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Canton road repair vote next week

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Voters in Canton Township are being asked to approve a 1.45-millage measure on the Aug. 7 primary ballot. It would generate approximately \$8.6 million in the first year to fix roads riddled with potholes and other needed repairs.

Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams said administrators are "working very hard to educate the public."

Township leaders have already hosted a number of forums to share details on the millage issue. They have explained the poor condition of many roads is more than a

headache for drivers who pay car repair bills. The road conditions greatly impact safety, they note, particularly on heavily traveled Ford Road.

If approved on Aug. 7, major county-controlled roads would receive 55 percent of funds, local county subdivision roads 30 percent, and roads under state control 15 percent. The Canton Township website at www.canton-mi.org provides a calculator to help voters deter-

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mine what they would pay individually.

The millage would last 20 years and all money would stay in Canton Township for road use.

"To be absolutely honest, I have no idea" if voters will say yes, Williams said last week. "I'm interested like many others to see what the residents want."

In his discussions with Canton residents, Williams has found them "split pretty evenly"

on the road tax.

"Each event (community forum) has been a little better attended than the one previously," Williams said.

A non-official local Facebook group, with no connection to the Canton municipal government, has more than 6,000 members, with many posts on the road tax.

"It's a very lively discussion. It's been a lively debate and an interesting debate to watch," said Williams.

Efforts to address Ford Road safety in particular have gone on for many years and a commitment letter from the Michigan Department of

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Chapter two New Westland Library director credits staff dedication to public

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Ishwar Laxminarayan, the new director of the William F. Faust Public Library of Westland is quick to tip his hat to the hard-working, dedicated staff of the facility.

"I'm extremely proud. It just shows the commitment they have. They demonstrated that in large measure the last couple of years when the library went through those challenges," he said.

He agrees the Westland library staff held things together through what he referred to as internal challenges. "They stepped up. They made sure the needs of the community came first."

Laxminarayan, who previously was director of the Jackson District Library system for some 10 years, is now looking forward, focusing on developing relationships in the Westland community and beyond. He's also quick to praise the new Library Board.

"They did this for the love of the community. Now our task is to focus on the day-to-day operations and provide top notch service to the community," he said from his office at the Central City Parkway library, between Ford Road and Warren Avenue.

He joined Westland Rotary, reached out to the Westland Chamber of Commerce, and is also connecting with school leaders.

"So far, I've been very impressed with the community. It's a close-knit community," he said. He brought out a library newsletter with program highlights and a wealth of fliers on programs and services for all ages.

"Of course, this is the peak of the Summer Reading (program)." He said he is proud of keeping children engaged in summer, including a recent wildlife safari program that drew a crowd.

He said he is also impressed with homebound services that keep older adults reading and learning, "as they say, cradle to maturity. Ethnicity, diversity, libraries are fun, engaging places."

His graduate degree in library science is from Emory University in Atlanta, GA, with his having taken an unpaid leave from U.S. government service to study in the United States.

"I grew up in India." He spent time in Kolkata there, which was formerly known as Calcutta. In India, he did his undergraduate work in business and had great



Ishwar Laxminarayan

interest in journalism.

Library science programs in India, he explained, are undergraduate, unlike the U.S. He joined the U.S. Information Agency in India, which included extensive library operations in that democratic country.

At one point, he was told, "Oh and by the way you have to go to library school at night."

In India, he enjoyed meeting Fulbright scholars and the U.S. career foreign service officers who were librarians. The unpaid leave to Emory University yielded great friendships along with interest from his young family in U.S. schools

for their son.

"I got more excited about librarianship as a career," said Laxminarayan. Later in Jackson, he found his "true calling as a public librarian."

He said the Westland facility is "a place where a lot of creativity happens." That includes support groups, English as a second language, and even an Aug. 4 3D Printer Launch Party.

"Initially there was concern one technology would replace another," he said of electronic offerings, including books. That puts pressure on public library

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Court date set for state representative

No one is above the law as state Rep. Jewell Jones, D-Inkster, learned this spring.

Jones was stopped by a Michigan State Police trooper on Interstate 94 in May and cited for having open intoxicants in the

vehicle and a cracked or deficient windshield.

Jones, the youngest state representative in Michigan, serves the City of Inkster, parts of Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Dearborn Heights. He is

seeking re-election this November.

The open intoxicant charge is a misdemeanor that carries a penalty of up to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine. His arraignment on the charges is set for Aug. 24 in the

19th District Court in Dearborn before Judge L. Eugene Hunt, Jr., according to court records.

A court date regarding the windshield infraction is expected to be set during the Aug. 24 appearance.

Plymouth Township to see trash rate hike

Plymouth Township residents will see no increase in water and sewer rates for 2018-19, and a modest increase in their trash collection fees - the first in 11 years.

Members of the township board of trustees unanimously approved these adjustments at the July 17 meeting.

The zero increase in water and sewer rates is due to rate increases made last year to

recoup cuts made by the previous administration in the 2016 election year, officials said, along with savings realized by the withdrawal in 2017 from the Wayne County sewer system. Plymouth Township is now fully within the Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) and sends all its sewage flows to the Ypsilanti Sewage Treatment Plant, according to a prepared release from township

Supervisor Kurt Heise.

Board members also approved an increase of \$1.25 per household for the township Solid Waste Fund, which covers the cost of trash and yard waste pickup, shred days, and the Household Hazardous Waste Day. This is the first increase in the Solid Waste fee since 2007, Heise said.

The budget for the Solid Waste fund had been allowed to

decrease to unacceptable levels by the previous administration, including a two-month election-year fee waiver in 2016 costing the township \$223,000. The fund now needs to be increased to ensure stable budgeting and funding going forward, Heise said.

The new rate adjustments take place immediately and will be reflected on residents' next water billings.

CANTON - INKSTER

Pawn shop owner facing felony charges

A five-month investigation into a retail fraud operation led to the arrest of a Wyandotte man by Canton Township police last week.

According to police reports, Canton police executed a search warrant at Tony's Pawn Shop on Fort Street in Wyandotte last Wednesday, July 18. The warrant was executed with the aid of the Michigan State Police, with assistance from the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, police said.

Arrested was Anthony Paul Wojtala, 23, who now faces 23

felony and misdemeanor charges. He was arraigned in 27th District Court July 19 on charges including conducting a criminal enterprise, a 20-year felony; two counts of use of a computer to commit a crime, a 7 and 20-year felony offense; eight counts of organized retail crime, a 5-year felony; six counts of second hand dealer failure to display recent transactions, a 6-month misdemeanor; 5 counts of receiving and concealing stolen property, a five year felony and as a habitual offender, fourth offense.

Prosecutors allege that Wojtala was part of a continuing criminal enterprise involving the purchase of high-value and high-demand goods which had been stolen from Canton stores and then re-sold at the raided Wyandotte pawn shop, which he owns.

The goods were allegedly stolen from Home Depot, Target, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Kroger and Meijer stores in Canton Township. It is alleged that in addition to selling the items through the pawn

shop, Wojtala also allegedly took possession of stolen items and sold them from his Wyandotte residence.

Judge Randy L. Kalmach of the 27th District Court set Wojtala's bond at \$250,000 or 10 percent. Should he pay the bond, the judge has ordered him to wear a GPS tether, according to police reports.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said, "This is yet another case that illustrates how businesses in Wayne County are continuously fleeced. The alleged behavior



Anthony Paul Wojtala, Jr. of this defendant affects every consumer in our region."

Honored

Theola Jones named Woman of Achievement

Theola Jones, 89, of Inkster was chosen as one of the Kappa Foundation Women of Achievement during a special ceremony recently. The awards, presented in conjunction with Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity, Inc., Ypsilanti, Inkster Alumni, took place at the Sheraton Hotel in Ann Arbor on June 2. Five women were honored as distinguished in their respective community. Previous winners from Inkster include Deborah Richardson, the late Jeranian Talley and Inkster Councilwoman Connie Mitchell. Other honorees this year included Dr. Mary Hall-Thiam, Tekisha Lee, Anna McCune van de Veld and the Rev. Lois E. Allen-Richardson.



Theola Jones

Vote

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Transportation moves the Ford Road boulevard from a "wish list" to a funded item, Williams said. Its connection to the local millage issue Aug. 7, with local approval needed for state funding.

If voters do not approve the millage request, Williams said the township would have to "go back to the drawing board" to see "what other options we might have."

The Canton Township website also has Ford Road crash information, as well as details on how road repairs are funded.

Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist said he is seeing a sharp uptick in absentee voters, noting the crowded Congressional 11th District race, the Michigan gubernatorial race, and the Canton road tax question.

"So turnout's going to be high," said Siegrist. "I'm excited to see what Canton Township voters will do."

As of July 20, Siegrist's office had sent out 8,433 absentee ballots. In the 2016 primary election, a total of 5,639 were counted on Election Day, he noted. That's a 49 percent increase with Canton voters having until Aug. 4 this year to request an absentee ballot.

Siegrist's office had mailed all Canton Township voters over age 60 recently to ask if they would like an absentee ballot, and that strong response boosted the permanent eligible absentee voter list in Canton to more than 10,000 people.

"There is a surge in voter enthusiasm right now," Siegrist said. "It is substantially higher than years past," including in South Carolina, Nevada, Maine and California.

Canton primary voter turnout has never exceeded 22 percent in the past, Siegrist said.

Clothing giveaway this weekend

Lighthouse Home Mission in Westland will host a free clothing giveaway from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. July 27 and 28.

The mission address is 34083 Palmer Road in Westland. For more information, call (734) 536-1761.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing open to the public in the Charter Township of Canton.

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

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

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

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

Angians who require an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 13, 2018, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

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

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Bob Richardson, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48103, (734) 394-5200.

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

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 13, 2018, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

HAMPTON MANOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - ZONING PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 21.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCELS 1653, 1654, 1655, 1656, 1657, 1658, 1659, 1660, 1661, 1662, 1663, 1664, 1665, 1666, 1667, 1668, 1669, 1670, 1671, 1672, 1673, 1674, 1675, 1676, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1681, 1682, 1683, 1684, 1685, 1686, 1687, 1688, 1689, 1690, 1691, 1692, 1693, 1694, 1695, 1696, 1697, 1698, 1699, 1700, 1701, 1702, 1703, 1704, 1705, 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1710, 1711, 1712, 1713, 1714, 1715, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1719, 1720, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1724, 1725, 1726, 1727, 1728, 1729, 1730, 1731, 1732, 1733, 1734, 1735, 1736, 1737, 1738, 1739, 1740, 1741, 1742, 1743, 1744, 1745, 1746, 1747, 1748, 1749, 1750, 1751, 1752, 1753, 1754, 1755, 1756, 1757, 1758, 1759, 1760, 1761, 1762, 1763, 1764, 1765, 1766, 1767, 1768, 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772, 1773, 1774, 1775, 1776, 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786, 1787, 1788, 1789, 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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Romulus clerk clarifies Aug. 7 ballot

When Romulus voters head to the polls on Aug. 7, Romulus Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg said she wants to make sure their ballots are counted.

It doesn't look like there is much on the city ballot, which is printed by Wayne County, she said, but that is not the case.

"We do not print the ballots; they're printed through Wayne County. What we get is what we get. There is a lot of empty space," she said. "You have to be sure to turn the ballot over."

Also, since the August election is a primary, it is a straight party ballot. Residents can vote

for democrats, republicans or libertarians, but not a combination of those three.

"You must vote straight party," she said. "If you cross party votes, your ballot will be spoiled."

If you make a mistake on your ballot—either absentee or in the polls—you can request a new one, but you'll have to turn in the spoiled ballot, first.

Also, she said, the August ballot will allow voters the rare chance to vote twice to fill a congressional seat. Romulus residents and anyone in the 12th Congressional District vacated

by John Conyers—will have two spots to fill: one to fill out the remainder of his term, which ends in January 2019 and one to succeed him. Craig-Bragg said that might be confusing, because there are six candidates seeking to replace Conyers in January, but only four vying to fill the partial term between now and then.

Coleman A. Young II and Shanell Jackson are not running for the partial term.

"We've had some calls on that already," she said. "It's very confusing."

Another oddity: there is one candidate listed three times. Brenda Jones is listed as a democratic vying to fill both the partial and long-term seat for John Conyers. There is also a Brenda Jones, a republican, who is a candidate for the Michigan Senate in the 9th District. They are two separate people.

In addition to the state and congressional candidates, Romulus voters will be asked to weigh in on a sinking fund millage proposal for the school district. The proposal is to levy up to 3 mills for 10 years to pay for repairs and upgrades to school district buildings. If approved, the measure would generate about \$2.3 million for the district in its first year.

Absentee ballots have been mailed out to those who have requested them, but are still available. Anyone with questions should contact the clerk's office at (734) 942-7540.

Van Buren wins honor from state township association

Van Buren Charter Township has earned a Certificate of Achievement in the Michigan Townships Association prestigious Township of Excellence program. The township was recognized for excellence in the area of Election Administration.

A certificate of achievement is awarded to townships that complete a rigorous application process and successfully meet the high-level criteria in each area, as defined by the association and members, according to published criteria.

The township scrutinized the election processes for areas of improvement, and the department director updated policies and procedures to earn the prestigious certificate.

"Earning this Certificate of Achievement from the Michigan Townships Association is a source of great

pride not only for myself, but for my team and community," said Township Clerk Leon Wright.

"Van Buren Charter Township is a community of hardworking people who strive for excellence and deserve a government that does the same. We work tirelessly to provide excellent service to our voters and elections that exceed the state's expectations. It has always been my goal to improve upon the process from one election to the next, embrace advancements in election security and technology, and develop an outstanding team of poll workers," he added.

The recognition honors the work of the Van Buren Charter Township for efforts during the 2016-2020 term of office.

Michigan Townships Association defines a "Township of Excellence" as a strong, vibrant community governed by a

township board that adheres to best practices to deliver quality programs and services to accomplish community-driven goals, according to a prepared statement. Van Buren Charter Township board mem-

bers have demonstrated a willingness to distinguish the township through consistently meeting the highest standards in the area recognized by the program, the statement concluded.

'Lucky Ducky' race set

The annual Lucky Ducky Rubber Duck Race will take place on Belleville Lake beginning at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 16.

The annual event, a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Belleville, takes place annually at Horizon Park in Belleville. The first place winner this year will take home \$1,000, second place will win \$200 and third place will be awarded \$100.

Tickets (or ducks) are priced at \$5 per ticket or five for \$20, and only 1,100 ducks will be launched.

The little yellow rubber ducks, numbered to match tickets purchased, are released into the lake and the first three to cross the finish line are determined the winners.

Proceeds from the annual event are used to help the Rotary Club fund projects in the community including college scholarships, dictionaries for third-grade students, coats for Kids Program, Band Boosters, Sumpter Children's Christmas, flowers and holiday lights at the Gazebo in Victory Park and two Little Free Libraries in the area.

To purchase tickets, contact a Belleville Rotarian. If still available, tickets will be sold on the day of the race. Winners need not be present to win. Sales of fewer than 500 tickets will result in a \$500 payout.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accession Test for the August 7, 2018 State General Primary Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI.

The Public Accession Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law pursuant to MCL 168.709(1).

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
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INVITATION TO BID CITY OF ROMULUS ITB 1819-1 New 34th District Court Bid Package 2A - Elevator Re-bid

The City of Romulus and the George W. Aach Company will receive firm subcontractor bids for Bid Package No. 2A for the New 34th District Court project at the 3229 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174. The work includes the elevators for the new 34th District Court.

A pre-bid walk through can be arranged by calling Danielle Eschner at 248-334-2000 extension 258.

Sealed bids identified with the company's name, are to be submitted in an opaque envelope marked "Sealed Bid, Do Not Open" and be delivered in the City of Romulus Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m. on August 10, 2018. The bid envelopes shall be addressed:

ITB 1819-1 New 34th District Court Project, Bid Package 2A: Elevator Re-bid
City of Romulus Clerk's Office
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, MI 48174

Complete sets of documents may be downloaded electronically from the MTN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mtn> or by phone and are available for review at the office of the George W. Aach Company, 65 University Drive, Pontiac, MI 48342 248-334-2000, (Construction Manager) and the City of Romulus Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, on or after July 23, 2018.

Bid security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or bid bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid will be required with each bid.

The City of Romulus reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, or waive irregularities in bids. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the bids. A contract may ultimately be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

Neither the submission nor acceptance of any bid shall constitute a contract between any bidder and the City of Romulus. No such contract shall exist without first being approved by a formal action of the members of the Romulus City Council and only after all required bonds and proof of insurances and copies of endorsements have been received by the City and the agreement is signed by authorized representatives of the City of Romulus and the successful Bidder.

All questions regarding the project or the ITB documents should be directed only to Danielle Eschner, George W. Aach Company 248-334-2000 or via email at deschner@wachconstruction.com.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

City of Romulus, Michigan

August 7, 2018 State Primary Election

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following offices will appear on the ballot:

The following proposition will appear on the ballot:

State Governor, U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress (District 13), Representative in Congress - District 13 - partial term ending 1/3/2019, State Senator (District 6), Representative in State Legislature (District 12), County Executive, County Commissioner (District 11), Delegate to County Convention.

The following proposition will appear on the ballot:

WAYNE COUNTY TRANS AUTHORITY PROPOSAL

WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE

If approved, this proposal will raise the 1.0 mill levied by the Wayne County Transportation Authority for the years 2018 through 2021, and will allow continued support to the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) for a public transportation system serving the elderly, disabled and general public of Wayne County.

For the purpose of providing funds in support of public transportation serving the elderly, disabled, and general public, shall 1.0 mill on all taxable property located within the Wayne County Transportation Authority area, be imposed for a period of four (4) years, beginning years 2018 through 2021. Based on known taxable values from the previous year, this millage would raise approximately \$16,540,052.04 in the first year. YES [] NO []

Full text of the County Public Transportation Millage may be obtained at the office of the Wayne County Clerk, 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 502, Detroit, MI 48226 and telephone: 313-224-6282.

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROPOSAL

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Romulus Community Schools, 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 3 mills (\$3.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2018 to 2027, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenues the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2018 is approximately \$2,300,000? YES [] NO []

Full text of the school board proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Romulus Community Schools, 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, MI 48174 and telephone: 734-532-1600.

All electors who are registered with the City of Romulus Clerk are eligible to vote at this election. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Romulus Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

1, 7 & 10 Romulus Middle School, 37300 Wick Road
2 & 4 Halebrook Elementary School, 16200 Harrison Road
3, 6, 9 & 11 Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road
12 Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins
6 West Valley Estates, 7040 Shawnee Drive
11 Hart Elementary School, 36207 Bark Road
12 Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Norville Road

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964

Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act.
I, ERIC R. SABREE, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 14, 2018 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on properties in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY, Wayne County, Michigan - City of Romulus				
Voting Authority	Date of Election	Years Voted	Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2010	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2018	2018
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2016	0.25 mills	2020	2020
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020	2020
Community College	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022	2022

School Districts

Romulus School District	May, 2011	18 mills	2021 (non homestead only)
	August, 2012	5.1314 mills	2017 (homestead only)
	November, 2008	75 mills	2018
	November 7, 2017	2.5 mills	2026
Wayne - Westland	May, 2010	18 mills	2025 (non homestead only)
Community Schools	February, 2012	1 mill	2022
Woodhaven-Brownstown	August 5, 2014	18 mills	2023 (non homestead only)
School District	February, 2011	1 mill	2020

Eric R. Sabree, Wayne County Treasurer

Dated: June 14, 2018

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absentee voter ballot. You may vote by absentee ballot if you:

Are unable to attend the polls without assistance;
Are aged 60 years or older;
Expect to be absent from your city for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day;
Are, in jail, awaiting arraignment or trial;
Have been assigned to work as a precinct inspector in a precinct other than where you are registered.

Are unable to attend the polls because of religious beliefs.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's Office.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174
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WAYNE - WESTLAND

City budget includes fire department upgrades

The 47-year-old roof at Fire Station 4 in Westland will soon be replaced.

Members of the Westland City Council approved the new roof at the fire station, located at 37200 Palmer Road, during their meeting July 16. The station serves residents from Hannan to Shuman and Glenwood to Marquette in the city. Station 4 also serves as a back up to Fire Station 3 which serves Shuman to Merriman and Cherry Hill to Glenwood.

The roofing contract was awarded to MWM Roofing Co. in the amount of \$38,970. The current roof was installed when the station was constructed in 1971.

Along with this structural investment, the 2018-19 Westland budget also includes funding for

a new 2018 F450 Type 1 rescue vehicle. The new rescue was purchased with reliability, patient comfort and safety in mind, officials said. The Westland Fire Department receives more than 12,000 calls annually with about 83 percent relating to medical emergencies, according to department reports.

The new unit was purchased through Michigan-based Merry Sales, utilizing consortium pricing through the Farmington Hills Fire Department. Westland received the lowest possible price and the more departments that purchase through the consortium result in a rebate from the manufacturer back to the city for added savings.

Fire department overtime for the fiscal year 2018-2019 has also

been increased to meet the demands for calls for service within Westland, officials noted. In 2015 the Westland Fire Department received a grant for staffing also known as Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER). This enabled the city to reduce overtime costs and have 13 firefighters funded under the grant qualifications. The current increase in overtime funding guarantees additional fire services provided to fulfill meeting the demands of the department.

"As Westland nears the end of this grant period it was necessary to increase overtime to continue to provide the service levels Westland residents have come to expect and deserve," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "The



Westland has approved the purchase of a new Type 1 rescue vehicle for use in the city.

approval of these crucial investments demonstrates the level of importance we place on public safety and we believe residents should be afforded the best experience available from our firefighters."

Additional public safety

investments approved in July include funding for four patrolmen coming off of a federal grant, the purchase of in-car computers and tablets for the police department along with the purchase and outfitting of patrolmen with body cameras.

Library

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budgets, he said.

A book may need to be purchased in five or six formats to accommodate different languages and patron preferences. "The budgets haven't changed five or six-fold. We've had to constantly make adjustments," he said.

Westland still circulates mostly physical items including print books, and DVDs along with magazines. "We have to cater to all these different age groups and tastes and ethnic backgrounds," he said.

Quiet rooms are also now needed, as libraries offer more programs. He praised the young child storytimes are both at the library and nearby Biggie Coffee.

He said he didn't find surprises upon his mid-June arrival in Westland.

"I would have to spend a lot of time listening and that's what I intend to do. I'm just taking it all in."

He reads The Wall Street Journal to stay

current, library journals for professional growth, "and also a lot of international news."

He likes author David Baldacci, "just the way he develops his characters, he develops his plots." There's a lot of research in Baldacci's writings that the new library director said he also appreciates.

Laxminarayan agrees self-published books have helped to "democratize" book publishing. Some very large libraries, like New York City, even have machines to help budding writers tell their stories.

Some of those writers have then advanced through things like Amazon into more traditional publishing venues and success, he added.

He's had earlier stints in the Norfolk, VA, library and then with a nonprofit library cooperative in Columbus, OH. He had served in various posts in India, too, with the U.S. Information Agency.

Will he ever write a book of his own?

"There are so many good authors out there. I'd rather spend my time reading." Laxminarayan said, adding patrons are welcome to greet him by his first name.

Road work begins in Wayne

Drivers traveling along Wayne Road between Michigan Avenue and Glenwood could see some traffic slowdowns as re-construction work gets under way.

Two-way traffic will be maintained as the work continues in the area, according to information provided by the Wayne County Department of Public Services, although there may be some intermittent lane closures as work progresses.

The work on the 44-mile section will include hot mix asphalt cold milling and resurfacing, concrete pavement repairs, work along sidewalk ramps, structure epoxy overlay, guardrail work, signage and pavement markings.

The work will continue into the fall and should be complete in November, county officials said.

More information can be found at waynecounty.com or by calling 888-ROAD-CREW.

Diamond nominations sought

The Wayne Commission on Aging is seeking nominations for the Diamond of the Community award.

Candidates must be a Wayne resident at least 70 years old who continue to volunteer throughout the community. Nominations forms are available at Wayne City Hall, library and HYPE Recreation

Center. The recipient will be recognized at a dinner Sept. 18.

Nomination forms must be submitted to the Wayne Senior Services Office, in the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road by Tuesday, Aug. 14.

For more information, call (734) 721-7460.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Charter Township of Plymouth that a State Primary election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of nominating or electing candidates for the following offices:

Ballot is a listing of the offices that will be on the August 7, 2018 State Primary Election. Sections are the Republican Party, Democratic Party and Libertarian Party. Vote only one party section.

Ballot Sections:

Commonwealth State of Michigan
United States Senator
Representative in Congress - 11th District
Representative in State Legislature - 28th District
Wayne County Executive
Wayne County Commissioner - 11th District
Delegates to the County Convention - All 12 Precincts

POLLING LOCATIONS:

Precinct 1	St. Kenneth's Catholic Church	14051 N Hagerty Road
Precinct 2	Friendship Station	42175 Schoolcraft Road
Precinct 3	Tenney Hall	9815 N Hagerty Road
Precinct 4	Starkweather Center (Fragile)	70750 Hwy Road
Precinct 5	Isidore Elementary School	9300 Center Court Road
Precinct 6	West Middle School	44801 W Ann Arbor Trail
Precinct 7	Church of the Nazarene	45801 N Ann Arbor Road W
Precinct 8	Prince Rupert Church	45801 N Tenet Road W
Precinct 9	Living Word Church	46300 N Tenet Road W
Precinct 10	Norbridge Church	49155 N Tenet Road W
Precinct 11	Rose City Lutheran Church	46250 Ann Arbor Road W
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46001 Ann Arbor Road W

Applications for Absentee ballots may be obtained during regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from our office located at:

Plymouth Township Clerk's Office
8925 N Hagerty Road
Plymouth, MI 48179
734-554-0228

On Thursday, August 6, 2018, the Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to issue Absentee ballots to qualified voters in person.

On Monday, August 6, 2018, qualified voters may be issued an Absentee ballot in person, and check vote status in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

Ballots not returned to the Clerk's Office by close of polls (8:00 p.m.) on election day, August 7, 2018 will not be counted.

Jerry Verica, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Schools narrow list of property developers

Downtown Northville will soon see the construction of two to five new homes, depending on the development plan accepted by members of the Northville Community Schools Board of Education.

Earlier this month, board members narrowed the proposals under consideration for the sale of five lots at 501 West Main St. to three developers proposing single-family residential homes.

Cambridge Homes has offered \$1,825,000 for all five lots or \$1,460,000 for four of the lots for the construction of five, single-family homes.

Old Village, LLC Mike Miller and Greg Morad have offered a base price of \$1,700,000 for the construction of four single-family homes on the five lots. The builders' plan includes a small, dedicated green space as a buffer to the next-door school, or \$10,000 above the best offer not to exceed \$1,752,000.

The final proposal was submitted by the Mallonee Family LLC which offered \$1,250,000 for the construction of two single-family homes and a park dedicated to the city.

The district initially received eight proposals to purchase the property, with one of the devel-

opers later withdrawing.

The decision to move forward in negotiations with the developers of the three single-family homes options followed two community input opportunities for school families and community members. Administrators will update the board members regarding the evaluation of the proposals at the 6 p.m. meeting Aug. 7 in the board of education

office, room 302.

The property is located three blocks west of downtown Northville, adjacent to Old Village School. The district is currently renovating the previously mothballed Old Village facility to house Early Childhood classrooms and central office functions currently at the Main Street facility.

Renovation and restoration of

the historic Old Village School is part of a \$104.85 million, multi-year bond approved by voters in November 2017 that will allow the district to update aging facilities, enhance security, and provide modern learning facilities across the district.

The detailed bid proposals are available for review by the public in the district Finance Office, Room 307 at 501 West Main St. from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Questions or comments can also be sent via e-mail to NPS@NorthvilleSchools.org, and will be shared with the board members.

City welcomes new commissioner as another resigns

Members of the Plymouth City Commission welcomed one new member last week and said goodbye to another.

The commission welcomed Anthony Sebastian as a new member and accepted the resignation of five-year Commissioner Dan

Dalton during the regular July 16 meeting.

Sebastian, the newest member of the commission, is a 26-year resident of Old Village. Sebastian is the owner of ATS Packaging LLC in the city. He accepted his new appointment during the July

16 meeting of the board. He will fill the unexpired term of Mike Wright who resigned in June. His term will expire Dec. 31, 2020.

Sebastian is a past president of the Old Village Association. According to Mayor Pro Tem Colleen Fobuz, three candidates

were interviewed for the vacancy on the commission. She said that Sebastian's involvement with the community and knowledge of Old Village was a plus for the commission.

Dalton said the growing workload in his law practice as one of

the reasons for his resignation.

His term will have to be filled by the commissioners within 30 days, as dictated by the city charter.

Fobuz said the commissioners will attempt to fill Dalton's vacant seat by the first meeting in August.

Foundation grant to fund installation of new PARC sign

Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) has received a grant of \$55,000 from the Margaret Dunning Foundation to help fund the construction of a digital ground sign in a location along Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

The sign will be installed during the next few weeks and will be used to promote the 25 full-time tenants and other users of the PARC facility including athletic, education and performance groups.

"When the facility was a

school, signage of this type wasn't needed, but as an arts and recreation complex it is essential to have the ability to promote all the events happening at PARC. For example, theater, music and dance performances, special events and holiday programs, visual art exhibitions, registration for College for Creative Studies, culinary arts, and pottery classes, swim registration, and many other activities," stated Don Soenen, PARC president.

PARC is a 501(c)(3) public charity, leading the effort to convert

the historic Plymouth High-Central Middle School and the 166 acres on which it stands, into an arts, education and recreation complex serving the greater Plymouth community.

The Margaret Dunning Foundation was founded by Ms. Dunning in 1997. She was born

in 1910 in Redford Township and moved with her mother to Plymouth, in the 1920s. During her lifetime, Ms. Dunning was a successful business woman, philanthropist and civic booster. She was a major supporter of many Plymouth nonprofits, including the

Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Society. In addition to her personal philanthropy, Ms. Dunning was a classic car enthusiast and was a regular participant in the Woodward Dream Cruise with her 1930 Packard 740 Roadster.

Ms. Dunning died in 2013 at the age of 104. Her estate provided additional funding for the Margaret Dunning Foundation, which continues to support her charitable interests and legacy. For more information: www.margaretdunningfdn.org.




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Calendar of events

Christmas in July Sunday

It really will be Christmas in July this Sunday.

Trinity Episcopal Church will present The Nativity Story, as told by professional local storyteller Linda Lake, from 7-8 p.m. July 29.

The events of the first Christmas will be recounted in four acts, through storytelling and song.

Admission is free but donations will be accepted on behalf of Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue.

The church is located at 11575 Belleville Road in Belleville. For more information, call (734) 699-3361.

Summer music series begins

Music Lakeside, a free summer music series sponsored by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, will present entertainment every Thursday evening through Aug. 16. The concerts will take place in Horizon Park on High Street in Belleville and will feature musical entertainment by the water.

Visitors should bring lawn chairs, blankets, or arrive by boat. Food is available this year from Cosa Sabrosa, a new addition, featuring fresh tacos, burritos, salsa and much more. Also returning will be Egan's Pub and The Gelato Wagon.

In case of rain, concerts will be moved to the Methodist Church across the street.

Senior games registration opens

A wide variety of events has been scheduled for senior citizens interested in competing in the Third Annual Canton Senior Games, which are scheduled to take place Aug. 20-23. Canton Club 55+ will offer a variety of events in which seniors may compete in for a nominal fee for a chance to win in their age category.

Events include: Sports Tournaments (golf, pickleball, tennis, billiards, Cards/Wild Games (Eachers, Pinochle, Bill bowling, trivia), and Field Games (bean bag toss, bocce ball, softball, basketball, shot, football and ring toss).

Competitions will take place throughout Canton at: Pheasant Run Golf Club, Summit on the Park, Heritage Park, Freedom Park and Griffin Park. Registration is now open online at www.cantonfun.org through Aug. 10. For additional information, call the Canton Club 55+ front desk at (734) 394-5485.

Clothing giveaway planned

Lighthouse Home Mission in Westland

will host a free clothing giveaway from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. July 27 and 28.

This year, clients can also purchase a new gray cloth bag for \$2 and can fill it to the top with clothing. There is no limit to the number of bags that can be purchased.

The mission address is 34033 Palmer Road in Westland.

For more information, call (734) 536-1761.

Memorial walk, yoga set

Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles and Canton Leisures Services have joined forces to host "The Lynn M. Bentley Memorial Walk, Talk and Yoga Event To Benefit The Wounded Warrior Project," with Dan Nevins beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 28.

This special fundraiser will take place in Heritage Park, which is adjacent to the Canton Administration Building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Participants are asked to arrive by 8:30 a.m. for event day check-in and registration.

This event will begin with a 1-mile warm-up walk around the scenic ponds of Heritage Park, which will lead into the yoga session with Nevins, who has traveled the globe teaching and sharing the healing powers of yoga and purposeful thought. After the walk, participants of all ages and abilities can either choose to take part in the yoga session or just have coffee and listen to Nevins' talk.

All proceeds from this event will go to benefit Wounded Warrior Project. Tickets are currently on sale now at www.cantonfun.org; search Dan Nevins. Tickets are \$25 the week of the event and \$30 on-site the day of the event. Participants will receive a tax statement at the end of 2018 stating the portion of the donation that is tax deductible. Veterans will receive free admission to this event.

Learn more about Nevins at www.dannevins.com.

For additional information about the "Lynn M. Bentley Memorial Walk, Talk and Yoga Event To Benefit The Wounded Warrior Project," visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5360.

Sidewalk sales in Northville

Unique items from various downtown Northville merchants will be on sale from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, July 27 and from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28.

Community Band sets concert

The Belleville Community Band will

Voter information offered

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is offering assistance to those voting in the Primary Election Aug. 7.

The group has provided an on-line voter guide at VOTE411.org. Visit VOTE411.org to read and compare candidate responses to relevant issues, locate a polling place, check voting hours, learn about ballot measures, and read tips about voting in Michigan.

The League also hosted candidate forums for the 11th District U.S. House

of Representatives—both the Republican and Democratic candidates, and the 16th District State Representative and 6th District State Senate. Forums also took place regarding the three positions in Sumpter Township: clerk, treasurer and board of trustees. Video links for these forums can be found at 13thNorthwest.org.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization that never supports or opposes candidates or political parties.

present a free concert at 7:30 p.m. July 28 at Belleville First United Methodist Church.

The church is located at 417 Charles St. in Belleville.

Car show in downtown Northville

A celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Plymouth Owners Club will take place in downtown Northville from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, July 28.

The car show will take place in conjunction with the Concours d'Elegance on July 29, at the Inn at St. John's. The Northville show is the Grand National Meet which takes place only once every 10 years.

Organizers said some of the finest, rarest, history-making vehicles will be in downtown streets on display.

This is a free event, open to the public.

Mother and Son outing set

Plymouth residents can cheer on the Detroit Tigers when they play the Cleveland Indians during the first-ever Mother-Son outing Sunday, July 29.

Participants in the event, hosted by the City of Plymouth Recreation Department, will depart from the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth at 10:30 a.m. July 29 for a trip to Comerica Park.

The afternoon will be full of fun, baseball and memories, organizers said. Event price includes tickets to the game as well as transportation to and from Comerica Park. Young men, 14 and younger can enjoy free carousel and Ferris wheel rides throughout the day and at the end of the game kids can run the bases, weather permitting. Tickets are \$25 each and advance ticket purchase is required because space

is limited.

No walk-ins can be accommodated.

Registration is available online at www.plymouthmi.us or by calling (734) 445-6620, from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Westland hosts Blues legend

Blues, Brews and Barbecue in Westland is known around the region for bringing together some of the greatest musicians talent the metro Detroit area has to offer.

This year, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, The Box Constrictors perform. The Box Constrictors are a Detroit Blues band with a rockabilly twist.

They will include collaboration with Chicago Blues legend John Watkins from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. During the late 1970s and early 1980s, Watkins stood out as one of the most promising young blues guitarists and singers in Chicago, organizers said. In the late 1980s, Watkins moved to Detroit where he played locally for many years, treating crowds to his guitar playing and soulful blues singing.

Relay for Life event set

A Disney-themed Relay for Life will take place from 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 until 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 in Senior Center Park, 36225 Bribbins in Romulus. The park is located behind the Senior Center off Olive Street.

Relay for Life is a 24-hour fundraising event with food, games, music and fun for the whole family. Event is open to the public.

For more information, visit RomulusRelay@gmail.com or text (734) 754-3823.

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7:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Box Constrictors featuring Detroit Blues Legend John Watkins
8:30 - 9:30 p.m. The Box Constrictors featuring Detroit Blues Legend John Watkins

Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018
4 - 5:30 p.m. Joe Starkey Band
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