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Sale of water prompts trustees' ire

Don Howard
Staff Writer

"I really don't think we should be in the business of providing water to Salem Township..."

A 330-acre development located between two landfills may soon be part of the Plymouth Township water and sewer system, prompting concerns from two members of the board of trustees.

Last week, members of the board of trustees approved a \$60,000 feasibility study to determine the effects of selling excess Plymouth Township water and sewer capacity to Salem Township where a controversial 330-acre development located south of M-14 between Napier and Goddard roads. The land

was purchased by Schostak Development, a commercial real estate development company based in Livonia, from Johnson Controls in 2013.

The land is adjacent to Plymouth Township and informed sources claim that the groundwater at the site is threatened by the proximity to the active Veolia ES landfill and the now-capped Salem Township landfill. Both are listed by the

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) as sites of known or suspected groundwater contamination.

Salem Township residents waged a two-year court battle to prevent the development and placed the issue on a referendum ballot in 2012 which was later ruled invalid by the Washtenaw Circuit Court based on the time allotted for collecting petition signatures, allowing

Schostak to proceed with the proposed development, which includes 56 townhouse-style condominiums, 207 detached condominiums and 235 single-family lots.

Salem Township Supervisor Gary Whittaker initially said he was in favor of the Schostak project but hooking up and piping water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department or the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority could cost upward of \$30 million.

"While I am in favor of this development, it will increase the number of homes and residents

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Plymouth Officers of the Year included, seated, from left, Lt. Jamie Grabowski of the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township firefighter James Harrell, EMT Sam Forche, Northville Fire Inspector Alan Prieu and Plymouth Township Police Ctr. Bradley Cioma. Standing are, from left, Plymouth Police Chief Al Cox, Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips, Huron Valley Ambulance Vice President Paul Hood, Northville Fire Chief Steve Ott and Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tidderington. Photo by Dave Willet

Honored Plymouth Rotary Club awards annual Officers of the Year titles

For the 15th year, the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club has taken time to honor the outstanding public safety officers in the community.

Last Friday, the club hosted the honorees from the Plymouth and Plymouth Township fire and police departments and the Huron Valley Ambulance first responders, along with the department chiefs at a luncheon in their honor.

Chosen for the second time as Police Officer of the Year in the City of Plymouth was Lt. Jamie Grabowski. Grabowski, an 18-year veteran of the department, also earned the honor in 2000, the first year of the Rotary program.

Police Chief Al Cox noted Grabowski's exemplary handling and management of the

department during his absence this year while attending the FBI training school.

"He is truly a pillar of the department," Cox said. "His very knowledgeable, he's very committed. He's a great adviser to me. He really cares about the department."

Alan Prieu, a Northville fire inspector and Plymouth Township firefighter James Harrell were named as the firefighters of the year. Bradley Cioma was honored as the Plymouth Township police officer of the year and Sam Forche of Huron Valley Ambulance was chosen as the paramedic of the year.

The Rotary Club goal is to recognize "the best of the best who serve our community" according to Awards

Committee Chairman Dan Amos.

Forche, a senior paramedic at HVA, was praised for his care of a woman in labor who was about to deliver her child.

"Sam is a shining example of what a paramedic should be," said Paul Hood, HVA's vice president for eastern operations.

Prieu, a 4-year veteran of the Northville fire Department, performs safety regulation compliance inspections and leads the Plymouth efforts in planning inspections of commercial properties in the city. Northville Fire Chief Steve Ott said that Prieu, a former Detroit emergency medical technician, also works full time for Fire Systems of Michigan.

Plymouth Township Fire

Chief Dan Phillips said that Harrell, a firefighter and paramedic, "goes the extra mile."

"Jim is a friend to all and he creates a positive atmosphere at the station," Phillips said.

Cioma, has been a township officer for 5 years and was selected for the honor "because of what he does every day and how he gets the job done on a day-in and day-out basis," Chief Tom Tidderington said. "Brad does an outstanding job," the chief said. "What he does out there is really a team effort."

Plymouth Township City Manager Paul Sinecock, longtime Rotary Club member, acted as the emcee at the awards presentation and each of the honorees was awarded a plaque from the group.

Canton Children's Library upgrades are planned

"Some children's materials, however, will not be available and patrons may have to look at library facilities in neighboring communities, a spokesperson noted."

Children who use the Canton Library will receive a \$848,300 gift following the holiday season, although they may have to wait until spring to enjoy it.

The Children's Library will be closed in early January for renovations which will continue until April in the 10,500 square foot section of the facility dedicated to children's books and puppets.

Those services will be moved temporarily to the east end of the library building so they will remain accessible during the planned renovation. Some children's programming will be moved to the community room. Some children's materials, how-

ever, will not be available and patrons may have to look at library facilities in neighboring communities, a spokesperson noted.

Planned renovations and changes include the move of all computers to a central location and the installation of more electrical outlets for patrons to access for using laptops and

other electrical devices.

The area for older children will be redesigned to offer better study areas and the help desk will also be relocated to a more central area, closer to the computers. The play area will be renovated including the removal of a wall to improve the overall design of the children's library and a redesign of the restrooms

will include the addition of a drinking fountain in the children's area.

Furniture and carpeting will be replaced and the Purple Room will be renovated using a \$15,000 donation from Friends of the Canton Public Library, including improved audio visual equipment.

Patrons will be able to check out materials independently using a self service area where a printer, copier and scanner will be available. The library will also add more iPads for children's use along with an early literacy station with computers.

More information is available at www.cantontg.org.

CANTON - NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Meningitis warning issued

Northville School District officials have responded quickly to a suspected case of viral meningitis reported at Winchester Elementary School.

According to Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher, the district intends to be vigilant and "err on the side of informing families."

Viral meningitis is a less contagious and virulent disease than bacterial meningitis, and the district was not required by county health departments to inform parents of the situation. Gallagher, however, sent a letter sent to school parents immediately after the suspected diagnosis just before the holiday. While there is no indication the disease has or will spread, increased cleaning protocols have been instituted at the schools, including cleaning everything that children might touch.

Federal privacy laws prevent officials from identifying the ill person and Gallagher would not say if the individual

was an adult or child.

Gallagher did urge parents to carefully monitor their children.

"If they are sick, they should stay home," she reminded parents in the letter. Gallagher's letter included information about the disease and causes.

While there is no specific prevention for viral meningitis, good personal hygiene, such as frequent hand washing, can reduce the chances of the infection which is a virus. Antibiotics are not effective against the disease and it is an enterovirus, which can be passed from person to person by stool or saliva. About 90 percent of the cases begin with common stomach viruses and most people do not become affected with the disease as their immune system fights off the virus.

Gallagher said the district usually sees a few cases of the disease every year and her letter was an effort to keep parents informed and keep students safe.

Water

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in Salem Township by almost 25 percent and the resulting demand on infrastructure and services must be carefully planned for," Whitaker said.

Schostak, through a limited liability corporation, Salem Springs, LLC, has now requested water and sewer service for the development from Plymouth Township.

While Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price, Treasurer Ron Edwards, Clerk Nancy Connelman and Trustee Mike Kelly were in favor of the study, which will be paid for by the developer, Trustees Bob Doroshewitz and Chuck Carmi were adamantly opposed to the study, which they characterized as a "first step" in the process.

Kelly, who voted in favor of the study, said the township should still be in the business of selling utilities.

Edwards countered that Plymouth Township already sells extra capacity to Canton Township and Livonia.

"You'll have to do a really good selling job afterward to get me to vote for it," Kelly said.

Citing traffic congestion and a negative effect on property values, Doroshewitz argued unsuccessfully during the board

meeting, suggesting that even a feasibility study regarding selling sewer capacity to Salem Township was inappropriate. Doroshewitz and Carmi said the only no votes while newly-appointed Trustee Steve Mann abstained as his employer, Miller Canfield law firm, represents Salem Township.

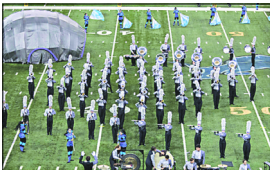
"Once the feasibility study is done, the house is out of the barn," Doroshewitz said. "They come to us and we're going to make it too easy for them to put additional housing stock on the market." He also questioned the effect of providing water to Salem Township could have on water pressure on the west side of the township.

"I really don't think we should be in the business of providing water to Salem Township" for "very little benefit," he said.

Doroshewitz subsequently sent an email appeal to several people in the township noting his strong objections.

"I am adamantly opposed to our participation as I believe it harms homeowners west of Beck Road far more than it benefits us," Doroshewitz said in a bulk email.

Informed sources have suggested that strong political ties may work in Schostak's favor. CEO Robert Schostak is a former chairman of the Michigan Republican Party and Price currently works as director of constituent relations for State Attorney General Bill Schuette, a republican.



Repeat champs Marching band named top in state

Once again, they are the champions. The 176-member Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band was crowned Flight 1 state champions at the Michigan Competing Band Association competition at Ford Field recently.

The students were also chosen as the winners of the Outstanding Musical Performance award, the Outstanding Visual Performance honor and won the Outstanding General Effect category.

The Flight One competition included the 12 largest by student population high schools in the state. Walpole Central High School took second place and Rockford Marching Band from the Grand Rapids area earned third place.

Plymouth Canton Marching Band supporters and parents waved moons and

stars during the competition, the symbols of the group, falling silent as the band members took to the field to perform the 2015 show E.X.O. which won the top marks in the competition from the judges.

The marching band members are now preparing for their trip to Pasadena, CA, to march in the Tournament of Roses Parade on Jan. 1, 2016. Fundraising efforts are continuing to collect the money to send the band members, equipment, instruments and props to California to appear in the national parade.

For more information about the group and their fundraising efforts, access the Plymouth Canton Marching Band website.

Mitten, hat drive is under way

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 7-4:30 a.m. until 4:30 Monday -

Thursday and from 7-4:45 a.m. until 2:45 Friday. All adult and children sizes are welcome.

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

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WESTLAND

Officers trained to help mentally ill

Westland Police officers Joseph Reardon and Michael Stechly recently completed week-long training on Mental Health First Aid. The officers joined some 24 police officers and first responders who work in Wayne County for the training which focuses on those struggling with mental illness.

The training is being provided as part of a partnership between Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority and the Film Foundation. The authority has trained 10,000 people locally in mental health first aid since 2013. Training focused on first responders' regular contact with mentally ill people.

The officers were certified upon completion of the course,

allowing them to bring the information back to their departments and share it with their colleagues in 8-hour sessions.

"The Westland Police Department's commitment to train and to certify our own police officers as Mental Health First Aid instructors will not only be a valuable teaching resource for our entire police department but also for our neighboring law enforcement partners and the Westland community," commented Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik.

Mayor William R. Wild spoke at the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority press conference Nov. 16 about emergency first responder mental health training. Wild shared the podium with Tom Watkins, president and CEO of the health authority, Detroit Police Chief James Craig, Detroit Fire Commissioner Eric Jones and Former Head of the Detroit FBI office and current Executive Director of the Detroit Crime Commission Andrew Arena, among others.

"The ability to identify risk factors and mental health problems and disorders requires training beyond what is learned in the academy," Wild said at the conference. "This Mental Health First Aid will give our officers the knowledge of warning signs for a range of mental health problems."

"We strongly believe that if we invest in our emergency per-



Joseph Reardon



Michael Stechly

somel, in something as important as mental health awareness and how to best handle dif-

ferent situations, then we all will benefit," commented Watkins.



Westland Mayor William Wild, left, and Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik, at right, welcomed new officers Josh Scaglione and Thomas Wroblewski to the force recently.

On the job City hires 4 new police officers

The City of Westland welcomed Josh Scaglione and Thomas Wroblewski to the police force during a swearing in ceremony Nov. 16 at Westland City Hall.

Scaglione is a Livonia resident and graduated from Stevenson High School. He graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy and Schoolcraft College with an associates degree in criminal justice in 2013.

He worked as a part-time officer with the Metroparks and Sumpter Township Police Department. He is also a former Westland Police Service Aid. His goals, he said, are to earn his bachelor's degree and become a K9 handler with the Westland department. He has a 10-year-old son, Carter, of whom he is very proud.

Wroblewski is married and has five children. He graduated from Plymouth

Christian Academy in 2002 and he remains very active in youth ministry through his church. He said he enjoys mentoring children.

He attended the Detroit Police Academy and became a Detroit Police Officer in 2009.

"I am proud to welcome these highly qualified individuals to Westland," said Mayor William R. Wild. "Our community looks forward to their service and dedication to the residents."

Chief Jeff Jedrusik added, "I am very proud of what this department has accomplished in the past 5 years and what we intend to complete over the next 5 years. These officers will be fine additions to our department and we welcome them and their commitment to serving the residents of Westland."

Vehicle break-ins reported

Two separate incidents of car break-ins were reported recently in Westland.

A resident of Ardenale told police that his car had been ransacked Nov. 14 and a backpack containing a laptop computer, headphones, work papers and his birth certificate had been taken.

On Nov. 15, a Hively Street resident

reported that his vehicle had been searched. The owner said the door was partially open as was the glove box and center console. He said glasses, loose change and 2 stadium chairs were taken.

He also found a garage door opener, cell phone charger and glasses case in the driveway that were not his.

Santa welcomed to city

The City of Westland teamed up with special out-of-town guests, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, to create a holiday experience that was enjoyed by residents and visitors, both young and old.

This year, Westland welcomed Santa during the annual holiday event last night at Westland City Hall. The "Deck the City Hall" event included sing-a-longs, musical performances and of course, a welcome for Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Following the arrival of Santa, attendees joined local dignitaries inside city hall for story time, arts and crafts, cookies and cocoa and of course, a chance to meet Santa.

Those who attended were asked to donate an unwrapped toy, a non-perishable food item or a monetary donation, all of which went to benefit the Westland Goodfellows to help with their holiday efforts this year.



Salute to service

John Glenn High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps students salute as a wreath honoring the service of military veterans is laid at the base of the school flagpole on Veterans Day. The ceremony included student speakers, singing of the National Anthem by the Glenn Singers and the playing of Taps by senior Monica Lashover. The Wayne Memorial High School Color Guard presented the colors during the Veterans Day ceremony for local veterans, students and the community.



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Liberty First Fireworks Display

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ROMULUS - WAYNE

Helping hands HYPE gives away holiday turkeys

More than 150 residents in Wayne and Westland enjoyed a Thanksgiving turkey and trimmings provided by HYPE Athletics and ASHC. HYPE is the managing partner of the athletic center in the City of Wayne.

Ali Sayed, CEO of HYPE, along with members of his staff, city volunteers and representatives of the Wayne Westland Community Schools District helped hand out the turkeys Nov. 24.

Wayne Westland Superintendent of Schools Michele Hamula thanked Sayed and his partners for "helping those in our community." She said that of the 12,000 students in the district, "about 70 percent have needs." Sayed said this is the fourth year HYPE has provided Thanksgiving meals and he thanked the Lebanese American Heritage Club (LAHC) for partnering with HYPE this year to help serve the community. Meals were also distributed to families in Dearborn, where HYPE also has a facility.

"It is called partner or perish. When you come together, you succeed," Sayed said.

Wassim Mahfour of LAHC said, "We

joined forces to serve the greater good of the community. Thank you for allowing us the honor and privilege of serving you."

**"When you
come together,
you succeed."**

Amanda Dybus, Family Resource Center Director and Kelly Bohl, assistant superintendent in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools attended the distribution in Wayne to thank Sayed and to help pass out turkeys.

The effort was made possible with support from Walmart, Marathon Petroleum Company, MetLife, UAW Ford, Comcast, Fifth Third Bank, Saud Hout, Greenland Market, Dearborn Fresh, DTE Energy, Ziyad Brothers Importing, Comcast, Faygo, Humana, Fast Splash, The Salvation Army and Rizzo Environmental Services.

"We are grateful to our partners for their unremitting support. This annual tradition will allow us to serve close to 4,000 people who will be able to enjoy their Thanksgiving Holiday this year," Sayed said.

Local high schools from Metro Detroit sent the captains of their football teams to help with packing and distributing the meals.



Ali Sayed helps distribute Thanksgiving turkeys to area families.



Volunteers, from left, Corby Hayes, John Rhaesa, Amanda Dybus of the Family Resource Center; Brian Haddad; Kelly Bohl, assistant Wayne Westland Schools superintendent; Ali Sayed, CEO HYPE (front row third from right); Irene Ivanac, of HYPE (second from right) and Pat Hartford were on hand to help hand out the Thanksgiving meals.

Romulus to light holiday tree

The annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony in Romulus is planned for 6:30 p.m. tomorrow at the heated pavilion located in Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St.

"We are happy to be keeping all of the festivities down at the park this year by enclosing our beautiful pavilion and heating it so people can come warm up and participate in activities before and after the tree lighting," said Mayor LeRoy D. Burdett.

There will be refreshments, pictures with Santa available for \$3 each and holiday craft vendors at the event.

Prior to the tree lighting, families are encouraged to purchase tickets for a special "Dinner with Santa". The \$5 admission per child includes the opportunity to meet and mingle with Santa before enjoying pizza, snacks, a craft and a photo with Santa.

For more information or to purchase tickets for Dinner with Santa, contact the mayor's office at (734) 942-7571.



Sweet endings

Chef Walter D. Banks, wearing toque, Assistant/Sous Chef Antoinette Perry, also in toque, and student sous chefs in the culinary arts program at Romulus High School achieved both quantity and quality in their holiday donations recently. The team baked a total of 50 cherry, Dutch apple, pecan, pumpkin and sweet potato pies which they delivered to the annual holiday luncheon at the Romulus Senior Citizen Center Nov. 17. Extra pies were given to the seniors to take home and enjoy. The Romulus High School Culinary Arts Program, now under Banks' direction, was created to develop more experienced chefs and food service managers in a recovering economy, a spokesperson noted. Students learn all aspects of operating a kitchen, customer service, hospitality, menu design and safety standards.



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Calendar of events

Northville Concern needs donations

Northville Civic Concern is in critical need of help in filling shelves. More than 180 Northville families rely on Civic Concern's assistance and support of the community is both necessary and appreciated. Gas and gift cards are particularly needed, along with non-expired canned or boxed food, including canned fruit, soup, cereals, side dishes and canned meat/fish products, a spokesperson said.

Donations can be brought to the Northville Civic Concern offices at 42361 West Seven Mile Road located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. During other hours, items can be dropped off at Cassels Restaurant or World Wide Alterations also located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza. Food donations are also accepted at Genitt's Restaurant, The UPS Store, Great Harvest Bread Company and Northville City Hall.

The Simply Give program at the Northville Meijer (Eight Mile Road and Haggerty) will continue through the first of the year. The purchase of a \$10 donation card at each register directly benefits Northville Civic Concern. The Meijer Corporation matches each \$10 donation. For more information, visit <http://northvillevolunteer.org/civicconcern> or call Northville Civic Concern at (248) 344-1033 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

Holiday help available

The Belleville GoodFellows will be accepting applications for Belleville and Van Buren Township residents until Dec. 4. Applications will be available at the Van Buren Township Hall.

The GoodFellows provide Christmas gifts for newborns - up to age 15 and food for seniors. For more information on ways to help the GoodFellows, contact Pam Fleming at (734) 699-8393.

The First United Methodist Church will be distributing Christmas food bags Dec. 15-17. To make a donation of non-perishable food, contact the church at (734) 697-9288.

Applications for Christmas help will be accepted until Dec. 4. For Christmas, The Salvation Army will distribute gifts for newborn through seniors in high school including food, for both seniors and singles and couples without children. Proof of residency, identification and proof of income for the household will be required.

To donate food, new clothing and/or new toys, call (734) 453-5484.

Lists are reviewed to ensure that as many families as possible receive assistance, a spokesperson noted. For more information, call the number listed above.

Red Ryder Christmas on display

The Plymouth Historical Museum is showcasing a new exhibit, "A Red Ryder Christmas Story." The exhibit draws its inspiration from the popular 1960s movie, A Christmas Story, in which the main character, Ralphie, longs for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.

The exhibit includes period toys, clothing, and other artifacts. Visitors familiar with the movie will get a chuckle from the vignettes showing the Parkers' living room.

complete with "FRA-GEE-LAY" lamp; Flick getting his tongue stuck on a metal pole; the window at Higbee's Department Store and other memorable moments.

Each Saturday, until Dec. 19, Santa Claus has promised to be present for visiting children. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays, as well as Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Santa has also agreed to be available from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, during the Annual Open House, Craft Show and Bake Sale at the museum.

The museum is located at 150 S Main St. in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-8940.

Teddy Bear Toss set

USA Hockey and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering for the annual Teddy Bear Toss at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Simply bring a new stuffed animal, or buy a teddy bear at the game for just \$5 to throw on the ice after the National Team Development Program's first goal. All proceeds and stuffed animals go to Plymouth Community United Way.

Show your stuffed animal at the game and receive a raffle ticket to win a suite for a future 2016-17 NTDP home game. The prize includes 20 suite tickets and \$150 food voucher.

Teddy bears will be available for purchase at the game, but we also encourage you to bring new stuffed animals. To purchase tickets call the USA Hockey Arena box office at (734) 453-8400 or online at usa-hockey.com.

USA Hockey arena is located at 14900 Rock Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6870, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcu.org.

Kalamazoo on stage

Tippling Point Theatre will present Kalamazoo by Michelle Kholos Brooks and Kelly Younger through Dec. 7 with a special New Year's Eve performance.

Kalamazoo curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9.

On New Year's Eve, the performance of Kalamazoo will include an afterglow provided by Rocky's of Northville, and a toast to the New Year with beer, wine, and champagne. Tickets: \$85 (\$40 tax deductible) and \$45 for SeasonPASS Ticket holders (\$40 tax deductible).

The theater is located at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are \$20 to \$22 for adults, \$20 to \$18 for students and senior citizens. For tickets or more information call the box office at (248) 347-0003.

Simply Dickens at museum

The Plymouth Historical Museum will present the popular Simply Dickens Christmas Show for the fifth year at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9.

The show highlights the carols that were well known long ago during the Christmas Season but are rarely heard by modern ears, along with a few of the more familiar tunes. There are also comedic holiday skits performed by group members.

Simply Dickens is a period-dressed

quartet of trained vocalists and musicians that specializes in the music of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Tickets to the show are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Museum doors will open at 6 p.m. Visitors can also tour the special museum exhibit A Red Ryder Christmas Story.

The museum is located at 155 S Main St. in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-8940.

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) 453-6870, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcu.org.

Story time for families set

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

The storyline is for children in preschool 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. Thursday mornings 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.

Mittens and hats needed

The Romulus GoodFellows will collect mittens and hats through Dec. 7 at the Romulus Library.

There is a need this year for mittens and hats for older children so larger sizes are being requested.

The library is located at 1121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For information, call (313) 942-7399.

Book Club to meet

The Second Monday Book Club will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Romulus Library for a discussion of Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford.

The discussion is free and open to those ages 18 and older. Light refreshments will

be served. For more information, call (734) 942-7399. The library is located at 1121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

Senior Book Club meeting set

The Senior Book Club meets at 10:30 a.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Romulus Senior Center, 6525 Ribault St.

The club will meet Dec. 15 to discuss The N. 1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith. Library staff can assist with securing a copy of the book for the discussion.

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. 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) 459-0400.

Museum to host Holiday Night

The Wayne Historical Museum and One Town Square in Wayne will host a five 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.

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