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DTE needs 'more time' to repair outages

Don Howard
Staff Writer

After almost two years of ongoing and persistent power outages, DTE Energy officials told Plymouth city officials they "need more time" to address the intermittent service problems.

DTE has been the target of public criticism and scrutiny and the subject of a Michigan Public Service Commission (PSC) investigation regarding the ongoing and continual service interruptions in both Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth.

"We did not build or expand our infrastructure sufficiently to keep up the growth in your area..."

Amidst public allegations of nonfeasance from irate customers suffering from the frequent service breakdowns and an admittedly old and worn-out infrastructure, DTE admitted there have been problems. In an open letter last week addressed "Dear DTE Customer," officials finally acknowledged the service provided to the community

has been, in their words, "unacceptable."

The letter dated Aug. 1, 2018 from Heather Rivard, senior vice president-distribution operations, said that while the company is "working as quickly as possible" they expect "it will take us 9-12 months to complete all of the work..."

"We did not build or expand

our infrastructure sufficiently to keep up the growth in your area..." Rivard said in the two-page letter.

After a fire and explosion destroyed the Farmer Street substation in August 2016, DTE Executive Director of Operations Ryan Stowe told area residents that 70 percent of the outages were caused by the lack of tree trimming.

Last October, Stowe and other DTE representatives told city officials they planned to offer improved service with "system



Participants and spectators enjoy the ingenuity and creativity of boat builders during the Cardboard Boat Race.

All aboard Cardboard boat races return to Canton

Get the duct tape ready:

Area families are already preparing for the Fifth Annual Summit on the Park Cardboard Boat Race in Canton Township.

The popular event will take place beginning at 6 p.m. Aug. 30 at the Aquatic Center inside the Summit on the Park.

Past participants have skillfully used creative teamwork to build a boat entirely out of cardboard, duct tape, and paint prior to the event. Finished cardboard boats must be no larger than 5 1/2 feet wide by 10-foot long.

Cardboard boats can either be built at home or during a special boat building session in the Summit on the Park gymnasium set for 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29. Participants in the on-site boat building session will get access to cardboard and three rolls of duct tape for a \$12 materials fee and can have their boats displayed at the Summit until

race time.

Paddles will be provided for participants and boats can be raced by a youth crew comprised of one or two individuals. Each boat will be timed individually. Awards will be presented for Most Creative and Fastest Boat, as well as the Titanic Award.

"We're looking forward to another exciting competition at this year's Cardboard Boat Race," said Brad Chasson, aquatic specialist.

"It's great to see families working together and the competition takes it to a whole other level of fun. Plus, the unique engineering and creative designs make it a great event to just watch."

Entry fees for this event are \$30 for Summit members, \$15 for Canton residents, and \$20 for non-residents. The Summit Boat Dock will open at 5:30 p.m., with races scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

Registration for this annual



One sailor in the Cardboard Boat Race last year gets some in-water guidance.

Cardboard Boat Race is available in person at the Summit or online at www.summitonthePark.org. For additional information, call (734) 294-5490. The Summit on the Park is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton Township.

Here to stay Librarian says books will remain part of life style

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

A little noise at the Wayne Public Library doesn't bother Director Steve McGladdery.

"It's not uncommon for our kids' side to be a little noisy. We have planned from the beginning to have a place where kids can be kids," McGladdery said of the 24,000-square-foot building on Wayne Road near Michigan

Avenue.

McGladdery has been at the helm four years, and holds a master's degree in library and information science from Wayne State University along with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Grand Valley State University.

"It just kind of dawned on me one day I initially planned to be a minister," he said. "I haven't looked back since," he said of his decision to become a library

director.

While at Wayne State, McGladdery worked at then-ITT Tech Canton campus, including teaching good study habits and "who can you trust" on sources of information.

"We have a level of access to information we've never had before. I think that's something journalists are up against."

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Canton police now carry Narcan

Police cars in Canton Township can now provide immediate help to those suffering an opioid overdose.

The patrol cars are now stocked with Narcan (naloxone), an opioid antagonist used for the complete or partial reversal of opioid overdose, including respiratory depression and blood pressure support in septic shock.

The potentially life-saving medication was provided to the department courtesy of a donation coordinated by Patrick Stropes of Growth Works, Inc. and the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority. By providing and training police officers on the use, naloxone can be administered within minutes of initial police contact.

The addition of Narcan to the Canton police fleet enhances the existing service provided by the Canton Fire Department, which stocks naloxone on all Advanced Life Support vehicles consisting of six ambulances and all front-run fire engines. Firefighter/Paramedics will continue to administer naloxone as part of their emergency medical service provided to patients in need.

Growth Works, Inc., a social service provider in southeast Michigan, supporting individuals and families as they navigate substance abuse. For additional information on naloxone or the many other services provided by Growth Works, Inc., call (734) 495-1722 or visit www.growthworks.org.



Steve McGladdery

BELLEVILLE - CANTON

Canton recreation official named to state board

Canton Township Recreation and Cultural Arts Supervisor Jennifer Provenzano was recently elected to the state mParks board of directors.

Starting in September, Provenzano will serve as mParks president-elect on the mParks board of directors, a group responsible for leading and governing the state recreation and park advocacy association. mParks provides resources and professional development opportunities to a diverse membership of park and recreation agencies, professionals, vendors, and advocates, according to a spokesman.

Provenzano will join a board of seven members, five of whom are elected by the membership and two who are appointed by the board president upon approval of the trustees.

"Jennifer's abilities, background, and relationships have made her an ideal candidate to share her strong leadership skills on the state level," said Greg Hohenberger, Canton Leisure Services director. "Her expertise and passion for the industry will surely help mParks advance its goals and initiatives in the com-

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ing years."

Since 2002, Provenzano has worked in a variety of parks and recreation capacities with Canton Leisure Services, and as recreation and cultural arts supervisor currently oversees the township recreation programming division, as well as The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. In her tenure with Canton Township, she has been responsible for helping to develop a number of award-winning outreach, arts, therapeutic recreation, leadership, youth, and wellness programs.

In addition, Provenzano serves on the Annual Liberty Fest planning committee and operates as a staff liaison for the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage, as well as the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration committee. To date, she said she is most proud of her work in community outreach,

grant-writing, and ongoing efforts to further promote diversity and inclusion.

As an active member of mParks, Provenzano most recently served as chair of the Student Development Focus Area, and is one of the founders of the state association new WIRED Initiative - (Women in Recreation - Education & Development). In addition, she also serves on the planning committee for the mParks annual conference and trade show.

Provenzano is a graduate of Central Michigan University. In addition, she is a Certified Park and Recreation Professionals (CPRP), overseen by the National Certification Board (NCB) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). This CPRP certification is granted to individuals employed in the recreation, park resources and leisure services professions who

meet the eligibility requirements - including a combination of higher education and/or work experience - and who successfully complete the national CPRP examination.

Provenzano, her husband, Nick, and son, Leo, currently reside in Livonia.

Founded in 1935, mParks was established to provide its members with industry resources, to advocate for the profession, and to prove parks, recreation, and leisure services matter. For more information about mParks, visit www.myparks.org.

Canton Leisure Services currently maintains 10 parks and 35 public buildings on sites covering more than 1300 acres for Canton Township, as well as develops and implements recreational programming and services for individuals of all ages and abilities. Canton Leisure Services has also joined the ranks of the elite park and recreation departments across the country by earning re-accreditation in 2013 through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association



Jennifer Provenzano

(NRPA). Leisure Services remains one of 163 agencies in the country currently holding national accreditation and is one of only four CAPRA accredited agencies in the state of Michigan. For additional information about Canton Leisure Services, visit www.cantonmi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

City of Belleville buys Five Points sites at tax sale

The new owner of the entire Five Points corner is the City of Belleville.

Members of the city council voted unanimously to exercise the option to buy the land, for sale by Wayne County for back taxes. Under Michigan law, the county can foreclose on land when taxes remain unpaid for three years.

The county then offered the land for sale and the local

municipality has the right of first refusal to buy, followed by the county and then the state. If none of those entities purchases the land, it is offered at a public auction in an effort to recoup the tax payments.

Belleville officials immediately opted to purchase the land located at 25 East Huron River Dr. for \$15,521.60 and 51 East Huron River Dr. for the price of \$2,423.76.

When the sale is complete, the city will own the entire Five Points corner.

One of the parcels, at 25 East Huron River Dr., is a .12-acre site which formerly housed the Huron River Market, a 6,415 square-foot building. The building was originally constructed in 1946, according to official records. The property at 51 East Huron River Dr., at the corner of North Liberty Street, is

vacant.

The purchase price of \$18,945.36 will be paid from city budget general fund equity which has a balance of about \$2 million, according to Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria.

Councilman Tom Fielder, long an advocate of moving City Hall from Five Points to a new location and realizing the profit from the sale of the current site said the council would "be fool-

ish not to do this."

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer commented that the addition of the two parcels now makes the site even more desirable to a potential purchaser or developer.

The city officials did reject the purchase of two other residential properties in the city which will now be subject to foreclosure sales if also rejected by the county and state.

Church to host blood drive

An American Red Cross Blood Drive is planned from 1-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville.

The church is located at 11575

Belleville Road, opposite Burger King near I-94.

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Students plan rally to support suicide prevention

A group of Northville teens wants to send a message to their peers.

Members of Color My World, a club at Northville High School, hope to make an impact on the more than 2,000 students at the school with a community-focused 5K color run/walk on Sept. 15 in conjunction with National Suicide Prevention Awareness month.

Club members hope to raise funds to create and launch a series of peer-to-peer mental health awareness activities that will have a direct impact on their fellow students. Their message is that no one is alone and every life matters.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among Michigan teens ages 12-18, according to national statistics. One out of six Michigan teens seriously consider suicide (in an average 12-month period) and one out of 11 attempt suicide (in an average 12-month period) according to The Jason Foundation/Detroit Behavioral Institute.

Color My World was founded

by Annie Helmsmeier, a 16-year-old junior at Northville High School to fill what she described as a profound need at the school: peers were sharing their feelings of sadness and struggle. The club was created to provide a safe, welcoming environment where students could work together to not only lift each other up but create more positivity in the school and to foster understanding about suicide prevention and depression awareness," Helmsmeier said.

"I wanted to do something meaningful to try and help my fellow students," explained Helmsmeier. "Being a teen in 2018 brings different stresses, fears and struggles that can be really hard to work through. This club offers a space where teens can share their feelings, know they aren't alone and can work together to make a positive impact on the lives of others."

Sarah Mathew, vice president of Color My World, agrees.

"I joined Color My World because the issues it focuses on are really important to me and to people I know," explained

I wanted to do something meaningful to try and help my fellow students.

Mathew. "It's important to talk about issues because awareness is the way we can stop and solve these problems. People say things but don't always take action. I'm really proud to stand up and take action for this important and meaningful cause."

The Color My World Color Run/Walk will begin with check-in at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 15 at Northville High School, 4700 Six Mile Road, Northville. The run/walk will start at approximately 11 a.m. and the event continues until approximately 1 p.m. The run, complete with color powder to reinforce the club name, will route through the adjacent Woodlands North subdivision and end at the high school track. The entry fee is \$25 and includes a race t-shirt, color powder during the race, food, refreshments and music. All proceeds

will go directly to support the club activities. Registration is online at

<https://colormyworld.redpodium.com/colormyworld-color-run>. Registrants are encouraged to register by Aug. 26, if possible.

"We've been really fortunate that the community, our club sponsor and our school administration have been so supportive of our club and this event," said Helmsmeier.

The high school band, Tink and the Lost Boys, as well as a local disc jockey, DJ Shon, are donating their time and talent to the event. The University of Michigan Depression Center and the local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness will also have onsite resources available during the run.

The Color Run will also feature an onsite raffle. Highlights

include: Autographed Kevin Love Cleveland Cavaliers' hat and other Cavaliers' memorabilia; a sterling silver friendship bracelet; gift certificates featuring everything from professional photography, movies, food and hike gear; ice cream, coffee, groceries, a shoe hostess party; massage therapy and more.

The process of planning the color run and working as a team has had a significant impact on club members and leaders.

"I've learned that sometimes, people talk about great ideas, but sometimes never really follow through," explained Jahnavi Rajagopal, Color My World vice-president.

"To actually come together... as a club, a school, a community and actually manage a huge event like this... it's really amazing. Even if we help just one person, it's worth it because we want to make a positive change in our community, come together and celebrate life. We're growing as a club and doing things that are brightening people's days and I think that's a really lovely thing."

Plymouth United Way school supply drive under way

The annual Plymouth Community United Way school supply drive is already under way. In 2017, the drive collected enough supplies to fill more than 100 backpacks with more than 9,000 school supplies including pencils, markers, glue, notebooks and other items. The bags are distributed to

Plymouth, Canton and western Wayne students in need of the proper supplies to help increase their ability to achieve their educational potential, a spokesperson explained.

The drive will continue through Aug. 13, in an effort to get the backpacks filled and distributed by the start of the

school year. Residents can drop off new supplies at Central City Dance & Fitness Center (6700 N. Canton Center Road, Canton), Probity Physical Therapy in Canton (1600 S. Canton Center Road, Suite 330, Canton) and Probity Physical Therapy in Plymouth (9900W. Ann Arbor Trail, Ste. 102, Plymouth).

Items will also be collected at the Plymouth Canton United Way office (960W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2) from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. on Fridays.

For more information, visit www.plymouthcantonunitedway.org.

Power

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upgrades." They sent out surveys, scheduled several public forums, mapped out area "hot spots," and announced the need for tree trimming. During the forum, DTE officials also told attendees they were taking steps to replace equipment in the township substation. They visited Township Hall and held up the same maps and reiterated the same promises made in the city.

"The work we committed to you previously is work that needs to be done and is currently underway (sic). However, it has become evident that it will not be sufficient to truly solve the service interruptions in the area," Rivard wrote.

Rivard said that the initial \$1 million "significant investment" needed to "upgrade the overhead system" was insufficient and outlined additional work in an amount of more than \$5 million necessary to solve the continued service interrup-

tions. No solution is possible until the proposed work is complete, according to DTE officials.

In May 2018, Plymouth Township Trustee Jack Dempsey urged the state Public Service Commission to take action regarding the numerous DTE outages and outlined the deterioration of the DTE system in the city and township. So far Dempsey has had no reply from the commission. The Public Service Commission concentration on the legal aspects of the DTE distribution system is significant in that the focus is on the ability of the utility company to provide reliable and safe service in accord with electrical service safety regulations, especially during large storms.

In June 2018, in a similar letter addressed to city officials, DTE Regional Manager Barbara J. Rykwalder said the company "recognized the frustration they have caused residents and businesses," and the dependability for electric service in the Plymouth community has been "beneath their high standard... We want you to know DTE Energy is taking action

to fix the problem."

City Manager Paul Sincovec was hesitant to criticize the lack of progress and said he was unsure if DTE was a planning to mail the letter to area residents. The letter from Rivard was included in the city

Pulse newsletter this month.

"The letter from DTE says it all... they have maintenance issues and they're addressing them. We confident they're going to do what is best," Sincovec commented.



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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Westland neighborhood makeover under way

The plans for a city-wide makeover of Westland neighborhoods is well under way, according to Mayor William R. Wild who announced the plan last year.

The campaign to beautify all Westland neighborhoods including dividing the city into 50 sections so that crews could perform a 50-point checklist in each area, noting work that needed done in each neighborhood. Wild said that the work began in 2017 with the neighborhood near PD. Graham Elementary school on the western boundary of the city.

During the initial inspection, city workers check for needed work on trees, signs, water, roads, sanitation, sewers and hydrants. Many neighborhoods have already seen the work completed, while it remains under way in others, according to a statement from Wild's office.

To date, the city has completed

work on 2,779 trees, including removing dead trees, trimming trees from streets and street signs and removing low branches hanging over roads and sidewalks.

About 634 signs have been straightened, repaired or replaced in the city under the program.

Work on 1856 roads has been completed including surveys of conditions and identifying needed repairs or sealing. City employees have identified storm manholes and catch basins that needed repair and have cleaned storm sewers where necessary. Draining problems have been repaired and catch basins have been vacuolated.

Roads have been swept, street lights inspected and potholes patched. Dirt roads in the city have been graded and calcium chloride applied where needed. The right of way areas have been mowed of high grass and

Crews have completed work in nine of the 50 districts and are completing their work in an additional 11 areas.

guardrails repaired where needed. The city has also cleaned out ditches and identified culverts that need repair.

Fire hydrants and the water distribution system have been inspected, repaired, and painted while curb boxes have been located.

The location of lead service lines has been documented and lines replaced as needed. Water gates have been encased, too, according to the mayor's office.

The sanitary sewer system has seen 256 completed repairs including cleaning of mains, inspections and cleaning of manholes and the identification of

manholes that need repairs of adjustment.

Broken garbage bins and broken recycling bins have been replaced.

The ongoing maintenance of city parks has continued while several private properties have been inspected for high grass. Vacant home registration has been verified and inspection of vacant homes completed to ensure they are safe and secure. The city has mown tall grass on private property where needed, to ensure a better look for the neighborhoods.

Inoperable vehicles have been removed from neighborhoods

along with illegal signs and checks for non-permitted construction activities and rental properties completed. The city has also investigated animal control complaints and responded to rodent complaints, as part of the beautification plan.

Crews have completed work in nine of the 50 districts and are completing their work in an additional 11 areas. The crews are currently at work in districts 14 and 42, the mayor said.

"This program is a comprehensive citywide neighborhood revitalization which involves work from the city as well as individuals around the community who are willing to role up their sleeves and put in extra effort to maintain the city's aesthetic appeal," commented Wild. "Together, we can ensure that Westland remains a great place to live, work, play and raise a family."

Library

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McGladdery said.

"It's coming at us like a fire hose aimed at a tea cup. It can be hard to catch what to glean and what to go by." He considered working in an academic library, but "I really wanted to do public just because I love the service mentality."

He had worked as a substitute librarian at the Birmingham Baldwin Public Library and then moved on to the Whom library before coming to Wayne. McGladdery said he is proud of the staff and the Wayne building which opened in 1996.

"That's one comment we get, especially from other librarians and other library directors. For a 20-year-old building it looks in great shape," he said.

He works with an appointed library board appointed by the Wayne City Council, relying mainly on the staff for collection development.

"I have been known to buy the book myself, read it quickly and donate it to the collection," McGladdery said.

He agrees the administrative work is a challenge. His biggest responsibility is seeing staff, vendors and others get paid.

"It was a huge jump," he said. "I definitely have a great admiration for anyone who does this job."

His predecessor, Paulette Modveck, faced significant health issues and nevertheless worked hard to train him before her death. A children's storytime area is named in Modveck's honor.

The staff numbers about 20, working with an annual budget just under \$400,000. The nonfiction librarian is strong on current issues such as diversity, gender and LGBTQ, reflected in the collection, McGladdery said.

"We have a great nonfiction collection. It's not just issues of the day. It's also fun," he said.

"The real heroes are the staff. They're the ones that really create a positive user experience. I couldn't be more proud of the staff that is assembled here," he said.

This July, an "Animal Magic" program for kids was part of summer reading and drew a crowd to see live animals.

An adult program with the Wayne Historical Society featured a speaker whose family had owned the local dry goods store.

"We must have had 100 people here. There's definitely a lot of hometown pride," McGladdery said.

"They love popular fiction," he said of Wayne patrons, naming Clive Cussler, John Grisham, and Dan Brown as popular authors. "And local history, people really love the local history."

Of his own reading, McGladdery, who's married to Bethany McGladdery, said, "Oh, you name it. I love Stephen King." He said he enjoys history too.

"And that's history of everyone, everywhere," said McGladdery, who likes all genres.

He agrees the print book is here to stay. "People have been saying that for a long time," he said. "I thought with the cassette book, then the e-book."

They have leveled out at about 30 percent of market share," he said of e-books.

"Kids' books are the big market where they never really get it. Even fiction. People still want the physical book in their hand," said McGladdery, agreeing he's said that way after a day with the computer.

"I do like to travel when I can. I love fishing," said McGladdery, who also walks outside, "anything to unwind." Of technology, he notes, "Not everyone knows the best way to use it. That's where the librarian comes in."

'Diamond' nominees sought

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

Nominees must be Wayne residents who are at least 70 years old and continue to volunteer throughout the community. Nomination forms are available at Wayne City Hall, Wayne Public Library and HYPE Recreation Center.

The recipient will be recognized at a dinner in their honor on Tuesday, Sept. 18 and will receive an engraved plaque and \$75 from the Wayne Diary Queen. Following the dinner, the award-winner will attend the Wayne City Council meeting where they will be presented with a city resolution.

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

For more information call Senior Services Director Nancy Wojewski-Noel, (734)721-7460 during office hours, 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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Calendar of events

Field Day is tomorrow

The Fourth Annual Family Field Day & Movie in the Park will begin at 7 p.m. tomorrow, Aug. 10, in Heritage Park, located west of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads.

Family-friendly activities will include classic favorites, such as potato sack races, sack races, and distance throw. No pre-registration is required for the Canton Leisure Services event.

Registration fees are \$12 per family can be paid on-site; cash only. Food, snacks and popcorn will also be available for purchase.

The event is open to the public and is appropriate for all ages.

Following the Family Field Day events, a special showing of Despicable Me 3 (Rated PG) will take place on the park big screen starting at dusk. Food, snacks, and popcorn will also be available for purchase. Individuals who are not able to attend the Family Field Day activities are still encouraged to attend the free movie.

For more information visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5493.

Village displays artist's work

The work of Plymouth artist Kay Masini is now on display at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

The exhibit, titled People See, People Do, comprise representative abstract paintings of many life situations. The art will remain on display through Aug. 29.

Meet Up and Eat Up

Meet Up and Eat Up, an effort to ensure that children in lower-income areas continue to receive nutritious meals during long school vacations, when they do not have access to the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs, is available from noon until 1 p.m. every Monday through Thursday at the Jefferson Barnes Community Vitality Center, located at 32150 Dorsey St. in Westland.

The program continues through Aug. 16.

Art exhibit under way

A solo exhibit of the paintings of artist Sharlene Welton titled Refuge is under way at the Westland City Hall Gallery, 26300 Warren Road in Westland.

The paintings will be one display from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until Aug. 29.

There is an opening reception set for 7-9 p.m. Aug. 10. Some of the art will be for sale. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

public. For more information, contact www.earthsharlene.com or thewild-bosses@comcast.net.

Bonus Market planned

The Romulus Downtown Development Authority will host a bonus market at the Romulus Farmer's Market from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Aug. 11.

The market takes place at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St. in Romulus. For more information, call (313) 294-0800 or Merrie Druyar at (734) 955-4331.

Coffee With A Cop Tuesday

The Inkster Police Department will continue to host Coffee With A Cop at the third Wednesday of each month. The Aug. 15 event will take place at 10 a.m. at Applewood Cove Island.

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

The restaurant is located at 28640 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

Casting call

Inspire Theatre in Westland will host auditions for a production of The Addams Family set for October and November.

Auditions will take place at Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road in Westland beginning at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14 and 15. Actors will perform a cold reading and be taught lyrics to When You're An Addams.

Performers are asked to wear comfortable clothing and stay for the entire audition.

Roles for the entire Addams family including Gomez, Morticia, Uncle Fester, Grandma, Wednesday and Pugsley Addams will be cast, along with Lurch, Mal, Alice and Lucas Reinsch and five male and five female Addams ancestors.

For more information, call (734) 751-7007.

Diamond nominees 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 continues to volunteer throughout the community. Nomination forms are available at Wayne City Hall, library and HYPE Recreation Center. The recipient will be recognized at a dinner Sept. 18.

'Lucky Duck' race is set

The annual Lucky Duck 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 \$250 and third place will be awarded \$100.

Tickets (or ducks) are priced at \$5 per ticket or five for \$20, and only 1500 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 winners.

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) 721-7493.

City shows movies

The City of Romulus is expecting huge crowds for free outdoor Movies in the Park.

Jumanji will be shown at dusk on Friday, Aug. 17, at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early and bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating. Movies will start at 8:30 or 9 p.m. The city will spray for mosquitoes to cut down on insects.

For more information, call (734) 941-8865.

Police plan Movie Night

The Inkster Police Department will host Movie Night beginning at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24 in the parking lot at the police station, 26279 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

The movie this month will be Ferdinand, rated PG. There will be free fresh popped popcorn, hot dogs and snow cones.

The movie will be shown outside so participants are advised to dress for the weather and bring a chair or blanket for seating.

Coffee With A Cop Wednesday

The Inkster Police Department will

continue to host Coffee With A Cop the third Wednesday of each month. The Sept. 12 event will take place beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Gracie See Pastaria.

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

The restaurant is located at 26734 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

Community Baby Shower planned

A Community Baby Shower is planned from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Trinity Episcopal Church.

The speakers for the event will be Hilary Hille from First Step and the Rev. Markita Prim.

The church is located at 11575 Belleville Road just south of 104 Service Drive. Refreshments will be served.

This is a free event open to the public.

For more information about shower needs for infants and toddlers contact M. Caldwell at marianecaldwell@yahoo.com.

Mom2Mom Sale set

St. Edith & St. Colette Church will sponsor a Mom to Mom Sale from 8:30 until noon Saturday, Sept. 26.

There will be 74 tables of deals on gently used maternity, baby and children's items.

Admission is \$2. The church is located at 15089 Newburgh Road, south of Five Mile Road in Livonia.

For more information email m2mbales@stecops.org.



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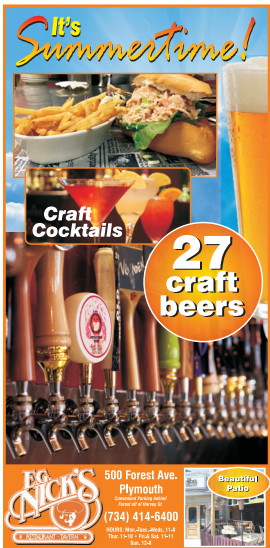
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