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Area residents are invited to step back in time and experience a series of Civil War era base ball games featuring the Canton Cornshuckers who take on teams from throughout the area.

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Westland police are seeking a group of vandals caught on surveillance cameras destroying property including vehicles, a home and a barn in the city.

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Contamination suspected at fire site

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Concerns about possible toxic exposure have prompted local fire department officials to order testing of firefighters gear for carcinogens after a fire last Wednesday at a DTE Energy sub-station next door to the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer Street.

The gear will be tested for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) which the Environmental Protection Agency has classified as a probable human carcinogen.

The fire left 4,000 city residents and businesses without power, some only restored in the early morning hours Friday as DTE crews worked round-the-clock. Power to downtown businesses on both Main and Forest streets was interrupted until Friday morning, grinding downtown business to a standstill.

Firefighters from Northville, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Northville Township, including a Western Wayne County Fire Department Haz-Mat team, were dispatched about 8:30 p.m. Sept. 16, after numerous callers reported hearing popping noises and then observing heavy black smoke and flames shooting from the area of the brick, slate-tiled building that adjoins a large structure of beams and transformers. The sub-station is owned by DTE Energy and functions to regulate voltage for an estimated 4,000 homes and businesses in the city.

According to DTE Executive Director Distribution Operations Ryan Stow, the substation, which now must be totally rebuilt, contained transformers, protection and control equipment and circuit breakers to interrupt any



Friday afternoon, workers in protective gear clean up debris at the site of the fire and shoveled it into sealed barrels clearly labeled as containing PCB, a known carcinogen. Photo by Dave Willett.

short circuits or overload conditions that occur in the network.

Stow was reticent to give specifics about the fire or the size and character of the electrical equipment stating, "It was a failure in the sub-station the led to the noise people heard." His only comment as to the cause of the fire, which he said is still under investigation, was that the fire was "not related to an overload" and could have been caused by "animal interference-like a squirrel."

Numerous fire-related incidents like the one at the Plymouth substation involving electrical equipment can contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) and are known to result in widespread contamination of buildings and structures, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

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Flames shot into the sky during the fire caught on camera by Joey Richards, 10, a fifth-grade student at Gallimore Elementary School who is an aspiring vlogger with his own YouTube channel (JoeBriMan123).



Heavy black smoke poured from the DTE substation in Plymouth last Wednesday night. Photo by Guy Villis.

Wayne councilman could face recall vote

City of Wayne Councilman Christopher Sanders is facing the prospect of a voter recall election next year.

Ron Roberts, acting as the spokesman for the Concerned Citizens of Wayne group, announced at a recent meeting of the city council that the group had filed six proposed petitions for a recall of Sanders with the Wayne County Board of Elections Aug. 14. Roberts said that the three-member panel would approve the language of only one of the petitions within 10 to 20 days of submission.

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in," Roberts said. "Any language not accepted by Wayne County, we'll just keep quiet. The law says that the language only has to be factual, so I am sure one of the petitions will be approved."

Roberts confirmed that recall language was submitted to the county against two other sitting council members, but declined to identify those officials.

"They need to get the message that we are not happy with them," Roberts said.

Sanders, 48, who has served on the city council since November of 2015, said he would rather not comment on the petitions or the language as he hadn't seen it and had no idea what the claims or basis might be.

Roberts said that citizens'

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Township water rates hiked by 8 percent

Water rates in Plymouth Township have been increased by 8 percent following approval of the measure by a 5-2 vote of members of the board of trustees.

The new rates are an average increase of \$56.35 annually or \$14 every quarter, according to Township Treasurer Mark Clinton. Average township residential water bills are now estimated at \$992.16, based on a fee of \$10.20 per 1,000 gallons.

Jerry Vorva, Clinton and trustees Chuck Curmi and Gary Heitman voted in favor of the increase.

The new rate was called for by Heise who told the board members that the township needs to increase the water-sewer cash reserves that are now at \$4.2 million. The reserves topped \$10 million at one time, officials said, and helped defray any rate increases for water and sewer services. Heise also said that it was necessary to impose an increase in order to recoup the losses in the fund as a result of the previous

administration lowering the water-sewer rates by 5 percent as an election ploy.

Dempsy said his no vote was prompted by his need for more data regarding the actual revenue the township needed and that he did not have enough information on which to support the rate hike.

Clinton had earlier proposed a 5-percent rate hike based on an analysis of rate increases ranging from 5 to 10 percent he presented. He favored a 5-percent increase but after discussion, voted in favor of the 8-percent proposed by Heise. He said

group would have 60 days after approval of the language in the recall petitions to gather 1,300 signatures of registered voters in Wayne agreeing to put the recall question on the ballot.

"With the legal restrictions, which say it can't be less than 90 days after the signatures have been accepted, it would be on the ballot in November of 2018," he said.

Roberts added that should the language of all six petitions be rejected by Wayne County officials, he will attempt to correct any mistakes and re-file the

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the 8 percent will generate the \$15.2 million in revenue necessary to operate the water-sewer system in the township, pay the debt obligations and set aside \$1.5 million for emergencies and maintenance.

Heise said his concern was based on his experience as a Wayne County environmental director and drain commissioner.

"I've seen what happens when government doesn't budget for future needs," he said. "We don't want to get caught in

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WESTLAND

City buys ambulances

Medical emergencies will be a bit less stressful for Westland residents with the purchase of two new rescue vehicles by the city.

Members of the city council approved the purchase of two new Type 1 EMS Rescue Vehicles last week at a cost of \$894,000.

"The new rescues were purchased with reliability, patient comfort and safety in mind," said Westland Fire Chief Michael Strathner. "In the past our vehicles have traditionally been built upon a van chassis. This style of rescue is no longer offered in a diesel engine and had limited options we were looking for in-patient design."

These new vehicles are described as state-of-the-art and are equipped with a new liquid suspension, making for a better, smoother ride to the hospital for patients. They also have a new 6.7 liter diesel motor and LED light to enhance visibility when emergency lights are activated, Strathner explained.

The EMS rescue vehicles were purchased through Michigan-based Mercy 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 results in a rebate from the manufacturer back to the city for added savings, officials said.

"The Westland Fire Department receives over 12,000 calls annually with about 83 percent relating to medical emergencies," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "The department relies on durability and understands that the patient should be afforded the best experience available from firefighters and their vehicles. The City of Westland makes providing them with the proper tools and equipment a number one priority to ensure the safety of those within our community," he added.



Appointment to Downtown Development Authority OK'd

Mo Elfikir has been reappointed to the Westland Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Elfikir's appointment by Mayor William R. Wild was confirmed by members of the city council during their meeting last week.

The 11-member Downtown Development Authority implements and manages an improvement and business development plan in a commercial district along Ford Road and Wayne Road in Westland.

Elfikir is the owner of Biggy Coffee, located at 3960 Ford Road. He has been a Westland business owner for 10 years and is actively involved in a number of community events. Elfikir has served on the DDA board since 2013 and his new term will expire in 2021.



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Wanted

Westland police detectives are continuing an investigation into multiple complaints of vandalism at a home located near Farmington and Cowan roads in the city. Some of the individuals caught on video surveillance cameras not only trespassed but intentionally damaged the victim's property including vehicles, his home and barn. Police said there have been numerous acts of vandalism on the property during the past, prompting the owner to install multiple surveillance cameras. Police request anyone with information contact the department at (734)772-9600 or (734) 467-3194.

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PLYMOUTH



Fire

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Stowe said he "didn't know" if the sub-station transformers or equipment contained PCB, but added DTE changed out the oil and the transformers over the years.

Friday morning, however, workers dressed in protective gear were shoveling the heavy ash and oil-soaked debris from the site of the fire into black, 50-gallon sealed drums clearly labeled as containing PCB, apparently for hazardous waste disposal.

According to industry experts and leading fire professionals, PCB is considered a toxic chemical with residual characteristics. It was mainly found in insulating fluids (oil) in heavy-duty electrical equipment and transformers in power plants installed since the late 1920s. It is used mainly because of stability at high temperatures.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) banned manufacturing of PCB in the U.S. in 1979 and immediately established controlled waste disposal regulations. Waste containing PCB must be destroyed by incineration or disposed in approved landfills. It is said to be bio-accumulative and not biodegradable. PCB exposure can lead to adverse health effects, according to the EPA. The non-flammable synthetic chemicals are still used as coolants and lubricants in electrical equipment even though the chemical is no longer manufactured in the U.S.

Aerial video footage taken at the fire shows enormous raging flames and a huge plume of thick black smoke billowing up

in mushroom clouds from a large transformer directly at the rear of the building. Firefighters said the smoke is a characteristic of burning oil. One informed firefighter said the transformers could have contained more than 1,000 gallons of contaminated cooling oil.

Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips said he was informed the oil in the transformers had been changed several times during the years but said he was being cautious about the reported risks of increased toxicity. He said rumors that the attending firefighters gear was to be destroyed and burned was "a half-truth." He added that PCB is destroyed in temperatures higher than 1,000 degrees, and that the heavy black smoke was a sign of incomplete combustion.

Phillips said the fire department gave "some" firefighter gear to DTE to test for the dangerous particulates and if the gear is safe, it will be cleaned and returned to service.

"We are taking an over-abundance of caution to make sure everyone is safe," he said.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sineock described the performance and response by area fire department personnel at the fire as "phenomenal."

Witnesses said firefighters soaked the cultural center to prevent any sparks or flying debris to ignite at the building while continuing to battle the flames and smoke at the burning sub-station.

Phillips said he was equally pleased with the outcome and the performance of the firefighters.

"The (fire) departments did a great job containing the fire, protecting the cultural center and saving the sub-station building," Phillips said.

At the new rate, water and sewer costs in Plymouth Township are less than neighboring communities. City of Plymouth average rates are \$12.07; Canton rates are \$12.88; City of Northville rate is \$14.99 and Northville Township residents pay \$11.28, according to the analysis prepared by Clinton.

Company will invest \$2 million in Plymouth

The last vacant space in Metro West Technology Park in Plymouth Township has been filled.

Polytec, Inc. a German company will invest \$2 million in the technology park located on Halvard between Ridge and Beck roads in the township. The company will move a robotics laboratory and engineering and office space into the vacant two-story, 12,000 square-foot building. Polytec representatives said they will employ 10-12 people in the new location and hope to be in operation by next year.

Polytec builds laser-based vibration measurement systems to eliminate rattling and noise in products produced by

the automotive and aerospace industries. The company also provides data storage and biomedical ultrasound services for manufacturers.

Members of the township board of trustees approved a 12-year, 50-percent tax abatement for Polytec at a recent meeting. Township officials estimate that the business will generate \$25,000 to \$30,000 in tax revenue during the 12-year period.

Polytec has subsidiary facilities in Japan, China, Singapore, France, England and Sweden along with American properties in California, Massachusetts and in Dexter, MI.

Theater auditions scheduled

Auditions for the Plymouth Uptown Players Youth Theater are set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Plymouth Uptown Players Youth Theater is a cooperative program hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council featuring directors from Tipping Point Theatre in Northville. The fall program is for ages 6-15.

Families can register online at www.plymoutharts.com, or in person or by phone from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Actors will meet in small groups for 20-25 minutes with the director, Sonja Marquis.

Call (734) 416-4270 to pre-register for an appointment at 5:30, 6:30 or 7 p.m. or email isa@plymoutharts.com to reserve a time slot on Sunday. Actors should be prepared to interact with others who are auditioning, and have a short audition piece prepared. Audition material can be a monologue, joke, or

poem. It may be memorized or read. All actors will be cast.

Rehearsals will take place from 5:30 p.m. Sundays at the PCAC. Final performances will be at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 and at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. Actors must commit to being at all performances, as well as dress rehearsals at Tipping Point Theater after school (typically 4:30-6 p.m.) during Tech Week, Dec. 4, 5, 6, and 7. Exact dates and times within this range will be provided on a full schedule during the first weeks of rehearsal.

The cost for the program is \$215, with current PCAC student membership (\$30), good for a year. Tuition includes two tickets per actor for the final performance.

Parent participation is welcome during tech week and final performances, but always optional and not a requirement for this program.

The arts council is located at 774 North Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

Philharmonic opens season

The Michigan Philharmonic will open a new season on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Village Theater in Canton with "A Bit of Beethoven & Blue Jeans".

This 2017-18 concert series themed Arts Advocacy, highlights the Michigan Philharmonic commitment to community and diversity as the orchestra features music by composers from different cultural backgrounds, as well as inviting local artists and various youth groups to collabo-

rate. During the past 72 years, amid ever-changing educational systems, policies, and economic stability, Michigan Philharmonic unwavering support for composers, music education and community engagement has remained pertinent in preserving artistic integrity and enrichment through performance and education.

For more information about times and tickets, visit www.michiganphil.org or call (734) 451-2112.

Water

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that type of situation. It's fiscally prudent for us to rebuild those resources so we have money to make the continuing improvements that are necessary."

**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, September 11, 2017, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 3150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

WHEELAN/GREENLEAF TRUST CONDITIONAL ZONING (2017-004-CONZ-PLAN) CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE 1.65 ACRES OF LAND FROM RR TO MR IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN. 1.65 ACRES OF LAND IS LOCATED SOUTH OF WARREN ROAD AND WEST OF RIDGE ROAD (SECOND PHASE) HEARING.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 3150 Canton Center Rd., prior to Thursday, September 7, 2017 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Greg Greene, Chairman
Publics News-Press/August 24, 2017

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CANTON TOWNSHIP

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WHEELAN/GREENLEAF TRUST CONDITIONAL ZONING (2017-004-CONZ-PLAN) CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 814 W 0802 001 AND 801 090607 001 FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO R-6 SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL SUBJECT TO A STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.07. Property is located west of Koppersnick Road and east of Haggerty Road.

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Wheelan/Greenleaf Trust Conditional Zoning Amendment
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CANTON TOWNSHIP

NORTHVILLE

Fire safety rating lowers insurance rates

Residents in Northville Township may not be aware that they receive an extra benefit from the high-rated fire protection services in the community.

Homeowners insurance rates which are factored, in part, on the Insurance Services Office classification of local fire departments, are markedly lower in the township due to the fire department rating.

The Northville Township Fire Department is rated in the top 1 percent of fire departments in the State of Michigan according to the latest independent classification. There are only 29 depart-

ments in the state that rate a 3 on a 10-point scale system among the 2,017 fire departments across the state, according to a prepared statement from township fire officials.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) is an advisory organization that collects information useful to the insurance industry through the Public Protection Classification (PPC™) program. ISO representatives evaluate municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. Community investment in fire mitigation is a proven and reliable predictor of

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Our fire department has a philosophy of continuous improvement regarding service delivery.

future fire losses, officials said.

Categories evaluated in determining a community rating include the emergency communications system along with fire department equipment, staffing, training, and geographic deployment of fire companies, water supply system and community efforts to reduce the risk of fire. Community efforts include fire prevention codes and enforce-

ment, public fire safety education, and fire investigation programs, officials said.

Residents of Northville Township benefit from a high ISO rating, reducing the cost of home owner's insurance premiums along with receiving high-quality fire department services. The program also provides fire departments with a benchmark and is used by many departments

as a valuable tool when planning, budgeting and justifying fire protection improvements.

Northville Township Director of Public Safety Todd Mutchler said that the township fire department is committed to providing exceptional fire and Advanced Life Support services to the community.

"Our fire department has a philosophy of continuous improvement regarding service delivery," Mutchler said.

For more information on the ISO Public Protection Classification, visit <https://www.isoimtagitation.com/>.

Commission OK's 2 new downtown site plans

Members of the Northville Planning Commission have approved site plans for two projects in the city.

The commission members were satisfied with the plans presented for a new Italian restaurant to be located in an existing building adjacent to Town Square. The new eatery is named for the location, 160 Main, and plans include a full panel of windows on the front facing Main Street and striped awnings over windows on the west side of the building facing Town Square where there will also be a set of balcony doors.

The second floor of the building will be renovated into a mezzanine level, with an overlook onto the main floor dining area. The restaurant will offer both dine-in and

carry-out service, according to proprietor Brian Maiorana. The architect is Brian Carpenter of AJ Studios, Architects PC, of Troy.

The second project approved by the commission during the Aug. 15 meeting is a building addition to the library.

The project will convert 800 feet under an overhang on the northeast side of the lower level into an enclosed space for a meeting room and two group study rooms. The architect is Merritt Chesak Design, PLLC, of Farmington, according to plans submitted to the commission.

Each project will require approval of the proposed plans from members of the Historic District Commission and members of the Northville City Council.



Rendering of proposed 160 Main St. project in Northville.

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Mooting Notice to the Public

The ELECTION COMMISSION of the Charter Township of Canton will meet August 29th at 2:00 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, First Floor of the Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan.

AGENDA:

Call to Order

Roll Call: Siegel, Swanson, Anthony

Adoption of Agenda

Order of Business:

1. Approval of the town precinct boundary changes

Adjourn

All interested residents are invited to attend.

AGENDA/AGENDA

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for hearing impaired and audio copies of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/ hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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Charter Township of Canton
1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48103
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS BOARD SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2017 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48103.

Topic:

Staffs On Duty:

Order of Business:

Public Call: Nicki Vukic, Craig Egan, Cathryn Colburn and Greg Gross-Althaus, Gregory Desjardins

Agenda of Meeting:

Approval of Minutes: August 16, 2017 Minutes

General Call:

1. Applicant and Preparer Representative Kevin Drenth for property located at 4173 Ford Road on the north side of Ford Road between Gregory and S175, Zoning C-2 Commercial, Appraising Article 2.09 Section 2.24 Surface from Wetland Area and Wetlands Wetlands Protection Parcel ID 17-016-09-005-000-781 (Planning)
2. Applicant Richard Brothers & Co., Inc. Canton Center Ford LLC property representative Lynore Clark for property located at 4267 Ford Road on the South side of Ford Road between Liberty and Martin Taylor, Commercial Zoning District, Appraising Article 6A.03 Signage Section 6.22.6.3 Multiple-Tenure Signage Parcel ID 17-016-09-000-781 (Planning)
3. Applicant Michael Joseph for property located at 4895 Ford Road on the north side of Ford Road between Canton Center and Sheldon Road, C-2 Commercial Zoning District, Appraising Article 6.09 J Site Development Standards for the Central Business District Overlay Area and Placement Requirements, Section 2.20(a) relative to Surface from Wetland Area and Wetlands Wetlands Protection Parcel ID 17-016-09-005-000-781 (Planning)
4. Applicant David Patterson for vacant property located at 5923 Cherry Hill Road on the west of Ridge Road between Cherry Hill and Conroy roads, R-1 Zoning District, Appraising Article 2.09 Section 2.24 Surface from Wetland Area and Wetlands Wetlands Protection Parcel ID 17-016-09-000-000 (Planning)
5. Applicant Scott & Melissa Forrester for property located at 4784 Detroit on the east side of Detroit between Chubbick and Longfellow Roads, R-4 Zoning District, Appraising Section 70-127, Nonconforming Signs Section 70-111 (4) (a) relative to Surface from Wetland Area and Wetlands Wetlands Protection Parcel ID 17-016-09-000-000 (Planning)
6. Applicant Ed Phillips, Phillip Signs & Lighting for property located at 7380-7330 Canton Road on the east side of Canton Center between Wetland Area and Wetland Area, Zoning O-1 Office Section 6A.15 relative to General Sign Requirements and Section 6.2.2.1 relative to Directional Sign Requirements. Parcel ID 17-016-09-005-000-781 (Planning)

Written comments must be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48103, Phone 734-394-5100.

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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, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services (including to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities) so that individuals with disabilities are on an equal opportunity to enjoy all of the Charter Township of Canton's services, activities, or programs, including participation in its services, programs, and activities. For example, individuals with disabilities may require sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other types of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with disabilities may request a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Beth Brault-Harris, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48103, (734) 394-5200 or as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

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.

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The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge 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 interpreting services from business hours that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use telephones.

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COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

AUGUST 24, 2017

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 4, 2017 the Charter Township of Canton will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title One of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1964, as amended, to undertake the following projects: Project #1 Housing Rehabilitation for the purpose of repairing residential homes, \$156,800 throughout Canton; Project #2 ADA Handbook (due for the purpose of providing ADA compliant materials, \$20,000 to be spent on the Park Community Center; Project #3 ADA Pathway for the purpose of providing granite and safer travel on the 9-275 pathway, \$75,000 at Cherry Hill Road and Lake Road; Project #4 ADA Aquatic Pool Lift for the purpose of providing granite and safer access to the Swann on the Park, \$6,000 at Swann on the Park Community Center.

The activities proposed are environmentally excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1966 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321).

The notice is given to prepare each participant in the development process have commented funds, incurred costs or another liability not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of release of funds by HUD or (b) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58. HUD has submitted a written finding that the project is environmentally from the categorical exclusion policy. Objectives must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.104) and that HUD will be required to HUD at 477 Greenway Avenue, Detroit MI 48226. Potential objections should contact HUD to specify the actual text of the objection period.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the EIR to the Canton Finance Department, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48103. All comments received by September 4th will be considered by Canton Township prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Charter Township of Canton certifies that it has been determined that the release of funds for the above projects will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of human environment and accordingly the Charter Township of Canton has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1966 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321).

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Charter Township of Canton's certification for a period of 60 days following date on its actual receipt of the response to the certification on last day if they are on an of the following: (a) the certification was not submitted by the Certifying Officer of the Charter Township of Canton; (b) the Charter Township of Canton has certified a copy or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have commented funds, incurred costs or another liability not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of release of funds by HUD or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58. HUD has submitted a written finding that the project is environmentally from the categorical exclusion policy. Objectives must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.104) and that HUD will be required to HUD at 477 Greenway Avenue, Detroit MI 48226. Potential objections should contact HUD to specify the actual text of the objection period.

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6th Citizens Police Academy applications accepted

The City of Romulus Public Safety Department is now accepting applications for the sixth Citizens Academy Class - 2017 Fall Session. The 15-week program will commence Wednesday, Sept. 6, and will conclude with a graduation ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 13. Classes will take place from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. each week at the Romulus Athletic Center.

The Citizen Academy provides Romulus residents and

business owners with a first-hand overview of both law enforcement and fire service functions of the Romulus Public Safety Department, officials said. Some of the training topics include Patrol Operations, Use of Force, S.W.A.T. Operations, Bomb Squad, Crime Scene Investigations, Jaws of Life, Fire Suppression demonstrations and others.

Instructors for the program are highly-trained and experi-

enced police officers and firefighters from the City of Romulus and the Metro-Detroit area. Participants will be involved in both hands-on and classroom training. Recruits will utilize a, state of the art,

firearms training simulator and will participate in realistic "Shoot/Don't Shoot" scenarios.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and a Romulus resident or business owner to participate. There is no fee for

the program, however applicants should be committed to the full 15-week program. Due to the overwhelming reaction to the program, applicants must pre-register for the class. The class size is limited to 25 students.

Applications may be obtained in person at the Romulus Police Department, or downloaded from the City of Romulus website www.romulusmi.com/citizensacademy



Early warning

Members of the Belleville Rotary Club presented 60 smoke/carbon monoxide detectors to Sumpter Township for distribution, primarily to low-income seniors who may not be able to afford the protection devices. Township employees will handle distribution of the detectors, purchased from Sumpter ACE Hardware at a significantly discounted price to help in the Rotary effort. Rotarian Julie Hardy, left, Sumpter Fire Chief Joseph Januszyn, Rotarian Mary Jo Sutchy and Sumpter Township Supervisor John W. Morgan are all smiles during the presentation Aug. 4 at township hall.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 7, 2017
 Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

1.2-28.5B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Ables to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

1.2-28.2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Ables to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 24, 2017. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Ables, Barden, Chaite, Czar, Rescoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

1.2-28.2B. Moved by Ables, seconded by Rescoe to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 24, 2017 - closed session, Attorney Opinion and open session, Demonstration of New City Voting Equipment. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Ables, Barden, Chaite, Czar, Rescoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

3. Public Comment

A. Citizen Report:
 Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden commented on the "Ride for Life" cancer fundraiser. Members of St. John's Lodge spoke about their "Annual Youth Day" which will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2017 from noon until 5:00 pm.

1.2-28.4A. Moved by Czar, seconded by Rescoe to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Patricia Webb Jones. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

1.2-28.4B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Michael A. Pisk. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

4. Moved by Chaite, seconded by Czar to accept the Chairperson's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A. Mayor Report:
 Mayor Barden presented a video of upcoming City events. The CSX Railroad crossing at Goddard and Shook Road is currently under repair.

1.2-28.5A. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Rescoe to concur with the administration and authorize the closure of Highland Road between Goddard Road and Ildubro Street beginning at 8:00 a.m., the closure of Goddard Road between Moore Street and the railroad tracks beginning at 12:00 p.m., on Friday, September 15, 2017 and ending at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 17, 2017. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

1.2-28.5A(2). Moved by Makowski to concur with the administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road beginning at Wayne Road and ending at Five Points beginning at 7:00 pm, on Friday, September 15, 2017, and, as opening at 10:00 p.m., on Friday, September 15, 2017 for the Henry Franks of Light. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

1.2-28.5B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Rescoe to extend (amend) RFP 123-16 through June 30, 2018 for the design and construction of the Highland Road median currently affected throughout the City with Applied Imaging at a cost of \$1,391,000 as well as any professional services needed from Applied Imaging at an hourly rate of \$160 per hour. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

1.2-28.5C. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Wadsworth to concur with the administration and reject the only bid received for ITM 16-17 for the replacement of the carpet in the concourse area of the Romulus Athletic Center since the bid did not meet the bid's minimum specifications. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

1.2-28.5D. Moved by Czar, seconded by Wadsworth to concur with the administration to waive the building requirements of the Romulus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 39-0 (b) (Material goods purchased) and allow the bid added price to the purchase from Proflexus in the amount of \$5.81 and for the carpet to be installed a cost of \$4,937.05 to John Way to the concourse area of the Romulus Athletic Center. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

1.2-28.5E(1). Moved by Makowski, seconded by Ables to concur with the administration and authorize the use of Leaseback Inc. (Bid 1415-03) for the purchase of up to a sum of \$444,000.00 CCTV and Rubin Sewer in Sections of 35 & 36 of the City (Oakbrook and Meadows Subdivisions). **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

1.2-28.5E(2). Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to concur with the administration and authorize the use of OIRM to monitor, design, and provide inspection in the amount of \$102,000.00. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

1.2-28.5F. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Rescoe to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and clerk to approve the proposed for professional engineering services with OHM for roadway design for Wayne Road Reconstruction, from Vining Road to Merriman Road, intersection improvements on Escove Road to Wayne Road, Merriman Road and Midliff/Rd in an amount not to exceed \$271,000.00. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

1.2-28.5G. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Chaite to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and clerk to approve the proposed from Wade Construction for the design and permitting services associated with the Vining Road project in an amount not to exceed \$145,000.00. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

1.2-28.5H. Moved by Rescoe, seconded by Makowski to concur with the administration to introduce Budget Amendment 1718-5 to replace the Romulus contribution from Sacred Development Services for payment of the cost of design engineering for Vining and Escove Roads, in accordance with the Intergovernmental Bid Agreement and Construction Management Agreement for Project Mercury (Amendment).

FUND DEPT. CURRENT BUDGET AMENDED BUDGET

ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
REVENUE			
402-000-074-297 Contribution from Others	-	666,000	666,000
EXPENSE			
402-000-000-000 Project Costs	-	666,000	666,000

To recognize contribution from Sacred Development Services for payment of the cost of design engineering for Vining and Escove Roads in accordance with the Intergovernmental Bid Agreement and Construction Management Agreement for Project Mercury (Amendment). **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

1.2-28.5I. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Czar to concur with the administration to introduce Budget Amendment 1718-5 to replace the Romulus contribution from Sacred Development Services for payment of the cost of design engineering for Vining and Escove Roads, in accordance with the Intergovernmental Bid Agreement and Construction Management Agreement for Project Mercury (Amendment).

FUND DEPT. CURRENT BUDGET AMENDED BUDGET

ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
LIBRARY FUND			
EXPENSES			
271-070-000-000 Library - Capital Outlay	77,400	10,700	88,100
LIBRARY FUND			
EXPENSES			
271-000-790-000 Library Fund Balance	149,226	(10,700)	138,526

To amend the budget of the Library Fund from \$130,826 to replace staff position #4908. Approved by the Library Board on 7/17/17. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

1.2-28.5J. Moved by Czar, seconded by Makowski to concur with the administration to introduce Budget Amendment 1718-5 to allocate funding for Fire Department copies that was not purchased in the FY 16/17 budget and anticipated to be completed as part of the City-wide Print Management Program in FY 17/18. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

FUND DEPT. CURRENT BUDGET AMENDED BUDGET

ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
GENERAL FUND			
EXPENSES			
101-136-070-000 Fire - Capital Outlay	-	8,950	8,950
EXPENSES			
101-000-790-000 Unassigned - Fund Balance	3,106,400	(8,950)	3,097,450

To allocate funding for Fire Department copies that was not purchased in the FY 16/17 Budget and anticipated to be completed as part of the City-wide Print Management Program in FY 17/18 **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

6A. Clerk's Report:
 Mayor Clerk Ellen C. Craig-Bishop spoke about the Special School Election to be held Tuesday, August 8, 2017. There are two school proposals on the ballot. Clerks from other communities will be visiting to observe the new voting equipment. Visitors can go to Michigan.gov to track their absentee ballot. Clerk Henny Bardenoff, Mayor Bardenoff, Mayor Pro-Tem Barden and Chief of Staff Julie Woytysko for their support during preparation for this election.

1.2-28.5M. Moved by Chaite, seconded by Makowski to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 1718-1, General Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of July 24, 2017. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

1.2-28.6A(2). Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of John Depree. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

8B. Treasurer's Report:
7. Public Comment:
 A resident requested that the City move the grass on city-owned property next to his house as cypress have been seen among the tall grass. A resident spoke about the "Ride for Life" fundraiser.

8. Unfinished Business:
 Mayor Bardenoff commented that the administration will follow up on the tall grass/woytsko situation.

9. New Business:
 Commissioner Wadsworth commented on a call he received from a local business owner who found one of his employees unresponsive and how professional the police and fire responders were at doing their jobs.

10. Consent Agenda:
H. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Rescoe to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Madison Carried Unanimously.**

1.2-28.1. Craig-Bishop, 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 7, 2017.

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID

ITB 1718-06 Two Year Contractual Services Agreement for Pavement Marking
 The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified contractors for a two year contractual services agreement for the annual pavement marking of approximately thirty-six miles of Major and Local Streets as specified in Section 811 of the MDOT Standard Specifications for Highway Construction.

- Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (<http://www.mtna.info>). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.
- Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN system. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum and part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form" supplied on the bid documents.
- A total of two copies (one marked "Original" and one marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 PM, Friday, September 15, 2017. Bids shall be addressed using the bid package label provided in the ITB documents.
- At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all sealed received bids will be publicly opened and read.
- The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the ITB documents and copies of all required endorsements.
- The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received.
- For additional information contact Lynn A. Corvey, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lcorvey@romulusmi.com.

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INVITATION TO BID

City of Romulus
 11111 Wayne Road
Escove Road and Vining Road Construction

The City of Romulus, is requesting sealed bids for the Escove Road and Vining Road Construction. The work includes concrete road construction, water main, sanitary, storm sewer, traffic signal, sidewalk and restoration.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the City of Romulus City Hall - Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, MI 48174.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City of Romulus Clerk until 2:00 PM local time, on September 19, 2017. All bids should be clearly addressed:

ITB 1718-04 - Project #0155-17-0831 Escove Road and Vining Road Construction
 City of Romulus Clerk's Office
 11111 Wayne Road
 Romulus, MI 48174

Contract documents for this project shall be on file after 4:00 PM, August 29, 2017, at the City of Romulus Clerk's Office or may also be examined from the office of the City's Engineer, OHM Advisors, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 (734-522-6711).

Registration companies can download copies of the bid documents from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (<http://www.mtna.info>).

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.

Neither the submission of 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 Mark Lock of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment at 734-866-4441 or mark.lock@ohm-advisors.com.

CANTON

'Striker to the line' Old fashioned baseball played Sundays

Area residents are invited to step back in time and experience a series of Civil War era baseball games featuring the Canton Cornshuckers. This local team will take on several Metro Detroit challengers in the Base Ball style of the 1860s, which at the time was considered a gentlemen's game of friendly competition.

The Canton Cornshuckers play vintage base ball at 2 p.m. Sundays in Heritage Park, located adjacent to Canton Administration Building at 1100 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. Upcoming opponents include the Rochester Grangers Aug. 27 and the Plymouth Red Rover's Sept. 10.

The players, also known as 'ballists,' will wear reproductions of period uniforms and recreate the game based on rules of 1867. The game or 'match' will be played by two area teams using 'original' rules of base ball, which include: no gloves, no bunting, no foot-first sliding, or over running first base. The teams to bat

first will be determined by a coin flip or bat toss prior to the match. Nine full innings will be played, regardless of which team is ahead in runs or tallies. The match will use a lemon peel base ball, measuring 9.75 inches in circumference and 5.75 ounces in weight. These vintage base balls are larger in comparison to modern baseballs, which have a circumference of 9.25 inches and weigh in at 5.25 ounces.

The pitcher or 'barker' will deliver the ball with an underhand pitching style to the batter's or 'striker's' request, in an effort to ensure that the player at bat will be able to hit the ball. Modern-day balls and clothes are not called unless a pitcher/barker fails to deliver the ball fairly. The play/ballist will then be warned by the umpire. If the batter/striker fails to swing at fair pitches, he will also be warned by the umpire. Foul balls or 'fool ticks' may be caught in the air or on a single bounce for an out. Fair balls must be



Photo provided courtesy of Canton Cornshuckers

caught out of the air for an out. Match errors are recorded as "mauffs."

In modern baseball, a ball must cross either third or first base in fair territory to be a fair ball. In 1860s rules, balls are determined fair or foul, based on where they first land. So, a ball may land in fair territory first, then roll 15 feet into foul territory, and still be a fair ball. All bats are hand made out of Ash, Maple or Birch, often made by members of the team.

To add to the vintage feel of the match,

every player has a nickname that they have earned, such as: Marbles; Tex; Teddy; Muffin Man and St. Nick. In vintage base ball, a left-handed hitter is known as a 'wrong hander' and a foul tip is called a 'tick.' Outs are called as hands down, so one out would be one hand down and two outs would be two hands down. The 1860s action also includes 'striker to the line' (batter up) and 'well held' (good catch), remarks encouraged from the audience.

Recreation directors named to state board offices

Canton Leisure Services Deputy Director Jon LaFever and Youth Recreation Specialist Laura Mortier were recently elected to the mParks board of directors.

Starting next month, LaFever will serve as mParks president-elect and Mortier will serve as mParks board member at large. The mParks board of directors is responsible for leading and governing the state advocacy association, formerly known as the Michigan Recreation and Park Association. Of the seven members, five mParks board members are elected by the membership and two are appointed by the president upon approval of the board.

"We're very proud that these talented Canton Township employees are sharing their strong leadership skills on the state level," said Greg Hohenberger, Canton Leisure Services director. "Their expertise and passion for the industry will help mParks remain progressive as a parks and recreation advocate and advance its goals and initiatives for future generations to come."

Since 2001, LaFever has worked in a variety of parks and recreation capacities with Canton Leisure Services and as deputy director currently oversees and coordinates operations at several Canton Leisure Services facilities. In addition, LaFever and his staff are responsible for the planning and execution of Leisure Services large-scale special events. An

mParks member since 2001, LaFever has been a frequent presenter at annual mParks conference and trade shows, is a member of the youth and teens and programming committees, has served as the mParks Michigan Youth Symposium chair and was recognized as the organization New Professional of the Year in 2006. He is currently an mParks director at large.

Mortier has worked for Canton Leisure Services since she was 17, starting out as a junior day-camp counselor and now is the full-time youth recreation specialist. She currently oversees the operations and programming of the B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center, summer camps, and special events. Mortier has been involved in many mParks committees and programs, serving as the chair of the youth and teen focus group and Michigan Youth Symposium. In addition, she was a youth innovative program winner and member of the conference and trade show committee, diversity committee, and most-recently the professional development committee, with the development of a Leadership workshop series.

Both LaFever and Mortier are 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



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Calendar of events

Anniversary dinners being served
 Station 885 on Starkweather in Old Village in Plymouth will continue to serve \$10 prime rib dinners through the end of the month.
 The dinners are a celebration of the 36 years the restaurant has served the community, said owner Rob Costanza.

Art entries sought
 Entries are now being accepted for the 8th annual Belleville Community Art Show.

The exhibit will take place Oct. 27 through 29 at the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC) and is organized by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

Entry forms are available at the Belleville Area District Library, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Belleville Yacht Club, Garden Fantasy on Main, the Professional Building, Sumpter Ace Hardware, Twisted Rooster and at Van Buren Township Hall.

There are adult, teen and children's categories and cash prizes are available. Entry forms can also be downloaded at www.bacaartshow.org or artshow@bacaart.org.

Representative for a Day essay contest now open

State Rep. Jeff Noble of Plymouth announced his essay contest for students in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

The contest is open to students in grades six through 12. Students are asked to write a minimum of 250 words and no more than 500 on the topic "Why do you like living in Michigan?" Essays should be submitted by mail or email by Sept. 1 and must include student's name, address, email or phone number, school and grade level.

The winner will be announced on Sept. 18 and invited to Lansing to be a state representative for a day this fall. Essays should be sent to JeffNoble@house.mi.gov or N-699 House Office Building, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909.

Health Fair vendors sought
 The Romulus Senior Center Annual Health Fair is now accepting vendors for the event planned for Oct. 10.

Health professionals can highlight their companies with the senior community. Table space rental is \$100. Gifts to be

refilled off are also being sought. Set up will begin at 9 a.m. and the fair will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Senior Services Director Rose Swidan, (734) 925-4129 or email roswidan@romulusgov.com.

Le PETIT Cirque to perform

Nathalie Gauthier's award-winning Le PETIT Cirque, one of the most unique and inspirational shows available in North America, will visit The Village Theater in Canton at 7 p.m. Aug. 25. Le PETIT Cirque is the only all-kid humanitarian circus company in the world, comprising eye-popping pro-level children 6-14 years of age. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at www.villagetheatrecanton.com, in person from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or by phone at (734) 294-5494.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 5040 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, call (734) 294-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Free corn roast planned

Bob's Old Fashioned Charity Corn Roast will take place from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 at Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton Township. The annual event has been a mainstay of summer events for many years.

The all-you-can-eat event features roasted corn, hot dogs, baked beans, watermelon, ice cream, cotton candy, snow cones and a beverage, all served at no charge. A freewill offering is requested and all those funds are donated to various charities, including the Canton Lions Club.

The day will also include a 5050 raffle, with proceeds again going to charities in the community, along with live entertainment for children and adults.

For additional information, call Bill Van Winkle at (734) 254-9044 or email govbill@outlook.com

Dinner with Henry Ford planned

The Belleville Area Museum is sponsoring Dinner With Henry Ford and Friends from 6:30-9:30 Thursday, Aug. 31 at the Ted Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville.

Tickets for the event, which will transport visitors to 1955 to interact with Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Harvey

Firestone, as performed by players from Dove Production of Northville, are priced at \$25.

The three will talk about their friendship, their families and their contributions to American industry, all with a sense of humor.

Guests will dine on Henry's favorite dinner, pancakes, along with sausage, eggs and orange juice.

For tickets, contact Katie Dallos at (734) 697-1944 or kdallos@prode.net.

A cash bar will be available serving varieties of craft beer now brewed on the campus.

Yard sale benefits food pantry

The Lighthouse Home Mission will host a yard sale from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Sept. 1 through Sept. 9. All proceeds will be used to purchase food for the pantry which serves those in need in the community. The church is located at 34833 Palmer Road in Westland.

Volunteers are needed to help set up from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Aug. 29 and for tearing down the sale Sept. 9.

The church is also looking for donations of any type of gently used items for sale.

For more information, call (734) 334-3104.

Battle for Belleville planned

Representatives of Yankee Air Museum and the Belleville Area Museum will team up at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1 for the annual World War II Reenactment, The Battle for Belleville.

Military vehicles and re-enactors will caravan down Belleville Road and attempt to liberate the local history museum from Nazi troops. Both events lead up to the Thunder Over Michigan Air Show, which takes place Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 2-3 at the Yankee Air Museum.

Legislators host coffee hour

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson will be hosting a Coffee Hour in Westland with elected officials from the State of Michigan from 9-10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11. Coffee Hour in Westland will be

co-hosted with State Reps. Robert Kosowski and Jewell Jones at Mr. Mike's Grill, located at 6947 North Wayne Road.

Market celebrates autumn

The Westland Farmers and Artisans Market will celebrate autumn with a Fall Festival planned from 3-7 p.m. Sept. 14.

Along with more than 30 vendors and artisans, there will be special seasonal items during the day. An autumn floral arrangements donated by My Lady's Florist will be awarded to the winner of a raffle planned during the day.

The market takes place at 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford Road in Central City Park Vendors will be selling produce, plants, fresh foods and crafts. There is live music every week and EBT cards are accepted.

For more information, call (734) 226-7222 or westlandchamber@yahoo.com

Church hosts white elephant sale

St. Alysius Church in Romulus will host a four-day White Elephant Garage Sale from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15 and 16 and from noon until 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17.

Two buildings of sale items will include household items, toys, tools, linens, sporting goods, holiday items, books, radios and more.

The church is located at 37200 Neville St. in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 941-5056.

Friends selling used books

The Friends of the Westland Library will host a Fall Used Book Sale beginning with a preview day from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14.

Regular sale hours will be 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15 and 16. The sale will conclude with a 54 bag sale day from noon until 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Pkwy in Westland.

For more information, call (734) 226-6123.

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