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Report finds discrimination at Wayne City Hall

Members of the Wayne City Council were expected to take action this week on the surprising findings in an independent report citing rampant discrimination and mismanagement at city hall.

The investigation, triggered by an allegation of a "hostile working environment," was performed by an outside legal firm which prepared a 105-page report submitted this month to city council members. The report, labeled as highly confidential, was discussed by members of the council during a special meeting at city hall last week. While the report concluded that the allegation from an unnamed member of the city administration which initially prompted the investigation did not meet the legal definition of a hostile working environment, the person was, in fact, subjected to actionable discriminatory

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treatment, as were most or all of the other city hall staff members. The report further cites the management failures and flawed conduct of the city manager and suggests the council take immediate remedial action.

Initial complaints alleged against former Councilman Christopher Sanders, the only

person specifically named in the report, were addressed by the investigator with the city hall employees. According to the findings, none of the 17 persons interviewed during the investigation expressed any wrongdoing on Sanders' part, and leveled no criticism of his conduct other than he did visit city hall more than they might expect. The investigator also found no basis for unsubstantiated claims from a local attorney regarding Sanders' behavior at city hall.

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Preface? Belleville librarian looks forward to new facility

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Mary Jo Suchy said she is very excited about the future of the Belleville Area District Library, which she has directed since 2015.

Suchy, who grew up in Dearborn Heights, came to the Belleville library in 1987, after serving as assistant director for several years. "I got my start way back in the day as the children's librarian," she said.

"I enjoyed the job and wanted to do something to contribute to society," she recalled of her first job shelving books at the public library in Dearborn Heights.

"I especially enjoyed working with the preschool children (at Belleville)," she said. "They had such wild imaginations and were very open." She said she liked developing the children's collection, too.

"I do my stint at the reference desk, now," she said. Suchy holds a master of library and information studies degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, along with a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

She and colleagues are especially excited now about a major building project with hopes to move to the new, larger facility in the fall of 2019 and finish work in the spring of 2020. The current downtown Belleville building will be leveled for parking.

"We have a lot going on with the building project. I joke with people that my meetings have meetings," Suchy said with a smile.

"We're going to have a media center in Sumpter" in addition to the downtown Belleville main building. The media center will house technology to help with computer training and photocopying as well as being a drop-off and pickup point for books, she said. Voters in Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren Township approved about \$14 million for the project in November 2016.

Suchy said her favorite library activity is "helping people find what they're looking for."

That could be finding a voting precinct or sorting through government websites "that



Belleville Area District Library Director Mary Jo Suchy is excited about major library expansion plans.

are sometimes difficult to look at. Whatever will help them through their day or life." That also includes recommending books.

"I don't see print ever going away," said Suchy, citing studies that readers comprehend and retain printed material better than online. She prefers print books, but also uses her tablet to look at some news.

"If I want to look into something in more depth, it's easier with a book," she said. Her library uses more online materials now for reference questions, and she sees DVDs and CDs becoming less popular in the future.

She likes the welcoming approach at the Belleville facility. "We certainly endeavor to be that. More welcoming. We want to be a place where people feel comfortable. I feel

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Driver is charged in hit-and-run

Desmond Robinson, 47, has been criminally charged in the hit-and-run death of a Wayne County Sheriff's Department sergeant last week in Westland.

According to police reports, Sgt. Lee Smith, 55, was jogging on Hines Drive between Inkster and Merriman roads at about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, when he was struck and killed by a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Following a non-stop investigation by numerous law enforcement departments, Robinson was arrested by Westland police at about 5 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, in Garden City, according to the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Ryan Worthy.

Witnesses described the vehicle that struck Sgt. Smith as a small black SUV with round headlights, which was

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Sgt. Lee Smith

Northville leaves Plymouth Township fire station

Don Howard
Staff Writer

In a surprise move last week, the Northville Township Fire Department moved firefighters and equipment out of Lake Pointe Fire Station 2 and ended a short-lived intergovernmental agreement with Plymouth Township.

Fire safety was a hot-button election issue in the 2016 Plymouth Township election and the majority of the successful candidates were those who promised to re-open the fire station that serves the largest township subdivision, increase fire department staffing levels and provide new and safe equip-

ment. Voters overwhelmingly replaced five of the seven members of the board of trustees.

Following the election, Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips presented a report to board members and revealed life-threatening response times in the township. Phillips estimated the cost to reopen the Lake Pointe Station 2 at \$600,000, calling for the hire of six additional firefighters.

By July 2017, board members agreed to the hiring of three new firefighters and OK'd an agreement with Northville Township to allow the two townships to share Station 2. Three new firefighters were sworn in on Sept. 11, 2017. The new plan

called for each township to have two emergency vehicles and two firefighters on duty at the station to respond to emergencies in both communities. Since that time, various upgrades to equipment and radios have been approved in Plymouth Township where board members also agreed to hire three additional firefighters by the end of 2018.

The fire station was reopened Sept. 29 by officials from both communities. During the last 11 months, the two fire departments shared the building, responding to calls in the respective communities, with few exceptions where mutual aid was requested.

"Re-opening Station 2 will improve emergency response times throughout both communities, saving lives and protecting property," Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said at the opening ceremony.

Northville Township Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said sharing the Plymouth Township fire station was good experience and that Northville was very appreciative of the opportunity. Mutchler said that after almost a year of monitoring the performance and service delivery from the Lake Pointe location, the department noticed an increase in response

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Inkster Legends awards student honors

The 21st Annual Inkster Legends Basketball Camp in Inkster earlier this month was, according to director Freddie Smiley, "another success."

Smiley said he wanted to thank all the sponsors who made the free event possible and the director and staff at the Booker T. Dozier sports complex for all their work and effort to help with the camps.

Smiley added that there were a number of volunteers who help with the camps every year who are invaluable to the program.

The camp presented awards to the most improved player, the player with the best attitude, a sportsmanship award and competition awards for layups, free throws and foul of the rim.

The most prestigious awards are named for two former camp participants who epitomized the spirit of the sport and the camps, Smiley said. One is named for Marlon Love who died playing basketball, the game he loved and the other for Devon Smiley, another former camper who died in an auto accident three years ago.

"Both were prime examples of what we look for in all the kids," Smiley said, "respect, a good attitude, that winning smile and the ability to always make others feel good about themselves." Devon Smiley was Fred Smiley's grandson and an athlete of unlimited potential, he said.

Smiley said that the father of one of the campers was an employee at the recreation complex. He told the participants that he was a student in the camp as a child and that the lessons he learned there helped him and others build friendships. The camp meant so much to him and his fellow campers, that he called a friend who attended camp with him who now lives in Chicago to explain that the camps were still offered. The center employee said his friend drove from Chicago with his daughter the morning of the camp so that she could attend the life-changing experience.

"I was moved by his testimony," Smiley said, "so it had to resonate in the minds of the campers."

"We also give an award each year in honor of coach Warren Woods who was a fir-



The members of the 21st Inkster Legends Basketball Camp enjoyed the coaching in all aspects of the game along with sportsmanship and ethics.



Winners of the Devon Smiley Character Award during the recent Inkster Legends Basketball camps were Zion Wimberly and Myra Davis.

mer Legends coach who passed away a few years ago. He was a great motivator and an excellent coach and teacher of the game," Smiley added.

George Blaha the Detroit Pistons announcer for 41 years stopped by to visit



Best in Camp in the 8-12-year old division were Aviere Jimenez and Kayla Beard, shown with Camp Director Fred Smiley.

with the players in the afternoon session and some of the players won George Blaha Bobble head dolls, Smiley said, which were a very popular item.

"It's still hard work but it's a joy to see the effort and the progress these kids make in



The winners of the Best in Camp Awards in the 13-to16-year-old division were Claude Hawkins and Lauren Hardy.

just a short time. It is truly worth our time. The impact it can have on a kid's life is immeasurable," Smiley said.

"Our motto is act as if you cannot fail," he added. "Again thanks to everyone who participated."

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BELLEVILLE ROMULUS

Father charged in death of 7-year-old daughter

A father has been charged with second degree murder and involuntary manslaughter in the death of his 7-year-old daughter killed by a vehicle while crossing 164 on foot seeking help.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Wilburton Dion Thomas, 47, of Detroit in connection with the fatal car crash that took place at about 1:47 a.m. July 15 in the interstate near Inkster Road in Romulus.

Prosecutors allege that Thomas was driving a stolen van while under the influence of alcohol and marijuana when his

7-year-old daughter in the vehicle when he crashed the van into a disabled car parked on the shoulder of the road and struck a fence. Thomas then allowed his daughter to walk away from the accident scene unsupervised, prosecutors claim. While the child was walking in search of help, she was fatally struck by another vehicle driven by a woman. The woman immediately contacted the police, according to official reports.

The child succumbed to injuries sustained during the car crash. Thomas was taken

from the accident scene to a local hospital, treated and later released.

Thomas is facing charges of: second degree murder; involuntary manslaughter (a 15-year felony); child abuse - second degree (a 10-year felony); operating under the influence (one year); controlled - possession of Marijuana (one year); and alcohol - open container (90 days).

Thomas was arrested by Romulus Police on Aug. 10. He also faces charges in the theft of the vehicle he was driving at the time. Worthy has also charged Thomas with unlawfully

driving away a motor vehicle (a 5-year felony) and larceny in a building (a 4-year felony) in connection with stealing a van from a transportation company located in the 34935 block of Schoolcraft in Livonia.

Prosecutors allege that Thomas, an employee of the company, stole a car key and took a van without permission from the company lot at about 4 p.m. July 13. Thomas was employed at the company as a driver, officials said.

"The confluence of events in this case caused the untimely death of the defendant's young

daughter. The alleged actions of the father included driving a stolen car while highly intoxicated, having open intoxicants and marijuana in the car, crashing into a disabled car and allowing his daughter to leave the car and walk alone across the highway to her death. This is a tragic and devastating case," Worthy said.

Thomas was arraigned in 24th District Court in Romulus on Aug. 11 and received a \$1 million/10 percent bond. His Probable Cause Conference is was yesterday and his preliminary examination is set for Aug. 29.

Library

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like our core mission has never changed."

"I have an awesome staff. I couldn't do what I do without them." Staff numbers around 26, eight full timers.

She's a fan of mysteries, especially by author Louise Penny: "I read a wide variety of things, contemporary fiction and nonfiction, self-improvement," she said. "I read fantasy, too, here and there."

Summer reading drew a crowd at the library, and Suley said she was also pleased with several book discussion groups, including an African-American

Literature Book Group. The library hosts a "Homework Knowledge" series that has ranged from travelogues to beekeeping to library history. The Friends of the Belleville Library organize the series.

In the fall, a Comic Book Club for grades four-six will start, with kids making their own comic books. The 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, community-wide Harvest Fest is on tap, with butter churning, leaf ruffling, corn husk dolls and more.

There's annual community "Boo!fest" fun in October, including an adult Halloween Storytime.

"So it really runs the gamut," she said of library activities.

Battle for Belleville set

The annual Battle for Belleville will take place tomorrow as military vehicles and soldiers fill Main Street.

Reenactors will begin the battle at about 6:20 a.m. Friday, Aug. 24 when the Yankee Air Museum and the Belleville Area Museum team up to present the annual World War II Reenactment.

Military vehicles and reenactors will curav down Belleville Road from the Yankee Air Museum at approximately 6:15 p.m., arriving on Main Street around 6:30 p.m. Allied Troops will attempt to liberate the city of Belleville and our local history museum from Nazi-Germany occupation. After the battle, visitors will be able to view a short vintage military vehicle car show and children are welcome to pick up spent blanks on the museum lawn.

The events lead up to the Thunder

Over Michigan Air Show, which takes place, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 25-26 at the Yankee Air Museum.

Organizers urged visitors to arrive early to make sure they find a good spot for the reenactment. Main Street will be closed and seating will only be available on the north side along the sidewalk in front of The Bayou Grill, Egans Pub, and up to Third Street.

Belleville Area Museum currently features a Rosie the Riveter Exhibit that runs through September as well as a new Rosie the Riveter Memorial Rose Garden on site.

The museum is currently open from noon until 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday through Friday and from 3-7 p.m. Tuesdays through Labor Day. After Labor Day the facility will return to fall hours. 3-7 p.m. Tuesday and noon until 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

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 Hillary Hite from First Step and the Rev. Markita Primm.

The church is located at 11575

Belleville Road just south of I-94 Service Drive. Refreshments will be served.

This is a free event open to the public. For more information about shower needs for infants and toddler contact M. Caldwell at marcianecaldwell@yahoo.com.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE: that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2018 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

Application 1577, R78-063-01-0187-000, 11280 Taylor, R-1 zoning district, is requesting four variances:

1. A six (6) foot fence around the rear yard property line whereas a four (4) foot fence height is the maximum allowed. The variance requested is a six (6) foot fence height.
2. To allow for installation on a corner lot yard setback property line whereas a minimum of (3) feet off the property line is required. The variance requested is (0) feet of side yard location.
3. To allow for the rear yard fence location to corner lot. A foot of the side lot line and the side lot line to be on the property line meeting the corner property line. Whereas a 45 degree angle is required on corner lots to be on the property line and corner lot setback. The variance requested is a 45 degree angle to be on the property line.
4. To allow the fence to come to the back of the garage whereas the fence is only allowed to come to the rear building line on corner lots. The variance requested is to be allowed to come to the back of the garage.

Application 1578, R78-027-01-0119-000, 46000 Ave. Asher, Tr-C zoning district is requesting a variance to the C-1 zoning district to allow a motor vehicle repair shop whereas this type of business is not allowed within the C-1 district. Variances requested are a Use Variance to the C-1 zoning district.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9515 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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CITY OF ROMULUS COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE ROMULUS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 24th day of September, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, to consider the adoption of an ordinance approving an Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Romulus Downtown Development Authority pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan, of 1975, as amended.

The boundaries of the development area to which the amended Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan apply are as follows:



Copies of the proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plans, maps, etc. are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desired to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Romulus Downtown Development Authority.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the Downtown Development Authority Director of the City of Romulus.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, Clerk, City of Romulus
Printed: August 23, 2018

PHONE: 480-233-4240

CORRECTED MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 6, 2018

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 Harbo.

Prayer of Allegiance

Roll Call: Kathy Adams, Celeste Rozace, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.

Excused: John Harbo.

Law: Eric Webb.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Calley D. Baccant, Mayor

Barb Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk

Steph Page, Treasurer

1. Moved by Rozace, seconded by Adams to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

1B-25A 4B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Rozace to approve the corrected minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 23, 2018. Roll Call Vote: Adams - Rozace, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. Nays - None. Absent: Adams - Adams. Motion Carried.

1B-26 2B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Rozace to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 23, 2018 - Downtown List 16-61. Roll Call Vote: Adams - Rozace, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. Nays - None. Absent: Adams - Adams. Motion Carried.

2. Petitioner

4. Chairperson's Report

Councilmember Talley chaired the meeting on behalf of Mayor Pro Tem Baccant. She complimented the police department for the fine job they did during the Wick Road incident. She also commended on the ARN Romulus Festival and thanked Councilwoman Williams for her contributions to the event. David Jones, from St. John's Lodge, did an exceptional annual Youth Day with help on August 25, 2018.

1B-26 4A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Adams to grant a no-fee yard sale permit to Pastor Bob Harper of Hall Road Tabernacle Church for their yard sale to be held on Thursday, August 9th thru Saturday, August 11, 2018. Motion Carried Unanimously.

1B-26 4B. Moved by Rozace, seconded by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Henry Frantz. Motion Carried Unanimously.

1B-26 14C. Moved by Rozace, seconded by Webb to adopt a resolution congratulating Rev. Dr. John J. Cole Sr. on his 19th Pastoral Anniversary. Motion Carried Unanimously.

1B-26 4B. Moved by Rozace, seconded by Adams to adopt a resolution to recognize Charles Cavatola, Medal of Honor recipient, who is buried in the Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Motion Carried Unanimously.

1B-26 4B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Rozace to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Randy Frantz. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Baccant recognized seniors who competed in the State Olympics and, he presented a video of upcoming City of Romulus events.

1B-26 5A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Webb to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution to support of the Senior Alliance Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services for fiscal year 2019 as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

1B-26 5B. Moved by Adams, seconded by Rozace to concur with the administration to appoint David Paszkowski to fill the vacant position on the Romulus Arts Council with a term to expire on November 11, 2019. Motion Carried Unanimously.

1B-26 5C. Moved by Rozace, seconded by Webb to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18-9-02 for an unexpected major repair to replace the debris tank on the vacator. Discussion: Councilmember Talley asked about the purpose of a repair. Mayor Baccant explained the DFW needs it to clean drains.

FUNDING: ACCOUNT NO. ACCOUNT NAME CURRENT BUDGET AMENDMENT AMENDED BUDGET

Motor Vehicle Fund

Expend:

061-259-970.136 Motor Vehicle Fund 90,000 48,000 138,000

Capital Outlay

061-400-195.000 Motor Vehicle 1,514,257 (48,000) 1,466,257

Revised Earnings

An unexpected major repair to replace the debris tank on the vacator. This was not budgeted for in the 18/19 budget. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A. Clerk's Report

On behalf of City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Deputy Clerk, Barb Fitzgerald, spoke about the State Primary Election which will be held on August 7, 2018.

1B-26 6A1. Moved by Adams, seconded by Rozace to schedule a study session on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers to discuss the services of Midwest Recycling with DFW Director, Kathy Ritz. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6B. Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Steph Page, spoke about the Relay For Life Cancer Fundraiser and thanked everyone who participated in the event.

7. Public Comment

A resident commented on the Relay For Life Fundraiser.

8. Unfinished Business

Councilmember Wadsworth spoke about a liquor license application that included topless entertainment. Councilwoman Adams asked about the zoning restrictions for this type of license and Mayor Baccant affirmed that the applicant and the state have been informed of the zoning restrictions.

9. New Business

1B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Rozace to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

1. Title L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk of 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 August 6, 2018.

PHONE: 480-233-4240

Civitans Taste Fest tickets now on sale

Tickets purchased at the event will be priced at \$20 this year with tickets for children ages 5-10 priced at \$10. Credit cards will be accepted.

Pre-sale tickets are priced at \$13 for

latory language that has been included in the Purchasing Procedure / 200.212 of the Super Circular requires the Township division in minority or pass-through entity. Sec. 2-230. Political Activities of Public units of government running for office, political campaigning by making support from other employees for those campaigning for public

Political Activities by Public Employees Act, MCL 15.406 et seq. The is by a public employee during those hours when that person is being as a public employee. Complaints may be filed with the Michigan 5.406. Violation of the provisions of the Act by employees and appoint-

and including information by the opposing affidavit). Variations of this article, Michigan Campaign Finance Act, MCL 169.201 et seq. with the Michigan Department of State. A member or candidate for the did not solicit contributions or endorsements from township appointees, are official duty. This provision is not intended to interfere with an indi-

... or to prohibit soliciting contributions or endorsements outside of the used for political benefit in accordance with the Michigan Campaign Act, section 57 of the Act is a misdemeanor offense according to MCL. Elected official are disqualified from holding any appointed office or

In the event that an employee's relative is elected to one of these full reporting relationships to the full time elected official, Sec. 2-241.

...or contracts of the Township shall not represent any other person the official, employee, or contractor appoints or otherwise responsible for handling the matter. Sec. 3-342: Transactional Disclosure. Persons who are subject to this ordinance, they: Shall immediately refrain

discussing the reason for removal. The clerk shall send copies of the original body of the Township and the Affidavit shall be attached to the statement. The following elected and appointed officials and employees are: township clerk, township treasurer, township trustee, director of

the Township or which has sought licensure or approvals from the Township. Any interest as a partner, member, employee or contractor

Any interest as a director, official, employee or contractor in or for a sale of the total outstanding stock of a corporation, exempting managed care statement shall include a summary listing each business transaction in this Section of the township official or employee and/or the immedi-

family of the official or employee, the annual disclosure statement shall comply with EITBS Sec. 2-204. **Establishment.** There is hereby created a board of ethics for the City of Canton. The function of the Board of Ethics shall be advisory and shall be to:

any person in agency. The Board is to select the chairman of the Board, One of whom shall be appointed by the township supervisor. Resources Manager No person shall be appointed as a member of savings up to the degree of first cousin, to any elected official of the more than two members of the Board of Ethics shall belong to the same

3-345. Organization. At the first meeting of the Board of Ethics, the

ments of 1, 2, and 1 year(s), respectively. Thereafter, all board members may be reappointed to serve subsequent terms. At the first meeting of and, the board members shall choose a chairperson from their number. 2 board members. A quorum shall consist of two board members, and

major vote of two board members. The business of the Board of Ethics shall be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.267. Trustees may remove an ethics board member in case of incompetence—the board member by certified mail, return receipt requested, of a copy

To promulgate procedures and rules governing the performance of its duties and signal complaint against an official, employee, or contractor to the designated business and/or violations of the confidence or state

On receipt of a written complaint, the Board of Ethics may consult with the Canton Police Department for the receipt of a written complaint alleging a violation of this ordinance from the public pertaining to its investigations and to seek additional

tractors of the Township. To request the attendance of witnesses and
tion. It is the obligation of all officials, employees, and contractors of
a course of its investigations. Failure or refusal to cooperate with ethics
charge of appointed officials and employees of the Township. The pow-

clearly within the purview of this ordinance. Sec. 2-248. Complaints filed with the clerk of the Township or the Human Resources Manager and of Ethics meetings and act as necessary. Within 5 business days after mail a notice to the respondent that a complaint has been filed against

After receipt of a complaint, the clerk shall immediately verify the date, time, and place of the Board of Ethics hearing to determine if there is a reasonable basis to believe that the respondent has violated the governing complaint and notify the members of the Board.

ing date, time, and location. The Board of Ethics shall conduct a hearing if a complaint is deemed sufficient to allege a violation of this conference, to the respondent has violated this conference based on the evidence provided to the Board of Ethics at the hearing pursuant to its investigatory

by counsel at the hearing. Within a reasonable period of time after the hearing, the Board of Ethics may, at the discretion of the chairperson, the Board of Ethics may rule on the sufficiency of the complaint and, if necessary, as to whether the respondent has violated this ordinance. If the complaint is

The Board of Ethics finds reasonable basis to believe that the respondent writing the Board of Trustees and shall transmit the complaint and all concerning the alleged violation, with the ethics board's request for the it shall also provide these documents to the respondent's appointing

for the commencement of appropriate disciplinary action consistent with personnel policy manual rules or other employment regulations, of the case with the request for the filing of appropriate criminal or civil prosecution designated by the Township Board and shall transmit the commensurate Board concerning the alleged violation, with a request for the

shall also provide these documents to the respondent's appointing authority for the commencement of appropriate disciplinary action consistent with commission rules or employment regulations of the Township. The Township shall also set forth protections for officials and employees who act as whistleblowers.

at seq. Any person who files a complaint alleging a violation of this Ordinance shall be liable for the costs of the investigation, if it is determined that the information provided therein was made in reckless disregard of the truth as well as the reasonable costs incurred by the Township in investigating the complaint.

Respondent in responding to the complaint. Any person knowingly to harass individuals, may be subject to a fine of up to \$250 as well as a suspension upon the recommendation of the Board of Ethics. A complainant must be able to prove that a violation has occurred. DIVISION 4, SANCTIONS Sec. 2-219.

...of an individual employee under any collective bargaining agreement to comply with such collective bargaining agreements and policies contain criminal penalties and civil remedies that apply to the commission in the course of their investigation that a violation may have shall refer the complaint to the appropriate law enforcement agency. In

any person who shall be convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction 2-128, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine or court, in addition to any other penalty, whether criminal or civil, as

that ordinance may be subject to disciplinary action including censure, common law offenses of misconduct in office (misfeasance, malfeasance Michigan Penal Code, MCL 750.505 and willful neglect of duty constitute the complete text of this Ordinance is available at the Clerk's Office

load, Canton, ME, 04139, during regular business hours. The approved In/Associated Newspaper within the meeting minute's synopsis of the town Township is available at www.cantonme.org. Based on the approved noted by Solidusman to repeat the repeat policy HR 20 "Ethnic's Policy"

awarded. **GENERAL CONTRACTOR** Item G-1: Consider Award of \$150,000 to Northwest Consultants, Inc. for the 2008 Water Main and by Sluiceway to award a contract for professional design and construction of the 2008 Water Main and by Sluiceway, Inc. in the amount of \$150,000. Motion carried by all members present. Item G-2: Consider

Drivers and Approval of a Budget Amendment for Construction of Pressure Reducing Valve. (MS02) Motion by Siegrist, supported by all. Expenditures: \$92,516.970 (0000 Capital Outlay Work in Progress; and Balance: \$71,000 Motion carried by all members present. Motion

contract to OHM Advisors for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the same Road Pressure Reducing Valve. Motion carried by all members in favor of Skerbeck Entertainment Group for the Canton Liberty over the agreement for carnival services to be provided by the Skerbeck

10 Road Race Installation at Patriot Park. (CLS) Motion by Sugrue, seconded by Hinchey, to approve the purchase of 10 road race installations at Patriot Park by Hatch Paving, 3000 E. 10 Mile Rd., Warren, MI 48090. Account # 301-270-99370. 0000 Capital Outlay Land Improvements.

to approve the budget amendment as follows: Increase Expense: 584-7505.00 Decrease Expenditure: 584-7516-58,990 Transfer Funds to Motion by Singlet, supported by Slavens to approve the removal and Motion by Galt/Chubb by March Decision 2006/01 10/16/07 D. Wilson, MD 000001

BLIC COMMENT: News OTHER: Director Hobenbueger reminded it on the Park begins September 4th and will continue for 4 days. The on the same time as the rest of the Summit, Club 55 - the Senior Center

as well – with limited accessibility. Clerk Siegrist stated at the August meeting that the system turned out to cast their ballots. Over 3900 Absentee Ballots (not mail-in) were cast. Trustee Foster complimented and thanked the Academy which she feels is a great program. **ADJOURN:** Motion by

able at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site

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WESTLAND - WAYNE

Charges

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immediately driven from scene, traveling eastbound on Hines Drive. The vehicle was later located on surveillance videos from nearby businesses and determined to be a black Buick Enclave with chrome door handles, rims and luggage rack. Surveillance photos determined that the vehicle had sustained front-end and hood damage. A vehicle matching that description was recovered on Michigan Avenue in Inkster

about an hour after the suspect's arrest, police said.

Robinson, of Detroit, has been charged with reckless driving causing death, failure to stop at an injury accident scene causing death and tampering with evidence. He was arraigned Aug. 18 in 18th District Court before Magistrate Linda Mack who denied bail in the charges. Robinson was remanded to Wayne County Jail awaiting his next court appearance set for Aug. 30 in the Western Court.

Smith, a 25-year veteran of the sheriff's department who led the mounted unit, was plan-

ning his retirement. A resident of Redford, he is survived by his wife and an adult son.

Smith was among the officers who received certificates of merit from the Westland Police Department for his work in evacuating residents during a fire at the Taylor Towers senior citizen apartments in the city.

"He was truly one of our best and an inspiration to all who knew him. My sincere condolences go out to his family for this very sudden and painful loss," said Wayne County Executive Warren Evans in a prepared statement.

Westland Police Chief Jeff

Jedrusek declined to discuss details of the arrest as the investigation is ongoing.

Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon said help from the community, plus detective work led to the arrest of the suspect and described the police efforts as "deliberate, methodical, tedious" during a press conference announcing the arrest, less than 48 hours after the incident.

Funeral services for Sgt. Smit were today, Aug. 23 at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 West Seven Mile, east of Telegraph, Detroit. Interment will take place at Detroit Memorial Park West.



Desmond Robinson

Report

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and found no offensive or improper conduct in Sanders' interaction with city hall staff. The investigating attorney did suggest that any other complaints about Sanders be referred to the city legal counsel. Sanders had declined to participate in the investigation, he said in an earlier interview, to avoid any claims of undue influence or criticism of his input.

While pursuing the initial allegations, however, the investigator discovered and reported multiple and serious problems with management and administration at city hall. In his report, the investigator said he found a staff fearful of reprimand and who were subjected to ongoing and overt discriminatory treatment. Employees reportedly sent

the investigator photos of the city manager leaving city hall and driving immediately to the home of a city council member following the investigator's interview questions. The investigator had been questioning the failure of the city manager to follow accepted disciplinary procedures with regard to a specific employee. Employees in city hall regarded that alleged immediate visit as a demonstration of an attempt to cover up the actions of a favored employee and clear evidence that a specific councilman was aiding in the effort to protect both the administrator and employee.

The report further addressed the concern of employees regarding actions of the city manager citing the installation of a windowed office door to ensure that perceived eavesdroppers could be observed, despite the existence of a security camera already in place above the office

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door.

Employees further sent a photo of the same city council member who was visited at home by the administrator following them while they went to lunch, parking his vehicle nearby at a hair-brushing salon and coming into the restaurant in an effort to determine whether they were meeting a fourth party. The council member then watched the restaurant from his parked vehicle until the three left, they told the investigator, in what they perceived as an attempt to intimidate them.

The investigator dismissed that claim as without proof of intent on the part of the council-

man, but noted that this was basis for serious concern as the employees believe they work in an atmosphere where this type of conduct is a possibility. The employees believe they have no recourse to equitable treatment, as the city manager and the councilman are solidly aligned.

The investigator warned the city council members of the legal jeopardy of ignoring any claims of favoritism or discrimination. He cautioned them regarding the requirements, under the law, for an employer to expeditiously investigate any such claims. He noted that the failure on the part of the city as an employer, to seriously pursue such an investiga-

tion is a violation of both state and federal law and could lead to legal exposure should an employee file suit.

The investigator further cautioned the council regarding the comments of at least one council member who has publicly criticized the investigation and the pursuit of the complaint. The investigator, who is an attorney, noted that such a public posture could prove damaging to the legal defense of any claim filed against the city.

The investigator suggested that the city council take appropriate and immediate action regardless of the short-term problems if the current city manager is unable or not fully committed to making the necessary changes in management style and procedures at city hall.

Several individuals asked to comment on the report refused citing the confidential nature of the investigation.

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Calendar of events

Beautification awards available

As part of the Neighborhood Makeover Program in Westland, the Department of Neighborhood Services, along with the newly-created Beautification Commission is looking to reward businesses and residents making an extra effort to improve their homes and buildings for themselves and the community.

According to a release from the office of Mayor William R. Wild, individuals are encouraged to nominate those around the community who have recently added to their property's appeal. Awardees will be recognized with a certificate and will have the chance to be recognized as a grand winner at a Westland City Council meeting. Visit www.cityofwestland.com/beautification for more information or to make a nomination.

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, 36300 Warren Road in Westland.

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

Some of the art will be for sale. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, contact www.artsharlene.com or thewildbeats@comcast.net.

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.

Students host Walk for Warriors

A group of students from local high schools have organized a Walk for Warriors that will take place from 5 p.m. Aug. 24 in Heritage Park in Canton Township.

This family-friendly event is a walkathon around the Heritage Park Pond and will include entertainment,

speakers, and a children's booth.

All proceeds from the Walk for Warriors will be donated to The Wounded Warrior Project, a nationally recognized non-profit organization that provides aid, both mental and physical, to current veterans.

Participants will walk the 1.75 mile path around the pond and veterans' memorials, allowing individuals to pay their respects. This walking path ends at the Heritage Park amphitheater, where activities and entertainment will begin. Speakers include Merrill Griffin, newsletter editor and past president of Michigan Military Moms. Entertainment includes live music from local high school students in the Plymouth-Canton community.

For more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/2vDpC1>.

New trees available

Westland is offering a tree-planting program in line with the city's mission: Green Initiative.

The tree-planting program is aimed at replacing the many residential trees that were killed by the invasive Emerald Ash Borer insect, according to a statement from the office of Mayor William R. Wild.

For a nominal fee, the city will plant a new, healthy tree resistant to this insect. Each new tree is guaranteed for one year, with proper care and maintenance. Homeowners who lost a tree to the Emerald Ash Borer Disease will receive priority first-round planting while those who have not will be placed on a wait list for future rounds of beautification planting.

Trees ordered through the program will be planted in the right-of-way space between the sidewalk and the curb. The final planting location in this space will be determined by the professional installer to ensure healthy clearances from any objects or obstructions.

For more information or to order a tree, residential property owners can visit <https://squareup.com/store/westlandtree>.

Blood Drive in Plymouth

An American Red Cross Blood Drive is set from 10 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28 at Plymouth City Hall.

There is an emergency blood shortage and all donors are needed, according to Red Cross officials.

All blood donors will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email. The

drive will take place in the second floor chamber of the Plymouth City Commission. City hall is located at 201 South Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

To learn more or to schedule an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org. Enter sponsor code PCH or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). For donor eligibility questions, call 866-226-3276.

Cardboard boat races return

Local sailors will cast off and race toward victory in the 26th Annual Summit on the Park Cardboard Boat Race, which will take place starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30 at the Summit on the Park.

Participants build their own custom vessels no bigger than 5 1/2 feet wide by 10 feet long using only cardboard, duct tape and paint. Racing categories include: age groups 8 years and under, as well as 9 years of age and older.

Register online at www.summitonthe-park.org or at the Summit front desk. Cardboard Boat Race event fees per boat are: \$10 for Summit members; \$15 for Canton residents and \$20 for non-residents. Need help with supplies? For just \$10, take part in a special build day on Aug. 29.

For additional information and race rules, visit www.summitonthe-park.org or call (734) 394-5469.

Country Garden Club meets

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5 at Ward Presbyterian Church. Enter through door number six or seven for the meeting.

The meeting speaker will be Jan Whitcomb who will discuss the gardens and history of Green Meadows.

There is no charge to attend and guests welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Tai Chi classes offered

Tai Chi, a gentle form of exercise that can help maintain strength, flexibility and balance is being offered in Wayne. There is evidence that this mind and body practice has value in treating or preventing many health problems. This low-impact, slow-motion exercise can be adapted for anyone. Ten-week session is being offered beginning Tuesday, Sept. 11. The fee is \$65 for the 10-week course. Participants must pre-register by

Tuesday, Sept. 5 at Wayne Senior Services (734) 721-7480. The program is being offered by the City of Wayne Senior Services and will take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

Free Android Smartphone workshop

Attend a free hands-on technology workshop from AARP and learn how to get the most from your mobile device. Devices will be provided for practice and all participants will get a free touch screen stylus pen. Sessions are planned for 10-11:30 a.m. and noon until 1 p.m. Sept. 6. The morning session will cover Intro to Android and the afternoon session will add Beyond the Basics to the topic. Sessions are also set for 2:30 to 4 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

To register, call AARP at 1-800-213-4567 or register online at aarp.event.com/tdeltdr.

The programs are being offered by the City of Wayne Senior Services and will take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

Seniors roundtable is set

Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex, in partnership with the Plymouth District Library, the Plymouth Historical Museum, and the Plymouth Community YMCA, will host a Senior Round Table Discussion from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10.

Organizers said the event will allow seniors to join local leaders and area residents for an opportunity to share ideas on how the Plymouth community can best serve the senior population. Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise will be the featured keynote speaker, and the discussion will be followed by light refreshments. Respond by (734) 927-4090 by Thursday, Sept. 6 to confirm attendance.

PARC is located at 650 Church St. in downtown Plymouth.

Senior Transportation is available for those 60 and older by calling (734) 459-8888. Call 48 hours in advance and mention that you are attending the 11 a.m. Round Table Discussion at Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex.

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