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During a meeting last week, Township Supervisor Kurt Heise told members of the board of trustees that the township does not have the funding for those requested improvements. Representatives from the management company have said the course would be more attractive to golfers with the improvements helping reverse the annual financial losses.

Heise told the board members that the financial losses at the course could not continue while he was convinced that the golf course employees were "doing the best they can with

what they've got."

He suggested that golf courses are being repurposed by communities and that the Hilltop site might be a recreational area to be used for walking, jogging, bike and cross-country skiing, with paths, green space, pavilions and other amenities.

He suggested forming a committee including township trustees and residents to examine possible uses for the site should township officials decide to close the golf course.

Township Trustee Bob Doroshewitz urged the board to examine all possible solutions

before closing the golf course. Trustee Chuck Curnl urged the board members and the audience members not to interpret the discussion as a death sentence for the golf course.

Heise also suggested selling off a portion of the land on the southernmost section of the golf course for development of condominiums. He said he estimated the township could realize \$2 million from the sale of that section of the property.

Treasurer Mark Clinton suggested that residents were already concerned regarding worsening traffic congestion throughout the township as more homes are constructed.

Heise said that no decision had been made but the management contract with Billy Casper will expire in March of 2019 and the township is required to provide the company with 120 days notice if officials opt not to renew the agreement.



Making it merry

More than 30 children joined some local heroes Tuesday for a holiday shopping trip through Meijer in Westland. Firefighters and police officers from Westland joined the children for the 13th Annual Shop with a Hero event. Police Sgt. James Compton, above, was among the officers and firefighters who helped ensure families enjoyed a Christmas shopping outing. The children were also treated to a pizza party and a visit with Santa. Meijer, the sole sponsor of the event in Westland, also provided families food gift baskets for a holiday dinner. "To be able to provide a child with the joy of Christmas is an incredible opportunity," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "Our first responders and local charitable groups who are also participating do amazing work each year to ensure that the children of Westland have a magical and memorable Christmas."

Philharmonic conductor's contract

The Michigan Philharmonic has signed a three-year contract extension with Music Director and Conductor Nan Washburn. Now in her 19th season with the Michigan Philharmonic, Washburn has led the organization's evolution into one of the most innovative and dynamic professional symphony orchestras in the region since her arrival in 1999, noted Beth Stewart, executive director of the Michigan Philharmonic.

The winner of The American Prize in Orchestral Conducting, professional division, in 2013 and 18 ASCAP Awards for Adventurous Programming from the League of American Orchestras, Washburn is one of the most innovative conductors working in the United States today. For her engaging performances and leading-edge approach to concert programming, critics have hailed her work as having "perspicacity, verve, imagination and all-around savvy." Under her direction, the Michigan Philharmonic has garnered national awards

and recognition, winning six ASCAP awards from the League of American Orchestras as well as First Place in the prestigious American Prize for professional orchestras in 2016, Stewart continued.

Before being recruited to Michigan from California, Washburn served as artistic director and conductor of the West Hollywood Orchestra for five years; music director of Orchestra Sonoma, the Camella Symphony, and the San Francisco State University Symphony Orchestra. Washburn first came to national attention as a co-founder, the artistic director, and associate conductor of the San Francisco-based Women's Philharmonic from 1980 to 1990, during which time she became one of the leading authorities on and advocates for orchestral works of women composers. For her pioneering work in this field, she was awarded the WIA - Joanne C. Rae Award for Advancement of Women's Culture.

Michigan Philharmonic on the map by working with and performing works by many of the leading composers in the U.S. today, including Joseph Schwantner, William Bolcom, Libby Larsen, John Corigliano, Chen Yi, Lou Harrison, Tobias Picker, Michael Daugherty, Jennifer Higdon, Gabriela Lena Frank, Andre Myers and Michael Gilbertson, Stewart said.

"We are thrilled to engage Nan for another three years and the artistic head of our organization," said Stewart. "Nan brings the background and artistic leadership we need as the organization enters an exciting phase with the possibility of having a performance home for the orchestra."

As the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex, which houses the administrative offices of the Michigan Phil and 36 other arts and recreational organizations, plans to renovate and expand the facility, a new performing arts center is one of the goals of the project, Stewart said.



Nan Washburn

"Having a performing arts center right in the heart of our hometown of Plymouth would be a dream come true for the Michigan Philharmonic," Washburn said. "It is something we have waited so long for and would be a perfect way to celebrate my two decades with the orchestra."

For more information the Michigan Philharmonic, concert schedules and tickets visit www.michiganphil.org.

NORTHVILLE - ROMULUS

Helping hands

Legends raffle provides holidays for families

The annual Inkster Legends Christmas Raffle was a "smashing success" despite some inclement weather, according to founder and director Fred Smiley.

Every year, the Inkster Legends raffle pays for holiday groceries and gifts for 100 less fortunate Inkster families.

"We give the families about two weeks of groceries, toys for the children and some clothing," Smiley said. "I give the team at Kroger on Meridian and Cherry Hill in Westland a shopping list and they shop for 100 families in Inkster; box up everything for us and have it ready to pick up on the Saturday we do the distribution," Smiley said. "I really want to thank the manager there and his team."

"I also want to thank the group at Meijer in Westland for their generous support. That is where we purchase the toys and clothes for distribution," he added. Meijer in Westland donated \$500 to help with shopping for the families, Smiley said.

Prizes for the annual raffle were awarded during a gathering Dec. 13 at the Sheraton Hotel in Romulus.

"We really need to thank the luxurious Sheraton Hotel for giving us use of the facility for our event," Smiley said. "I would also like to thank all the volunteers who make our event a success and I would be remiss if I failed to thank all the volun-

teers who help sell raffle tickets. Especially Nick Jones of Beta Vision for his continued great work with our organization," Smiley said. He added that the U-Haul manager in Inkster provided storage and a truck for hauling the toys, groceries and clothing.

Smiley said that he and the group also appreciated Greg Lewis and his staff at the Booker DeLozier Recreation Center for their assistance with the program.

This year the grand prize of two tickets to see the Houston Rockets vs. the Detroit Pistons at Little Caesars Arena Jan. 6, was won by Alice Brown; the second bonus grand prize of a Harlem Globetrotters family pack including four tickets along with an autographed basketball headbands and wristbands went to W. Singletary.

First prize of a weekend stay at the Sheraton Hotel including breakfast went to Dennis Spencer; second prize of four tickets to the world-famous Henry Ford Museum was won by V. Mitchell while third prize of a birthday blast for 15 at the Romulus Athletic Center went to Clark Bishop.

Fourth prize of two racks of lamb from Fairway Meats in Detroit was won by Melvin Wiley; fifth prize of a one-day weekend stay at the Marriott Hotel went to Ernestine Williams and sixth prize, a



Inkster State Rep. Jewell Jones, above, and his friends came out to help with the toy shopping at Meijer for the Basketball Legends of Inkster Christmas giveaway. Among those who helped select items for the families this year were Jermaine and Rachael Bounds; Mikaela Winn; Darius Turner; Javlon Johnson; Meeley Robinson and Jones.

Garmin GPS navigation system was awarded to Leita Taylor.

Seventh prize, dinner for two at Urban Soul restaurant in Detroit went to S. Vassallo; eighth prize, two vouchers for dinner for two at The Say went to Tyrone Orr and Ernestine Williams; ninth prize, dinner for two at Red Lobster was won by Woody Woodward and 10th prize, a \$25 gift card at Ford Garage in Dearborn was won by Beverly Spencer.

"I also want to thank God," Smiley said, "because none of this is possible without God's grace."

Inkster Legends also accepts donations to help their holiday efforts. To donate or for more information go to www.inksterlegends.com and click on contact us.



School leader rated 'effective'

Members of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education have rated Superintendent of Schools Pete Kudlak as "effective."

The rating encompasses Kudlak's performance as the leader of the district from July through December 2017. The board has been in the process of evaluating

Kudlak since July. He will be evaluated for his performance from January through December of 2018.

Discussion of the evaluation continued during a special closed session of the board members prior to the regular meeting last week.



Special guests

Radio Station 96.3 WVDV visited the Romulus Fire Department Dec. 15 as part of their "Salute to First Responders" program and delivered boxed lunches from HoneyBaked Ham for the crews on duty. They also donated gift cards to buy meals for the crews working on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Welcoming the visitors are Firefighter Mike Frye, left; Lauren Crocker, 96.3 WVDV on-air personality; Romulus Fire Service Director Kevin Krause; Blaine Fowler, 96.3 WVDV on-air personality; Matt Laurinac, 96.3 WVDV on-air personality and Romulus Firefighter David Elter.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center St., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals in the Office of the Clerk up to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, January 4, 2018 for the following:

SPORTS FIELD LIGHTING REPLACEMENT

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.cantonmi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at 734-946-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment on the grounds of contractors.

MICHAEL MEGRINI, CLERK

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**PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

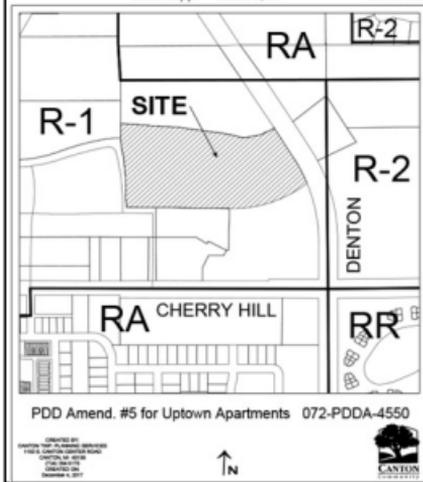
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 8, 2018, at the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

UPDATES FOR AMENDMENT #4 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 17-04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PART OF PARCEL NO. 072-99-0001-713. Property is located north of Cherry Hill Road and east of Ridge Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center St. prior to Thursday, January 4, 2018 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

RE-ATTACHED MAP: Greg Gosens, Chairman
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A, ZONING OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 18-01 - AMENDING THE DISTRICT AREAS OF THE ZONING MAP AS FOLLOWS:

MICHIGAN RESIDENTIAL - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 120-99-0011-120-99-0011-801 (WRHS GEORGE) AND 120-99-0011-702 (1506 DENTON) FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Geddes Road and west of Denton Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center St. prior to Thursday, January 4, 2018 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Philharmonic awards teen scholarship

The Michigan Philharmonic has awarded a full year String Fellowship to Rachel Browning, bassist with the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

Browning is a senior at Plymouth High School and has been studying and playing the double bass for seven years. She joined the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Sinfonia in 2012 and became the principle bassist for the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Symphony in 2013. She is also the principle bassist for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP) orchestra.

An accomplished musician, Browning has received a number one rating for three consecutive years at the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association solo and ensemble state competition and was selected as a member of the Michigan Honors Orchestra for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in the spring of 2017. To broaden her experi-

ence with the bass, she participates in multiple pit orchestras and joined the John Coltrane Jazz Band at PCEP.

Browning said she is excited about her upcoming senior year in high school and plans to continue to her study of music and the double bass in college.

The Michigan Philharmonic String Fellowship is an award given to an advanced string player in the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. Winners of the Fellowship have the opportunity to perform with the Michigan Philharmonic on several concerts per year and receive a stipend for their work.

"We have never awarded the string fellowship to a bass player before and we are excited that Rachel is such an accomplished musician," said Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra conductor Holger Qyfel.

The Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra was founded in 2003 and has

grown significantly since its inception. Currently the youth orchestra consists of more than 135 students in five different ensembles - two levels of beginning and intermediate strings, the Chamber Winds, the Flute Choir and the full Youth Symphony. Students have the opportunity to give two performances on a professional stage at the Village Theater in Canton in addition to side-by-side performances with the Michigan Philharmonic for the two upper ensembles.

The Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra will be hosting auditions for 2018 winter semester after the holidays. Visit www.mphyo.org for more information. Auditions will be for all levels of strings, winds, brass and percussion instruments.

For more information on the Michigan Philharmonic, visit www.michiganphil.org or Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or YouTube.



Rachel Browning

School district names new operations director

Northville Public Schools have a new director of operations.

District officials have hired Steven Banercho for the position, replacing Chris Gearms who announced his retirement after 20 years at the helm of the Maintenance and Operations Department for the district.

During the two decades of his leadership, Gearms oversaw building maintenance during periods of significant reductions in school funding, assisted with the transition to contracting of trans-

portation and custodial services, and provided leadership in the implementation of Sinking Fund dollars toward facility needs, explained Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher.

She said that following a thorough search and interview process, the district selected Banercho for the director's position.

Banercho comes to Northville Public Schools with 18 years of experience as a construction project manager for McArthur & Smith, Inc., in Farmington

Hills, specializing in the planning, budgeting, and construction of educational facilities, Gallagher said. Banercho has a bachelor's degree from Michigan Technological University and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in Civil Engineering and Construction Management.

"Steve is a Northville community member and school parent, who most recently volunteered his time and expertise in co-chairing the district Facility Review/Bond Study Committee. His

expertise in facilities and construction will be of great benefit to the district as we move forward with the implementation of Bond 2017 projects, and in overseeing facility operations and maintenance district-wide," Gallagher said.

"As we welcome Steve to the Northville Public Schools team, I also want to take the opportunity to thank Chris Gearms for his 20 years of service, and his gracious offer to make himself available as needed to support the transition process," she concluded.

Annual Snowman Photo Contest under way

The Plymouth Recreation Department is sponsoring the annual Snowman Photo Contest again this year.

To enter, city residents need to build a snowman, dress him up and take a photo of the end result which should be

dropped off at the City of Plymouth Recreation Office. Photos can also be sent by mail, email or fax.

Entries should include the child's name, address, phone number and email address of the person submitting the

photo. Deadline for entries is 4 p.m. Friday, March 2.

Judging will take place the week of March 5 and the winner will announced March 12.

Photos should be submitted to City of Plymouth Recreation Department, 625 Farmer, Plymouth, MI 48170 or emailed to plierzec@ci-plymouth.mi.us.

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CITY OF ROMULUS Notice of Public Hearing and Proposed Projects COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FY 2018/2019

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Romulus is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and is scheduling a Public Hearing on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of receiving comments on suggestions regarding projects for the fiscal year 2018/2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Program. The CITY OF ROMULUS expects to receive an ESTIMATED \$151,065.

The primary objectives of the Federal HUD CDBG program are to assist low to moderate income families directly or to provide benefits to areas where 51% of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, preserving deteriorating housing, improving recreational facilities and programs and assisting in meeting special needs of the elderly and physically disabled.

Pending actual funding availability, the City proposes to carry out the following eligible activities with the respective estimated amounts.

- OBJECTIVES:**
- Benefiting Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Persons
 - Benefiting Low and Moderate Income Limited Clientele (LMC) Persons
 - Addressing Slums and High or Low and Moderate Income Housing Benefit
 - Meeting a particularly urgent community development need

ACTIVITY	FY 2018/2019 Proposed Projects	Amount	* Objectives Met
Senior Services/Public Services - LMC - 65A		\$ 22,660	A, B
Park improvements in two City Parks: Historical and McAnally	LMA-03F	\$113,298	A, D
General Administration - 21A (10%)		\$ 15,107	A
	Sub-Total	\$151,065	
Next available project from Program Income		\$ 5,000	A, C,
		\$156, 065	

The Public is invited to attend and comment during the annual Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before December 29, 2017. The City of Romulus will provide reasonable accommodations for those individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services. For further information, contact the Economic Development Department, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 942-7545.

Public Hearing, December 21, 2017

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Local teacher to travel to Finland

One Wayne teacher will be providing guidance to a whole different group of "students" this month.

Jacqueline St. Antoine, a dual-diagnosis teacher at Franklin Middle School in Wayne, will travel to Tampere, Finland to present information at an international conference of educators regarding teaching students with cognitive impairments and social/emotional/behavioral deficits.

"I'll be attending the Art, Ecopsychology, and Education Conference at the University of Tampere," St. Antoine explained. "My presentation is on Ecopsychology Education and Disability. Ecopsychology Education is an approach to teaching that is concerned with an ecological analysis and pedagogy of responsibility to develop citizens who are prepared to support and achieve diverse, democratic, and sustainable societies," she said. "In short, Ecopsychology Education is an approach focused on relationship building, place-based learning, increasing engagement, and fostering community. It focuses on building partnerships between students, families, schools, and the outside community. Typically, this approach has not included individuals with disabilities."

Three years ago, St. Antoine and Amanda Meyers began Franklin United, a student-led inclusion program at Franklin Middle School. Franklin United includes a variety of activities like unified athletics during the school day to bring together general and special education students. This year, the educators are planning unified basketball and unified bowling. Each

spring they have a unified field day.

Aside from athletics, Franklin United students create videos promoting respect and positivity within the school.

"We also hold an annual pledge campaign where students sign and commit to respect and include others," St. Antoine said.

"We have increased participation by 400 percent in the last three years. Students are motivated to make a difference, take ownership in their school, and to lead," she said. "Franklin United's goal is to develop pride in our students for their school community while promoting inclusion and acceptance."

"When students care about their school and their community, they are more engaged. Students can develop relationships that make school a safer, more joyful, and more supportive place. When families see their students as a part of a community, they feel more positive and invited into the school culture," she said.

St. Antoine's students have started a class named called Next Cafe where they sell breakfast and beverages to the staff at the school to help finance their fundraising and service learning efforts.

The staff supports the Franklin United effort too.

"This winter we will be holding a fundraiser for Special Olympics Polar Plunge - our principals Stacy Williamson and Deena Pringle will be getting taped up! I'll be jumping into Lake Bellevoe this February for our team. We also do a community service project each year, which



Unified Field Day participants at Franklin Middle School.

has been building and maintaining a memorial garden," she added.

St. Antoine has taught at Franklin Middle School for six years and is in her eighth year with Wayne-Westland Community Schools. She is also completing a doctorate in educational studies with an emphasis on urban education and focus on disability studies at Eastern Michigan University and is an adjunct professor at the college in the special education department.

"The work I have been doing centers on the need for community-based partnerships. Ecopsychology education, and democratic schooling to be more inclusive of individuals with disabilities. Wayne-Westland is one of the largest hubs for students with special needs in the state. We are truly leaders among low-incidence areas. I am advocating for the need to include individuals with disabilities in more community-based school efforts. Using an Ecopsychology framework, I believe this is a real possibility," St. Antoine said.

She is one of the very few scholars bringing together disability and Ecopsychology.



Jacqueline St. Antoine

education.

"I love Wayne-Westland Schools. It has been my home, and I am committed to serving Wayne Westland Community Schools. We are doing great work here. I want to do more of that important work," she said. "Very few programs of this type are fully inclusive of students with significant disabilities; I want to be on the forefront of developing such a program here."

Winners named in Westland Gallery exhibit

Westland Mayor William Wild chose a posted work of a group of ballerinas about to perform by Laurel Raisanen of Wayne as his favorite entry in the Three Cities Art Club Juried Art Exhibition.

The exhibition will continue through Jan. 30 at the Westland Gallery at City Hall and Raisanen was among the artists who took home more than \$1,000 in cash prizes. She was awarded \$100 for her "Watching and Waiting" work, chosen by the mayor for the "Wild about Art Award."

The other prize winners were selected by Juror Monte Nagler who chose from 60

entries in both photography and non-photographic works.

"I have juried numerous art and photography contests over the years and this one rates right at the top. There is tremendous talent in southeast Michigan as evidenced by this stunning and dynamic body of work both photography and non-photography," Nagler said. Non-photographic entries included oils, acrylics, watercolors, printmaking, air brush, collage, pencil and pastels.

The Best of Show award in photography went to Dennis Koski of Sterling Heights; First Place went to John

Mittelstaedt of Bloomfield Hills; Tim Touchella of Plymouth received both an Honorable Mention award and Second Place; Aileen Brooks of Livonia received an Honorable Mention award and Third Place and Aileen Morcuq of Livonia received an Honorable Mention award.

In all other two-dimensional works of fine art, Mireille Ripley of Ann Arbor took home an Honorable Mention, First Place and Best of Show; Kay Masini of Plymouth received an Honorable Mention and Second Place; Jon Lange of Livonia took Third Place and Susann

Smith of Westland received an Honorable Mention.

The gallery is located at 26300 Warren Road, just west of Westland Mall, in Westland City Hall. The exhibit is open to the public any time city hall is open.

The exhibit is sponsored by Michigan Chiropractic Center; D&M Art Studio and Art-EI Enterprises, Inc. To learn more about the exhibiting, attending the event, tours or purchasing artwork or about Three Cities Art Club, contact Marilyn Meredith at (313) 231-3020 or via e-mail at marlymeredith@wccwag.com.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA

January 11, 2018

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Charter Township of Canton Zoning Board of Appeals, 11150 S.W. 10th St., Canton, MI 48011 on January 11, 2018 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 48011.

1. Public Comments

2. Public Hearing

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

4. Report of the Zoning Administrator

5. Report of the Planning Commission

6. Report of the Board of Appeals

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 4, 2017

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barber.

Prayer of Allegiance

Roll Call: Kathleen Adams, John Barber, Colote Rozas, Tim Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Larry D. Burnett, Mayor

Ellen L. Cross-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Page, Treasurer

1. Moved by Adams, seconded by Rozas to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12-02 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Adams to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 27, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

2. **1. Public Comment:**

4. **Chairperson's Report:**

12-02 4A. Moved by Adams, seconded by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution to oppose the permit modifications, revised ME-15-19-010 and CB11, request to modify two existing permits for Environmental Geo-Technology, LLC, 28470 Criss Drive, Romulus, Michigan, 48174, to reject waste fluid underground. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

12-02 4B. Moved by Webb, seconded by Talley to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Johnny Taylor. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

12-02 4C. Moved by Talley, seconded by Webb to adopt a resolution in recognition of Dason Eric Talley and Reverend Eric Talley on their 50th wedding anniversary. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

4. Moved by Rozas, seconded by Wadsworth to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

5. **Mayor's Report:**

Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Cronin, recognized Chaplain Michelle Major and Chaplain Brian Major, Romulus residents, who received the coveted honor of "2017 Chaplain of the Year" award. Mayor Burnett presented a video of upcoming City events.

12-02 5A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Rozas, to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and chairperson to take the Education or Removal of Equipment Billing Agreement with DTE to enhance the smartlight at the Merriman Road location to the Poind at Gateway. The cost to complete the relocation (\$1,775,000) is being paid to DTE by the Poind at Gateway. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

12-02 5B. Moved by Talley, seconded by Rozas to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and chairperson to enter into the "Notice of Termination for the Metro World Center Planned Area." **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

12-02 5C. Moved by Adams, seconded by Webb to concur with the administration and approve the re-appointment of Mike Glatfley, Jerry Frederick, and Edna Talso-Jennison to the City of Romulus Planning Commission with a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2021. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6A. **Chair's Report:**

12-02 6A1. Moved by Rozas, seconded by Wadsworth to schedule a study session for Monday, December 11, 2017 at 8:30 pm, to discuss proposed changes to the Notions Wood Ordinance. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Council Chambers. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. **Treasurer's Report:**

City Treasurer, Stacy Page, spoke about the City of Romulus Quarterly Investment Report that she presented in a special meeting prior to the Council meeting. Treasurer Page announced that tax bills were mailed out Dec. 14th and, if anyone has questions to contact the Treasurer's Office at 734-942-7588.

7. **Public Comment:**

City Council's Temporary Board of Trustees Chairperson, announced that all summer flowers must be removed from the cemetery before December 16, 2017 - before the Wreaths Across America Event. A resident asked about the next step as the "redirection of street lights" process and also, asked about the notions wood ordinance. Gina Whaley provided advice. **Telegraph Newspaper**, inquired about the Planning Commission meeting.

8. **Unfinished Business:**

City Commissioner Williams commented that she was satisfied with the answer to a question from last week's Council meeting. Mayor Burnett informed that the Planning Commission is an open meeting that meets on a monthly basis. Mayor Burnett explained that the Notions Wood Ordinance allows the City to keep yards at a minimum level and that on December 11th there will be a special meeting prior to the regular City Council meeting to discuss proposed changes to the Notions Wood Ordinance. Community Development Director, Tim Kayes, addressed the question regarding the next step in the "redirection of street lights" process and the resolution from City Council along with the Poind at Gateway's check will be forwarded to DTE.

9. **New Business:**

10. **Communication:**

City Commissioner Adams announced that on December 1st the National Honors Society will hold their annual Sams Shop at North Elementary School. Kindergarten and Pre-K children can shop for two gifts for their parents or grandparents. If anyone would like to donate gifts for the Sams Shop, please contact City Commissioner Adams and she will pick them up.

11. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Rozas to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

12. **12-11-17.** City Council met 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 4, 2017.

Calendar of events

Magician performs tomorrow

Las Vegas magician and Michigan native Aaron Radatz will be returning to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton one show at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22.

Radatz, who was recently featured on the global TV Masters of Illusion, will be presenting magic and comedy.

A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Humane Society of Michigan. In addition, Radatz new children's book, *The Adventures of Dingo the Dog* will also benefit the Humane Society with a portion of each book sale benefiting the organization. Radatz' own rescue dog Dingo inspired the book and will be part of the show helping to raise awareness of this cause.

Recently, Radatz completed his first headlining engagement on the famed Las Vegas Strip and is the only magician to have been commissioned by the US Pentagon to entertain overseas troops. To date, Radatz has toured 45 U.S. states, 37 countries, and six continents.

Tickets range from \$18 to \$24 and can be purchased online at www.cantonillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300.

Circus performs in Canton

The New Year will be celebrated with high-flying aerial acts on fabric, trapeze feats of daring and acrobatics 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 \$27 and available at www.cantonillagetheater.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 Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonillagetheater.org.

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 wwwci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-0623, from 11:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Garden Club meet

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Jan. 3 at Ward Presbyterian Church, enter door 6 or 7 on east side of the building.

The speaker at the meeting will be Juliana Cerna who will address the topic: 'Carpe Diem' a familiar phrase encouraging people to take advantage of the opportunity at hand because it may be gone tomorrow.

Her program demonstrates how this concept can be applied to gardens in ways that increase enjoyment and reduce labor. Using examples from travel both home and abroad, the discussion will explore possibilities for change and development in landscapes.

Guests are welcome at the meeting. For more information, contact Terri Pleasant, (734) 751-9819.

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 \$130 for city of Plymouth residents and \$148 for non-residents.

Registration is available online at wwwci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-0623, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Pet CPR classes offered

Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) is hosting a pet CPR and first aid training at the Plymouth headquarters at 1390 Goldsmith

PARC plans public forum

The new year will bring news about the future plans of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC).

Representatives of the facility will host a Community Forum at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at the Peem Theatre in downtown Plymouth to provide an update regarding the historic former Plymouth High-Central Middle School which is being repurposed into an arts and recreation center. Plans to add a new performing arts center at the facility were announced last month, along with a major funding drive.

The forum is open to the public and representatives from PARC will be available for questions. Preliminary designs, site plans, and renderings of the facilities will be on display and available for public review.

"After two years of successful operation, PARC has far surpassed all reasonable initial expectations; this should provide the community great confidence in PARC's future," commented Don Soenen, PARC president. "Recent independent survey data indicates that an overwhelming majority of Plymouth city and township residents believe that PARC adds value to our community; this bodes well for the future," he added.

PARC is a 501(c)3 public charity, leading the effort to convert the historic Central Middle School and the 16.6 acres on which it stands, into an arts, education and recreation complex serving the Greater Plymouth Community.

For more information contact Soenen at (734) 516-4053 or doensoen@gmail.com.

from 6:30-8 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 <https://form.jotform.com/7340259982164>

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 374 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., 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 college 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, contact the Wayne Memorial counseling department at (734) 419-2215.

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 dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly scavent 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 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) 394-5460.

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