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Members of the Westland City Council last week approved the first-ever, three-year balanced budget for the city.

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Circus joins line-up at Canton Liberty Fest

A professional circus, a full lineup of carnival rides, games and special attractions will be part of Liberty Fest which returns to Heritage Park in Canton Township this weekend, June 12 - 14. Canton Leisure Services will once again host this three-day action-packed festival in Heritage Park, located adjacent to the Canton Administration Building, west of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill Road and Summit Parkway.

The festival will be open from 1 -11 p.m. June 12 and 13 and from 10:30 a.m. through 11 p.m. on Saturday, June 14. Major sponsors of the annual community event include: Atchinson Ford; Community Financial Credit Union; The Goddard School of Early Childhood Development; Red Holman Buick GMC; Sysco; Twisted Rooster; The Village Dentist; and Comcast Xfinity.

The police department has issued an emergency traffic order closing Canton Center road between Cherry Hill and Palmer from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. on Saturday. Summit Parkway will also be closed from Canton Center Road to Glengarry Boulevard from 8 until 11:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The Liberty Fest Run will close southbound Canton Center at Palmer, northbound Canton Center at Rouge River bridge, east and westbound Summit Parkway, southbound Sheldon at Woodmont east and northbound Sheldon south of Rouge River bridge from 8-11 a.m. Saturday.

The summer debut of the free Thursday Night Concert Series at the Canton Live! Stage will take place from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. as The Dan Rafferty Band performs. Also on Thursday from 7:30-9 p.m., celebrate another year of Zumba®

in Canton with a special “Zumba Party in Pink” at the Heritage Park Amphitheater. Participants are asked to show their support for Breast Cancer Awareness and Research and make a ‘move’ to help make a difference. Admission to the event is a \$5 minimum donation to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Throughout Liberty Fest, the Canton Rotary Club will be hosting an Adult Beverage Tent, which is sponsored by Liberty Street Brewing Company. The tent will be open from 4-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. on Saturday. Festival-goers must be 21 years to purchase adult beverages.

Satisfy your taste buds throughout the festival at the Taste of Canton, sponsored by Twisted Rooster, where participating area restaurants will present their local specialties and compete for bragging rights in a taste contest presided over by Canton Supervisor Phil LaJoy.

Motor City Street Eats' upscale gourmet Food Trucks will be parked along Veteran's Drive from 5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday . Featured trucks include: Concrete Cuisine; Jacque's Tacos; Shimmy Shack; Rollin Stones; Smoken Rhodes BBQ; Dago Joes'; Pita Post; and People's Pierogies.

From noon until 3 p.m. Friday on the Canton LIVE! stage, Radio Disney Junior Doc McStuffins Toy Check-Up, powered by Children's Hospital of Michigan, part of the DMC will be on hand; Third Coast Kings will bring the deep funk and soul from 4:30 - 6 p.m. and Parallel Fifth will perform hits from the 80s, 90s and today from 8-10 p.m.

Friday's Amphitheater Stage

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2 new area retail outlets proposed

The retail marketplace in western Wayne County could be significantly different in 2016, if two proposed projects announced last week come to fruition.

Two separate development companies have indicated their intention to construct large retail outlet malls within minutes of each other-one off I-94 in Romulus and another on an undeveloped portion of land at the southeastern corner of Ford Road and I-275 in Canton Township. Both touted the region for its proximity to major freeways, the airport and a dearth of such shopping options.

“The center's location in this market is ideal,” said Douglass Karp, executive vice president of New England Development, in a press release. New England Development plans to create a 375,000-square-foot mall, tentatively called Outlets of Michigan, across I-94 from Detroit Metro Airport.

“Outlets of Michigan will be located on the major highway between Chicago and Detroit, directly opposite Detroit Metro Airport, and is the closest outlet center in Michigan to the Canadian border,” said Karp.

He said the outlet mall would feature about 75 of some of the best brand names in retail. It would be an open-air center with shaded pedestrian concourses and architecture inspired by the unique character of Detroit and Southeast Michigan. Opening is planned for 2016.

In Canton, Baltimore-based Paragon Outlet Partners is scheduled to break ground next spring, according to its website. The 375,000-square-foot mall will offer more than 100 stores and is also slated to open in spring 2016.

Paragon Outlet Partners develops retail outlet malls across the country and currently has sites in development in Minnesota, New York, Massachusetts and Baltimore.

New England Development's

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collection of centers includes the recently opened Palm Beach Outlets in West Palm Beach, Florida; Asheville Outlets in Asheville, North Carolina; and Outlets at Little Rock in Little Rock, Arkansas - opening in 2015 and Des Moines Outlets in Altoona, Iowa.

Romulus Mayor Leroy Burcroff said the demographics favor a regional outlet mall. Wayne County is the 18th most populous county in the United States. More than 3.5 million people live within 30 miles and more than 1.7 million people live within a 30-minute drive from the proposed site.

“The Outlets of Michigan is a great example of growth and positive change that is coming to the City of Romulus,” Burcroff said. “A 325,000-square-foot high-end outlet mall is just what our region needs and we are pleased that New England Development has chosen Romulus for the development.”

“Businesses that locate in our community often take advantage of Romulus' reputation as a transportation hub, including access to both I-94 and I-275,” he added. “The Outlets of Michigan will be a destination for people who live nearby, those that pass through the city and shoppers from upwards of an hour away. We're excited about the impact this facility will have on our community and our region. We look forward to working with New England Development in the months and years ahead.”

Businesses report fake bills

Two Plymouth merchants recently reported receiving counterfeit currency.

Last week the Coffee Beanery and Biggby Coffee on Ann Arbor Road both reported taking in fake \$20 bills from customers according to Plymouth Police Detective Lt. Jamie Grabowski.

Grabowski said it's not unusual to receive reports of counterfeit money at least once a year, but merchants should remain ever watchful and keep information on security features on hand and readily available for cashiers.

“There are many ways for merchants and citizens to detect the fake money, but the one usual biggest clue is the touch,” said Grabowski.

“Counterfeit money will often feel very different than real money, sometimes very thin and crunchy.

“Lots of times it's the paper. If you're in doubt, holding it up to a bill you know is real is a good way to tell,” Grabowski said, cautioning that it's important to compare bills

in the same series and years. According to the U.S. Secret Service there are several characteristics that distinguish genuine currency in addition to the paper: The portrait, borders seals and serial numbers are all key elements. Micro writing, watermarks and very closely spaced lines make it harder for a counterfeiter to reproduce the currency. They estimate that less than 0.01 percent of U.S. paper currency in circulation is counterfeit. This small number is due in large part to the security features.

All denominations, except the \$1 and \$2, have been redesigned at least once since 1990, so it is best to compare the suspect bill to one in the same series, or date, according to treasury officials. While the look of money has changed over the years, the distinctive feel has been left largely unchanged. The feel of a bill made 50 years ago should feel similar to a brand new dollar bill.

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Champions High school basketball teams celebrate year of success, wins

They are now part of history at Romulus High School.

The varsity girls' basketball team performed better than any team in school history and won the championship of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference before excelling in the Class A state tournament, winning district and regional titles, advancing all the way to the Elite Eight and finishing 21-5.

Team coach Herb Buckley, assistant coaches and players. Bianca Buckley, Cierra Bond and Jayla Nichols earned all-conference honors. Buckley and Bond were named two of the top 25 players in Michigan.

Three of the players have signed letters of intent to extend their playing careers in college. Bond, who also was a third-team all-state selection, will attend South Georgia Technological College. Buckley

and Taylor Wade will attend Mercyhurst University in Pennsylvania.

All of the girls and coaches were guests at a Romulus City Council meeting recently, where Coach Buckley - who was All-West of the Year - presented an autographed ball to the city.

The boys varsity players joined in the celebration after having another great season as well.

As the defending Class A champions that lost talented players to graduation, the boys went 8-0 to win the conference title under Coach Jerret Smith.

They won district and regional championships and then advanced in the state tournament to the quarterfinals, where they lost by one point.

Deonte Bell, Kris Clyburn, Tyron Hamby and Jaylin Walker were named to the all-conference team.

Fire victim identified

The man who lost his life in the apartment fire at the Bellridge Apartments in Van Buren Township has been identified at Jamir Davis, 20.

According to the office of the Wayne County Medical Examiner, Davis died from smoke and soot inhalation. An autopsy was performed on Sunday, immediately following the early-morning May 24 blaze. Davis was positively identified by a family member.

The cause of death has been ruled accidental by the medical examiner's office.

The fire was reported at 3:55 a.m. May 24 to the Van Buren Public Safety Department and firefighters were immediately dispatched to the apartment complex near Independence and Haggerty roads. When

firefighters arrived, along with several police patrol cars, a ground floor apartment was “well involved with fire and the windows were beginning to break out,” according to Fire Chief Dan Besson.

Davis was discovered in his bed in the apartment by fire fighters working to suppress the flames and extinguish the blaze, according to Besson.

Other residents of the complex were temporarily evacuated but only one other family was displaced by the fire.

Besson said the displaced family was assisted by the Van Buren Department of Public Safety Chaplin Program.

Damage at the 12-unit complex was estimated at more than \$75,000.



Romulus High School varsity girls basketball team members were recognized by elected officials at Romulus City Hall recently. Photo by Roger Kadau



Cierra Bond had lots of support during her signing of a letter of intent to play college basketball. Photo by Dave Gorgon



Lots of happy smiles accompanied the letter of intent signing day for Romulus High School girls basketball stars Bianca Buckley and Taylor Wade. Photo by Roger Kadau

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING				
May 27, 2014				
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174				
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.				
Pledge of Allegiance				
Roll Call				
Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.				
Administrative Officials in Attendance:				
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor				
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk				
Stacy Paige, Treasurer				
1. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Crout to accept the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.				
14-199 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 12, 2014. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Roscoe. Motion Carried.				
14-200 2B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the special meeting study session of the Romulus City Council held on May 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. regarding the City Fee Schedule. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Roscoe. Motion Carried.				
4. Chairperson's Report Mayor Pro-Tem Barden recognized the veterans for our freedom. Councilman Wadsworth recognized the businesses and individuals who supported the annual Animal Shelter Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser and a special thank you to the City DPW workers.				
14-201 4A. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Choate to accept the memorandum of agreement with the IAFF Local 4126 which includes implementing 80/20 health care premium share for new hires and to extend the IAFF labor contract by one year to align the expiration date with all other City union labor contracts. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.				
4. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to accept the Chairperson's Report. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.				
5. Mayor's Report: Mayor Burcroff recognized VFW Post 9568 for the veterans service held at the veteran's memorial in front of city hall. He also recognized City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg on earning her Certified Master Municipal Clerk certification.				
14-202 5A1. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to adopt a resolution recognizing the retirement of Debbie Hoffman. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.				
14-203 5A2. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to adopt a resolution recognizing the retirement of Bill Marcum. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.				
14-204 5A. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to introduce Budget Amendment 13/14-18 to use program income to supplement the 2013 CDBG senior services budget to allow the Chore Workers to continue senior services until the 2014 budget begins on July 1, 2014 and to obtain needed repairs to the Senior Center parking lot.				
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.				
14-205 5B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to introduce Budget Amendment 13/14-19 to reflect the Police Department's savings and the contingency dollars used to prevent the lay-offs of firefighters retained under the previous 2010 SAFER Grant. Their retention was necessary to				
FUND/DEPT.	CURRENT	AMENDED		
ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT				
Expense				
252-2250-722.85-11	Program Income (Senior Services 24)	0	10,000	10,000
Fund Balance				
252-0000-390.00-00	CDBG Fund Balance	25,154	(10,000)	15,154
To use program income to supplement the 2013 CDBG senior services budget. 1)This will allow the Chore Workers to continue senior services until the 2014 budget begins on July 1, 2014 and 2) obtain needed repairs to the Senior Center Parking Lot.				
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.				
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FUND/DEPT.	CURRENT	AMENDED		
ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
GENERAL FUND				
Expense				
101-3410-734.70-20	Fire Regular Wages	695,394	167,606	863,000
101-3410-734.70-24	Fire Part-time Wages	60,000	20,000	80,000
101-3410-734.70-27	Fire Compensated Absences	35,000	15,000	50,000
101-3410-734.71-10	Fire Overtime Wages	131,000	29,000	160,000
101-3410-734.72-xx	Fire Fringe Benefits	536,694	95,594	632,288
Expense				
101-3110-731.70-20	Police Regular Wages	3,038,807	(147,943)	2,890,864
101-3110-731.71-10	Police Overtime Wages	750,000	(50,000)	700,000
Contingency				
101-2920-729.89-01	Contingencies	629,257	(129,257)	500,000
To reflect the Police Department's savings and the contingency dollars used to prevent the lay-offs of fire fighters retained under the previous 2010 SAFER Grant. Their retention was necessary to maintain adequate full-time staffing. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.				
14-206 6A1. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Roscoe to approve second reading and final adoption of Amended Ordinance Chapter 36, Division 4, entitled Controlled Substances, Sections 36-269 which was introduced at the Council meeting of May 12, 2014. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.				
7. Public Comment: Resident commented on man-hole covers that need repair at Carnegie and Avalon Streets and recognized the good job city workers did repairing a storm drain in the same area.				
8. Unfinished Business Councilwoman Abdo informed that when residents need to report an ordinance violation on holidays and weekends, they may call the non-emergency police department number - 734-941-8400.				
9. New Business				
10. Communication				
14-207 11. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to approve Warrant 14-10 in the amount of \$1,312,831.44 Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously				
12. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.				
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 27, 2014. Publish: June 12, 2014				

CITY OF ROMULUS	
ORDINANCE NO. 2014-003	
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36 DIVISION 4 ENTITLED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES SECTIONS 36-269 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS TO ESTABLISH THE AUTHORIZED ZONING DISTRICTS WHERE A QUALIFYING PATIENT OR PRIMARY CAREGIVER MAY CULTIVATE MARIHUANA RELATED TO MEDICAL MARIHUANA ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CITY AND FOR TRANSPORTATION OF MARIHUANA IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.	
THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:	
Section 1.	Chapter 36 Division 4 entitled Controlled Substances Section 36-269 is amended to read as follows:
Section 36-269. Possession or use of Marihuana.	
A. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly or intentionally possess Marihuana except as authorized by the provisions of Article 7 of the Public Health Code (MCL 333.7101 et seq.) and as set forth in this Section of the Code of Ordinances.	
B. Cultivation of Marihuana by a Qualifying Patient as defined in MCL 333.26423 shall be permitted only in RE, R-1A, R-1B, R-2, R-M or HRM Zoning Districts in single, family detached dwellings which are owned or rented and occupied by the Qualifying Patient for their residential use.	
C. Cultivation of Marihuana by a Primary Caregiver as defined in MCL 333.26423 shall be permitted only in RE, R-1A, R-1B, R-2, R-M or HRM Zoning Districts in single, family detached dwellings which are owned or rented and occupied by the Primary Caregiver for their residential use or his/her Qualifying Patients, for their residential use, to whom they are connected through registration with the Michigan Department of Licensing and regulatory Affairs.	
D. All of the above permitted cultivation of Marihuana plants shall be in compliance with the applicable Building and Fire Codes, and shall not occupy more than 25% of the dwelling excluding the basement square footage.	
E. It shall be unlawful for any person, facility, or business located in the City of Romulus to operate a provisional center to sell Marihuana to (1) Qualified Patients, (2) Caregivers, or to sell any Marihuana to any Person, facility, or business that operates a provisional center that sells Marihuana to Qualified Patients or Caregivers regardless of any State law that may permit such sales.	
F. It shall be unlawful for any person to use Marihuana except as authorized by the provisions of Article 7 of the Public Health Code (MCL 333.7101 et seq.)	
G. A person shall not transport or possess usable Marihuana as defined in MCL 333.26423 in or upon a motor vehicle or any self-propelled vehicle designed for land travel unless the usable Marihuana is one or more of the following:	
(a) Enclosed in a case that is carried in the trunk of the vehicle;	
(b) Enclosed in a case that is not readily accessible from the interior of the vehicle, if the vehicle in which the person is travelling does not have a trunk.	
Section 2.	Penalty.
A person who violates Section 1 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.	
Section 3.	Savings Clause.
Nothing in this Ordinance hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any just or legal right or remedy of any chapter, nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any chapter be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.	
Section 4.	Severability.
The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.	
ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 27 th day of May, 2014.	
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor and Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk	
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Room in said City on the 27 th day of May 2014.	
ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, City Clerk	
I further certify that the foregoing was published in Romulus Roman, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 12 th day of June, 2014.	
ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, City Clerk	
Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.	
INTRODUCED:	05-05-14
ADOPTED:	05-27-14
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CANTON

International celebration takes place Saturday

The Canton Liberty Fest will continue the popular tradition of hosting an International Festival during the highly-anticipated summer community event. A variety of cultures from around the world will be showcased from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, at the Heritage Park Amphitheater.

Festival-goers are encouraged to stop by the amphitheater stage on Saturday to enjoy music and dance that communicates across cultural and linguistic barriers from countries across the globe, including: Albania; China; India; Italy; Sri Lanka; Spain; the United States of America; Tahiti; New Zealand; South Korean and Polynesia.

“Our International Festival is a great opportunity for audience members to experience music and dance from around the globe at one location,” said Canton Arts Coordinator Jennifer Tobin. “Audiences will be delighted as the stage comes alive with colorful costuming, exotic instruments and stirring rhythms when these talented individuals share their heritage and some traditions that date back centuries.”

Performers expected to take the stage, include Soprano Corinthia Sims and Tenors Tom Cilluffo and Dorian Dillard presented by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan. These talented singers will perform from 1-1:30 p.m. Soprano Corinthia Sims is currently attending Claflin University in Orangeburg, SC and is a previous first place winner in the vocal classical division of the NAACP ACT-SO Competition. In addition, Sims was also the first place winner of the George Shirley African-American Art Song and Operatic Aria Competition in 2011. Tenor Tom Cilluffo is currently a junior vocal performance major studying at the University of Michigan and has been a part of more than 45 productions. Tenor Dorian Dillard is a senior music education major at Claflin University, in Orangeburg, SC and most recently won the District National Association of Teachers of Singing Auditions, advancing to regionals.

Other acts include: PC-Chinese Learning Center; Chinese Dance Group of Anna Lou; Sitar performers Monica Prasad and Anuj Patel with Prashant Javkar on the Tabla; Hoaloa Polynesian Dancers; Dimas and Sherin of Nuevo Ritmo Latin Dancers; K-Pop Club; New Century Chinese School; Little Chinese Angels and the Sunshine Children's Choir; Bin Wu Blossom Flowers; the Yangtze Melody Group with the Hua-Ching Dance Group and Troy Chinese Folk Dance Team; Triple Threat Dance and Theatre Co.; Dance ~ The Life Mantra Academy; Indian Folk Dance by Parul Shah; the Albanian Folk Dance Group from the Balkan American Community Center; songs by Julzie Gravel, as well as the New Hope Baptist Church of Wayne's Steppers, Mimes, and Praise Dancers.

This year's performances at the International Festival are appropriate for children, adults, seniors, and students. More than a dozen acts are scheduled to appear to celebrate a wide range of cultural offerings at the Heritage Park Amphitheater. This global celebration will also include cultural exhibits on display featuring worldly and exotic items for sale creating a festive international atmosphere.

Canton Leisure Services is hosting three action-packed days of family fun from June 12 - 14 in beautiful Heritage Park, located adjacent to the Canton Administration Building, west of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill Road and Summit Parkway.

For more information, visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com or call (734)394-5460.

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entertainment will feature Worst Case Scenario, performing both hits and original material from 1:30-2:30 p.m.; hometown favorites, TwentyFourSeven, will pump up the crowds with their high energy pop/rock sound at 4:45 p.m.; The Candy Band, a punk rock band designed specifically to appeal to children will perform from 7-8 p.m. Friday night's pre-movie music and games will be provided by Ms. Carissa, with the Movie Under the Stars, featuring “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2” rated PG, on the big screen at dusk.

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner is planned from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Friday, while supplies last, with proceeds from the dinner going to the Canton Firefighter Charity Foundation Local 2289. In addition, the America's Most Wanted Car Show is back with a Kick-Off Registration Party that will take place from 5 -8 p.m.

Take a Walk on the Wild Side both Friday and Saturday and enjoy a petting farm, camel rides, exotic animal exhibits, plus a bird encounter. Merchandise from local artisans, crafters, businesses and vendors will be on display around the large pond from 1 p.m. until dusk Friday and from 11 a.m. until dusk Saturday.

Be amazed and be amused as the Detroit Circus performs at 2 p.m.; 3 p.m.; 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. near the Canton LIVE! Stage on both Friday and Saturday. These dazzling circus style performers specialize in: high flying aerial antics on fabric trapeze and lyra; fire dancing and eating; stilt walking and stilt acrobatics; contortion juggling; feats of mind-bending strength, acrobalance as well as a variety of circus sideshow.

Saturday highlights include a 7-11 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Canton Lions Club in the Heritage Park North

Pavilion. Canton Leisure Services is again joining forces with Running Fit to host the 3rd annual Liberty Run, including 5K, 10K, and One Mile events. Participants are encouraged to register at www.cantonlibertyrun.com and run, walk, or stroll in these events. Participants will also receive finisher medals, as well as a race T-Shirt. Plus, running theme-awards will be handed out to the best stars and stripes running outfits, as well as the best jorts (jean shorts).

Other Saturday entertainment highlights, include: the International Festival's cultural performances and displays at the Amphitheater Stage from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage. Featured cultures from around the world, include: Indian, Chinese, Sri Lankan, and more! Don't miss the Michigan Taiko Center's performance at 6:30 p.m., featuring some of the biggest/loudest drums Liberty Fest has ever seen! Plus, Radio Disney Detroit Radio Crew, powered by HAP will be onsite from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Canton LIVE! Stage.

Other Saturday entertainment highlights on the Canton LIVE! Stage, include: Kelsey Rose Young, a local singer and dancer is sure to get you out of your seats and rockin' from 3 - 3:30 p.m.; Phoenix Theory will take listeners to new heights of musical entertainment with their renditions of classic rock hits from 4:30-6:30 p.m.; The Square Pegz are bringing the 80s back. Enjoy the most wicked 80s pop band around from 8-10 p.m.

Another must-see performance includes Tony Lucca. If you're a fan of NBC's hit show, “The Voice,” or just a really big fan of great music, be sure to catch former “Team Adam” Finalist, and Michigan-Native, Tony Lucca. The show begins at 8:15 p.m. just before the fireworks.

America's Most Wanted Car Show will be back on Saturday, as well. For more information, visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com or call (734) 394-5460.

Veteran officer to retire

Police Lt. Robert Smedley is set to retire at the end of the month with 23-years of service to the Canton community.

Smedley was hired by the department in 1991 as a patrol officer, following a 2-year career as a police officer with the City of Detroit. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2009 and lieutenant in January of this year. Smedley earned his bachelor's degree from Adrian College and his master's degree in Public Administration from Eastern Michigan University. He is also a graduate of Eastern Michigan University's Police Staff and Command School.

Smedley has been active in numerous special units throughout his career including assignments as a detective in the Western-Wayne Criminal Investigations unit and the department's Detective Bureau. He also served on the department Honor Guard, and as an instructor of the TEAM (Teaching, Educating and Mentoring) program taught in the elementary schools. Smedley was also assigned as a School Resource Officer at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park for a 3-year period.

“Lt. Smedley has made significant contributions to public safety in Canton. He is both well-respected and well liked by his colleagues and, while he will be missed, we wish him the best in his future endeavors,” said Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler.

Smedley and his wife, Lucie, have three adult children, Ian, Alexandra and Stephanie, and sons, Louis age 7, and Van age 6.



Robert Smedley



Perfection

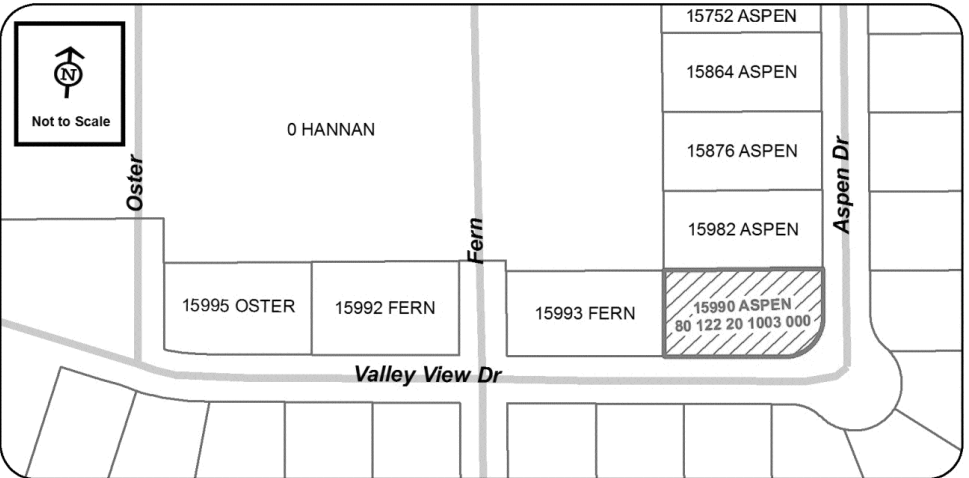
Three eighth-grade students at Canton Charter Academy received perfect composite scores on the ACT Explore assessment. The ACT Explore is designed to help students identify strengths and areas of improvement in eighth and ninth grade as they start to prepare for the ACT exam commonly used for college admittance. Krupa Patel (left), Ramya Chigurapati (center), and Maria Irimie (right) achieved the perfect score of 25, a feat less than 1 percent of students nationally achieve this high academic distinction. “I am not surprised by the results of the ACT Explore for these three students,” said Principal Janelle Magyar. “The results show the hard work they are putting into the classroom every day. I am very proud of their accomplishment.”

CITY OF ROMULUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING 15990 ASPEN BETTY COLBERT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, 2014** for the purpose of considering a variance request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. Front Yard Setback Variance (Section 3.07 (a)) to allow a 32.80-foot front yard setback on Valley View Dr. The ordinance requires a fifty (50) foot setback therefore a 17.20-foot variance is requested.



The subject property is located on 15990 Aspen. DP# 82-80-122-01-0035-000. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 2, 2014 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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City of Romulus, Michigan

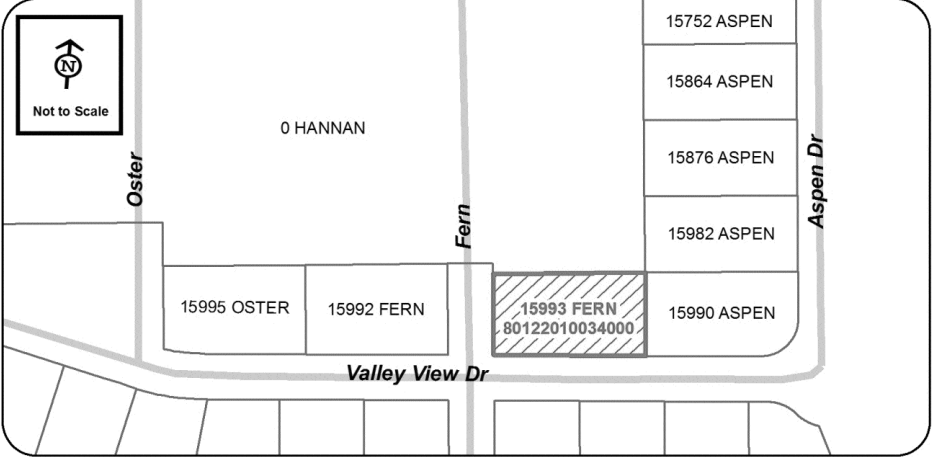
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CITY OF ROMULUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING 15993 FERN GLENN KOERBER

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The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. **Front Yard Setback Variance** (Section 3.07 (a)) to allow a 36-foot front yard setback on Valley View Dr. The ordinance requires a fifty (50) foot setback therefore a 14-foot variance is requested.



The subject property is located on 15993 Fern. DP# 82-80-122-01-0034-000. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

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

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INKSTER - WAYNE - WESTLAND

School board chooses ‘veteran’ to fill seat

There was more than one familiar face at the regular meeting of the Wayne Westland Community Schools Board of Education Tuesday.

Joining the trustees was a 12-year veteran of the board, elected unanimously to fill the term of John Goci, who retired last month.

Cindy Schofield of Wayne was the only candidate for the job and her appointment was validated by a 5-0 vote of the board members.

Board member Frederick Weaver excused himself from the appointment vote as he was the trustee making her appointment office.

Schofield opted not to seek

reelection to the board when her last term expired in 2012. She had served for 12 ½ years before her decision. Since 2012, Schofield has been involved with the Wayne-Westland Literacy Corps at Taft-Galloway Elementary School in Wayne and with the Wayne Ripple Effect, a volunteer grassroots effort

to improve downtown Wayne through a state program.

She told the board members that she felt good about rejoining the board at this time and that her experience with curriculum programs and the district would allow the board to concentrate on working with the recently-hired new superin-

tendent of schools.

Her appointment will be effective through November when the 6-year term will be filled by a school board election.

Schofield is employed with Norplex Associates, a rental property management business located in Westland.

3-year balanced budget OK’d in Westland

Members of the Westland City Council last week approved the first-ever, three-year balanced budget.

Mayor William R. Wild presented the \$58.2 million budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 in April. It includes a projected a \$5 million unrestricted fund balance by June 30, 2015.

The city also continues to receive incentive funding from the State of Michigan by meeting state standards for accountability and transparency, consolidation of services, and addressing previously unfunded liabilities, according to a statement from Wild's office. The budget also includes a projected slight increase in state revenue sharing.

Wild, City Clerk Eileen DeHart, department directors, AFSCME Local 1602 employees and non-union court employees contributed to the budget solution with contributions toward their health care premiums and -- as with newer hire police and firefighters -- to their pensions.

Staff changes include the continuation of a shared services arrangement with the City of Wayne with a contracted Department of Public Services director and fire chief, as well as coordinated dispatch services with Wayne, Inkster and Garden City. Other service improvements include hiring a parks and recreation director, implementing a park

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ranger program and enhancing security at the 18th District Court with a part-time security officer, according to Wild.

To further improve services, part-time ordinance officers will be cross trained to handle animal control duties in addition to routine ordinance enforcement. The city will also recall from layoff two DPS employees who will perform field maintenance, roads and

water/sewer services, he added.

Capital investments include a new fire rescue unit, 20 new police vehicles and \$50,000 for energy upgrades in city buildings.

“Since 2009, I've worked with the city council, city staff, our unions and neighboring communities to tackle head-on a projected \$50 million deficit,” said Wild. “Today, our hard work is paying off, with a balanced budget that provides our resi-

dents with quality services at a cost we can afford.

“We have right-sized staff, sought cost-sharing from our employees and delayed capital purchases while continuing to invest in critical city services. These actions helped the city maintain a stable bond rating, win continued investment by the private sector and grow our fund balance to insulate Westland from periodic economic downturns,” Wild said

“City council deserves credit for never losing sight of our fiduciary responsibilities and that service to the residents and business owners is our highest priority.”

Literacy program receives help from McDonald’s

Detroit-area McDonald's restaurant owner Jon Campbell partnered with Inkster Family Literacy Movement and Fairlane Sunrise Rotary Club to present a family reading event last month. The McDonald's located in Dearborn Heights provided the first 100 registered children who complete literacy activities a free Happy Meal®.

Children ages 10 and under received a special literacy passport to be stamped after completing fun reading activities inside the Dearborn Heights restaurant. Activities include alphabet recognition, read-alongs and more designed to get kids excited about learning. An interactive storyteller will engage children, a literacy movement spokesperson noted.

“At McDonald's, we are committed to literacy and education for our youth,” said Campbell, who owns six McDonald's locations in southeast

Michigan, including one in Inkster. “I'm thrilled to partner with organizations like Inkster Family Literacy Movement and Fairlane Sunrise Rotary Club, that provide services and resources to strengthen our community.”

Inkster Family Literacy Movement is a place-based, social change strategy designed to enhance the literacy skills of the entire community, starting with the children. The organization works to increase parent engagement and develop activities that promote and create literacy-rich environments across the Inkster community.

“We're so grateful to Jon and McDonald's for getting involved with this project,” said Inkster Family Literacy Movement Program Manager Tanya Upthegrove. “Literacy development involves the whole community and it is through

the help of our partners that we have been able to provide fun and creative ways for children to learn to read.”

The Fairlane Sunrise Rotary Club also donated 100 books for children to read at home with their families. Members of the Fairlane Sunrise Rotary Club are comprised of local business and professional leaders committed to servicing their community. The club is proud to

support the local community with various non-profit partnerships, youth scholarships and literacy programs.

Happy Meals will be available for purchase for \$1.99 as part of McFamily Fun Nights at McDonald's. McFamily Fun Nights are celebrated from 3 to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, at participating metro Detroit McDonald's locations through June 30.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 26, 2014 for the following:

CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (AMS, CMMS, GIS)

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance & Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CITY OF ROMULUS

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

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RICHARD EATON

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, 2014** for the purpose of considering a variance request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. **Lot Area Variance** (Section 11.14(d)(1)) to allow an indoor recycling facility on 4.00+- acres. The ordinance requires five (5) acres therefore a one (1) acre variance is requested.

The subject property is located on 27800 Wick. DP# 82-80-048-99-0019-700. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 2, 2014 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-June 3, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, June 3, 2014 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. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sneiderman, Williams. Members Absent: Yack Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Greg Hohenberger, Jon LaFever, Brad Sharp, Others Present: Ronald Vine, President, Leisure Vision - ETC Institute, Library Board Members: Director Eva Davies, Nancy Eggenberger, Thomas Hartnett, Michelle Farrell. Leisure Services Advisory Committee Members: Chairman Robert Mossel, Mike Gulkewicz, Valerie Krimmer, Nicole Passmore. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by Anthony to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION: ACTION ITEM: Consider Authorization of Agreement with Michigan CAT to Provide Portable Generators and Light Towers for the 2014 Liberty Festival(CLS)** : Motion by Bennett, seconded by Williams to authorize the agreement with Michigan CAT, 25000 Novi Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 in the amount of \$6,150 for the rental of portable generators and light towers for the 2014 Liberty Festival. Motion carried by all members present. Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz explained this expense is incurred each year in association with the festival. However, the amount of the rental exceeded \$5000.00 which requires Board Approval. **STUDY SESSION ITEM: 2014 Community Survey-Community Needs Assessment Findings (CLS)** Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz explained the survey was conducted by ETC Institute. Ronald Vine - President ETC was on hand to answer any questions the Board might have. Mr. Vine presented a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Survey Findings: Agenda of the Survey; Methodology of Survey; Analysis of Survey Results. Bottom Line: The Current Canton Leisure Services and Public Library. The Canton Public Library, Heritage Park and Summit on the Park Community Center are Most Used and are the Most Important Facilities; Over 90% of Households Rate the Overall Conditions of facilities as Excellent or Good; Nearly 50% of Households Participated in Recreation and Library Programs; The Overall Quality of Programs are Highly Rated; Making Canton a More Desirable Place to Live and Improve Physical Health and Fitness are Two Most Important Benefits Provided by Parks, Trails, Cultural Arts, Sports and Recreation Facilities and Programs; Canton focus Primary Way Respondents Learn About Leisure Services Programs and Activities; Bottom Line: Citizen's Vision for the Future Canton Leisure Services and Canton Public Library; Respondents Have a Need for a Wide Range of Parks, Trails, Cultural Arts and Library Facilities; Unmet Needs are High for Many Facilities; Households Whose Needs are 50% or Less Being Met; Walking, Biking and Nature Trails Are Most Important Facilities; Community Special Events, Adult Health Fitness and Wellness, Youth Sports and Hobbies are Most Important and Needed Programs; Estimated Number of Households Whose Needs of Recreation and Library Programs Are Only Being 50% Met or Less; 2014 Importance-Unmet Needs Assessment Matrix for Recreation & Library Programs; 78% of Households are Satisfied; Checking Out Materials Major Purpose for Using Library; Very Satisfied Ratings are High for Services of High Importance; Physical In-Library Collections most Important Library Services; 70% of Respondents Identified at Least One Service They Think the Library Should Support; Actions Respondents Feel the Library Should Emphasize Over the Next Few Years; 89% of Respondents are Very Satisfied (63%) or Somewhat Satisfied (26%) with Overall Value Received from the Canton Public Library; Bottom Line: Quality of Life in Canton Township; A Majority of Respondents Rate the Quality of Live Excellent or Good in All Categories; I Like Location in General, Feel Safe and Like My Neighborhood are reasons a Majority of Respondents Indicated for Living in Canton Township; 95% of Households Rated the Quality of Services Provided as Excellent or Good; Demographics - Ages of People in Household; Gender; Years in Community; Race/Ethnicity. **Board Questions/Comments:** Trustee Sneiderman asked is there a comparison of findings from 5 years ago to this current survey's findings. Mr. Vine replied that although our "Excellent" ratings are high, the residents rated us slightly lower in this survey, however, participation in programs is significantly higher in the current survey (increase from 36% to 49%). Website and FOCUS ratings have increased. Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz replied more comparisons are in Section 3 of the Findings Report for a Statistically Valid Community Survey. Trustee Williams asked how many surveys were sent out. Mr. Vine answered about 3000, resulting in an approximate 17% reply rate. This is a very good rate considering it was a long and complex survey. Mailing labels were compiled by a National Broker: Edith Roman out of New York. Tom Hartnett asked how well 3000 surveys represent the community. Mr. Vine explained statistical data is used to compile the mailing list. By using a variety of criteria the broker ensures the compilation is an accurate representation of our community. Director Anthony complimented our Public Library as being a part of a great community to live in. Nancy Eggenberger asked how Canton Library compares to national benchmarks. Mr. Vine feels Canton is doing quite well. Nancy Eggenberger commented that 80% of the Canton Library patrons do not check out materials, however the survey showed that Checking out Materials was #1. Mr. Vine answered the results are compiled from the responses received. Perhaps the respondents perception of what they actually use the library for is checking out materials. Nancy Eggenberger also commented the PowerPoint did not cover children between ages 10 and 18. Mr. Vine explained the Findings Report for a Statistically Valid Community Survey has information regarding this group, as well as much more information in it. Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz commented Leisure Services feels the results show Canton Leisure Services is on the right track. Clerk Bennett commented the Findings Report has a lot of information that we will be able to glean much more from. Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz explained the Report will be available for viewing/borrowing by any of the Board members. Treasurer McLaughlin commented surveys in the past have shown needs of the community that we acted upon and those actions have proven to be very accurate. **Past comments have proven to be a good tool for the residents to communicate to the Board improvements/changes they should pursue. Public Comments: NoneADJOURN:** Motion by Sneiderman, supported by Williams to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. – Philip LaJoy, Supervisor – 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 after Board Approval.

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

City commission OK's budget; rejects tax fee

Once again, members of the Plymouth City Commission have approved a balanced budget and, once again, they have decided not to impose an additional tax collection fee on residents.

The budget approved last week includes general fund expenditures of about \$7.5 million, more than \$500,000 for streets, \$1.1 million for recreation (which includes a \$200,000 subsidy from the general fund) and about \$900,000 for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The proposed budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year is about \$175,000 less than the approved budget for the current fiscal year and only \$12,000 more than the budget from two years ago, said City Manager Paul Sincok.

The approved budget did not include a 1-percent administrative fee that commissioners and administration had discussed through the April budget sessions. That fee, allowable by state law, would have brought in another \$150,000 and would have been used to fund the hiring of another police officer, among other expenses.

Mayor Dan Dwyer, along with city commissioners Ed Hingelberg, Meg Dooley and Oliver Wolcott voted against the fee.

Several residents, including three former city commissioners, wrote the administration about the proposal, and the support was mixed. Former commissioner Colleen Pobur said she would have supported the measure because the commission has done an exemplary job of keeping costs down. Former commissioners Gerry Sabatini and Ron Loiselle both opposed it. Loiselle, a former mayor, said the city should opt for a public safety millage instead.

"A public safety millage would seem, to me, a better way to create additional revenue," he wrote to the commission. "This would require a vote of the citizens, but I think it would be a transparent and honest way to increase revenues while handling the funding problems of the public safety and pensions."

The budget approval was by unanimous vote.

Community foundation preparing for 4th of July parade

Registration is now under way for one of the most popular Independence Day celebrations in the area.

The Northville Community Foundation will again sponsor the annual Independence Day Parade beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, July 4 in downtown Northville. This year, as is tradition, the parade will feature floats, characters, bands, classic and vintage cars, veterans, fire trucks, bikes, and even animals make their way through the streets of Northville. There may even be a few new surprises in store for our spectators, noted foundation president Shari Peters.

The parade route begins at the corner of Griswold and Main Street in Northville and continues down Main to Rogers to Cady to Wing to Fairbrook Street and ends at Fairbrook and Center Street.

St. Mary Mercy Livonia is again the major sponsor of the parade.

Entries are now being accepted for floats, dancing groups, band, marching groups, characters, lawn-mowing brigade and many other originals.

Visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org to download a registration form or call (248) 374-0200.

Township residents continue to protest proposed pavilion plan

Angry residents from neighborhoods near the proposed Plymouth Township amphitheater expressed their frustration and voiced their concerns about the project last month during three public meetings.

Neighborhood homeowners from several subdivisions spoke regarding what they termed the lack of leadership and poor decisions made by township officials during a regular meeting of the board May 13. Several commented at the regular meeting of the board that trustees have failed to determine the wishes of residents, neighbors and the majority of the taxpayers in the township before moving forward and making major project commitments at taxpayers' expense.

Also during the May 13 Plymouth Township board of trustees meeting, resident Sybil Hunter spoke during the citizens comments portion of the agenda.

Hunter told the board that such a construction in Plymouth Township Park off Ann Arbor Trail would be nearly in her back yard. She also told them her research indicated that the township was acting inappropriately in spending bond funds for any construction without approval of the voters.

"I do not want an amphitheater in my back yard. I do not want the noise. I do not want the litter; I do not want the activities taking away from the community. I do not want the traffic," she said.

Hunter also cited officially approved Township Park rules which under the title "Peaceful Enjoyment" state, "Bands, bullhorns, P.A.s (public address systems) will have a negative impact on the adjacent residential district or other park users and therefore will not be permitted."

Hunter stressed that the amphitheater and other recreation projects had not been approved by voters and that the decision to pursue these plans was made arbitrarily by the board members.

"This matter should be brought up for public vote before proceeding further. No further action should be taken until this has been publicly discussed. The township board needs to keep residents informed and not cater to special interest projects," she said.

Cash

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Grabowski cautioned that some-

time the reports of suspected counterfeits turn out to be genuine bills. He cited one case where forgers took real currency, bleached the paper and overprinted the denomination, a method where detection

pens won't work. He said people with color printers sometimes only try to create passable facsimiles of a bill.

"They are not trying to make an exact copy but are trying to create

something close enough that people won't notice anything if they just give the bill a passing glance. "They'll often pass the money in dark places, like strip clubs or bars."

"They'll take say large bills and buy something for \$1 and get \$499 back in real money.

"Maybe that's why they're passing them in coffee shops." Grabowski said.

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Obituaries



Rosa Nash
Sunrise: May 18, 1925
Sunset: May 29, 2014

She is survived by: one very special daughter, Syretta Rose Schroshire of Inkster, MI.; three very special sons, Charles Sr. (Barbara) Schropshire of Inkster, MI, Derek John Schropshire of Inkster, MI and David Rober Schropshire of Burton, MI; two brothers, John (Martha) Schropshire of Pueblo, Colorado and Maurice Schropshire of Inkster, MI and a host of many, many loving and devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, various honorary family members and a sweet, affectionate, dedicated and very special pet, "Mocha" of Inkster, MI.

Pen Funeral Home 3015 Inkster Road, Inkster, MI 48111. Rev. Valerie Price Officiating. Interment at Westlawn Cemetery 31472 Michigan Ave., Wayne MI 48184.



Irtis Lavert McDaniel
Sunrise: July 24, 1934
Sunset: May 24, 2014

Irtis leaves to cherish her beautiful memories with her only child, Corey Sr. (Allison); two grandchildren, Corey Jr. and Christian; brother, Gonzello (Deloris) Lawrence; nieces, Krystal Lawrence and Teresa Fairchild; special friends. Ruby Walker, Daisy Battle and Vera Hart; and a host of other relatives and

friends.
St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis Road, Westland, MI 48186. Willie Smith, Officiating Pastor.
Final Arrangements entrusted to: Penn Funeral Home, 3015 Inkster Road, Inkster, MI 48141. James H. Penn & Son - Directors.
Interment at Westlawn Cemetery, 31472 Michigan Ave. Wayne, MI 48184.

6. Legal Notices

State of Wisconsin Circuit Court - Milwaukee County Publication Summons - Case No. 14-CV-002205 - The Honorable Jane V. Carroll - Case Code 30404 (Foreclosure of Mortgage) - The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00 - U.S. Bank National Assoc., 4801 Frederica St., Owensboro, KY 42301, Plaintiff vs. Kristy J. Downing & John Doe Downing, 4605 Radcliff Dr., Canton, MI 48188 and Legacy of Shorewood Condominiums Assoc., Inc., 1665 N. Water St., Milwaukee, WI 53202-061, Defendants - The State of Wisconsin - To each person named above as a defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within 40 days after 5/5/14 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 901 N. 9th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233 and to Gray & Assoc., L.L.P., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 16345 W. Glendale Dr., New Berlin, WI 53151. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and

may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated 5/29/14, Steven E. Zablocki, State Bar No. 1027190, Gray & Assoc., L.L.P., Attys. for Plaintiff, 16345 W. Glendale Dr., New Berlin, WI 53151, (414) 224-1987. Gray & Assoc., L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

30. Help Wanted

CITY OF INKSTER Recreation Program Supervisor-Part-time Recreation Program Leaders- Part Time

City of Inkster is seeking a part-time Recreation Program Supervisor and Program Leaders for the parks and recreation department. Interested candidates, please visit our website at www.cityofinkster.com/services/human-resources to apply.

Grant Writer
As a means to leverage existing funding and to find new sources of funding for various projects, programs and community activities, the City of Inkster is soliciting proposals from qualified firms and/or individuals to provide professional grant writing services.

Services will include identifying local, county, state, federal and other funding opportunities and composing grant proposals with direction from the City Administration. Proposals are due at the City Clerk's Office no later than 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 1, 2014.

For more information, visit the City of Inkster website @ www.cityofinkster.com.

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CITY OF INKSTER Recreation Program Supervisor-Part-time

Recreation Program Leaders- Part Time

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Carpentry and Yard Work.
Work part time must provide own transportation. 24-30 hours per week. 734-667-3513.

32. Help Wanted Drivers

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