, 2, and 3 dealing with the prevailing wage laws. Stephanie Johnson of Capital Services, the multi-client lobby firm in Lansing which represents Canton Township introduced herself to the Board. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Consider Second Reading of Code of Ordinances Amendments to Part II, Chapter 78 Entitled “Buildings and Building Regulations”, Article IV Entitled “Exterior Concrete”, Sections 78-91 to 78-96 (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Yack to remove from the table the first reading of an ordinance which amends the Township Code of Ordinance, Part II, Chapter 78 Entitled “Buildings and Building Regulations”, Article IV Entitled “Exterior Concrete”, Sections 78-91 to 78-96. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Yack to hold the second reading and amend the Township Code of Ordinance, Part II, Chapter 78 Entitled “Buildings and Building Regulations”, Article IV Entitled “Exterior Concrete”, Sections 78-91 to 78-96 with a publication and effective date of June 4, 2015. Motion carried by all members present. **STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CHAPTER 78 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCE - CHAPTER 78 “BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS”, ARTICLE IV “EXTERIOR CONCRETE”, SECTIONS 78-91 TO 78-96 TO PROVIDE FOR LANGUAGE RELATED TO ASPHALT PARKING LOTS AND DRIVEWAYS THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CODE** Chapter 78, Article IV of the Charter Township of Canton Code of Ordinances, "Exterior Concrete" is hereby amended to read as follows: **ARTICLE IV. - EXTERIOR CONCRETE AND ASPHALT PAVING, Sec. 78-91. - Definitions.** The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: *Asphalt paving means horizontal asphalt or bituminous paving, including, but not limited to, parking lots, driveways, and private roads. Building official* means the township building official or their duly authorized representative or agent. *Exterior concrete* means any horizontal concrete on the exterior of a building, including, but not limited to, porches, patios, sidewalks, driveways and aprons which are on private property. *Township engineer means the township engineering services manager or their duly authorized representative. Sec. 78-92. - Interpretation; conflicts with other ordinances.* The provisions of this article shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing and future zoning and other ordinances of the township and all amendments thereto; provided, however, that where any inconsistency or conflict cannot be avoided, then the most restrictive of such inconsistent or conflicting provisions shall control and prevail. If there is believed to be a conflict between the stated intent and any specific provisions of this article, the zoning board of appeals may, in accordance with established procedures, permit modification of such specific provisions while retaining the intent in such appealed instance. **Sec. 78-93. - Administration and enforcement.** *Administration generally.* The building official and township engineer shall administer the requirements of this article so as to protect the health and safety of the public and other persons. *Permit required.* All work regulated by this article shall, prior to any work beginning, require a compliance permit issued in accordance with the state construction codes. *Permit fees.* The township board shall, from time to time, by resolution, establish fees for permits required by this article. A permit shall not be issued until the fee as prescribed by the resolution of the township board is paid. *Stop work orders.* Construction work that is being done contrary to the provisions of this article shall be immediately stopped upon notice from the building official. *Inspections:* No concrete or asphalt paving shall be placed prior to an inspection and approval by the building official and township engineer. *Conformance with state construction code.* All work shall be in accordance with the state construction code. **Sec. 78-94. - Specifications. Subgrade.** Subgrades for exterior concrete and asphalt paving shall be prepared in accordance with accepted good engineering practices. Exposed roots and vegetation shall be removed and replaced with sand. All fill sand shall be compacted to 95 percent of total compaction. Concrete shall not be placed on disturbed soil unless other acceptable means are provided to support the concrete. *Forms.* Forms for concrete shall extend the full thickness of the work and be held securely in place by the use of stakes or other bracing. *(c) Placement of concrete.* Concrete for exterior work shall contain not less than six bags of concrete per cubic yard. No concrete shall be placed having a slump greater than six inches. All concrete shall consist of a single course, tamped and spaded into place. As soon as concrete is poured and after spading, a straight edge template is to be used as a strike-off across the forms to ensure a true surface. The work is to be finished using a bull float to compact the concrete where necessary. The edges of the concrete flags shall be turned down with an edger having a radius not exceeding one-quarter inch. *(d) Expansion joints.* All concrete, when placed next to a wall or structure, must be separated by an expansion joint. Expansion joints shall consist of a non-extruding bituminous material one-half inch thick. *(e) Protection of concrete; curing.* All freshly laid concrete shall be protected against damage by erection of suitable barricades and lights from dusk to dawn. The concrete shall be protected against adverse weather for not less than three days. In no case shall the permit holder permit anyone to walk on or deface the surface before the concrete is thoroughly set. *(f) Removal of forms; backfilling.* After the concrete has set, the forms and stakes shall be removed without damaging the concrete. The spaces on both sides shall be backfilled, compacted, and graded to meet established grades. Excess materials shall be removed from the job site. Where grading has not been approved, all concrete shall be backfilled to prevent undercutting and erosion. *(g) Placement of asphalt paving.* Placement of asphalt paving shall occur in compliance with the established Canton Township Engineering Standards for Private Roads and Parking Lots. *(h) Supervision of work; inspections.* The building official and township engineer shall, at all times, have access to any work. A responsible representative shall be in charge of the work on the site at all times and shall have the necessary qualifications and authority to execute, adhere to and carry out the requirements of the specifications. All work shall be done to the satisfaction of the building official and township engineer. *(i) Correction of defects.* Defects appearing within 12 months of installation and determined by the building official or township engineer to be hazardous or unsightly and caused by settlement, defects, or damages in any portion of the work due to travel, rain, storm, snow, ice, frost, freezing, improper curing or finishing or other causes shall be repaired or replaced to the satisfaction of the building official or township engineer. Repairs shall be made at the expense of the permit holder. **Sec. 78-95. - Driveway paving required.** Any proposed driveway which abuts a public right-of-way in which the road or street is paved shall also be required to be paved. The building official shall have the authority to waive this requirement if the driveway is in a rural area and driveways in the general vicinity are not paved. **Sec. 78-96. - Sidewalks in right-of-way.** This article does not cover and shall not apply to any and all sidewalks found within the right-of-way of the county road commission or any other state subdivision. **SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY** Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be responsible for a civil infraction and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars. **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY** If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application of thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not have been included in this ordinance. **SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES** All Ordinance or parts of Ordinance is conflict herewith is hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. **SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE** All rights and duties which have matured penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance. **SECTION 6. PUBLICATION** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE** This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. **CERTIFICATION** The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. Terry G. Bennett, Clerk. Introduced: May 12, 2015 Adopted: May 26, 2015 Published: June 4, 2015 Effective: June 4, 2015 Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI., 48188, during regular business hours. **Item C-2. Consider Request to Approve Purchase Order to Election Systems & Software, LLC, for May 5, 2015 Election Coding (Clerk)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Yack to approve the payment of \$6,577.25 to Election Systems & Software LLC, 6055 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674 for the coding of the May 5, 2015 Special Statewide Election. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Consider Approval Of An Intergovernmental Agreement Between Wayne County And Canton Township For Improvements To Patriot Park. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between Wayne County and Canton Township for Improvements to Patriot Park and to authorize the Finance Department to make necessary budget adjustments to record the Wayne County contribution. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve a budget amendment to increase Revenue Account #246-750.58, Contributions from Local Units by \$112,377 and to increase Expense Account #246- 750.801\_0050, Professional Services by \$112,377. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-2. Consider Increase Of Summit On The Park Design & Build Purchase Order. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to increase the PO with Heaney General Contracting for the Design and Build Restoration Project for the Summit on the Park to an amount not to exceed \$695,000 to be paid from account 208-757-50.970\_0020. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Yack to approve the following budget amendments: 101-969.999\_2080 Transfers Out Community Center increase \$200,000 101-000.695 Fund Balance Appropriation increase \$200,000 208-757-50.970\_0020 Capital Outlay Buildings & Improv increase \$200,000 208-757-50.699\_1010 Transfers In General increase \$200,000 Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-3. Consider Approval of Emergency Purchase Order for Replacement of Summit Roof Top Unit Compressors. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the purchase order to Building Automated Systems and Services, 6260 18-1/2 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48314 for emergency repair of mechanical rooftop unit #14 at the Summit on the Park in the amount of \$12,000 from account # 246-750-970-0020 Community Improvement – Miscellaneous Mechanical Repairs/Replacements. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-4. Consider Approval Of Resolution To Amend Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) Pension Plan, POAM Division Per The POAM Collective Bargaining Agreement. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to approve the MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement for the POAM group, effective retroactively to January 1, 2015. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-5. Consider Approval Of Resolution To Amend Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) Pension Plan And Create A New Command Division Per The POLC Collective Bargaining Agreement. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement for a new division of command employees, POLC – Entering Union after 1/1/13. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-6. Consider Approval Of Modifications Of Contracts With Two Homeowner Associations For The Wayne County Township Roads Initiative. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to approve the modified contracts with Willow Homes HOA and Glengarry #1 HOA for the Wayne County Township Residential Road Initiative. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-7. Consider First Reading of Code of Ordinance Amendments to Part II, Chapter 110 Entitled “Subdivisions and Other Divisions of Land”, Article III Entitled “Design Standards and Required Improvements”, Section 110-150. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to introduce and hold the first reading of the proposed Ordinance Amendments to Part II, Chapter 110 Entitled “Subdivisions and Other Divisions Of Land”, Article III Entitled “Design Standards and Required Improvements”, Section 110-150. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to table consideration of the amendment for a second reading on June 9, 2015. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-8. Consider Approval Of A Budget Amendment To The Stormwater Drains Program And Approve Payment To Wayne County For The 2013 & 2014 Drain Assessments. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve a \$40,000 budget amendment to the water and sewer fund account #592-445.930\_0050 (Maintenance & Repair of Infrastructure) as follows: a. Decrease Expenditure: #592-536.990 Transfer to Fund Balance b. Increase Expenditures: #592-445.930\_0050 Maintenance & Repair of Infrastructure. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve payment to Wayne County for the 2013 and 2014 drain assessments totaling \$46,505.91. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-9. Consider Approval Of An Intergovernmental Agreement With Wayne County For The Local Partnering Initiative For Township Roads. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Yack to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Wayne County for the Local Partnering Initiative for Township Roads as provided in the model resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** Motion by Bennett, Support by Yack, that **Whereas**, the Canton Township believes quality roads are a vital part of any community, and **Whereas**, certain improvements are necessary to County Local Roads to increase traffic safety, and **Whereas**, the County of Wayne has committed to Canton Township to assist financially during FY 14-15 and FY 15-16 in the improvements to local roads within the township limits, and **Whereas**, Wayne County will provide payment to the Canton Township up to 80% or the capped amount of \$ 1,500,000 per year as the COUNTY's participation of the total Project Costs; and **Whereas**, upon execution of this Agreement by the COUNTY, the COUNTY will provide a Working Capital Advance to the TOWNSHIP in the amount of \$375,000 as twenty five percent (25%) of the COUNTY's participation of the FY 14-15 total Project Cost; and **Now, therefore be it resolved**, that the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees does hereby approve the proposed Agreement between Canton Township and County of Wayne for the improvements of Local County Roads within the Township and **Be it further resolved**, that the Supervisor and Clerk are authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Charter Township of Canton. YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 0 I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a meeting held on May 26, 2015. Terry G. Bennett, Township Clerk. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz encouraged residents to take advantage of the wonderful weather by participating in the outdoor activities available in Canton. Trustee Yack asked how where we are on the engineering of Lotz Road. Director Faas explained they have had the 90% design meeting and should be in the bid process in either June or early July. He is expecting the Water Main work to be before the board in the next few weeks. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. **Terry G. Bennett, Clerk**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) after Board Approval. Publish: June 4, 2015

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ZONE TWO  
PUBLIC SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT NOTICE

PLATTED SUBDIVISIONS	SWR YR	PARCEL ID	# LOTS
Aziz Estates Sub #1 (1993)	SWR14	096-02-0001 thru 0005	5
Aziz Estates Sub #2 (1996)	SWR14	096-05-0006 thru 0045	40
Brookside Village Sub #1 (1974)	SWR04	093-01-0001 thru 0226	226
Brookside Village Sub #2 (1976)	SWR04	093-02-0227 thru 0343	117
Brookside Village Sub #3 (1978)	SWR04	093-04-0344 thru 0497	154
Brookside Village Sub #4 (1991)	SWR04	096-01-0498 thru 0530	33
Brookside Village Sub #5 (1994)	SWR04	096-03-0531 thru 0623	93
Brookside Village West (1978)	SWR04	093-03-0001 thru 0091	91
Camden Park (1995)	SWR14	094-06-0001 thru 0034	34
Dasher Heights (1998)	SWR14	096-06-0001 thru 0106	106
Holiday Park Sub #1 (1965)	SWR02	001-01-0001 thru 0207	207
Holiday Park Sub #2 (1966)	SWR02	004-01-0208 thru 0470	263
Holiday Park Sub #3 (1968)	SWR02	001-02-0471 thru 0530	60
Westfield Estates Sub (1997)	SWR14	094-07-0001 thru 0079	79

TOTAL # LOTS 1508

PERIMETER OF ZONE TWO:  
South side of Joy Road, West side of Hannan Road, North side of Van Born Road & the East side of Haggerty Road

NOTE:  
The area of zone two includes all commercial and residential parcels that are located along a public road right-of-way.

2016 SIDEWALK REPAIR AND GAP PROGRAM

Canton Township Engineering Services will be performing sidewalk inspections in zone two to obtain preliminary quantities for replacement. Sidewalks that need replacement will be denoted with one of two (2) colors.

GREEN - Denotes the property owner's responsibility for the cost of replacement.  
RED - Denotes Canton's responsibility for the cost of replacement.

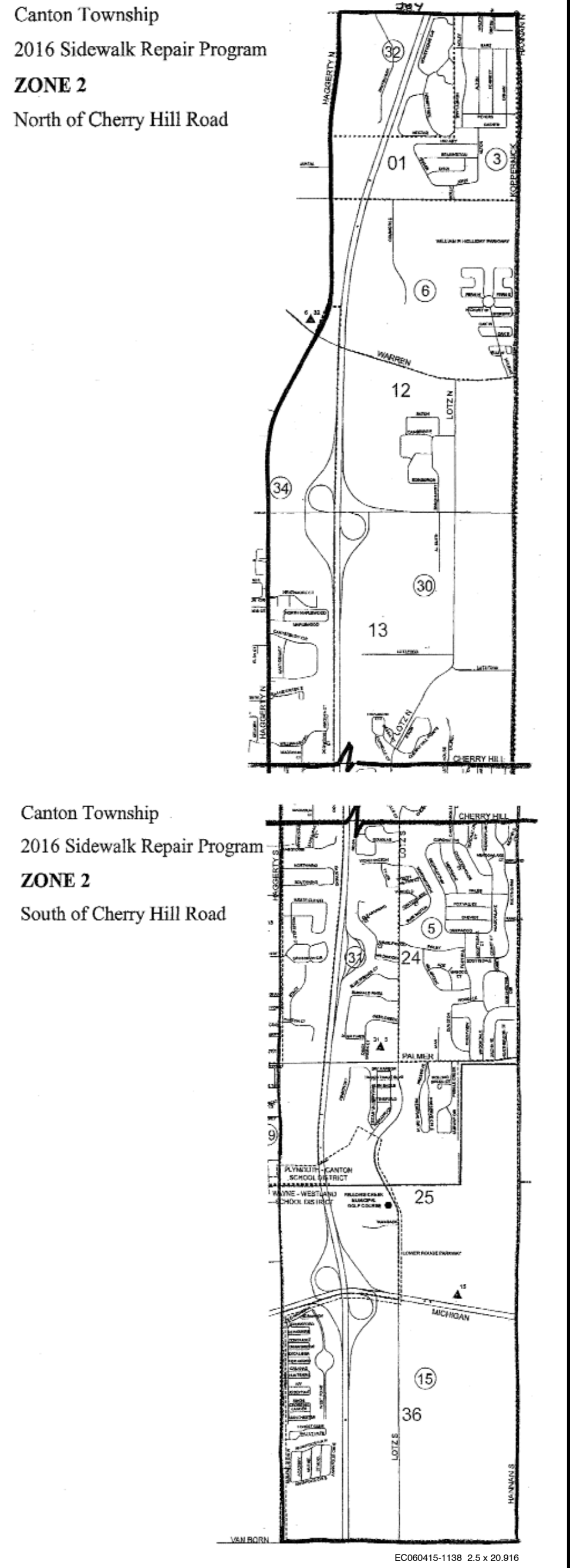
Defective sidewalk located within a drive may require driveway approach slabs directly adjacent to be marked for repair (owner's responsibility). Should an owner have a defective concrete drive approach, located between the sidewalk and curb, and no defective sidewalk, upon request only (owner's responsibility) we can include with the sidewalk repair program.

In an effort to complete the inspections in a timely fashion, we ask that if there is a concern regarding responsibility that the property owner wait to contact Engineering Services until the Fall of 2015 or Spring of 2016 to schedule an appointment to review the markings. The paint dots are preliminary markings during the initial walk thru of the subdivision and along the public right-of-way. There may be some revisions that occur upon measuring the quantities and determining the responsibilities.

Additional information will follow when you receive your notification letters in the Spring of 2016. The following represents a tentative schedule:

NOTIFICATION LETTERS (Estimated Cost & Quantity) - Spring 2016  
PUBLIC HEARING - Spring 2016  
CONSTRUCTION - 60 Days After the Public Hearing  
INVOICES - Fall/Winter 2016

Please review the sidewalk ordinance and our website for commonly asked questions at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org). The sidewalk ordinance section is in Chapter 62, Article 2, and Section 62-31/38 inclusive.



# BELLEVILLE - CANTON - INKSTER

## Federal permit OK'd for Horizon Park improvements

It's been a long wait but the kayak launch and other improvements planned for Horizon Park in Belleville should begin this summer.

After several delays and the need for a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission permit, the kayak launch should be under way this month. The

planned improvements will be funded by the Downtown Development Authority utilizing a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant of \$120,700 toward the total cost of \$197,071.50.

The work will be performed by the low bidder, Blue Ribbon, and was accepted by the DDA

several months ago while awaiting approval from the federal agency. That approval was necessary as the lake has a dam, subject to federal approval of any changes or construction at the site which could affect that structure.

Officials said that the frame of the kiosk at the park has been

removed for refurbishing and that some landscaping work has already been started. Work will not interfere with events planned at the park such as the upcoming Kona Run June 19 or the Strawberry Festival as the contractors' equipment and machinery will be staged outside the park and there will be

no traffic detours due to the work.

Some of the larger pieces of the structure will be launched into the lake at other sites and floated down to the site of the new launch, officials said.

The improvements are scheduled to be complete this summer.

## Library founder marks birthday

A familiar name in Inkster marked a special occasion last month when Leanna Hicks marked her 95th birthday on May 14.

Hicks, for whom the Inkster Public Library is named, spent more than 35 years working to improve local libraries and preserve local history. Through her service on the Inkster Historical Commission, she led the efforts in hundreds of acquisitions and improvements at both the Inkster library and the community historical collections. She is also the founder of The Friends of the Inkster Library.

Hicks, prior to her retirement, held positions with the Wayne County Federation Library and the Wayne County Library

Commission.

Leanna holds degrees in Journalism and Social Science from Eastern Michigan University and Wayne State University. She retired from Burroughs Corp. in Plymouth, decades ago.

She has received countless humanitarian awards from institutions such as the YWCA, Girl Scouts of America, Veterans groups, NAACP, Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, City of Inkster Parks and Recreation and Inkster Christians in Action, among many others.

Numerous tributes and awards from the federal government, the State of Michigan, Wayne County and the cities of

Director of the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library Denise Bearre, right, Dosye Thompson, library board vice president, and Lillie Allen wished Leanna Hicks a happy 95th birthday last month.

Inkster and Detroit have honored Hicks for her outstanding efforts to better her community.

This year, during her birthday celebration at the Imperial Nursing Center in Dearborn Heights, she was presented with commendations from State Sen David Knezek and State Rep.

Julie Plawecki, honoring her achievements.

Inkster Public Library Director Denise Bearre was on hand to help celebrate the birthday of the woman for whom the city library is named.

Hicks has been actively involved in the Springhill

Missionary Baptist Church of Inkster for more than six decades. A widow, she and her deceased husband, George, are the parents of four children; Chester, Duane, George Hicks III and Sherry Byrd. She has 14 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

## Festival

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start of each school year for underprivileged students. Rotary International is one of the oldest service organizations and has the motto, "Service Above Self".

## Court

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Prosecutor Robert Donaldson and approved by Johnson who found enough evidence to send Melendez to trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on all three charges.

The only testimony offered during the preliminary hearing came from Dent, 57, the man seen on a police cruiser videotape of the incident being yanked from behind the wheel of his car at gunpoint, thrown to the ground in a chokehold and brutally beaten by Melendez. The videotape shows Melendez holding Dent in a choke hold with one arm while striking him in the head 12-16 times with a closed fist. Melendez has one of Dent's arms pinned behind his back as he continues to strike him on the right side of his head. The videotape shows another officer arriving at the scene and kicking Dent while another repeatedly uses a

taser on him as Melendez continues to strike him.

The incident became an internet sensation when Dent's attorney, Gregory Rohl, released the tape to the media. Police reports of the incident originally claimed that Dent ignored a stop sign after being seen in a known drug trafficking area of the city. Dent admitted he drove about four blocks before realizing that police were attempting to stop him.

He said, contrary to police reports, that he made no threats against officers. Melendez also claimed to have found a bag of a white powder in Dent's car, an assertion he and his attorney dispute, claiming the videotape shows Melendez planting the suspected cocaine in the car.

Dent was originally charged with resisting arrest and obstructing officers and possession of cocaine. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy dismissed those charges when she viewed the videotape of the arrest, which did not accompany

to enter the tent.

There will be more than a dozen other charitable and civic groups be at various sites during the Liberty Fest offering items at the Market Place or at booths promoting their causes.

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the original request for a warrant sent to her office by Inkster police. Johnson had earlier dismissed the resisting arrest charges when she viewed the videotape.

Dent was hospitalized for two days as a result of his injuries, which included a broken eye socket. At the hearing, he told the court that the injuries left him with some memory impairment and occasional difficulty in thinking straight.

He also told the court that Melendez choked him "so hard I couldn't breathe."

Melendez' attorneys questioned Dent's medical tests claiming that results of a screening at Garden City Hospital showed cocaine in his urine. Robertson, however, said that he wanted to make it very clear that blood tests performed by the Michigan State Police forensic laboratory showed no opiates or drugs in Dent's system.

Melendez will now face arraignment on the charges June 10 in circuit court.

## Legislators set meetings

Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, State Rep. Julie Plawecki and State Senator David Knezek will resume their monthly coffee hour events In Inkster in September. The meetings, which usually take place the second Monday of each month at the Leanna Hicks Public Library, will be postponed until September due to library summer operating hours. Citizens who have questions or concerns in the meantime are encouraged to contact any of the elected officials by mail, telephone, or email:

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The Romulus Board of Education will conduct a Regular meeting on June 22, 2015 at 6 p.m. to approve the 2015-2016 Budget. The meeting will be held in the Board of Education Office at 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

Copies of the Budget will be available for review in the Romulus Board of Education Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on June 19, 2015.

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# NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

## School district facing \$6 million shortfall

Members of the Plymouth Canton Community School District Board of Education and district administrators currently face a \$6 million budget deficit.

Administrators are currently attempting to determine which programs are mandatory, which programs and services are secondary and which are necessary to continue to fund as they wade through a third proposed budget in an attempt to balance the district finances.

Superintendent of Schools Michael Meissen told the board members last week that data collected from administrators and principals in the district was being analyzed and evaluated to see where cuts will be made to attempt to balance spending and revenue in the district.

“We are at a critical point where there are no reserve funds. We have to stay as nimble as an organization and be open to change,” Meissen said at the regular meeting of the board members last week. The district has hired a consultant to help evaluate the information provided by principals.

Meissen said that the 43 items proposed for reduction in an earlier draft of the budget were not finalized and that the board members would continue discussions. He said the district needed to balance the budget and maintain a five-year balance while avoiding borrowing to pay expenses. He said the district also needs to preserve and grow the fund balance, currently at about 6.8 percent.

State law requires the district to schedule a public hearing on a final budget by June 30, leaving only about a month to make the necessary spending adjustments.

The cuts are made more difficult as there is no final amount of per-pupil funding from the state. Meissen noted that Plymouth-Canton receives much less than other districts in the per pupil allotment.

Among the suggested reductions were staff members including paraprofessionals, media specialists and counselors. A reduction in security at Starkweather, less secretarial and administrative support, a reduction in technology support and other staff reductions were among some of the suggestions made to cut spending. Also suggested were cuts to the world language elementary school program, reducing bus routes and stops, an increase in the athletic fees, reductions in the music program and a reduction in the number of regional directors.

Meissen said that while no decisions regarding cuts in programs or services have been made, changes will be necessary including the possibility that employees will have to take on more work and that cross training of staff members will become a reality.

## Northville West of Center exhibit opens tomorrow

The Northville Art House will present the 7th annual West of Center contemporary arts, all media show juried by Michigan contemporary artist and teacher Topher Crowder.

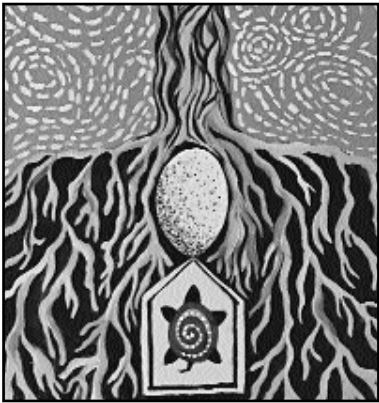
West of Center is a nod to the Art House location in downtown Northville as well as its mission to bring the community something unexpected, edgy and compelling – an eclectic, contemporary art exhibit that showcases a wide range of accomplished pieces including fiber, clay, glass mosaic, graphite, wood, acrylic, mixed media, assemblage, photography and more. It's an exciting mix that always comprises a highly anticipated “must see” show each year, a spokesperson said.

West of Center opens with a reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 5. The exhibit will continue through June 27 during Art House business hours, noon until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon until 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady St. and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits is free and open to the public.

For more information visit [www.northvillearthouse.org](http://www.northvillearthouse.org) or call (248) 344-0497 during business hours.



Real Bad Leather by JeanPaul Aboudib of Canton



Self Portrait 6.0 by Janet McClintock of Northville



Witness in a Shooting Gallery by Kate Paul of Livonia



Afternoon Sun, WSU by Kathleen McNamee of Grosse Pointe

## Arts council awards annual Damaris scholarships

The Plymouth Community Arts Council Damaris Fine Art Scholarships this year went to Rowan Borninski and Roberto Ramirez.

The winners of the financial scholarships were chosen from seven applicants, all of whom are seniors in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools. Borninski, a senior at Plymouth High School was awarded the \$1,000 scholarship and Ramirez, a senior at the Starkweather alternative program, won the \$500 award.

Borninski plans to study at the University of Michigan School of Art and Design while Ramirez will enroll at Schoolcraft College.

The winners were selected by Dennis Jones, an instructor at the college for Creative Studies, who lives in Plymouth.

Along with Borninski and Ramirez, seniors Maura Kraemer, Kevin Martin, Matthew Cylla, Nam Nguyen and Jordan Rasmussen all submitted a portfolio of between three and five art pieces, each with a description of the work, an essay about the role art plays in their lives, and two letters of recommendation as required by the scholarship rules. The Damaris Scholarships are in memory Damaris “Dee” Schulte, who was a member of the arts council board of directors, a well-known artist and art instructor. The scholarships are funded by her family.

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#### Obituaries



**Patricia Ann Wisdom**  
Sunrise: Sept. 4, 1946  
Sunset: May 14, 2015  
Patricia Ann Wisdom died May 14, 2015. Among her survivors are her son, Alan; two brothers, Zeffie, Jr. (Shirley) and Leon (Karen); three nieces, Michele, Genelle (Dorian), and Danielle (Ashley); a nephew, Christopher (Sandra), a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins and other relatives, and many friends. Funeral services took place at the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit with Dr. Sterling L. Jones, Sr. officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster. Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.



**Osie Lucille Roots**  
Sunrise: Jan. 10, 1920  
Sunset: May 18, 2015  
Osie Lucille Roots died May 18, 2015. Among her survivors left to cherish her memory are her devoted daughters Monaye Taylor and Sheena (Lawrence) McIntosh; a brother, Jimmy Grayer of Chicago; a sister, Lucy Brown of Mississippi; a sister-in-law, Beatrice Roots of Mississippi; a daughter-in-law, Joyce (James)

Williams; eight grandchildren, Jayson (Tina) Roots, Steven (Jena) Anderson; Amwar (Kelly) Anderson; Javar (Alysia) Anderson, Tamika (Byron) Lee, Melody (Kevin) McIntosh, Thomas (Celeste) Scott of Atlanta, GA and Carree Bell of New Jersey; 15 great-grandchildren, Dajanay, Steven III, Joshua, Elijah, K'year, Jayvion, Ethan, Aahmi, Javion, Jeremiah, Carlee, Ciyre, Merkur, Nesive and Kevin, Jr.; many nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives; a loving church family, and many friends. She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, George; sons, George, Jr. and Darnell Okeefe, and a daughter, Glenda. Funeral services took place at Christ Temple Church in Inkster with the Rev. Tyson Kelley officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster. Interment was at Metropolitan Memorial Park in Belleville.



**Richard B. Kimmey**  
Sunrise: Sept. 3, 1934  
Sunset: May 18, 2015  
Richard B. Kimmey died May 18, 2015. Among his survivors left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Gayle, children, Renee (Jerome) Anderson, Dr. Duane A. (Sophia Lewis), Daphne Y. (Clinton) Springer and Byron Kimmey; grandchildren, Jerome, Jr., Ada, Richard, Sbaronna, Byron, Hope, Elyse, Gayle, Byron (Drew), Nolan, DeJuan and Tenesha; great-grand children, Jermira, Jerney, Jerome, III, Taylor, Jasiyah,

Kamille, Morgan, Devon, Donavon and Chloe; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives, and many friends. Services took place at Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church with Pastor Errol Liverpool officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster. Serenity Cremation Services accorded final rites.



**Clarinda Alexa Mosley**  
Dec. 10, 1930  
May 16, 2015  
Clarinda Alexa Mosley died May 16, 2015. Among her survivors left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Rosemarie Williams; four grandchildren, Shaharie Jones, Ben Bohannon, Ivan Bohannon and Willie Williams, Jr.; two great-grandsons, Kam'eron Bohannon and Charles Potts III; a host of friends, and many other relatives. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster. Serenity Cremation Services accorded final rites.



**Billie White**  
Sept. 14, 1933  
May 14, 2015  
Billie White died May 14, 2015.

Among those left to cherish her memory are her loving sister, Shirley (Lucius) Griffith; two brothers, James and Tyrone Simon; hers sisters-in-law, Creasia White of Westland, Mattie White of Arizona, Sofronia Tee Barker, Leanne (Richard) Faine and Cheryl White, all of Chicago, IL; her step-daughters, Sylvia (Byron) White and Tonya N. Lumpkin; her son, Ricky (Cynthia) White, grandchildren, Tiffany, Rickeyk Jr., Rachael, Jaylan, Keeeye and Tre'Ezekiel Lumpkin; special life-time friends, Queen Ester Davis and Margueritte (Buddy) Rupert; a sister, Eunice Williams; a host of nieces, nephews, and many friends. Funeral services took place at Pentecostal Temple COGIC in Inkster with Kenneth H. Walls III officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.



**Andrew Holmes, Jr.**  
Sunrise: Nov. 11, 1934  
Sunset: May 25, 2015  
Andrew Holmes, Jr. died May 25, 2015. Among those left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Jeanie Bowden, Terri Holmes, Tameesha Holmes and Jamie Warren; two brothers, Alfonso Holmes and Ronald Holmes; two grandson, David Bowden and Charles Bowden; two granddaughters, Cecilia Bowden and Essence Grant Holmes; a niece, Kim Holmes-West; nephews, Ray Holmes, Keith Cliette, Kyle Holmes and David

Canay; a host of other friends, and many family members. Funeral services took place at the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster with the Rev. Dr. Arthur Willis officiating. Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia.



**Joseph Ndonwi Njinga**  
Sunrise: Oct. 22, 1963  
Sunset: May 16, 2015  
Joseph Ndonwi Njinga died May 16, 2015. Among his survivors are his wife, Clarissa Neba; a daughters Linda Njingang; two brothers John Njingang and George Njingang, and many friends. Funeral services took place at Park United Presbyterian Church in Highland Park with the Rev. Opelton Parker officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster. Interment was at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Superior Township.



**Reginald Beasley Townsend, Sr.**  
Sunrise: July 6, 1948  
Sunset: May 15, 2015  
Reginald Beasley Townsend, Sr. died May 15, 2015. Among those left to cherish his memory are his loving and devoted wife of 40

years, Helen Louise Townsend of Inkster; his son, Reginald, Jr.; a daughter, Danielle Nicole; a grandson, Nijier Amor; three sisters, Yvonne Gray of Columbus, OH, Ann Townsend-Chatman of Inkster and Renna Terrell of Zion, IL; a special aunt, Armetta Ward of Detroit; a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws and cousins and many friends. Funeral services took place at Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in Westland with the Rev. Dr. Kenneth C. Pierce, Sr. officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster. Serenity Cremation Services accorded final rites.

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# ROMULUS - WAYNE - WESTLAND

## Park name honors lodge

Sometimes, good deeds do bring rewards.

When the newest park in the City of Romulus was about to reopen, city officials opted to recognize the work of St. John's Lodge No.44 Free and Accepted Masons who had joined with the Teamsters to clean and revitalize the park.

Earlier this month, the city officially re-opened the park with a ribbon cutting, naming it St. John's Lodge No. 44 Community Park in honor of the active fraternal organization.

St. John's Lodge No. 44 Free and Accepted Masons, Price Hall Affiliation received their charter in 1948 and has a long-standing history of service in the community, according to a city spokeswoman. Some of their largest events include an annual Youth Day where children of the community are provided with backpacks full of school supplies prior to the new school year, she said. The group also organizes a parade in June to honor St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, she added.

“Over the years, the St. John's Lodge has always been a group the community can count on for support. This year they partnered with our local Teamsters to clean and revitalize this park. Naming it in their honor is the least we can do to show our appreciation,” said Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff.

There were approximately 200 people in attendance at the park opening enjoying the refurbished basketball court, children's games, a bounce house, playground equipment and free hot dogs and chips. Starting a new tradition, city employees played a softball game on the newly-reconditioned field against the members of St. John's Lodge No. 44.

“We look forward to this softball game being an annual event. Having the park



Durice Green from St. John's Lodge No. 44, left, Ezell Wooden, Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge No. 44, front, Mayor LeRoy Burcroff and Mayor Pro Tem John Barden along with Councilman William Wadsworth, in back were among the more than 200 folks who attended the dedication of the new park and inaugural baseball game.

named in honor of our Lodge was such a surprise. Most of our lodge brothers are lifelong residents of Romulus, some for multiple generations,” said St. John's Lodge No. 44 Worshipful Master Ezell Wooden.

## Council OKs new water billing system in city

Wayne residents will see some changes on their upcoming water bills following a new billing system adopted by members of the city council last month.

After a review of the current system, Brian Camiller of Plante Moran, the city auditors, explained that there was an inequity in the way residents and businesses were being charged for water in the city.

The city has been charging the same fixed fee to every water customer, whether they were residential or business users. That is somewhat unfair, Camiller explained, because most residents have 1-inch meters and most businesses have meters that are 2-5 inches.

“Part of the rate calculation was a reorganization in how the fixed charge is assessed. Now it will be by meter size,” said Camiller. “There will be a 26-per-

cent reduction for residents in the fixed charge. More will be paid by commercial and industrial customers,” he told the city council members last week. This is the same billing plan used in Westland, Livonia, Garden City and Canton Township and would put Wayne right in the middle of the rates charged by area communities.

Camiller said the city had not increased the water rates during the past years enough to keep up with the increases passed on by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. The new plan would mean that a family of four in Wayne would see an increase on each water bill of about \$6. Some may see more of an increase and Camiller said that it was possible single residents or a couple with no children could see a reduction in their bills.

City council members have already approved a \$2.8 million expense to replace all the water meters in the city. Part of that expense will be funded by \$1.7 million in bond sales. At the time the expense was approved, council members were told that the replacement of the older water meters would provide more accurate readings and reduce the amount of water that went unbilled to users but is paid for by the city on billings from Detroit.

## Westland teen faces murder charges in stabbing death

The 17-year-old Westland man accused of fatally stabbing a Belleville man will face a preliminary hearing on murder charges before Judge Mark McConnell June 18.

Dion Patterson appeared last week in the 18th District Court for a probable cause hearing and a preliminary hearing on the charges of homicide-felony murder, homicide-second degree murder, first degree home invasion and assault with a dangerous weapon. A not-guilty plea was entered on his behalf. He remains in custody at the Wayne County Jail while he awaits his court hearings.

Police investigators allege that Patterson stabbed Matthew Green, 33, of Belleville in the early morning hours of May 16 after breaking into a home on the 35000 block of Thames. Allegedly, Green and his girlfriend, along with two other people, returned to the home at about 2:15 a.m. The home is apparently next door to Patterson's mother's house and she was disturbed by the noise the returning couples were making. Police said that she opened her window and words were exchanged between one of the four and Patterson's mother. The noise reportedly awoke Patterson who took a kitchen knife and went to an unlocked side door of the home and forced his way in when he was encountered by Green. In the ensuing struggle, investigators said, Green was stabbed three times and died from those wounds.

According to police reports, Patterson returned to his mother's home and was arrested the same day without incident.

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Calendar of events

Saturday park program under way

The Saturday in the Park program is now under way throughout a 6-mile stretch of Hines Drive. Visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy their favorite activities in a vehicle-free environment from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The program will remain in effect until Sept. 26.

"Providing recreational activities in a safe environment is a priority of Wayne County Parks," said Wayne County Executive Warren Evans. "Saturday in the Park is a great way for families to enjoy biking, running and walking without road traffic."

Parking is available at the Hines Park-Helms Haven Area (Hines Drive, west of Outer Drive) and Hines Park-Nankin Mills Picnic Area (Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail).

For more information, call Wayne County Parks at (734) 261-1990 or visit [www.parks.waynecounty.com](http://www.parks.waynecounty.com).

PARC offers swim program

Registration is now under way for a swim program at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth offered by The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex which will assume management of the facility and continue to offer the swim program.

There will be more classes offered due to expanded available pool time.

Session 1 Swim Program registrations will take place through June 19 at the City of Plymouth Recreation Office during front counter hours, noon until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and online.

To register online you must have a City of Plymouth recreation issued username and password; for first time users this can be set-up by the recreation office. To get set-up with a username and password please email the Recreation Office at [recreation@ci.plymouth.mi.us](mailto:recreation@ci.plymouth.mi.us) or call (734)455-6620.

Library has summer hours

The Inkster Public Library now has new summer hours and is now open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturdays and from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, and from noon until 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The library will be closed Fridays, Sundays and Mondays.

The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster.

For more information, call (313)563-2822.

Senator hosts constituents

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck and District Manager Penny Crider will hold monthly office hours from 6-7 p.m. June 8 at the Plymouth Library, 223 Main St. Plymouth.

Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. No appointment is necessary.

Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of

Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth.

For more information or to contact Colbeck, visit [www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com](http://www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com) or call (517) 373-5713.

Book club to meet

The Second Monday Book Club will meet at 7 p.m. June 8 at 7 p.m. at the Romulus Public Library for a book discussion of Sharp Objects by Gillian Flynn. Book discussions are free and open to all, ages 18 and up.

Light refreshments are served. Library staff can assist readers with getting a copy of the book.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

Photographers to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club in Michigan will meet from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

This will be the final meeting of the 2014-15 season, and will feature a presentation of the best 3D images made by members this year. After a refreshment break, the annual awards will be presented.

The new 2015-16 season will begin Sept. 9.

For more information, visit <http://www.detroit3d.org/www.Detroit3D.org>, or call Dennis Green at (248) 398-3591.

Summer soiree set

The Belleville Community Arts Council will host the Summer Soiree from 7 p.m. until midnight, Friday, June 12, at the BYC

Details of this event which replaces the Garden Soiree, include delectable hors d'oeuvres as well as cocktails. This year will feature two very different musical presentations with a more Island flair early in the evening leading into a jazzier performance later on.

Romulus Night at Comerica set

Tickets are now on sale for Romulus Night at Comerica Park, planned for Wednesday, Aug. 4.

The \$65 ticket includes a bus ride and refreshments to and from Comerica Park and a buffet of hot dogs, hamburgers, cole slaw, pasta salad, baked beans, chips and soft drinks.

The Tigers will play the Minnesota Twins beginning at 7:08 p.m.

The bus will leave Romulus City Hall at 5 p.m. and check in will begin at 4:30 p.m.

There are only 100 tickets available at Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, 11189 Shook Road, Suite 200, Romulus, 48174.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call (734) 893-0694 or email [info@romuluschamber.com](mailto:info@romuluschamber.com).

Shred Day in Plymouth set

The City of Plymouth will host the 2nd Annual Community Shred Day from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, June 13 at city hall.

Shred Legal and the city will offer the free service to residents who can bring up to 10 pounds or three banker boxes of confidential documents to be securely destroyed.

The shredded material will be part of a recycling program and will be baled and sent to paper mills to be converted into reusable material. Recycling one ton of paper will save 17 trees from being cut down, 380 gallons of fuel oil, 7000 gallons of water and 4000 kilowatt hours of energy

Photo identification will be requested proving residency in the City of Plymouth.

Residents who have more than three banker-box sized boxes to destroy should bring the material in installments so no one resident is monopolizing the use of the truck.

For more information, contact city hall at (734) 453-1234 or via email at [shred@ci.plymouth.mi.us](mailto:shred@ci.plymouth.mi.us) [mailto:shred@ci.plymouth.mi.us]

Kona Run in Northville

The 13th Annual Kona Run is planned for Saturday, June 13, in Northville. Presented by St. Mary Mercy Livonia, the event includes a 10 Mile, 10K, 5K Run/Walk, Maui Mile, and new this year, a 10-mile two-person relay.

Registrants receive a tech shirt and there will be live music, Hawaiian dancers, a Luau Party at the finish, great food, beverages and more, including samples of Guernsey ice cream.

Net proceeds from this event will benefit: Northville Educational Foundation; Northville Parks and Recreation; Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute; University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Leukemia and Lymphoma Society - Team In Training.

Starting times are from 7:15 to 8:45 in the morning at the Northville

Community Center, depending on the race classification. Registration costs also vary, depending on the race.

To learn more or to register, visit: [KonaRun.com](http://KonaRun.com)

Summer Day Camp offered

Summer Day Camp will take place held at the Wayne Community Center June 16-Aug. 21 for ages 7-12.

There will be field trips, camp shirts, arts and crafts, and many other activities. Information packets are available at the front desk at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

Chamber hosts Dock Party

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will host a Dock Party from 6-8 p.m. June 17 at Johnny's Bar and Grill, 146 High St. in Belleville.

Admission for members is priced at \$10 and for non-members, \$15.

The installation of officers and the kick-off for the Strawberry Festival are planned and there will be Hors D'oeuvres along with a cash bar.

Registration will begin at 5:50 p.m. and reservations must be made by June 12 by calling (734) 697-7151 or emailing [info@bellevilleareachamber.org](mailto:info@bellevilleareachamber.org).

Senator meets constituents

State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) has scheduled a coffee hour to discuss state and local issues of concern.

Hopgood represents the new 6th Senate District, which includes the Wayne County communities of Belleville, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Huron Township, Rockwood, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township, and Westland.

The June coffee hour will begin at 10:30 a.m. June 19 at Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Sumpter Township.

For additional information regarding this event, contact (517) 373-7800, by e-mailing [senhhopgood@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senhhopgood@senate.michigan.gov) or by visiting <http://www.facebook.com/#!/SenHopgood>.

NOTICE

Van Buren Public Schools Notice of Public Budget Hearing, Monday, June 15th, 2015 at 7 pm at the Administration Building at 555 W. Columbia Avenue, Belleville, Michigan. Copies are available at the same address as of June 12th.  
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