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Defamation lawsuit settled in Wayne

The City of Wayne will pay community activist Christopher Sanders an undisclosed financial amount as part of a confidential settlement reached in the lawsuit filed against the city and Councilman Skip Monit by Sanders last year.

The settlement includes a financial award to Sanders, 45, who filed the suit in October of 2013 in response to comments Monit made during a regular meeting of the city council in October of 2012. Monit's remarks

included innuendoes of allegations that Sanders had made improper physical contact with children during a HalloWayne event celebrated in the city, according to court filings.

Sanders approached the city council and Monit at a subse-

quent 2012 meeting and demanded a public apology for the remarks, but his request received no response from the officials. He subsequently filed the lawsuit, represented by Canton Township attorney Ron Ruark, in October of 2013.

Following formal legal depositions of Monit, Sanders and several others, the matter was referred for a formal "case evaluation." Ruark said this is a step required of all civil cases in Wayne County. The evaluation is performed by a group of lawyers who determine whether or not to take the case to trial based on the merits of the legal filings. The evaluation in this case recommended the financial settle-

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"It was not our intent to drain anybody financially. We wanted to make a statement and that's what we did."

Grrrateful... Lion's Club thanks donors

Members of the Canton Lions Club paid tribute to two business establishments that have provided help to the club fundraising efforts for several years.

Holiday Market and L. George's Coney Island were honored for their continued help by members of the Lions Club and owners accepted engraved plaques acknowledging the gratitude of the club.

"These businesses understand the needs in the community and assist the Lions Club in any way they can. Assisting the blind and hearing impaired are the Lions Club primary goals, however you'll find them working with kids who have multiple handicaps, giving scholarships to handicapped youth to attend college or checking the sight of children through a program called Kid Sight," noted former Lions Club President Bill Van Winkle.

He added that these are just a few of the programs the Lions Club funds including providing low-vision aids for those who need the help at the Canton Public Library.

Holiday Market owners John and Lisa Pardington accepted an award from the

club citing the number of years the South Lilley Road establishment has allowed Lions Club members to seek contributions from customers as they come and go while shopping.

Van Winkle said the Canton Lions Club counts on the Pardingtons who allow them to collect contributions from their customers.

"The Lions members hear many times from people who will say, 'My father or mother received help when they were kids from the Lions Club and now it's our turn to give back,'" Van Winkle said.

Jay and Dila Lucaj and the staff at L. George's Coney Island on Michigan Avenue are also strong supporters of the Lions Club and the work they perform in the community. Van Winkle said that in the coldest days of working by the entrance door of the restaurant, staff members will bring hot coffee out to the Canton Lions collecting donations.

"The Lucajs are always willing to assist the Lions in their work," Van Winkel said. "They understand that the community needs help and are willing to let the Lions solicit contributions from their customers."



Lions Club Director John Anthony, President Bob Boyer, Holiday Market owner Lisa Pardington and Past District Governor Bill Van Winkle were all smiles at the award presentation to Holiday Market from the Lions Club earlier this month.



Lions Club Director John Anthony, Lion Past District Governor Bill Van Winkle, L. George's Coney Island owner Dila Lucaj, a staff member and Lions President Bob Boyer celebrated the award to L. George's presented by the Lions Club.

The membership of the Canton Lions Club is diverse but their goal is constant: Help those less fortunate, Van Winkle said.

"These two businesses go out of their way in help those in need and for that we salute

them. The plaques can be viewed in the businesses," he added.

For additional information about the Lions Club, contact Van Winkle at (734) 254-9404 govbill1@wowway.com or Cantonlions.org

Township audit finally filed 5 months late

The audit of Plymouth Township finances, due in the state treasurer's office no later than June 30, was finally filed last week.

Plante Moran auditors Mark Olejnik and Melanie Crowther reported on the financial condition of the township at the regular meeting of the trustees last week. Despite the five month delay, the auditors said that the report included an "unqualified opinion" from the financial professionals, meaning that they determined the records accurately reflected the financial activity and condition of the township.

Township officials said that

the five-month delay in the required financial audit was caused by a lack of documentation from the City of Plymouth regarding amounts owed to the township for legacy costs in the Plymouth Community Fire Department. The two communities ended a joint operating agreement at the beginning of 2012 and township officials claim that the city owes about \$1.3 million in pension costs for retired firefighters and another \$2.5 million in health care costs for retirees. City officials have questioned the accuracy of the amounts claimed by the township.

Auditors said that the town-

ship ended 2013 with a fund balance of \$3.661 million, and had expenditures of \$850,000 less than revenue collected. Reported revenues were \$12,126 million while expenditures were \$11,716, according to the auditors.

Olejnik told the trustees that a healthy fund balance was necessary to provide for cash-flow needs and the economic uncertainty. He urged fiscal restraint going forward.

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said that the township revenue has decreased by about \$6 million in revenue sharing from the state during the past seven years.

The auditors noted that 55 percent of the township revenue came from property taxes while administrative charges, cable revenue and other fees accounted for about 21 percent, or a little more than \$2.5 million.

Public safety expenses accounted for 63 percent of expenditures in the township, totaling about \$7.09 million for police, fire and emergency dispatch services. General government expenses were reported at \$2.86 million, about 24 percent.

The township currently has an unfunded liability of more than \$20 million for retiree health care.

Detroit men found guilty of murdering teens

A jury has found the two men accused of murdering Westland teens Jacob Kudla and Jourdan Bobbish guilty on all charges.

The jury trial, ongoing for more than a week, came to an end last Thursday morning as the jury announced the guilty verdict to a packed Wayne

County Circuit Court. The two, Felando Hunter, 24 and Fredrick Young, 25, were each convicted of two counts of first-degree murder which carries a mandatory life sentence without the possibility of parole. The two were also convicted of felony murder-committing a homicide

while committing a felony as well as charges of torture, armed robbery, unlawful imprisonment and felony firearm. Young was also convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Witnesses in the trial told the jury that Kudla, 18, and Bobbish,

17, had visited Kudla's uncle in Detroit on the night of July 22, 2012. The pair then drove to a home on Algonac in an attempt to buy drugs from Hunter and Young. The men robbed the teens of \$110, forced them to

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New police chief named in City of Wayne

Alan Maciag is the new City of Wayne Chief of Police.

Members of the city council confirmed the permanent appointment of Maciag to the position during their regular meeting earlier this month. Interim City Manager David Murphy appointed Maciag to the position on an interim basis following the retirement of former chief Jason Wright in October. Wright has now joined the Van

Buren Township Public Safety Department as an administrator.

Maciag, 40, who served as deputy chief during Wright's tenure, was praised for his taking on added responsibilities while Wright served as a temporary city manager in the community. Murphy told council members that Maciag was well suited for the top job in the police department and said he was described by other police offi-

cers and members of the community as meticulous, dedicated, hardworking, honest and ethical.

"I wanted to thank you for your vote of confidence. I thank all the citizens of this fine city for being so nice and their support over the years," said Maciag. "I started my career here 17 years ago. I am very proud to be chief. The fine men and women of this department are the best of the

best as you know."

Maciag and his wife, June, have two sons, Jacob and Alex. He earned his bachelors degree in criminal justice from Western Michigan University and a masters degree in criminology from Eastern Michigan University. He also completed the FBI Academy in 2012 and the Northwestern University Staff and Command School.

Maciag, formerly of

Wyandotte, said he has specific goals for the department despite the financial problems facing the city which is in a deficit budget situation.

"I'd also like to be more involved in the community. There are some technology things I would like to see us move towards," he said. "I want to be more accessible to the community - they are our ally and help us tremendously."

2 charged in shooting death of Westland man

Two men have been charged in the shooting death of a 79-year-old Westland man.

Prosecutor Kym L. Worth has charged Dale Morgan, 42, of Ypsilanti and Cortez Butler, 42, of Detroit with the homicide of Charles Graham who was killed shortly after 5:30 a.m. Dec. 6. Prosecutors allege

that Graham met with Morgan in the early morning hours of Dec. 6 and they went to a house in the 9300 block of Woodlawn in Detroit. The pair met Butler and shortly thereafter the three got into a nearby car.

While in the vehicle, prosecutors claim, Butler handed

Morgan a bottle of pills and demanded money. There was a dispute between the men and when Graham refused to give Morgan money, Morgan shot him in the head with a handgun.

Investigators said that Butler and Morgan fled the scene but following an investi-

gation by the Detroit Police Department detectives, were arrested Dec. 11.

Morgan has been charged with First Degree Murder, Felony Murder and Felony Firearm, according to the prosecutor's office. He was arraigned Dec. 13 and remanded to jail. Butler has been

charged with Felony in Possession of a Firearm and Felony in possession of ammunition and was also arraigned Dec. 13. He received a bond of \$1 million.

Preliminary court examinations for both defendants are scheduled for Dec. 23 in 36th District Court.

Settlement

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ment amount subsequently accepted by both Sanders and the city.

"Once the case evaluation was complete, we settled very quickly," Ruark said.

The settlement agreement includes a confidentially clause which prevents either side from revealing the amount of the payment from the city or city insurance carrier to Sanders, Ruark said.

"It is very confidential, but I will say the settlement was not extravagant. It was not our intent to drain anybody financially. We wanted to make a statement and that's what we did," Ruark said.

Sanders also refused to disclose any terms of the agreement.

"I feel the settlement agreement is equitable and I am very happy with the results. That being said, this was never about the money for me. This was about not allowing the climate of entitlement and intolerance in city hall to continue. This was about setting an example for others who think they have no recourse against the misuse of authority or the misconduct of those in elected office," he said.

Monit said the settlement amount would be paid to Sanders by the city or the

city insurance carrier and did not indicate that he would be paying any of the settlement amount personally.

"I'm glad it's settled. I feel the amount settled on was appropriate for the nature of the case which had no basis," he said. "I'm glad it's behind me and I'm ready to move forward. I'm glad to be rid of that burden."

Sanders said that he would not hesitate to take legal action again in the same situation.

"I will not allow myself to be a part of, or calmly accept, being the target of immature, baseless gossip and innuendo that seems to have become commonplace and acceptable today and I hope that others who have been maligned by this kind of juvenile prurience follow my example and seek legal redress," he said.

"I am glad this battle in the war is done and I am more than pleased with the results. I hope we can all move forward in a more respectful and civilized manner and work toward making our city a better place," Sanders said.

Monit, too, said the case was "reasonably settled."

"I'm happy and satisfied it's over with and the city is happy," Monit said.

"Mr. Monit made a mistake. Hopefully, now that this is all settled, we can all move forward," Ruark said.

Guilty

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strip to their underwear and loaded them into the trunk of a car, according to testimony in the court. The teens were found five days later in an abandoned field in Detroit shot execution style.

Testimony indicated that Hunter told others that he and Young drove around for about an hour before finding the "perfect spot," where the teens were taken into the field where they were found, forced to kneel and fatally shot. A witness also said that Hunter told him that the car the teens were driving was doused with bleach and

burned. The car was located on Beechwood in Detroit covered in a cleaning solvent but not set on fire, according to police reports. The Chevrolet Cavalier was located the day after the teens went missing and several days before their bodies were found. Stereo equipment had been stripped and stolen from the vehicle by two men living near where the car was abandoned. The men who took the equipment from the car were later arrested and suspected of the shootings, but further investigation cleared them of the killings, according to court records.

Hunter is already serving a sentence of life without parole for the murder of Vietnam veteran John Villneff on Rutland Street in Detroit in August 2012.

Library offers monthly programs

The Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library has changed to time for LEGO night at the library to 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lego night will take place Dec. 23, and 30.

Following LEGO night is Storytime. Story time now takes place from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays on the same dates at LEGO night.

The holiday party for children 10 and younger is planned for 1 p.m. Dec. 20. The library will show the movie, Maleficent.

4-H Activity Days are also planned at the library during the holiday break. From noon until 4 p.m. Dec. 22 students can enjoy a China Art Exchange. Students can explore Chinese culture, examine artwork created by Chinese youth and create their own artwork that may be shared with

youth in China.

From noon until 2 p.m. on Dec. 23, STEM (Science, Technology, Math and Engineering) experiments that include building pool cars and other activities

From noon until 4 p.m. Dec. 29, the topic will be Healthy Living. Students can learn about health and nutrition while participating in fitness and healthy living workshops.

From noon until 4 p.m. Dec. 30, the topic will be Community Service during which students can experience the importance of community engagement by participating in hands-on projects that will be donated to a local organization.

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Canton promotes 6 police officers to new ranks

Recently promoted Canton Police Department command officers received their new badges from Supervisor Phil LaJoy, and took their oaths of office administered by Clerk Terry Bennett during the regular meeting of the township board of trustees last week.

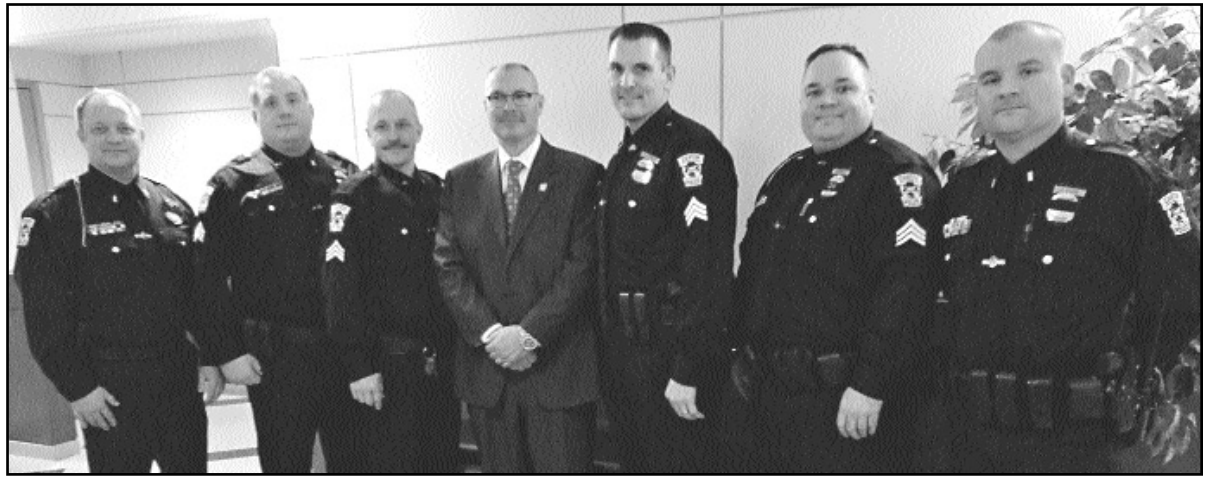
Recognized for their recent promotion to the rank of lieutenant were Chad Baugh who has been with the department for 18 years and Michael Steckel, a 19-year veteran of the department.

In their new positions, the two new lieutenants will serve as platoon commanders in the patrol division, overseeing the day-to-day operation of their respective shifts comprised of sergeants and patrol officers. In

addition, they will also be responsible for providing training, direction and motivation of subordinate personnel toward the accomplishment of the established goals and objectives of the department.

Recognized for their recent promotion to the rank of sergeant were Joseph Bialy who has 10 years of service with the department; Matthew Jenkinson, a 23-year veteran of the department; Edward Johnson, a 12-year veteran and Aaron Mickey who also has 12 years of service with the department.

In their new positions, these officers will serve as platoon supervisors providing leadership, training and direction to road patrol officers. They will



Newly promoted lieutenants and sergeants in the Canton Police Department received their new badges and took their oaths of office earlier this month. The officers were congratulated by Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler, center, and Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, not pictured.

also be responsible for administrative assignments and special projects, under the leadership of their assigned shift commander.

"I congratulate our newly promoted command officers and look forward to the contributions they will bring to the leadership team of the Canton Police Department," said Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler.

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Tipping Point offers family New Year's Eve event

New Year's Eve at the Tipping Point Theatre will celebrate family with an original holiday variety show.

Performers will tell classic holiday stories like 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, The Christmas Truce and Yes, Virginia There is a Santa Claus. They'll sing a multitude of songs like It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas, 12 Days of

Christmas and Silent Night and many more favorites.

There will be prizes, a sing-along and the warm feeling from sitting in front of a crackling fire and watching the snow fall. Directed by James R. Kuhl with music by Michelle Divine, the show is a great way to enjoy the holiday season with friends and family, while supporting live, professional theatre, close to

home, said Lynn Wilde Concannon, marketing and development director for the Tipping Point.

The show will feature Peter Prouty (Ebenezer), Sonja Marquis (Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike), Kryssy Becker (Ordinary Days) and Nick Yocum (The Rainmaker), performances are 8 p.m. Dec. 18-20 and 26-27, and 3 p.m. Dec.

20 and 27. Tickets are \$35.

New Year's Eve will begin with an 8 p.m. performance of an original production, Home for the Holidays.

After the show appetizers and desserts provided by Rocky's of Northville will be served, followed by magician Jeff Jackowski (JJ the magic dude), wine, beer and a champagne toast close to midnight.

Every attendee will also be entered into a drawing to win a gift from Orin Jewelers. Tickets are \$75 each (\$50 of which is tax-deductible) and are available through the box office only. The theater is located at 361. E. Cady Street, Northville. Call the box office at (248) 347-0003. For more information, visit www.tippingpointtheatre.com or call Concannon at (248) 347-0003.

Goodfellows celebrate generosity of donors in Romulus

It's been a good season so far for the Romulus Goodfellows.

The organization, which strives to ensure there is No Child Without A Christmas, has put on several fundraisers and had several groups step forward, according to Romulus Fire Chief David Allison. So far, a fundraiser at the Romulus House restaurant and the

Goodfellows' annual paper sale have brought in nearly \$9,000. The second grade class at Romulus Elementary School chipped in, too, with a fundraiser that netted more than \$100.

"We're not done yet," said Allison. "There will be more money coming in. This would not be possible without everyone involved."

Allison's wife, Julie, put on her most successful holiday tea fundraiser to date. The event took place on Dec. 7 at the Romulus Athletic Center and generated about \$13,000 for the Goodfellows; her goal had been to raise \$11,000.

"I don't know how she does it every year," said Romulus Treasurer Stacey Paige.

"She did an outstanding job, as she always does-and it's a lot of work. It allows us to help families that we wouldn't otherwise be able to.

"We really appreciate both of you," she told Allison.

For more information or to donate to the Goodfellows, call the Romulus Fire Department at (734) 941-8585.

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Rufus A. Barker
Sunrise: May 3, 1952
Sunset: Dec. 4, 2014

Rufus A. Barker died Dec. 4, 2014.

Mr. Barker was born May 3, 1952 in Louisville, KY to the late Rufus and Julia (Ralston) Barker. He was the 10th child of 15 children. Four siblings preceded him in death; Aaron, Albert, Evelyn and Kenneth.

Mr. Barker and his family moved to Inkster in 1957. He attended Inkster Public Schools where he graduated in 1970.

His hobbies included restoring old cars, watching westerns and visiting friends. He visited his relatives in Louisville, KY on a regular basis.

Mr. Barker was a member of New Birth Baptist Church and was an ordained deacon, serving as chairman of the deacon board. His pastor often referred to him as his "right hand man."

Barker and Melvin Barker; a sister-in-law, Patricia Barker; his granddaughter, Gabrielle Barker; a grandson, Levi Barker; his aunts, Clara Bush and Laura Bates; an uncle, John Ralston; a host of nieces, nephews cousins and other relatives, and many friends.

Funeral services took place at Romulus Community Baptist Church with the Rev. Walter A. Steen officiating.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home, 3015 Inkster Road in Inkster. Interment was at United Memorial Cemetery in Plymouth.

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**AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)**

In compliance with federal guidelines, the City of Inkster will hold a public hearing on **Monday, January 5, 2015, at 7:30 pm** and **Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 7:30 pm** to consider submission of the 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. The hearing will be held at Inkster City Hall in Council Chambers located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan 48141. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment and approve final projects and funding level for Inkster's allocation of the 2015 - 2016 Wayne County CDBG Program funding as follows:

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	FUNDING
Administration	City-Wide	20,948
Code Enforcement	City-Wide	142,112
Housing Rehabilitation	City-Wide	15,000
Public Services (Neighborhood Clean Up)	City-Wide	31,422

Total Estimated Request Allocation \$209,482

This estimated amount is based on the 2014 - 2015 funding allocation. The above activities meet HUD's National Objectives by benefiting low and moderate income persons and aiding in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. To submit comments, please contact M. Jeannie Fields at 313.563.7709.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 1, 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, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

1. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-490 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Choate to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 24, 2014. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-491 2B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Choate to approve the minutes of the special meetings of the Romulus City Council held on November 24, 2014, 6:00 p.m. study session, MABAS - (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System); 6:15 p.m. study session, Ordinance Chapter 8, amendment to update Int'l Property Maintenance Code; 6:30 p.m. public hearing, Demolition List 14-01. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3. Petitioner: Vaughn Martin, Wade Trim Project Representative and Steve Minella, Terra Contracting Services, came before Council for approval of a special land use request.

14-492 3A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to approve PC-2014-016/017, Terra Contracting Services (Lot 52 Metroplex) special land use request for a storage yard on the east side of Metroplex Drive, north of Ecorse Road and west of Middlebelt Road. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

4. Chairperson's Report: Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden announced the Good Fellows newspaper will be sold on Friday, Dec. 5th and Saturday, December 6th.

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

5. Mayor's Report

14-493 5A. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to adopt a resolution to exempt City employees from either of the cost-sharing options for the City's medical benefits plans effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-494 5B1. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Dearborn Heights Fire Department for the Regional FEMA Assistance to Firefighting Grant. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-495 5B2. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Northville Township Fire Department for the Regional FEMA Assistance to Firefighting Grant. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-496 5B3. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to recognize Deputy Chief Kevin Krause as the City of Romulus representative for the Regional FEMA Assistance to Firefighting Grant. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-497 5C. Moved by Abdo seconded by Wadsworth to reject all bids related to the official newspaper of the City and direct the administration to reissue a Request for Proposal for bids to become the official newspaper of the City for calendar year 2015 because of the error made in providing notice to the correct address of potential bidders. The company that was awarded the official newspaper of the City for 2014 shall continue as the City's official newspaper until Council receives the new bids and designates a newspaper as official newspaper for the calendar year 2015. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Wadsworth. **Nays - Barden, Roscoe. Motion Carried.**

6. Clerk's Report

14-498 6A1. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Abdo to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 14/15-11, Oakwood Industrial SAD Fund which was introduced at the Council meeting of November 24, 2014. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-499 6A2. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve second reading and final adoption to amend Part II, Chapter 8, Article VII, entitled Property Maintenance Sections 8-211 and 8-212 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-500 6A3. Moved by Choate, seconded by Roscoe to schedule a study session with Mayor Burcroff and representatives from Orchard Hiltz & McCliment to discuss the City of Romulus Visioning Plan on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m at Romulus City Council Chambers. **Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-501 6A4. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Wadsworth to introduce the first reading of an amendment to Part II, Chapter 2, Article V, Division 3, Acquisition and Disposition of City-Owned Property, Sections 2-325, 2-326, and 2-327, 2-330 and 2-331 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances. (The amendments are necessary to ensure compliance with Public Act 123 of 1999.) **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Stacy Paige, announced that tax bills were mailed out on November 26, 2014.

7. Public Comment: Walter Starghill, President of the Western Wayne Branch of the NAACP, requested that he receive in writing, as to why all newspaper bids were rejected by Council. A resident inquired who, at the City, is responsible for sending out bids. Gina Stewart, owner of Telegram Newspaper, commented on the bidding process.

8. Unfinished Business

New Business

10. Communication: Councilwoman Roscoe announced the Adult Literacy Program at the Library, if interested, call 734-942-7589.

11. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, 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 December 1, 2014.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
January 8, 2015**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, January 8, 2015 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Craig Engel, Julia Perkins, Vicki Welty, Alan Okon
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes: November 13, 2014 Minutes

General Calendar:

1. Approval of 2015 Meeting Dates

2. Rebecca Szetela, Applicant for property at 3604 Napier Rd., Canton, MI 48187 located on the East side of Napier Rd. between Ford and Hanford Roads, appealing Section 26.06-Exterior Building Materials, relative to minimum brick requirements. Parcel 027-99-0004-000 (Building).

3. Lee Bittinger, Applicant for the property at 5712 through 5748 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48187 located on the East side of Canton Center Rd. between Ford and Hanford Roads, appealing Section 6A.16, sign setbacks and Section 6A.11.18, sign separation distance. Parcel 039-99-0019-702. (Planning)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – December 9, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Williams, Sneiderman, Yack Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Faas, Director Mutchler, Deputy Chief Newsome, Director Trumbull, Kristin Kolb, Guests Present: David Williams and Matt Pepper from Michigan Humane Society Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the Board Minutes of November 25, 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Recognition: Police Department Promotion Recognitions: Supervisor LaJoy acknowledged the following promotions: Promotion to Lieutenants: Chad Baugh & Michael Steekel Promotion to Sergeants: Joseph Bialy, Matthew Jenkinson, Edward Johnson, and Aaron Mickey Clerk Bennett administered the Oath of Office to the officers. Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments: None Payment of Bills: Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Item C-1. Consider Authorizing Payment of Canton's Public Water Supply Annual Fee to the State of Michigan. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to authorize payment of Canton's Public Water Supply Annual Fee to the State of Michigan in the amount of \$16,884.77. Motion carried unanimously. Item C-2. Consideration of second reading and adoption 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 Bennett, supported by Williams to remove from the table and hold the second reading of an amendment to the Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 70, Traffic and Vehicles, by adding a new Section 70-6. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to declare the text amendment adopted, and direct the publication of the text amendment on December 18, 2014, which shall be the effective date. STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CHAPTER 70 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 70, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO ADD A NEW SECTION 70-6 REGULATING PARKING ON THE STREETS OF CANTON TOWNSHIP. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CODE Chapter 70 of the Charter Township of Canton Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add a new Section 70-6 to read as follows: Sec. 70-6. Stopping, standing or parking. (a) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device, no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle: (1) On a sidewalk; (2) Within an intersection; (3) On a crosswalk; (4) On any railroad tracks; (5) Within 300 feet of any accident at which police officers are in attendance; (6) In front of a public or private driveway; (7) Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant; (8) On a street or highway within 15 feet of a mailbox, or in any other way to obstruct the delivery of the mail to a mailbox by a carrier of the United State Postal Service, SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY Any person or entity found responsible for a violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a civil infraction and may be fined a civil not more than \$100.00, plus any costs and fees that may be imposed by the court. SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application of thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not have been included in this ordinance. SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES All Ordinance or parts of Ordinance is conflict herewith is hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE All rights and duties which have matured penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance. SECTION 6. PUBLICATION The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. CERTIFICATION The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 9th day of December, 2014, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. Terry G. Bennett, Clerk Introduced: November 25, 2014 Adopted: December 9, 2014 Published: December 18, 2014 Effective: December 18, 2014 Item C-3. Consider Approval of a Metro-Act Permit for New Par d/b/a Verizon Wireless. (Legal) Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute contract approving a twenty (20) year permit for New Par d/b/a Verizon Wireless Metro-Act Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR:** Item G-1. Consideration of an Animal Sheltering Agreement with the Michigan Humane Society, Westland Shelter. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the proposed Animal Sheltering Agreement between the Michigan Humane Society and Canton Township, and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried unanimously. Item G-2. Consider Re-Approval of the Final Plat for Willow Brook Village Subdivision. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the resolution approving the final plat for Willow Brook Village Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Willow Brook Village Final Plat WHEREAS,** The Project Sponsor has requested final approval of the plat for Willow Brook Village to be located on Lilley Road between Hanford and Ford Roads, identified as tax EDP # 043-99-0027-703; and, WHEREAS, the Planning and Engineering Officials have reviewed the final plat and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant final approval of the plat; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner to grant final approval of the plat for the proposed Willow Brook Village Subdivision subject to any and all state and local development regulations. Item G-3. Consider Preliminary Approval for Westbury Estates PDD. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneiderman to approve the resolution giving preliminary approval of Westbury Estates PDD. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Preliminary Approval of the Westbury Estates PDD WHEREAS,** The Project Sponsor has requested preliminary approval of the Westbury Estates Planned Development, located south of Joy Road and west of Beck Road on parcel nos. 017-99-0001-713 and 017-99-0001-723; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission voted to recommend preliminary approval based on the findings that the proposed development plan is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the planned development and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions outlined in the Planning Commission recommendation and recommendations 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 Preliminary PDD for Westbury Estates, as proposed, as it provides a naturalized forested park area in the southern portion of the development, enhanced landscape plantings throughout the plan, creation of useable open space with pathways and park amenities, provision of 40% open space, and upgraded building materials and architectural design for the proposed homes. Item G-4. Consider Approval of Preliminary Site Plan for River Ridge at Cherry Hill Village Site Condominium. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve a resolution approving the Preliminary Site Plan for River Ridge at Cherry Hill Village Site Condominium. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Preliminary Site Plan for River Ridge at Cherry Hill Village Site Condominium WHEREAS,** The Project Sponsor has requested preliminary approval for the site plan for River Ridge at Cherry Hill Village Site Condominium, located north of Proctor Road between Denton and Ridge Roads on tax parcel nos. 075-99-0004-003 and 075- 99-0013-702; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval conditioned upon revision of the landscape plan proposed and based on the findings that the proposed development plan is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the planned development and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations, the development agreement, subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendations 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 requested preliminary site plan for River Ridge at Cherry Hill Village Site Condominium subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Item G-5. Consider Acceptance of a Letter of Intent to Purchase Vacant Property. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the attached resolution finding no public purpose and further authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the letter of intent to purchase vacant property with Livonia Builders/TDM Holdings, LLC. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor LaJoy stated the township assessors have approved of the amount agreed upon. Item G-6. Consider Vacating a Portion of a Water Main Easement in the Singh Industrial Park. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the release of easement for the water main in the Singh Industrial Park. Motion carried unanimously. Item G-7. Consider Award of a Contract to Security MicroImaging for Implementation of a Document Content Management System in Public Works. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneiderman to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract with Security MicroImaging Corporation for the implementation of a Document Content Management System in 2015 for a cost not-to-exceed \$59,679 including the contingency. Motion carried unanimously. Item G-8. Consider Award of a Contract with Selectron Technologies for the Implementation of an Integrated Voice Response System. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneiderman to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the letter of understanding with Selectron Technologies Incorporated for the implementation of an Integrated Voice Response System in 2015 for a cost not-to-exceed \$53,400. Motion carried unanimously. Item G-9. Consider Approval of Purchase of Avid Digital Editing Systems for Cable Studio. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to authorize the purchase of four Avid Digital Editing Systems from AVI Systems, 27280 Haggerty Road, Suite C2, Farmington Hills, Michigan in the amount of \$40,000.90 to be taken from Account #230-250.97 0010. Motion carried unanimously. Item G-10. Consider Approval of Purchase of Audiovisual Equipment Upgrade for the Township Board Room for 2015. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneiderman to authorize the purchase of a portable audio system from Provideo, 26471 Southport Rd, Perrysburg, OH 43551 in the amount of \$106,930 to be taken from Account #230-250.970 0010. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the following budget amendment: Decrease Expenditures: Transfer to Fund Balance 250-250.990 0000 \$155,545 Increase Expenditures: Capital Outlay Computers 230-250.970 0010 \$168,043 Increase Revenue: Fund Balance Appropriation 230-000.695 \$12,498. Motion carried unanimously. Item G-11. Consider Approval of Emergency Purchase Order for Replacement of Summit Rooftop Unit (RTU). (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneiderman to approve the purchase order to Building Automated Systems and Services, 6260 18-1/2 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48314 for emergency removal and replacement of mechanical rooftop unit #8 at the Summit on the Park in the amount of \$25,627. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendment: Decrease Transfer to Fund Balance: 246-441.990 (Fund Balance) \$25,627 Increase Expense: 246-750.970 0020 \$25,627 (Capital Outlay Community Bldg. and Improvements) Motion carried unanimously. Item G-12. 2014 Budget Adjustments. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneiderman to approve the following listing of budget adjustments to the 2014 budget. Motion carried unanimously. **101. General Fund Increase Decrease:** Revenue: Fines & Forfeitures Court 101-000.655 0004 \$ 145,658 — Total Revenue \$ 145,658 Expenses: Salaries & Wages Concessions 101-200.705 0090 \$ 145,658—Total Expenses \$ 145,658 Total Increase (Decrease) in Use of Fund Balance \$ -266 WWN Forfeiture Increase Decrease Revenue: Fines & Forfeitures Drug Enforcement 266-000.655 0001 \$ 330,000 Total WWN Fund Revenue \$ 330,000 — Expenses: Operating Supplies 266-333.740 25,000 Maintenance & Repair Buildings 266-333.930 0020 2,500 Pymts to Other Units of Govt 266-333.960 25,000 Total WWN Fund Expenses \$ 52,500 — Total Increase (Decrease) in Use of Fund Balance \$ (277,500) Fund Balance Appropriation 266-000.695 209,000 Transfer to Fund Balance 266-333.990 68,500 277,500 ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None OTHER: Supervisor LaJoy explained this concludes the board meetings for 2014. The next board meeting will be the second week of January 2015. He thanked the board and staff for a great year and wished them all Happy Holidays. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. _____ Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. **Publish** December 18, 2014

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BELLEVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Results of federal investigation still unknown

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Tension is apparently building as questions remain unanswered while the Department of Justice continues a forensic audit and investigation in the Plymouth Township Police Department.

Officials in Washington last week again refused to confirm or deny the criminal nature of the ongoing investigation.

John Lavinski, spokesperson from the DOJ Office of the Inspector General, said the department investigators were attempting to provide a formal response as to "What's right and what's wrong and how they (the township) was going to correct it."

The ongoing audit of the drug forfeiture funds of the Plymouth Township Police Department required township officials to

provide specific and detailed information regarding use of the \$1.6 million revenue listed on the 2012 annual township report.

Three auditors from the Chicago office of the Drug Enforcement Division of the Department of Justice arrived at the Plymouth Township Police Department last August to audit the accounting records regarding the drug forfeiture funds.

To date, Department of Justice

agents have spend countless hours, 12 days and three visits to the township offices and police department. After the first visit last August, three auditors returned for four days and later two more auditors returned for four days.

Lavinski said he'd prefer to call it (the investigation) "a factual accuracy review" and said he could not provide a timetable as to when the federal investigation

might be complete. He said the 12 days was not unusual in the case of Plymouth Township.

A recent similar investigation in New York City lasted only one week, Lavinski said.

"Audits take a long time, month and months."

At the last regular board of trustees meeting, Township Clerk Nancy Conzelman acknowledged the federal agents were still there working.

Fire displaces residents at Water's Edge complex

The cause of a fire at the Water's Edge Apartments in Belleville last week remains under investigation by the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department.

Rescue workers were called to the apartment complex at about 5:18 p.m. Dec. 10 in

response to a reported fire at the structure. Van Buren Township Police officers were first on the scene and discovered the south side of the building in flames. Officers immediately began evacuating residents, according to police reports of the incident. Fire

fighters arrived and assumed the evacuation efforts and initiated fire suppression procedures, according to reports and requested assistance through mutual aid from the City of Belleville, Romulus and both Ypsilanti and Sumpter townships.

Reports indicated that the Van Buren Township Animal Control officer was called to the scene to assist with the safe removal and temporary lodging of several pets that had to be evacuated from the building.

Residents were temporarily sheltered at Van Buren

Township Hall and the American Red Cross was on site to assist the displaced residents, police said.

Anyone with information about the fire is asked to call Lt. Kenneth Floro at the Van Buren Township Police Department, (734) 699-8915.

United Way seeks help

In recent weeks, four homeless individuals have walked into the Plymouth Community United Way office in search of help.

As the holidays approach many peoples' thoughts turn to shopping for holiday gifts while others wonder where they will find shelter.

As the year draws to a close, the Plymouth Community United Way staff is asking the community to give, volunteer and care. Help is only available when individuals, church groups, service clubs and businesses contribute, noted Linda Ann Chomin, community relations and campaign associate with the United Way in Plymouth.

Chomin said that United Way counts on donations from the community to provide human services in Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County. For the last several years, the local United Way has been busy providing emergency food, rent and utility assistance due to the recession, she said.

"In addition to basic needs, this year's

contributions help pursue the United Way Community Impact Initiative," she said.

In an effort to address issues and create lasting change, grants were awarded to organizations attempting to create change. These included Plymouth Canton Community Schools (Bridge program to prepare 9th grade students for success in high school and an after school pilot program to tutor elementary students) and Southeast Michigan Stand Down to assist homeless veterans. Funding also went to food pantries, bus transportation for seniors, housing for adults with developmental disabilities, shelter for domestic violence victims and their children, hospice, and substance abuse assessment and treatment for youth, and many more programs, Chomin said.

She added that much-needed donations can be made online at www.plymouthunitedway.org or mailed to Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, MI 48170.

For information, call (734) 453-6879.

Parade winners are named

The Parade Marshal's Trophy in the annual Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade this year went to Belleville High School Productions.

The honor was presented by Bea and Darryl Raymond, who were the honored marshals this year.

The City of Belleville was chosen as the Best Municipal Float while the Best Organization Float trophy went to Lincoln United Methodist Church and the Best Business Float award went to CRG Electric.

BYC was chosen as the Best Non-Profit Float in the parade.

Twisted Rooster, the Business of the Year chosen by the chamber, was among those honored in the parade

along with Ted Kuckleman Award winner Keith Johnson and Craig Atchinson, who was the Leona Van Buehler Award winner this year.

Chosen as the top prize winner in the Christmas decorating contest for businesses were Belleville Bariatrics which won a \$100 prize while Barber Bob and the Lunch Box each won \$50 for their holiday decorations in the city.

The surprise winner of the evening was Maureen Birch of Dexter whose name Santa chose at random from all the entries hoping to win a two-year lease on a new car of \$5,000 cash.

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley expressed her shock and surprise at the winner's name: Birch is the mayor's mother.

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**CITY OF ROMULUS
ORDINANCE NO. 2014-009**

ORDINANCE AMENDING PART II CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE V DIVISION 3, ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY, SECTIONS 2-325, 2-326, and 2-327, 2-330, and 2-331 of the CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:
Part II Chapter 2 Article V Division 3 Sections 2-325, 2-326, 2-327, 2-330, and 2-331 are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-325. Purchase of properties in foreclosure.
The property disposition committee shall meet and recommend to council the purchase of any property located in the city that has been foreclosed for failure to pay property taxes that is available for purchase by the city under MCL 211.78m(1)&(2) by the payment of the minimum bid, which represents all unpaid tax, interest, and penalties, where the committee determines there is a public interest to be served in such purchase.
The property disposition committee shall also meet and review the list of properties located in the city that have not sold in previous foreclosure sales that pursuant to MCL 211.78m(6) shall be transferred to the city unless it files objections thereto, and recommend to the council a list of parcels that should be rejected.

Sec. 2-326. Property not redeemed.
This section shall be deleted in its entirety.

Sec. 2-327. Requirements for the sale of property.
All property owned by the city that is determined to be sold, except property (1) that is part of open space, common areas, or used for retention or detention in a subdivision or condominium which shall be sold at the City's costs as set forth in Section 2-330 to the respective homeowners association or (2) sold in compliance with MCL 117.4k, which are not required to comply with the requirements set forth below, shall be sold under one of the methods described below: Section 117.4.
(a) Any property that the committee designates for sale may be listed for a period of six months, with a broker doing business in the area, which listing agreement shall provide that the sale is subject to council approval.
(b) Any property that the committee designates for sale shall be posted with a for sale sign and shall be advertised for sale for at least two consecutive weeks in such sources of advertising that the clerk shall deem advisable, requiring sealed bids to be submitted to the clerk. This process shall be repeated every year for property designated to be sold to the public.
The remainder of Section 2-327 shall remain unchanged.

Sec. 2-330. Offers to purchase or bids.
(5) Property that is sold by the city shall be sold at a price that shall include at least the city's cost of purchase, all improvements thereto, and all administrative costs, and may include a deed restriction that limits the future use of the property to uses identified in the deed or it shall revert back to the city.
(6) Property that is sold or given by the city for civic, artistic or cultural activities in compliance with MCL 117.4k, the city is required to recover its costs of purchase of improvements or administrative costs.

Sec. 2-331. Environmental review.
This section shall be deleted in its entirety.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 1st day of December, 2014.
LEROY BURCROFF, Mayor
ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC, City Clerk
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Room in said City on the 1st day of December, 2014.
ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC, City Clerk
I further certify that the foregoing was published in Romulus Roman, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 18th day of December, 2014.
ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC, City Clerk
Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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Calendar of events

Records department closed

The Records Bureau at the Canton Public Safety Department offices will be closed from noon - 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19.

Regular hours will resume after 2 p.m.

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 Light show will continue through Dec. 31. It is closed on Christmas Day.

Christian rock band visits

Wise For Salvation Christian rock band will perform at 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Westland.

The performance will include traditional and contemporary Christmas carols and songs as well as some of original songs.

The concert is open to the public. St. John's Lutheran is located at 35320 Glenwood Road, Westland.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/wise4salvation.

Christmas Spectacular set

A cast of more than 100 of some of the most talented dancers, singers and gymnasts in Southeast Michigan will perform a holiday tradition, the 11th annual Central City Christmas Spectacular. Performances are planned for 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18 and Dec. 19 and at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20 and at noon and 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21.

Peek into Santa's Toyshop to see what really happens in the North Pole and be transported to a world of twirling ballerinas, toy army men, jolly elves, and glitzy soldiers as they all come to life to help North Pole workers load Santa's sleigh.

Performances will take place at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton. Tickets are \$23 and can be purchased through Dec. 12 at Central City Dance Center, 6700 Canton Center Road, Canton. Tickets are reserved seating and cannot be purchased the day of the show.

For more information, visit Central City Dance at www.centralcitydance.com, or call (734) 459-0400.

Community Band in concert

The Belleville Community Band will present a Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. in Belleville.

Circus tickets on sale

Tickets for the Detroit Circus performance at the Village Theater in Canton Township on Jan. 24 will be on sale through Dec. 19.

The \$60 holiday bundle includes four tickets to the 2 p.m. performance, gift wrapped with treats and trinkets, along with coupons for the day of the event.

This is a limited time offer, tickets purchased after Dec. 19 will be \$18 each for all ages.

Purchase your Holiday Bundle in person at The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information: www.CantonVillageTheater.org or (734) 394-5300

Inspire offers 3 shows

Inspire school of Theatre Arts will offer three Christmas shows for one low price at 3 p.m. on Dec. 20 and 21.

Tickets for all three shows are \$7, and children younger than 12 will be admitted for \$4.

The show will be presented at Inspire Theatre, 5767 Executive Dr. in Westland.

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

Contra dancing at Mill Race Village

Mill Race Village will host Contra dancing to a live band with introductory lessons at 12:30 and dancing beginning at 1 p.m. Dec. 21.

Contra dancing is a combination of the aspects of square dancing and swing dancing and all ages and experience levels are welcome.

Dancers should wear comfortable clothing and clean, indoor, smooth-soled shoes. Dances will end at 4 p.m.

The cost for general admission is \$10 and \$8 for students. The cost for a family is \$20, or \$15 with a Northville Historical Society membership.

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street, near Ford Field. For more information, call (248) 348-1845.

Library hosts poet

The Northville District Library is hosting a program "Poems for Michigan with

Joyce Benvenuto" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8.

Poet and storyteller Joyce Benvenuto brings alive the generations of people who have lived along Grand River, both the river and the road, for the past 160 years in this presentation of beautiful Michigan poetry. Her collection of poems, "A Grand River: Poems for Michigan" crosses the state from shore to shore.

To register, call (248) 320-3020 or register online at www.northvillelibrary.org/EventsCalendar.

Jazz concert set

The Plymouth District Library will host nationally-known recording artist Cynthia Kaay Bennett in a free Jazz performance at 3 p.m. Saturday Jan. 10 during the Plymouth Ice Festival.

Also featured in the performance will be Kevin Korecki on keyboard and Will Kinsey on drums. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

The library is located at 223 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth. The concert is free but reservations are requested and can be made at (734) 453-0750 or online at plymouthlibrary.org.

Library offers warm ups

The Plymouth District Library will offer visitors to the Ice Festival warm cider and a Disney sing-along from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11 during the Plymouth Ice Festival.

The family-friendly event is free and open to the public. No registration is

required.

The Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S Main St. in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0750.

Drugs 101 class set

Educators from Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will travel to Hillside Middle School to educate parents, grandparents, coaches, teachers and administrators about the various forms of drugs and the peer pressures facing students to use them. The presentation is titled Drugs 101: What Parents Want to Know and is sponsored by the Northville Public Schools.

The two-hour presentation starts at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 21, when participants will enter a mock bedroom of a teenager that has been set up to resemble a teenage drug user's room. Participants are asked to identify drug and alcohol related paraphernalia that have been placed within the room.

Throughout the presentation, more than 70 trendy drug and alcohol indicators will be unveiled to show how some adolescents hide drug and alcohol use.

The goal of this program is to empower participants with the knowledge they need to spot warning signs of drug abuse in time to intervene and/or prevent it.

Any adult can register for the program by contacting (734) 398-7518 or online at www.stjoeshealth.org/classes.

Any group interested in hosting a "Drugs 101: What Parents Want to Know" program for the parents of their school, district or community, can call (734) 398-7518 or email healthed@trinity-health.org.

CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

In compliance with federal guidelines, the City of Inkster will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 5, 2015, at 7:30 pm to consider transferring \$75,000 to Public Services for Neighborhood Clean Up and Educational/Recreation Programs from Demolition and Code Enforcement. This transfer will exceed the fifteen percent (15%) cap on Public Services. The public hearing will be held at City Hall located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan 48141. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment and approve the transfer of funds. To submit comments, please contact M. Jeannie Fields at 313.563.7760.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and service to individuals with disabilities upon three (3) business days written notice. Contact the City Clerk's office at 313.563.9770.

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