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Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs is confident that much of the controversy surrounding the dumping of 36 tons of radioactive waste at the EQ facility in her community can be quieted with information.

Combs said that a meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. Sept 2 at township hall with a representative from EQ, the operators of the dump site.

"This is nothing new," she said, "we've been aware of this since it began."

EQ has announced that the landfill in Van Buren will suspend acceptance of the lowlevel radioactive waste produced in oil and gas mining "fracking" operations until a review of safety procedures is

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completed by state officials.

"I am absolutely confident that they (EQ) are not doing anything to endanger the public," she said.

Combs said that the federal oversight of the permits for accepting and dumping this waste are "very strict" and that other sites in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio do not meet that stringent criteria.

Recently, news reports have claimed that these states have imposed stricter health standards and have refused to allow

the disposal of the hydraulic fracturing or fracking waste in their states, something Combs disputes.

"It isn't that other states won't take this waste, it's that they can't."

She added that the waste emits a very low level of radiation and is nearly undetectable. She said it does not affect dump site employees and that the facility is under federal oversight.

State Rep. Douglas Geiss (D-Taylor), however, said Michigan allows radiation levels 10 times higher than surrounding states.

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"Michigan allows radiation levels up to 50 picocuries, which is 100 times greater than naturally occurring levels," he said in a prepared statement. "Pennsylvania and Ohio limit their waste to only 5 picocuries. The dumping in Van Buren Township is of concern due to the proximity of this waste storage facility to both densely populated areas and to the Huron River watershed," said Geiss.

State Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) said this week she is introducing a bill that would ban the practice of other states dumping their fracking byproduct in Michigan after it gets turned away in other states.

Friday feast Fall Festival Taste Fest tickets limited this year

Those hoping to buy tickets to the Friday night Taste Fest at the Plymouth Fall Festival Sept. 5 better act quickly.

The overwhelming success of the event, managed for the third year by the Civitans club, has forced the group to limit sales to only 500 tickets, explained Kathy Turnquist, the club member who oversees the event.

"We are very fortunate to have that kind of crowd," Turnquist said, "and it just keeps growing every year. We just had to limit it because of the amount of food the restaurants have to bring."

The event takes place from 6-8 p.m. next Friday, Sept. 5, in a landscaped garden in the lower parking lot at Station 885 restaurant in Old Town Plymouth. This year, once again, Turnquist said, Mark Baldwin Landscape Design will bring in sod, trees, plants and flowers to build the garden for the evening. "Many of the plants and flowers come from Christensen's. It's really lovely,"

Station 885 owner Rob Costanza said he was enormously impressed with the work the Civitans had done on the event. "I helped them on the first year, but they have really stepped up to this, especially Kathy," Costanza said. "It's quite a tribute to them and to the area restaurants that this event is so popular that now they have to actually limit tickets."

This is the third year the Civitans have



organized the event, Turnquist said. The first year, it rained on the Friday night event and they still sold about 325 tickets. Last year, in the great weather, Turnquist said she was sure the event drew more than 500 people. "We actually ran out of seats and had to set up more tables and chairs."

Costanza will provide full bar service inside the event along with the Wile E. Coyote Band. "These are guys who all play in other bands. They are just fantastic," Costanza said. He will keep the bar service open and the band will continue to play until 10, he said, for a small after party.

This year, for the \$15 ticket, diners can

sample treats from more than 16 local restaurants including: Bahama Breeze, Claddagh Pub, Cupcake Station, Elite Catering, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza and Ribs, LaBistecca Italian Grille, Max & Erma's of Plymouth, Mitchell's Fish Market, Noodles & Co., Plymouth Roc, Rocky's of Northville, the Rusty Bucket, Station 885, Vintners Canton Winery and Zoup Salad and Sandwiches.

Tickets for children 10 and younger are \$5 and children younger than 5 are admit-

Tickets are available at almost all the participating restaurants and at Station 885.

Man faces 20-30 years in child criminal sex case

The 38-year-old man who disappeared with a 15-year-old Plymouth girl last October was sentenced last Friday to 20-30 years in prison by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Qiana D. Lillard. The sentence came as part of a plea bargain with Robert L. Messer of Northville Township who pleaded guilty to one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of accosting a child for immoral purposes. In exchange for his guilty plea,

four other charges were dropped by the prosecutor's office.

Messer will be required to register as a sex offender upon his release from prison and will have lifetime electronic monitoring after prison.

He is also barred from having contact with the victim who has since given birth to a son, fathered by Messer. He will also be barred from contact with the girl's family, according to the Wayne County prosecutor's

The 15-year-old and Messer

disappeared together last Oct. 27, leaving notes declaring their love for one another. The girl's family reported her missing and following widespread media reports, a witness saw the pair in Messer's truck parked in Washtenaw County. The witness called police who arrested Messer at the scene without inci-

The girl's family said that Messer had been a friend of the family and that he attended the same church as the family. Family members said it was not unusual for Messer and the girl to go on outings together prior to their disappearance.

Messer has remained incarcerated in the Wayne County Jail since his arrest. His trial on six of the original charges ended with a hung jury and a subsequent mistrial about four months ago. A retrial had been scheduled to begin Aug. 11 just days before his guilty plea was entered.

His defense attorney, Jonathan Jones said that all sides agreed to the plea bargain.

Federal auditors request drug-forfeiture records

The ongoing audit of the drug forfeiture funds of the Plymouth Township Police Department required township officials to provide specific and detailed information regarding use of the \$1.6 million revenue listed on the 2012 annual township

Three auditors from the Chicago office of the Drug Enforcement Division of the

Department of Justice arrived at the Plymouth Township Police Department Aug. 18 to audit the accounting records of the drug forfeiture funds.

Plymouth Township participates in a statewide Drug **Enforcement Administration** task force.

In a letter announcing the audit sent to Police Chief Tom Tiderington and Supervisor Richard Reaume Aug. 1, federal auditors stated, "The U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General is initiating an audit of the equitable sharing funds provided by the Department of Justice to the Plymouth Township Police Department. The objective of the audit will be to assess whether equitable shared revenue and property have been

accounted for properly and used for allowable purposes by your agency."

To that end, the auditors asked for documentation from years 2012, 2013 and 2014 and provided a list of 13 separate categories and or documents from the scope of the investigation. In addition, the Regional

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Grant will help fund fire equipment purchase

The Wayne-Westland Fire Association (WWFA) has received a \$56,250 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA) to purchase five thermal imaging cameras.

Each of the front-line department fire trucks will be equipped with one of these cameras, which will boost public safety and be a critical asset for the department in protecting and serving the community, noted Westland Mayor Bill Wild.

The cameras use infrared technology to help firefighters locate victims, pinpoint fire, and recognize structural dangers.

"Public safety is priority number one," said Wild, "And this new technology will greatly increase our firefighters' ability to serve and protect residents."

This is not the first piece of new technology this year that will provide better public safety to

the Westland community. With the launch of the newly redesigned city website in April of this year, a crime-mapping tool was added to the police departpage www.CityOfWestland.com. The tool keeps citizens informed

about what is going on in their

own neighborhoods, and allows residents to receive crime-alerts and other reports based on location, Wild explained.

For more information on the grant, contact Wayne Westland Fire Department Deputy Chief Patrick Harder at pharder@wwfa.com or (734) 560-4385.

een could face charges in death of family friend

A 15-year-old Wayne youth may face charges in the death of a 55-year-old family friend from Westland following an Aug. 17 altercation during a concert at DTE Energy Music Theatre.

The Oakland County Medical Examiner has ruled the death of Robert Kobe a homicide although initial reports of the incident indicated that it was

an accident. Reports said that the 15-year-old, at the Hank Williams Jr. concert with his father and the victim, shoved Kobe who fell in the concourse area where he struck his head on concrete. He was found in a pool of blood at the scene, according to reports form the Oakland County Sheriff's office.

Initial reports from witnesses said that the teen shoved Kobe shortly before 9 p.m. and then attempt to leave the scene. Officers said that bystanders detained the youth until police officers arrived.

Sheriff deputies took the teen into custody and he spent Sunday night at Oakland County Children's Village juvenile detention facility. He was released the next Monday by order of the Wayne County prosecutor while the police investigation continues, according to a prepared statement from the sheriffs office.

Kobe was transported to an Oakland County hospital and was on life support prior to his death Aug. 19 from the injuries sustained in the altercation two days before.

The sheriffs office is expected to conclude the investigation into the incident by the end of this week and then will submit the findings to the office of the Oakland County Prosecutor for a determination regarding charges, according to a statement from officials.

The name of the teen, who remains free on his own recognizance, has not been released by law enforcement officials due to his juvenile status.

expands meeting schedule **Wayne City Council**

Members of the Wayne City Council have doubled their workload.

The council members agreed at a recent meeting to begin each regular first and third Tuesday of the month meeting with a one-hour study session to consider issues facing the city including the deficit budget. The budget study sessions will begin at 7 p.m. and the regular council meetings at 8 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem James Hawley proposed a study session prior to one meeting a month. The council members suggested the new schedule be adopted prior to both monthly meetings and approved the motion unanimously, in the absence of Mayor Al Haidous.

"We can get some things accomplished. We will be able to discuss issues in more detail," Hawley said in proposing a regularly scheduled study session.

"We're not discussing the budget and time goes by," he added.

Hawley was referring to the \$500,000 budget deficit the city faces. While a balanced budget was adopted by the council in June, it is based on revenue from a millage increase that was

not approved by voters. That revenue in the budget will not be collected by the city and will result in a continued deficit.

Hawley suggested that other issues also be scheduled for discussion at the new meetings including the Community Center, repairs to the roof at city hall, a proposed fire authority and future staffing.

Canton police took the accused women,

a 37-year-old from Canton and a 19-year-old

from Inkster, into custody. The man who

Councilwoman Susan Rowe

was in favor of the meetings and suggested that the council schedule discussion of one issue at each meeting

Councilman Skip Monit agreed with the concept of limiting the meeting to one hour. He said that would prevent the meeting from "getting off track."

The new schedule is expected to begin with the Sept. 2

the altercation, according to police.

handgun at the scene.

Officers did confiscate a .40 caliber

A 30-year-old Inkster woman told police that was threatened with a handgun by a co-worker and another woman in the Michigan Avenue McDonald's parking lot two weeks ago.

The woman told Canton Township Police, called to the scene at about 11:30 p.m., that while driving home from her job in Saline, a car began swerving into her lane on eastbound Michigan Avenue, shouting at her and calling her names. She told police that she drove into the McDonald's her, one of whom she recognized as a co-threatened to shoot her.

worker. She said she left her vehicle armed with a baseball bat to confront the woman who was accompanied by another woman and a man who did not leave the vehicle, which was parked in the McDonald's lot.

of the women in the other vehicle as someone she worked with and with whom she had difficulty in the past. She told officers that the woman harassing her had previously slashed her tires. She also claimed that the woman was armed with a handgun lot following the car of the people harassing and a chain and that one of the women

She told police she had recognized one

Library seeking volunteer

Denise M. Bearre, the director of the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library is looking for some help.

She is looking for volunteer help at the upcoming book sale at the library. She needs help to stock books and collect any sales money in two-hour shifts during the sale which is scheduled for 4-8 p.m. Sept. 4 and 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sept. 6.

Volunteers will meet from 6-8 Sept. 3 to sort books for the sale.

The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster. Bearre said.

More information is available at (313) 563-2822 or volunteers can sign up for time slots at dbearre@inksterlibrary.org.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING CDBG ADVISORY COUNCIL

On September 11, at 2:00 p.m. in Meeting Room "D" in the lower level of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, the Canton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Council will hold a public hearing on the FY 2013 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report ("CAPER"). Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Mike Sheppard, Financial Analyst, Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton,

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

> Gwyn Belcher, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE **EVALUATION REPORT** (Program Year 2013 CDBG "CAPER") PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The above named document for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program is available for inspection at the Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, 734-394-5225, during regular business hours. The document describes the performance of the CDBG program from July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014. Comments on the CAPER will be accepted for 15 days, beginning August 28, 2014. Comments received during the public comment period will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the CAPER.

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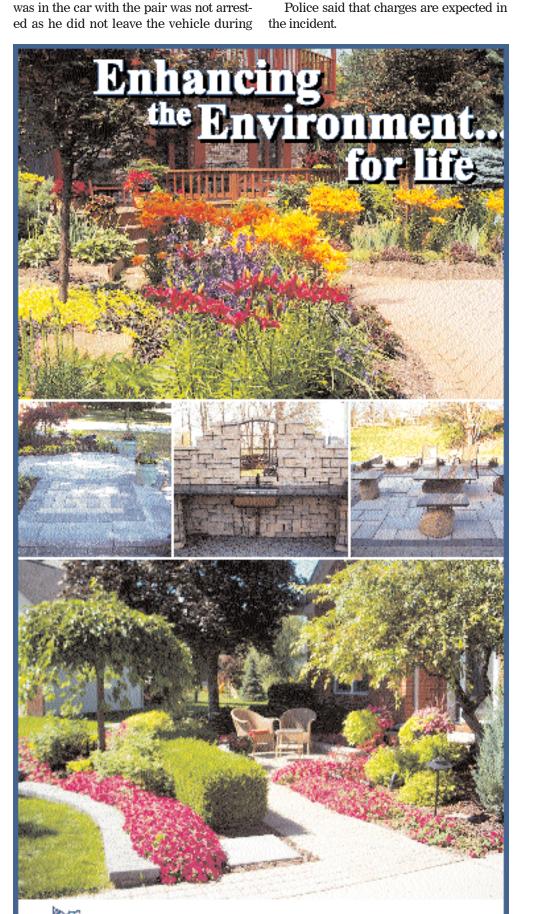
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 4, 2014 for the following

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

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PLYMOUTH

Board refuses to delay amphitheater project

Don Howard Staff Writer

When Plymouth Township resident Jackie Peters emailed Supervisor Richard Reaume asking why the controversial amphitheater project couldn't be delayed until a promised recreation survey was complete, she didn't expect the response she received.

In her email, Peters urged Reaume and other board members to reconsider their decision to build the \$350,000 amphitheater in the Township Park.

"As a resident of Plymouth Township, I am urging the Board to reconsider their decision to build an amphitheater in the Township Park. We do not understand why this action is being taken without the support of the public," she wrote to Reaume.

The hotly contested 300-seat amphitheater and bandstand project is part of a \$2.5 million capital improvement project board members approved last year. The township sold \$1.9 million in bonds to pay for the

majority of the project. Last year, township Treasurer Ron Edwards budgeted \$50,000 for a recreation survey but to date no public opinion poll has taken place.

In recent months hundreds of irate residents and concerned citizens, many with homes adjacent to the park, purchased lawn signs, wrote letters, signed petitions and filled the township hall board meetings saying they were not consulted and the project is not suited for the area or the roads and infrastructure. Residents have complained about the likely noise and congestion from the amphitheater and about the cost of the project.

Reaume's reply to Peters angered her, she said.

"Thank you for your email. The architect has a contract for their work, the soil borings have already been contracted and completed and the environmental evaluation has also be paid for and is currently being evaluated by the DEQ."

Trustee Mike Kelly also questioned the project during a regular board meeting last week. He described the amphitheater I understand change is part of life in the township. I look forward to change, and I look forward to changing this board.

project as "a bad fiscal policy." Kelly made an official motion to delay the project until completion of public recreation survey.

"Just because we can spend money without raising taxes seems to ignore the basic question we need to answer: What do the people of the community really want? Since this project has not started construction yet, it should be put on hold until we complete the recreation survey. To build projects and take on added debt with no data showing the people want these type of projects is bad fiscal policy."

"I move to place the amphitheater on hold until we have the results from the Township Recreational Survey showing the desire for this project from the residents before

moving forward on the project."

Township officials placed

Kelly's request last on the agenda on page 461 of the 536 page board packet. Trustee Bob Doroshewitz, noting the large crowd of residents in attendance, made a motion to move the amphitheater discussion forward, but it was defeated by a 5 to 2 board vote.

"We need to listen to the community...Ive seen a public outcry like I've never seen before," said Doroshewitz in an impassioned plea for approval of Kelly's motion.

"If we ask them...and put together a credible survey, that's the only way this controversy is going to go away. We're up for a fire and police millage next year. There's no downside to putting it on hold."

Trustee Kay Arnold thought differently.

Citing the past construction

of a play-scape, soccer field, dock at the pond and improvements to the golf course, Arnold said, "Nobody complained then." Arnold referred to the dissident residents as the "same people who complained about the fire department" and said, "change is part of life in the township."

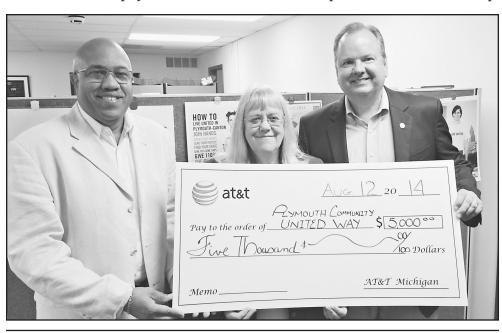
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Edwards said he didn't see any reason to "stop it."

"There was a bond issue, and no one opposed it...they could have got signatures. We're moving forward...we've got the money," Edwards said.

Kelly's motion was defeated by a 4 to 3 vote. Kelly, Doroshewitz and Trustee Chuck Curmi favored the delay while Reaume, Edwards, Clerk Nancy Conzelman and Arnold voted against any delay in the project.

Arnold was later chastised by Chris Hunter, one of the residents strongly opposed to the amphitheater project. "I understand change is part of life in the township. I look forward to change, and I look forward to changing this board," Hunter said to loud applause from the audience.



Audit

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Audit Manager Carol S. Taraszka enclosed a 10-question form and a certification document to be signed attesting to the accuracy of answers to those questions.

The department was required to provide the identification of all affiliated organizations and immediate family members of senior officials or managers to whom the Plymouth Township Police Department has paid federal asset forfeiture or other Department of Justice grant and contract funds.

The auditors also demanded to know if any loans of asset forfeiture funds had been made and, if so, to whom. They required the department to identify any expense paid for with federal asset or grant funds "in whole or in part as an accommodation to any party in return for, or as an inducement for, any other business with any other party."

The auditors inquired about any audit that reported any deficiency or irregularity regarding costs incurred to the federal asset forfeiture account.

A deficiency was reported in a township audit last year by outside auditors Plante Moran who suggested the township accounting procedures were "materially weak."

The auditors also asked about lawsuits against the police department with descriptions of the litigation and to account for any "personal benefit in excess of \$50 per year received by any official or employee from vendors or other companies working with your agency that have been paid with federal asset forfeiture of DOJ grant and contract funds."

The auditors have also requested copies of both the police and non-police budgets for the last three years and "the most recently approved planned budget for the next fiscal year, if available."

The auditors are expected to return to the police department next week for further examination of records.

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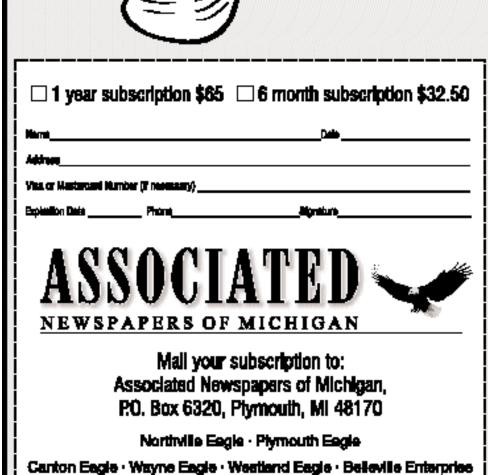
Plymouth Community United Way (PCUW) President Marie Morrow recently accepted a \$5,000 check from Robert P. Jones, AT&T Director External Affairs. The nonprofit provides human services in Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County. AT&T is a strong supporter of United Way at the local and national levels. In 2014, AT&T gave \$5.33 million to 568 local United Ways across the country, Morrow said. "We appreciate the generous support from AT&T," said Morrow. "In addition to the recent corporate contribution, employees provide funding for PCUW programs through AT&T's annual employee giving campaign." "AT&T shares United Way's commitment to strengthening communities and improving lives, said AT&T President Jim Murray. "Plymouth Community United Way's support for innovative programs with proven results improves the lives of residents by connecting them with the resources and expertise they need." For information about giving and volunteering, visit www.plymouthunitedway.org. Serving the Plymouth and Canton community since 1944, Plymouth Community United Way focuses on basic needs, education and stability, according to Morrow.



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Van Buren trustees may join suit against county

Van Buren Township will join the lawsuit filed by several downriver communities against Wayne County regarding the use of sewer funds.

Members of the township board of trustees voted to join the suit at a July 15 meeting, after postponing the vote from July 1 in an effort to obtain more information regarding the matter. The issue is the transfer of sewer funds into the general fund budget by the county, which the customer communities claim is illegal and a misuse of the funds.

Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp met with members of the administration and department heads last month. Helmkamp told those in attendance that the county used funds in the enterprise fund of the sewer system budget and that those funds have now been restored and interest paid on the money. Helmkamp said the action was legal and done with the advice and review of legal

counsel to ensure there were no improprieties. Township Clerk Leon Wright, Treasurer Sharry Budd, Executive Assistant to the Supervisor Karen LaMothe, Trustee Jeff Jahr and DPW Director James Taylor were present at the meeting.

Taylor recommended joining the lawsuit and suggested the proposed motion to the board members last month.

"The board must understand that I'm recommending approving the resolution," Taylor said.

"But it won't be filed tomorrow or the next day. Our attorney recommended this. We really have to go forward to protect the interests of Van Buren Township."

"We have to protect our interest in that (sewer) system," said Supervisor Linda Combs.

Jahr said he objects to the county shifting the general fund deficit back to customers of the sewerage system.

Taylor said that five or six of the affected 13 communities have voted to join lawsuit. Some,

he said, have not yet met to discuss the issue.

"Almost half are in favor of the suit," Taylor said.

"I wanted to hear both sides," Wright said. "Litigation is absolutely the last resort. If the bargaining fails, we authorize our attorney to do that (file suit)."

"No one wants litigation," said Trustee Reggie Miller.

Meetings to discuss the issue are expected to continue this month throughout the affected communities.

Voters will be asked to change city charter

Voters in Romulus will be asked to change the city charter allowing bids for material purchases by the city to be published electronically, rather than in newspapers.

The ballot question will ask voters to approve an amendment to Chapter XIII, Section 13.1 Limitation and Section 13.2 for Material purchases in the Romulus City Charter.

Voters will be asked to approve language that will allow the city to contract for the performance of any new public improvement or performing public work without the currently required advertisement for sealed proposals in a paper of circulation with in the city.

Voters will be asked to vote yes or no on the question of allowing the contracts without the publishing of the request for bids.

The second question will ask voters to approve a change that will allow the city to pur-

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chase any material, tools or apparatus without an advertisement for sealed proposals in a paper of circulation within the city.

Bids would be placed in alternative mediums such as electronic proposals and extendable or cooperative bids from other government agencies, according to the resolution which was approved by a unanimous vote of the members of the city council at the regular meeting July 14.

The amendment to the charter is necessary, according to the resolution, to allow the city to take advantage of the other methods of advertising for the purchases.

Council OK's new city dog park

Since it was closed following a failed millage vote, Merriman Park in Romulus has figuratively gone to the dogs.

Under a plan discussed by the Romulus City Council members in a study session Monday night, the park would re-open in as little as four weeks and go, literally, to the

The city council unanimously approved a plan to re-open the park and convert about half of it into a dog park, the first of its kind in the city.

"This is a beautiful idea," said City Councilman William Wadsworth. "I'm thrilled with it."

The city has been working diligently to re-open parks this year, with Elmer Johnson and Eugenio Fernandez Park being recently brought back into service. The concept of a dog park came up during the community visioning sessions that took place throughout the summer, said Bob Dickerson, Mayor Leroy Burcroff's chief of staff.

The plan would be to essentially split Merriman Park, which opened in 1973 and is off Colbert Street near Merriman Road, in two. The northern portion, where existing playscapes and swing sets sit neglected and overgrown with weeds and tall grass, would be kept for a 'people portion.' The southern half, where an old baseball field is located, would be converted to a fenced in dog park, with areas set aside for large and small dogs. There would also be hoops, ramps and tunnels for the dogs to jump through, climb or run through. A small parking lot would be developed as part of the plan.

"We think it's a pretty good plan," said Burcroff.

Dickerson said the existing playground equipment would be kept and cleaned up.

"It's actually in pretty good shape," he said. "The plan is to keep all that historic equipment, but clean it up and fix it up."

He said the entire plan, including the fencing, lot, clean-up and new dog equipment would cost about \$99,000. but could be completed without using additional tax revenue. That's because the city settled a delinquent tax bill with Wayne County earlier this year, paying

the county a reduced amount of the debt; one of the stipulations of that lower payment was that the city set aside some of the money saved and earmark it toward parks and recreation services. Dickerson said the city would use about \$85,000 from that fund and match it with a \$15,000 grant from the county to pay for the project.

Council members unanimously approved the plan and entered into a contract with the Brickman landscape management company. Dickerson said the park could be open in as little as four to six weeks.

Other park improvements are on the way, as well. He said the old archery range at Elmer Johnson Park will be open as soon as Sept. 2.

The city also entered into an agreement with the Romulus school district to lease Mt. Pleasant Park, which is attached to Mt. Pleasant Elementary School, for \$1.

"Everywhere I go, people say to me: 'We're so proud that are parks are opening back up'," said Council President John Barden. "You can see the happiness on their faces."

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Mamie D. Williams Sunrise: Feb. 27, 1912 Sunset: Aug. 17, 2014 Mamie D. Williams died Aug. 17, 2014 at the Maple

Among those left to cherish

her memory are a host of

cousins, nephews and

nieces, great, great-great

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nephews and nieces; her goddaughter and god son and her caregivers, Betty and Alvin Holmes. Funeral services took place at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church in Westland

with the Rev. Dr. John e.

Duckworth officiating.

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Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster. Interment was at United

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Cynthia Denise Pope-Meads

Sunrise: May 6, 1963

Aug. 13, 2014 Cynthia Denise Pope-Meads died Aug. 13, 2014. Among her survivors left to cherish her memory are her husband, Vance E. Meads; four daughters, Vanessea (Asher) Kirkland-Meads of Ypsilanti, Vanise, Vanjelica and Vanae Meads of Milan: three brothers. Alexander (Sylvia) Pope, Jr., of Las Vegas, NV, Charles (Priscilla) Pope of Kokomo, IN and Donald (Carlas) Pope of Milan; a granddaughter, Alianna Kirkland; a host of aunts,

many friends. Funeral services took place New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church in Ypsilanti with the Rev. Dr. J. N. Crout officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn

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uncles, nieces, nephews

and other relatives, and

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Aaron Reese, Jr. Sunrise: Feb. 25, 1950 Sunset: Aug. 18, 2014 Aaron Reese, Jr. died Aug.

Among his survivors left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Fatima (Leslie) Pratt and her mother Patrice and Erin Reese and her mother, Jackie; a sister, Linda (Talmadge) Turner; three grandchildren, Donte' Reese, Deandre Cain and Courtney Bailey; a very special uncle, William Albert Reese who treated Mr. Reese as his own son; four nephews; six nieces; a host of other relatives and cousins, and many friends. Mr. Reese was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Juanita Wood and a

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CANTON - NORTHVILLE

Summit to close for annual maintenance work

community recreation center in Canton will close Sept. 1 for annual upkeep and improvements. The facility will reopen at 6 a.m. Sept. 6.

The facility will undergo comprehensive cleaning, refurbishing and minor repairs during the five-day period, explained Summit Coordinator Jason Lombardo. He noted that while the Summit will not be

The Summit on the Park experiencing any drastic changes, the annual weeklong shutdown is necessary to keep the facility in top condition throughout the rest of the year.

> "It's an opportunity for us to do detailed cleaning and maintenance - things to ensure we will be able to provide the best in community recreation all year round," Lombardo said.

The projects to be completed during the shutdown include:

- Cleaning of all windows, carpets and fitness equipment throughout fitness and banquet centers
- · Scrubbing and acid cleaning of Aquatic Center and repairs of missing tiles
- Cleaning and disinfecting of all locker rooms and restrooms
- Resurfacing of wood floors and detailing in gym, dance studios and event rooms
- Repainting in dance studios, event rooms and lobby
- Replacing of Aquatic Center office cabinets
- Servicing, inspecting and certifying of boilers
- · Miscellaneous maintenance as needed

Summit on the Park offers numerous amenities for a variety of activities, including: a banquet and conference center, aquatic center, fitness center,

gymnasium, track and meeting rooms.

The Summit is open yearround and offers daily, monthly, annual Membership fees are prorated to account for the shutdown week, so Summit on the Park members will not be charged while the facility is closed.

More information is available at www.summitonthepark.org or at (734) 394-5460.



60's Music Legends to perform in Canton Saturday

The Village Theatre at Cherry Hill will take a trip back in time this Saturday when The '60s Music Legends Tour will take to the stage.

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 30.

Headlining the show will be The Vogues, one of the most successful recording groups from the '60s. The Vogues feature original lead singer Bill Burkette and they will perform an hour show featuring their blockbuster hits like: 5 O'Clock World, You're The One, Turn Around Look at Me, Till, My Special Angel, Earth Angel, Magic Town and many more. The Vogues made numerous television appearances including The Tonight Show, The Ed Sullivan Show, American Bandstand and several appearances on The Mike Douglas Show. In addition 5 O'Clock World was the theme song for The Drew Carey Show.

Opening for The Vogues will be the legendary Shades of Blue from Motown.

The Shades of Blue are one of the most exciting and dynamic acts on the circuit.



The group recorded 1966 smash hit, Oh How Happy. Their lead/first tenor singer Stuart Avig is one of the first vocalists Motown Records signed back in 1959.

This production will feature a live sixpiece orchestra.

Tickets are now on sale and great seats are still available for only \$35 and are priced at \$32 for groups of 15 or more, and are available online at cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734)394-5300.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.





Northville prepares new master plan for future of city

Northville Township and the City of linear park." Novi have about 45 days left to comment on a draft of a new City of Northville mas-

Members of the Northville City Council approved sending the latest city master plan draft to the neighboring communities to see if either municipality had any comment regarding the plans for the future of the community. The plan, updated at 5-year intervals, was reviewed by the members of the planning commission. It includes plans for the Cady Street and Northville Downs area should the race track be sold and available for devel-

The draft plan covers that contingency with language which refers to Northville Downs as a "unique redevelopment opportunity. The intent of this area is to create a mix of single-family residential uses, the densities of which would decrease in intensity from north/west to south/east. The Middle Rouge River could become an important open space amenity if it were exposed and a greenway or riverfront pathway developed as a

The Rouge River runs mostly underground through the area but could be opened up by a developer. Both Mayor Chris Johnson and Council member Nancy Darga said at a recent meeting that they feel the plan should be more flexible, allowing for higher density, depending on the plan of the architects and developers. Darga also said that she would like to see a more diversified tax base, rather than simply residential development. She suggested more emphasis on research and development operations or light industry in the Cady Street area.

If the neighboring communities have any comments returned to Northville, the planning commission will consider them and decide on changes to the draft plan. A public hearing will be scheduled about the draft plan and final amendments, if any, will be made before the plan comes back to the city council members for review and adoption of the document which is the official record of development policies for the city.





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Park welcomes bikers, skaters

Runners, walkers, cyclists and skaters can enjoy a traffic free Hines Drive from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. every Saturday through Sept 8

Saturdays in the Park have returned to Hines Drive and offers visitors the opportunity to walk, run, skate or cycle safely without the concern of motor vehicle traffic.

Hines Drive will be closed to motorists from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive. For more information, access the Wayne County Parks website or call (734) 261-1990.

Concerts set at Goudy Park

The City of Wayne will host free concerts in Goudy Park through Sept. 3.

TC & The Katz will close out the series on Sept. 3. The park is located off Wayne Road behind Wayne City Hall.

The concerts are free and open to the public.

Library to sell books

A sale of used books will take place at the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library from 4-8 p.m. Sept. 4 and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sept. 6.

The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster.

Book donations for the sale are being accepted and volunteers are still needed.

For more information, call (313) 563-2822.

City to sell homes

The City of Inkster is selling residential properties in several areas through a sealed bid auction. Bids, which must be sealed, will be accepted at the office of the city clerk, 26215 Trowbridge Ave., Inkster until 4 p.m. Sept. 8.

The minimum bid on the properties is \$1,500 and each will be sold in "as is" condition. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and include the name of the person or organization submitting the bid and the words "Sealed bid for" and the address of the property.

The bids will be opened at 10 a.m. Sept. 9 at Inkster City Hall. Bidders do not need to be present. Successful bidders will have five days business days to respond

before forfeiting the bid bond

The city has planned open house visits from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Aug. 23 at the various homes. Property addresses and Open House dates and times may be found on the City of Inkster website www.city-ofinkster.com.

For more information about the homes or bidding process, call (313) 563-9760.

Officials host coffee hour

Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc and State Rep. David Knezek will be hosting a Coffee Hour in Inkster beginning at 1 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Inkster Public Library. The Library is located at 2005 Inkster Road.

The informational session was moved from the first Monday of the month due to the Labor Day holiday. Residents are invited to attend and discuss issues of importance to them.

Citizens who have questions or concerns in the meantime can contact either of the elected officials by mail, telephone, or email: Commissioner Richard LeBlanc

Mail: 500 Griswold St., 7th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226, (313) 224-8855, Email: District12@waynecounty.com and Rep. David Knezek, Mail: PO Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909, Phone: (888) 4KNEZEK or Email: DavidKnezek@house.mi.gov

Library offers story times

Registration is now under way at the circulation desk of Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

Family Story Time will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, Sept. 8 through Oct. 6. The stories are designed for preschool through early elementary school children and includes interactive songs, stories and a craft.

Terrific Toddlers will take place Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Sept. 9 through Oct. 7. These sessions are designed for children 2-4 and include circle time with stories and an educational craft. Parents are asked to attend with their child.

Preschools Pals will bake place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays Sept. 3 through Oct. 8 with the exception of Sept. 24. The story time is designed for children ages 4-6 and last for 45 minutes and include an educa-

tional craft.

For more information, call (734)699-3291

Golf classic planned

The 2014 Northville Community Foundation Golf Classic to Help Kids is planned for Sept. 11 at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

The event includes golf, course contests, lunch, goody bags, prizes and a buffet dinner immediately following golf.

Volunteers are needed for the planning committee and on the day of the event.

For more information or to register, call (248)374-0200.

Auditions for PUPS planned

Young actors can audition for The Plymouth Uptown Players 2014 fall season from 1-3 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council located at 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Youths ages 5-13, kindergarten through eighth grade, will be asked to read a short monologue for returning director Amanda Ewing from Tipping Point Theatre. The piece may be memorized or read from printed notes.

The program costs \$160 per actor for the season, with a current \$30 arts council student membership required. Actors may pre-register online or by phone or inperson the day of auditions, or pre-register by calling the Plymouth Community Arts Council from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Performances for the fall 2014 season will take place at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 and 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13. Performances take place at The Tipping Point Theatre in downtown Northville. Complete information and audition packets will be available at the arts council office and at www.plymoutharts.com under Programs/Plymouth Uptown Players.

One-act entries sought

Entries are now being accepted for the 2015 Canton One Acts Festival scheduled for Jan. 16-18 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The festival, organized by TLC Productions, is an effort of Tim Chanko,

Linda Pohl and Christopher Tremblay, all of Canton.

TLC is looking for original plays in length no longer than 15 minutes. Multiple submissions from a playwright are welcomed, however, no children's shows will be considered. For a list of complete guidelines and for information on the judging process go to cantonone-acts.com.

The deadline for works is Aug. 31. In October, TLC will present dramatic readings of the semi-finalists' scripts. Selected shows for the One-Acts Festival will be announced online at cantononeacts.com by Oct. 31. In October, there will be auditions for the selected plays.

TLC Productions will award first, second and third place awards based on audience votes.

Senior scams explained

The Senior Brigade, a Michigan Seniors Initiative, will visit the Leanna Hicks Public Library of Inkster to explain phone and mail scams used against senior citizens at a 6 p.m. meeting Sept. 15.

Topics discussed will include charitable scams, phone, mail and email scams and how to reduce unwanted phone calls and junk mail. Wayne to report a problem will also be discussed.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster.

Euchre Tournament aids students

The 3rd Annual Euchre Classic Tournament to benefit the student radio program at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park will take place at the Plymouth Elks Club.

Registration will begin at 6 p.m. and the first deal will take place at 7 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Cash prizes will be paid to the top 10 percent of the field. The entry fee is \$20 if prepaid before Sept. 15 and \$25 at the door. The fee includes pizza and snacks and there will be a cash bar.

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