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THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE

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Neighbors can expect to see zombies, witches, a Dracula or two and several cartoon characters haunting Horizon Park in downtown Belleville on the morning of Oct. 25.

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New details regarding the Plymouth Township Park pavilion were revealed at the township board of trustees last week following the award of the construction contract.

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Romulus will sponsor a Veterans' Day Parade beginning at 9 a.m. Nov. 11 and city officials are looking for individuals, veterans, and organizations to participate.

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Last week, members of the Wayne City Council voted unanimously to hire David Murphy as the interim city manager.

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The official dedication of the new Westland City Hall is planned for 5:30 p.m. Oct. 27 and the public is invited to the community event.

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Guilty pleas entered in police corruption case

Circuit Court Judge Michael Hathaway will sentence three former Romulus Police detectives Oct. 29 as part of a plea bargain in the corruption investigation which began more than three years ago. Hathaway will determine the amount of restitution the three will pay at sentencing.

The three, Richard Balzer, Richard Landry and Donald Hopkins, entered no contest or nolo contendere pleas to embezzlement charges and will lose their certification to be employed as police officers as part of a plea arrangement reached with prosecutors in the case.

Balzer pleaded no contest to one count of embezzlement by a public official and misconduct in office. Hopkins and Landry pleaded no contest to one count of embezzlement by a public

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official. All remaining counts against the men were dismissed in return for the plea, prosecutors said.

The three defendants were among seven people charged in the investigation of corruption in the Romulus Police Department. The former police chief, his wife and five detectives were charged with embezzling more than \$100,000 in drug forfeiture funds and running a criminal enterprise from 2006-2011. Prosecutors maintained the police officers claimed to be involved in an undercover investigation at the Landing Strip Bar in Romulus and Subi's Place in

Southgate. The investigations were a ruse, prosecutors said, and allowed the men to hire prostitutes from nearby strip clubs and submit false expense vouchers for which they were reimbursed from the drug funds. Prosecutors said that in one year, the men spent more than \$40,000 on prostitutes, marijuana and drugs.

Former Romulus Police Chief Michael St. Andre will be sentenced tomorrow before Hathaway following his guilty plea in May to one charge of conducting a continuing criminal enterprise, a 20-year offense, embezzlement by a public offi-

cial, a 10-year offense and misconduct in office, punishable by up to five years in prison. His wife, Sandra Vlaz St. Andre, 52, is currently serving a five to seven year prison term following her conviction by a jury last January. She was found guilty of operating a criminal enterprise; conspiring to operate a criminal enterprise; filing a fraudulent tax return and receiving and concealing stolen property.

Prosecutors said that more than \$75,000 of drug forfeiture money was used by St. Andre to buy a Westland tanning salon for his wife.

Two other officers, Larry Droege and Jeremy Channels, were found guilty on related charges after a trial that ended in March. Channels was sentenced to three years of probation; Droege received 18 months of probation.

Living large \$14.5 million asked for Northville home

One of the most unique, and expensive, homes in Southeast Michigan went on the market last month as Dr. Tom Prose listed his 6-acre Northville estate for sale.

The elaborate home, once briefly deeded to the Czech Republic by Prose, is priced at \$14.5 million which includes about 6-acres of land near the center of the city. Prose was named as an honorary consul by the minister of foreign affairs of the Czech Republic in July of 2004. A subsequent request for a tax exemption for the 16,000-square-foot home was denied by city officials citing provisions of international law covering consular affairs set by the Vienna Convention and other agreements between the United States and the Czech Republic. The home was deeded back to Prose when he resigned the consul position in October of 2005.

The home, located at 590 Dubuar, was assessed for tax purposes in 2013 at \$2,292,380, which is based on half the market value. Taxes on the property in 2013



were \$77,523, a reduction from the \$89,738 tax bill in 2012.

The asking price is based on the value of the 6-acres of land, according to Teri Spiro, the real estate broker handling the listing.

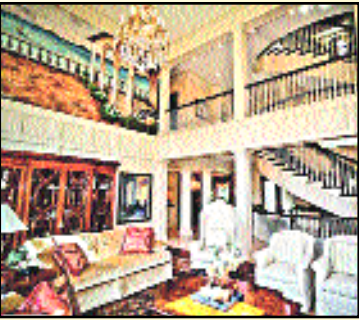
The home includes private iron gates in a stone wall protecting the brick paver driveway off Dubuar and sculptures of lions and a rearing horse in the front yard. A seven-car garage is attached to the home which was originally built in 2000. There is a three-tier fountain in the imposing pillared front excavation of the three-story home. Tall curved windows in

some rooms reach 25 feet in height. There are also three curved staircases and extensive woodwork throughout the home. From the main staircase on the third floor, three levels of elaborate stairways are visible.

In addition to the professionally-decorated interior with five bedrooms, there are seven full baths and two half baths in the home. A Roman-styled bath is a feature of the master suite with two distinct vanity areas.

The home also features an additional

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Plymouth priest target of embezzlement investigation

Auxiliary Bishop Francis Reiss confirmed last week that the Rev. Thomas Belczak, 60, has been removed as the priest at St. Kenneth Parish Catholic Church in Plymouth in response to a criminal investigation into the use of parish funds.

In a letter to parishioners, Reiss wrote that Belczak, “has been required to step aside as pastor of St. Kenneth Parish, effective October 9. This action results from a law enforcement investigation into the alleged improper use of St. Kenneth Parish funds.” Belczak is the brother of the Rev. Edward Belczak, 69, who was convicted, along with his church administrator, of embezzling nearly \$700,000 from St. Thomas More Church in Troy. Those crimes took place, according to prosecutors in that case, during a

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span of eight years. There was no indication from the archdiocese or law enforcement officials that the St. Kenneth investigation is connected to the Troy prosecution..

Thomas Belczak has served at the 2,400-family Plymouth parish for 10 years. St. Kenneth is one of the largest Catholic parishes in Wayne County.

“I am well aware, and deeply regret, how difficult and painful a situation this is for parishioners of St. Kenneth, and especially for those close to Father Belczak. It's an unfortunate real-

ity, but news like this can reverberate far beyond parish borders, impacting the priests and people of the archdiocese in various ways. This is a situation nobody wants to be in, though we have been led here by our obligation to do what is right,” Reiss continued in the letter to parishioners.

He added that Belczak will not be permitted to be present at St. Kenneth in any capacity and will only be allowed to perform any public ministerial duties with the expressed consent of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

The Rev. Robert Blondell, a senior priest with the Detroit Archdiocese, has been named administrator of St. Kenneth, effective immediately.

Reiss said that no one from the archdiocese would offer any additional comment on the criminal investigation.

“Because of our cooperation with law enforcement authorities, we are unable to give details or comments on the investigation,” he said.

Thomas Belczak was ordained in 1980 and served as associate pastor in Our Lady of the Lakes in Waterford from 1980-84, St. John Neumann Parish in Canton Township from 1984-89 and at St. Valentine Parish in Redford Township from 1989 to 2004 when he was transferred to St. Kenneth in Plymouth.

ROMULUS

City seeks volunteers for Veterans' parade

This year, the City of Romulus will sponsor a Veterans' Day Parade beginning at 9 a.m. Nov. 11.

City officials are looking for individuals, particularly veterans, and organizations to participate or march in the inaugural event. The city will provide floats and trailers for veterans and families to ride on if they prefer.

The parade is open to any motorized patriotic-themed display, officials said. All veterans and parade entries will meet at the Romulus Progressive Hall, 11580 Ozga Road at 8 a.m. on Veterans' Day.

The parade route will travel from the Progressive Hall, across Ozga and through the Romulus Wesleyan Church parking lot onto Goddard Road and go north, turning right on Bibbins and traveling east to Hunt Street where the parade will turn left, ending at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt Street.

There, a Veterans Day Ceremony will take place with involvement from local VFW Post 9568 and other community members. The start of this ceremony will be a ribbon cutting for the new Veterans

Plaza and rededication of the World War I Memorial.

"Spectators are needed along the parade route and at the Veterans Plaza Ceremony to give the veterans the appreciation and honor they deserve," said Maria Lambert, director of the Downtown Development Authority which funded the Veterans Plaza Project.

In June, Mayor LeRoy Burcroff formed a new committee to facilitate veterans programs and outreach in the city. "The freedoms we share and live today are a result of our heroic veterans and for this we should continue to support them whenever we can," Burcroff said.

Romulus Public Services Director Robert McCraight, who is the chairman of the committee said, "The city of Romulus is home to over 1,700 veterans and our mission is to honor and assist them whenever we can."

For more information on the Veterans Day event, to register for the parade or to offer other suggestions on how to help local veterans, call Jill Martin at (734) 955-8960.

Grand opening set for newest Romulus park this Saturday

The newest old park in the City of Romulus is opening to the public on Saturday.

The city will host a ribbon cutting and grand opening at Oakbrook Neighborhood Park-formally Merriman Park-from noon to 1 p.m.

"We've worked very hard at it," said Romulus Mayor Leroy Burcroff. "It's going to be a great little neighborhood park where people can come out and exercise their pets."

The park was redeveloped over the past five weeks into a combination people park and dog park under a plan that Bob Dickerson, Burcroff's chief of staff, brought to the council at the end of August. The southern half of the park, where an old baseball field was located, was fenced in and converted into a dog park with an area for large and small dogs, complete with hoops, ramps and tunnels for the dogs to jump through or climb. In the northern portion, the playscapes and swing sets were cleaned up, repainted and a pavilion was added. The park, like others in the city, had been closed for years due to budget cuts. It is now the only dog park in the area.

"It looks good," said Dickerson. "They did a good job with it."

The city did not have to use additional tax revenue to fund the plan but utilized savings from a tax settlement with Wayne County, along with a grant through the

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Wayne County Parks and Recreation millage.

The city has been working diligently to re-open parks throughout the year, with Elmer Johnson and Eugenio Fernandez Park brought back earlier this summer. 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.

"The city needs to do more of this kind of thing," said Dickerson. "We have to find creative ways of doing things because the budget is still tight."

Because it is funded through Wayne County grants, the dog park is open to anyone, not just Romulus residents.

The grand opening ceremony will feature face painting, games for children, free hot dogs, dog competitions and pictures with the Romulus police and K-9 officers.

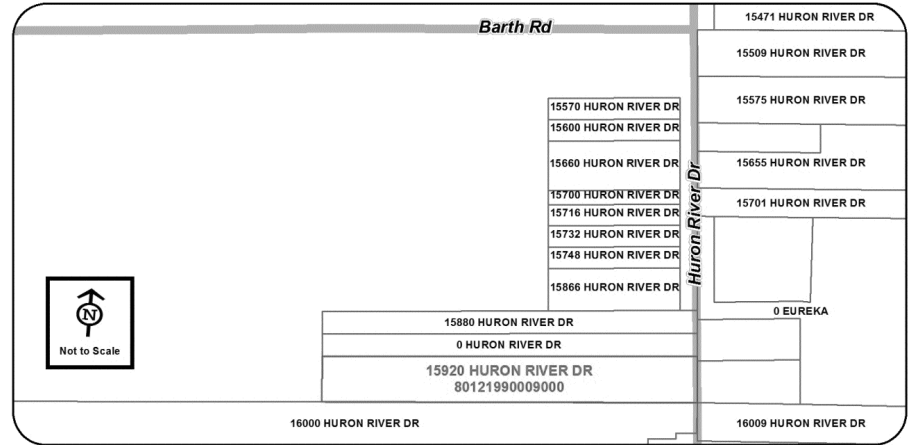
"It'll be a fun event," said Burcroff. "We hope the community comes out."

CITY OF ROMULUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING 15920 HURON RIVER DRIVE ROBERT PAGE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2014** for the purpose of considering a variance request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- Fence Height Variance** (Section 3.05(1)) to allow an 8-foot high privacy fence located at 15920 Huron River Drive. The ordinance allows a height of six (6) feet therefore a 2-foot variance is requested. A variance to Section 3.05(b)(2) is also requested to allow an unfinished fence to face an adjacent property.



The subject property is located on 15920 Huron River Drive. DP#82-80-121-99-0009-000. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, November 5, 2014 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 22, 2014
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 Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe.
Excused: Linda Choate, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to accept the agenda as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-383 2A. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 8, 2014. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-384 2B. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 8, 2014, 7:15 p.m. study session, Wayne County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
3. Petitioner: None.
Chairperson's Report: On behalf of Councilman Wadsworth, Joe Ozog presented a check in the amount of \$1,193 (proceeds from the Pumpkin Festival Bingo) to City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, to be deposited for the Romulus Animal Shelter. School Board member, Tom Kuderik, challenged City Council members to a re-match of bean bag toss at next year's Pumpkin Festival. Public Safety Director, John Leacher, presented the video of the fatal car accident that occurred on Beverly Road in Romulus on July 24, 2014.
14-385 4A. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Roscoe to accept the communication site cell tower lease agreement with American Tower. These are the towers located at Fire Station 1 and Fire Station 4. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
4. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to accept the chairperson's report. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
5. Mayor's Report: Mayor Burcroff announced the August 2014 Employees of the Month - Jazmine Danci, clerical and Chuck Sharrow, labor and trades. Friday, Sept. 26, 2014 - Chili Cook-Off at Romulus High School sponsored by the Romulus Ministerial Alliance. Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014 - Food will be given away at United Community Methodist Church.
14-386 5A1. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Abdo to recognize Jazmine Danci as the August, 2014 City of Romulus Clerical Employee of the Month. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
14-387 5A2. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to recognize Chuck Sharrow as the August, 2014 City of Romulus Labor and Trades Employee of the Month. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
14-388 5A3. Moved by Abdo seconded by Makowski to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Joanne Whaley. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
14-389 5A4. Moved by Makowski seconded by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Gladys Betty Wands. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
14-390 5A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Abdo to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a 36 month contract for analog telephone lines for the City of Romulus under the MiDeal Purchasing Agreement/State of Michigan bid with AT&T. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14- 391 5B. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Crout to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement with MDOT accepting maintenance jurisdiction of the storm sewer for the I-275 Metro Trail along Northline Road. (Contract Number 14-5442). **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
6A. Clerk's Report Last day to register to vote for the November 4, 2014 General Election is October 6, 2014. Absent voter ballots will be mailed out Monday, Sept. 29, 2014.
14-392 6A1(a). Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to authorize the city assessor to proceed with the creation of a special assessment district for the water pump station project for the Oakwood Industrial Subdivision (In accordance with Section 50-4 of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances.) **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-393 6A1(b). Moved by Abdo, seconded by Makowski to confirm and certify the proposed special assessment roll for Oakwood Industrial Park Subdivision. (In accordance with Section 50-6 of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances.) (City will re-assess in five years). **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-394 6A2. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Abdo to schedule a study session on October 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss city-wide information technology and BS&A Financial Management System. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Hall **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-395 6A3. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to authorize the mayor to sign on behalf of the City of Romulus three requests from the Wayne County Department of Public Services indicating that the City of Romulus has no objections to any abandonment if an easement is retained for public utilities. (1) Abandonment and discontinuance of portions of the following UNIMPROVED road rights-of-way situated within the boundaries of the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, said boundaries being west of Middlebelt Road, south of Goddard Extension and Wick Road, east of Vining and Wayne Roads and north of Eureka Road. (2) Abandonment and discontinuance of a portion of Goddard Extension road right-of-way commonly known as West Service Drive lying south of Goddard Extension situated within the boundaries of the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, said boundaries being west of Middlebelt Road, south of Goddard Extension and Wick Road, east of Vining and Wayne Roads and north of Eureka Road. (3) Abandonment and discontinuance of a portion of William G. Rogell Drive road right-of-way, south of Goddard Extension and situated within the boundaries of the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, said boundaries being west of Middlebelt Road, south of Goddard Extension and Wick Road, east of Vining and Wayne Roads and north of Eureka Road. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-396 6A4. Moved by Abdo seconded by Crout to approve first reading of Part II Romulus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article VIII, Cost Recovery for Emergency Services. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-397 6A5. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to correct resolution number 14-341 in the August 25, 2014 minutes to read Bid Award Number 10/11-07. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-398 6A6. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement with the DDA to store city records at 11189 Shook Road thru June 30, 2016. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
6B. Treasurer's Report: City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, informed that the approximate accrued interest shown in the quarterly report from March 31, to June 30, 2014 was \$43,000. Ms. Paige read the guidelines from the City's investment policy (approved by City Council) which dictates what must be included in the quarterly investment reports: "The treasurer shall provide Romulus City Council and the Finance Department quarterly investment reports which provide a clear picture of the status of the current investment portfolio. Schedules in the quarterly report should include the following:
1. A listing of individual securities held at the end of the reporting period by authorized investment category.
2. Average life and final maturity of all investments listed.
3. Coupon discount or earnings rate.
4. Par value and market value.
5. Percentage of the portfolio represented by each investment category."
The treasurer's investment report did include all the above factors and it is available for public viewing at the treasurer's office.
7. Public Comment: Former labor attorney for the City thanked Council for the opportunity to serve the City. A resident inquired if the City will be clearing trees from the creeks. Margaret Leduc, Charter Commission member, reminded residents that the Charter Commission meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business:
10. Communication: City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg announced that the city-wide yard sale will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25 through Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014. Councilwoman Makowski found a pair of eyeglasses in the parking lot of Progressive Hall, the glasses will be at the treasurer's office waiting to be claimed. Mayor Burcroff announced that the chipping service is still available. Romulus High School Class of 1974 is holding their 40 year class reunion on Sat. Sept. 27, 2014. Councilwoman Roscoe announced a fish fry will be held this Friday, Sept. 26, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at 5507 Henry Ruff Road.
14-399 11. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to approve Warrant 14-18 in the amount of \$1,179,993.30. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
12. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, 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 September 22, 2014.
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CANTON

Golf course wins honor as Audubon sanctuary

Fellows Creek Golf Course has achieved designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. Jason McIntyre, Fellows Creek Golf Course superintendent, led the effort to obtain sanctuary designation on the property and is being recognized for Environmental Stewardship by Audubon International.

“Fellows Creek Golf Course has shown a strong commitment to its environmental program. They are to be commended for their efforts to provide a sanctuary for wildlife on the golf course property,” said Doug Bechtel, executive director at Audubon International. “Fellows Creek Golf Course is one of 12 golf courses in Michigan and 911 in the world to be designated as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.”

This certification is presented by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System (ACSS), the educational division of Audubon International.

“To reach certification, a course must demonstrate that they are maintaining a high degree of environmental quality in a number of areas,” explained Bechtel. These categories include: Environmental Planning, Wildlife and Habitat Management, Outreach and Education, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation and Water Quality Management.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, endorsed by the United States Golf Association, pro-

vides information and guidance to help golf courses preserve and enhance wildlife habitat and protect natural resources. Golf courses from the United States, Africa, Australia, Canada, Central America, Europe, New Zealand, and Southeast Asia have achieved certification in the program.

“Designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary is an accomplishment to be proud of for the Canton community,” said Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Canton Leisure Services director. “The national recognition received by Fellows Creek Golf Club demonstrates their effectiveness in creating naturalized areas on the golf course, which provide valuable habitats for local and migratory wildlife in the area. It also shows their increased efficiencies in energy, water, pesticides and fertilizer usage.”

Fellows Creek Golf Club, located at 2936 S. Lotz in Canton has three unique nine-hole layouts with each nine measuring more than 3,200 yards in length. These 27 holes were co-designed by one of Michigan's most renowned golfing architects, W. Bruce Matthews, and his son, Jerry Matthews. Under the management of Billy Casper Golf, Fellows Creek Golf Club also boasts a clubhouse that features a restaurant/banquet facility that can hold up to 300 guests for golf outings, showers, or wedding receptions. In addition, a scenic outdoor wedding ceremony area is also available.

For more information about Fellows Creek Golf Club, call (734) 728-1300 or visit www.fellowscreekgolf.com.



The young casts of Cinderella are preparing for the upcoming performances.

Cinderella comes to Canton stage

School age actors from Forever After Productions, a youth theater education and performance company based in Canton, have been working since the middle of August to perform Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The performers, ages 7 - 14, come from Canton, Plymouth, Ypsilanti, Northville, Trenton, Saline, Ann Arbor and East Lansing.

The show has two casts - the "Magical Cast" and the "Enchanted Cast" which include more than 80 young actors who are now in the final weeks of preparation for the late October shows. The actors continue to rehearse 13 musical numbers under Music Director Dr. Linda Venable. Choreographer Reilly Conlon keeps both casts rehearsing their dances at The Dance Beat in Plymouth while costume

designer Linda Bracken and parent volunteers are busy doing the final work fitting and sewing costumes. Scenic designer Norma Polk, props master Michele Grimm and a staff carpenter lead another team of volunteer parents in finishing sets. Director Brandon Waldenmayer will run everyone through final rehearsals during "tech week" several days before the show opens.

Cinderella performances for the general public are at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 - 26. In addition there are 2 p.m. matinee performances Oct. 25 and 26. Tickets are \$16. All seats are reserved. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Tickets can be purchased at www.ShowTix4U.com, www.forever-afterproductions.com or by calling (734) 547-5156.

Wanted woman

Police are releasing a surveillance photo of an unidentified female suspected of entering the Canton High School athletic building and taking cash from wallets found in book bags and purses in the hallway, athletic office and team room. The incident occurred at about 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 6. The suspect is a white female with dark brown hair, wearing a purple jacket and blue jeans. Police are asking anyone who can identify the female to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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
PLANNING COMMISSION
2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

At the Meeting of October 6, 2014, the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton adopted the following meeting schedule for 2015:

January 12, February 2, March 2, April 6, April 20, May 4, May 18, June 1, June 15, July 6, July 20, August 3, August 17, September 14, October 5, October 19, November 2, November 16, December 7.

The meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Greg Greene - Chairman
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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday November 3, 2014 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

JIMMY JOHN'S SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT WITH DRIVE-THRU AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.8 FOR PARCEL NO. 131 99 0011 000 (46540 MICHIGAN AVE.). Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Canton Center and Beck Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 30, 2014 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Greg Greene, Chairman
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Jimmy John's 131-SLU-2330

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KROGER STORE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR OUT-DOOR SEASONAL SALES AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.02Q FOR PARCEL NO. 061 99 0003 704 (1905 CANTON CENTER N). Property is located south of Ford Road and west of Canton Center Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 30, 2014 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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Kroger Store - Seasonal Sales 061-SLU-2263

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CANTON
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Wayne

Council hires new interim city manager

David Murphy has been hired as the interim city manager in Wayne.

Last week, members of the Wayne City Council voted unanimously to offer the job, which could last for as long as six months, to Murphy, a former city manager in South Lyon.

Murphy's contract was terminated by the South Lyon City Council Oct. 28, 2013 and he received six months full pay and benefits as part of that severance package, according to minutes of the South Lyon City Council meeting. Murphy and candidate

David Mackie, the current deputy mayor in Taylor, were interviewed for the job earlier this month.

"I feel we had two good candidates. I thought David Mackie showed great qualities," said Councilman David James. "The budget he manages (in Taylor) is three times what we have here. He's currently in Wayne County. He knows what we need."

Councilwoman Susan Rowe agreed that both Mackie and Murphy were strong candidates but she felt Murphy was more suited to the needs of Wayne.

Wayne officials continue to struggle with a \$500,000 budget deficit...

"He has prepared several city budgets. Mr. Mackie is well qualified but said he has never prepared a budget," said Rowe. "Mr. Murphy can step right in after he passes his background check."

Since the abrupt resignation of former City Manager Joseph Merucci last month, Police Chief Jason Wright has been acting as city manager. That arrangement

Commissioner:

Wayne officials continue to struggle with a \$500,000 budget deficit and a deficit of about \$1.5 million is predicted for the next budget cycle.

Murphy told the council members during the job interview that he would be able to provide recommendations regarding the budget problems after a month on the job. He worked in South Lyon for more than five years and also worked in Almont, Caro and Brighton along with interim positions in Franklin and Huntington Woods.

Local church welcomes husband and wife as new pastors

The Bethlehem Temple of Praise in Wayne recently welcomed two new pastors.

Pastors Jeffrey and Carmela Richardson recently assumed new roles at Bethlehem Temple of Praise where Richardson is now executive pastor. He was ordained in 1988 at the Church of God in Anderson IN. He and his wife were married in 1986 and the couple served on the pastoral staff of the First Church of God in Los Angeles, CA under Bishop Benjamin Reid for seven years. In 1992 the couple was sent to Cleveland, OH to minister to a traditional church congregation.

Carmela Richardson served in many ministerial and administrative roles in the Ohio congregation and established a women's ministry, Bible class and outreach ministries. In March of 2000, she and her husband started Barak Bible Fellowship Church, where she served in



Pastors Jeffrey and Carmela Richardson

the capacity of co-pastor.

Her husband serves as the overseer of Well Spring Church (formerly Barak Bible Fellowship Church) and is now the Executive Pastor of Bethlehem Temple of Praise in Wayne. He will celebrate 35 years of preaching and 21 years of pastoral ministry this year. He also served as a

Music Coordinator for the National Inspirational Youth Convention 1994-97 and was chairman of Cleveland Unity Fellowship of the Church of God from 1996-99.

Richardson continues to serve the church-at-large as a revival speaker and music workshop clinician. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from the Southern California School of Ministry. He also has an accounting degree and has worked in the advertising, commercial

banking and insurance industries. Currently, he is completing his Master of Divinity and Master of Clinical Counseling degrees at Ashland Theological Seminary.

The couple have been married for more than 25 years and have two sons, Jayson, 24 and Caleb, 19.

The Bethlehem Temple of Praise is located at 3789 Venoy Road, in Wayne, and services, at 11 a.m. Sundays, are open to the public.

CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID

ITB 14/15-09 AUDIO/VISUAL (MCOLES STANDARD TIME STAMPING COMPLIANT) RECORDING SYSTEM FOR RPD

ITB 14/15-10 THREE (3) PORTABLE MOTORCYCLE RADIO KITS FOR ROMULUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

(1) The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above items

(2) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid *must use the forms provided by the City*. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the [MITN system](http://www.mitn.info/) @ <http://www.mitn.info/>.

(3) Two (2) copies of the bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the *City Clerk's Office* no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, **October 28, 2014**. At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.

RESPONSE ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE ITB NUMBER AND NAME AND BE ADDRESSED:

ITB #

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE

1111 Wayne Road,

Romulus, Michigan 48174

(4) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

(5) For additional information contact Lynn A. Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us.

Please Publish: Thursday, October 16, 2014, The Eagle or The Associated Newspapers of Michigan.

CITY OF ROMULUS

PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR TAX ABATMENT

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 6:45 pm in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to consider (1) an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to PA 198 of 1974, as amended for **ZYNP, 27501 Hildebrandt, Romulus, Michigan 48174** and (2) a transfer of certain equipment from 30610 Ecorse Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to 27501 Hildebrandt, Romulus, Michigan 48174 previously approved for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate (Certificate number 2013-419 approved on April 4, 2014) pursuant to PA 198 of 1974, as amended for **ZYNP, 30610 Ecorse, Romulus, Michigan 48174**.

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS

Land situated in the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan, described as: *PT OF THE SE 1/4 OF SEC 13 BEG AT THE E 1/4 COR OF SAID SEC 13 T3S R9E TH N 89D 45M 45S W 60 FT TH S 0D 30M 26S W 33 FT TO POB TH S 0D 30M 26S W 1352.09 FT TH N 89D 21M 23S W 1307.90 FT TH N 0D 32M 49S E 175 FT TH S 89D 21M 23S E 742 FT TH N 0D 32M 49S E 1173.06 FT TH S 89D 45M 45S E 564.94 FT TO POB 20.50 ACRES AKA 27501 Hildebrandt*

Land situated in the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan, described as: *THE S 536 FT OF LOTS 900 AND 901 AND THE S 509 FT OF LOT 902 SUPERVISORS ROMULUS PLAT NO 14 OF PT OF THE SW 1/4 OF SEC 2 T3S R9E BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESC AS COMMENCING AT THE SE COR OF LOT 900 TH N 01D 07M 50S W 27 FT TO THE POB TH S 88D 16M 58S W 292.61 FT TH N 01D 09M 00S W 516.67 FT TH N 88D 17M 40S E 292.79 FT TH S 01D 07M 50S E 516.62 FT TO THE POB T3S R9E L68 P60 WCR 3.47 AC AKA 30610 Ecorse*

This is an open meeting! All interested citizens are invited to attend, and will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal. Written comments may be forwarded no later than October 27, 2014 at 12 o'clock noon to the attention of:

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

City of Romulus

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THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 167 of 1976 as amended (Opening Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services should contact the City of Romulus Clerk's Office by writing or calling the following:

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

(734) 942-7540

A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the Clerk.

CITY OF ROMULUS

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

13358 HURON RIVER DRIVE

HARMON MITCHELL

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2014** for the purpose of considering variance requests. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. **Dimensional (Non-Use) Variance** - Section 3.04(3)(b) to allow an additional 1,800-square foot pole barn. A variance of 600 square feet is requested since the petitioner has an existing 1,200 square foot garage and the permitted total square footage of accessory building floor area on parcels that are two acres or more is 2,400 square feet.

The subject property is located at 13358 Huron River Drive, DP# 82-80-117-99-0027-000. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, November 5, 2014 and should be addressed to Carol Maisie, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

15303 MERRIMAN

ROMULUS OUTREACH CENTER

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2014** for the purpose of considering a temporary use request to allow for a Social Assistance Center located at 15303 Merriman. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a temporary use request in accordance with Section 22.03(e) of the the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. **Temporary Use Variance** - Requesting a temporary use permit to allow a social assistance center. Romulus Outreach Center is proposing to use up to fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet of Merriman Elementary School for the distribution of food for needy families.

The subject property is located on 15303 Merriman Road, DP# 82-80-138-99-0006-000. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, November 5, 2014 and should be addressed to Carol Maisie, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

City of Romulus, Michigan

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NORTHVILLE

Holiday home tour tickets now on sale

The annual Holiday Home Tour presented by the Northville Community Foundation will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Nov. 14 and 15.

Five Northville homes have been chosen for the 17th annual tour this year. According to Jessica Striegle, events and fundraising manager for the foundation, the homes selected differ in style and offer something for every taste. The tour, this year, she said, is an exceptional blend of traditional, eclectic, cozy and even a home with and Asian flair.

“Each home is beautiful on its own but with our talented team of decorators the homes come to life with ideas on top of ideas for decorating your home for the holidays,” Striegle said.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the tour and are on sale now at Gardenviews in Northville or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Tickets may also be purchased on Visa or MasterCard by calling (248)374-0200. Tickets are limited and the tour does sell out each year, Striegle added.

Proceeds from the Holiday Home Tour help fund the Northville Community Foundation Senior Holiday Baskets program which provides gift baskets to senior citizens in assisted living facilities as well as the foundation scholarship program for high school seniors.

The Northville Community Foundation, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization organized to enhance and enrich life in the community. The foundation supports non-profits; educational programs and health related issues through the Healthy Youth and Senior Funds; historic preservation; and the arts. The



Decorators participating in the Northville Foundation Holiday Home Tour always provide clever and unusual uses for holiday décor.

foundation is a tax-exempt charitable organization State Certified and authorized to receive and administer endowments and other funds from individuals, businesses, professional and corporate sponsors. For more information visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org.

Home

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4,200 square-feet in the lower level where a miniature replica of the Paramount Movie Palace in New York has been installed. It features 12 velvet seats on risers facing a stage where actual footlights have been installed. There is also a red velvet curtain with long gold tassels.

Fifteen leaded glass medallions are installed in the coffered ceiling and are backlit. The bar area, too, features elaborate woodwork, pillars and an expansive bar and entertainment area. There is, of course, a pool room and back upstairs, an octagonal music room where only a Bosendorfer grand piano and a neo-classic sculpture are artistically placed for maximum effect in the turret-like windows.

Multiple balconies and terraces are accessible from several rooms in the home and two library-like rooms, one a sitting room at the top of a stairway, are both richly paneled in real wood.

The kitchen features two islands, one with seating and both with extensive granite along with the extraordinary cabinetry.

The entire home, according to the listing agent Spiro of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel is a “mansion of epic proportions.”

Pre-approval and proof of funds must be submitted to Spiro prior to any showing at the request of the seller.

Prose, who sued the City of Plymouth for \$700 million in both federal and circuit courts in 1999, won a \$2.3 million judgment against former newspaper publisher W. Ed Wendover and his wife, Sally Repeck in 2005. All other defendants were dropped or found not liable in prolonged court battles.

Teachers donate \$10,000 to district

They are teaching by example.

Teachers and other employees in the Northville Public Schools donated more than \$10,000 to the Northville Educational Foundation during the giving campaign last month.

During the campaign, 178 staff members contributed to the educational foundation with a donation or by enrolling in a payroll deduction program for the entire 2014-1015 year; according to the Northville Education Foundation.

“As ambassadors for the youth of Northville,” said Jennifer Roosenberg, the executive director of the Northville Educational Foundation, “NPS staff already work hand in hand with the Northville Educational Foundation in raising the bar for excellence in the Northville Public Schools. The fact that so many staff members were willing to go above and beyond to support students in the district is a testimony to the high level of dedication among the staff district-wide.”

The funds will be used by the foundation to help provide grant funding that directly benefits students in the district, Roosenberg said. For the 2014-15 school year, the foundation has budgeted nearly \$100,000 to Northville Public Schools for programs such as Innovative Teaching grants, International Baccalaureate, Leader In Me, student financial aid and other programs that enrich Northville curriculum in the areas of academics, arts and athletics.

Silver Springs Elementary educators and staff members were presented with a \$1,000 prize from the foundation for having a participation level of more than 70 percent, the highest in the district. Silver Springs staff will vote on the use of the funds.



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Belleville - Plymouth

Citizens criticize award of construction contract

Don Howard
Staff Writer

New details regarding the Plymouth Township Park pavilion were revealed at the meeting of the township board of trustees last week following the award of the construction contract. Quotations for the initial advertised sealed-bid inquiry were due July 14 and were opened publicly on that date in Township Hall.

The original bid specifications information and accompanying project manual, prepared by Township Clerk Nancy Conzelman, called for a base-project bid and an alternate construction-management bid that would allow the township to purchase certain materials directly for installation by subcontractors.

Construction of the pavilion at Plymouth Township Park will begin this fall after approval of the construction bid to Acme Enterprise Inc. of Roseville, the second-lowest bidder, by a 5-2 vote. The two dissenting

trustees, Bob Doroshewitz and Chuck Curmi, and several members of the audience questioned the procedures and accounting utilized in the bidding process.

Township Supervisor Reaume and Treasurer Ron Edwards have argued strongly for approval on both the pavilion and amphitheater projects since they introduced their first plans to build a basic-structure pavilion, estimated to cost about \$85,000. The amphitheater initially was not discussed or advertised.

“Recreation amenities enhance our community's livability,” said Reaume, in his fall letter to the community. The 12-page, four-color publication highlights a new \$350,000 amphitheater and all-season pavilion warming station that Doroshewitz said may cost nearly \$700,000 when complete.

Township board meeting have attracted hundreds of residents during the past months calling for greater accountability and public input into the use of township funds, prompted by

the plans for the amphitheater and pavilion. Many have cited public safety as a priority and suggested trustees concentrate funding in the understaffed fire department which currently does not have a ladder truck and where the 20-year-old fire engines and equipment suffer constant breakdowns.

At the board meeting last week, township resident and activist Chris Hunter criticized the board and what Curmi described as “value engineering” which occurred between members of the board and Acme representatives after the bids were submitted and opened.

“It seems to me we are rewarding someone for poor behavior,” Hunter said. The first bid from Acme was \$547,303 and after conversations regarding costs with township officials took place, Acme lowered the cost to \$492,573, a savings of \$54,550.

Hunter told the board that he was in favor of “value engineering” but that it should take place “before the bids were finalized,

not after.”

“It seems to me we are rewarding a company that gave us a high bid for an inefficient building. Now they claim the new bid includes better, more efficient materials that will better withstand the weather,” Hunter said. He asked why those materials at the lower cost were not in the original bid.

Doroshewitz said he estimated the true cost of the project was going to be \$677,000 despite the assurances from Reaume and Edwards that the bids were complete.

Included in the project are construction costs of \$492,753; \$150,000 for utility lines to the new building; \$24,500 for architectural fees and another \$10,000 for furnishings. It's unclear how the pavilion specifications and purchase instructions were changed from the initial inquiry without revising the engineering drawings or involving the architect-designer firm D.S. Wright. No further details emerged about Conzelman's alternate construction-manage-

ment bid requirement.

The pavilion, as planned, will be a 4,500 square foot structure near the baseball fields in the park, at the top of the sledding hill. It will include restrooms, a warming center and a kitchen area with a sink and refrigerator.

Doroshewitz questioned a reference in building plans to a water connection for a snow-making machine.

“When did we decide to put in a snow machine?” he asked.

Edwards defended the proposed snow making device claiming that many winters see little snow and that the sledding hill should be more useable. He estimated that the machines being considered cost \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Both Doroshewitz and Curmi proposed the hiring of a project manager to oversee the construction and monitor any escalating expenses or changes to the plans. Reaume responded that the project manager would be Building Department Director Mark Lewis.

‘Dash in Disguise’ planned in Belleville Oct. 25

Neighbors can expect to see zombies, witches, a Dracula or two and several cartoon characters haunting the gazebo in Horizon Park in downtown Belleville in the early morning of Oct. 25. From there, the creatures will run, walk or shamble down Main Street through downtown in an effort to get to Fourth Street Square.

Then it will be pancakes and smiles all around as the Booville 1-Mile Dash in Disguise concludes with the Community Action Foundation 5 Pancake Breakfast, an annual fundraiser

to help area families in need.

The fun run for families and individuals is organized by the YMCA which serves Belleville and Van Buren Township in addition to Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

Karen Mida, a member of the Community Action Foundation 5, proposed joining the pancake breakfast with the YMCA fun run this year.

“CAF5 works with kids and families to ensure they have the health and medical assistance they need to live healthy lives. We thought it would be a great part-

nership with the YMCA to offer this event that coincides with the CAF5 breakfast because our missions for healthy living are so closely aligned,” Mida said.

Registration for the Dash in Disguise will begin at 7:45 a.m. and continue for one hour and the race will commence at 9 a.m. Participants in the costumed run/walk/race will receive a discounted price on tickets for the pancake breakfast, Mida added. Fees for the Dash in Disguise are \$5 per person with those ages 3 and younger admitted at no cost. All proceeds from the YMCA

event will benefit the annual campaign which provides financial assistance to families in need.

Pancakes will be served from 8-11 a.m. and the cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages 5-12 and those younger than 5 eat at no cost with an adult.

“The YMCA is so excited about being part of the Booville events,” said Sage Hegdal, executive director of the Plymouth Family YMCA, “Many people don't realize that the Plymouth Family YMCA serves Belleville and Van Buren in addition to

Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

“Many families in Belleville and Van Buren have personally benefited from our financial assistance program, so we are happy that proceeds from the event will go back to families here,” he said.

There will be prizes for the best family costume, the most creative costume and the most colorful costume and the first 100 finishers will receive a prize at the finish line.

For information about the YMCA, call (734) 453-2904 or visit ymcadetroit.org/Plymouth.

Chamber sponsors car raffle

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual car raffle this year.

Each \$20 ticket is one chance to win a 24-month, or 10,500 mile per year, lease on a Ford Focus or \$5,000. Chamber officials said that only 1,000 tickets will be

sold.

The drawing will take place Dec. 6, during the Belleville Winter Fest.

Tickets can be purchased at the chamber office, 248 Main St. in Belleville.

More information is available at (734) 697-7151.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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, October 30, 2014 for the following:

EXTRICATION TOOLS

Bids may be picked up at the Finance & Budget Department, 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.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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PODIUMS FOR SUMMIT BANQUET

Bids may be picked up at the Finance & Budget Department, 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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HD STUDIO CAMERAS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 30, 2014 for the following:

SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

Bids may be picked up at the Finance & Budget Department, 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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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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, October 30, 2014 for the following:

CARDIAC MONITORS

Bids may be picked up at the Finance & Budget Department, 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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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday November 3, 2014 in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.* on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

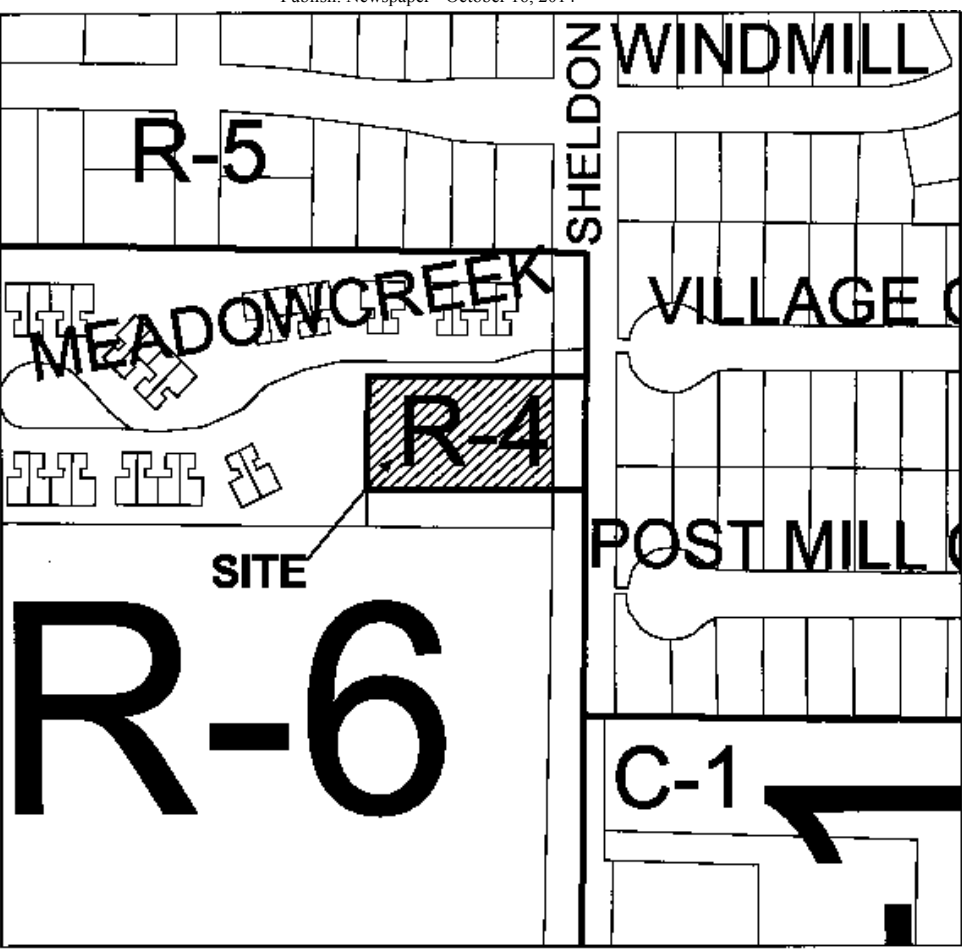
SHAJARA TAYYIBA SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR AN PRIVATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.4 FOR PARCEL NO. 011 99 0019 001 (7437 SHELTON N.). Property is located west of Sheldon Road and north of Warren Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 30, 2014 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Greg Greene, Chairman
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