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Congresswoman Debbie Dingell keeps the tradition going

By: Gina Steward - Telegram Editor



Congresswoman Debbie Dingell updates attendees at the-Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber luncheon

SOUTHGATE - The speaker for the January Legislative Luncheon of the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber of Commerce is still a Dingell. Former Congressman John Dingell had been

the speaker for over ten years. When he decided not to run for the seat, his wife Debbie won the election and has continued with the tradition of speaking at the Luncheon.

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Students, parents and legislators participate in DPS Sick Out

LANSING — State Representative Sherry Gay-Dagnogo (D-Detroit) was in the Court of Appeals in Detroit today to support 28 defendants — including two dozen Detroit Public Schools (DPS) teachers who are facing a complaint of wrongfully striking. Teachers across the Detroit school system have been calling in sick and sharing photos on social media to call attention to the deplorable state of many of Detroit's schools, and the dangerous conditions Detroit's children are forced to endure when they go to school.

"Detroit teachers have been doing everything they can to get people in Detroit, Michigan and the nation to understand the horrible conditions that exist and most Detroit schools," Rep. Gay-Dagnogo said. "Instead of being thanked for bringing the issue to light, two dozen of Detroit's best



Students and parents join protest on Monday

Photo by Dale Rich

teachers now face legal action. This lawsuit doesn't do anything to help our children. We

need to take immediate action

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Ecorse Spirit store kicks off with high success

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Writer



The City Council will host a public hearing on behalf of the MI Dept of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) regarding Marathon Petroleum Corporation's proposal to increase the discharge of pollutants from its facility in southwest Detroit.

2301 Woodmere, Detroit MI 48209

The City Council requested this public hearing be held by MDEQ in the community to inform citizens on the potential community impact. All residents are encouraged to attend this important public hearing.

For additional info call: MDEQ (517) 284-6792, City Clerk (313) 224-3266, City Council Legislative Policy Division (313) 224-6225

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School spirit goes a long way

Last year, Ecorse Public Schools opened a Spirit store offering merchandise to local families. Shop items are available at Ralph J. Bunche Elementary Academy, Grandport Elementary Academy and

Ecorse Community High School, standing as a source of pride for students, staff and district alumni.

At each location, patrons can purchase school supplies and drinkware, in addition to hats, scarves jackets, hoodies and t-

shirts displaying the district logo. All merchandise is cost effective to ensure accessibility to everyone throughout the area.

"Our store is about branding the district and making sure that everyone is proud, but we're also selling these items at a reasonable cost to make sure that parents and families are able to purchase them," said Ana Ramsey, Coordinator of Student Services & At Risk Liaison.

The Spirit store currently sits under Ramsey's management, though she hopes to bring in students to help with inventory and sales operations in the near future. Another cool factor lies within incentives given to students allowing them to make their own Spirit purchases once a month.

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However, the real power lies within us, the voters. Since this is election season, I'm sure you will see politicians at many of the events within your community. They will come out and shake hands, smile and tell you what you want to hear. That is when our responsibility begins.

We must first become aware of the issues that are affecting us. I know everyone knows about the situation with the poisonous water in Flint, Michigan. But there are many other issues that we must become aware of; air quality, insurance and college cost, the unfair criminal justice system, low job opportunities and police relationships to name a few. We must then ask what the politicians think about these issues and what actions have they taken to resolve them. Then you must make sure you are registered to vote and then you must vote in every election.

There is not one person that can help with every situation. But you can make an effort to change a situation by voting..

You may not think that your vote matters, but it does. When you find out that someone is seeking to represent you in an elected position, look up their websites and give them a call. You know what issues are important to you, so ask them what their plans are and what have they done about it. If their track record is bad, don't vote for them.

> Gina Steward Publisher

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to save Detroit schools."

Rep. Gay-Dagnogo, a former Detroit teacher currently serving as the House Democrats' Urban Education Reform advisor and chairwoman, has made improving Detroit schools her top priority in Lansing. She is working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to secure funding for Detroit schools so that they can operate to the end of the school year, and to find longerterm solutions that will finally address the challenges faced by DPS.

"I support the actions of the Detroit teachers because they have made the nation take notice of the unacceptable and disgraceful state of Detroit's schools," Rep. Gay-Dagnogo said. "Now that the country is aware of the true state of Detroit schools, it will be harder for Lansing to ignore the problem. For that reason, these teachers should be thanked — not prosecuted. I stand with Detroit teachers and will fight for them in Lansing."

DPS teachers have used sickouts and photos shared on social media to publicize the alarming conditions that exist in the schools. The district is expected to run out of money before the end of the year. Instead of thanking teachers for calling attention to the urgency of the DPS situation, teachers have faced a backlash, including the lawsuit filed by DPS emergency manager Darnell Earley to punish teachers who took part in the sickouts and a bill authored by Sen. Phil Pavlov (D-St. Clair Township) that seeks to prevent future teacher sick-outs.

"Detroit teachers have endured years of pay cuts, increased health care premiums and copays, emergency managers, the failed Education Achievement Authority and legislation intended to undermine public schools in favor of for-profit charter schools," Rep. Gay-Dagnogo said. "Despite it all, Detroit teachers have always put our kids first and continue to do so. Instead of being thanked for the hard work they do, they are being punished. What we need are solutions that will help our kids, not retribution against teachers who are trying to do the right thing."

Gay-Dagnogo has been a tireless supporter of Detroit teachers during recent sick-outs. However, over the weekend, Gay-Dagnogo urged Detroit school teachers to return to their jobs on Monday.

"I will always support Detroit teachers who put their heart and soul into teaching our children," Rep. Gay-Dagnogo said. "Their bold actions shined a bright light on the deplorable conditions of our schools, and I can't thank them enough for

County Commission adopts resolution opposing relaxed air pollution permits at **Detroit refinery**

The Wayne County Commission adopted a resolution Jan. opposing proposed changes to the air quality pollution permits for the Marathon Petroleum Co. refinery at 1300 S. Fort St., Detroit.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is considering revising the refinery's air pollution permits so Marathon can modernize the 85-year-old refinery to produce lower-sulfur gasoline that will meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Tier 3 fuel standard requirements, which will take effect in 2017. The proposed changes are expected to increase the refinery's emissions of sulfur dioxide by 22 tons per year and also allow the increase of other emissions, including various oxides of nitrogen, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds, small-particulate pollution and sulfuric acid.

Michigan's only refinery is in the southwest Detroit, a heavily industrial area. The ZIP code, 48217, is considered the most polluted in the state.

"Those who live in 48217 along with nearby communities – have paid a very heavy price for many years because they are low income and live in a heavily industrial area," said Commissioner Raymond Basham, who D-Taylor, brought forth the resolution. "I drive on the Rouge River bridge over I-75 every day and have a panoramic view of the

area. These residents have paid far too big a price for all the pollution, including from the refinery.

"The state of Michigan can choose to spare the residents of 48217 and nearby cities more pollution, and that is what it should choose. It is the right thing to do."

Hundreds of residents who are opposed to the new permits expressed their displeasure during a public hearing Jan. 6 at River Rouge High School.

According to the Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion, southwest Detroit residents have suffered numerous health problems because of the heavy industry, including a 50 percent higher rate of asthma than the rest of the state. The pollution also has led to other health problems, including heart disease, strokes and cancer.

"The Commission also calls on Wayne County's state legislators to express their opposition to the proposed permits," Commissioner Basham said. "This doesn't just affect 48217 - the pollution spills into many nearby cities like Melvindale, River Rouge, Ecorse and Dearborn. It affects far more than the 7,000 residents of

48217." The refinery produces up to 123,000 barrels a day and employs nearly 800 people.

Twelve other commissioners also voted to co-sponsor to resolution.

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that. The nation now knows what our children face every day. I urge teachers to return to their jobs, while concerned community members and I will be in court to support their colleagues who face legal action for calling attention to the deterioration of Detroit schools."

By Freddie Allen
NNPA News Wire Senior Correspondent



According to the CAP report 70 percent of Black children are enrolled in prekindergarten or childcare centers that receive food subsidies compared to 28 percent of White children.

Minority and low-income students are less likely to have consistent access to effective teachers between preschool and the third grade than students from high-income households, according to a new report by the Center for American Progress (CAP), a Washington, D.C-based think tank

Rachel Herzfeldt-Kamprath, a researcher at CAP and a co-author of the report said that research on brain development shows that kids are learning a lot during that time period and gaining foundational skills that they build on throughout the rest of their academic careers.

"So, having continuity across that time period is really important so that the skills are building on each other," said Herzfeldt-Kamprath.

The report found that more than 60 percent of children in prekindergarten that come from households earning more than \$100,000 have access to highly educated teachers (a bachelor's degree or higher), while about half (52 percent) of the students in prekindergarten that come from households earning less than \$20,000 have access those teachers.

"As children progress through elementary school, they are slightly more likely to have a highly educated teacher," the report said. "This is particularly true for children from higher income families: 60 percent of the highest income second-graders have a teacher with a master's degree compared to only 46 percent of kindergarteners in the same income group."

However only about half of second-graders from households earning less than \$50,000 have access to highly educated teachers

This finding is particularly troubling, because studies show that African American children are more likely to be enrolled in prekindergarten or child care centers that receive food subsidies and are more likely to attend schools in poor neighborhoods than their White peers. According to the report, 70 percent of Black children are enrolled in such programs compared to 28 percent of White children.

Black children are also more likely to have teachers whose household income is below \$50,000 when compared to their White and Asian peers, according to the report.

"In the early childhood field, studies have found both direct and indirect links between teachers' pay and the quality of education provided, with comparatively better-compensated educators creating a higher-quality classroom environment," the report said.

The report highlighted a number of priorities including increasing access to high-quality prekindergarten programs, raising teacher pay, promoting collaborative professional development and in-service training, and school-level support.

"These supports should include both infrastructure supportssuch as up-to-date textbooks, technology, and developmentally appropriate classroom materials-as well as environmental supports, including teacher-planning time during the school day; adequate teacher and school-administrator compensation; and a school community that empowers teachers to be effective," the report said. "Additionally, teachers need supportive school leaders; access to community social services to address the broader needs of children and families; and alternative approaches to classroom and school discipline.

Herzfeldt-Kamprath said that parents need to focus on seeking early learning opportunities and high quality childcare centers that offer developmentally appropriate practices as part of their curriculum.

"The main takeaway is that we know that learning starts very early for kids and building those foundational skills is hugely important and parents can play as big a role as teachers can," said Herzfeldt-Kamprath. "Ensuring that they have access from birth is really critical piece."

Rebecca Ullrich, who also co-authored the report, said that parents should look for schools or childcare centers that are making an effort to engage and involve families in their child's learning.

"Preschool itself isn't necessarily a one-off shot," said Herzfeldt-Kamprath. "We need continuity between prekindergarten and the K-12 system to ensure that kids who get a good quality early education build on the skills that they learned rather than going from a system that takes care of their social and emotional development and their academic skills to an environment that does not necessarily provide the same support that they were receiving."

ACLU of Michigan, Groups File Lawsuit to Secure Safe Drinking Water in Flint



A restaurant in Flint displays they have filtered water

Photo by Dale Rich

FLINT – A coalition of local citizens and national groups filed suit today to ask a federal court to step in and secure access to safe drinking water for the people of Flint, Michigan.

Alleging violations of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan by the ACLU of Michigan, the Natural Resources Defense Council, Concerned Pastors for Social Action and Flint resident Melissa Mays.

"Flint is Exhibit A for what happens when a state suspends democracy and installs unaccountable bean counters to run a city," said Michael J. Steinberg, legal director of the ACLU of Michigan. "In a failed attempt to save a few bucks, state-appointed officials poisoned the drinking water of an important American city, causing permanent damage to an entire generation of its children. The people of Flint cannot trust the state of Michigan to fix this man-made disaster and that is why court oversight is critically needed."

The lawsuit asks a federal court to compel the city and state officials to follow federal requirements for testing and treating water to control for lead and to order the prompt replacement of all lead water pipes at no cost to Flint residents. The groups and Ms. Mays also seek appropriate relief to remedy the health and medical harms to Flint residents from the lead contamination. The lawsuit is not seeking monetary

"The water in Flint is still not safe to drink because City and State officials are violating the federal law that protects drinking water. In doing so, they are exposing the

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people of Flint to lead, a powerful toxin that can be devastating to young children. We are asking a federal court to step in because the people of Flint simply cannot rely on the same government agencies that oversaw the destruction of its infrastructure and contamination of its water to address this crisis," said Dimple Chaudhary, Senior Attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Nearly 40 percent of the city's residents, most of whom are African American, live in poverty

"Everyone in this country deserves and expects safe drinking water, regardless of your race, economic status or zip code. The residents of Flint were stripped of their democratically elected authority and, in the name of saving a few dollars, have been forced to sacrifice their health in the process. This community deserves accountability, transparency, and justice, in addition to water that is safe to drink," said Pastor Allen Overton, co-founder

of Concerned Pastors for Social Action.

"I joined this lawsuit because I no longer believe the City of Flint and the State of Michigan can solve Flint's water crisis and return safe drinking water to our homes. For years the state told us we were crazy, that our water was safe, which wasn't true. For the sake of my kids and the people of Flint, we need a federal court to fix Flint's water problems because these city and state agencies failed us on their own," said Melissa Mays of Water You Fighting For, a Flint-based organization.

The federal Safe Drinking Water Act directs water systems to test their drinking water for harmful contaminants and to treat the water to control for those contaminants. The city and state's disregard for the federal law has exposed the people of Flint to lead, for which there is no safe level. In the past two years, the blood lead levels of children in Flint have doubled and in some cases tripled.

Not until residents elevated public awareness and helped bring national attention on Flint did government officials belatedly acknowledge a problem, and to date, the problems in Flint have not been fixed. The damage done to the city's pipes from Flint River water means that lead will continue to contaminate the city's drinking water until city and state officials stop violating the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Safe Drinking Water Act allows for citizens to sue when government fails to protect their drinking water. These provisions make the suit announced today different from the class-action suits that have been announced previously.

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Senior Center of Ecorse

LIGHT UP ECORSE WINNERS

Light up Ecorse inspired many citizens to bring out the deco-

rations and illuminate their homes for the holidays. Monetary

prizes were given to the winners. The annual event was

sponsored by the Center's Birthday Club. Though they had a

good response they're hoping for more participation next year.

First place for homes went to Dawn Abbott of 8th street, sec-

ond place was Jennifer Shaw of 9th street, and third was Bev-

erly Cooper of 11th street. Honorable mention went to Barbara

Bishop of Pitt street, Linda Lozo of Knox street, Rebecca

Bishop of Pitt street and Betty Wood of 17th street. The first

prize for block clubs went to the block between Hyacinth and

Salliotte of 18th street nearly every home was decorated. Sec-

ond prize went to 15th block club. The best business went to

This is just one of the activities coming out of the Center. We're

still a holding a space for you. It's a good place to meet up

with friends and play cards or other games or just sit back and

discuss the events of the day. The Center is open Monday thur

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Prizes were given to homes, blocks, and businesses.

By Earleen McDaniel - Contributing Reporter

Teamwork

by Janine Folks By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



I've heard it said many times: "Teamwork makes the dream work." Some things can only get done when you have a great group of people working together.

When you're taking on a major task, however, first things first. First you pray. After you pray, you pause a bit and connect so that you can sense promptings and directives from on high. Pray for favor, strength, courage, provision and protec-

Your team will come together. Everyone on the team has strengths and weaknesses. As a team with various talents and gifts, use them all to the advantage of the team. Use them constructively and strategically for optimal results.

When I was in college, we

learned about something called 'synergy.' Synergy is simply cooperation, collaboration or the combined effect of working together. We also learned a concept called 'groupthink,' which is basically, conformity to group values. These things are helpful when it comes to teamwork. It gets everyone on one accord with a common goal.

How good and pleasant it is we dwell together in unity (Psalm 133:1).

We all have gifts. Not the same gift necessarily, but we have gifts. Collectively we use our gifts for a common purpose. As we learn in I Corinthians 12. There are many members (or parts), but we function in the same body (group/team).

Nehemiah could have never rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem without a group of people, each doing their part. It really does take teamwork to make the dream work. Our individual work is important. Our work as a team member is important as well. Be sure to do your part. God bless you.

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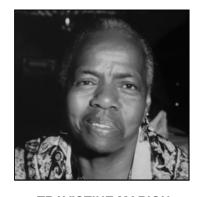
Tsuko was born in Yokohama, Japan. While working as a talented seamstress, Etsuko met and fell in love with Dudley Carreathers, an American Solider stationed in Japan.

Etsuko was a faithful and active member of St. Clements Episcopal Church for over 50 years.

Etsuko was a loving mother and lived for her children. She truly was the "sweetest person you've ever met" with a Spirit you were in awe of and hoped you could achieve.

She leaves to cherish her memory; five children, Ralph, Glenn Sr., (Kathy), Eva, Gail (Tyrone), and Raymond (Demeke); twelve grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two sisters, Keyoko and Kuniko of Yokohama and a host of other family and friends who will continue to keep her memory alive.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes. (chapelchimes.com)



TRAVISTINE MARION Sept. 14, 1926 – Dec. 7, 2015

TRAVISTINE MARION was born in Millville, Arkansas.

She was educated in Arkansas through her early adolescent years. Following her retirement from GM in 1993 after almost thirty years of service, she worked

as a lunch mother at Cory Elementary School and then began working in a local adult care facility

In addition to being a tireless worker, Travistine was known as a powerful matriarch of her family, an avid traveler, a word search enthusiast, and one of the best cooks in the city of Romulus.

She dedicated time to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and a host of family and friends. She leaves to honor and cherish her memory and carry on her legacy: her daughter, Dorothy Long, two sons, Roger Marion Jr. (Willie Mae), and Emery Long (Kimberly); her sister Ella Dee Gregory a host of family, extended family and so many incredible friends.

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JAMES GASKINS

Feb. 15, 1943 – Dec. 10, 2015 James was born in Gordo, Alabama.

James met the love of his life, Beverly Jo Williams, and they married on January 15, 1968. He enjoyed traveling, visiting his parents and children in Alabama and being with his grandchildren. He dedicated his life to Jehovah and would go on to serve as a member of the congregation for eight years.

He leaves behind a loving wife, Beverly Jo Gaskins; a mother, Flora Gaskins; seven children, Danny Gaskins, Gary Gaskins, LaRosa Gaskins, Shirley Douglas (James), Thalia Swint (Mark), Nicole Parker (Christopher) and Mario Gaskins; six siblings, Roselean Posley (Thomas), Katherine Smith (Jimmy), Marie Brown (Edmond), Mary Gaskins, Kenneth Gaskins and Shelton Green (Lucius). Finally, James leaves to honor his memory his grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of other family.

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ARTHUR THOMAS, III

March 10, 1952 – Dec. 13, 2015 ARTHUR THOMAS, III was born in Waycross, Georgia.

When Arthur was a toddler, his family relocated to Michigan. Arthur graduated from Inkster High. In 1974, he graduated with honors from Morehouse College. While at college, Arthur so impressed one of his professors', that he hired him to work for his company, he later went to work for the CPA firm of Coopers & Lybrand.

"Buddy" as he was affectionately called, was a real jokester, and gave everyone a nickname. He loved to eat; his favorite foods were barbeque ribs and seafood. He was also a lover of ties; he probably owned five-hundred.

in 2006, Arthur became disabled and was pressured by family members to retire from the family business of "Thomas Business Service", which was over fifty years old.

Arthur leaves to mourn; his wife, Joan Thomas; two sons, Arthur Thomas IV and Eric Thomas; six grandchildren; two brothers; three sisters and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

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PIERRE JOHNSON

July 31, 1968 – Dec. 10, 2015 Pierre LaTrail Johnson, was known as "Narra", to his family and friends.

After his parents died, Pierre lived with his brother Jessie in Inkster, Michigan, where he attended Inkster High School. They later moved to Detroit, Michigan.

Pierre liked to fix things. He loved to dress, but loved spending time with family and friends more. His children were the true loves of his life.

Pierre leaves to cherish his memory, four loving sons, Pierre Johnson, Jr., Kareem Johnson, Dacquan Johnson and Sean Johnson; one daughter, Ebony Johnson; beloved brother, Jessie Lee Wooden, Jr.; many aunts and uncles and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes. (chapelchimes.com)

Mr. Sabbath is gone, but not forgotten



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The viewing will be held on Friday, January 29th from 2pm – 8pm at Stinson Funeral Home located at 1939 S. Fort St. Detroit, MI 48217.

The Homegoing service is Saturday, January 30th at International Gospel Center located at 375 Salliotte St. in Ecorse, MI 48229 Family hour is at 10am and the service is 10:30am

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS Inkster City Councilwoman DeAtriss Richardson

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Writer



Inkster Councilwoman DeAtriss Richardson (center) along with other Inkster residents passing out food to the community

The "Getting to know our elected officials" feature is designed to provide access into the minds of local public figures. This week we spoke with Inkster Councilwoman DeAtriss Richardson who chatted with us about the most enjoyable aspects of her current position, biggest problems facing her city today, favorite pastimes/hobbies and much more.

What prompted your decision to pursue an Inkster City Council position?

I was dissatisfied with the direction the city had taken. We were losing services; taxes and water bills were too high. I wasn't happy with Inkster's condition, so I thought I should help solve the problem by being part of the solution.

How is everything going so far?

Everything has been going well. We're still in the learning stages. I previously served on the council 8 years ago, so of course everything has changed since then. I'm really just getting reacquainted with the process.

What do you enjoy most about your position?

I really enjoy helping people. If I can assist someone and help solve their problem, or bring them some kind of relief, that's what I enjoy doing the most.

What do you see as the biggest problem(s) facing your city today?

We need to address the issue of blight within our city. We also have no schools, and people really don't want to come to a city that doesn't have schools. Lastly, taxes are high and insurance rates as

well. We additionally need to get a better handle on crime.

I know you've been involved with the Inkster Listening Project. Why did you want to get involved and bring it to the city?

I think that Inkster's story should be heard. It was a travesty for them to close and demolish our schools; they had other options. Getting rid of our entire educational system has been a detriment to our community.

Because of this, I attended a Listening Project session in Detroit. I could definitely feel what they were feeling with some of their schools closing, but in Inkster, we have absolutely nothing. I felt that bringing a project to our city was a good way to put our feelings out there and sort of help us through the grieving process. And of course, our Listening Project will be taken along with others to the United Nations because they're saying that education is a human right, and it is. We need them to know how devastating it is to have no school system, and how that affects your commu-

During your time as a councilwoman, what would you like to do in your district and throughout Inkster to bring change to the city?



De Atriss Richardson

I've been talking to people about bringing their businesses back to Inkster. I also want to bring in a Starbucks or Tim Horton's because we don't have anywhere within our city limits where people can get a good cup of coffee. So I want to increase local business, which will certainly help our tax base

I also want to go after some grants to help beautify the [Booker Dozier Recreational Complex]. That's our money maker, and we need to update the refrigerator so people can have parties, wedding receptions, and all of that. I know we additionally need to find a grant writer because we qualify for some funding to help us with a lot of this stuff. Overall, it's time for us to tap into those resources and help ourselves. Those are just some of my ideas.

What hobbies/interests do you engage in during your leisure time?

I enjoy spending time with my grandchildren and the rest of my family, whether we're going out to dinner, to the movie theatre, etc. I also write poetry when I can find the time. I love old school movies and television shows like 'Good Times' and 'The Jeffersons' because they're so uplifting and funny that they help get your mind off of the bad things that are happening.

I additionally enjoy cooking and baking, as well as playing bid whist with family and friends. I also worship at Citadel of Praise in Detroit, and work on a board with the church mothers. I really love that because they always have so much wisdom to offer me.



Tips for keeping your New Year's Resolutions



Jung Nichols, LMSW, behavioral health coordinator

Did you make some New Year's Resolutions on 12/31 or 1/1 that seemed like great ideas then, but now as January is almost over, you haven't even tried to meet? Most of us do but get discouraged and give up before we even really try! But it's never too late to make resolutions to improve our health; we just need to be more realistic. Instead of vowing that this is the year you are going to lose 100 pounds, or run a marathon (when you don't even run) or say you are going to stop smoking/lose weight/start an exercise program all at the same time-set your sights on something that may not be as dramatic, but much easier to achieve.

Jung Nichols, LMSW, behavioral health coordinator at Western Wayne Family Health Centers, suggests a starting point. "Set specific resolutions for yourself", she says. "Aim for changes like drinking half as much pop daily and to eat at least one vegetable a day rather than set out to "eat better". Try to reduce how much you smoke by a certain number of cigarettes if you can't totally stop. Start off with walking 4 blocks and then add more in a few weeks. You can measure things like that. Next, keep track of what you're doing. Keep a diary, mark your calendars or use a fitness tracker like My Fitness Pal", recommends

Jung says if you want to eat less

chips or ice cream, don't buy those products and bring them home. "And if you want to walk more or go to an exercise class, set up times to meet friends or family to do that activity with you. You're much more likely to do it if you have company who is depending on you to show up as much as you want them to be there to hold you accountable to your goal." Get a team to support you and each other.

And finally, remember to celebrate when you make progress and treat yourself. But Jung warns against having those treats be the things you are trying to avoid-"instead of rewarding a weight loss or week without candy, a chocolate bar might not be the best choice. Maybe make a luscious fruit salad, meet friends for a movie or go to a new park for your walk. Perhaps it's getting a new pair of exercise pants on sale or splurging on a new shirt-in a smaller size—on EBay or at a consignment shop. Or finding that clothes in your closet fit again and you have more choices of things to wear. It could also be a small party where you serve healthy alternatives to your favorite foods."

Making changes to our behaviors to eat better, exercise more, stop smoking or consume less alcohol are all a challenge. "Come in to Western Wayne Family Health Centers to see your primary care provider, and then ask to talk to one of our behavioral health consultants", invites Jung. "They can help you come up with goals that are achievable for you and your life style, and give you tips on how to stay motivated."

You can make an appointment at WWFHC by calling 313.561.5100 for Inkster, 734.941.4991 for Taylor or 313.383.1897 for Lincoln Park. WWFHC accepts most insurance plans, all Medicaid plans, offers a sliding fee scale for those without health insurance and can help you apply for coverage. More information at www.WWFHC.org.

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Legislative Forum

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Students from River Rouge High School with their advisor Tarance Wheeler take a photo with Congresswoman Debbie Dingell after the luncheon. The River Rouge students were sponsored by the Telegram Newspaper

During her talk, she used the opportunity to give an update on a number of the issues that are facing the 12th District, the State of Michigan and the United States of America. Of course one of the topics was

the crisis in Flint. She said, "We have a moral responsibility to our young people. Some bad decisions have been made."

The relationships that she has made during her time in DC has proven to be benificial. They formed the first ever Michigan Delegation that includes Democrates and Republicans that address the issues together.. The goal is to remake the region by keeping jobs here, keeping the cost of prescription drugs down, improve veteran care, fixing the aging infustructure and lessening the impact of the closing of power plants.

She ended with the saying that"We are stronger when we work together."

The Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber of Commerce holds monthly Legislative events whose goal is to keep information flowing to local business people and students. Congressman Gary Peters will be the speaker at the February 29th Forum at the Crystal Gardens.

For more information visit

Spirit

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"We're now incorporating Ecorse Bucks into our schools," said Ramsey. "Based on their behavior, kids earn money we've printed off with our district logo in the middle. At the end of each month, they can come to the Spirit store and buy something with what they've received."

Students or parents interested in purchasing merchandise can visit Ecorse High School throughout the basketball season, with the shop remaining open during each home game. The Spirit Store is also available on Wednesdays and Fridays at Grandport and Bunche Academy's, with items sale during student lunches, as well as at dismissal.

As the second half of the school year continues, the Spirit store seems to have kicked off with much success. "The kids love everything, and our inventory has been turning over great," said Ramsey. "Before Christmas, people purchased a lot of different stuff for family, as well as themselves. Everyone is really excited about everything."



Dearborn Heights - The Westwood Community School District elected its officers for the 2016 calendar year at its January 5, 2016, Annual Organizational Meeting.

The officers are: Timothy Emery, President; Gregory Stephens, Vice President; Donald D. Willis, Treasurer; Cheryl Bell-Everett, Secretary. The officers are joined by Trustees Roderick Means, Sandra Rich and Sarah Ward, along with Student Board Member Zakaria Yahia. The Board is responsible for setting Board policy, and providing oversight for the Dis-

"I am honored that my fellow Board members re-elected me as Board President. I look forward to working with this great Board, Superintendent Sue C. Carnell and Westwood staff," Westwood Board President Tim Emery said.

"Westwood is providing great opportunities for our students. We offer such activities as dual high school and college enrollment, summer enrichment learning, band, and an Academy of Engineering.

schools also have a Student Council, so students can develop their leadership skills," Emery said.

Westwood is currently accepting students in grades 9-12 through the Schools of Choice until January 29, 2016. Students can complete the admission process at Robichaud High School, 3601 Janet, Dearborn Heights; Westwood Alternative North, 23914 Ford Road, Dearborn; Westwood Alternative South, 23810 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn; or Westwood Cyber High School, 25824 Michigan Avenue (behind Daly Elementary), Inkster.

The Board normally meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. The meeting location is the Equilla Bradford Administrative Center, 3335 S. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. Meetings are open to the public.

For more information about the Westwood Community School District, please visit our website www.westwood.k12.mi.us.

A List of Scholarships for Students will be in next week's issue



FOOD PANTRY SPOTLIGHT

Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry

Location: 25670 Northline Road, Taylor



Fish and Loaves volunteers gather during an event at the Taylor Sportsplex

Service areas: Allen Park, Brownstown Township, Dearborn Heights, Romulus, Southgate, Taylor, and Woodhaven.

Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry first launched in 2008, and is inspired by "a miracle story from the gospels – Jesus feeding the multitudes with five barley loaves and two fish." The pantry is a client-choice facility established by a group of churches in Taylor, and serves as the largest resource of its kind in the Detroit metro area.

Organized like your average grocery store, Fish & Loaves prides itself on allowing patrons to maintain their dignity as they shop for no cost goods. Volunteers serve all individuals and families despite their religious beliefs, with clients having access to the pantry every eight weeks (this generally adds up to six times per year). Patrons have access to "a wide range of canned goods, refrigerated and frozen foods, dairy products, and seasonal produce." While the facility requires no outside referrals, income eligible patrons must first enroll with the pantry, upon which they'll be scheduled for a confidential interview. Before shopping at the facility, everyone must provide a picture ID with local address, proof of residency, number of household members, and annual income. Their doors are open Monday from 9 AM – Noon and 1 PM -7 PM, as well as Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM. Clients will receive assistance by appointment only.

Indeed, many of the items available are made possible through Gleaners Food Bank; still the pantry accepts community donations. To help ensure that "No one goes hungry", food contributions can be dropped off during regular store hours. Monetary donations are additionally accepted – the majority of which will be used to purchase client food.

For more information, please visit www.downriverfishand-loaves.org/.

Food Pantry Spotlight
By: Shelby Jefferson
Telegram Newspaper Staff
Reporter



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Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon Gets "Crime Fighter Award"



Benny Napoleon Wayne County Sheriff

(Lansing) – Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Michigan – a statewide crime prevention nonprofit organization led by more than 500 of Michigan's best-known police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors and crime survivors – has honored Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon, with Fight Crime's "Crime Fighter Award," during a meeting held at the Wayne County Sheriff's Office with local Pastors.

Tom Pearce, Acting Michigan Director of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Michigan, presented the award to Sheriff Napoleon, saying, "Preventing crime at the front end is in each com-

munity's best interest and in the best interest of our children. On behalf of the entire membership, I am honored to present Fight Crime's 2015 'Crime Fighter Award' to Sheriff Napoleon for his outstanding support and leadership on behalf of kids and crime prevention."

Napoleon has participated in meetings with lawmakers to tout the benefits of investing public dollars in proven programs to help kids succeed in school and beyond. Programs include high-quality preschool, voluntary home visiting, quality after-school programs, and child and family coaching that help kids get on track and stay on track to success and opportunity.

Pearce said, "Sheriff Napoleon's work has helped to set an agenda that is both tough and smart on crime. By getting at the front-end through prevention programs, we can nip crime in the bud and reduce the negative consequences at the tail-end that usually result in shattered lives and high costs associated with incarceration."

Local young lady wins H & R Block daily drawing

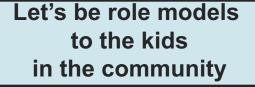


Ms. LaDeja Langham is an eighteen years old recent high school graduate. This was her first time paying taxes. She is a new mom and is going to use this money to buy her college books.

H&R Block is putting the "fun" back in Refund Season. Winners of the H&R Block 1,000 Win \$1,000 Daily Sweepstakes.

Thirty-two thousand people will win \$1,000 from H&R Block during the first month of tax season. Anyone who files their taxes in a participating H&R Block office by Feb. 15 can be automatically entered into the sweepstakes.

The check presentation took place on Thursday, January 21st at the 10549 W. Jefferson Ave, location in River Rouge, MI











Tigers Players Mingo at Tiger-Fest

By Butch Davis



Tigers J.D. Martinez chatting with media at Tiger-Fest

Photo by Butch Davis

MLB hitter makes hard contact around 28-29 percent of the time; however, J.D. Martinez was at 43.3 percent last year season 2015. Over the past calendar year, only Miguel Cabrera and Giancarlo Stanton have higher hard-hit percentages. Fueled by a

change in mechanics, has been validated J.D. as one of the MLB most feared hitters.

Tiger-Fest was in full swing this past Saturday at the Detroit Tigers home at Comerica Park in downtown Detroit as the team shown up to exchange conversation with the fans, take pictures, and play games with all who shown up

at the ball park.

about his homerun hitter and if he can top 38 homers as per last season? J.D. answer, ' I'm always going to say yeah, so if it happens it happen, I just want to stay healthy and do all I can to help my team win." How unbelievable was last year in turn of your statistics? "Personally for me it was a very hard year, I felt last year was a bit of a struggle so I felt 2014 was a lot more fun for me because we were winning and the team is winning you have more fun regardless of what you do. So last year was kind of ruff in the since of it was one of those things that were losing so it does not matter what you do the team still lost, so it does not matter what you do, it so hard to get excited about those things.

We ask the question to J.D.

J.D. feel the team with all members showing up to tour the State of Michigan to get the fans ready for the 2016 season that all the players new and old real excited with the team going out and challenging to win the Central Division and getting back in the playoffs. We will see in less than a month from now when training camp begins in less than one month.

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This Week in Varsity **High School Basketball**

WEEK OF JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 3, 2016

By Butch Davis

Varsity Basketball (Boys)

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01/28 7:00 PM Sterling Heights Parkway Christian at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran

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7:00 PM Livonia Clarenceville at Dearborn Hgts Annapolis 01/29

7:00 PM Belleville at Dearborn Heights Crestwood 01/29

01/29 7:00 PM Dearborn at Dearborn Heights Robichaud

4:00 PM Detroit Mumford at Detroit Cass Tech 01/29 01/29 7:30 PM Ecorse at Detroit Community

01/29 4:00 PM Detroit Martin Luther King at Detroit Western International

01/29 7:00 PM Southgate Anderson at Lincoln Park

01/29 7:00 PM Allen Park at Melvindale

01/29 7:00 PM Detroit Henry Ford Academy at Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech

01/29 6:00 PM Dearborn Heights Vista Meadows Academy at Michigan Math & Science Academy

7:30 PM Detroit Cristo Rey at Riverview Gabriel Richard 01/29 01/29 7:00 PM Detroit University Prep at Romulus Summit Academy

7:30 PM Warren Macomb Christian at Taylor Baptist Park

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7:00 PM Dearborn Henry Ford Academy at Warren Michi-01/29 gan Collegiate

7:00 PM Livonia Churchill at Westland John Glenn 01/29

01/29 7:00 PM Trenton at Wyandotte Roosevelt

02/02 7:00 PM Romulus Summit Academy at Adrian

7:00 PM Gibraltar Carlson at Allen Park 02/02 7:00 PM Dearborn at Belleville 02/02

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Lions are still at Work

By Butch Davis



David Walker new Detroit Lions running back coach Photo from the Indianapolis Colts

The Detroit Lions are still at work as they announced this past Monday that they have hired David Walker as the team's running backs coach. Walker most recently served as running backs coach for the Indianapolis Colts from 2011-14, including one season under Jim Caldwell in 2011, Caldwell's third season as the

Colts Head Coach. In his last season with the Colts, Walker helped RB Donald Brown lead the team with 537 rushing yards, a career-high six touchdowns and a 5.3 rushing average, the highest average by a Colts player since 1961. In 2012, Walker's group averaged 27.5 rushing attempts and 104.4 rushing yards per game that season, the most for the team since 2007.

Prior to his time in Indianapolis, Walker spent six seasons at the University of Pittsburgh as the team's running backs coach from 2005-10. During his time with the Panthers, Walker helped running back Dion Lewis and running back Ray Graham combine for more than 1,900 rushing yards in 2010. From 2007-08, he also worked with running back LeSean McCoy as he earned Big East Offensive Player of the Year in 2008

MHSAA Women In Sports Leadership Conference

The MHSAA Women In Sports Leadership Conference is the first, largest and longest-running conference of its type in the country. The conference is designed for those interested in becoming a high school coach, administrator, official or athletic trainer and is held in Lansing every other year.

The 22nd MHSAA Women In Sports Leadership Conference will be held on February 7 & 8, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West. Registration information will be available this fall. For additional information, contact Kathy Vruggink Westdorp at the MHSAA. Now here is this week high school varsity schedule for the Boys and the Girls.

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MLK Classic brings spectators to Romulus HS

By Christian Young

Most people had the day off on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but Romulus Community Schools didn't.

On that day, they hosted a holiday basketball tournament in the high school gym, capping off a day that included many activities, including a parade in the legendary civil rights leader's honor.

"This is something we wanted to do for the community to honor MLK," Romulus athletic director Mark Woodson said. "We wanted to add this on to the march and the breakfast that we have had for the past 15 years."

Woodson also said that this one-day tournament would serve as a fundraiser for the Romulus athletic department. "With school districts losing funding like they are, we've had to find ways to raise funds that would normally come from general funding," Woodson said. "We wanted to get all of our basketball teams to play in a big game on MLK Day."

Four games made up the tournament, as the Romulus JV team kicked things off by playing Harper Woods Chandler Park at 1 pm. The Romulus Lady Eagles then followed by making quick work of Detroit Edison PSA.

The River Rouge boys pulled out a 49-47 victory over Chandler Park, and the Romulus Eagles boys varsity gave the crowd a thriller of an 85-80 victory over Edison PSA.

The game was tied at 77 with two minutes remaining before Sevann Williams hit eight straight points, including a huge 3-pointer, to ice the game for the Eagles. Romulus's DeAngelo Hansbro led all scorers with 35 points.

"It was a great win, but we have to improve our defense," Romulus coach Jerret Smith said. "I would love to get a win on any day, but MLK Day is a great day to get a win. It would be nice for this to be the turning point for our season as well, considering the significance of the day and the impact that MLK has had on us."

Old West 2

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The remaining 30 letters spell a Will Rogers quotation.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Members of Inkster's Seeds 2 Feed Foundation pose with youngsters after a screening of the film "Ride Along 2" at the Emagine Canton Theater on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 18, 2016.

The foundation has annually purchased tickets for youth to enjoy a movie on MLK Day.

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CITY OF INKSTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT COORDINATOR

City of Inkster is seeking a qualified candidate to fill position in the Community Development department. Interested Candidates, please visit our website at www.cityofinkster.com/services/humanresources to apply.

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY 2016 - 2017 PROPOSED FINAL STATEMENT 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, February 15, 2016, at 7:30 pm and Tuesday, March 7, 2016, at 7:30 pm to consider submission of the 2016-2017 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 2016 – 2017 Wayne County CDBG Program funding as follows:

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	FUNDING
Administration	City-Wide	24,170
Code Enforcement	City-Wide	156,275
Housing Rehabilitation	City-Wide	25,000
Public Services (Neighborhood Clean Up)	City-Wide	36,255

Total Estimated Request Allocation

\$241,700

This estimated amount is based on the 2015 – 2016 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.

Publication Date: January 28, 2016

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CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ECORSE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2016-2017 STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for February 2, 2016 at the Regular Council Meeting held at 7:30 PM within the Council Chambers, 3869 W. Jefferson Ave, Ecorse, MI. The City Council of the City of Ecorse will hold a public hearing to hear objections to the street lighting special assessment revenues and expenses. All parcels of land situated in the City of Ecorse, County of Wayne and State of Michigan are subject to the proposed special assessment. The City Council has declared its intention to undertake special assessments for certain Costs of Street Lighting as outlined below:

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Revenues

Street Lighting Special Assessment \$446,000

Expenditures

\$446,000 Street Lighting Expenditures

Public comments, either oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing, Handicapped persons needing assistance or aid should contact the City Clerk's Office during regular working hours forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

City Clerk, Dana Hughes

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION/CLOSE OF REGISTRATION **CITY OF INKSTER MARCH 8, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF INKSTER, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the City of Inkster on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. For the purposes of electing party nominee to Partisan Office of the United States President. THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE ELECTION IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016 BY 4:00PM. Persons residing in the City of Inkster registering after the deadline will not be eligible to vote at the March 8, 2015 Presidential Primary Election. Voters may register by mail using a mail-in voter registration form or in person at the Secretary of State Branch Office, Wayne County or the City of Inkster Clerk's office. Registrations will be received Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (CLOSED 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.)

The Inkster City Clerk's office will be open the Saturday prior (Mach 5, 2016) to the March 8, 2016 Primary Presidential Election from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to receive Absentee Voter Applications and Ballots.

A qualified elector may obtain an Absentee Ballot at the Inkster City Clerk's office located at 26215 Trowbridge Inkster, MI. 48141.

All voting locations are handicap accessible and the availability of voting instructions are available in alternative formats (audio and Braille).

Residents will be asked to select a ballot type that includes a Democratic, Republican or Ballot without Presidential Primary (local proposal only).

BALLOT PROPSALS:

City of Inkster Ballot Question

THE FOLLOWING LOCAL BALLOT QUESTION WILL APPEAR ON THE MARCH 8, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT: Do the Citizens of the City of Inkster Support a Revision to the **Inkster City Charter?**

(the full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the City of Inkster Clerk's office located at 26215 Trowbridge Inkster, MI. 48141)

The polling locations for the Primary Election:

District/Precinct Location: District 1/Precinct 1 Inkster Recreation Complex -2025 Middlebelt District 1/Precinct 2 Inkster Recreation Complex -2025 Middlebelt Inkster Recreation Complex -2025 Middlebelt District 2/Precinct 1 Inkster Recreation Complex -2025 Middlebelt District 2/Precinct 2 District 3/Precinct 1 Smith Chapel Church - 3035 Walnut F. L. Peterson Academy - 4000 Sylvia District 3/ Precinct 2 Hicks School - 100 Helen St. District 4/Precinct 1 New Jerusalem Church - 821 Inkster Rd. District 4/ Precinct 2 District 5/Precinct 1 Tomlinson School – 25912 Annapolis District 6/Precinct 1 Twin Towers – 2000 Inkster Rd.

Daly Elementary School - 25824 Michigan Ave. District 6/Precinct 2

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City of Inkster

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RIVER ROUGE HOUSING PUBLIC NOTICE

River Rouge Housing Commission

Located at 180 Visger Rd., River Rouge, MI 48218 will be accepting applications for our Public Housing units all sizes from January 25, 2015 until January 29, 2015 between the hours of 9am until 1pm only. We will give out one application per person only.

We will not accept any applications after February 5, 2016 at 2pm.

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ECORSE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2016-2017 POLICE & FIRE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for February 2, 2016 at the Regular Council Meeting held at 7:30 PM within the Council Chambers, 3869 W. Jefferson Ave, Ecorse, MI. The City Council of the City of Ecorse will hold a public hearing to hear objections to the police and fire public safety expenses and to the proposed special assessments proposed under Act 33 and Act 188. All parcels of land situated in the City of Ecorse, County of Wayne and State of Michigan are subject to the proposed special assessments. The City Council has declared its intention to undertake special assessments for certain Costs of Public Safety as outlined below:

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Staff Salaries						,408,000
Part-time Salarie	-				\$	116,000
Overtime Salarie					\$	253,000
Sick and Vacatio	n Payout				\$	30,000
FICA					\$	43,000
Health Insurance	9				\$	276,416
Life Insurance					\$	1,337
Pension					\$	7,000
MERS Retireme					\$	884,000
MERS Employee	e Contribution				\$	(80,000)
Longevity Pay					\$	10,500
Allowances					\$	37,550
Office Supplies					\$	4,750
Ammunition					\$	3,500
Prisoner Meals					\$	3,250
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Towing Expense					\$	5,000
Supplies & Equip					\$	18,500
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Training					\$ \$	11,000
Cable					\$	1,600
Office Equipmen					\$	2,500
Vehicle Repairs	& Maintenance				\$ \$ \$	40,000
Vehicle Gas					\$	42,000
Radio Maintenar						2,500
Computer Exper	ises				\$	30,000

Public comments, either oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing, Handicapped persons needing assistance or aid should contact the City Clerk's Office during regular working hours forty-eight hours prior to the meet-

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10,000

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City Clerk, Dana Hughes

Miscellaneous Expenses

Total Public Safety Expenditures

Vehicle Purchase

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION TUESDAY, March 8, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that any person not already registered who possesses the constitutional qualifications of an elector in the City of River Rouge, Wayne County, Michigan or who will on March 8, 2016 possess such qualifications, may make application for registration to the City Clerk of the City of River Rouge, at her Office in City Hall daily (except Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays) between the hours of eight-thirty (8:30) o'clock a.m. and four-thirty (4:30) o'clock p.m. Registration will be accepted up to and including Monday, February 8, 2016.

PATRICIA H. JOHNSON CITY CLERK

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

To the qualified electors of The City of Ecorse, County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Notice is hereby given that the last day which persons may register to vote or change your address is Monday, February 8, 2016 (THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE). The City Clerk's Office of the City of Ecorse will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving applications for the registration of the qualified electors of Ecorse not already registered.

To register to vote you must be:

- a U.S. Citizen
- at least eighteen (18) years of age by election day
- a resident of Michigan and the City of Ecorse

Voters may register by using a mail-in voter registration form or in person at the Secretary of State Branch Offices or at the City of Ecorse Clerk's office.

Dana Hughes City Clerk

PUBLISH: January 28, 2016

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER, MI

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF INKSTER CODE OF ORDINACE

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN, the City of Inkster will hold a public hearing **Monday**, **February 15**, **2016** at **7:30 p.m.**, in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. To be considered is a proposed amendments to the City's Code of Ordinance pertaining to Business Licenses for Medical Marijuana for Provisionary Centers and Cultivation Centers.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider amendments to the City of Inkster Code of Ordinance that would have the following effect:

 There shall be not be more than (3) three provisionary center licenses issued by the city at any given time. There is no limit to the number of cultivation licenses that can be issued by the city at any given time.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that complete text of the City of Inkster Code of Ordinances will be available for review at the Inkster City Clerk Office, which is located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, MI, 48141 beginning February 8, 2016 All meetings of the City of Inkster City Council are open to the public. You are invited to attend this meeting. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster, City Clerk 26215 Trowbridge Avenue, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, Monday, February 15, 2016 information may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office at 313-563-9770.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon written notice being received at least five (5) business days prior to the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at 313-563-9770.

Felicia Rutledge, Inkster City Clerk PUBLISH: January 28, 2016

TELEGRAM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Breakfast with Mayor Tidwell Grandport Cafe, 4453 West Jefferson Saturday, January 30, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Come join Mayor Tidwell in the first of a series of supporting Ecorse restaurant business owners. Meal costs are on your own and some businesses will offer specials for the occasion. Share ideas, concerns, and pickup 2016 Ecorse calendar of events, while enjoying a hometown meal.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS

Garden Club

The Dearborn Heights Garden Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 11:30AM at the Canfield center (1801 N. Beech Daly Rd.). Join for desserts, coffee, garden & beautification news and guest speakers, including Master Gardeners. Annual membership is \$20.

DETROIT

Kung Fu Strength and Conditioning Training

Free weekly event for members of the Patton Recreation Center (located at 2301 Woodmere) from 2:00-4:00PM and 4:00-6:00PM on Fridays until May, 27, 2016. Ages 12 and over. Class will cover injury prevention, selfdefense, and physical fitness endurance training.

HARPER WOODS

City Council Meeting Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:00PM there will be a city council meeting in the courtroom/council chambers of city hall (19617 Harper, 48225).

INKSTER

City Council Meeting Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:30PM, there will be a city council meeting at city hall (26215 Trowbridge St., 48141).

LINCOLN PARK

City Council Meeting Monday, February 01, 2016 at 7:30 PM there will be a city council meeting at the Council Chambers which are on the 2nd floor at 1355 Southfield.

RIVER ROUGE

ROMULUS

City Council Meeting Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:30PM there will be a city council meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Romulus City Hall, located at 11111 Wayne Rd., 48174.

Teen Winter Reading

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Rd., 48174). Read and collect prizes from Jan. 19 to March 1. For ages 12-17. There will be prizes and special draw-

Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:00PM there will be a quilting event at the Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins St., 48174).

WAYNE

Design Committee Tuesday, February 2, 2016 from 6:00-7:00PM the Design Committee will meet to discuss ongoing projects and brainstorm new projects for downtown including his-

toric buildings, landscaping, and historic preservation education. Located at 35000 Sims St., Wayne MI 48184.

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 8:00PM there will be a city council meeting at city hall, located at 3355 S. Wayne Rd.

Sew Friendly

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 City Council Meeting from 1:00-3:00PM at the Recreation & Exercise Club, located at 4635 Howe Rd., Wayne, MI 48184. This group (all ages) gets together to work on their handsewn (quilting, needle-point, etc) projects. Share your ideas and get some help. Come give it a try!

WESTLAND

Be Proud Be Responsible Work-

Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 10:00Am - 4:00PM, there will be a free, one day workshop at the Jefferson-Barns Community Vitality Center (32150 Dorsey, 48186). To RSVP or inquire more about the workshop, please call 734-467Monday, February 1, 2016 at

7:00PM there will be a city council meeting held at the city hall located at 36300 Warren Road, 48185. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, unless the meeting falls on a holiday.

WYANDOTTE

City Council Meeting Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:00PM there will be a city council meeting in the Council Chambers of the Wyandotte City Hall located at 3200 Biddle Ave, Suite 300, 48192.

> List compiled by Estefania Arellano Telegram Intern

Look for your copy of the **TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER**

in: Dearborn Hts, Delray, Detroit, Ecorse, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, River Rouge, Romulus, Taylor, Wayne , Westland and Wyandotte

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER

In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the January 19, 2016 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED:

Approval of the agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda.

Approval of Board Appointments two appointments to the Board of Review. Approval to apply for CDBG funding grant.

Approval of a Resolution in support to support funding for local parks thru Wayne County

Parks Partnering program.

Approval of a Resolution in opposition to PA. 269.

Felicia Rutledge City Clerk

WESTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

Westwood Community School District Board of Education

NOTICE **BOARD VACANCY**

This will serve to inform you that there is a vacancy on the Westwood Community School District Board of Education due to the resignation of former Trustee Sandra L. Rich. We are requesting you please publicize the vacancy and the procedure that will be used in filling said vacancy.

Procedure per Board Policy 1170: Board Position Vacancies When a vacancy occurs, the following procedures shall be used in filling the vacancy.

1. The President of the Board shall, through public announcement, through the news media and school publications, make known that the vacancy has occurred and those persons interested in being con sidered for appointment to fill the vacancy should notify the Secretary of the Board. Such notification should be accompanied by a brief biographical sketch, a statement setting forth the reasons why the person desires consideration, and his/her interest in and ideas about public education.

The requirements for School Board membership are:

- Citizen of the United States
- 18 years of age
- Resident of the State of Michigan for 30 days
- Resident of the Westwood Community School District for at least 30 days prior to appointment
- 2. The Board shall review and screen applications to determine which candidates should be further considered.
- 3. Those candidates screened for further consideration shall be interviewed in public session by the Board.
- 4. The Board shall, by roll call vote, determine which candidate shall be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Interested persons should apply no later than Friday, February 5, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. Upon receipt of letters from interested individuals, the Board shall review and screen applications to determine which candidates shall be further considered.

Those candidates screened for further consideration will be notified and shall be interviewed in public session by the Board at a Special Meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2016. An appointment will be made by the Board following candidate interviews on Thursday, February 11, 2016. TERM WILL EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2016 PER STATE LAW. The appointed Board Member would then have to run for election.

Signed: Cheryl Bell-Everett, Secretary Board of Education

Publish: January 28, 2016

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER, MI **Parks and Recreation Commission**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR: MASTER PLAN APPROVAL

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, the City of Inkster Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing February 15, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., at Booker Dozier Recreation Complex, located at 2025 Middlebelt Rd., Inkster, Michigan, 48141, Meeting Room Number 1, The Parks and Recreation Commission will consider adoption of the City of Inkster Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider comments about the City of Inkster Master Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, the City of Inkster Master Plan is available for review at the Dozier Recreation Complex, which is located at 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster, MI, 48141 beginning December 15, 2015. All meetings of the City of Inkster Parks and Recreation Commission are open to the public. You are invited to attend this meeting. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Parks and Recreation Supervisor, 2025 Middlebelt Rd., Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 4:00pm, February 12, 2016. Information may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation Department at 734-728-7530.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon written notice being received at least five (5) business days prior to the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster Clerk's office at 313-563-9770.

Felicia Rutledge, Inkster City Clerk PUBLISH: January 28, 2016



Music Hall hold fundraising concert on February 12th



Music Hall is full of excitement for its next fundraiser

Last week, news broke around the nation that Music Hall's future is in jeopardy. The whole country is watching as Music Hall strives to preserve its legacy. In nearly a week we've raised more than \$930,000 dollars - including the event's title sponsorship by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

The special fund-raising concert on Friday Feb. 12 will feature Chaka Khan along with Jon Barfield & Irresistible, Michael Cooper of Con Funk Shun, Michael Mindigall, Maurissa Rose, Ashton & Rivonne Moore.

As the title sponsor, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has made a \$50,000 pledge to the matching funds concert in the Vivian Carpenter & Jon Barfield Challenge, supporting Blue Cross' commitment to cultural diversity, the arts and arts education in Detroit.

"Music Hall is an icon, part of Detroit's cultural soul," said Blue Cross President and CEO Daniel J. Loepp. "As we see and feel positive momentum around this great city, it is important to step up in times when we have an opportunity to help author Detroit's success story. This is one of those times for all of us."

If you haven't already, please visit www.musichall.org and click on the DONATE TO MUSIC HALL button for easy contributions. Remember, we are grateful for any amount and your name will be added to our contributors list. You also will receive our weekly email blast for important updates and special private ticket offers.

Others who have stepped up to keep cultural diversity in the performing arts and help Music Hall satisfy its creditors include UAW, DTE Energy Foundation, DMC, Lear Corporation, Ford, DMC, ITC and many individuals.

With the impending April 30 deadline looming, Music Hall must raise 1.7 million dollars by that date or it will risk falling into loan default, which could close the historic theater.

Music Hall's President and Artistic Director, Vince Paul says, "We're so thankful to everyone who's donated to the cause, and are thrilled to have had such a wonderful response in the first week - but we still have a long way to go! Even the smallest amounts can help us as we move forward with our campaign to save Music Hall."

The venerable theater was built in 1928 by Matilda Dodge Wilson, and for over the last century was home to the Michigan Opera Theater, The DSO (where the famous Ford Radio Hour show was broadcast in the 40's), Michigan's first Cinerama, and hosted names and disciplines as wildly diverse as W.C. Fields, Billie Holliday, Duke Ellington, Marcel Marceau, Gregory Peck, Liza Minelli and Devo.

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts 350 Madison Avenue Detroit, MI 48226 http://www.musichall.org 313-887-8500

ASK ALMA

My Husband **Embarrassed Me**



Dear Alma,

We were recently at a cookout at my cousin's house and I went over to sit on my husband's lap. The next thing I knew, he pulled my dress up all the way over my head. I was sooooo embarrassed. My niece came over to help me get my dress down. I'm a curvy girl, so it wasn't easy. I couldn't believe he did that in front of everybody. All of our family and friends were there. He said he asked me not to sit on his lap because his leg was hurting. What should I do? Why do you think he did that?

Name withheld; Atlanta, Ga.

Whew Lawd, he did what!? Honey Chile, give me a minute! I'm so mad at your husband right now I can hardly speak. That was disrespectful from the nitty to the gritty - from the rooter to the tooter. I would venture to say it was borderline abusive. Glorious knows I am in no position to evaluate your embarrassment and or tolerance level of humiliation, but what I will say is, you need to re-evaluate what's unacceptable behavior within your marriage. Be honest with yourself. What exactly, my dear, is at the root of his wanting to publicly disgrace you? Because that's what he did. You've got a much bigger problem than him not wanting you to sit on his lap and I've got a feeling this isn't your first trip entering his danger zone. He's warning you, are you listening? It's clear to me, he is not respecting you as a husband should respect his wife. And he's making it clear to you, in front of your friends and family, you are no longer the "One."

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Telegram's Night Out Listing

Sesame Street Live!

When: January 22nd - February 7th Where: Fox Theatre Cost: \$15, \$25, \$35 Gold Circle and \$65 Sunny Seats

Avery Sunshine

When: January 29th at 8 PM Where: Andiamo Celebrity Showroom Cost: \$25, \$60

African American History Day

When: February 6th from 11 AM to 4 PM

Where: Detroit Historical Museum

Cost: FREE

The Detroit Historical Museum is a great place to kick off Black History Month as we celebrate African American history and culture with this annual free event. Longtime event favorites, the Peace Baptist Church Quilters will offer make and take crafts, readings, games and giveaways while All in One Art, LLC provides free Spin Art throughout the day.

Sunday Music Bar -**Mike Monford**

When: Feb. 7th at 1 & 3 PM Where: Detroit Institute of Arts Cost: FREE

The Whispers wsg Family of Faith Choir

When: February 11th at 8 PM Where: Motor City Sound Cost: \$35, \$40, \$45

Valentine's Love Jam featuring Chaka Khan

When: February 12th at 8 PM Where: Music Hall Cost: \$59, \$79, \$89, \$99, \$115

Kat Williams, "Conspiracy Theory"

When: February 13th at 8 PM Where: Joe Louis Arena Cost: \$52, \$59, \$75, \$125 and \$175

Valentine's Explosion

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Inkster welcomes first Boy Scout troop in 25 years

By Shelby Jefferson - Telegram Staff Writer



Residents of Inkster welcomes the Boy Scouts back to the city

For the first time in 25 years, Inkster is offering Boy Scouts of America programming, presented through St. Clements Episcopal Church. Several children have signed up to form Troop 1717, with Cub Scouts ranging from 7 to 11 years old and Boy Scouts falling between the ages of 12 and 17.

According to local organizer Crystal Linton, Troop 1717 has certainly kicked off with a bang. "So far, we have seven Cub Scouts and five Boy Scouts," she said. "In the beginning, we thought a lot of older boys wouldn't want to sign up, but we do have teenagers who chose to take the oath. And the great thing is that they're going to bring a lot more with them." To further recruit youth participants and establish additional troops, local volunteers have held Scout Night meetings at several Westwood District schools. Likewise, throughout local communities, scouts go door to door in an attempt to spread the word about this opportunity to join in with the organization.

"We're actually going through Inkster neighborhoods this Saturday from 12-2, knocking on doors and talking to parents about having their boys sign up for the Boy Scouts," said Linton. "In addition to that, we'll be doing a lot of recruiting in the future."

Children interested in joining an Inkster troop can apply and participate for free (all application fees will be waived). Sponsors will also provide each participant with a brand new uniform, and local leaders are

working on ways to provide rides to those without transportation

Scouts will additionally enjoy opportunities to attend state jamborees featuring troops throughout the state of Michigan, in addition to various important events. Likewise, troopers will sell Trails End popcorn to fund other activities during the year — an aspect that remains signature to Boy Scouts throughout the nation. For Linton, these types of endeavors will make a lifelong mark on boys throughout the City of Inkster.

"When I was coming up, if you saw a boy scout, you automatically expected that they were courteous and respectful. If you had bags in your hand, they would grab them because when you needed assistance, they were automatically there to help you. How magnificent will that be to see that again in our children?" she said.

"We need this because it brings our youth back to a sense of right and wrong; a sense of belonging and responsibility to their community. This is definitely important for a city like Inkster."

If you are interested in joining Troop 1717, please contact Crystal Linton at 734-444-5765. Troop leader positions are also available.



Scout leaders were on hand to interact with the community

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