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This is the premier gateway to the entire Plymouth community.

Plymouth Township residents may see some towering new neighbors if plans for two new hotels are approved by officials.

Attorneys representing Marriott have submitted Planned Unit Development (PUD) and zoning change requests to the township to allow for the construction of both a five and six-story hotel at the corner of I-275 and Ann Arbor Road.

The hotels, an Aloft by Marriott and Residence Inn by Marriott, would be on the site of the former Steak and Ale and Bennigan's restaurants. The 190-room hotels could be open within two years if the zoning change and preliminary plans

are approved by the various township departments. Zoning regulations would have to be amended to allow the hotels on only 1 acre of land rather than the currently required 5 acres.

During a recent public hearing on the required zoning changes which would allow the five and six-story structures in an area currently zoned for only two stories, Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said that

the hotels would replace what has become an "eyesore" in the township.

"These are not your average hotels," he said. "They're very hip and trendy. They're very impressive, chic hotels. I think it's an excellent fit for that site. This is the premier gateway to the entire Plymouth community. This development will make a great statement."

The Aloft hotel would face

Ann Arbor Road and the six-floor Marriott Residence would be located behind that building. The two would be connected by a restaurant, bar and a fitness area, according to architect Scott Bowers who presented the plans to the board of trustees.

The five-story Aloft is used primarily for travelers who stay for one to three days and the Residence is for travelers who need lodgings for a longer time. The developers had no architectural renderings to submit to the board as the project is in the preliminary planning stages.

Results of a second public hearing on the project scheduled for last night were not available at press time.



The Plymouth Noon Rotary Club honored the police, firefighter and paramedic of the year during the Public Safety Awards program recently. The honored officers were joined for a photo by their respective department leaders. Photo by Dave Willett

Rotary Club honors officers of year

For the 17th year, the Rotary Club of Plymouth honored local public safety officers during a special awards luncheon at the Plymouth Cultural Center Dec. 1.

Rotary Awards Committee Chairman Dan Amos said that this program recognizes the "best of the best who serve our community."

The Plymouth Rotary Club honors the Police Officer of the Year and the Firefighter of the Year for both the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township, as well as the Paramedic of the Year for Huron Valley Ambulance.

Township Police Chief Tom

Tidderington introduced the Township Police Officer of the Year Brad Bartram.

"Officer Bartram was selected as he is one of our most dedicated and conscientious police officers," Tidderington said.

"There are two sides to our job, there is the cops and robbers side and then the quality of life side and Brad is good at both. He comes in every day to see what he can do to improve someone's life during that shift. He's good at catching and arresting people, too, but he understands the quality of life issues. Whether it's a barking dog or speeders through a neighborhood, he gets it.

"He can do both sides of the job and understands the importance of both," Tidderington said.

The Township Firefighter of the Year was Christopher Smith. Smith joined the township fire department as a part-time employee in 2012, after serving with the U.S. Border Patrol. His exemplary service prompted the township to hire him full time in 2014. He has worked with the Western Wayne County Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Michigan Task Force One team. He is currently training as a Paramedic Instructor Coordinator and is responsible for developing the Plymouth Township CPR

Citizens training program.

City Public Safety Director Al Cox introduced Off. David Edwards as the City Police Officer of the Year. During the early morning hours of Aug. 5, Edwards was the Officer in Charge (OIC) when the Dispatch Center received a call related to a credible bomb threat, with very specific details. Edwards immediately took charge of the situation, oversaw the evacuation plan, and worked with the State Police Bomb Squad and the Western Wayne Special Operations Team to bring the situation to resolution.

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School district closes athletic complex

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estimates from turf companies for short and long-term solutions and are open to donors/sponsors who would like to assist," Runderburg wrote in an email to fund building and facility repairs including roofing, parking lot repairs, plumbing and window repairs, replacement of fire suppression systems in school building, some technology upgrades, building maintenance repairs and the repairs to

The district asked voters for a 3-mill sinking fund on the November ballot which would have generated about \$23 million each year for 10 years to fund building and facility repairs including roofing, parking lot repairs, plumbing and window repairs, replacement of fire suppression systems in school building, some technology upgrades, building maintenance repairs and the repairs to

the football, soccer and track areas, according to information provided by the school district ahead of the election.

"There were many immediate needs thoroughly disclosed during the campaigns, including the athletic complex," said Robert McLachlan, a member of the board. "There are several areas of the turf area that were deemed unsafe after a recent professional inspection, and the board had no alternative but to close the field at the end of the season. The safety of our students is our first priority when it comes to our athletic program," he added.

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Well done

Blues, Brews and BBQ event helps fund local civic groups

Nine area civic groups are certainly not singing the blues this week.

The 2017 Blues, Brews and BBQ event generated more than \$10,000 which was donated to the local groups, explained Westland Mayor William R. Wild.

This total funding generated during the past seven years is nearly \$200,000, all donated to community and charity efforts.

The checks were presented to the volunteer organizations last week during the regular meeting of the Westland City Council.

"I want to thank all of our volunteers, the participating restaurants, our sponsors and the performers for another remarkable event," said Wild. "This event continues to grow and with the addition of fire-

works, draws thousands of people from surrounding communities. We wouldn't be able to pull it all off without the help of our amazing civic group volunteers."

The nine community organizations receiving donations from the event include: the Goodfellows (\$750), Lions Club (\$1,000), the Westland Citizens (\$2,000), Rotary (\$1,500), The Westland Community Foundation (\$500), Jaycees (\$3,000), Grange (\$750), the Westland Historical Commission (\$500) and Warm Hearts (\$500).

"The money awarded to the Westland Area Jaycees goes directly back to making an impact within the three cities they serve - Wayne, Garden City and Westland," commented Jaycee President Rebecca Markoski. "From raking leaves



Area volunteer groups received checks totaling more than \$10,000 last week to help their civic projects from proceeds at the Blues, Brews and BBQ event in Westland last summer.

for seniors, to putting a Christmas gift in the hands of over 100 children that would have gone without, the Westland Area Jaycees are here to serve our community."

The local organizations provided the volunteer manpower at the Blues, Brews and BBQ event this year. Volunteers the groups provided served as greeters, grounds crew, and ID checkers, among a variety of

other roles which reduced operating costs at the city festival.

"Being able to hand out the checks is my favorite part," commented Westland Chamber of Commerce CEO Brookellen Swopole. "I always love seeing our civic groups, and being able to hand them money instead of asking them for something is a great feeling."

"We are blessed in our community to have so many great

organizations and volunteers. This community event would not be possible without all of these wonderful people," she said.

Visitors at the event were treated to some of the best BBQ vendors in the state and packed the house for blues legends, such as The Detroit Soul Review and Thoretta Davis.

The countdown and planning has already begun for the 2018 festival planned for Aug. 3 and 4.

Wayne student is finalist for Quest scholarship



Shivam Patel

Success is not selfish. Shivam Patel, a senior at Wayne Memorial High School, believes in collective success and he is striving to help his classmates reach their goals and see his community thrive.

Patel is a finalist for a Quest Bridge scholarship, funded by a national nonprofit organization that connects high achieving, low-income students with top colleges. In 2017, of 15,606 applications, 5,739 students were selected as National College Match Finalists.

Patel certainly qualifies as

high achieving.

He is on the school ethics team, which won the state championship last year. He also serves on the Student Senate, is a member of the National Honor Society and created Team Wayne, which includes the top students from the Class of 2018 at Wayne Memorial. The goal of the group is to encourage and support each other during the college application period.

He is also a Champions student. With a GPA of 4.2, he didn't need the incentive to increase his grades, so his goal is to create

a mentorship program between upperclassmen and first-year students. He compares it to a mini Champions program.

Patel hopes that Team Wayne and the mentoring program he created will live on at Wayne Memorial after he graduates in June.

Patel said he is certainly hoping to win the Quest scholarship.

"Quest Bridge helps underprivileged students get into elite colleges," he said. "You get ranked in certain schools. As a finalist, you rank your top 12 schools and hope to get matched

to one of them," he said. Patel hopes to get ranked to his number-one choice Brown University. If he is chosen, he will receive a full scholarship.

He isn't sure of his college course of study yet, he said.

"I am trying to figure out what problem I want to solve and how I want to benefit society," he said. Patel was born in Lansing and has lived in Detroit, Flint and Inkster. He and his family now live in Wayne.

"These cities have been struggling."

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INKSTER - PLYMOUTH

PARC awarded grant from Dunning Foundation

One of the first contributors to the \$30 million funding drive of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) was the Margaret Dunning Foundation.

The fund raising drive is an effort, officials said, to preserve and adaptively re-purpose the historic former Plymouth High/Central Middle School and add a new Performing Arts Center. Approximately half of the funding is needed for the existing facility and site infrastructure at the 100-year-old building, and half is for the Performing Arts Center, officials said.

Officials from the Margaret Dunning Foundation have approved the contribution of \$125,000 to support the renovation and modernization of the original pool built in 1952. The pool, pumps, filters, valves and plumbing have served tens of

thousands of swimmers since installed in the building.

"After 65 years of continuous use, the mechanicals need to be replaced with more reliable state-of-the-art equipment," said Don Soenen, president of PARC. "The Margaret Dunning Foundation grant will allow PARC to provide safe and reliable aquatic programs for the Greater Plymouth Community for decades."

The need for the funding, and the proposed uses, will be explained during a community forum planned for 7 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth, officials said.

According to Soenen, president of PARC, the facility has grown quickly, and currently has 27 arts, recreation, and education tenants occupying the former school, plus good utilization of the pool, gym, small theatres,

football field, and tennis courts.

PARC is a 501(c)(3) public charity, leading the effort to convert the historic Plymouth High/Central Middle School and the 166 acres on which it stands, into an arts, education and recreation complex.

"In the recently completed Plymouth community recreation survey, PARC achieved unprecedentedly strong results for such an organization so early in its existence, with close to 90 percent awareness among combined township and city residents, and with 85 percent of those residents expressing that PARC adds value to the community," Soenen said in a prepared statement.

PARC, a non-profit organization, will raise as much as possible through charitable donations from individuals, foundations, and companies," Soenen added. He said that naming and recognition opportunities associated with capital projects will be available.

Potential donors can initiate a pledge or learn more by contacting Soenen at (dsoenen@soneninc.com).

"With what has already been accomplished and is happening at Central Middle, plus what is attainable with the community's support, the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex can become an incredible value-added asset for us all, with scope and quality that is unprecedented and superior to anything in this region," said Mark and Patty Malcom, who are major contributors and donors at the facility, in a prepared statement.

Soenen said that he and other PARC officials would update the community on the plans and respond to resident questions at the January community forum.

The gift from the Margaret Dunning Foundation was one of the first pledges in the funding effort. The foundation was founded by Ms. Dunning in 1987.

A well-known and beloved philanthropist in the community; she was born in 1910 in Redford Township, and moved with her mother to Plymouth in the 1920s. During her lifetime, Ms. Dunning was a successful business woman and civic booster. She was a major supporter of many Plymouth nonprofits, including the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Society.

Ms. Dunning died in 2013 at the age of 104. Her estate provided additional funding for the Margaret Dunning Foundation, which continues to support her charitable interests and legacy. For more information: www.margaretdunninginfo.org.

Awards

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Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) provides Advanced Life Support and Critical Care Emergency Medical Transport in the Plymouth Community. Vice President for Eastern Operations Andy Savage announced that the HVA Paramedic of the Year is Josh Cousino. Cousino started his career with HVA in 2010 and has advanced to become a Critical Care Paramedic assigned to the Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) based in Plymouth.

Recently, he responded to a call and noted that the patient was in need of a wheelchair ramp. On his off-duty time Cousino rallied volunteers from his church to design and build a ramp. He also worked with area suppliers to donate all of the needed lumber and supplies to

complete the project.

The City Fire Services Firefighter of the Year is Chris Helinski. Helinski, who is also the Department of Municipal Services (DMS) Chief of Operations, has been a firefighter since 2012.

Fire Chief Steve Ott said Helinski is, "An idea guy always thinking and sharing those thoughts." Helinski undertook a project to build a number of miniature houses which the department uses to train staff about fire behavior and how the creation of flow paths in a structure fire can compromise safety if not controlled.

The Public Safety Awards Program is one of several annual special programs of the Rotary Club of Plymouth. The club members are involved in service to the local and global community and donate heavily to civic and community programs with funding from multiple volunteer projects, including the annual Chicken Barbecue during the Plymouth Fall Festival.



Celebrate the season

The Inkster Commission on Aging hosted the annual seniors Christmas party Dec. 4 helped by State Sen. David Kneisel, State Rep. Jewel Jones and Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson who attended the event and donated door prizes. Mayor Byron Nolen, city council members and department heads also donated gift cards and prizes and Judge Sabrina Johnson entertained with a special song. Volunteers from the community and the Top Ladies group helped organize and host the "Twelve Days of Christmas" event.

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1. Obituaries



Audrey Graves, 95, passed away peacefully Dec. 7, 2017 at home in Maricopa, AZ. Ms. Graves was the beloved husband of the late Katherine. A Canton Township resident for 43 years, Ms. Graves attended Saint John Neumann and Our Lady of Good Church. She retired from the Livonia General Motors Spring and Bumper plant in 1992 where she was a journeyman welder. He is the loving father of Ariane White, Thomas (Victoria) Graves, Pamela (David) Westfall, Cheryl Fay, Annette Enders, Patrick (Barry) Graves, Michael (Paul) Holly and Katherine Grace; granddaughters of 19 and great-granddaughter of 11. Cremation rites were accorded under the direction of Horizon Funeral Care in Arizona. A memorial is planned in Michigan in March 2018.

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The above vehicles are all impounded through the Canton Township Police Department. There is a \$100 per vehicle buyer fee made payable to the Canton Township Police Department. All paperwork is to be picked up from the Canton Township Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be

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CITY OF ROMULUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING WEDNESDAY, January 3, 2018

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petitions:

1. TEMP-2017-006; William Prizala/Michels Pipeline Construction requesting temporary use approval in accordance with Section 22.03(c) of the Zoning Ordinance to use the property for the temporary storage and staging of construction equipment and materials for utility pipeline work (temporary contractor's yards). The subject property is located at 28034 Beverly and on the parcel to the west (Parcel ID# 88-001-99-0016-701 and 88-001-99-0016-702).
2. 82A-2017-015; Cadillac Asphalt requesting an expansion of a nonconforming use in accordance with Section 20.04(a) of the Zoning Ordinance and a variance from Section 8.04(a) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the height of the new sign to be 84 feet where up to 45 feet is allowed. The subject property is located at 13501 S. Huron River Dr. (Parcel ID# 80-114-09-0013-700).
3. TEMP-2017-007; Florence Cement requesting temporary approval in accordance with Section 22.03(c) of the Zoning Ordinance for a concrete batch plant for the using of Vinyling Road. The subject property is located on the north side of Smith, east of Vinings (Parcel ID# 80-038-09-0004-703).

Copies of the applications are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Written comments may be submitted and forwarded to Carol Maine, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
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BELLEVILLE - CANTON

Residents protest plan to close fire department

Members of the Belleville City Council took no action on a plan to dissolve the local fire department during the regular meeting last week.

Rumors of a plan to eliminate the local city fire department have been rampant for months. Fire department officials said that city administrators called them to a meeting at the end of November and told them the department would be dissolved as of Jan. 1. They also stated that City Manager Diana Kollmeier told them a vote would take place on an intergovernmental agreement with Van Buren Township dissolving the city department at the meeting last week.

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, however, disputed that

contention and said during the meeting that "no decision was imminent."

More than 60 residents crowded into The Commons at Belleville High School for the meeting, moved from city hall to accommodate the crowd. Residents protested the rumored vote on outsourcing fire protection in the city to Van Buren Township. Currently, Belleville is staffed by an on-call paid group of 15 firefighters. Van Buren, too, has a paid on-call fire department led by a full-time Fire Chief Dan Besson under the direction of Public Safety Director Gregory Lannin.

The proposed 10-year fire service contract through an intergovernmental agreement with Van Buren Township would

cost Belleville about \$160,000 annually for four years and then increase by 2 percent each year to about \$180,000 the final year. The city firefighters would work for Van Buren Township according to the proposed language. The firefighters have a contract with Belleville which expires Dec. 31.

During the meeting, Conley attempted to calm the crowd telling them that she "hopes the city continues to have the service delivery at the current level or even greater." She said that any decision made by the council

members regarding fire services should be mindful of improved response time since the current volunteers are notified of an emergency at their homes, travel to the fire station and then to the scene of the incident.

The Van Buren volunteers follow the same procedures, according to fire officials. Conley said that the move to the Van Buren department would not be an easy decision and that a conversation about disbarring the Belleville department would not be easy, "but it is one we need to have."

After hearing the comments of residents, many strongly opposed to the move and the closing of the city fire station, Conley noted that there were issues that needed consideration in the decision.

The firefighters, however, took legal action through attorney Michael Ossy, representing the Belleville Volunteer Firefighters Association. Ossy filed a motion in Wayne County Circuit Court seeking an order to stop the city from taking any action on disbarring the fire department.

Conley suggested that a committee or a facilitator be appointed to help determine the best course of action in making a decision.

Reportedly, city officials have been discussing the closing of the department since August.

Happy New Year Circus returns to Canton for special show

The New Year will be celebrated with high-flying aerial antics on fabric, trapeze feats of daring and lyma moves along with other jaw-dropping performances.



as The Detroit Circus performs at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill New Year's Eve.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31 show, are priced at \$22 and available at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or the Village Theater box office from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. weekdays. Tickets can also be ordered by phone at (734) 394-5300 ext. 3.

Spectators will be entertained by this locally-based, animal-free circus that features performers including contortionists and jugglers, along with feats of mind-bending strength and acrobatics. Performances of The Detroit Circus have sold out at The Village Theater each year since

2015.

The Detroit Circus is comprised completely of Detroit-Area performers who were discovered by founder, Micah Adams. During their performance at The Village Theater skilled aerialists will dance, weave and flow through the air, while aerial hoop performers display lyrical flexibility as they contort and spin with grace, poise, and astonishing strength. The Detroit Circus is suitable for all ages.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.



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Calendar of events

Children's workshops planned

The Belleville Area Museum will offer Children's Christmas Ornament Workshops and photos with Santa at noon, 1:15 and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16.

Reservations are strongly encouraged and required for groups. The cost is \$2 per child.

The Belleville Area Museum, serving the communities of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren, is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville.

For reservations or information, call the museum at (734) 697-1944 or email kadinos@provide.net.

Ultimate Christmas Show on stage

Inspire Theatre will present The Ultimate Christmas Show at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 and 16 at the Westland Center for the Arts, 33425 Warren Road in Westland. A matinee is planned for 3 p.m. Dec. 17.

The Ultimate Christmas Show takes place at St. Eusebius's Non-Denominational Universalist Church where all faiths are welcome.

There's a problem with the show, however: none of the acts scheduled to perform have arrived, so the three members of the organizing committee are

pressed into service to perform the entire variety show and Christmas pageant by themselves.

The production is an outlandish trip through the holiday season that will have audiences crying from laughter, according to the cast.

For tickets, or information, call (734) 751-7057 or access inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com.

History of Wayne is topic

John Mills, vice president of the Wayne Historical Society, will discuss the history and background of Wayne during a 7 p.m. meeting tonight, Dec. 14 at the museum.

He will discuss how political boundaries were carved out and share a new program to help members show pride in Wayne.

The museum is located at One Towne Square in Wayne.

Holiday Pops concert set

The Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra will present the annual holiday musical celebration, Holiday Pops with the Phil from 8-9 p.m. tonight, Dec. 14 at the Pears Theatre in Plymouth.

The theater is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

Tickets are priced from \$10-

\$30. For information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 451-2112 or info@michiganphil.org.

Church hosts dinner

Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church will host the Annual Christmas Community Dinner from 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16.

The church is located at 23066 Elton St. in Westland.

For more information, call (734) 721-2577.

The event is open to the public.

Senior Book Club meets

The Senior Book Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 19 at the Romulus Senior Center.

Adults 55 are welcome to join the five sessions. Copies of the books for discussion include Rules of Civility by Amor Towles and Mrs. Tom Thrum by Melanie Benjamin.

Both books are available at the Romulus Public Library, 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information, call (734) 942-7289.

Adult yoga classes offered

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer an Adult Slow Flow Yoga class from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Jan. 2 through Feb. 20 or Jan. 4 through Feb. 22 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

This active, multi-level yoga class is taught in a flow style format. The classes will incorporate a flow of movement and breath, with a focus on form and body awareness. Each class will end with a guided meditation and relaxation.

Cost for this class is \$89 for city of Plymouth residents and \$104 for non-residents.

Registration can be found online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-6620, from 11:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Neuromovement class offered

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer an eight-week Neuromovement class from 7:30-9 p.m. Jan. 4

through Feb. 22 from at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The classes are designed to eliminate aches, pains, and stiffness and increase flexibility, both physical and mental.

Neuromovement is a holistic approach to human functioning and action, based on the understanding that movement is the language of the brain. Cost for the class is \$133 for city of Plymouth residents and \$148 for non-residents.

Registration is available online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-6620, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Butterfly Ball tickets on sale

Tickets for the Valentine's Day tradition Butterfly Ball in Canton are now on sale.

The dance returns to the Summit on the Park Feb. 9 and 10, offering a unique experience and plenty of special memories for dads and daughters.

The evening will include dance demonstrations, a special butterfly soiree, and the highly anticipated balloon drop that caps off the festivities. Three dances are scheduled this year: 6 p.m. Feb. 9 and 2 or 6 p.m. Feb. 10.

All three dances will be in the Summit Gymnasium this year.

Tickets are \$11 for Canton residents and \$14 for non-residents. All ticket sales will end Feb. 1. Dads and daughters, regardless of age, are required to purchase a ticket to attend. This annual event has sold out in the past, so early ticket purchase is advised.

For more information, call (734) 394-5480.

Pet CPR classes offered

Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) is hosting a pet CPR and first aid training at the Plymouth headquarters at 1280 Goldsmith from 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5.

The class and training are free and will explain how to care for pets in the event of an emergency.

All ages are welcome. Students must register in advance at forms.jform.com/73402966582184.

Miniature Masterpieces performed

The Michigan Philharmonic will perform chamber ensemble music performed by 14 players during the Miniature Masterpieces concert set for 2 p.m. Jan. 22 at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth.

The chapel is located at 574 S Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

For information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 451-2112 or info@michiganphil.org.

Schools host open house

Wayne Memorial High School will be hosting an 8th grade parent night at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium, 3001 Fourth St. in Wayne.

This evening is for current eighth-grade students and their families or families interested in more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2018-2019 school year. Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to participate in this event. Topics covered will include: scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct course courses, AP courses, extra-curricular activities, and much more. All are welcome to attend, and questions are encouraged.

Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot, and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. For questions, please contact the Wayne Memorial counseling department at (734) 419-2215.

Rock, Pop & Soul performed

The Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra will perform a Valentines themed concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Village Theater in Canton Township.

The music featured will be from the 70s and 80s.

The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

For information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 451-2112 or info@michiganphil.org.

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gling but are bouncing back," he said. The residents of those communities are staying together and coming back, and he wants to be part of that process, he added.

"My parents come from a background of India, and I am trying to make a better life for them. And over the years it transitioned to I want to help my community. Wayne is like my family, and I want to help others," he said.

Patel said he wasn't always so community-minded. But

after some self-reflection and some talks with his Champions mentor and English teacher Kevin English and with one of the founders of the Champions program, Bill Grogg, he became engaged in his school and community.

"We have students that are struggling in our community and what are we and what am I doing about this? I didn't want to leave that question hanging in my mind."

He said that is when he realized how valuable the Champions program is to students.

"There is nothing better than helping others. It has changed my outlook on life," he said.

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