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Judge removes candidate from city ballot

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In a surprise move last week, a circuit court judge ordered the name of one mayoral candidate in Wayne removed from the Nov. 6 ballot.

Judge Robert J. Colombo, Jr. agreed with the oral arguments of attorney Scott R. Rusk who represented Sanders' opponent in the mayoral race, John Rhasesa, a current city councilman. Wayne political activist Robert W. Boertje was also named as a plaintiff in the action.

The two plaintiffs, Rhasesa and Boertje, claimed that past-due campaign filing fees and fines totaling about \$4,000 were still owed to Wayne County by Sanders

and his campaign for a city council seat three years ago. The complaint about the unpaid fees was first taken to Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett by Boertje. Garrett declined to remove Sanders' name from the ballot on the basis of the unpaid fees. She responded to Boertje's complaint explaining that removing Sanders' name was "beyond the scope of the authority" of her office.

Ruark, on behalf of Boertje

and Rhasesa, then filed for an emergency motion for a preliminary injunction and order to show cause in circuit court last week. After oral arguments, Colombo ordered Garrett to "immediately remove Christopher J. Sanders from the ballot as a candidate for Mayor in the City of Wayne, Michigan, in the November 2018 general election for the reasons stated in open court on the record."

Sanders was not present at the hearing Aug. 29 which was filed against Wayne County and Garrett in her capacity as Wayne County Clerk. She was represented by Janet Anderson-Davis and Kevin P. Kavanaugh, corporation counsel for the county.

Rhasesa said he was pleased with the court ruling.

"This may be the first time someone has been recalled and kicked off a ballot in the same year; we couldn't have asked for a better ruling," Rhasesa said. "My number one focus is to move the city forward and get back to work."

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Photo by Helen Wertz

Labor of love

63rd annual Fall Festival begins in Plymouth

If the man behind the success of the Fall Festival has one facet of the event he wants to improve, it's parking. "I just want people to know that parking and a shuttle are available. If people would use the shuttle, it would improve the event for everyone," noted Eric Joy who has been at the helm of the festival for several years and who has been involved with the event for decades.

The free parking is available at Prairie Baptist Church at 45000 North Territorial Road, about a quarter mile west of Sheldon Road. From there, a shuttle service will bring people right into the center of the festival. The shuttle operates all weekend during festival hours, Joy said. "This way, people don't start the day frustrated about trying to find a parking

place."

"This is the best way to enjoy the event and all the activities," Joy said, and he is obviously a man who would, considering his long involvement with the event.

He is very pleased, he said, with the way the festival is operating and the success the civic groups are experiencing with their participation.

"I say this every year and every year, I mean it. The success of the Fall Festival is a success for the entire community. This is an event that is for and about the community, that's why all these volunteers work so hard for so many hours. It is so they can give back, and they really do."

Joy, and his family, are no strangers to community involvement. His parents, Timothy and Penny, are long-time active Noon Rotary Club

members along with several other civic groups and are well-known for their community efforts. Eric Joy, too, has been a longtime Rotary Club member, and like his dad, served as president of the club.

"The Rotary Club started this event with a small chicken barbecue more than 60 years ago and it has retained that spirit of cooperation for six decades. I think that is really why it is so popular and successful. It is for and about the community groups and the volunteers," Joy said.

That small Rotary Club picnic in a city park has grown to an event that attracts more than 50,000 visitors during the three-day weekend. Joy handles the applications from the civic groups and booths and makes sure they are in the correct

Eric Joy

spots throughout the downtown area. The other myriad details all fall to him, too, including sanitation and scheduling, not to mention publicity and the thousands of other details involved in ensuring that all the moving parts fall together correctly.

Bingo has to move from The Gathering Friday night so that the Kiwanis can begin setting up for the traditional pancake breakfast. They have

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Township official pleads guilty to theft charges

Prosecutors confirmed that a sentence of probation had been recommended in the case but was not binding on the court.

The long-awaited federal corruption case against Mike Mitchell, 49, the former director of parks and grants in Plymouth Township, resulted in a guilty plea last week during his arraignment before Judge Terrence Berg in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan.

According to documents filed last March by Jeffrey E. Peterson, acting special agent in charge of the Detroit Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mitchell was charged with one count of theft from a local gov-

ernment receiving federal assistance. The charges would normally carry a 10-year prison term and a \$250,000 fine. He was accused of stealing township property, including a John Deere Gator utility vehicle and other items of landscaping equipment.

The value of the stolen items, discovered during a warrant search of Mitchell's Livonia home, was estimated at approximately \$10,000.

Mitchell admitted in court that he had the equipment delivered to his home and that he was aware that other township equipment "would never be returned" by a "friend." Prosecutors said that all of the equipment has been recovered.

Informed sources say because the charges were filed in what is known as "information," which is an indicator Mitchell is cooperating with law enforcement and

has negotiated a plea deal in exchange for the information, he is not likely to be facing that 10-year prison term nor a \$250,000 fine. Prosecutors confirmed that a sentence of probation had been recommended in the case but was not binding on the court.

Following federal charges resulting from a joint investigation by the FBI and township police department last March, removed details of the alleged theft and Mitchell's involvement with other individuals have run rampant. According to the FBI, charges filed against Mitchell were reportedly the result of a

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Westland seeks public input on master plan

The future of the former Westland City Hall site and the entire Ford Road corridor in the city is under consideration by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Members of the group are working on the development of a master plan and are seeking public input into the discussions.

The DDA members have scheduled several discussion sessions to encourage public input as they work toward a framework for future development opportunities. Residents and business

owners are welcome at the meetings, according to Mayor William R. Wild.

"The redevelopment of the former city hall property has the potential to be transformational for the identity of our community and we want our residents and business owners to be part of the planning and to play an active role in the city's future," said Wild. "The sessions are designed as workshops for creative ideas to flow."

The sessions will all take place at Westland City Hall,

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36300 Warren Road.

Session dates:

Wednesday, Sept. 12

Noon - 1 p.m.

Topic: Ford Road Corridor Bus

Tour: Participants will learn to

identify and quantify what they

like about Ford Road buildings,

streets, and public spaces and

visit former city hall site.

Thursday, Sept. 13

Noon - 1 p.m.

Topic: Learn about planning

valuable communities and share

vision for the Ford Road corridor

during the next 20 years through

a series of activities.

Friday, Sept. 14

Noon - 1 p.m.

Topic: Learn about mobility, transportation and non-motorized best practices and share personal vision for the Ford Road corridor during the next 20 years.

Saturday, Sept. 14

Noon - 1 p.m.

Topic: Revealing the ideas generated throughout the workshops. The basis for the Reimagined Ford Road Master Plan will be unveiled.

Local resident wins \$100,000 Powerball prize

A lucky mistake led to a Westland woman winning a \$100,400 Powerball prize.

Linda Keyanchuk, 64, matched the four white balls and the Powerball twice - 10-21-30-43-63 PB: 17 - in the Aug. 8 drawing to win two \$50,000 prizes. She also matched three numbers and the Powerball four times to win an additional \$400. She bought her ticket online at MichiganLottery.com.

"I meant to buy a multi-draw Powerball ticket, but accidentally bought six Powerball tickets," said Keyanchuk. "I didn't realize my mistake until the next afternoon when I logged in to my Lottery account and saw I had won more than \$100,000!"

"It's been a crazy week. I've logged in to my account every day to make sure I really did win. It's been exciting thinking about what all of this money will mean

for me!"

Keyanchuk visited Lottery headquarters recently to claim the big prize. With her winnings, she plans to pay for an upcoming vacation, and then save the remainder.

"People like me just don't win money like this. It's unreal!" Keyanchuk said.

Powerball plays may be purchased for \$2 each at Lottery retailers across the state and online at MichiganLottery.com.

A "Power Play" option that multiplies non-jackpot prizes by up to 10 times to a maximum of \$2 million may be added to any Powerball play for only \$1.

The Powerball drawing takes place at 10:59 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday and may be watched live online at: <http://www.powerball.com>. Powerball tickets are sold in 44 states, Washington D.C., U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.

Ballot

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on what's important to those who live and work in Wayne."

Sanders also had some strong feelings about the decision.

"Clearly, I understand that there are residents who do not agree with me. I respect them and their opinions, but this tactic by Mr. Rhessa goes far beyond political differences. This is obviously an attempt to solidify his protection of the city manager despite the independent investigation which suggested her termination. This has become a personal vendetta.

"I suspect he is aware of the impact on

his reputation by the revelations of his involvement in the mismanagement at city hall. He obviously has a vested financial interest in protecting the current city manager."

"This will leave him as the only choice for voters and will protect the status quo at city hall and on the council," Sanders said.

Sanders also said he found it ironic that when he challenged inaccurate petitions and irregular signatures on recall petitions against him in court, Columbus allowed the irregularities despite the clear legal specifications in an effort not to "disenfranchise the voters."

"Removing the only candidate opposing Mr. Rhessa and his plans to control the city would certainly appear to be disenfranchising the voters," Sanders said.

Good neighbors

Friends project set for this Saturday

The City of Wayne 2015 FRIENDS (People Helping People) group is still looking for volunteers.

FRIENDS will take place this Saturday, Sept. 8 or, if it rains, Sept. 15. The goal of this program, which began in 1996, is to help a Wayne resident who cannot perform maintenance work due to financial or medical situations.

Volunteers will perform maintenance work such as painting, yard work, home repairs and other related jobs.

The day (usually about 6 hours) starts at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast at the HYPE Recreation Center. Material, equipment, t-shirts and lunch, plus refreshments are provided on site.

Youth Groups are welcome, with one adult for every five youth volunteers.

To volunteer or for more information, call the Community Development Department at (734) 722-2000 or email Albert Damitio, the FRIENDS chairperson, at damitioab@gmail.com.

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

City and township settle pension cost dispute

A longstanding dispute between the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township was finally resolved last week.

City officials presented a check for \$1.1 million to the township as the final payment of pension obligations arising from the dissolution of the joint city-township fire department in 2012.

Officials from both communities expressed their satisfaction

with the agreed-upon settlement and considered the payment a successful conclusion to the longstanding issue.

"This is a historic day for the city and township," said Township Supervisor Kurt Heise on receipt of the payment. "Our current township board inherited this issue from the previous administration and we were committed to resolving it without time-consuming and costly litigation that would have only benefited lawyers and not taxpayers."

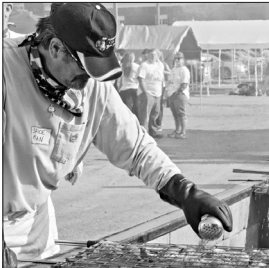
Heise was referring to the decision of the former township administration to end the joint Fire Department in 2012 citing a variety of financial, contractual, and political reasons. The dissolution included financial obligations for pensions and health-care costs owed by the city to the township at the time of the cancellation of the intergovernmental agreement. City and township representatives were able to resolve the payment of the retiree healthcare obligations in late 2016, but the issue of pension payments remained a sticking point between the parties.

"The people of Plymouth elected us to solve problems, not make them worse," said City Mayor Oliver Wolcott. "We are turning the page on the past, and

building upon our positive and professional relationship with the township."

Wolcott also thanked former Mayor Dan Dwyer for his leadership in the settlement discussions with the township that began in early 2017.

"We've had a great team from the city and township working many hours to resolve this issue," he added, "and we are all happy to get this behind us."



Festival

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to move out when they are done including beavling down all their equipment so that the Noon Rotary Club members can begin bringing in conveyor belts, a huge boiler, three semi-truck loads of food and the equipment to build the huge barbecue pits in the parking lot in the rear.

"Seriously, they have it down, they have been doing this so long," Joy said of the groups. "We do have to watch the schedules to make sure things don't overlap, but it is sort of second-nature now. These club volunteers have been doing this for many years."

The stage entertainment is handled by James Geibson of JMG Entertainment, who hires the live entertainment and helps schedule the stage along with ensuring that the sound equipment is perfect for the event participants.

Joy advised participants to arrive in Plymouth with an appetite as the festival begins at 6 p.m. Friday night with the Civilians Taste Fest at 885 Restaurant in Old Village. This year, he said, there will be

beer and wine samples at the event, in addition to more than 20 restaurants.

That is followed early Saturday morning by the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at The Gathering which has crowds from 7 a.m. until nearly noon. Then the Plymouth Rotary Club A.M. begins to serve the Spaghetti Dinner behind E.G. Nick's at 4 p.m. where they have an Italian party going on. Sunday, of course, is the day for the Chicken Barbeque, which nobody ever wants to miss. They serve 100,000 chicken dinners starting at 11 a.m. and continue until they sell out.

In between all these events, Joy said, there are food booths up and down Main Street with roasted almonds, lemonade, the usual festival food and Polish treats from the Polish dancers kitchen.

Joy said he is also proud of the conduct of visitors to the Fall Festival.

"We have not had an incident in years," he said. "We are fortunate that the police and EMTs have so little to do during the event. People are safe here and that is due to the community and to the real spirit of these volunteers and the civic groups."

A special guide to Fall Festival activities and entertainment is included in this edition of The Eagle.

Road millage on ballot

When Northville voters cast their ballot in the Nov. 6 election, they'll be asked to decide on a 0.38 millage for the issuance of a \$3,050,000 Street Improvement Bond to fund street repairs and upgrades for the next 10 years.

The millage is needed, officials said, the amount of funds budgeted annually for road repair and replacement, approximately \$550,000 per year, is not sufficient to keep pace with the rate at which roads are deteriorating.

At present, 46.5 percent of Northville roads have a "poor" rating ... which means that the city is repairing roads closer to the "replacement" condition. Engineers have cautioned that this is an expensive way to maintain roads and also results in people driving on roads that are more likely to develop potholes and crumbling conditions.

City officials have a priority plan for road repair and replacement determined by practicality and traffic flow.

The process of evaluation and analy-

sis starts with rating roads using the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system, an industry standard assessment in which trained analysts drive each segment of road (from intersection to intersection) and score it from one (the worst) to 10 (a new road). Roads rated 7 or 8 may require routine maintenance, such as crack sealing or minor patching. Roads rated 4-6 are considered to be in "fair" condition and may need preventive maintenance, such as an overlay or joint repairs. Roads rated less than 4 are candidates for extensive repairs or reconstruction.

An assessment of city streets revealed in a 2016-17 report by the engineering firm Spaulding DeDecker reported that 46.5 percent were in "poor" condition and 20.8 percent were in "fair" condition. Engineers estimate at the end of 10 years, the bond program would increase the number of streets rated as "good" from 32.7 percent to 63.1 percent and streets rated as "poor" would decrease from 46.5 percent to 34.1 percent.

Mitchell

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wide-ranging and on-going bribery and public corruption investigation centered in Macomb County involving convicted trash contractor Chuck Rizzo of Rizzo Environmental and other municipal contractors. The case in Plymouth was referred to the FBI in an effort to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest, township officials said. The theft was discovered during a routine inventory of township equipment.

Mitchell, who is now a resident of Rockford, Ill., was a political appointee and colleague of former Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price. Price created the \$63,277 Plymouth Township position for Mitchell immediately after his appointment as township supervisor in 2016. The political relationship between Mitchell and Price and his immediate employment after Price took office in 2016 was publicly criticized for what many described as a patronage job and political favor. Mitchell served as chairman of the 11th District Republican Party and was a well-known political party operative. Price worked in the department of constituent relations for

Michigan Republican State Attorney General Bill Schuette from 2011 until 2015. Schuette conducted fundraisers and provided political endorsements for Price during his campaigns for 11th District Wayne County Commissioner and Plymouth Township supervisor. Mitchell abandoned his job and left the area immediately after Price was defeated in a primary election by current Supervisor Kurt Heise.

Mitchell's sentencing hearing is scheduled for Jan. 17.

Had Mitchell not pleaded guilty, Tiederman said, authorities were prepared to come forward with evidence of other crimes, including time fraud amounting to more than \$36,000.

"There's a lot of discrepancy on when Mitchell actually left the township," said Heise.

Heise called the Mitchell case "shameful" and said blame lies with Price and his supporters on the Board of Trustees. Two of Price's key supporters, Nancy Conzelmann, then the township clerk, and Ron Edwards, the longtime treasurer, lost their re-election bids in the 2016 Republican primary.

"I think this speaks volumes about the judgment of Shannon Price, his leadership, and the people who appointed Shannon to run the township," Heise said.

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INKSTER - ROMULUS

Police arrest suspect in thefts from school

Romulus police have made one arrest and are seeking two other suspects in the recent theft of dozens of iPads from Halescrest Elementary School.

Police said that the department had received several tips from members of the community which led to the identification of

the suspects. As part of the investigation, officers executed search warrants at a residence in the City of Taylor, an iPhone repair center in Taylor, a Metro PCS store also in Taylor and a Shell Gas Station on Eureka Road in Romulus.

According to Romulus police,

detectives recovered about 35 iPad devices during those warrant searches. They arrested a 37-year-old suspect from Taylor and are still actively seeking two other suspects in the case. The three suspects were captured on surveillance video and were seen coming through a door with

broken glass. All were wearing hoodies on the videotapes. Police said there were three break-ins at the school located on Harrison Road.

Police said they would be seeking charges against any individuals involved with receiving, selling or concealing the stolen

items which will be returned to Romulus Community Schools in time for the school year. Anyone with information about the incident or the location of the suspects is asked to call the Romulus Police Department Investigative Services at (734) 942-6879.

Cutest baby, cutest pet contest entries sought

Romulus residents have only until 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21 to enter their favorite offspring or their 'best friends' in the Romulus Pumpkin Festival Annual Cutest Baby or Cutest Pet Contest.

Entries, which consist of a photo of the pet or baby, no smaller than 5 by 7 inches and no larger than 8 by 10 inches, color or black and white, should be sent to Cutest Pet Contest, or Cutest Baby Contest, Romulus

DDA Pumpkin Festival, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174. The photos can be dropped off at the Community Development Department at Romulus City Hall during regular business hours.

The entry photos can be a professional photo or a snapshot and the owner's name and contact information on the reverse side.

The name and contact number

of the child and the parent or the person entering the photo should be on the reverse side of the photo entered in the baby contest. Children must be no older than 2 years by Sept. 21 to be eligible to enter the contest.

The photos will then be on display in the Hospitality Tent during the Pumpkin Festival, Sept. 21, 22 and 23. Visitors to the festival will have the opportunity to vote for the pet and/or baby of their choice at \$1 per vote. The

top pet vote getter will be declared the winner of the Cutest Pet Contest at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23 and will receive a gift card. All participants will receive a certificate.

The top two boys and the top two girls will also be named as the winners at 4 p.m. on Sunday and will receive gift cards. All participants will receive a certificate.

For more information, call (734) 955-4577.



Inkster man charged in fatal hit-and-run

Wayne County Prosecutor Ryan Worthing has charged Brian Keith Garner, Jr., 29 of Inkster, in connection with the fatal hit and run that killed Michael Cavanaugh, 22, of Taylor.

Prosecutors allege that at about 10:09 p.m. Aug. 19, the defendant was driving westbound on Jefferson Avenue near Griswold Street in downtown Detroit. He allegedly the defendant disregarded a traffic signal and struck the victim, who was crossing Jefferson Avenue in the crosswalk. It is further alleged the defendant fled the scene. Medics conveyed the victim

to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead from injuries sustained in the crash.

The defendant turned himself into police at the 6th Precinct on Aug. 20 and was placed under arrest.

Garner has been charged with reckless driving causing death and failure to stay at the scene of an accident when at fault causing death. Garner was arraigned last week, afternoon before 36th District Court Magistrate Bari Blake Wood. The magistrate ordered a \$20,000 cash/surety bond.

Millage is meeting topic

A series of town hall meetings has been scheduled to provide information to voters about a millage proposal to support services in the Romulus Fire and Police departments.

A vote on a 4-mill levy for a five-year term will be part of the Nov. 6 General Election ballot. The proposal would provide necessary funding to maintain the current level of fire and police services in the community while avoiding cuts in essential services.

Informational town halls will all begin at 6 p.m. and all meetings are open to the public.

Sept. 19 at Barth Elementary School, 38297 Barth Street

Oct. 2 at Wick Elementary School, 36900 Wick Road

Oct. 24 at Romulus Elementary

School, 32200 Beverly Road. Additional informational meetings will be planned. Those interested in hosting an informational meeting can call Mayor LeRoy Burrows' office at (734) 942-7571.

Members of the Romulus City Council voted unanimously June 11 to place a proposed charter amendment on the ballot. Funds would be utilized strictly for fire and police services.

City officials said fire and police services make up more than two-thirds of the city general fund budget. Burrows said public safety is a vital service that government provides.

Failure to approve the millage increase would lead to cuts in funding for fire, police and other essential services.

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- Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MTIN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (<http://www.bidnetinfo.org>). 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.
- Classifications, 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 MTIN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MTIN 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 as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addendum Form" supplied in the bid documents.
- A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the ITB documents.
- At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely 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 irregularities or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. A contract will ultimately be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
- For additional information contact Lynn A. Carvey, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, or Gary Harris, Purchasing Department Buyer by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchase@romulusmi.com

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 13, 2018
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barkes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barkes, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.

Excused: Celso Roscoe

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Julie Wojcik, Chief of Staff

Barb Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk

Stacy Page, Treasurer

1. Moved by Talley, seconded by Abdo to accept the agenda as amended. Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Petitioner: Mr. Dan Ueblicher, from 30-40 Real Estate, LLC represented Petalio Logistics.

18-221 3A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Webb to approve the Environmental Protection Board application ITB11000 for Petalio Logistics LLC, request for approval for use of subdrain antennas (SDA) also known as rebarless B-717 in excess of 500 lbs. on-site. The subject property is 15250 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI, ZIP 48174-1003-701. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Chairperson's Report: Mayor Pro Tem John Barkes thanked Councilmember Talley for filling in for him at the last Council meeting.

18-221 4A. Moved by Webb, seconded by Wadsworth to approve a permit for the annual block party and road closure on Harrison Drive between Northpark and Backingham on Sunday, August 13, 2018. Road to be closed from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The Block Party will be held from Noon until 7:00 p.m. The Police Department and Department of Public Works have been notified and approved this request. (Council approval is pending submission of the review fee and required residents notification and signature of approval for the event. Chandra Williams of 39097 Northpark submitted the request on behalf of the event. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

5. Mayor's Report: City Clerk of Mayor Barkes presented a video of upcoming City events.

18-221 5A. Moved by Talley, seconded by Wadsworth to concur with the administration to award ITB 1718-01 to the only bidder, R. J. Perry Company, Inc., for the abatement of identified hazardous materials, and

remediation to the City-owned building, known as the "Firehouse" located at 35255 Goddard Rd. in the amount of \$100,845 to contingency for any unforeseen work required for the completion of the awarded work in an amount not to exceed \$17,643.76. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barkes, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - Williams. Motion Carried.

18-221 5B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for a road closure for the Romulus Community Baptist Church annual picnic on August 25, 2018. Subject street is between Goddard and Goddard Street from Fourth Street to the church property line. Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-221 5C. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to concur with the administration and award ITB 1819-04 to the lowest bidder, must include and responsible bidder, Vandy Sport Flooring, Inc., for the resurfacing of the hardwood floors for the Romulus Athletic Center in the amount of \$8,810.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-221 5B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to concur with the administration and authorize the sole source services for repair of utility. Vactor is the only authorized company in our area authorized by manufacturer to perform the repairs. Jack Deberry Supplies, Inc., at an estimated cost of \$48,000. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barkes, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Nays - Nays. Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-221 6A. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to concur with the administration and authorize the City to waive the bidding process and approve all the repairs of the 2002 CAT Backhoe #257 be made by Michigan C&T, the lowest of the two quotes, at an estimated cost of \$11,200 with a 10 percent contingency if any additional work, should be needed. Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-221 9. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Wadsworth to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 1819-03 to replace a HVAC roof top unit at the Senior Center.

FUND/DEPT: ACCOUNT NO. ACCOUNT NAME CURRENT BUDGET AMENDMENT BUDGET

General Fund

101-752-0700 Senior Center Capital Outlay 6,000 14,385 20,385

Total Budget:

101-666-590.00 General Fund - Fund Balance 2,942,236 (14,385) 2,927,851

To replace one of the HVAC roof top units at the Senior Center. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A. Clerk's Report

18-221 6A1. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to postpone second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 1819-02, Motor Vehicle Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of August 6, 2018. Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-221 6A2. Moved by Webb, seconded by Abdo to schedule a public hearing on September 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the adoption of an ordinance to approve the 2018 amendment and retained Devotions Development Inc. to the public hearing will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers. Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-221 6A3. Moved by Webb, seconded by Abdo to schedule a study session on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the City Quarterly Investment Report. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers. Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-221 6A4. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to concur with the Property Disposition Committee to acquire the single lot owned for Bid 1819-02, and in accordance with Section 2-239(4) of the Code of Ordinances, to allow the Committee to enter into negotiations with specific individuals or entities which may include prior bidders on the property to establish an acceptable purchase arrangement for the property which shall be recommended to City Council for approval. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6B. Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Stacy Page, gave a reminder regarding the Dr/Dr Kiosk located at the RAC which allows payment of delinquent property taxes.

7. Public Comment

A resident commented on the hazardous materials removal from the property at 35255 Goddard Road.

8. Unfinished Business

Director of Public Services, Bob McNaught, informed that the company responsible for the removal of hazardous materials at 35255 Goddard Road has notified the removal to a certified contractor.

9. New Business

10. Communication

18-221 11A. Moved by Talley to pay Warrant 18-15 in the amount of \$32,785.79.12. Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-221 11B. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to pay Warrant 18-15E in the amount of \$1,492,000 Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

1. Ellen L. Craig-Biggs, Clerk for 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 13, 2018.

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Calendar of events

Mission yard sale under way

The Lighthouse Home Mission will host a yard sale daily from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. beginning through Saturday, Sept. 8. All proceeds go to the pantry to purchase food for those in need.

Volunteers are still needed throughout the sale and donations of gently used items of any type will be gratefully accepted.

The mission is located at 3403 Palmer Road in Westland. For information, to volunteer or arrange a donation, call (734) 326-3885.

Seniors roundtable is set

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

Organizers said the event will allow seniors to join local leaders and area residents for an opportunity to share ideas on how the Plymouth community can best serve the senior population. Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise will be the featured keynote speaker, and the discussion will be followed by light refreshments. Respond by (734) 927-4990 by today, Sept. 6 to confirm attendance.

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

Senior Transportation is available for those 60 and older by calling (734) 439-8888. Please call 48 hours in advance and mention that you are attending the 11 a.m. Round Table Discussion at PARC-Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex.

PARC is a 501(c)(3) public charity, leading the effort to convert the historic Central Middle School and the 36.6 acres on which it stands, into an arts, education and recreation complex serving the Greater Plymouth Community.

Slow Flow Yoga taught

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will host an Adult Slow Flow Yoga class. This six-week class is planned from 6:30 until 7:45 on Tuesdays, Sept. 11 - Oct. 23 or Thursdays, Sept. 13 - Oct. 25 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

This active, multi-level yoga class is taught in a flow style format. Each class will end with a guided meditation and relaxation. Cost for this class is \$77 for city of Plymouth residents and \$92 for non-residents.

Registration is available online at wwwcity.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-6621, 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Grief seminars planned

A grief/recovery seminar and support group will meet at Romans Wesleyan Church, now known as 5 Points Church, in Romulus at 6 p.m. Thursdays through Dec. 20. The church is located at 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive.

GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. The 13-video sessions include "Effects of Grief," "When Your Spouse Dies," "Your Family and Grief," "Stuck in Grief," and more. Attend any or all sessions. A \$15 registration fee is required.

tration fee will include a workbook/journal and weekly handouts.

More information is available by calling the church at (734) 941-1511 or on the web at www.griefshare.org.

Hazardous Waste collected in Canton

The Canton Hazardous Household Waste Round-up is set for 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Canton Division of Public Works Building, located at 4847 Sheldon Road just south of Michigan Avenue. This event is open to Canton residents only and ID will be required.

Examples of acceptable waste include, but are not limited to, fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based and latex paint, paint thinner, turpentine, bug sprays, floor-care products, computers and scanners, dry cleaning solvents, rat poison, household batteries, propane tanks, mercury waste, antifreeze, brake fluid, diesel fuel, kerosene, motor oil, and acids.

Canton will be unable to accept commercial waste, construction debris, explosives or ammunition, fire extinguishers, fireworks, radioactive material, smoke detectors, and tires. To obtain a detailed list of what is and is not acceptable, call Canton Public Works at (734) 937-1011 or visit www.cantonmi.org.

Photographers to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club in Michigan will meet from 7 until 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 3228 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The program will be a presentation of the best 3D images made by club members this season, along with a similar one from the Ohio 3D club. After a refreshment break, the monthly stereo image competition will take place.

The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call (248) 398-3291.

Farmers and Artisans Market set

The Westland Farmer and Artisans Market will celebrate autumn with a Fall Festival from 9-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13. Along with more than 30 vendors there will be special seasonal items and a raffle to win an autumn farm arrangement.

The market takes place at 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford Road in Central City Park. Produce, baked goods, crafts, cider and donuts, fall decor and live music are planned. EBT cards accepted.

For more information, call (734) 326-7222 or westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

Coffee With A Cop Wednesday

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

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

The restaurant is located at 26734

Victorian clothing sale set

There will be some very special merchandise on sale this week in Mill Race Village in Northville.

In preparation for the Heritage Festival, the Northville Historical Society members are sponsoring Vintage in the Village, a sale of Victorian-era clothing, antiques, linens, lace and other "aesthetic things."

The village, located at 215 Griswold St. in Downtown Northville, will have Victorian-era clothing and accessories on sale just in time for the Heritage Festival Victorian Parade at 6:30 Friday, Sept. 14. There will be new, vintage and gently-used clothing and

accessories for sale. The Heritage Festival this year will take place throughout the downtown area Sept. 14, 15 and 16.

Admission to the sale at Mill Race Village is \$2 and sale hours are 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 and from 1-7 p.m. on both Monday, Sept. 10 and Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Organizers caution that some vendors at the sale may not take credit cards.

For more information, call (248) 48-1845 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday or visit www.millrace-northville.org.

Michigan Ave. in Inkster

Suicide prevention is goal

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

The Color My World Color Run/Walk will begin with check-in at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 15 at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville. The run/walk will start at approximately 11 a.m. and the event continues until approximately 1 p.m. The run, complete with color powder to reinforce the club name, will route through the adjacent Woodlands North subdivision and end at the high school track. The entry fee is \$25 and includes a race t-shirt, color powder during the race, food, refreshments and music. All proceeds will go directly to support the club activities. Registration is online at https://colormyworld.redpodium.com/colormy-world-color-run/. Registrants are encouraged to register by Aug. 26, if possible.

Library hosts dragons and unicorns

The Plymouth District Library will host dragon and unicorn lovers of all ages from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15. The magical celebration will include a 15-minute story time for younger children while all ages can enjoy a treasure hunt through downtown Plymouth and choose the path of the unicorn or the path of the dragon.

Costumes are encouraged

There will be a photo booth, snacks, crafts and games from noon until 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The library is located at 223 Main St. in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0700.

Zumba Burnies class set

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer a Zumba class designed for children ages 5-7. Zumba Burnies is an 8-week class from 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 17 through Nov. 6 or from 6:30-7 p.m. for ages 8-12 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Zumba Burnies is a unique program with a fast paced environment and constant flow of music.

Cost is \$108 for city of Plymouth Residents and \$123 for non-residents.

Registration is available online at wwwcity.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-6621, 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Diamond of Community to be honored

The Wayne Commission on Aging has chosen the recipient of the 24th Annual / 2018 Diamond of the Community, Patt Hartman.

A dinner in her honor will take place beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18.

Tickets are priced at \$15 per person and are available at Wayne City Hall and the Senior Services Office. Checks should be made out to the City of Wayne.

For more information or special arrangements for tickets, call (734) 721-7490.



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