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Jury visits site of police beating

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Jurors deliberating the charges against former Inkster Police Officer William Melendez were expected to view the location where the alleged crime took place.

Closing arguments from both the prosecution and defense were expected to be heard by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Vonda Evans yesterday and a verdict in the case could come this week, according to court sources.

Melendez, 47, has been charged with misconduct in office for the mistreatment of a prisoner, a 5-year felony, and assault with intent to do great

bodily harm less than murder, a 10-year felony; by the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Kim Worthy. The charges stem from a traffic violation Jan. 28 when Inkster police officers stopped motorist Floyd Dent for an infraction. Police claimed that Dent drove on for a mile before heading the patrol car lights and siren and stopping his vehicle.

A patrol car dashcam video-

tape of the subsequent arrest received national attention when officers pulled Dent from the car, forced him to the pavement, and Melendez is seen viciously striking Dent about the head 16 times with a closed fist. Other officers are seen on the videotape using tasers on Dent as Melendez strikes him while restraining him in what appears to be a choke hold. One officer

approaches the prone Dent while Melendez strikes him and kicks Dent.

Police claimed that Dent was resisting arrest during the incident and that he had verbally threatened them. They also claim that he was in a known drug area of the city. In another section of the videotape, Melendez is seen at the rear of Dent's Cadillac where attorneys have claimed he is seen removing something from his pocket. Dent was charged by Inkster police with resisting arrest, obstruction of justice and possession of cocaine, which

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Celebrate County Lightfest now open for holiday season

With the flip of a switch, Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans and Santa lit up more than 4 miles of Hines Drive for the Wayne County Lightfest last week.

Hundreds of parents and children crowded the Hines Park - Merriman Hollow area to share in the annual holiday tradition. This year, the ceremony also featured a fireworks show, music, entertainment and refreshments.

As the Midwest's largest and longest drive-through light show, Lightfest features more than 47 giant animated holiday themed displays. The entire light show has been converted to environmentally beneficial LED lights.

Lightfest is open from 7-10 p.m. Monday - Thursday and from 6-10 p.m. Friday - Sunday through Dec. 31. The exhibit is closed Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Visitors enter Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland and exit onto Warren Avenue near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights. There is a \$5 fee per vehicle. Hines Drive closes to traffic at 6 p.m. Monday - Thursday and at 5 p.m. Friday - Sunday.

Toy Nights are planned for Dec. 1, 8 and 15 when the community is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the \$5 vehicle fee.

Santa's Workshop at Warrendale Park at the end of the Lightfest drive will be open from Nov. 20 through Dec. 23, concurrent



with the Lightfest hours of operation.

Letters to Santa can be mailed in the giant mailbox outside Santa's Workshop.

The Wayne County Lightfest sponsors include: Friends of Wayne County Parks, DTE Energy, ITC Holdings, Cole, Newton & Duran CPA's, Community Alliance

Credit Union, Fox 2 News, Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters, McDonald Modular, Motor City Mountain Biking Association, SMART, Consumers Energy and Beatholtrain.com.

For more information, call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com.

State recommended changes under way in park

Don Howard
Staff Writer

The changes recommended by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) at the site of the new pavilion are currently under way in McCumpia Park in Plymouth Township.

Last week, a large area west of the park pavilion was freshly excavated in an effort to create a natural barrier that will function as an environmental swale to catch run-off water from the recently completed 4-acre concrete parking lot.

In August, officials from MDEQ determined that the

parking lot as originally planned was in violation of state regulations.

Hae-Jin Yoon, southeast Michigan supervisor for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Wayne County Water Quality Analyst Andrew Bahrou met with Township Supervisor Shannon Price, Parks and Grants Manager Mike Mitchell, Township Engineer Patrick Feltrath and David Richmond, project manager from Spalding DeDecker, the consulting engineers, to discuss changes to the plans that would mitigate the problems and bring the township into compliance with state requirements.

Yoon said at the time the township needed to make compliance improvements by changing the location of the outflow at the parking lot site, "so runoff water goes in more of an upland area." Yoon and Sally Petrella, volunteer monitoring program manager from Friends of the Rouge, who also consulted with

township officials, confirmed that the township developed revised drawings and changed the construction plans.

Mitchell was at the site last week with park worker Steve Rapson picking up survey flags used to mark the 75-foot circular area that will contain rainwater from the 200-space parking lot. He indicated the work on the revised run-off plan was near completion.

"It's a bio-swale...this will provide water to the prairie grass and trees and at the same time keep the run-off from the pond, Mitchell said.

Bahrou said last week in an email that he felt the township was on track to make the revisions and the state would continue to monitor the project. In a meeting with The Eagle last month, Feltrath and Mitchell promised that the township would work with the state regarding the problems but refused comment on the impact or cost factors to make the compliance changes.



Construction of a 75-foot circular swale which will contain rainwater and runoff from the 200-space parking lot in McCumpia Park is under way. Photo by Don Howard

INKSTER - ROMULUS

Voters OK senior services and recreation millages

The results of two millage elections in the City of Inkster were incorrectly reported in The Eagle last week.

The millage questions were both approved by voters during the Nov. 3 election.

The request for 1-mill to fund senior services in the community for the next 10 years was approved by a vote of 1,611 yes votes to only 606 no votes on the question. The millage is expected to generate about \$200,000 annually to fund senior services

in the city.

A request for a 2-mill parks and recreation tax for 10 years was also approved by Inkster voters.

The final results showed that 1,605 voters said yes to the question while only 637 voted no.

The millage is expected to generate about \$800,000 annually to fund the parks and recreation activities in the city.

The Eagle regrets any confusion the error may have caused.

denied using or possessing drugs at the time of the arrest, a claim bolstered by the testimony of the Wayne County Medical Examiner who told jurors that extensive testing showed no sign of cocaine in Dent's system at the time of his arrest. Police and defense attorneys had previously claimed a hospital blood test was positive for opiate use by Dent.

Dent, 58, admitted that he was driving without a valid license at the time of the arrest. He has been arrested seven times for traffic-related offenses, according to testimony last week.

Vickie Yost, the former Inkster Police Chief, resigned her position following the incident and Melendez was immediately fired by City Manager Richard Marsh. Yost, called as a witness, admitted from the witness stand that the dashcam video was "hard to watch." Other officers at the scene of Dent's arrest were suspended for various periods of time for their actions during the incident.

Trial

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Melendez claimed to have found in Dent's vehicle.

After a review of the taped arrest, 22nd District Court Judge Sabrina Johnson dropped resisting arrest charges against Dent and when the videotape was provided to Worthy she dropped the remaining charges against him. Worthy subsequently issued the current charges against Melendez.

Last week, defense attorneys said that Melendez will not take the witness stand in his own defense against the charges.

Dent, who was hospitalized for his injuries which included a broken eye socket, testified that the beating left him with residual problems including memory loss and severe trauma. He adamantly



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Approval to Amend an Existing Planned Unit Development


DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, December 9, 2015

TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 PM

PLACE OF HEARING: Charter Township of Plymouth, 9555 N. Hagerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application requesting to AMEND THE EXISTING PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT for the Robert Bosch Corporation by adding the property located on Tax ID No. 8-78-021-99-0025-000 to the existing Robert Bosch PUD property, which is located on Tax ID No. 8-78-021-99-0001-002, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 98, Section 23.02. The property is located East of Hagerty Road, South of Five Mile Road, North of Schoolcraft Road.

Application: 2154-1115 **Applicant:** Robert Bosch Corporation



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: See parcel description, use tax records based on Tax ID no(s): 8-78-021-99-0001-002 & 8-78-021-99-0025-000

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested are requested to be present. Pertinent information to the application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be applied to 9555 N. Hagerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48178 or call 734-554-3270 extension 1. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at the Township Hall, which is located at 9555 N. Hagerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48178.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as sign language, for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Township Hall, 9555 N. Hagerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48178. Phone: 734-554-3281. TDD users: 800-848-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

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Society leaders

Members of the Romulus High School Chapter of the National Honor Society recently elected five new officers to lead them through school year. The officers will work together to ensure a year of community involvement between Romulus High School students and members of the community. New officers are, front row, left, Dante Hill and Daris Ellis and in the third row are advisors Kathy Rice and Kathy Abdo. Advisor Liza Mockeridge is not pictured.

Charter Township of Plymouth

Notice of Budget Public Hearing

December 15, 2015

The Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year of 2016 on December 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Charter Township of Plymouth offices located at 9555 N. Hagerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48178. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the above address in the Clerk's Office on every day from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PUBLIC NOTICE

To all residents and other interested parties: Agents and Ministers for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as "agents") are available for review online at www.plymouth-twp.org under "Agencies/Ministers" and in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9555 N. Hagerty Rd., Plymouth, MI.

Regular Meeting dates in 2015: December 15
 Special meetings, if any, will occur on Tuesdays, unless otherwise posted. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board Township Meetings.

Nancy Concha
 Township Clerk

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Plymouth Township honored by eCities

Plymouth Township has been recognized for its work to foster entrepreneurial growth and economic development in the annual eCities study conducted by researchers at iLabs, the University of Michigan-Dearborn Center for Innovation Research. Plymouth Township was honored as a Five Star community, one of only 18 such awards across the state.

"We are honored to have once again been recognized as a Five Star entrepreneurial community," said Shannon Price, Plymouth Township supervisor. "Our staff prides itself on creating a great economic development environment, and working with our neighbors to better our region."

The 4-mill tax rate in Plymouth Township, the lowest in Wayne County, makes the community an attractive place for both large and small manufacturing companies to locate, companies that include Federal Mogul, LOC Performance, Bosch, Red Viking, Toolco, and many more, Price noted.

Plymouth Township is also part of a joint regional effort for a high-tech business corridor along Five Mile Road between Ecorse and Napier roads with participation from Northville Township,

Wayne County, State of Michigan, DTE, Michigan Land Bank and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, he added. "This collaborative initiative led by Plymouth and Northville Townships has identified 1,000 acres of primarily municipally and state-owned land with 500 developable acres in our shared Five Mile Road corridor which is being marketed as the MITC (Michigan International Technology Center)."

"We have built a strong coalition to help promote the MITC, and were delighted when the MEDC and Governor (Rick) Snyder marketed the project on two foreign trade missions," continued Price. "Again, we are grateful that our efforts were recognized by iLabs."

Five-star communities spent more than \$3.4 million on economic development, had more than \$11 million in additions to assets in the past year and had more than \$29 billion in combined real and personal property values, according to criteria from iLabs.

The eCities study surveyed 66 communities from 29 counties in Michigan that are home to more than 10 percent of Michigan residents and 10 percent of college

graduates. These communities count for nearly one-fifth of the state's entrepreneurs who earned more than \$1.8 billion in self-employed income. More than 60 percent of these communities have a local business database, nearly a third provide business improvement grants, and nearly 40 percent have full-time economic development employees, according to the iLabs website.

"The eCities project highlights how local governments from across the State of Michigan are cultivating and supporting economic development. These communities show how local governments can work in distinct and strategic ways to maximize public spaces, while investing in businesses and job development," said Tim Davis, director at iLabs. The communities were honored Oct. 29, at UM-Dearborn. Support for eCities is provided in part by the DTE Energy Foundation, Miller Canfield, Oakland County Economic Development and Community Affairs and the UM-Dearborn College of Business.

The annual eCities research project, which began in 2007, uses data supplied by the participants, as well as other public records to assemble a six-factor, 32-item index of entrepreneurial



Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price and Jana Radtke, the township planner/community development director, show off the eCities Five Star award presented to the township.

activity, looking at such factors as clustering, incentives, growth, policies, community and education. The study focuses on entrepreneurship because of its importance to expansion and diversification of Michigan's

regional economies and the impact small businesses have on job creation. To date, 199 communities across Michigan have participated in the study, according to information provided by the township.

Supervisor announces retirement from politics

It will remain business as usual for Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, at least for the next year.

LaJoy, 71, announced last week that he will not seek re-election to the supervisor's post in 2016. This is LaJoy's second 4-year term as township supervisor. He was first elected in 2008.

LaJoy served as a township trustee and as a state representative during his 26-year political career. He announced his decision during a township board meeting last week.

His announcement was met with praise from Tom Yeck, who currently serves as a board trustee and is a former township supervisor.

Yeck praised LaJoy's leadership in

the township during the national recession and noted that LaJoy kept his promise to the public to keep Canton financially sound.

LaJoy formerly worked in management positions with both UPS and Xerox and founded a company that provided temporary employees. He received his business degree from the University of Detroit.

He served two consecutive 2-year terms in the State House of Representatives before seeking his first term as township supervisor. He said he plans to spend more time with his family, including his wife of 28 years, Jean, and his sons and four grandchildren.

No charges in fatal crash

Michigan State Police investigators have confirmed that no charges will be filed in the fatal accident that took place on I-275 last week.

Semi-truck driver John Mark Sakofsky, 37, of Holly, was killed at the scene when the empty tanker truck he was driving struck a Wayne County Road Commission vehicle at about 2 p.m. Nov. 12.

According to information from the state police, officers were dispatched to I-275 just south of Michigan Avenue in Canton Township. Troopers determined that the

semi-truck was traveling southbound in the right lane and passed a Wayne County Road Commission truck on the shoulder with the arrow board lights activated. The semi-truck continued in the right lane and struck the rear of a second Wayne County Road Commission vehicle that was stopped in the right lane with the arrow board activated.

The semi-truck driver was killed instantly and the driver of the road commission truck transported to a local hospital as a precaution.

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 written 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:

Geryn Bulcher, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48103
(734) 384-5240

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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 Wednesday, December 2, 2015 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 27.01 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

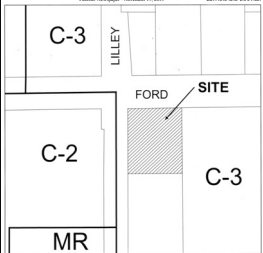
SPEEDWAY WITH SPECIAL LAND USE. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF AN AUTOMOBILE FILLING STATION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 4.03 OF PARCEL NO. 039-08-0020 (800 S. LILLEY LN.). Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Lilley Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. prior to Thursday, December 3, 2015, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Gary Grooms, Chairman
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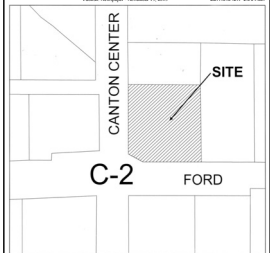
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Speedway, #8724 039-SLU-2926



BELLEVILLE - WESTLAND

Grant will fund North Wayne tutoring program

Westland has been awarded a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant to fund an After-School Tutoring and Learning Lab to be housed inside the Jefferson Barnes Community Vitality Center.

The city was awarded \$65,820 to create and staff a 16-student learning lab for K-12 tutoring for at-risk students. Grant funding will be used to buy technology and equipment needed for the learning lab, as well as pay certified educators to act as tutors.

The Jefferson Barnes Community Vitality Center is located in the historic Norwayne district. Constructed in 1942, the Norwayne neighborhood is the oldest subdivision in the city. It was added to the National Registry of Historic places in July of 2013. Constructed during World War II for the workers at the Willow Run Bomber Plant and during its peak was home to more than

20,000 residents.

The Jefferson Barnes Community Vitality Center, which was officially opened last week, is also the new location of the Westland administrative offices previously housed at the Dorsey Center and is a \$600,000 renovation of the former Jefferson Barnes Elementary School which has been vacant since 2010. The new facility includes the Norwayne Boxing Club and a library. Basketball courts and baseball fields will be installed next spring. The center is also home to Nankin Transit which is a local bus system that services senior citizens and handicapped residents in the City of Westland, Wayne, Inkster and Garden City.

The Learning Lab will be staffed with certified educators via a partnership with the Eastern Michigan University Bright Futures program which

Studies have shown time and again that education is key to keeping kids from going down the wrong path.

currently provides such tutoring in Westland. The Lab will be used by the Westland Youth Assistance Program-a judicial alternative program for young offenders-during their weekly tutoring sessions. The Youth Assistance Program will also supplement the Bright Futures components with additional material on making positive life choices, saying no to drugs, and related topics. These supplements are intended to be an intermittent and recurring addition to the tutoring program.

"As mayor of Westland, one of my visions has been to oversee the revitalization of the Norwayne community as a

strong neighborhood, providing affordable housing and creative programs for its residents," commented Wild. "This new Learning Lab will address several needs. First, it will provide opportunities for additional, after-school and summer tutoring for children in an at-risk neighborhood. Studies have shown time and again that education is key to keeping kids from going down the wrong path.

"Second, it will provide opportunities for positive interaction between at-risk kids and the Westland Police Department. Officers will walk through the tutoring site and interact with the youths in a non-adversarial

environment. This will help to build trust between all parties.

"Third, it will enhance the capabilities of the Youth Assistance Program by giving their tutoring sessions access to a Learning Lab equipped with computers and tablets," Wild said.

Once the Learning Lab is equipped, tutoring will take place four days a week. During the school year this tutoring will be divided into two segments, one for elementary and middle school students and one for those in high school. The elementary and middle school portion of tutoring will be supplemented by tutoring assistants from the Champions of Wayne program, and will be high school students.

The Jefferson Barnes Community Vitality Center is located at 32150 Dorsey Ave. in Westland.

School district audit accepted

Auditors have confirmed that the Van Buren Public School District has a fund balance of more than \$8 million, although the amount is less than the state average.

The audit was performed by the firm of Taylor and Morgan, PC, and included the entire \$57 million budget for the 2014-15 school year. The audit is required by the state before Nov. 1 annually to ensure the district receives the per-pupil state allotment. Van Buren schools received \$7,422 per each of the 5,039 students for the last fiscal

year, according to the auditors.

The "unmodified report" was submitted to the state as required, auditors said.

The fund balance of \$8,089,543 is 17.9 percent of the budget in Van Buren while the state average for state school districts was 94.5 percent, a representative of the auditing firm told members of the board of education earlier this month. The district was still owed \$8 million in state aid as of June 30, he said, so the district was in acceptable operating condition and would have necessary funds

until the state funding was received.

The fund balance in the food service department was about \$500,000, and expenditures in the athletic department were reported at \$500,000. Those funds were paid from the district general fund, which contributed \$350,000 to the department costs while the athletic department contributed \$150,000 to the costs.

The auditor told the board members that the current unfunded liability for pensions was \$62,185,630.

Safe Zone is established

Craig's List users in Van Buren Township and Belleville can be assured of their safety in completing their transactions, thanks to a new policy from the Van Buren Township Police Department.

Public Safety Director Greg Laurin announced recently that township police headquarters will not provide a Safe Zone for transactions negotiated on the popular website. Laurin said the new policy is in the interest of pub-

lic safety as he encouraged local resident to complete their sale or purchases in the police headquarters lobby or even the parking lot at the station.

Laurin said this would be safer place to meet to complete transactions on Craig's List or other online sales websites as there is a video recording of the area and there is an officer on duty in the lobby during business hours, Monday through Friday.

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Calendar of events

Legislators sets coffee hour

State Rep. Kurt Heise has scheduled a coffee hour to meet with residents of the 20th District from 7:30 until 9 a.m. tomorrow, Nov. 20 at Old Olive Restaurant, 30809 Seven Mile Road in Northville (just west of Hagerty Road).

No appointments are necessary. Residents who are not able to attend can contact Heise's office by phone at 1-855-REPKURT, or by email at kurt@heise.house.mi.gov.

Letters to Santa accepted

Canton Leisure Services has made special arrangements with friends at the North Pole and the US Post Office to deliver wish list letters to Santa. To mail a letter to Santa, drop it in the North Pole Express Mailbox in the Summit on the Park lobby through Nov. 30. Santa asks that you print your name and address clearly so he may directly reply to your letter.

Canton residents only please. For more information, call (734) 304-5490.

Hats For Homeless needed

The Plymouth Community United Way is sponsoring a Hats For The Homeless drive through Dec. 18.

Donors are asked to drop off new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, blankets, and socks at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, during business hours 7-4:45 a.m. until 4:30 Monday - Thursday and from 7-4:45 a.m. until 2-4:45 Friday. All adult and children sizes are welcome.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or email randi.williams@pcu.org.

Blankets are needed

Plymouth Community United Way is holding a Blanket Drive in support of the homeless community through Jan. 15, 2016.

Blankets must be new, or handmade, and can be dropped at the Plymouth Community United Way office. The address is 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, MI 48170.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or email randi.williams@pcu.org.

Storytime for families set

The Belleville Area District Library hosts Family Storytime at 6:30 p.m. through Dec. 14.

The storytime is for children in pre-

school through elementary classes, ages 4 through 10.

Toddler Time storytimes take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays through Dec. 15 and at 11 a.m. on Thursdays through Dec. 17. This program is designed for children ages 2 through 4.

Registration is available at the library circulation desk. The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

The library will host Santa from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Dec. 21.

Spectacular tickets on sale

The Central City Christmas Spectacular will celebrate the Magic of Christmas like never before with an all-new, unforgettable experience as Santa Claus, Mrs. C, and Ellie take center stage with a large cast of performers from throughout the area.

Audiences will get a sneak peek at what really happens in the North Pole as Santa and his elves prepare for the big day.

There will be twirling ballerinas, dancing Toy Soldiers and a sleigh ride around the world with Santa and his magical reindeer.

Seven performances are planned at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton, at 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 14 and 15 at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 and at noon and 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17 through Dec. 20.

Tickets are \$23 and are on sale at Central City Dance Center, 6700 Canton Center Road, Canton. Tickets are reserved seating and cannot be purchased the day of the show.

For more information, visit Central City Dance at www.centralcitydance.com, or call (734) 429-0400.

Breakfast tickets on sale

Tickets for the Canton Breakfast with Santa that will take place from 9-11 a.m. Dec. 5 are now on sale. The breakfast will be served at the Summit on the Park Ballroom.

During breakfast, children can share their wish list with Santa, create a craft, and enjoy a Christmas story. All children will receive a holiday souvenir, crayons, and placemat. Online registration is not available.

Ticket sales will continue until Dec. 1 and must be purchased in advance at the Summit on the Park. Ticket prices are \$4 for those 3 years of age and younger and Canton residents and \$4 for non-residents; \$15 for residents 4-12 years of age and residents and \$18 for non-residents and \$19 for

residents 13 and older and \$23 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 304-5490.

Airport historians to meet

The second meeting of a new group dedicated to the history of Detroit Metro Airport will meet from 4-6 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Romulus Public Library.

The meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Daniel Mason volunteer historian, at (734) 955-8875 or email historian@weva.us.

Northville parade set

The Annual Northville Holiday Lighted parade will take place beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 throughout the downtown area.

The parade theme this year is Dreaming of a White Christmas. The event is sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford.

There will be awards for Best Parade Theme, Best Holiday Spirit and Mayor's Choice among the floats.

The event is free to the public.

Canton sets tree lighting

The annual Canton Tree Lighting event is planned from 6-8:30 p.m. Dec. 2 outside the Summit on the Park. After Santa lights the tree there will be performances from Dancing Feet, Spotlight on Youth, and others inside the Summit. Joining Santa this year will be Frosty the Snowman, a Winter Marketplace, cookie decorating, holiday games and more.

Unique gifts and great stocking stuffers will be available at the Winter Marketplace. Tickets, for sale at the door, are priced at \$3 per child for residents, \$4 per child for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 304-5490.

Museum to host Holiday Night

The Wayne Historical Museum and One Town Square in Wayne will host a free community event from 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

The celebration will include the holiday tree lighting ceremony, Santa Claus, hot cocoa and coffee, Christmas cookies, face painting, a petting farm and pony rides, children's activities and performances by the Wayne Memorial High School marching band and choir.

The event is sponsored by the City of Wayne, the Wayne Rotary Club, Wayne Main Street, Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Wayne Goodfellows, the Wayne-Westland Jaycees, the Wayne Beautification Committee, the Wayne Garden Club and the Wayne Historical Society.

Society serves holiday tea

The Canton Historical Society Third Annual Christmas Tea will take place at 1 p.m. Dec. 12.

The event is planned at the Bartlett-Travis House, one of the oldest homes in the township, which will be decorated for the holidays in circa 1900 Christmas finery. Participants can take a step back in time as they enjoy a holiday afternoon tea. The house is located in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton. Guests will enjoy an assortment of teas, mini-quiches, sandwiches, and desserts.

Musical entertainment will be provided by harpist Laurel Federbusch. Event seating is limited to 30 guests. Tickets for the tea are \$25 per person or \$20 for Canton Historical Society members and are on sale only at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

For more information about the event, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org or call (734) 297-3048.

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Interested persons are invited to attend and offer comments. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations for effective participation in the hearing should contact the Township Clerk at (734) 394-5120 a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

All interested persons are invited to attend and offer comments orally at the public hearing. Interested persons unable to attend this hearing may within 30 days after the hearing submit written comments to:

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