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# TELEGRAM

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## Mayor Nolen paints new Vision for Inkster

By: Gina Steward - Telegram Editor



Ernestine Williams, President of Inkster Chamber of Commerce and Byron Nolen, Mayor of Inkster

The Inkster Chamber of Commerce hosted the Annual Inkster State of the City Address where newly elected Mayor Byron Nolen addressed the community. Mayor Nolen spoke to a capacity filled room at the Booker Dozier Recreation

Center on February 22nd. He gave an overview of many of his top priorities designed to move the city of Inkster forward. Some of the highlights were; Safety – Working with Police Chief Riley there are several  
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## Snyder, Earley to testify in DC on Flint water crisis

By: Dominique Madden - Contributing Reporter



**Darnell Earley**  
Former Flint EM

WASHINGTON – Gov. Rick Snyder and former Emergency Manager Darnell Earley are scheduled to testify in DC later this month. Governor Snyder is scheduled to appear on March 17 in front of a U.S. House committee investigating the Flint water crisis. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy is also scheduled to be in attendance. On March 15, Darnell Earley, former Flint Mayor Dayne Walling, former EPA Administrator Susan Hedman and Virginia Tech researcher Marc Edwards are scheduled to appear. Earley did not appear in DC when he was asked to ap-



**Rick Snyder**  
Michigan Governor

peared last month. The House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee invited Snyder to appear before them in February, but he declined to attend. However, since that time, Snyder asked Oversight Committee Chair Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah for the opportunity to testify "to explain how the local, state and federal governments combined to fail the people of Flint."

Earley was the emergency manager of Flint at the time the city changed its water source to the Flint River in April 2014. The committee heard testimony Feb. 3 from



A real life look at the water in Flint Michigan

Photo by Dale Rich  
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## Voters encouraged to cast ballots in presidential primary

Some communities also have local issues on ballot



LANSING - Secretary of State Ruth Johnson today urged all qualified Michigan voters to participate in the presidential primary election on Tuesday, March 8 and reminded them of what to expect in their polling place.

"This election offers you the opportunity to speak out on who may next lead our nation," said Johnson, Michigan's chief elections officer. "I encourage you to make your voice heard

on Election Day." At the polling place, voters will be asked to select a presidential primary ballot for either the Democratic or Republican parties that also may contain local election items. Voters who do not wish to participate in the presidential primary may receive a ballot that contains only local items. The presidential primary is open to all registered voters. There is no political party registration requirement in Michigan, so voters can choose to participate in either the Democratic or Republican party primary. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Additional information regarding Michigan's presidential primary can be found at [www.Michigan.gov/elections](http://www.Michigan.gov/elections).

What do you want to do?  
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**CALL TO ACTION**

**Do you feel your property taxes are too high? What should you do?**



As many families look for ways to save money each month. One place they should look at is the taxes being charged for their home. Here is some information that will help you determine if there are some savings available to you.

**What is the March Board of Review?**

The Board of Review reviews the assessment roll received from the Assessor to check to see it is complete, accurate, uniform and valid. They conduct public hearings in March to hear appeals from property owners.

**Should I Appeal to the Board of Review?**

Each year, prior to the March meetings of the local board of review, assessment change notices are mailed. These informational notices include State Equalized Value, Taxable Value, the percent of exemption as a Principal Residence or Qualified Agricultural Property, and whether or not an Ownership Transfer has occurred. If you believe the Assessed Value is

more than half the value of your property, you may appeal the Assessed and/or Taxable Values at the March Board of Review. You can obtain information about the specific meeting dates and schedule an appearance with the Board of Review by contacting your local assessing office. The Board has no control over millage rates or property taxes. Other reasons to appeal to the Board of Review would include:

**CLASSIFICATION:** Indicates the use of your property. There are six classifications, Agricultural, Commercial, Developmental, Industrial, Residential and Timber Cutover.

**STATUS:** Certain properties are tax-exempt.

**EQUITY:** All properties within the jurisdiction are to be assessed at the same ratio; 50% of True Cash Value.

**HARDSHIP:** Poverty stricken property owners can request tax relief from the Board of Review through a hardship. Household financial documentation will be necessary.

**Am I Required to Attend the March Board for a Commercial/Industrial Real Property?**

No. As of the year 2007 Commercial and Industrial Real properties no longer have to petition to the March Board of Review. These appeals can be made directly to the Michigan Tax Tribunal on or before May 31st.

Gina Steward  
Publisher

**GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS  
River Rouge Commissioner Patty Campbell**

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Writer



Patty Campbell (center) with Elected Officials, community members and school board members on first day of school

The "Getting to know our elected officials" feature is designed to provide access into the minds of local public figures. On deck this week is **River Rouge Commissioner Patty Campbell** who spoke with us about what she enjoys most about her current position, actions needed to improve issues within the city, current developments/upcoming events, and more.

**How long have you been in your current position?**

This is my 11th year serving the City of River Rouge.

**Why were you interested in becoming an elected official?**

I was blessed to have parents who loved River Rouge, so I grew up with that same attitude. They always emphasized that you have to be a part of the solution because anyone can be a part of the problem.

**Did you attend school in the area?**

Absolutely! I attended River Rouge High School, and I also

went to the old Northrup School, which is now Sabbath Middle School.

**What do you enjoy most about your position?**

I really love seeing other residents who want to be a part of the solution. I've been lucky enough to interact with people who don't want to simply sit back and watch others do the work, but instead put forth an effort to work with you to bring change. That's a blessing.

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

One of our biggest problems lies within the national economic decline; like most cities, we've been hit hard when it comes to job loss. Since I've been on this council, our citizens have been mindful of the fact that in River Rouge, we work first and foremost as one family. We're working our way through these issues together.

**How can residents initiate improvements within their communities?**

We really need to go back to the basics. We have to remind our children to stay in school, and make sure to attend city council meetings. It's also important to speak up because Rouge is one of the few cities with an open door policy where the mayor and commissioners are actually accessible. Even though we've been short staffed due to the economy, people are there to guide you to a solution and help you find services. Residents just have to make the effort.

**Are there any upcoming city developments residents should know about?**

We are quite proud to say that we were selected as one of ten Rising Tide communities in the state of Michigan. Our community development staff has also been going after other grants as well, which makes us feel really good.

In October, we'll be hosting the Michigan Supreme Court who will conduct their procedures for one day in our city. This spring, we will also welcome the DIA's Inside-Out exhibit, in addition to Chalk on the Avenue in May. Lastly, we're collaborating with Wayne Metro in terms of demolition, as well as their upcoming program to assist residents with water bills.

Every Friday, people can look out for our entrepreneurial SMART bus that picks residents up, and takes them shopping at various small businesses in River Rouge. We're certainly moving forward, and I say that with a lot of pride.

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

I do a lot of family based activities. I also enjoy art shows and concerts. Overall, if I were to tell you my favorite pastimes they would include a good book, great music and plenty of friends.

I'm additionally a member at Few's Memorial CME church on Palmerston, where I serve as my pastor's administrative assistant and director of Christian education. I really enjoy that as well.

**Where can the residents contact the city to resolve an issue?**

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Patty Campbell  
River Rouge Commissioner

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# Why President Barack Obama Is One of the Best Ever

By Jeffrey L. Boney - NNPA News Wire Columnist



President Barack Obama will go down in history, as arguably one of the most successful presidents of the United States. What he has been able to accomplish over his nearly eight years in office is remarkable – especially when you consider the level of obstructionism and racism he has had to endure.

It is no secret that his Republican counterparts have sought to fight President Obama since the day he was sworn in to office. As a matter of fact, they wanted to make things so difficult for him, that they concocted a strategy and a plan to ensure that he would not make it past his first term.

Don't believe me? Well, let me provide you with a little proof.

"The single most important thing we want to achieve is for President Obama to be a one-term president."

This was the bold statement made by U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell on October 23, 2010, prior to the midterm elections, in an interview with the National Journal.

Senator McConnell practically informed the world that he and his Republican colleagues had no sincere intentions or desire to work with President Obama to deal with the issues that America was faced with. Senator McConnell let us know that their only focus was seeking to make this newly-elected, African American president, a one-term president. It was shameful.

Going even further, author Robert Draper released a jaw-dropping book, "Do Not Ask What Good We Do: Inside the U.S. House of Representatives," where he claims that the Republicans anti-Obama campaign began on the night of his inauguration. Talk about cold-blooded.

As President Obama was smiling, waving and dancing with First Lady Michelle Obama at the numerous inauguration balls he had to attend, Draper asserts that top Republican lawmakers and political strategists held a secret meeting where they plotted and devised an elaborate scheme to bring the president down, and make things so difficult for him that the American people would never re-elect him for a second-term.

According to Draper's book, a little over 15 of those lawmakers and strategists met up at a swanky, high-end establishment called the Caucus Room for several hours where they kicked around ways to not only take the White House back, but also win back political power in the House and Senate. One of the biggest items on their agenda, however, was developing a strategy to do everything in their power to collectively obstruct

every single one of President Obama's legislative agenda items on his platform.

In spite of these deliberate and concocted acts of obstructionism, President Obama never wavered. In his first-term as President of the United States, President Obama accomplished a great deal.

While having a Democrat-controlled House and Senate during the first two years of his presidency, President Obama was able to sign several pieces of legislation into law and make many executive decisions that have helped move this country forward.

### In 2009, President Obama:

- Signed the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility, and Disclosure Act, which prohibits credit card companies from raising rates without advance notification, and also mandates a grace period on interest rate increases, as well as places strict limits on overdrafts and other fees
- Signed the Claims Resolution Act in 2009, which provided \$4.6 billion in funding for a legal settlement with African American farmers who the government had been found to have cheated out of loans and natural resource royalties for years
- Made the decision to inject \$62 billion in federal money into two of the three Detroit automakers, which helped stabilize the American automotive industry and helped save and create new jobs
- Signed the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, which was designed to strengthen the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) program and provide coverage to significant numbers of uninsured children and to improve the quality of care they receive

### In 2010, President Obama:

- Signed the Fair Sentencing Act, which reduced the sentencing disparity between crack-cocaine versus powder cocaine possession from 100 to 1 to 18 to 1 – a disparity that has disproportionately impacted African Americans in this country for decades
- Signed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act into law in order to regulate the financial sector after they caused the catastrophic financial crisis
- Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act, which prevents insurance companies from denying anyone insurance because they have a pre-existing condition; allows children

to remain covered by their parents' insurance until the age of 26; and requires health insurance plans to disclose how much of the premium actually goes to patient care

- Signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or as we affectionately call it, Obamacare, into law, which now allows over 32 million uninsured Americans to get health coverage

### In 2011, President Obama:

- Had known terrorist leader, Osama bin Laden, captured and killed by U.S. Special Forces
- Ordered all U.S. military forces out of Iraq, where the last troops left in December 2011
- Signed the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, which aims to ensure the U.S. food supply is safe by shifting the focus from responding to contamination to preventing it
- Released new fuel standards to increase fuel efficiency for all new cars and trucks sold in the U.S., which will cover cars and light trucks through 2025, and will save consumers money, reduce our dependence on oil, and protect the environment

All of this was done during President Obama's first-term. There are so many other outstanding things that President Obama has done, that it would require more space on the page and more time to discuss. Oh, and don't forget that President Obama managed to get re-elected a second time, in spite of the elaborate schemes and deliberate attempts by his many detractors, who were hell-bent on destroying his astonishing legacy before it truly even began.

I just want to say congratulations to President Obama, who I believe will go down in the history books as the most successful and impactful president America has ever elected. And guess what? His legacy will become stronger and increasingly more relevant as time passes on.

Not bad for a guy who had an obstructionist group of legislators in the House and Senate, along with other external forces, wanting to make him a one-term president, huh?

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# Reward

By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



One of the questions I was asked often when I played roller derby was, "Do you get paid to play?" The answer was, "no."

To my knowledge, most women who play roller derby do not get paid. But when you see them play with so much heart and soul, I can see why people would think derby girls get paid to skate and play. Actually, for me, it was quite the opposite.

Your heart really has to be in it, or you will not last long. There is a lot of investment and sacrifice. We had to pay dues to cover practice venues and time. We had to buy skates and equipment and keep it updated. The sport can be expensive and skaters love it so much, that playing actually costs and they are more than willing to pay. In roller derby, the payoff was not in money, but other things that are worth more than a dollar amount.

Every skater has a unique reason and purpose for participating and personal rewards vary. For me, the priceless things I experienced were: exhilaration, great workouts, a sense of belonging (team), sisterhood, a challenge, personal empowerment, fun, laughter, growth, surpassing my perceived limits, a sense of accomplishment, ability to be competitive, learning new skills, using critical thinking skills, testing your own strength, increasing your

strength mentally and physically and so much more. I could go on, but this partial list gives you an idea of the rewards of playing roller derby.

Just like any other hobby, people do these things for the love of it and how it makes them feel. The fulfillment that the hobby brings is the reward, even if they have to make sacrifices and investments. People who love their hobbies and pastimes usually participate in them with zeal and enthusiasm! They do it for the love of it.

Wouldn't it be great if we could translate the same enthusiasm over into our vocations and workplaces? Some have accomplished this and others are trying. If we can see what we do as a blessing and in some way beneficial, we can learn to value what we do. Let us learn to see the blessings that outweigh the sacrifices. If this is not happening, then we need to re-evaluate what we are doing and why?

Make adjustments and move toward doing things you can be passionate about and actually look forward to doing them. Dealing with 'people' is inevitable and sometimes that makes our tasks challenging, but we must learn to rise above it, foster good working relationships and learn to enjoy what we are doing.

Rewards can be financial, but there are some rewards that are worth more than money. With all our needs being met, we want to experience the things and the work that bring us the utmost joy. When we accomplish this, we can find our work and what we are doing gratifying and satisfying. Then it will be much easier for us to follow Colossian 3:32-24: "Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto people; Knowing that of the Lord you shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for you serve the Lord Christ." This is your reward.

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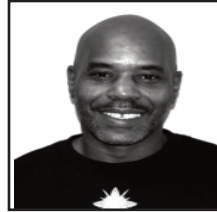
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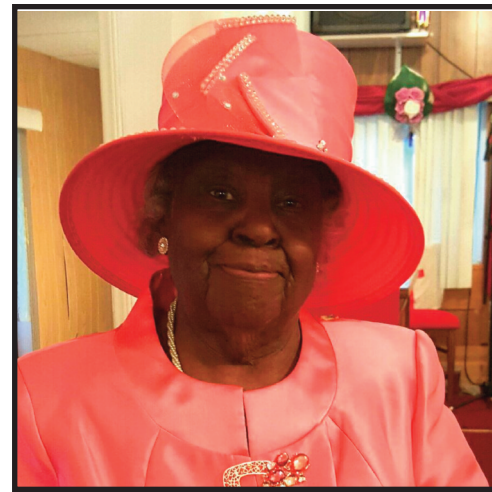
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Wednesday Prayer 6:00pm Bible Study - 6:30pm



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# SENIOR STAR



**HATTIE WHITE**  
90 Years Old  
Lives in Detroit

Born and raised in Clinton, Alabama and River Rouge.

7 children. 20 grandchildren. 22 great grandchildren.

She was baptized in 1932 in a river and then she became a member of New Light Bapt. Church in Alabama. She moved to Michigan in 1937. She joined Triumph Bapt. Church in River Rouge under the leadership of Pastor Sims. Married in 1946 to the late Rev. White. He founded Love Joy Bpt. at 332 Polk in River Rouge. She has been a member for 49 years.

**Employment history:**  
She Worked at American Airlines, criminal justice.

**Family members (living/deceased):**  
Living - 3 daughters.  
Deceased - Husband and 4 children.

**Motto she lives by :** Love ye one another as I have loved

you.  
**Who inspires you:** The Heavenly Father, my daughters, my pastor.

**What do you remember most about growing up in the community where you did?**

In Ecorse and River Rouge. Going skating, going to the movies, going to school, and most of all I love going to church. There were a lot of black businesses.

**Who were some of your friends that you grew up with?**

Ollie Johnson, Ethel Smith, Mamie Wells, Mattie Johnson.

**Favorite singer?**  
Shirley Ceaser.

**Favorite movie?**  
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# Operation H<sub>2</sub>O at Robichaud High School and the community



Athletic Director, Jason Malloy, along with many of the male athletics at Robichaud with the some of the water donated to Flint students

The students at Robichaud High School wanted to help with the water crisis for their fellow students in Flint. Since one of our basketball players, Kayla Brown, was formally from Flint, we wanted to help out her former school. With the help of the Interact Club and JROTC, Operation H<sub>2</sub>O began. Ms. Roneeka Brown, Kayla's mother was thrilled that we were willing to help out Flint. Her and her husband offered to help transport the water to Flint after the collection.

work, and generosity. Mrs. Depray Learst stated, "I'm proud that our students decided to reach out to the students of Flint and pay it forward to another school." This water drive really highlights the true culture of Robichaud, and how students exhibit Bulldog Pride daily.

Along with the JROTC, Interact Club and Basketball team a plea went out from the Robichaud athletic department to

also raise water for students in Flint. Athletic Director Jason Malloy conducted a water drive a month before the girls basketball team played Flint's Southwestern High School. The students along with the help of Next Level Sports and Community Baptist Church was able to collect an additional 150 cases of water. He said, "It was our way of playing a small part in the Flint Water Crisis."

JROTC with the help of Col. Azbill, collected over 100 cases of water. In total, Robichaud students and staff collected 195 cases of water to donate to Flint. On March 23rd, Mr. Brown came with the Uhaul to pick up and deliver the water to Flint Southwestern. Ms. Ransom stated that it was great to see everyone pitch in and help. Col. Azbill was proud of his JROTC cadets for their hard



Jason with a few of the girl basketball players who participated in the water drive to Flint students

## Former students plan Appreciation banquet for retired teacher John Fleming



John Fleming

Mr. Fleming began teaching in River Rouge in 1952 and retired in 1986. During this time, Mr. Fleming made a difference in the lives of many of River Rouge's children. Through excellent teaching skills, care and concern, and extra efforts, Mr. Fleming helped his students grow and develop into intelligent, productive adults. At the age of 94, Mr. Fleming continues to tutor adults in reading, and he also volunteers at a number of cultural events in the city. Thus, he continues to be a role model for aspiring teachers and younger generations. Many of Mr. Fleming's stu-

dents have maintained connection with him through the years and are now in the midst of planning an appreciation banquet in his honor. The committee for this appreciation banquet is extending the invitation to include any students and faculty members of Northrup/Sabbath Elementary School. Come and celebrate with all the familiar faces you have missed over the years. Join us as we renew friendships, reminisce about the "good old days," and share life experiences of the past and present.

Save the Date: May 15, 2016. For additional information, contact:

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- Thomas Seaton - 3.20

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- Ashira Booker - 3.86
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- Cortland Cochran - 3.61
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- Niya Rhodes-Hankens - 3.50
- Catherine Deloach - 3.46
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- Sharnae Pitts - 3.33
- India Murray - 3.27

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## FOOD PANTRY SPOTLIGHT

### Detroit Friendship House

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Writer



Kids receive assistance at the Detroit Friendship House in Hamtramck

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**Service areas:** Residents living in Hamtramck and the 48212 area code

The Detroit Friendship House has provided more than 80 years of client services, tending to the basic needs of residents in both Hamtramck and Detroit. Priding itself as a group of “neighbors helping neighbors”, the organization faithfully serves up to 40,000 meals each month to citizens in need of assistance.

With donations from Gleaners Food Bank, Forgotten Harvest and Enlenmenn’s Bakeries, the Friendship House offers nonperishable food items to local families, available on a monthly basis. Contributions from private donors are also accepted, in addition to help from volunteers to assist with day to day operations.

Clients can receive assistance several days a week, with the facility remaining open every Tuesday from 3:30 -7:00 PM, Thursday from 1:00 - 4:00 PM, and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Each parishioner must be a Hamtramck resident or reside in the 48212 zip code, and should bring a photo ID, proof of household income, and a Medicaid card or birth certificate as identification for minors.

Though the food pantry remains a major component within the organization, the Friendship House provides a number of additional services throughout the year. Dedicated to meeting “...basic human needs and fulfilling

dreams for a healthy and peaceful community through the power of God at work in the world”, the network offers birthday kits for children in need of gifts, in addition to baby shower services for expectant mothers. Likewise, utility and mortgage assistance services are additionally available, as well as hearty meals for community members every fourth Sunday.

Each year, the Friendship House also collects tax deductible donations geared toward purchasing Thanksgiving meals for needy families (i.e. turkeys, boxes of stuffing, mashed potatoes and macaroni & cheese, cans of gravy, corn, green beans, and cranberry sauce).

To contribute, please visit [www.detroitfriendshiphouse.org](http://www.detroitfriendshiphouse.org), or mail a check to Detroit Friendship House, 9540 Conant, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

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new initiatives which includes receiving a \$700 Million to hire a community relations officer and buy new police vehicles. They will also re-establish the Police Explorer Post which will get youth involved and improving community relations between the residents and the police force. Chief Riley has also created a home ownership program to encourage our police officers to live in our community.

**Fire Department**

In the last year the fire department has brought in almost 2 million dollars from the distressed cities grant and the Safer grant under the leadership of Chief John Adams. They recently hired 10 new fire fighters and intend to hire 2 more. Currently, they are managing the demolition of 75 blighted homes in the city of Inkster, and we will be applying for additional federal funds to remove even more blighted properties in our city.

**City Government**

He thanked the employees who he said have done an admirable job over the last 3 ½ years working as a skeleton crew.

Each and every employee keeps our city running for you every day.

**Charter Reform**

He focused on the fact that the City has had the same city charter for the last 51 years. He said it is time to do things differently. A question on the election ballot asked should the Charter be revised? He said yes it should. “It’s time to change our form of government to something that actually works for us. We need to govern ourselves”

**Youth**

He has recently started the

## Vision for Inkster

Positive Youth Alliance which will be a nonprofit organization to assist our already established youth programs, and also to develop new programming in the areas of sports, the arts, girl scouts and boy scouts, and other clubs like robotics, theater, and debate.

**Schools**

Your newly elected officials have every intention of bringing back a school system to the city of Inkster. There needs to be a paradigm shift in education and I would like it

to start here in Inkster

**Seniors**

We need to expand our recreational center to accommodate the needs of both our youth and seniors. Some of the programming I would like to help make happen for our older residents are water aerobics, massage therapy, cooking classes, and poker tournaments.

A complete version of the State of the City address is on the city’s website at [www.city-of-inkster.com](http://www.city-of-inkster.com).

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# Inkster's Divine Stand Dancers place 1st in Michigan competition

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Writer



Inkster's Divine Stand Dancers won first place honors at the SCAU competition in Port Huron

On February 13th, Inkster's Divine Stand Dancers placed 1st at the Showcase America Unlimited competition in Port Huron. The team, led by coaches LoReia Hunter and Jasmine Guin, competed in multiple categories against local schools, excelling in areas of jazz and hip hop.

"This was a continuation of a previous competition in Hazel Park that we participated in. We placed third in hip hop, and were allowed to take critiques from the judges, come back and be rescored," said Hunter. "We regrouped and brought the same two dances back to Port Huron. We went from third place to first, so we are all super excited."

According to Hunter, the Divine Stand Dancers – com-

prised of 14-19 year-olds – was the only African American squad to participate in this month's competition. Winners usually advance to regional and national levels, though future contests have been postponed due to low numbers of team participation.

Nonetheless in the aftermath of their victory, Inkster's team continues to look towards ex-

panding, with a commitment to bring arts back to the community. Established in November 2015, the group has seen immense growth in participation at the Booker T. Dozier Recreational Center – an aspect that will be celebrated during their annual showcase this summer called the Divine Experience.

For Hunter, group cofounder

and alumnus of Inkster High School, the team has brought an important element to the area following the dissolution of the school district in 2013.

"I was part of Inkster High's Performance Academy which allowed me to further my career in dance," she said. "Because they closed the schools, my younger sisters attend another district without these types of extracurricular activities, so [Jasmine] and I started a dance team that we wanted to keep in the city. We believed that the kids felt kind of abandoned, so we needed to help bring some programs involving arts and dance.

"Our numbers have tripled since we started; we're outgrowing the room at the recreation complex and our parents are getting more and more involved. It's really exciting to see us grow."

For more information about the Divine Stand Dancers, please visit [www.cityofinkster.com/services/parkrec/programs.com](http://www.cityofinkster.com/services/parkrec/programs.com).

## Dance Team Try-outs

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**Where:** Touch of Class, 324 Visger Rd., River Rouge, **When:** March 14th-March 16th 5:00PM to 7:00PM **Final Tryouts:** March 21st and March 22nd 5:00PM to 7:00PM

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# TELEGRAM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## DEARBORN HEIGHTS

City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at City Hall located at 6045 Fenton, there will be a city council meeting beginning at 8:00PM.

## DETROIT

### Yoga (Patton)

Tuesday, March 8 2016 from 6:00-7:00PM the Patton Recreation Center (2301 Woodmere) will be holding group yoga for members. Youth ages 12-17 must be accompanied by legal guardian and have a signed consent form. For more information, please call (313) 224-1100 or (313) 628-2000.

### Yoga (Farwell)

Wednesday, March 9 2016 from 6:00-7:00pm the Farwell Recreation Center (located at 2711 E. Outer Drive, 48234) will be holding group yoga for members. Youth ages 12-17 must be accompanied by legal guardian and have a signed consent form. For more information, please call (313) 224-1100 or (313) 628-2028.

### Yoga (Adams/Butzel)

Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 6:00-7:00PM the Adams Butzel Complex (located at 10500 Lyndon, 48238) will be holding group yoga for members. Youth ages 12-17 must be accompanied by legal guardian and have a signed consent form. For more information, please call (313) 224-1100 or (313) 628-0990.

## INKSTER

City Council Meeting  
Monday, March 7, 2016 there will be a city council meeting at city hall, 26215 Trowbridge St, Inkster, MI 48141

## LINCOLN PARK

City Council Meeting  
Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:30 PM there will be a city council meeting at the city hall (1355 Southfield Rd., 48146).  
Downtown Development Authority

Thursday, March 5, 2016 at 5:00 PM at City Hall (1355 Southfield Rd.) there will be a DDA meeting to discuss projects and issues downtown.

## ROMULUS

### Quilting

Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 6:00PM there will be a quilting event at the Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins St., 48174).

### City Council Meeting

Monday, March 7, 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.

### Jesse's Inspiration

Come to worship and be motivated with our own, Jesse Charles, every Thursday. Event will take place March 10, 2016 at 10:30AM at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 26525 Bibbins St.

## TAYLOR

Brown bag Talking Book Discussion"

The "Brown Bag Talking Book Discussion" meets on the second Wednesday (March 9) of each month at noon to discuss two talking book titles at the Taylor Community Library. Bring your lunch. Everyone is welcome. It will be held from noon-1:30 p.m. in the Program Room or the library at 12303 Pardee Road. For more information contact Vanessa Morris at 734-287-4840 February's books are The Night trilogy (Night, Dawn, and The Accident) by Elie Wiesel and Men We Reaped by Jesmyn Ward.

## WAYNE

Needles and Hooks for a Cause

Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 09:00am - 11:00am at Helium Studio, located at 3127 S Wayne Rd, 48184. Bring your own supplies and create for a cause. This month the cause is St. Mary's Open Closet. Make hats in different sizes! Can't make it in person? Create your hat(s) on your own and drop off at Helium Studio during business hours.

### Golden Hour Club

Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 11AM-noon, there will be a Potluck Luncheon/Business meeting. Membership is open to anyone 50 years and up. If you are not a member and would like to see what Golden Hour is all about, call 721-7460 or stop by on Thursday at 11:00 AM and be our guest. At the Recreation & Exercise Club, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne, MI 48184, United States.

## WESTLAND

City Council Meeting  
Monday, March 7, 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.

## Downtown Development Authority

The Downtown Development Authority will meet Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 5:30PM in the council chambers of city hall (3200 Biddle Ave, Ste. 300, 48192) to discuss ongoing projects. Open to the public!

## WYANDOTTE

City Council Meeting  
Monday, March 7, 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.

*The listing is prepared by Estefania Arellano. For more information or to have your event listed call 313-928-2955*

## Ecorse Senior Citizens Birthday Club Seniors 55 years and older are welcome

We welcome you to come, have fun, and join the Ecorse Senior Citizens Birthday Club. The Birthday Club meets every 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 1:00 pm. Come out and enjoy fellowship & refreshments.

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## Playing Defense is the Key to Pistons Wins

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter

I said last week in closing, "the Detroit Pistons have gotten better in the theme of playing offense and defense a full 48 minutes if they have any chance of making a bid to take part in any playoff activity this season." Well, the Pistons are on a season-high-tying four-game winning streak, following a five-game losing streak, and one of the main factors is the home team Pistons are playing defense.

Here are some facts of the Pistons winning ways this past week. **1)** The Pistons have tied a season-high four-game winning streak – longest current win streak in the Eastern Conference. **2)** Detroit's current four-game win streak ranks third in the NBA (Golden State and San Antonio each have a current five-game streak). **3)** The Pistons picked up wins against the Eastern Conference top two teams in the last week (Cleveland and Toronto). **4)** Detroit averaged 105.8 points in its last five games and held its opponents to 96.4

points. **5)** Reggie Jackson is averaging 23.0 points and 5.8 assists while shooting 54% from the field in his last five games. **6)** Andre Drummond has recorded a career-high 13 consecutive double-doubles. Tobias Harris is averaging 17.0 points (51% FG) and 5.5 rebounds in six games since joining the Pistons. Pistons Guard Reggie Jackson on teammate Tobias Harris, "He just fits in. He knows how to play ball. He's a guy you find yourself always picking up in pick-up (hoops) because no matter where you put him on the floor, he knows how to play. He can score on the perimeter, he likes to slash, and he can post-up, get out and run. He has great confidence in himself; he has a great attitude." Marcus Morris dished out a career-high eight assists vs. Philadelphia (2/24) has recorded two or more assists in 18 consecutive games. Wait there is more; Reggie

Bullock taking over for the injured Stanley Johnson has shot 6-for-9, including three 3-pointers, in 26 minutes, his longest stint this season. Bullock came along with Morris from the Suns in a summer trade the Pistons made, however, Bullock has bounced back and forth in the D-League with the Grand Rapids Drive. So when Stanley Johnson suffered a shoulder sprain last Monday against the Cavaliers, Bullock knew his chance had come and has made good on the time he is getting to play. Now the Pistons will spend the first half of this month of March on the road as the teams play the Knicks at Madison Square Garden in New York City this Saturday night before coming home for one game against the Portland Trailblazers at the Palace the next night on Sunday before traveling to Dallas, Charlotte, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C. before coming back home to play the Atlanta Hawks on the 16th of March.

## Girls District Basketball Tournament

By Butch Davis

The MHSAA state basketball tournament for the Girls got off to an enormous start this past Monday as many teams that were looking for high expectations when home in despair. One example was the District Class "A" game at Westland-John Glenn as Camree Clegg scored 21 points for the Zebras as Wayne Memorial defeat Westland John Glenn 60-49. In the second game Breanna Fisher led the way for Taylor Kennedy with 16 points, and Daija Anderson chip in with 15 as Taylor Kennedy upset Romulus by the final score of 49-39.

Other game featured in the Telegram News reading area are as follow Trenton 31, Southgate Anderson 21; Wyandotte Roosevelt 48, Riverview 26; Dearborn 56, Lincoln Park 12; Dearborn Heights Crestwood 47, Livonia Stevenson 46; Detroit

Cass Tech 67, Detroit Western 20; Wayne Memorial 60, Westland John Glenn 49; Taylor Kennedy 49, Romulus 39. Class B, Dearborn Divine Child beat River Rouge 51-37. Class C, Detroit Cristo Rey 30, Dearborn Riverside Academy-West 27; Ecorse 41, Taylor Preparatory 33; Riverview Gabriel Richard 47, Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech 10; and Wixom St Catherine 71, Lutheran Westland 45.

The finals for the girls district tournaments in Class A, B, C, and D is this upcoming Friday. That will narrow the field down for the Regionals next week.

Now, this is the Boys final week of regular season play before their district tournaments in Class A, B, C, and D starts next week. Here is Boys district varsity basketball schedules for the upcoming week.

### Class A

**No. 14-A, Gibraltar-OA Carlson**  
Brownstown Township-Woodhaven  
Gibraltar-OA Carlson  
Riverview Community  
Southgate Anderson  
Trenton  
Wyandotte-Roosevelt

**No. 40-B, River Rouge**  
Dearborn Heights-Annapolis  
Dearborn Heights-Robichaud  
Dearborn Heights-Star International  
Dearborn-Divine Child  
Dearborn-Henry Ford Academy  
Melvindale  
River Rouge

### No. 15-A, Belleville

Belleville  
Romulus  
Taylor-John F Kennedy  
Taylor-Truman  
Wayne Memorial  
Westland-John Glenn

### No. 41-B, Detroit-Frederick Douglass

Dearborn-Advanced Technology Academy  
Detroit-Cesar Chavez Academy  
Detroit-Consortium College Prep  
Detroit-Frederick Douglass  
Detroit-Henry Ford Acad:School for Creative Studies  
Detroit-University Prep Academy  
Detroit-University Prep Science & Math

### No. 16-A, Lincoln Park

Allen Park  
Dearborn  
Dearborn-Edsel Ford  
Dearborn-Fordson  
Detroit-Cody  
Lincoln Park

### Class C

#### No. 71-C Whitmore Lake

Ann Arbor-Greenhills  
Canton Preparatory  
Lutheran HS Westland  
Whitmore Lake  
Ypsilanti-Arbor Preparatory

### No. 19-A, Livonia-Franklin

Dearborn Heights-Crestwood  
Garden City  
Livonia-Churchill  
Livonia-Franklin  
Livonia-Stevenson  
Redford-Thurston

### No. 72-C, Riverview-Gabriel Richard

Dearborn-Riverside Academy-West  
Detroit Cristo Rey  
Detroit-West Side Academy  
Ecorse  
Melvindale-Academy for Business & Tech  
Riverview-Gabriel Richard  
Taylor Preparatory

### No. 20-A, Grosse Pointe South

Detroit-Cass Technical  
Detroit-East English Village Prep Academy  
Detroit-Martin Luther King  
Detroit-Western International  
Grosse Pointe South  
Hamtramck

### Class D

#### District 102-D, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist

Plymouth Christian  
Inkster Peterson Warren Academy  
Westland Huron Valley Lutheran  
Newport Lutheran South  
Allen Park Inter-City Baptist  
Taylor Baptist Park  
Taylor Trillium

### Class B

**No. 39-B, Flat Rock**  
Allen Park-Cabrini  
Flat Rock  
Grosse Ile  
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## CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE TO CITIZENS OF RIVER ROUGE ABSENTEE BALLOTS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that applications for the Presidential Primary Election to be held in the City of River Rouge on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 may be obtained by applying at the Office of the City Clerk, 10600 W. Jefferson Avenue, River Rouge, Michigan, in person, by writing, or by calling the City Clerk's Office at: (313) 842-5604.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that you may apply for an Absentee Ballot for any of the following reasons:

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**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that the **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS SATURDAY, March 5, 2016 AT 2:00 P.M.**, at the Office of the City Clerk.

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**ASSESSOR OFFICE CITY OF RIVER ROUGE ASSESSOR Kameelah N. Pasha 313-842-5602**

Attention River Rouge Taxpayers

Please take notice that the River Rouge Board of Reviews will be meeting in the Assessor's office, Room 205, at 10600 W. Jefferson, River Rouge, MI 48218. Date and times the board will be meeting:

**March 14, 15, 16 and 17 2016 9:00 – 12:00 pm**

This meeting is for the purpose hardship applications and errors. Further, State law requires that all applicants for poverty reductions must supply the following information to the board before the board can grant a hardship reduction.

Complete poverty (hardship) application (available in the Treasurer's Office. Hardship applicants must meet the income guidelines.

The Board requires that all persons applying for a hardship reduction must have completed their application and returned to the Treasurer's office by December 11th, 2015. Hardship reductions cannot be granted by telephone.

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Six (6) people	\$31,900
Seven (7) people	\$35,200
Eight (8) people	\$39,600
Nine (9) people	\$43,300

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## CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

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

To all qualified electors of the City of River Rouge, Wayne County, Michigan:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the City of River Rouge, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on: Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at which time the qualified registered voters of the City of River Rouge may vote for candidates seeking nomination to the office of:

#### President of the United States

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Special Election will be held at and in the following Polling Places:

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| PRECINCT 1<br>Dan Riney Hall<br>141 E Great Lakes Ave.     | PRECINCT 2<br>Dan Riney Hall<br>141 E. Great Lakes Ave. |
| PRECINCT 3<br>Ann Visger School<br>11121 W. Jefferson Ave. | PRECINCT 4<br>C.B. Sabbath School<br>340 Frazier Street |
| PRECINCT 5<br>Walter White School<br>550 Eaton Street      |   |

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that the Polls of said city will be opened at Seven (7:00) o'clock a.m., and will remain open until Eight (8:00) o'clock p.m. on the day of said Election. All polling place locations are handicap accessible. To obtain instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the City Clerk's office prior to Election Day.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Public Accuracy Test for the March 8, 2016 election has been scheduled for Friday, February 26 at 10:00am in the office of the City Clerk.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meet the requirements of the law.

Patricia H. Johnson, City Clerk

# Telegram Newspaper Classifieds, continued

## Millage tax increase to be on Romulus ballot on March 8

The citizens of Romulus will have more to vote for on March 8th, than their choice for President of the United States. The wording on the ballot is below:

Shall the City of Romulus, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, payable in not to exceed ten (10) years from the date of issuance, for the purpose of paying the cost of neighborhood street improvements throughout the City, consisting of paving, repaving, resurfacing, reconstructing and improving neighborhood streets, including all related appurtenances and attachments?

The estimated millage to be levied in 2016 is 3.53 mills (\$3.53 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 3.55 mills (\$3.55 per \$1,000 of taxable value).



## Flint

From Page 1A

Edwards, Flint resident LeeAnne Walters, and officials from the Environmental Protection Agency and DEQ. U.S. Representative Elijah Cummings, D-Maryland, the ranking member of the committee, wrote a letter Monday, Feb. 22, calling on Chaffetz to request documents from Snyder and his staff on their role in the city's water crisis.

Snyder's office released nearly 300 pages of emails from 2014 and 2015 earlier this year after he promised during his State of the State address to make his correspondence about the water crisis public to ensure that residents have answers about "what we've done." More than 20,000 other documents have also been released by the Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Treasury, Department of Technology, Management and Budget, and Department of Agriculture and Rural Development as part of multiple FOIA requests.

The city reconnected to the Detroit water system in October 2015, but the residents have been told to use bottled water until further notice.

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### CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

#### City of Ecorse POVERTY GUIDELINES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ECORSE BOARD OF REVIEW WILL BE MEETING IN THE ALBERT B. BUDAY CIVIC CENTER-3869 W. JEFFERSON ECORSE MI IN THE ON THE 2ND FLOOR ON:

**MARCH 14, 2016 9:00 A.M. TO NOON AND 1:00P.M. TO 4:00P.M.  
6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.**

**MARCH 17, 2016 11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.**

To be eligible for a poverty exemption, a person shall annually:  
Own and occupy the property as a homestead as required by law, and provide evidence of ownership, if necessary.

1. File the approved form provided by the City.
2. Submit copies of federal and state income tax returns for all **person(s)** residing in the homestead as well as copies of any property tax credit returns, as required by law.
3. The Board of Review may require proof of identification if it feels it is necessary.
4. The household income (including all persons residing in the homestead) shall meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget. In cases where household income meets the federal standard, the assessment I taxable value shall be adjusted so the out-of-pocket property tax, as best estimated based on the previous year's millage rate and after deducting the applicable state property tax refund, equals five percent (5%) of the household income for those applicants under 65 years of age, and three percent (3%) for those applicants over 65 years of age.
5. Income included as household income shall be from any and all sources and shall include all dependents and occupants income including, but not limited to types such as salary state or federal aid, alimony, social security, pension and insurance benefits, return on investments, savings, and any other forms of compensation received.
6. The total of all household assets, not including the homestead shall not exceed \$25,000.
7. Poverty Applicants must meet the following income guidelines:

ONE PERSON	\$13,000
TWO PERSONS	\$16,460
THREE PERSONS	\$20,800
FOUR PERSONS	\$24,250
FIVE PERSONS	\$28,410
SIX PERSONS	\$32,570
SEVEN PERSONS	\$36,730
EIGHT PERSONS	\$40,890
EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON	\$ 4,160

8. The Board of Review may waive the income limits for a household with greater incomes but who have expenses beyond the ordinary scope of expected costs which are severe and unavoidable, such as unusually high health care costs not covered by insurance. In such catastrophic scenarios, the state equalized value may be reduced to zero (0).
9. In cases where the Board of Review deviates from the income limits for substantial and compelling reasons, such as described above in number 8, these reasons will be noted on the petition and communicated in writing to the claimant. Such reasons will be properly documented.
10. In no case will the board of review approve any reduction without proper and required documentation.

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### CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CITY OF ECORSE NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

#### TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ECORSE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Presidential Primary Election will be held in the City of Ecorse, County of Wayne, Michigan on TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016 to elect the following:

- Republican Party Candidate for President of the United States
- Democratic Party Candidate for President of the United States

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the City of Ecorse Presidential Primary Election will be held at the following Polling Places:

PRECINCT NO. 1	St. Andre Bessette Parish Center, 27700 W. Outer Drive
PRECINCT NO. 2	Downriver Pennsylvania Club, 3648 W. Jefferson
PRECINCT NO. 3	Ecorse Manor, 4560-9th Street
PRECINCT NO. 4	John F. Kennedy School, 27225 W. Outer Drive
PRECINCT NO. 5	John F. Kennedy School, 27225 W. Outer Drive
PRECINCT NO. 6	Ralph J. Bunche School, 503 Hyacinthe
PRECINCT NO. 7	Ecorse Housing Commission, 266 Hyacinthe

\*\*\*all Polling Places are handicap/voter accessible\*\*\*

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the polling places for said City of Ecorse Presidential Primary Election will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, March 8th.

Absent voter applications and ballots may be obtained through the City Clerk's office. The office of the City Clerk will be open on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of issuing and receiving absentee ballots.

DANA HUGHES  
CITY CLERK

## CRIME ALERT - RIVER ROUGE

**February 20th, 2016**

On Saturday, at 2317hrs, officers were dispatched to the 1299 Hall at Florence & Jefferson on a report of someone being shot. Officers arrived and observed an identified 20 year old male sitting in a chair near the entrance. Health Link was notified and transported him to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital. He was bleeding from his hands while speaking to an Ecorse Officer. Officer received information that the suspect involved was walking on Auburn Street in Ecorse. Officer went to the area and was flagged down by a citizen who gives a description of the shooter, stating he was a male wearing all black clothing and a baseball cap. Officers located the identified 19 year old male and placed him under arrest and secured in the patrol vehicle. Officer began to search in the area where the suspect was standing and discovered the 40 Caliber Glock, semi automatic handgun next to a fence. The area was photographed and the handgun was taken then secured. The suspect was transported to Ecorse PD while officer went back to 1299 Hall to find evidence. Officers retrieved several shell casings on the ground in the parking lot of the

1299 Hall and turned the crime scene over to Ecorse officers.

**February 20th, 2016**

On Saturday at 2048hrs, officers were dispatched to the 400 Block of Lenoir on a report of a male being stabbed. A 52 year old male states that his 42 year old wife of 8 years, stabbed him with a kitchen knife in the forearm during an argument. He states he had just got home from a family get together after a funeral and had a few drinks. He states him and his wife began to argue about the best way his brother should take going back home to Ohio. He states she pulled out a butterfly knife, opened it, and then stabbed him in his left arm. He states afterwards she got her vehicle keys and tried to leave the area as he tried to stop her, but she made it to her vehicle and drove off. The officer observed a one inch laceration on his forearm. Blood was seen throughout the apartment and pictures were taken. Healthlink was notified and transported him to Wyandotte Henry Ford Hospital for further medical treatment.

**February 20th, 2016**

On Saturday at 1249hrs, an offi-

cer was dispatched to the 500 Block of Polk Street on a report of an assault. The officer noted that there has been several calls to this resident for Domestic Violence. When the officer arrived he observed the 37 year old female standing in the rear of the home with her 7 year old son. The young male was crying and holds his right forearm. The officer observed bruising, abrasions and a small laceration on his arm. The 30 year old suspect boyfriend had already fled the area. She states incident began when she stayed at a friend's house the day before and left her son with her mother. She stated she picked up her son and came home and arrived at 1200hrs. The boyfriend was present when she arrived and he was upset that she stayed out and didn't come home and they began to argue. The officer asked the son how did he get injured. He stated he was afraid the boyfriend was going to hurt his mother and stepped in between them. He stated that cause him to hit a wall and a table, injuring himself. She stated he left and went to his mother's home. Officers went to the home but he refused to answer. She was advised to contact police if he returns.

## Lincoln Park's Memorial Day Parade Committee seeks donations

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Writer



Children pay tribute to fallen veterans during last year's Memorial Day parade

In May, Lincoln Park will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade to honor fallen veterans. The celebration will enter its fourth year as a volunteer based event, with the city using donations to help with various expenses, including a new float to be included in the parade annually.

"Lincoln Park has hosted a Memorial Day Parade for a long time, but it had been suspended for about 10 years due to unavailable funding," says Deb Mcfall, Parade Committee Co-chairperson. "With help from volunteers, we were able to get everything running again, so this is the 4th year we're seeking to put the parade on through that format."

The parade's volunteer committee, a nonprofit 501c sponsored by Lincoln Park's VFW Post 552, is currently accepting contributions from their website, <http://lpmdparade.webs.com/>, as well as their Facebook page. Donors can also contact Mcfall directly at [dmfall3566@wowway.com](mailto:dmfall3566@wowway.com).

In the coming weeks, fundraisers will additionally be held to solicit community participation. Donor cards will soon be available for purchase at local businesses, in addition to ink pens that read "I Support the Memorial Day Parade".

On March 26th, a Euchre Night will also take place at the VFW Hall, located at 1125 Fort Street. Cash prizes, 50/50 raffles and snacks will be included, with funds going directly toward event activities.

This year's parade will kick off on May 22nd at 1 PM, marching down Fort Street and ending at Memorial Park. The event will feature various components suited for patrons of all ages.

"We feature community groups and children's teams every year, so people will see the Knights of Columbus and The Shriners, in addition to middle and high school marching bands," says Mcfall. "We've been working on expanding the parade with a Highland pipe band, as well as a Downriver Community Band. The committee is also going for clowns, face painting, animals, and several fun things to make this a success."

"And, we additionally have opens for groups who want to be in the parade. Contact us and we'll get you an entry form to fill out. As you can see, we're really trying to expand and do different things this year, and we're definitely looking forward to it."

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ever to headline tours, selling out shows worldwide. A veteran of over 40 albums, he won the 2011 Best Contemporary Jazz Album Grammy Award for The Stanley Clarke Band. Clarke co-founded the seminal fusion group Return to Forever with Chick Corea and Lenny White. In 2012 Return to Forever won a Grammy Award and Latin Grammy for Best Jazz Instrumental Album, Forever.

Clarke's newest CD, The Stanley Clarke Band: UP, was released on Mack Avenue Records September 30, 2014. Entirely produced by Clarke, he considers UP to be the most energetic, fun, rhythmic and upbeat album that he has ever done. Unlike his predominant acoustic bass work on the last few albums, UP is almost equal electric and acoustic bass.

He revisits one of his classic recordings, the bass anthem "School Days." He was nominated for a 2015 Grammy for Best Instrumental Composition with "Last Train To Sanity" off the UP CD.

Clarke's creativity has been recognized and rewarded in every way imaginable: gold and platinum records, Grammy Awards, Emmy nominations, virtually every readers and critics poll in existence, and more. He was Rolling Stone's very first Jazzman of the Year and bassist winner of Playboy's Music Award for ten straight years. Clarke was honored with Bass Player Magazine's Lifetime Achievement Award and is a member of Guitar Player Magazine's "Gallery of Greats." In 2004 he was featured in Los Angeles Magazine as one of the Top 50 Most Influential People. He was honored with the key to the city of Philadelphia and put his hands in cement as a 1999 inductee into Hollywood's "Rock Walk" on Sunset Boulevard. In 2011 he was honored with the highly prestigious Miles Davis Award at the Montreal Jazz Festival for his entire body of work. Most recently, Clarke won the 2013 and 2014 Downbeat Magazine's Reader's and Critics Poll for Best Electric Bass Player

An accomplished film and TV composer of over 65 projects, his credits include Boyz n the Hood, the Tina Turner biopic What's Love Got To Do With It, Romeo Must Die, The Transporter and most recently the 2013 blockbuster, Best Man Holiday. He has garnered three Emmy Nominations and a BMI Award for his scoring. In 2014 Clarke was invited to become a member of the exclusive Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences.

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## ASK ALMA

### A Christian with a short memory



Dear Alma,

I have a friend who is the ultimate Christian. Since she's been "saved," she has been more judgmental of others, as if she doesn't have a past. Back in the day, she was the one who experimented with drugs, clubs, partying, etc. Now she looks down on others who may be going through the same thing. At times, I hate talking with her. How can I make her see that what she's doing is no different than what those she is complaining about are doing?

Annapolis, MD.

Dear Friend from Annapolis,

Your question is an interesting one, not because it's the first time I've heard of this happening, but it's the first time I've addressed this topic.

My advice column is open and accepting. I can relate to and will discuss anything — love, hate, sex, work, family, you name it. Religion, however, is one subject that I try to shy away from. My father was a minister for almost 40 years, so I see this question as somewhat of a test. LOL. I've prayed and pondered my response, taking into consideration that believers and nonbelievers both read my weekly column.

I found myself gravitating to a book my friend Nia loaned me, a book titled Grace Happens Here by Max Lucado. His book details how God's grace is not purchased or earned by faith acts or good works. Believing in God doesn't require that we live

our lives without making mistakes or wrong decisions. It doesn't mean we never think, speak or react negatively or inappropriately. Believing in God means that one has accepted Him as savior, our many faults notwithstanding. It means accepting His "grace."

Grace is one of God's greatest offers and ideas. When we are demonstrating the worst of ourselves, God — with our permission — begins to turn us around. In this transformation, some folks find it necessary to point out every flaw, negative behavior or bad habit in others. I often wonder why, as humans, we find it easier to correct others than to make corrections within ourselves. But that's another story for another time.

There's nothing you can say to your friend right now. She has recently been saved, and so are you, so "save" your "oh-no-you-didn't" comments for another time. Fold and put them away in your "help-me-Lord" drawer.

In these early stages of salvation, since your friend is listening only to God, I'd suggest you pray to Him. Pray that God will help her consume the peace and grace that she will read about in her Bible. The scriptures that say we should be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God forgives us.

Be the example and offer her the grace that you seek. I have read and believe that we will never be asked to offer anyone more than what God has already poured deep down inside of us. Here's a reminder of something much easier preached, then lived: When in doubt, discouraged, overwhelmed or simply pissed off, seek first not to offend or correct—but — to be a blessing.

*Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years.. Email questions to: [alwaysaskalma@gmail.com](mailto:alwaysaskalma@gmail.com). Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and twitter @almaaskalma.*

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Jordan doing what she loves; "Dancing at church is always a great experience!"

like to dance!  
 To me, dance means to come alive! Dance is freeing and anyone can dance. As I continue to eagerly learn (I'm currently studying under Taivia Jones & Shara Marbry @ The Body of Praise Dance Factory), I will continue to allow life to breathe dance through me.

To other girls who like to dance I would say stay focused on your goals, dreams, believe in your talent, and know that you are special!

Whether I'm doing Ballet, Horton, Tap, Liturgical, Dunham or Afro-Cuban, I will always be grateful for that I dance with purpose and I will always dance like no one is watching! Now, 5, 6, 7, 8... Let's Dance!



**Dance! Dance! Dance!**

Can you imagine what this world would be like without dance? I don't even want to imagine my life without dance! My heart beats dance every minute of the day. This love for dance comes from way down deep in my soul.

I've been dancing since I was eight (8) years old. Though I was very shy at that age, I could not deny my heart the chance to dance. I was invited to join the dance ministry at church. While enjoying the rehearsals and making new friends, I even enjoyed learning that there is much more to dance than just moving to music. Yes, it's really important to know the history, genre, and even know about those who dance; however, in my home, I was taught that it's more important for me to know that God gave me this talent and I have a choice to use my talent to bring God glory or shame.

Many doors have been opened for me to share my talent with the world. I've been able to meet and learn from some of Metro- Detroit's finest instructors, and I've been able to learn from world renowned international dance instructors. I've been afforded opportunities to dance in church, in the community, at formal affairs, and I appreciate being able to dance for missions in Uganda, Africa and Haiti. Because I am requested to dance at many different times and functions, it's important for me to always have choreography for different styles of dance tucked away in my heart. When asked, "Who inspires me?", I am inspired not only by famous ballerina's like Misty Copeland, Jaqueline Greene, and Michaela DePrince, but

also all of my dance instructors and other students who



Jordan Clemons, 19, Student at The Body of Praise Dance Factory on National Dance Day.

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