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Fisherman of all ages will be reeling in more than 800 rainbow trout at Waterford Bend Park in Northville beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 13.

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Romulus Night at Comerica Park is planned for Aug. 4 and tickets include a round-trip bus ride to and from the park, food and a seat for the Minnesota Twins game.

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In a move that apparently surprised some members of the city council, city consultant Lisa Nocerini of the Nocerini Strategy Group was named interim city manager.

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Westland has adopted a balanced 2015-16 fiscal year budget of \$60,306,109 with no increase in millage rates and a projected surplus of more than \$5 million.

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## \$150 million project planned in Northville

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Redico President Dale Watchowski

Northville Township has received a tremendous return on the \$1 the community invested in the purchase of the former Robert Scott Correctional Facility land at Five Mile and Beck Road.

While no purchase price has been announced, the township has signed a purchase agreement with Redico, LLC, a Southfield-based company, for the 57-acre site. The land where the women's prison stood for decades, housing some of the most notorious women prisoners in the state, may soon be the site of a \$150

million development including a hotel, retail shops and homes.

The state closed the prison in 2009 and the township was able to secure the property from the state for \$1 in 2012 and subsequently struck a deal with a salvage company to demolish the buildings on the property.

Redico President Dale Watchowski said preliminary

plans for the new development will include about 200,000 square feet of retail space, a 120-room hotel and about 150 residences developed by Farmington Hills-based Pinnacle Homes. He said a conceptual plan for the project will be presented to township officials this year and a request for site plan approval submit-

ted in time for approval by June of next year as provisions of the sales agreement. Closing of the sale is required by August of 2016. "There is a tremendous amount of interest based on the location," Watchowski said. "We intend to fill a retail void in that specific location as well as a housing void. There is a tremendous demand for housing in that location."

He added that he expects the retail portion of the development to include a major

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## Service Above Self Rotary Clubs install Little Free Libraries

Members of the Rotary Clubs in both Belleville and Romulus have found a project they feel embodies the spirit of their organization.

They have embraced the Little Free Library concept that is growing globally and across the country. The clubs celebrated the first installations of the library boxes last month at Victory Park in Belleville and the re-named and re-dedicated St. Johns Lodge Park in Romulus

The new Victory Park Little Free Library is located next to the gazebo and provides the opportunity for residents to take a book, read it, and return it at their leisure. Those who have books they would like to share with others can place them in the Little Free Library, too.

This is the first of several installations that the Rotary Club members have planned for both the Belleville and Romulus areas, a spokesperson said. Little Free Libraries are being set up throughout the country by service groups, corporations and individuals. The concept is simply to provide reading material that individuals of all ages can borrow, read and return as they wish. Borrowers are encouraged to donate a book that they enjoy and would like to share with others.

Visitors can simply open the front door of the library, find a book that interests them, take it, read it and return it when finished or pass it around to others. Those who wish to donate a book or two to the library need only place it on the shelf. If there isn't room for the book, return it at a later time when there is room or contact the Belleville Rotary Club at (734) 697-3731. Jerry Richardson is the steward of the Victory Park Little Free Library.

According to Richardson, this Little Free Library movement embodies the ideas of the Rotary Club.

"It reaches out to people, builds them up and helps make them better without regard to who they are or where they come from. It is Rotary's



Belleville Rotary Club members, including Junior Rotarians celebrate the installation of the Little Free Library Victory Park in the park gazebo.

hope that this dedication to the citizens of Belleville will help strengthen the community and advance literacy for all who use it," Richardson said.

Rotary Club of Romulus members installed a Little Free Library they are calling a Read Box in the newly reopened St. John's Lodge Park.

The Romulus Rotary Club funded the installation of the Read Box in the park which now contains books from the Romulus Public Library. According to Romulus Librarian Patti Braden, the box is stocked with books for all ages and will be kept supplied throughout the summer. Residents of all ages can select a book, read and enjoy it and then return it to the box for others to enjoy.

Dave Matheny and staff members from the

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Belleville Rotary President Jeremy Richardson announces the unveiling of the Little Free Library with Rotary District 6400 President Liz Smith providing shelter.

## Legislation victory is 'sweet' for Canton Scouts

Local Boy Scouts William Cothron and Kevin Kapanowski know a good thing when they taste it...or sell it to earn money for their troop,

So when the opportunity to sell brownies at Canton Charter Academy where the 12-year-olds are 6th-grade students was limited by federal legislation,

the two had some questions about the equity of the new rules.

Kapanowski took the opportunity to ask State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, when he came to the school to speak to the scouts working on their civics merit badges. During the question and answer session, the scout asked the senator why their troop could no longer have school bake sales, a money-making event for their group.

Colbeck said it was one of the last questions he was asked during the event and that at that time, he simply didn't have an answer.

"I told him that I would go check on it," Colbeck said.

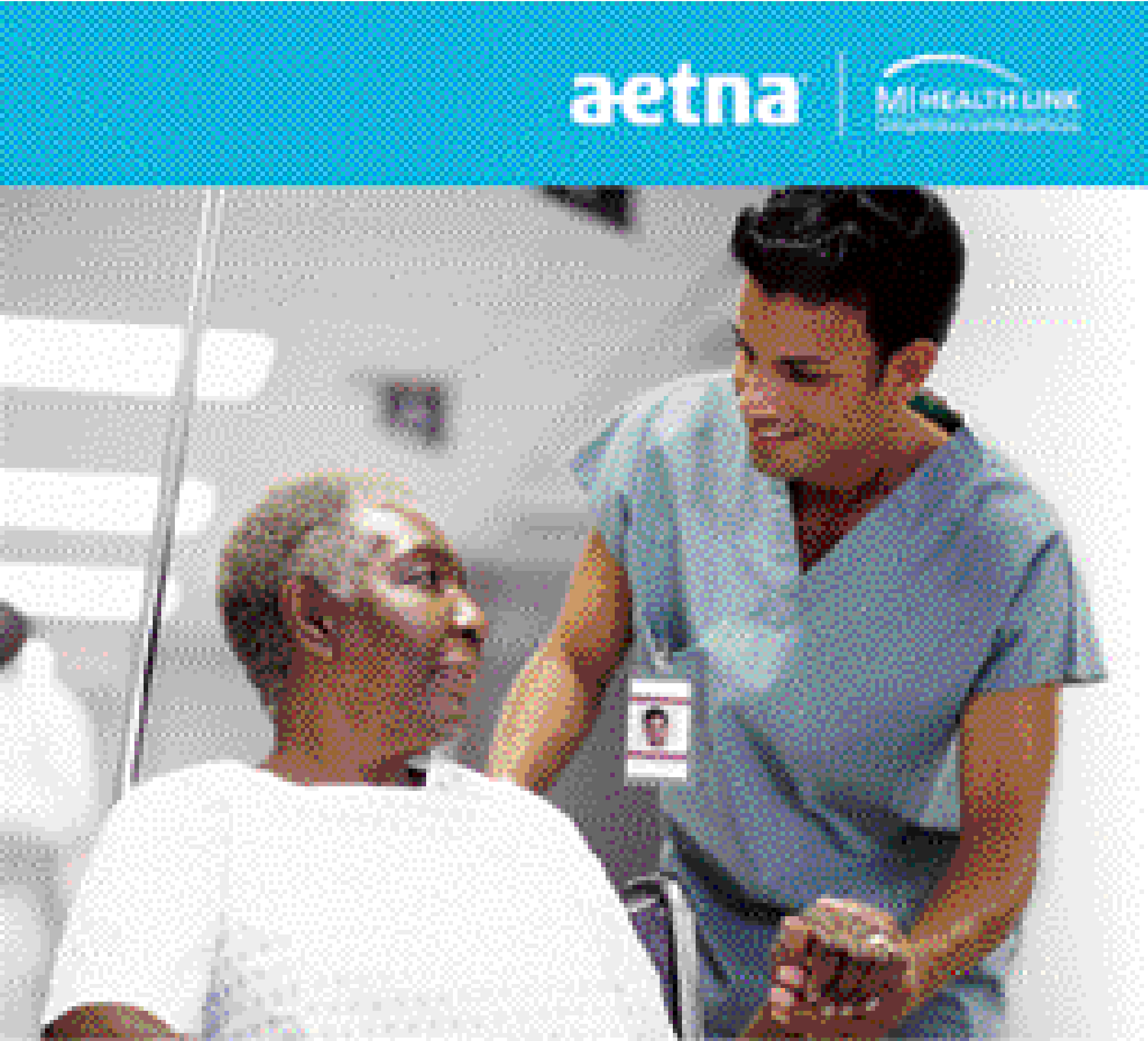
When he followed through on his promise and investigated the matter, Colbeck said he discovered that a federal regulation that went into effect this past fall as part of Michelle Obama's plan to make school food healthier allowed the Michigan Department of Education to dictate the number of "non-compliant" fundraisers schools may host during school hours on school property. Most of the foods traditionally sold to raise money for school activities, such as baked goods, are not on the approved list.

"The Michigan Department

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Local Boy Scouts William Cothron and Kevin Kapanowski testified before the state senate and the House Education Policy Committee in an effort to return bake sales to their school.



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# CANTON - NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

## Canton promotes 2 in public safety department

The Canton Public Safety Department recently filled two new positions designated to enhance services provided to the community.

John Oltman has been promoted to Fire Marshal and Patty Esselink has been named as Community Relations Officer for the department.

Both received their promotions following a competitive internal testing process.

Oltman has been a township employee since 1996, serving the last 14 years as a Fire Inspector. He has certifications from the

National Fire Protection Association in Fire Inspector I and II, Plan Examiner, and Arson Investigation. He is one of 318 Fire Inspectors in the nation with a NFPA II certification.

Oltman will be leading the Fire Prevention Division consisting of himself and two fire inspectors, who are responsible for plan reviews and inspections of new, existing, and remodeled buildings in the township, special event inspections, and arson inspections. The Fire Prevention Division is also responsible for public education in the schools,

businesses, residential and retail establishments. The overall goal of the division is to ensure building fire code compliance, along with providing an assortment of public education programs.

Esselink has been a police officer with the department for 14 years and has served as a patrol officer; investigator; Explorer program advisor and as an instructor of the Teaching, Education and Mentoring (TEAM) program taught in elementary schools in Canton.

Esselink will be working directly with community members,

developing and providing a variety of public education and crime prevention programs for homeowners, business owners, and community groups. She has plans to revitalize the Community Watch and Business Watch programs, as well as to provide security surveys for establishments when requested. Esselink will also take on the role of recruiter for the department.

“The Public Safety Department is excited to offer these two new positions as a resource to the community. I am confident John Oltman and Patty Esselink will be exceptional in their new roles, and



John Oltman      Patty Esselink

will have a positive impact on public safety's efforts and enhancements in our community,” said Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler:

## Development

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anchor tenant and restaurant, fashion, fitness and other tenants which could include a grocery store or a movie theatre.

Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix said the Redico/Pinnacle development is part of a larger effort on the part of Northville and Plymouth

Township, where there are about 500 acres of developable land along the Five Mile corridor between Beck and Napier roads.

Redico purchased a 59-acre site on the east side Beck Road across from the former prison in 2013. Plans were to develop 27 acres of the land and the developer sold 32 acres of the property to an undisclosed buyer. Watchowski said the remaining land, in the Northville Technology Park, is planned for use for research and development and is divided into 6, 10 and 11 acre parcels.

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of Education decided to allow zero non-compliant fundraisers across the board, severely limiting the ability of students to raise money for school trips, sports teams and other organizations,” Colbeck said.

“In essence, this meant the end of almost all food sales.” Colbeck said a non-compliant fundraiser is the sale of any food not on the federally for fundraising events.

Colbeck introduced Senate Bill 139 in January and as the bill went through the Legislature, both Kapanowski and Cothron, along with Canton Charter Academy parent Lori Levi, testified before the senators and members of the House Education Policy Committee. Last

week, the bill was approved by the legislators and signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder. The bill, now SB139, Public Act 42 of 2015, directs the Michigan Department of Education to return the decision-making authority back to schools with regard to the types of food they sell at fundraisers.

“This new law reclaims local control over foods that can be sold at fundraisers,” Colbeck said. “School districts now have the option of holding up to two fundraisers per week that are not compliant with the list of acceptable foods per the so-called ‘Smart Snacks’ initiative.

Colbeck praised both the students and Levi, noting that their testimony in favor of the bill was compelling.

“Control is now back in the hands of the schools, parents and administrators,” Colbeck said.

## Garden Walk set June 30

The 20th annual ‘Flowers Are Forever’ garden walk in Plymouth will take place from noon until 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30.

Tickets are priced at \$8 pre-sale and \$10 if purchased the day of the walk. Tickets for children 12 and younger are half-price and there is no admittance charge for babes in arms. Strollers are not permitted.

The Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman’s National Farm and Garden Association, is the sponsor. Tickets are available from Garden Club members, Backyard Birds on Main Street, Saxton’s Power Equipment Center on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth and Sideways on Forest. The ticket includes descriptions of the several gardens as well as a map to the gardens.

The gardens have a variety of features

as well as many ideas that can be adapted to home gardens. Complimentary refreshments and a perennial sale will be at one of the gardens. Master Gardeners will also be available to answer gardening questions.

Trailwood Garden Club is well known in the community for the plantings in downtown Plymouth, flowers at the Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park and at the Plymouth Township offices and the bird-feeder at the Medilodge of Plymouth nursing facility. The club annually sponsors the Plymouth Fall Festival Perennial Exchange; does the Christmas decorations at the Plymouth Historical Museum; works with Michigan 4-H and other garden-related activities.

For additional information, contact: Kate Kerr (734-455-6867).

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### Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-June 2, 2015

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, June 9, 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, McLaughlin, Sneideman, Williams, Yack Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Tim Faas, Director Mutchler, Building Official Robert Creamer, Deputy Chief Deb Newsome, Deputy Chief Scott Hilden, Lieutenant Patrick Sullivan, Fire Chief Joshua Meier, Deputy Fire Chief Chris Stoecklein, Battalion Chief Wendy Murphy-Stevens; Patricia Esselink, Police Officer – Community Relations Coordinator Guests Present: Holly Vaughn, DNR and Marissa Babbitt, Michigan Humane Society **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by Anthony to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. **ACTION ITEM: STUDY SESSION ITEM: PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE (PSD) Window Signage in Canton Businesses:** Municipal Services presented existing problems regarding window signage on commercial buildings, and a proposed ordinance amendment to address the issues. Building Official, Rob Creamer presented proposed changes to the township sign ordinance addressing the new types/styles of window signage now available for commercial application. These signs allow for one way vision looking out the windows. This presents a safety hazard as Public Safety Officers are unable to see inside a business when they approach. Mr. Creamer explained the process would be to consult with the township attorney to make amendment to the Sign Ordinance (Section 6A.15 Window Signs), have a review by the Planning Commission with the DDA and citizen involvement, 2 readings by the township board, communicate the ordinance changes to the business owners, implement the changes and then enforce them. Sgt. Harrison explained a criminal would rather rob a store with the windows blocked. **Public Safety Ongoing Operational and Service Quality Improvement Update:** Director Mutchler highlighted the department’s engagement in the community above and beyond what people normally see as the police function. In the last couple months there was a Community Forum held. They have just completed the Citizen Police Academy. There are ongoing efforts to engage the community. **Coyotes Presentation:** Holly Vaughn, Wildlife Outreach Technician for DNR spoke on the increasing coyote population in Canton. For the past few years, residents have been reporting an increasing number of coyote sightings in the community. According to Michigan’s Department of Natural Resources, coyotes can be found throughout the state, in both urban and suburban areas, including subdivisions. Coyotes are most likely to be spotted during their breeding period, which occurs in Michigan from mid-January into March. Coyotes are active day and night, however peak activity usually occurs at sunrise and sunset. Coyotes can be difficult to distinguish from a medium-sized German shepherd dog from a distance. The size and weight of coyotes are commonly overestimated because of their long fur masking a bone structure that is slightly smaller than most domestic dogs. When running, coyotes carry their tail below the level of their backs. In urban areas coyotes are attracted to garbage, garden vegetables and optional pet foods. Coyotes are opportunistic, and will prey on unattended small dogs and cats. However, because coyotes are known to have an instinctive fear of people, coyotes rarely attack humans. According to public health authorities, bites from snakes, rodents and dogs are a far greater possibility than from a coyote. To assist in minimizing a potential conflict with a coyote: Never approach or touch a coyote Never intentionally feed a coyote Eliminate all outside food sources, especially pet food Put garbage out the morning of pick-up Clear out wood and brush piles; they are a habitat for mice and may attract coyotes Do not allow pets to roam free when coyotes are present—consider keeping pets indoors or accompany them outside, especially at night Because we share the community with wild animals, a coyote sighting should not automatically be considered a cause for concern. “If residents feel they are in danger of a coyote, or if they observe a coyote in obvious distress, they should contact the police department,” says Special Services Lt. Craig Wisler. “Otherwise, residents are encouraged to follow the tips provided to minimize interaction with wildlife.” Reports of a coyote in distress or causing a threat can be called in to Public Safety’s non-emergency line at 734/394-5400. Emergency situations should always be called in through 9-1-1. **Feral Cat Presentation:** DC Newsome covered the following Feral Cat information with the Board: Feral Cat is not socialized to humans and not an “owned” cat Feral Cat Colony is a group of feral or stray cats that congregate, more or less, together as a unit and share a common food source. TNR is a method of managing feral and stray cats known as Trap-Neuter-Return (Release) TNR Caretaker Concerns: -Feral Cat “problem” in Canton (200 per year) -Humane society of Huron Valley (HSHV) accept “intake” unlimited amount of cats/separate room & after hours (SNR) -HSHV \$20 with contract/\$75 without -HSHV performed TNR in addition to Caretaker efforts/MHS does not provide service -Michigan Humane Society (MHS) offers TNR only on Sunday and limits the amount feral cats per Caretaker **FERAL CAT FACTS:** -No documentation supplied by HSHV -Data from Caretakers initially unorganized and offered limited facts -Not tracked by geographical locations (zip codes/geocoding) -All agreed feral cats exist in all communities -TNR efforts on-going for 8-10 years in Canton -No ordinance specific to cats (domestic or feral) -No complaints by public (feeding/trapping) -No ordinance prohibiting/allowing TNR **MHS PROGRAM/CONTRACT:** -MHS does offer a program (free of charge) Includes rabies vaccine Live traps for sale \$33 plus shipping. -Offers training and support for Caretakers -One Sunday a month – organized/limited -In & out the same day – no sheltering (charge to Township) If you intake an animal – laws apply 3 or 5 day hold Property of Township under shelter (Not Authorized) Do not recommend Township sponsored program Township could then be held liable (Spay/Neuter Pet) Track & monitor feral cat colonies by zip codes -MHS will work with us toward collective resources **RECOMMENDATIONS:** -Remain status quo -TNR Caretakers work with Varminst Police and MHS on collection of data for a period of one year (ID colonies/provide facts/educate) -Review Ordinances: Three Options Model TNR Ordinance (Sponsor-based) Model TNR Ordinance (Caretaker-based) Prohibit TNR completely (Livonia/Redford) Feeding & Trapping Using the MHS statistical data presented to the board, Trustee Yack asked why 50% of Canton’s feral cat population comes from the area of the Wagon Wheel Mobile Home Park. Ms. Babbitt replied areas surrounding the parks are more open. Also, loose underpinning on a mobile home provides space where the cats are able to get shelter and receive heat from above. **Police Department Staffing Update:** -Restore to full-strength of 86 sworn officers Currently at 81; with 2 candidates in the background process -Re-establish the (4) member SEU Three officers have been selected for the Special Enforcement Unit Officers have completed motor carrier training & motorcycle training. SEU officers slated to begin working new assignment by September -Re-establish Community Relations Position One officer selected for the position – Patricia Esselink -Re-establish the TEAM program Currently have 7 trained officers; 3 to attend training this summer Program will be back in the schools this fall **Body Cameras:** -Need for body cameras – well-established Canton researched in 2012; put on hold for financial constraints Purchased storage infrastructure compatible with L3 System **TYPES OF CAMERAS:** -Over 20 types of cameras available Canton initially eliminated many based on anticipated needs Five were selected to be tested Two of the five models are compatible with existing infrastructure/software **CONSIDERATIONS/RECOMMENDATION:** -Formal recommendation to Director after testing is complete Looking at policy considerations -Financial considerations Researching alternate/supplemental funding options Approximately \$900 per camera 30 cameras = \$27,000 (approx.) **Fire Department Strategic Plan Update:** FIRE ACCREDITATION: -Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) -International registered agency -CPSE accreditation consortium Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana -Applicant agency October/November 2015 18 months to complete the process **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:** -Staffing update 3 firefighters hired for fire suppression John Oltman promoted to Fire Marshal Replacing 1 fire inspector position -AFG grant funded equipment Cardiac monitors – Advanced Life Support Engines Battery-powered extrication equipment in service -Ambulances have been ordered -Command/leadership training Blue Card Incident Command Training (Command and senior firefighters) -EMU Staff and Command School Two captains -Company Officer (Leadership Development) All command and senior firefighters -Achieve Global Leadership Development Program All command -Leadership Canton One captain FIRE PREVENTION UPDATE: -John Oltman was promoted to Fire Marshal Extensive internally assessment process -Establish short and long term goals for the Fire Prevention Division Develop a department benchmark for occupancy inspections Internal plan reviews/fee schedule Pre-fire survey program -Adopt a new/updated Fire Code for the Township -Assist in the accreditation process Community risk assessment HONOR GUARD -1972: Fire cadets answered calls & dispatched firefighters -1989: PSSO’s staffed combined dispatch/call center for Fire & Police -2005: Station #3 is opened to accommodate a steady increase in population Township is divided into 3 response districts 12 Additional Firefighters are added to the department -2015: Prioritized dispatch desired method Call volume in Canton has increased. 6121 in 2011 6487 in 2012 6624 in 2013 7387 in 2014 Projected 7700 in 2015 **CURRENT DISPATCH PROCEDURES** -PSSO’s answer calls and gather pertinent information -Tone alert all 3 stations simultaneously -Shift Commander utilized the dispatched information to assign units **HOW PRIORITIZED DISPATCH WORKS** -PSSO’s answer calls and gather pertinent information -Tone alert sent to station(s) based on location and incident type Pre-planned algorithms Response policy revisions -Commander has authority to override assignments **ADVANTAGES OF PRIORITIZED DISPATCH** -Consistent accurate reporting -Pre-determined response algorithms -Fully utilizing new technology (tablets) -CAD program integrating GIS Mapping for more efficient response times -Delegation of dispatch responsibilities from the command staff to the PSSO staff **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Sneideman, supported by Williams to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. **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 11, 2015

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### ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 36540 GRANT ROAD, ROMULUS, MI 48174 FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN

The ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for Children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. Meals will be provided at the sites listed below:

Site Location	Dates/Days	Serving Times
Romulus Middle School 37300 Wick Rd Romulus, MI 48174 No meals served June 29 -July 3, 2015	6/15/2015-7/30/2015 Monday - Thursday	Breakfast: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Lunch: 11:00 AM - 12 NOON
Wick Elementary School 36900 Wick Road Romulus, MI 48174 No meals served June 29 - July 3, 2015	7/20/2015 - 8/20/2015 Monday - Thursday	Breakfast: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Lunch: 11:00 AM to 12:30 AM
Romulus High School 9650 Wayne Rd. Romulus, Mi 48174 No meals served June 29 to July 3, 2014	6/15/2015 -7/30/2015	Lunch: 11:00 AM to 12 NOON Snack: 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM
Cory Elementary School 35200 Smith Road Romulus, MI 48174 No meals served July 3, 2015	6/15/2015 - 8/20/2015 Monday - Friday	Breakfast: 8:30 - 9:00 AM Lunch: 12:00PM - 1:00 PM
Coleman Center 35351 Beverly Road Romulus, MI 48174 No Meals served July 3, 2015	6/15/2015 - 8/20/2015 Monday - Thursday	Breakfast: 8:30 - 9:00 AM Lunch 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Lemoyne Park 4200 Middlebelt Rd. Inkster, MI 48141	8/8/2015	Lunch 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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# BELLEVILLE - INKSTER - ROMULUS

## Packages from home

Volunteers, including Lyn Turner, Bernice Bankhead and Delsaac Turner, along with Kim Marquette and Toni Bailey, gathered at St. Clements in Inkster last week to pack boxes of donations for servicemen and women serving overseas as part of the Troops Need Love Too effort to mail needed items to those serving in the military. Packed in the boxes which contained non-perishable food, grooming items, soft drink mixes and other items, were small flags folded by autistic students from a nearby school, along with postcards written by members of the local VFW and patients at the Veteran's Administration Hospital. Volunteers from the Michigan Antique Festival packed smaller boxes filled with needed items, all donated by Lori Oberlin, the owner of the festival. Each box also contained a letter from the person who packed the box to the serviceman. The outside of each box was labeled, Brother-in Arms Box: Please pass on to someone without mail today. The boxes were expected to arrive for delivery to the troops just in time for Memorial Day. For more information about the group, visit <http://troopsneedlovetoo.com>.



## Comerica Park trip is planned

Romulus Night at Comerica Park is 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, Mi, 48174.

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

## Rotary

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Romulus Department of Public Works built the box and Library Assistant Alyssa Hanson is responsible for keeping the box stocked with books. The painting on the box was completed by local artist Sharlene Welton, according to Braden.

Read Boxes, or Little Free Libraries, are planned for Mary Ann Banks Park, Fernandez Park and Elmer Johnson Park, too, all in Romulus, later in the season, she said.

St. John's Lodge Park is located at the corner of Henry Ruff and Beverly roads.

More information about the Little Free Library movement can be found at [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org), including a global map of all the registered libraries.

The very first Little Free Library was created by Todd Bol near Madison, WS. Bol installed

the Little Free Library in his front yard as a gift to his neighborhood in loving memory of his mother. It was stocked with the books that she had accumulated through the years. People from the neighborhood liked it so much that Bol built more of the little library cabinets and gave them to other neighborhoods in the Madison area. From there, the concept began popping up all over the globe. There are now more than 26,000 Little Free Libraries in all 50 states and in more than 80 different countries. This has become more than just a global literacy movement, it has become a way to help connect people locally in their neighborhoods and communities, according to the website.

In October 2014, 25 Little Free Libraries were donated, as a gift, from the State of Wisconsin to the City of Detroit, to help Detroit become the Little Free Library capitol of the world.

Those libraries were built by the Prairie Du Chien Correctional Facility.

## Funding of school officer questioned

Despite questions and the no votes of Mayor Kerreen Conley and Councilwoman Kim Tindall, a hastily-presented \$2,082,691 budget was approved in Belleville June 1. The council members also put a moratorium on hiring any additional employees in the city until further discussion and information is provided. The council members specifically requested information about the funding of the police officer assigned to the high school.

The budget, according to City Manager Diana Kollmeyer, was not finalized until the Saturday before the Monday vote. She said that she and Kelly Howey from Plante Moran only finalized the figures late Saturday afternoon.

Tindall said that she only received the budget at midnight Saturday and that she needed more information. She questioned the funding in the budget for two additional city police officers, one full-time and one part-time, requested by Police Chief

Hall Berriman. Kollmeyer responded that the city now has six full-time officers, one of whom is the school resource officer. She said that there is no full time officer on patrol on Mondays and Tuesdays, prompting the need for the additional positions.

Conley said that the school district pays about \$40,000 or the \$70,000 cost for the school officer. She said that Belleville is currently the only community subsidizing the cost.

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### Obituaries



**Andrew Lee Baker**  
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Andrew Lee Baker died May 31, 2015. Among those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Rosa; a son, Andrew Baker; a daughter, Rolita (Abdul Anderson) Baker; four grandchildren, Traji, Javier, Ka'Lii and Alaisha; three brothers, Theophilus (Doris) Baker of Mobile, AL, Milton Baker of Wayne and Caleb (Josephine) Baker of Westland; three sisters, Louise Boston of Mobile, AL, Laney (Donald) Gibson of Fayetteville, GA and Daisy (Samuel) Leonard of Twinsboro, OH; three brothers-in-law, Jimmy Allen of Mt. Clemens, Leo (Linda) Miller, Jr. of Inkster and Percy (Dolores) Taylor of Inkster; four sisters-in-law, Faye Williams of Las Vegas, NV, Phyllis Miller of Inkster, Shakirah "Jean" Houston of Belleville and Shakeelah "Dean" Seiffudin of Westland; a god-daughter, Charity Irbby; a special sister-in-law, Anita Miller; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members, and many friends. Funeral services took place at Shiloh Christian Church in Romulus with Elder Nathan Fisher officiating.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster. Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia.

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# WAYNE - WESTLAND

## Westland adopts balanced \$60 million budget

Westland City Council members have adopted a balanced 2015-16 fiscal year budget of \$60,306,109 with no increase in millage rates and a budget that projected a budget surplus of more than \$5 million.

The budget includes the hiring of three new firefighters while the contentious contract extension for Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy, Jr. was tabled.

The budget surplus reflects 9 percent of general fund expenditures, inching closer to the recommended range of 15-20 percent, said Mayor William Wild. The multi-year balanced budget with financial forecasting for the next four years includes a positive fund balance of more than \$5 million for each of those years.

Taxable valuations of property within the city have increased 1.65 percent, Wild said, which will result in \$460,000 in new revenue.

Wild had previously told council members in a study session that the hiring of the firefighters was financially dependent on the extension of Reddy's contract. He stated that the savings from having an outside contractor chief serving two communities would provide the necessary revenue to hire firefighters if the city did not receive a federal SAFER grant. He said the current arrangement saves Westland \$207,000 annually.

Reddy is paid \$64,000 annually from Westland and \$50,000 from Wayne for the job which includes no employee benefits. Reddy does receive health care as part of his retirement package from Westland. His current contract with the two communities will expire in 2017 and the proposed extension would have that agreement end in 2020, adding three years to his contract. A proposed \$15,000 annual raise was eliminated from the contract after concerns were raised by the firefighters union and some council members.

Revenues for the city are anticipated to increase to about 2 percent more than the current fiscal year budget due to a projected increase in new home permits and additional rental revenue is also expected with a full year operation of Tattan Park, the Farmer's Marketplace, city hall banquet rooms and the Jefferson Barns building rentals. Another source of revenue included in the budget projections is the sale of a cellular tower expected to generate \$650,000 and the restructuring of rescue run fees from the fire department that is anticipated to generate an additional \$280,000 in revenue, Wild said.

He added that the city had been forced to lower the number of firefighters and police officers to balance the budget. He said the city needed to be careful not to fall back into deficit spending.

"We figured out how to add four police officers, which is one per shift," Wild said. "There is a sort of fairness in adding three firefighters, which is one per shift."

Key expenditures in the 2015-16 General Fund Budget include renovations to the police department and ice arena, new ice arena equipment, the purchase of a fire rescue vehicle, and a new tree truck and chipper for use in the department of public service and \$1 million for local road improvements.

Wild said that the unfunded pension liability facing the city, members of the council approved an additional \$500,000 contribution into the MERS pension plan for general employees. Council members also agreed to finance \$50,000 for refurbishment of city parks, he said.

"For the past nine years, city council has been proactive in working with my administration. We have tightened the belt when needed yet we have also worked to address essential capital improvements, remain mindful of legacy costs, and most importantly, to continue providing high quality municipal services," Wild said. "The city has a stable bond rating, continued investment and reinvestment by the private sector, rising property values and a modest fund balance or 'rainy day' fund," Wild continued.

"City council deserves credit for never losing sight of our fiduciary responsibilities and that Westland residents, taxpayers and business owners reside in Westland for the quality of life and excellent service we strive to provide each and every day," concluded Wild.

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## Consultant named interim Wayne City Manager

In a move that apparently surprised some members of the city council, a contract for an interim city manager was approved last week.

Lisa Nocerini of the Nocerini Strategy Group, currently under contract with the city for specialized services, was appointed to fill the vacancy created when David Murphy left Wayne to become the city manager in Farmington last month. Interviews for five of the 15 candidates who have expressed an interest in the job were scheduled for last Saturday morning.

The proposal to name Nocerini was approved with council members Susan Rowe and Al Damitio casting no votes. Rowe said she had some specific problems with the manner in which the appointment was handled.

"We're voting on a contract with a interim city manager. How and when was it authorized for this to be drawn up?" said Rowe. "My problem is with the process. There should have been a council meeting to sit and discuss this before it is on the agenda with a contract attached. I never received information on that."

Mayor James Hawley responded that phone messages had been left for Rowe at all the telephone numbers he had for her. He said he did not receive any return call. Rowe disputed his contention and said she did not receive any messages.

Four council members, John Rhaesa, David James, Anthony Miller and Skip Monit, were in favor of the contract with Nocerini who will be paid through her consulting firm at the current rate of \$4,000 per month. The four expressed their confidence in her work during the meeting, proposed her appointment and supported the motion to name her as interim city manager.

Rowe and Damitio supported the appointment of Police Chief Alan Maciag as interim manager, a post he had filled prior to the hiring of Murphy and made a motion to make that appointment official.

"We've had the chief fill in in the past. He can step up to the plate. He has the experience and knowledge to work with the staff and department heads," said Rowe.

Rhaesa, pushing for Nocerini's appointment, said he felt Maciag would do a great job but that he was overburdened as the chief. He added that Nocerini also had the experi-

ence as she had been in several meetings including those regarding a proposal to privatize the community center. He asked Rowe and Damitio to withdraw the motion to name Maciag.

When they refused, the motion to appoint Maciag was defeated by a 4-2 vote, the same four council members voting to approve the appointment of Nocerini.

Nocerini said that she was willing to step in to help the city. She said she was asked if as part of her consultancy contract she would fill in as city manager while other candidates were interviewed.

## Free health screenings offered

The City of Wayne Senior Services and Oakwood Healthcare will offer free heart health screening from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. Evaluation of blood pressure, cholesterol, Glucose and stroke risk assessment will be offered. No fasting is necessary.

Results will be available during the event. Patients must be 18 years of age or older.

No appointment is necessary. The screenings will take place at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

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Calendar of events

Saturday park program under way

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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 in June 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 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.

Legislator hosts business owners

State Rep. Kurt Heise will host a special coffee hour dedicated to local business owners from 7:30-9 a.m. tomorrow, June 12, at the offices of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Heise will discuss the interests and concerns of business owners. Seating is limited. To register for the free meeting, email [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org).

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 100 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 'Stay-cation' at BLOCK

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center is offering Summer Stay-cation for youth ages 11-17. From June 15 - Aug. 28, youngsters can participate in fun activities in a safe environment.

Register by the week, day, or just for road trips. The B.L.O.C.K is located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Call (734) 398-5570 for more information or to register:

Summer Day Camp offered

Summer Day Camp will take place 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. Registration is now under way. 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 410 and for non-members, \$15.

The installation of officers and the kickoff for the Strawberry Festival are planned and there will be hors d'oeuvres along with a cash bar.

Reservations must be made by June 12 by calling (734) 697-7151 or emailing [info@bellevilleareachamber.org](mailto:info@bellevilleareachamber.org).

Native Plants are topic

Native Plants will be the topic at the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association meeting beginning at 7 p.m. June 17.

Trish Hacker-Henning, owner of American Roots, will be speaking on native plants and will also be bringing native butterfly plants available for purchase at the meeting which will take place at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48186.

Parking is available on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail.

There is a \$3 admission fee for non-members. For more information, call (734) 223-5510, or visit [www.sembabutterfly.org](http://www.sembabutterfly.org).

Hospital hosts Pro-Am

The 18th annual St. Joe's Pro Am is slated for Wednesday, June 17 at Pheasant Run Golf Club, located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Proceeds from the Pro Am will benefit St. Joe's Behavioral Health department. The goal is to raise \$150,000 to expand behavioral health services, including mental health services and substance abuse treatment and prevention.

On hand at the event will be Hockey great Ted Lindsay, the Pro Am's Chair Emeritus; four-time Stanley Cup Champion, former Detroit Red Wings hockey player and assistant coach Joe Kocur; Lila Lazarus, health reporter and television personality and Jeff Lesson, sports anchor and host of Lesson on Golf.

Registration and continental breakfast begins at 8 a.m. and a shotgun start follows at 9 a.m. The St. Joe's Pro Am will conclude with a cocktail reception, awards dinner and silent auction.

Sponsorships and dinner tickets are available for purchase as well. For more information or to participate, contact the St. Joseph Mercy Office of Development at (734) 712-4079.

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



Fishermen of all ages were successful during the Wayne County Parks Fishing Derby last year. The 20th annual event takes place Saturday in Northville.

Fishing Derby is Saturday

Picture this: fisherman of all shapes and sizes reeling in more than 800 rainbow trout at Waterford Bend Park in Northville beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, during the 20th Annual Wayne County Parks Fishing Derby.

As part of the DNR Free Fishing weekend, there is no need for a fishing license for this event. Fishermen should bring their own equipment to enjoy a morning of fishing fun including casting contests and special give-a-ways for each child. The Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528 will be on hand to help children weigh and measure the fish.

The event schedule begins with registration at 7:30 a.m.; fishing for children 12 and young from 8-10 a.m.; fishing for all ages beginning at 10 a.m. and a presentation of prizes at 10:30 a.m.

Waterford Bend Park is located at the corner of Six Mile and Northville Road in Northville.

This event is co-sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528, Cabela's, Eppinger Manufacturing and the State of Michigan Eat Safe Fish program.

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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>.

Arts and Acts festival set

The annual Arts and Acts Festival returns for the sixth consecutive year June 19-21 in historic downtown Northville.

The events will take place near Main and Center streets in downtown Northville and will be open from 3-8 p.m. Friday, June 19, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20 and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, June 21.

The festival includes the 27th annual juried fine art show Art in the Sun, featuring more than 70 artists; the Reel Michigan Film Festival at Northville's Marquis Theatre; the Sandbox Play Festival produced by Tipping Point Theatre; the Short on Words Literary Contest; musical entertainment featuring some of metro Detroit's top musicians; Children's Activities; the 2nd annual Northville Art House Chalk Festival and a large variety of festival food and drink.

All proceeds of Arts and Acts will benefit the Northville Art House.

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

Mystery funds United Way

There's been a mysterious abduction in downtown Plymouth.

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drop? Could it be the police chief who is the hostage? Is it a bag of loot that the kidnapper wants? Will the drop take place at The Penn Theatre?

Register a team of four to find out beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20 in downtown Plymouth.

The mystery requires investigative work, problem solving, and crime scene analysis. The winning team will be handsomely rewarded. The cost is \$80 per team of four: All proceeds go to the Plymouth Community United Way. Call (734) 453-6879 for team reservations.

Wayne Garden Tour set

The Wayne Garden Club will be hosting a garden walk, Through the Garden Gate, featuring seven gardens plus Brenda's Butterfly House from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. June 27.

Tickets will be sold at The Wayne Library, Barson's Greenhouse, at Merriman Road between Warren Road and Ford Road in, Westland, Wayne Farmers Market and The Wayne Community Center.

The garden walk will include vendors and a white elephant sale featuring garden items. Tickets are priced at \$8 or \$10 day of walk at the First Congregational Church, 2 Town Sq., Wayne, MI 48184.

Refreshments will be provided and the walk will take place rain or shine.

For more information call (734) 722-9666.

Camp 911 offered

Huron Valley Ambulance is offering a free two-day interactive safety program for children ages 8 to 12. The program offers youngsters information on household safety, simple first aid as well as fun interactive programs. Professional paramedics and city fire fighters will be acting as counselors from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. July 1 and 2 to guide campers through a variety of interactive experiences.

Camp 9-1-1 will take place at the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer St. Campers must be registered in advance at [www.hva.org](http://www.hva.org).



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