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Fire fighters aid families displaced by blaze

Two days following a massive fire at the Woodcrest Apartments in Westland, the Wayne-Westland Fire Department set up operations to accept donations of needed items for the displaced residents.

Clothing and non-perishable food donations are now being accepted at the Wayne Westland Fire Administration Building located at 37201 Marquette, Westland. Monetary donations are also being accepted and can be made out to "Westland Firefighters Public Awareness Committee."

The Wayne-Westland Fire Department responded to the raging blaze at Woodcrest Apartments in Westland last Monday that ultimately affected 17 families and scorched 20 units at the complex, located on Wayne Road, north of Cowan. The fire was first reported at about 4:15 that day, shortly after a maintenance employee was working in one of the units.

Due to extreme winds that day, the fire was difficult to contain and the responders from Wayne-Westland, Livonia, and Inkster battled the flames for nearly 10 hours, according to fire department reports.

"The fire was already through the roof when we

arrived. The 40-mile per hour winds pushed the fire through the attic," said Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy. "The wind had a significant impact on the fire. It was pushing the hose (water) stream from the fire. We had to move the trucks downwind."

The apartment management company and fire department personnel worked together to provide placements in other apartments for the affected families and individuals. In addition, the Red Cross and Salvation Army have provided basic essentials to the victims, according to Westland Mayor William Wild.

"The complex has a community center and people sheltered there. No one was injured," Reddy said. "We evacuated all the residents and rescued one dog."

Reddy said the cause of the fire remains under investigation but no foul play or arson is suspected. Damage to the buildings was estimated at \$2.5 million.

Reddy said that none of the two-story buildings affected by the blaze could be saved.

"They won't be able to salvage any of it," Reddy added/

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to those affected by this trag-



Seventeen families were displaced when 20 units at Woodcrest Apartments were engulfed in fire last weekend. Firefighters have set up a charity fund to help victims of the blaze. Photos by Sean Rhaesa



ic fire, and we are so thankful that no lives were lost," said Wild. "I want to thank our brave fire fighters from Westland and other communities who responded and fought the flames for nearly 10 hours."

Wild said he has been encouraged by the response

from the community at-large.

"This is an unfortunate tragedy, especially as we head into the holiday season. But I am proud of the compassion our residents have shown to those affected, and I thank everyone who has donated and supported the displaced families."

Former DeHoCo prison site may be on market

A 126-acre piece of property which included 15 buildings of some historic interest will apparently soon be for sale in Plymouth Township.

The buyer, however, will need deep pockets.

The Michigan State House of Representatives Appropriations Committee members recently voted to place the property, located along Five Mile Road, into the Fast Track

land Bank Authority, which is expected to move for a quick sale of the land.

The property is the former site of the Detroit House of Corrections and the move into the land bank is expected to move quickly through the full House of Representatives.

"We want to use the land bank's legal tools to market the site," said state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, of the bill

he sponsored to transfer the site to the land bank. "There are many options along Five Mile Road. We can make it an economic asset instead of an eyesore."

Abandoned since 2005, the land was appraised at \$2.1 million in 2008, despite estimates that remediation of the site, once used as a dump for the City of Detroit, could cost new owners between \$4 and \$20 mil-

lion. Additionally, the cost to demolish the buildings at the site is estimated at an additional \$10 million.

The prison, built in 1930, was owned by the City of Detroit until 1986 when it was sold to the state and became a women's prison. It was closed in 2004. The state corrections department is spending about \$20,000 annually to maintain the property, according to a state report.

Wayne Mayor resigns after 21 years of service

The newest 11th District Wayne County Commissioner got a few words of advice from his predecessor recently as the City of Wayne said goodbye to long-time Mayor Al Haidous, recently elected to the county position.



Mayor Al Haidous

Among those congratulating Haidous and celebrating his many years of political service in Wayne was departing Commissioner Kevin McNamara, D-Belleville, who presented Haidous with a resolution from the county honoring his years of service to his city. McNamara admitted that he had urged Haidous to seek his position when he opted not to run for reelection. McNamara noted that Haidous has become the first Arab-American elected to the Wayne County Commission, just as he was the first Arab-American elected to the Wayne City Council and the first mayor of Arab descent in the community. Haidous is also the first voter-elected mayor in the city.

"This resolution will hang

next to one I received from his dad (late Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara) 21 years ago.

next to one I received from his dad (late Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara) 21 years ago," said Haidous. "It is a great honor: I have big shoes to fill."

Haidous was honored at a crowded reception just prior to the regular city council meeting in the Wayne Activities and Banquet Center, where the meetings have been moved due to structural damage at city hall. The building was packed with friends, family and supporters of Haidous who has been in elected office

in the city for more than 21 years.

Haidous, a native of Lebanon, immigrated to Wayne more than 40 years ago. He was the owner and operator of a small market at Annapolis and Howe roads for many years before making his first venture into local politics with his successful campaign for city council in 1993.

Haidous was also presented with proclamations from State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-

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Addition to gurdwara approved by Canton trustees

The large place of worship on Canton Center north of Geddes is about to get even larger.

Canton Township Trustees approved a special land use permit for a two-story, 7,000 square foot addition to the gurdwara or Sikh place of worship, last week. The planning commission had already approved the project and recommended approval by

the township board.

The addition will house classrooms for children's religious studies on weekends and conference rooms, according to project engineer Hakin Shakir. He said construction is expected to begin in spring and hopefully be completed by next fall. It marks the first major addition to the gurdwara since it opened in April

2008. The addition, planned for the south side of the gurdwara, is expected to include six classrooms, four conference rooms and some offices. The classrooms will be used for religious classes and the teaching of the Punjabi language, according to township officials.

"It's a good thing (the expansion) because it brings more

diversity and inclusion into the Canton community and it attracts a high caliber of people to our community. They want to live closer to their schools and places of worship. The Sikh community is a great benefit to the community," said Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, coordinator for the Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach.

CANTON - NORTHVILLE

Foundation donors will match up to \$50,000

Two anonymous donors have pledged to match all donations up to a total of \$50,000 to the Northville Educational Foundation through Jan. 31.

The annual Thanks-For-Giving campaign of the foundation is now under way and organizers said that the goal is

\$100,000, all of which will be spent on district and school educational programs. The monetary donations are deposited in the foundation general and endowment fund which provides student financial aid, professional development for educators and annual grants to

teachers, the International Baccalaureate Program, the Leader in Me program and general operations of the district.

Tax-deductible gifts can be made online at www.NorthvilleEdFoundation.org or by calling (248) 344-8458. Gifts can also be mailed to: Northville

Educational Foundation, 501 W Main Street, Room 211, Northville, MI 48167.

The Northville Educational Foundation is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to attract, manage, and distribute charitable gifts to provide educational

opportunities that enhance Northville Public Schools' commitment to educational excellence. More information on the Northville Educational Foundation and how to support its programming can be found at www.NorthvilleEdFoundation.org.



Holiday classic

Cast members are ready to bring A Christmas Carol to the stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton for six performances with a 7 p.m. curtain time Dec. 4, 5, 6 and 7 with added 2 p.m. matinees on Dec. 6 and 7. The show is a production of Forever After Productions. Tickets are priced at \$22 and can be purchased at www.ShowTix4U.com, www.iheartforeverafter.com. Group prices are available for groups of 15 or more at (734) 547-5156. The show features music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and is based on the book by Mike Ockrent and Lynn Ahrens.

Home invasions investigated

Canton police are continuing to investigate a home invasion and robbery reported on Thanksgiving Eve, one of four similar crimes reported in western Wayne and Washtenaw County.

In all four home invasions last week, the armed intruders forced their way into the victims' home, restrained the residents and robbed them.

Canton police officers responded to a 911 call from residents of the 45000 block of Lothrop, off Canton Center Road, at about 7 p.m. last Wednesday evening. The caller reported a home invasion involving three black men, one of whom was armed, who forced their way into his home and restrained the residents while they searched for valuables.

The resident told officers that when he responded to a knock at the front door he observed an unknown man at

the door. Once the resident opened the door, two other unknown men, one armed with a gun, appeared and forced their way into the residence. After forcing entry, the three men restrained the residents and stole items from the home, the witnesses told police. After the three men left the home, the residents told officers they were able to free themselves to make the 911 call.

The incident was markedly similar to a home invasion that occurred about an hour later in Ann Arbor.

There were similar home invasions reported to police last Monday and Tuesday in Ann Arbor Township and in Ypsilanti Township.

Police suggest that residents contact the Canton Police Department immediately, (734) 394-5400 or dial 911 if they feel threatened by the unknown visitor.

Remediation plan OK'd for former psychiatric hospital

While the abandoned Northville State Psychiatric Hospital appears to be deserted, there is significant action taking place to fund the demolition of the buildings and remediation of the land.

The former hospital was purchased by Northville Township in 2005 and classified as a Brownfield Plan in 2012. Northville Township will now use tax increment finance

authority funding from the 80-acre REIS development to help pay for the remediation and demolition at the site and for infrastructure necessary for the development at the Seven Mile and Beck Road site where a new University of Michigan medical facility is located. A retail center is under construction at the site.

The new plan, adopted by a unanimous vote of the

Northville Township Board of Trustees last month will use the tax capture funds to pay the REIS for necessary infrastructure and site preparation costs and designate some of the funding captured from the tax district to pay for the remaining hospital buildings along the Seven Mile Road property.

The new plan was enacted after approval was received from the Michigan Economic

Development Corp. which agreed to allow the use of state controlled tax increment revenue at the township-owned hospital site. The tax revenue is expected to be equally divided between REIS and the township for 14 years. The next 30 years of tax capture funds will be dedicated to the township to be used at the 232-acre site. There are 17 buildings on the property with the largest, the former psychi-

atric hospital, totaling about 900,000 square feet.

The tax capture to date totals \$241,832 and is estimated to be about \$431,830 for this year, officials said.

A detailed plan will be formulated for the use of the funds for the demolition when bids are received for the work from contractors and the exact amount of available revenue is known, officials said.

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BELLEVILLE - WAYNE

Historic theater upgrades under way in Wayne

Visitors to the State Wayne Theatre couldn't help but notice some brand new features in the four-screen movie house.

Every seat in the building will soon be replaced with a large, electric-powered, leather recliner. In addition, each of the auditoriums will feature wall-to-wall plush carpeting, reconfigured aisle spacing to provide every

guest with 6-feet of leg room, and vastly increased digital picture sizes in every auditorium. Renovations are already under way and the full project is scheduled to be finished by December - just in time for the holiday movie season.

“We remain true to our mission at Phoenix Theatres of focusing our attention on making

the customer experience the best we can offer, where every seat in the house is the first class section,” said Phoenix Theatres owner Cory Jacobson. “We are significantly upgrading our newest property, the State Wayne, and will offer plush recliners with power-lift footrests, better sightlines, in a completely new environment

coupled with fully updated digital picture and sound. We are also leaving our current ticket price policy in place, providing what we hope to be the finest movie-going value anyone can find anywhere in Michigan.”

Phoenix Theatres purchased the State Wayne Theatre building from the City of Wayne in mid-September. It also operates

the theatre at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, which will become the third theatre to install plush power-reclining seats, by the end of December 2014.

“We see great promise in the other historic buildings in downtown Wayne and want to be a part of the resurgence and revival of businesses there for the long run,” Jacobson said.

Former Wayne Police Chief joins Van Buren force

Visitors from Wayne to the Van Buren Township Police Department may see a familiar face in the administration office.

Former Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright who retired from the city last month has joined the Van Buren Township Police

Department as the new deputy director of public safety. He began his new job with the township on Nov. 10 at an annual salary of \$75,000. Wright is also the new president of the Wayne County Police Chiefs Association, following his election to that leadership post Nov.

18 at the meeting of the law enforcement leadership group.

Wright joined the Wayne Police Department in 1993 as a patrol officer and was subsequently promoted to the ranks of sergeant, lieutenant, detective lieutenant and was named chief of police in 2010.

As the new deputy director, Wright will act as second in command to Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Greg Laurain. During the hiring process, Laurain told the members of the township board that Wright "has a trusted reputation and a proven track

record of performance."

Wright is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Police and Staff and Command, and earned his bachelor's degree in criminology from Eastern Michigan University. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Haidous

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Westland, Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy on behalf of the fire department and Westland Mayor William Wild. He was also honored with official proclamations of appreciation from the Wayne City Council and an award from his family.

Haidous thanked his family and especially his wife, Mary, whom he credited with making his political career possible.

“I want to thank my family for working so hard for me. My wife is the main one behind me. She supported me unconditionally,” said Haidous. “She was there working at the business when I needed to go for politics and raised five kids. I can't thank her enough. I

accept all these awards on behalf of my wife, my family and the citizens of Wayne who voted for me.”

While unable to attend the reception, Westland Mayor William Wild also had praise for Haidous concern for his community.

“I've enjoyed a great working relationship with Mayor Haidous for several and have always been impressed with his passion for improving the City of Wayne His leadership played a key role in the creation of the merged Wayne-Westland Fire and Parks and Recreation Departments and I'm proud to call him a close friend,” Wild said.

Long-time Wayne resident Ed McMurray also praised Haidous' leadership.

“Al was a great leader who saw our city through a tough period—that isn't over yet. While we didn't always agree on issues, I felt that he was the right person to be leading our city.”

Church organists to perform

The First Congregational Church will present a Christmas concert at 4 p.m. Dec. 7.

The holiday music will be performed by the organists of the First Congregational Church of Wayne, First United Methodist Church of Wayne and St. Mary's Catholic

Church of Wayne.

The program is open to the public at no charge.

The church is located at 2 Towne Square, Wayne.

For more information, call (734) 729-7550.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – November 25, 2014 6:30 P.M.CLOSED SESSION – TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL LEGAL OPINION

Motion by Anthony, supported by Williams to move from open session to closed session at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of discussion of legal opinion. Motion carried by all members present. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sneideman, Williams, Yack Members Absent: Bennett Staff Present: Director Mutchler, Director Trumbull, Kristin Kolb, Guest Present: Ken Sachs of Miller Canfield. Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to move from closed session to open session at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 25, 2015 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sneideman, Williams, Yack Members Absent: Bennett Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Faas, Director Mutchler, Director Trumbull, Fire Chief Meier, Kristin Kolb, Carolyn Cox **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by LaJoy, supported by Sneideman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Sneideman, supported by Anthony to approve the Board Minutes of October 28, 2014 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Anthony to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2014 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** None **Payment of Bills** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **PUBLIC HEARING: Item PH-1. Public Hearing and Adoption of Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. (Fin)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to open the Public Hearing on the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget at 7:08 pm. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to close the Public Hearing on the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget at 7:10 pm. There was no public comment. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Adoption of Fiscal Year 2015 Budget WHEREAS**, Act 359 of 1947, The Charter Township Act, requires that the annual budget be adopted by resolution and; **WHEREAS**, pursuant to MCLA 141.412 and 413, notice of a public hearing on the proposed 2015 budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on November 13, 2014, and a public hearing on the proposed budgets was held on November 25, 2014. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that estimated total revenues and expenditures for the 2015 fiscal year are hereby appropriated on a fund level basis. Totals by fund are as follows:

Fund #.	Fund Description	2015 Proposed Budget
101	General Fund	23,991,174
206	Fire Fund	13,055,700
207	Police Fund	18,246,025
208	Community Center Fund	3,633,837
219	Street Lighting	334,575
230	Cable TV	1,712,500
246	Community Improvement	2,146,800
261	911 Service	992,500
266	WWN Forfeiture	433,000
274	CDBG 312,000 276 NSP	150,000
301	Energy Project Debt Service	346,991
401	Capital Projects	2,500
403	Capital Projects - Roads	24,356
555	Solid Waste	3,803,295
584	Golf Course	3,699,283
592	Water and Sewer	39,079,000
661	Fleet Maintenance	1,970,979
736	Post Employment Benefits	3,476,213
852	Special Assessment Debt Service	551,525

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Supervisor has the authority to approve budget adjustments within a department based upon recommendation by the appropriate Department Director and the Finance and Budget Director in accordance with adopted policies. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Charter Township of Canton Board adopts the 2014 budget for the various funds on a fund level. Township officials responsible for the expenditures authorized in the budget may expend Township funds up to, but not to exceed, the total appropriation authorized for each fund. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that there shall not be any new positions created that shall result in an increase in employee headcount within a department or division without prior Township Board approval. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that existing vacant and budgeted positions and reclassified positions may be filled by the Township Supervisor only after review and approval by the Department Director and the Finance and Budget Director. **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that claims against the Township shall be approved by the Charter Township of Canton Board prior to being paid. The Township Clerk and the Township Treasurer may authorize payment of certain claims prior to approval by the Township Board to avoid late penalties, service charges and interest, for example utilities and payroll, in accordance with approved salaries and hourly rates adopted by the Township Board. The Township Board shall receive a list of claims paid prior to approval for approval at the next Board meeting. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Consider Reappointment Of Planning Commission Members. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Anthony to reappoint Brad Cambridge and Sue Dodson to the Canton Township Planning Commission, terms to expire December 31, 2017. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-2. Consider An Extension Of The Moratorium On New Smoking Lounges And Facilities. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Anthony to adopt the following resolution extending the moratorium on new smoking lounges and facilities. Motion carried by all members present. **STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Resolution Extending Moratorium On Smoking Lounges And Facilities** **R E C I T A T I O N S:** On May 27, 2014, the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Canton adopted a Moratorium on Smoking Facilities and Lounges. The Moratorium provided for a 180-day period during which the need for regulation of Smoking lounges and facilities would be studied, and possible zoning ordinance and regulatory provisions would be reviewed and developed. A proposed set of regulations has been developed and reviewed by staff, and is set for a study session with the Board of Trustees on December 2, 2014. The Moratorium adopted on May 27, 2014, is set to expire on or about November 27, 2014. In order to prevent operation of smoking lounges and facilities that is inconsistent with the proposed regulations, the Township Administration has determined that it would be reasonable to extend the Moratorium for a period of time to allow for the review and, if appropriate, the adoption of regulations for smoking lounges and facilities. The Board of Trustees is in agreement that an extension of the moratorium is appropriate under these circumstances. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:** 1. The Moratorium on Smoking Lounges and Facilities is hereby extended until February 13, 2015, to allow for a study session on December 2, 2014, of a proposed ordinance regulating smoking lounges and other facilities, as well as the time for the statutorily required adoption process of an ordinance, should the Board determine to proceed. 2. If the Board determines to proceed with adoption of an ordinance regulating smoking lounges and facilities, and the ordinance does not pass first reading, then the moratorium shall expire the day after the Board fails to take action on the first reading. 3. If the Board does determine to proceed with an ordinance regulating smoking lounges, then it is expected the first reading would be held on January 13, 2015, followed by a second reading on January 27, 2015, with an anticipated publication and effective date of February 5, 2015. 4. If an ordinance is adopted by the Township Board, and the effective date of the ordinance is prior to February 13, 2015, then the moratorium shall expire on the effective date of an ordinance. **Item C-3. Consider 2015 Meeting Dates For The Commission For Culture, Arts & Heritage. (CLS)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Anthony to establish the 2015 Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage meeting schedule at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Level Meeting Room E of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, quarterly on the designated Monday of the established months. Meeting Dates: February 9, 2015; May 11, 2015; August 10, 2015 November 9, 2015. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-4. Request for Resolution of Local Body of Government to Recognize "Special Needs Association, Inc." As A Nonprofit in the Community For Purposes of Making Application for a "Charitable Gaming License" To The Bureau of State Lottery. (Clerk)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Anthony to approve the request from the "Special Needs Association, Inc.", 43050 Ford Road, Ste. 150, Canton,

Michigan 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan; to be recognized as a non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-5 Consider Approval of Public Safety's Five-Year Strategic Plan. (PSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Anthony to approve Canton Public Safety's Five Year Strategic Plan, 2014-2018, as previously presented to the Canton Township Board of Trustees. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Consider Approval of the Special Land Use Request and Site Plan for Jimmy John's. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to adopt a resolution approving Special Use and Site Plan for Jimmy Johns. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use and Site Plan for Jimmy John's WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Evan Priest, has requested special use for a fast food restaurant and site plan approval for Jimmy John's to be located on Michigan Avenue between Beck and Belleville Roads and identified as EDP# 131-99-0011-000; and **WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use and site plan to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval; and, **WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and site plan and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Evan Priest, to conduct the special use for the proposed Jimmy John's fast food restaurant and does hereby approve the site plan subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. **Item G-2. Consider Approval of the Special Land Use Request for Kroger Store Outdoor Display Area. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to adopt the resolution approving Special Use for Kroger Outdoor Display. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for Kroger Outdoor Display WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Charles McCullah, has requested special use approval for the Kroger Outdoor Display to be located on Ford Road between Canton Center and Beck Roads and identified as EDP# 061-99-0003-704 ; and, **WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval; and, **WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Charles McCullah, to conduct the special use for the proposed Kroger Outdoor Display area subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. **Item G-3. Consider Approval of the Special Land Use Request and Site Plan for the Singh Sabha School Addition. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to adopt the resolution approving Special Use and Site Plan for Singh Sabha School. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use and Site Plan for Singh Sabha School WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Mohinder Singh, has requested special use approval for the Singh Sabha School to be located on Canton Center Road between Palmer and Geddes Roads and identified as EDP# 112-99-0025-701; and, **WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval; and, **WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Mohinder Singh, to conduct the special use for the proposed Singh Sabha School subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. **Item G-4. Consider Amendment to the Existing Contract with the Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. for Additional Inspection Services for Private Development Work. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to amend the existing contract with Mannik & Smith Group for inspection and testing services on a variety of development projects at the direction of the Engineering Services Manager for an amount not-to-exceed an additional \$20,000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-5. Consider Retaining Spalding DeDecker as the Designer for the Lotz Road Water Main Extension Project and Approval of a Budget Amendment. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to approve a budget amendment to the Water and Sewer Fund account numbers as follows: Increase Revenues #592-536.990 (Transfer to Fund Balance) \$55,015. Increase Expenses #592-536.801 .0040 (Professional & Contractual Services-Eng) \$55,015. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to award a contract to Spalding DeDecker in the amount not-to-exceed \$55,015 for design services for the Lotz Road water main extension project. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-6. Request to Approve Purchase Order to Election Source for Coding and Testing of Election Equipment for the November 4, 2014 General Election. (Clerk)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to increase funds in G/L Account 101-191.801 .0050 Professional and Contractual Service Professional to \$16,525.46. Funds to be reallocated as \$8,500.00 from Elections Maintenance and Repair Machinery and Equipment G/L Account 101- 191.930 .0030 and \$3,000.00 from Elections Operating Supplies G/L Account 101-191.740. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-7. Consideration of first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 70, Traffic and Vehicles, of the Canton Township Code of Ordinances by adding a new section 70-6 to Regulate Parking on the Streets of Canton Township. (Supv.)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to introduce for first reading an ordinance which amends Chapter 70 of the Canton Township Code of Ordinances entitled Regulating Parking on the Streets of Canton Township. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to table for consideration the proposed text amendment to the Township Code of Ordinances and schedule a second reading for December 9, 2014. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-8. Consider Approval of Dog Park Shade Structure. (CLS)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to authorize the installation of one dog park shade structure by Heaney General Contracting, Inc., 7560 Carpenter Road, Ypsilanti, Michigan, 48197, in the amount of \$6,941 to be taken from Account # 101-270-89.970 .0080. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-9. Consider Approval of 2015 FY Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program. (CLS)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to approve the 2015 FY Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program contract with SMART in the amount of \$31,942 and to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-10. Consider Approval of Purchase of Studio Camera Package. (CLS)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to authorize the purchase of the studio camera package from Great Lakes Multi Media, Inc, 1307 Allen Road, Suite D, Troy , Michigan in the amount of \$26,211.79 to be taken from Account #230-250-97 .0010. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-11. Consider Approval of Purchase of Two Podiums for the Summit on the Park. (CLS)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to authorize the purchase of two Podiums from AVI Systems, 27280 Haggerty Road, Suite C-2, Farmington Hills, MI in the amount of \$16,083 to be taken from Account #230-250.970 .0010. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-12. Consider Approval of Emergency Purchase Order to Control Sinkholes. (CLS)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to approve the purchase order to Midwest Maintenance, 37486 Ladywood, Livonia, MI 48154 for emergency repair to the Summit and Pheasant Run storm water pipe and manhole that have developed sinkholes, in the amount of \$8,000 from account # 592-445.930 .0050 - Maintenance and Repair of Infrastructure. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-13. Consider Approving the Purchase of Extrication Tools and Cardiac Monitors as awarded by the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. (PSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Anthony to approve the purchase of Hurst extrication tools in the amount of \$57,000 from Apollo Fire Equipment; and to approve the purchase of ten Zoll X Series cardiac monitors/defibrillators in the amount of \$301,900 from Zoll Medical Corporation, as awarded by the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to approve the listed budget amendments to the 2014 Fire Budget: **REVENUE:** 206-000.501 Federal Grants \$339,300.00 and 206-000.695 Fund Balance Appropriation \$ 19,600.00. **EXPENSE:** 206-336-50.970.0030 Capital – Machinery & Equipment \$358,900.00. Motion carried by all members present. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz stated the Township Tree Lighting Event will take place on Wednesday, December 3 at the Summit on the Park from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per family. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Williams to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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Plymouth - Westland

Compuware Arena sale nearly finalized

Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township may have a new owner next year.

A joint press release issued by Compuware Area and The USA Hockey Foundation last week indicated that a preliminary agreement is currently in effect to finalize a sale of the Beck Road ice arena during the first six months of next year, "subject to due diligence."

The Compuware youth hockey program would remain at the arena, according to the prepared

statement. The statement did not indicate if the current Whalers hockey team would remain housed at the Plymouth facility.

"Both parties felt it best to make public that there is intention to move forward with a sale, however, there are many steps in the process left to complete and nothing is final at this point," said Whalers governor Mike Vellucci, representing Compuware Arena on behalf of team owner Peter Karmanos. "It's important to note that the Compuware youth pro-

"In addition, keeping the current users of the building is important to both us and Pete Karmanos."

gram would remain at Compuware Arena and be supported by Mr. Karmanos," the press release said. "Further, Mr. Karmanos will continue to own the Plymouth Whalers. While there are likely to be questions, out of respect for the ongoing

process and confidentiality involved, we'll have no further comment."

Ron DeGregorio, president of The USA Hockey Foundation and USA Hockey, Inc. said the Plymouth facility could soon be home to a new program.

"Our intention is to relocate the National Team Development Program to the facility and also use it to host and showcase other USA Hockey programs and international events," said DeGregorio. "In addition, keeping the current users of the building is important to both us and Pete Karmanos."

"There are a number of issues we're still working through, and while I know people will have questions, we'll have nothing further to say until a final resolution is reached," he concluded.



Bunny Watson and the "girls" Valerie Haas, left, Anne Morgan, Jenna Hinton and Jennifer Beitzel.

Barefoot presents 'Desk Set'

Barefoot Productions will present the comedy The Desk Set, written by William Marchant.

The Desk Set tells the timely story of Man (or Woman) vs. Machine. Written in 1955, this Broadway comedy is the story of Bunny Watson, head of the Reference Department of a large broadcasting corporation in Manhattan, and her "girls" who find their jobs in jeopardy when Richard Sumner, an "efficiency expert" invades their department with EMMERAC, the electronic brain.

The cast includes: Jenna Hinton of Farmington, Valerie Haas of Redford, Jennifer Beitzel of Plymouth, Jonathon Wennstrom of Canton as Richard Sumner,

Anne Morgan of Livonia as Bunny Watson, Michael Ludlam of Northville, Jerry Carney of Canton, Jane and Mike Cuba of Livonia, Pat Lillis and Kiersten Manifold of Ypsilanti. The play is directed by Craig A. Hane.

The Desk Set was made into the Hollywood classic film in 1958, starring Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy.

The Desk Set opens at 8 p.m. Dec. 5. Additional performances are at 8 p.m. Dec. 6, 12, 13 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 7 and 14. All seats are \$15 and can be reserved by calling the box office at (734) 560-1493 or going online to www.justgobarefoot.com. The intimate 99 seat Barefoot Productions Theatre is located at 240 N. Main St., Plymouth, 48170.

City OK's fire union contract

Despite the continued objections of Westland City Council President James Godbout, the new 6-year contract with Westland firefighters was approved by his fellow member of the council last week.

At Godbout's request, the contract, already ratified by the firefighters union, was tabled two weeks ago. Godbout was critical of the retirement multiplier in the contract, which is a factor in determining the pension amounts paid to retirees from the department. The contract provides for a 3 percent pay raise next year; a 1 percent pay increase in 2016 and a reopening of wage negotiations the following year.

"I won't support the contract as proposed. You all have short memories," said Godbout at the meeting. "We have negotiated several contracts to date with the multiplier reduced to 1.7 percent."

The multiplier factor in the new contract is 2.55 percent for current employ-

ees. That number will be reduced to 2.25 percent for new hires who will receive no health care benefits in their accrued retirement benefits.

Godbout insisted the number, an increase from the 1.75 multiplier factor in the police contract recently negotiated, would cost the city more than \$800,000. That claim was disputed by the representatives of the firefighters union who claim the contract will save the city \$500,000 when the agreed-to pension changes are factored into the costs.

"Contrary to what was mentioned, the contract will save the city millions over the six years of the contract," said Councilman Michael Kehrer.

Westland levies a public safety millage under Public Act 345 to fund police and fire retirement expenses. The contract includes only Westland firefighters and does not impact Wayne union members.

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The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps is collecting new gloves, scarves, hats and mittens as part of the annual Coats for Kids program.

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Obituaries



Kenneth Barker
Sunrise: Dec. 28, 1946
Sunset: Nov. 14, 2014

Deacon Kenneth Barker died Nov. 14, 2014. Deacon Barker joined Beulah Missionary Baptist Church on Dec. 11, 1988 and was ordained as a deacon on Oct. 22, 2006. He became chairman of the deacon board on July 28, 2007.

He was also president of the male chorus, organized and lead Prayer/Testimony, a member of the Finance committee, the brotherhood ministry, was a Sunday School teacher and visited the sick and shut-in.

Among those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Patricia; children, Donita (James), Kenneth Jr. (Laaricka), Allan (Kiara) and Laura; his sisters, Stella, Margaret, Ruth, Ada (Michael) and Rosa; brothers, Curtis (Ann), William, James (Sharon), Rufus, Dennis and Melvin; his father-in-law, Sylvester Powell; his mother-in-law, Lucile Powell; sisters-in-law Carolyn (Thomas), Cynthia, Mary, Patti, Robin, Shirley and Sylvia; brothers-in-law, Dennis, Donald, Kerry and Rodney; his aunts, Clara Bush and Laura Bates; an uncle, John Ralston; 17 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins

and other family members. Funeral services took place at Beulah Baptist Church in Westland with the Rev. Dr. Kenneth C. Pierce officiating.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.



Mary Louise Fuller
Sunrise: May 11, 1937
Sunset: Nov. 15, 2014

Mary Louis Fuller died Nov. 15, 2014.

Among those left to cherish her memory are her loving husband, Richard, Sr.; three sons, Richard Jr., Lawrence and Gerald, Sr. (LaTonya); a brother, Henderson (Linda); a loving cousin, Willis (Bernice) Wilson; 10 grandchildren, including Gerald Jr. whom she called her son; eight great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law; nieces, nephews, cousins and many other relatives, and countless special friends including Martha Butler, Thelma Bonam and Henrietta Dewhart. Mrs. Fuller was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law Valerie and two brothers, Edward and Arthur Henderson. Funeral services took place at Pilgrim Travelers Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Charlie E. Knighten officiating.

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



Phyllis LaVerne Keith
May 3, 1946
Nov. 6, 2014

Phyllis "Boo" LaVerne Keith died Nov. 6, 2014.

Ms. Keith retired from the Wayne County School District in 2012. Among those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Damali Ayana Keith; a granddaughter, Damianna Anabella Keith Lathon; siblings, Bradley Keith, II, Dr. Gloria Keith-Houser, Maxine Mackie, Betty (James) Eaddy, Janet Gholston, Joyce Keith, Gregory (Phyllis) Keith, Amos Keith, Samuels Keith and David Keith; a sister-in-law Lula Keith; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives, and many friends. Ms. Keith was preceded in death by three brothers; Bradley Keith, III, Adolphus Keith and Michael A. Keith; a sister, Garnet Thomas, and a brother-in-law, Robert Gholston. Funeral services took place at Messias Temple Church in Ypsilanti with Suffragan Bishop Harry S. Grayson officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.

Interment was at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Clinton Township.

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INKSTER - ROMULUS

Council OK’s list of buildings for demolition

Two long-abandoned gas stations top the list of structures that will be demolished by the City of Romulus in the coming months.

Members of the city council approved a demolition list that initially included a dozen properties, although three of those were tabled-one of those after a last-ditch plea from the homeowner.

The abandoned gas stations are at the corner of Ecorse and Merriman roads and at Middle Belt near Goddard.

The remainder of the properties were residential, including a single-family residence that had been used as a multi-tenant building on Huron River Drive.

Council members agreed to remove three properties from the list, including one at 35606 Bibbins, one at 35960 Vinewood and 7385 Colbert. The latter property required an amendment to the motion, because the property owner, Chris Farris, had driven in from Kalkaska and missed the study session where the demolition was discussed. Farris said he had an inspection for the property scheduled for the following day, and disagreed that the property needed to be demolished.

“I do agree that it’s not a nice-looking property. It needs to be renovated and it’s on our list to renovate in the spring, with a new roof, siding and complete interior,” said Farris, who has rehabbed more than a dozen homes in the community. “I’ve got about \$15,000 invested already and I want to see it through.

“If you look at the properties we’ve touched in Romulus, you’ll see that they’ve been brought far above code compliance and turned into nice, attractive homes in the neighborhood,” he added. “I’d like a little more time on this property.”

Being placed on the demolition is just a part of the process for removing abandoned and unsafe structures, according to Mayor Leroy Burcroff. Property owners were notified earlier this year and a hearing took place at the Construction Board of Appeals in September. Property owners still have the option to appeal the decision in court. Burcroff said Farris could meet with city officials after the inspection and determine the best course of action.

“It’s in our best interest to keep the home and have it improved,” said Burcroff. “We’d rather have a building there; it’s got more value and it generates more tax revenue than a vacant property.

“We’re trying to be fair with people. We want good buildings,” he added. “But we also do know that there are some people that just aren’t going to put the effort into them. We ultimately have to go through a process.”

Family plans fundraiser

A well-known Romulus family is hosting a fundraiser next week to support a member stricken by lung cancer.

The Plank family will host a lung cancer benefit to support Gwen Plank Smith in hopes of gathering donations to help offset the cost of fighting the disease and paying for her Cobra insurance.

The benefit, a “Quarter Mania Auction and Dinner,” will take place at 6 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the Family Restaurant on Eureka Road. In a quar-

ter auction, attendees bid on chances to win items that have been donated.

“It’ll be a fun event,” said Regina Plank, who is organizing the benefit.

Councilmember Harry Crout said the Planks have a history of supporting other causes in the city.

“They’ve been at every fundraiser,” he said. “They always step up and help out. Now it’s our turn to step up and help them out.”

For tickets or more information, call Regina Plank at (734) 749-5111.

Original play premieres tomorrow

Spare the Rod, a play written by retired Inkster Police Officer Stacey Johnson, will be presented at 7 p.m. Dec. 5-7 at St. Clement’s Episcopal Church.

The production is a story about a father who refused to correct his wayward son. An unexpected twist of fate in the play will have families thinking about their values, a spokeswoman said.

"This play will remind families that no matter what we've done, Christ loves us. We can always run back to him," she added.

The church is located at 4300 Harrison, between Carlysle and Annapolis in Inkster.

Tickets for the play are priced at \$20 if purchased in advance and \$25 if purchased at the door.

Curtain time will be promptly at 7 p.m. for all three performances and doors will open at 6 p.m.

The production is presented by Stacey J. Productions and a portion of the ticket sales will be donated to help the young survivor of a shooting in the city last July.

For tickets or information, call (313) 779-0600 or (313) 587-3966.

Tickets are also available at www.eventbrite.com/SpareTheRod.

Romulus company representatives join governor’s trade mission

Representatives of a Romulus Company are among those who traveled to China last month in tandem with a trade mission of Gov. Rick Snyder.

Corrigan Air and Sea Cargo representatives joined the trip, characterized as a Michigan Economic Development Corp. trade mission. The China trip was an effort to boost exports to China where Michigan business exported about \$4.1 billion in goods and materials in 2013, according to the MEDC. That was a 28 percent increase from 2012, according to the MEDC and makes China the third largest export market for the state.

Participants also included: Air and Liquid Systems (paint finishing), Rochester; ATCO Industries (automotive), Sterling Heights; Coffee Beanery (coffee franchises), Flushing, Genesee County; Global Electronics (auto electronics), Southfield; Huron Technologies (chemicals), Leslie, Ingham County; KC Jones Plating (chemicals), Warren; SmithGroup JJR (architecture and engineering services), Ann Arbor and Tranor Industries (automotive), Detroit.

The group made stops in Beijing, Guangzhou and Shanghai to talk about partnerships, distribution and buying - accompanied Snyder's trade mission in China Nov. 20-26 and the traveling executives participated in some of Snyder's events.



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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 10, 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, William Wadsworth.

Excused: Linda Choate.

Administrative Officials in Attendance: LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

1. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to accept the agenda as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-470 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 3, 2014. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-471 2B. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Roscoe to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 3, 2014, 7:00 p.m. Study Session, Local CommunitySupport Plan. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3A. Petitioner: Nadine Hohnke and Rob Mercier, from Public Service Credit Union, presented three checks totaling \$3,000 to Kim Ratcliff - who accepted the checks on behalf of the Romulus Animal Shelter. Councilman Wadsworth commented that was the second largest donation that has ever been made to the Animal Shelter. They also presented a check in the amount of \$300 to fire chief, David Allison, who accepted on behalf of the Good Fellows Organization. The Public Service Credit Union employees had fundraisers to raise the donated money.

4. Chairperson's Report:

14-472 4A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Wadsworth to schedule a study session for Monday, Nov. 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Downriver Mutual Aid (MABAS - box alarm system) Agreement. The meeting is to be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

4. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Abdo to accept the chairperson's report. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

5. Mayor's Report:

Mayor LeRoy Burcroff announced city offices will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day on Tuesday, Nov. 11 and the first annual Veteran's Day Parade will be held with the rededication of the World War I Memorial and dedication of a new veteran's memorial.

14-473 5A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to concur with the administration and authorize the City of Romulus to participate in the City of Rochester/MITN bid for acquisition of sidewalk ice melt compounds for a period of one year (with an option to renew for two additional years) at the quoted price of \$7.25/50 lb. bag (for a committed purchase of 930 bags) from the lowest bidding company, Washington Elevator Company. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6. Clerk's Report: Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg extended a thank you to everyone who helped out on Election Day, November 4, 2014.

14-474 6A1. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to schedule a study session for Monday, November 24, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. to review Ordinance Chapter 8, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article VIII, Sections 8-211 and 8-212 proposed amendment to update the International Property Maintenance Code for adoption of the 2012 edition. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-475 6A2. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 14/15-10, General Fund - introduced at the Council meeting of Nov. 3, 2014. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report

7. Public Comment: None.

8. Unfinished Business Councilman Wadsworth mentioned other worthy charities that residents could donate to as well as the Romulus Animal Shelter - Helping Hands, Cemetery Board, Good Fellows, Library Fund, Progressive Hall, Coleman Center, Civic Center, Boys and Girls Club, and the Salvation Army.

9. New Business

10. Communication: Councilman Crout asked for donations of turkeys and other food items to Helping Hands for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

14-476 11A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to approve Warrant 14-21 in the amount of \$599,086.08. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously**

14-477 11B. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to approve Warrant 14-21E in the amount of \$11,270.00. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously**

12. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **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 November 10, 2014.

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Calendar of events

Mitten donations sought

The Romulus Public Library is accepting donation of new mittens and hats for the less fortunate to be distributed by the Goodfellows.

Donations will be accepted through Dec. 11. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 942-7589 or access www.romulus.lib.mi.us

County Lightfest open

The 21st annual Lightfest is now open. This year, several new displays have been added and the entire light show has been converted to energy efficient LED lights. The largest drive through light show in the Midwest, the Lightfest features more than 55 giant, animated holiday-themed displays.

The Lightshow will continue through Dec. 31. It is closed on Christmas Day.

Museum exhibit continues

The Plymouth Historical Museum exhibit, Twas the Night Before Christmas, will continue through Jan. 11, 2015. The exhibit features several Christmas stories and movies from the past two centuries, including many family favorite classics in vignettes and displays.

Santa will visit the museum every Saturday and will be at the museum from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Dec. 6 during the Annual Craft Bazaar and open house. The museum is located at 155 S. Main St. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students ages 6-17.

For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

Art House exhibits set

The Northville Art House will present the 2014 International Mosaic Exhibit and Auction which includes a collection of 141 mosaic artworks from artists representing 13 countries. The works are an example of the diverse creativity in this again-burgeoning art form. The work may be viewed at the Art House and is available for bid in an auction benefitting Doctors Without Borders at the online auction website: http://www.BiddingForGood.com/DWB-MSF through 5 p.m. Dec. 6.

Showcased in the lower level of the Art House is The Art of Light, the theme of the Northville Camera Club which is the largest event of the year for the club. Members are invited to participate in this show and its the one time of year that their local photographic talent can be seen in one place.

This exhibit will continue throughout November and December in the lower level gallery at the Northville Art House.

Goodfellows host fundraiser

The Wayne Goodfellows will host the 28th Annual Fundraiser for the group from 5:30 until midnight Dec. 5 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

Every year, the Wayne Goodfellows provides food, toys, and emergency assistance for the residents of Wayne. Last year, the group was able to help more than 200 families throughout the year and also supported various local organizations that provide support for the less fortunate in the community.

Tickets for the Dec. 5 event are priced at \$25 per person and include a dinner buffet, dessert, soft drinks and an entry into the door prize drawing. There will also be prizes, raffles, auctions, a DJ, dancing and a cash bar during the evening.

To purchase tickets, donate an auction or raffle item or for more information, call (734) 722-1111.

Teddy Bears to 'rain'

The Plymouth Whalers and Plymouth Community United Way are hoping it will rain a torrent of teddy bears after the hockey team scores its' first goal at Compuware Arena Saturday, Dec. 6.

The annual Teddy Bear Toss not only provides toys to brighten the holidays of needy children, but comfort them in shelters and traumatic situations throughout the year.

Last year, more than 800 teddy bears were thrown onto the ice creating an avalanche of stuffed animals. This year, fans are being asked to bring a bevy of bears to top that total. The fun begins at 7:05 p.m.

For information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-8679, ext. 7 or email randi.williams@pcuw.org.

For tickets, call (734) 453-8400 or visit plymouthwhalers.com.

A Reel Christmas planned

Inspire Theatre will present A Reel Christmas, scenes from classic Christmas movies along with Christmas music and a Christmas sing-a-long at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and 6 and at 3 p.m. Dec. 7.

Tickets for the show, which will be presented at Inspire Theatre, 5767 Executive Dr. in Westland, are priced at \$13.

To order tickets, or for more information, call (734) 751-7057 or visit Inspiretheatre.com.

Craft bazaar at museum

The Plymouth Historical Museum Annual Craft Bazaar and Open House will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Dec. 6.

All artisans have been specially selected for their unique gifts and ideas. Crafts range from jewelry and ceramic art to knit and recycled creations.

There will also be a bake sale and Santa will visit all day.

The museum is located at 155 S. Main St., one block north of downtown Plymouth. For more information, visit www.plymouthhistory.org or call (734) 455-8940.

Casting call

Barefoot Productions has scheduled auditions for Distracted, a dark-comedy by Lisa Loomer that deals with A.D.D. and treatments.

Auditions for roles for three men and six women will begin at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 and 9 at 240 North Main St. in Plymouth.

Actors are asked to bring a resume and headshot, if available. For more information call (734) 673-4244 or visit www.justgobarefoot.

Santa to visit library

Santa will visit the Belleville Area District Library from 6:30-8 p.m. Dec. 8.

If children are too shy to whisper in Santa's ear, hand-written wish lists are welcome. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras for Christmas card photos.

The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

Library hosts Christmas concert

Nothing rings in the season like the beautiful sound of Christmas music by The Golden Griffon Stringtet who will appear in concert at the Romulus Public Library at 6 p.m. Dec. 9.

The concert will include many favorite traditional carols as well as popular contemporary songs. The sounds of the hammered dulcimer, violin, and guitar will create a unique and joyful experience.

Call the library at (734) 942-7589 to sign up for the free concert.

Simply Dickens visits museum

The Plymouth Historical Museum will host the vocal group, Simply Dickens, who will perform old world Christmas carols at 7 p.m. Dec. 10. The show focuses on music of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 if purchased at the door. Tickets can be purchased on line at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/event/Simply-Dickens-christmas-

Show, or at the museum, 155 S. Main St. one block north of downtown Plymouth. Doors will open at 6 and the show begins at 7 p.m.

For more information, call (734)455-8940.

Christmas in Plymouth celebrated

Christmas in Plymouth will take place from 5-9 p.m. Dec. 11 throughout downtown businesses in the community. There will be horse and carriage rides priced at \$5 per person, live roving Christmas music provided by the Schoolcraft College five piece brass ensemble and carols sung by Evenin' Gentlemen, a barbershop quartet.

The event will conclude with a short community sing hosted by the BeckRidge Chorale.

The event is open to the public at no cost.

Rock'n'Roll Santa on stage

Inspire Theatre will present a spotlight on youth production of Rock 'N' roll Santa, a musical in two acts, at 7 p.m. Dec. 11, 12, and 13 with 2 p.m. matinees set for Dec. 13 and 14. The production, written by R. Eugene Jackson with music by Carl Aletee and orchestration by Mark Rogers, will be on the stage at Inspire Theatre, 5767 Executive Dr. in Westland.

Tickets are \$10 for general seating. To order tickets, or for more information, call (734) 751-7057 or www.inspiretheatre.com.

Pops with the Phil presented

The Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth will be the site of two festive yuletide pops concerts featuring many traditional holiday favorites.

Concerts are planned for 6 and 8 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Penn Theatre, across from Kellogg Park in the heart of the city.

For ticket price information call (734) 451-2112.

Goodfellows selling papers

Northville Rotary Club members will conduct the annual Goodfellows paper sale all day Dec. 13 through the township and city. Fire department and Rotary members will be selling papers throughout the community to collect donations to help fund the No Child Without A Christmas campaign.

For more information, call John Kelly at (248) 348-0496.

Holiday Sing planned

Audiences of all ages will enjoy a Holiday Sing beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at

50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Escape the holiday hustle and bustle and celebrate this joyful season with an evening of festive fun as you lift your voices during this special sing-along with Matt Watroba, a popular community singer with special ties to folk music.

Lyrics will be projected on the big screen for all to see. Bring the whole family to enjoy a wide-ranging program of holiday music, from well-loved Christmas carols to classic winter-themed songs.

Tickets to this Holiday Sing are \$5 and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or at the door.

Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill box office; stop by during box office hours, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

For more information, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Santa is lunch guest

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will host Lunch With Santa from 10:45 a.m. until 1 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Community Center.

The cost is \$5 per person for Wayne residents and \$6 for non-residents and includes pizza, salad, bread sticks, pop and arts and crafts. Santa will be available for pictures.

Tickets are on sale at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne. For more information, call (734) 721-7401.

Gospel concert scheduled

Bethlehem Temple of Praise will present a Gospel Concert, Through It All...We're Still Standing at 5 p.m. Dec. 14 at the church, 3789 Venoy Road in Wayne.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 and available by phoning (734) 331-4481.

Choirs performing include Bethlehem Temple of Praise, Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir, Huron Valley District Mass Choir, the Rev. Isaac London and Missionary Voices of Praise.

Crafty Elves visit workshop

The Plymouth Historical Museum will host the Crafty Elves Workshop for children 5-11-years-old at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Dec. 14.

Tickets are \$10 per child and reservations are required as space is limited.

Craft examples include ornaments, gift cards and stockings. To register, call (734) 455-8940.

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