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Davontae Sanford Is Finally Free

After Serving Nine Years in Prison for a Quadruple Murder He Didn't Commit

By Tatyana Hopkins (NNPA/DTU Fellow)



Davontae Sanford walks out of jail after nine years

The lawyers of wrongfully convicted Davontae Sanford said it was clear from the beginning that he was innocent and his confession was false.

Megan Crane, Sanford's lawyer, said that "police practices that are widely inappropriate for vulnerable juvenile suspects and a criminal justice system that systemically failed him at every step of his

process." are largely responsible for her client's nine-year imprisonment.

Sanford was wrongfully imprisoned since age 14 for a quadruple homicide that occurred in 2007 on Detroit's Runyon Street.

According to Sanford's legal team, Sanford, who is blind in

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River Days kick off Summer in Detroit



The River Front will be complete with activities, food and fun

The 2016 River Days will be held June 24- June 26th on the beautiful Detroit riverfront. This one of a kind festival takes place along the Detroit Riverfront - from the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority Terminal & Dock just west of the GM Renaissance Center, to Rivard Plaza and the William G. Milliken State

Park. River Days is a celebration of Detroit's RiverWalk with activities on land and water. Experience all the RiverWalk has to offer, from the tall ships, jet-ski demos and riverboat tours to live music, sand sculptures, kids activities, delicious eats and much more!

For the past nine years, River Days has served as the official kickoff to summer for many

Metro Detroiters. In 2015, GM River Days presented by Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort drew 150,000 people to the shores along the Detroit River for a family-friendly three-day weekend of music, activities, food and fun.

In 2015, the Detroit riverfront hosted forty national and local

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Linwood Ave will be officially renamed Rev. Dr. C. L. Franklin Blvd during a ceremony on June 24, 2016



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CALL TO ACTION

WORDS FROM THE PUBLISHER

**Problems in the community?
Check the home**



Another person got shot. Another car was stolen. Another house was vandalized. Aren't you sick and tired of hearing those statements and reading about these types of crimes being committed?

I know I am. Whether it is in River Rouge, Ecorse, Inkster, Dearborn, Romulus, Detroit or another city, the problems are increasing.

I know there isn't one answer to solve these problems. Many groups and people are trying. There have been meetings, rallies, prayer vigils, marches and more meetings. I applaud the people that are leading the troops and trying to get the problems resolved. It is going to take everyone investing in their families to get our communities back to a place of pride.

My observation from problem solving is to get to the root cause. In engineering, we learned that if you wanted to find out why a car's clutch went out, we had to tear down the failed part and analyze it.

Maybe the o-ring was the wrong size, maybe the worker put the wrong fluid in cylinder or maybe it was the wrong cylinder. But the key was to go back to the beginning and examine the process, step by step until you find out what went wrong.

The root cause of many of these problems can be traced back to the same place... home. The people attending the meetings and rallies are not the ones committing the crimes, but it could be their family members.

The attendees must make sure that their family and family members are leading a life that exemplifies character and positive values. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, parents and extended family members must work to instill values of respect into the family members at a young age. The poem "All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten" says a lot about the values that we should continue to teach our youth.

It is never to late for youth to change their ways. However family must reach out to their loved ones, pray for them and encourage them to love themselves and value their lives. I know there is no one answer to solve the problems of our communities, but we must start somewhere. Home is a great place to start.

Gina Steward
Publisher

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NEWS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Statement from state Representative Sherry Gay-Dagnogo (D-Detroit) on Gov. Rick Snyder's signing of the DPS Bills:



"Gov. Rick Snyder has missed an opportunity to right history with his signing of the separate and unequal Detroit Public Schools Bills. Under his leadership, we have watched the greatest dismantling of traditional public schools in the history of Michigan. Democracy was trampled on at every turn in the process of passing these Detroit-specific bills. They were passed with zero Detroit or Democratic support, and in order to make it through

the House, Detroit Caucus members were denied the opportunity to speak during session.

"The legislation will not adequately address the DPS financial deficit within the old district, nor provide needed start up for the new district. It further subjects Detroit children to a sub-par education, allowing the placement of uncertified teachers, in addition to subjecting teachers to unfair conditions and unfair labor practices, without returning the loans that teachers made to the district. While these laws should be challenged legally, I believe that it is important to inform all community stakeholders directly impacted by them. I invite parents, teachers and Detroit citizens to join me in attending a Joint DPS Legislative, Academic and Budget Update, during which I will be joined by Detroit Caucus Chair Rep.

Brian Banks, Rep. Latanya Garrett, Judge Steven Rhodes, and Interim Superintendent Alycia Meriweather, Thursday, June 23, at 5 p.m. at Renaissance High School, 6565 Outer Drive, Detroit."



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This is Why We Must Never Forget Our Roots

Marian Wright Edelman - NNPA Columnist



"So Dad has joined the other [ancestors] up there. I feel that they do watch and guide, and I also feel that they join me in the hope that this story of our people can help alleviate the legacies of the fact that preponderantly the histories have been written by the winners."

— Alex Haley, from the conclusion of "Roots: The Saga of an American Family"

On the 40th anniversary of the publication of Alex Haley's landmark book "Roots: The Saga of an American Family," a new television adaptation is bringing renewed attention to the story that opened so many eyes to the harsh truth about American slavery and its aftermath — an aftermath that continues under new guises despite much progress.

The publication of "Roots" in 1976 came at a seminal moment in American history. Cities across America were hosting celebrations of the nation's bicentennial and the founding creed set forth in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

In 1963 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminded our nation and world on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial that America had never fully lived up to that promise: "When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the 'unalienable Rights' of 'Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.' It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked 'insufficient funds.'"

With "Roots" Alex Haley provided an epic lesson in American history through the story of his American family — slavery from the enslaved people's point of view. His book spent months on the best-seller list and the original television adaptation of Roots that aired in January 1977 shattered viewing records as it gave tens of millions of people a visual, visceral experience of the true horrors of slavery. For the first time descendants of slaves, descendants of slave owners, and people of all backgrounds were sharing a common experience and understanding of America's original sin whose after effects still radiate across our

land. Acknowledging that truth together was a transformative experience.

In the past year we have seen a welcome surge, prodded by new books on slavery, campus debates, and student protests, of new commitments by some universities and other institutions to confront the truth about their own histories, especially the ugly legacies of slavery and Native American genocide. Black Lives Matter protests denouncing indefensible deaths of Black youths and citizens at the hands of out of control law enforcement officials in Ferguson, Baltimore, Cleveland, New York City, Texas, and elsewhere and the shocking racist vigilante citizen killings of Trayvon Martin in Florida and the massacre of praying Black church people in South Carolina heightened the need for greater racial awareness and national action.

I hope the renewed interest in Roots will spark much greater and sustained interest in an honest retelling of our history and promote new dialogue about the ways today's structural, cultural, racial and economic inequalities reflect racial seeds from our violent past of slavery and Jim Crow which still poison the soil and political discourse of our nation. Only confronting the truth about our nation's profound birth defects and struggling deliberately to overcome them with open eyes, hearts, minds and deeds can make us all free.

The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) has a special connection to Alex Haley. In 1994 CDF bought Alex Haley's 157-acre farm in Tennessee for servant leadership development, intergenerational, interfaith, and interracial dialogue and spiritual renewal. The Harlem Children's Zone was conceptualized in Haley Farm's lodge by Geoff Canada and a cadre of Black Community Crusade for Children® leaders. Faith leaders gather each year for spiritual retreats, great preaching and renewal, and young leaders come to learn from elders about nonviolent strategies for seeking racial and economic justice. Gurgling creeks run through it, mountains lurk in the background, and trees rustle in the wind. And thanks to the generosity of Barnes and Noble chair Len Riggio and his wife Louise, Haley Farm has been blessed as the only place with two Maya Lin designed buildings in existence: the Langston Hughes Library, with its Maya Angelou and John Hope Franklin reading room, and the Riggio-Lynch Chapel. I have been struck by how many of the thousands of people of all ages, faiths and disciplines who have come through Haley Farm's gates appreciate its beauty and say it feels like home and the communities we once experienced. It is a smoke free, drug free, alcohol free, violence free and hate free environment grounded in love and mutual respect.

The largest annual gathering at Haley Farm brings together about 2,000 college-aged young people who train intensively to return to their local communities to teach about 12,000 children in CDF Freedom Schools® programs designed to staunch summer learning loss, close the educational achievement gap, and empower children to make a difference in their schools, communities, nation and world.

This year they will hear from leading educators, historians, children's and young adult book authors, and faith leaders. We will discuss how to truthfully teach history to help children of all races understand our nation's roots including Native American genocide, slavery, and exclusion of all women and non-propertied men from the electoral process in our beginning years. We also will discuss how they can make a difference in closing the gaps in their communities between America's dream and reality. Together they and all of us must help write the next chapter in our ongoing struggle to make America a more perfect union.

At the dedication of Haley Farm, several hundred people of every race, faith and discipline committed to help build a movement to Leave No Child Behind® and to ensure every child a healthy start, a head start, a fair start, a safe start, and a moral start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. That struggle must

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More gun control is not the answer

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



Though Donald Trump did come up with a good idea. Put a ban of gun sales to those on the no fly list.

A stricter background check will help.

But any new rule or regulation that comes out of Washington will only affect law-abiding citizens, not those bent on doing the killing.

The terrorists will always get the guns.

What we do need is a plan for fighting terrorists and getting rid of ISIS.

We keep sending our soldiers to Iraq and Afghanistan to be moving targets.

We can't hurt them but they can kill us. That is not a way to fight a war.

And we are at war. Congress just won't proclaim it.

Our leaders have been afraid to fight war since Viet Nam. They have been afraid to hurt or offend anyone.

We need to come up with a plan or pull out of the Middle East.

At least to save our young men and women from further harm.

In the wake of the Terror shooting in Orlando it seems people, especially those on the left, are more mad at the guns and gun makers than they are at the person who did the shooting.

The shooter, Omar Mateen, proclaimed allegiance to ISIS which made this an act of terror instead of a hate crime.

But instead of coming up with a plan to destroy ISIS, President Obama and the Democrats want to come up with more gun control.

We don't need more laws, we need to enforce the ones we have.

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Change

By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



I've been hearing a loud outcry screaming 'Change: We want change.' Change is good. Life is change. Evolution is continuous whether we want it to be or not. Things will never remain constant indefinitely.

Scientists say that the universe is expanding by the millisecond. As the universe continues to expand, it leads to entropy. If you look up entropy in the dictionary, it will say something like, 'entropy is the disorganization or degradation of the universe.' In other words, the universe's natural course or path is toward disorder and chaos. Technological advances might indicate otherwise. Advances in technology lead us to believe that we are getting smarter and better. In some sense we are.

As our toys get more complicated and amazing, the integrity and morality of mankind appears to be disintegrating. Although jacked up people have always been with us doing jacked up things, it seems that wickedness of the human heart is getting more and more prevalent and bold. Maybe it's the increase in human population. Are people really getting worse and worse? Whatever the case, we know that there is nothing

new under the sun (Ecc. 1:9). Evil is always around, but when it comes into our front yard, we demand a revolution. Rightfully so.

We can march and rally for change. We can read articles and books. Those things are good. We need to listen to prophetic voices that compel us to change. Otherwise, how would we hear? (Romans 10:14,15) But how does change really manifest? How is it evident?

You are the manifestation of change. You become new and old things pass away (2 Cor. 5:17). People ought look at you and see change. We cannot force anyone to change. We only have control over ourselves. We can influence change. When people see you it should compel them to change. We can fuss all day demanding change, but if we don't change ourselves, what is it all for? There are some things that simply cannot be legislated. We cannot enforce a law that demands that people be loving to all. That's a matter of the heart. God changes hearts. The way you live can contribute to fostering that change. Prayer changes things.

As we fight entropy (chaos) tooth and nail, let us remember the serenity prayer: "Lord grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot CHANGE. The courage to CHANGE the things I can. And the wisdom to know the difference." You ARE CHANGE!!!

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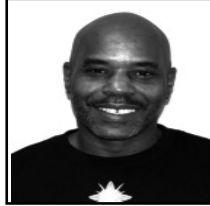
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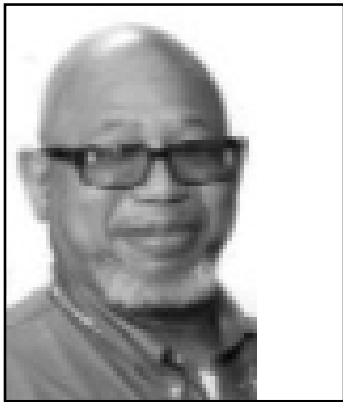
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Pastor Zockheem is Pastor at United Church of Faith Methodist in Romulus

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Nine Years lost

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one eye was approached by homicide investigators as they canvassed the neighborhood about midnight, just a few hours after the shooting in September 2007. They said law enforcement officials convinced Sanford to go to the station to tell them about information he may have had about the crime. The officers received permission from his grandmother to take him to police headquarters for questioning.

Just 14-years-old, Sanford was picked up by police in his pajamas, was questioned for nearly 24 hours over the course of two days without a parent or lawyer present, according to his lawyers. On the second consecutive day of questioning, Sanford confessed on video to being involved in the homicide. He subsequently entered a guilty plea in the middle of trial, once he realized his defense attorney was not going to do anything to defend him, said David Moran, Sanford's Lawyer and director of Michigan Innocence Clinic.

Crane said that after "bullying and coercion" during the police interrogation, Sanford "just made something up" in order to go home.

According to Crane, police falsified evidence linking Sanford to the crime, and suggested that admitting involvement in the crime meant that he could go home. Sanford's confession was "a toxic combination of the interrogation tactics that police use across the country combined with vulnerabilities that are inherent to all kids and teenagers," said Crane, adding that many adults are also vulnerable to the tactics that are "developed for seasoned adult criminals."

Crane continued: "It was clear from the beginning that his confession made little to know sense. It got far more wrong than it did get right."

Just 16 days after Sanford was convicted, professional hitman, Vincent Smothers began insisting that he was responsible for the murders in addition to eight others.

David Moran, the director of the Michigan Innocence Clinic at the University of Michigan Law School, said that every detail provided to police about the case by Sanford was wrong. According to Moran, Sanford misidentified the number accomplices when matched against eyewitness testimony, misidentified the types of guns used and the location of his alleged weapon and identified a Coney Island restaurant closed for renovations as the place he planned the crime.

"Smothers on the other hand,

told them all sorts of things they didn't know that turned out to be true," said Moran.

Smothers was able to provide police with new details about the crime that they later confirmed through further investigation such as the location of a gun used in the crime, suggesting that Smothers' confession was more likely to be true.

In April 2015, the Michigan Innocence Clinic and Northwestern's Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth, headed by Moran and Crane respectively, filed a Motion for Relief from Judgment highlighting the detailed, corroborated confession by professional hitman Vincent Smothers to the Runyon Street murders and the obvious unreliability of Davontae Sanford's confessions, given their complete lack of corroboration and many inaccuracies. As a result, the Michigan State Police reinvestigated the murders. On May 20, 2016, the Michigan State Police provided the report to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

On June 7, Wayne County Judge Brian Sullivan ordered the immediate release of the now 23-year-old after he served nearly 9 years of a 37-to-90-year sentence.

"This is as clear a case of miscarriage of justice as we can ever hope to see," said Moran. "It was clear that this was a wrongful conviction based on false confession."

Tatyana Hopkins is a 2016 NNPA "Discover The Unexpected" journalism fellow. The "Discover The Unexpected" journalism fellowship program is sponsored by Chevrolet. Check out more stories by the fellows by following the hashtag #DiscoverTheUnexpected on Twitter and Instagram. Learn more about the program at nnpa.org/dtu.

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BIBLE VERSE

24Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. 25He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. 26He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately. 27When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. 28For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah. Acts: 18: 24-28



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JONATHAN D. WHITE
Mar. 15, 1969 - May 3, 2016

DWAYNE was born in Wayne, MI. He was reared by his Great-grandmother Mrs. Turner and later Grandparents Fannie (Phid) and Alton Manigault. Dwayne attended the DPS and the Job Corps. Dwayne liked to cook and he was very family oriented and would always help with his nieces and nephews.

He leaves to cherish his memory; his mother Barbara Sanders; siblings LaTonya, Robert, Zondra (Shay), Jocelyn (Toni), Charlise, Carivia, Charlene, Charles and Nina; god sister LaTrice; brother-in-law's, Troy, Bill and Daryel (former); four children he help reared, Mercedes, Terell, Kali and Tyler and a host of other cousins, relatives and friends. **Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (www.chapelchimes.com.)**



REV. JAMES HUNTER
Aug. 26, 1955 - May 5, 2016

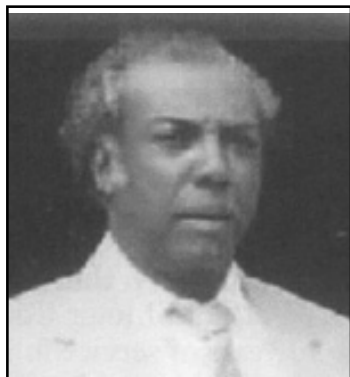
JAMES ELIOTTEE HUNTER was born in Opelika, Alabama. His family later relocated to Inkster, MI where he attended Inkster Public Schools. He graduated from Inkster High in 1973. Later in life James attended Rhema Bible Training College of Oklahoma, where he studied Pastoral Care.

He began his ministerial career under the leadership of Pastor John D. Hearn of Peoples Community Baptist Church of Westland, MI. James was an avid chess player who taught countless people how to "play to win". He enjoyed watching sports. He also loved to read, teach, write, preach, and live everything Bible. James loved the Lord and his family with everything he was.

Surviving his departure were his: Estranged wife Myra Hunter, three beloved children ArKeda Hunter, Alicia Hunter, James "Andre" Hunter. Two

brothers Van Hunter and Ray Hunter, four sisters of which 1 proceeded him in death; Arnett Parker, Margaret "Dale" (Gilbert) Gonzalez, a twin sister; Janice Hunter, and Laura "Dorothea" Duson. Six Grandchildren and Lastly, the treasured mother of his children Eliza, "Judy".

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THORNTON HAMPTON
May 16, 1936 - May 6, 2016
THORNTON HAMPTON affectionately known to many as "Hamp/Pan" was born in Leighton, Colbert County, Alabama.

He was drafted into the United States Army in 1960. Hamp was employed at Ford Motor Company, Wixom Plant in 1964 and retired after 30 years of service in 1994.

Hamp loved people! God blessed him with a gift of giving and service. He has helped and encouraged many young people in his community with words of encouragement, acts of kindness and generosity. Hamp's memories will forever be cherished by his loving daughter, Karen Hampton; granddaughter, Kayla Garner; sister-in-law Dorothy Humphrey; and many special relatives, cousins and friends. **Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (www.chapelchimes.com.)**



JULIAN ALONZO HAMPTON
Sept. 30, 1937 - May 8, 2016

JULIAN A. HAMPTON JR., (HAMP) was born in Sanderville, Georgia. He joined The United States Army in July, 1955 which he dedicated 3 years to the service. Julian moved to Michigan and became an employee of Ford Motor Company for 35 years. Julian's hobbies were working, playing baseball and taking care of his family. Julian leaves to cherish his memories, seven children, Sharriona, Mary, Lionel

(Sheila), Ruby (Raymond), Yolanda, Stevie and Clayshawn. 28 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 3 sisters-in-law, Annie, Alice and Pearl (Johnny), 1 brother-in-law, Johnnie (Darlane), a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many good friends. **Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (www.chapelchimes.com.)**

EARNEST EUGENE REED
Feb. 9, 1955 - May 7, 2016

MR. EARNEST EUGENE REED was born in Arkansas. At the age of ten, his mother and siblings moved to Romulus, Michigan. He graduated from Inkster High. He retired from General Motors Powertrain Plant after 30 years of service. He had a passion for working on cars, fishing, shooting pool and hanging out with family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Linda Reed; one son, Earnest Reed; one daughter, Vianka Berkley; four stepsons, Chavez Maurice Smith, Ray Garrison, Bennie Garrison and Edward Vines; three brothers, Randy Mason (Dea), Carl Mason (Minerval), and Jerry Mason; four sisters, Linda Pitts, Jacquelyn Mason, Beverly Martin and Lera Hister; two god-children, Britney Duson and Bryce Tiller and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. **Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (www.chapelchimes.com.)**



LEON EZRA CARTWRIGHT
Apr 6, 1943 - May 10, 2016
Leon Ezra Cartwright was born at Sumbly Hospital in River Rouge Michigan. He graduated from Inkster High School in 1961.

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He leaves to cherish his memory his children: Tonya, Johanna and Lorenzo; five grandchildren: five great-grandchildren: his brother, Arthur Jr. (Mary); his sisters: Gwendolyn and Beverly and a special sister, Aleata and a hosts of family members and friends.

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Romulus High School Shines at University of Michigan's Ross School of Business MREACH Year End Celebration



This year's 2015-2016 senior participants (see group photo standing left to right): Kenneth Gajefski, Rayshon Akins, Kingsley Enechukwu, Linda Denham, Diante' Hill, Adrian Maloy, Johnny Toliver were recognized for successfully completing the selective program. (Nia Pittman, a junior at RHS, is not pictured).

Students, parents, guests and University of Michigan faculty gathered at the University of Michigan's prestigious Ross School of Business to celebrate the completion of this year's MREACH program and honor the recipients of the esteemed Robert Koonce award, Romulus High School faculty member, Linda Denham, and Romulus High School alumna, Addell Austin-Anderson (class of '74).

MREACH (Michigan Ross School of Business Enriching Academics in Collaboration with High Schools) is a program that provides career enrichment, academic preparation, and hands-on business activities for underrepresented groups, including first-generation college-bound students, and students from lower socioeconomic standing. Founded in 2006, MREACH brings Michigan high school students to Ross for a series of active learning experiences focused on the fundamentals of business and also offers insight into the college planning process and careers in business.

Romulus High School students have been involved in MREACH since September 2013. Kingsley Enechukwu

received a standing ovation from the audience for being named a 2016 Gates Millennium Scholar as he received his MREACH certificate. Several students spoke about how much they enjoyed the MREACH experience, including Adrian Maloy and Kingsley Enechukwu. Adrian Maloy stated, "MREACH has provided me with a perspective that can't be taught, explained or imagined, only experienced." The program affords them the opportunity to learn about different aspects of business, explore possible careers, network with business professionals at a variety of corporations and make meaningful and lasting friendships.

Another highlight of the event was the presentation of the Robert Koonce award. Robert Koonce is the beloved founder of MREACH, who passed away unexpectedly in 2009. The award recognizes individuals, who have been strong advocates of the MREACH program and tireless supporters and mentors to students.

Award recipient Linda Denham is the Speech-Language Pathologist at Romulus High School. She has spearheaded the school's involvement in MREACH since 2013.

Receiving the Robert Koonce award from Ross is a particular honor for Ms. Denham, as she is an alumna of The University of Michigan Ann Arbor. Ms. Denham's volunteer experiences at RHS include: Liaison for Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan, Inc. (since its inception in September 2010), Liaison for the Michigan Ross Enriching Academics in Collaboration with High Schools (MREACH) Program at U-M Ross School of Business, Ann Arbor Campus, and Founding Member of Scholarship Opportunities and Alumni Resources for Romulus High School (S.O.A.R.) established as a nonprofit organization in April 2015 with the State of Michigan.

During the ceremony, it was announced that graduating seniors Diante 'Hill, Kingsley Enechukwu and Johnny Toliver will be among the MREACH participants who will attend the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Campus in the Fall 2016.

University of Michigan's Ross School of Business is the nation's #4 ranked undergraduate business program, according to US News & World Reports, and #12 ranked Graduate Business Program.



SNAPSHOT IN HISTORY

Al Jarreau an American jazz singer



Al Jarreau was born on March 12, 1940 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA as Alwyn Lopez Jarreau. He is known for his work on Moonlighting (1985), Out of Africa (1985) and Gleggarry Glen Ross (1992). He has been married to Susan Player since 1977. They have one child. He was previously married to Phyllis Hall.

Has a Masters in Psychology and was a counselor before deciding to try his hand at singing professionally. He started out in small clubs and eventually went on to win a German Grammy.

Has won five Grammy Awards and is the only singer on the planet to have won a Grammy in the Pop, Jazz and R&B categories.

He was awarded a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for Recording at 7083 Hollywood Boulevard in Hollywood, California.

Steadily touring all over Europe, Asia and the U.S.; was the literacy spokesperson for Verizon; received yet another

Grammy nomination in 2005 for his latest CD, "Accentuate the Positive." [May 2005]

Personal Quotes
"I won't apologize because the instruments on this stage are real and the music is not synthetic." (At a 2000 concert.)

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Tigers Start Home Stand With a Win

By Butch Davis



Justin celebrating with teammate after win

Photo by Zootz

The grueling, 10-game, three-city road trip ended this past Sunday with a third straight loss to the Kansas City Royals. Two losses were lopsided and embarrassing, by a combined score 26-8. The last was exhausting and frustrating in 13 steamy innings. The final act was the Tigers walking dejectedly off the field while the Royals mobbed Cheslor Cuthbert after his single through a drawn-in infield off reliever Kyle Ryan ended the marathon, 2-1, this past Sunday. It was a 4-6 trip, and the Tigers, just 1 1/2 games out of first after winning Thursday night, come home once again on the wicked side of .500. The road trip, manager Brad Ausmus put it about as fluently as it deserved. "We can't go winning four in a row, then lose five games in a row, that would cut it"

Casey McGehee, the seven-year veteran and baseball journeyman, was brought up from Triple-A Toledo this past Monday to serve as another bench bat for the Detroit Tigers. In addition injuries, Victor Martinez's right knee soreness and Cameron Maybin's right quad tightness to name a couple, they felt they could use another option. "It helps because if we think we need to give Vic a day for his

knee, we can put McGehee at first and DH (Miguel Cabrera) and get him off his feet," Ausmus said. "So it gives us some flexibility."

So on Monday as was expected, the Seattle Mariners try to exploit a Detroit Tigers' bullpen that has struggled more often in the opening of a four-game series this past Monday. Starting pitcher Mike Pelfrey received a 2-0 lead in the first inning on a homerun by Miguel Cabrera his 15th of the season, however, Seattle came back with four runs in the second inning putting the home team again in the fighting back mode into the game after trailing 4-2. Detroit's bullpen was ripped twice in four games in a series at Kansas City that ended Sunday with lefty Kyle Ryan surrendering a run in the 13th inning, giving the Royals a 2-1 win. Again Ryan was called in after Pelfrey gave up a lead again when the Tigers fought back to get a 5-4 edge. Adam Lind of the Mariners hit a two run homerun to get back a 6-5 lead. Yes, Ryan this time called in the sixth inning in relieve gave the Tigers two scoreless inning as Justin Upton gave the homerun a lead again with a long homerun to center field in the sev-

enth to take an 7-6 back to the Tigers. Nevertheless, with some bad defensive plays by our Tigers, Seattle in the eighth inning tie the score. By the way for the record, Detroit called up Ryan and former closer candidate Bruce Rondon after sending out lefties Matt Boyd, who started Saturday, and reliever Blaine Hardy, after both got pounded during this past weekend. Rondon was a bright spot in his first appearance in the majors after being sent home last September for poor work habits and attitude problems. He worked two innings this Sunday in K. C. without allowing a runner and striking out three.

So with the score tie 8-8 in bottom of the ninth inning Cabrera single to right, Martinez also singles to right field giving the Tigers runners on first and second base. Andrew Romine is throw in to run for Cabrera at second base to give them more speed on the bases. However, the Tigers go one, two, three outs in the nine inning, so for the second day in a round the Tigers are in an extra innings game.

To make a long story

Congratulations are in Order

By Butch Davis



vacation. No texting or using the phone while driving for those who earn their licenses. Just a reminder.

However, here is another reminder. Football practices begin August 8, and all other sports begin August 10. Games can begin in Tennis and Golf on Aug 17; Aug. 19 is when Cross Country, Soccer, Swimming & Diving, and Girls Volleyball can have their first competitions; and Football games can be played beginning Aug. 25 so we at the Telegram News with post schedule about the first week of August.

Again Girls, Boys, Teachers, Staff members, and Parents, have a great summer.

Let me be the first to say, congratulations to all the athletes who took part in sports program in your respective high school, middle school, elementary and recreation center this past 2015-16 season. Please Girls and Boys have a great time during your

Brand Extension for WWE

By Butch Davis



After weeks of anticipation, WWE has officially announced that the brand extension draft will take place on the first live episode of SmackDown on Tuesday, July 19 on the USA Network. WWE originally announced SmackDown going live and the brand extension in May, but no details about the draft were available at the time. Now the company has confirmed that the Raw and SmackDown brands will have their own general managers, and they will be drafting Superstars to perform on their respective brands exclusively. Naturally, the conversation will shift to which WWE Super-

stars end up on Raw and SmackDown as the draft approaches. There is a possibility that many of the top NXT stars will be selected in the draft as the company develops two completely different rosters, but there are also rumors that the company is looking to bring back veterans like Goldberg, Kurt Angle, Rey Mysterio, Jeff Hardy and others. "This is an exciting new era for WWE in which we will yet again reinvent ourselves by creating a second night of compelling live television," said Kevin Dunn, Executive Producer, WWE, when I spoke with him this past Monday.

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River Rouge students host Community Leadership Award Ceremony

By: Dominique Madden - Contributing Writer



L to R: Don Bilinski, Gina Steward and Darius Edwards, not pictured Gunnery Sergeant J. Robinson, with Program Officer LeAndrew Jefferson and River Rouge Mayor Michael Bowdler

On Saturday, June 18, 2016, the River Rouge High School Community Network Program hosted a Community Leadership Award Ceremony. The goals for the Ceremony were 1) To recognize people from the community who exemplify leadership in their field of expertise, 2) To provide students an opportunity to develop their organization skills and to 3) To raise money to have a start

River Rouge High School is one of 15 schools chosen by Detroit Network of Future Leaders to participate in a community and school based improvement contest. The winner of the contest will receive \$15,000 to go towards the group's project. Program Officer, LeAndrew Jefferson said, "We made our project

about improving the community's youth. We feel that they will benefit from a community youth center." The center will be a place of solace for kids from ages 6 to 18 to allow them a safe place to have fun.

River Rouge came out the gate by creating its own revenue for their community project by hosting a series of events. The Award Ceremony was the initial event.

River Rouge Mayor, Michael Bowdler was among the crowd that celebrated the four Community Leadership Award Recipients. The inaugural group of Award recipients included Darius Edwards, Don Bilinski, Gina Steward and Gunnery Sergeant J. Robinson who all have served the community

multiple years with their skill. LeAndrew Jefferson presented each recipient with a certificate and a Leadership Award. The other nominee received a certificate. Jefferson said, "We could have easily sold food and candy at the high school but we felt a deep obligation to start the program off by creating a relationship with the community first. We believe that it's important to have the community and school all on track to be most productive." Jamya Giles also a River Rouge Community Network Program Officer said, "Whether River Rouge wins the contest or not we will continue to strive for a better community by bringing our youth together."

River Days

From Page 1A

musical acts, including headline acts Gladys Knight and Bell Biv Devoe. offered a wide variety of music for all tastes. The festival also featured our returning Kids Zone which featured live theatre, music, face painting and arts and crafts, outdoor activities from the Michigan DNR more than 25 rides and games along our midway, a Taste of Detroit food court, buskers/traveling entertainers, a Friday night bike night

and several water-related activities, including popular tours on the U.S. Coast Guard cutter, the one-of-a-kind Tall Ship, Appledore IV, rides on the Diamond Jack River Boat tours and live jet ski demonstrations. For more information about 2016 River Days click on the button below.

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DTE Energy's River Rouge Power Plant win Regional Award



The Wildlife Habitat is located on the Industrial Highway adjacent to Belanger Park in River Rouge

DTE Energy's River Rouge power plant this week won the Wildlife Habitat Council's (WHC) 2016 Regional Corporate Habitat of the Year.

The plant completed a shoreline restoration project that restored 200 ft of the Detroit River shoreline and additional flood plain and property of approximately 9,400 square feet. The plant has also restored five acres of property back to wildlife

habitat by planting native trees, native prairie, created brush piles, added nesting boxes for Eastern Bluebirds, raptor perches, and hibernaculum for the Eastern Fox Snake. The plant's Green Team also has created partnerships with a local River Rouge school teacher to utilize this space for education and the boy scouts to build and install bat boxes. There also are nesting peregrine fal-

cons on site, which are a state endangered species. Every year in the spring/summer the WHC meets at one of the certified sites. This year it was at the Fiat Chrysler Headquarters. Two awards are handed out annually: One for newly certified sites, and one for the Regional Corporate Habitat of the Year, which went to River Rouge Power Plant.

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WESTERN WAYNE FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS EXPANDS SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM



Photo L to R: Linda Atkins, CEO and George Sawabini, DO

Western Wayne Family Health Centers (WWFHC)-a federally qualified health center organization with locations in Inkster, Taylor and Lincoln Park-recently expanded services for people who are seeking treatment for opiate addiction and other substance use issues. Using a grant from the Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA), WWFHC has added positions of a substance abuse therapist and care manager. These new behavioral health staff members join the existing integrated care model at the centers, which includes community health workers, substance use risk screeners, peer recovery coaches, behavioral health consultants, therapists and psychiatrists. "We have been

collaborating with Hegira Programs to offer a very effective screening for people who are at risk of an addiction or who need help for several years, and this new grant allows us to start working with a new partner, Personalized Nursing LightHouse, to offer specialized therapy and support at our centers for people who are working to stop using opiates like heroin and pain medications", says Linda Atkins, CEO. "Our physicians at the Inkster center will continue to assess and treat eligible patients with Medication Assisted Therapy for opiate addiction, and having the therapist and care manager in house makes it a better system of care for both the patient and the caregiver." The expanded services began on June 6th.

The program at WWFHC is a

state licensed substance abuse treatment program, and is available to those with and without health insurance. Those without insurance can be assisted in applying if they qualify, and a sliding fee scale is available. The intensive services are available at the Inkster center only, and the starting point for people who are interested in being assessed for medication assisted therapy or substance abuse counseling is an appointment with a specific doctor on staff at the center. The Inkster center, located at 2700 Hamlin Blvd, can be reached by calling 313.561.5100. Counseling services are open to persons with addictions or issues with any substance.

WWFHC offers primary care medical services for all ages, behavioral health, OB/GYN and general dentistry for people with and without health insurance. Assistance in applying for health insurance is available, and all care is provided on a sliding fee scale based on income for those without insurance. All Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan coverage is accepted, as well as most other insurance plans. For more information go to www.WWFHC.org or call the Inkster center at 313.561.5100; Taylor at 734.941.4991 or Lincoln Park 313.383.1897.

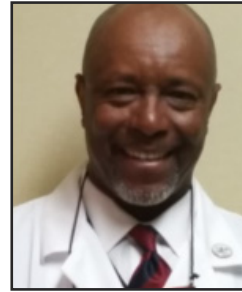
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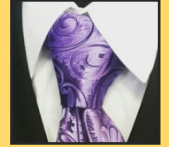
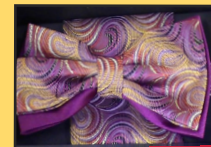
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Secretary of State Johnson suspends license of Detroit auto dealer



LANSING — Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced today that she has suspended the license of an auto dealership in Detroit after the dealer failed to comply with her department's request for required records.

Michigan Department of State investigators recently conducted an inspection of the dealership inventory and records of Hal Auto Sale Inc., 8051 W. Chicago Road. The dealer is alleged to have failed to provide titles for five vehicles at the dealership that had altered Vehicle Identification Numbers and at least 10 more that had been reported to law enforcement as stolen.

"We take our responsibility to safeguard consumers from unscrupulous auto dealers seriously," Johnson said. "The vast majority of auto dealers

are reputable business people who follow the rules, but if we determine a dealer is operating outside the law, we will take action."

As part of her focus on strengthening her office's consumer protection efforts, Johnson created the Office of Investigative Services, which investigates and inspects automotive-related businesses.

Dealers can request an administrative hearing to contest their suspension and may regain their license if they show they've complied with the law. Additional administrative actions are also possible.

Consumers who have a complaint against Hal Auto Sale Inc. are encouraged to call the Office of Investigative Services automotive complaint line at (517) 335-1410.

Look for your copy of the TELEGRAM



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Information wanted on assault suspect in Romulus



PLEASE CONTACT INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES AT (734) 942-6879 WITH ANY INFORMATION

The Romulus Police Department is seeking the public assistance with identifying the person responsible for sexually assaulting an 18 year old flight attendant at the Days Inn. This coward of a suspect who preys on innocent females is dangerous and should not be allowed to share in the same freedoms as our law-abiding citizens.

The victim was dropped off via taxi at the hotel along with some co-workers. The suspect arrived around the same time driving a separate vehicle. The suspect loitered in and around the hotel prior to disappearing from view. The suspect leaves a short time later and the victim reports that she was assaulted. No weapons were seen and at this point we do not know exactly how the suspect was able to gain entry into her room.

We know that someone out there knows who committed this heinous crime, and we need to hear from them. While we are dedicated to bringing this suspect to justice, we are asking the public to be alert, and to call us if you see someone displaying suspicious, odd, or strange behavior.

We want to take the time to thank this brave victim for having the strength to come forward and we asks that the media respects her privacy. Our investigators are gathering the surveillance videos, pictures, suspect description, and any other information to help identify this suspect. The information will be sent out as soon as soon as possible.

If you have any information contact Captain. Derran Shelby at (734) 942-6864 or via email at dshelby@ci.romulus.mi.us

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Detroit Police Recruiting Event! Looking for Police Officers to Hire

The recruiting event will take place:

Tuesday July 12, 2016
at the

Patton Park Rec Center
2301 Woodmere
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from 6pm to 8pm



REQUIREMENTS:

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INKSTER PREPARATORY ACADEMY PUBLIC NOTICE

OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD INKSTER PREPARATORY ACADEMY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Inkster Preparatory Academy will be taking open enrollment beginning June 24, 2016 through July 7, 2016. Enrollment will be taken for students entering kindergarten through second grade. Parents and guardians may enroll students from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm weekdays through July 1, 2016. Extended hours will take place July 5th, 6th, and 7th from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Saturday hours will be held on June 25, 2016 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Enrollments will be taken at Inkster Preparatory Academy, 27355 Woodsfield, Inkster, MI 48141. For additional information please call 248-978-8505.

*A random drawing will be held if necessary on August 15, 2016 should the number of application exceed the number of spaces available for any grade level.

INKSTER PREPARATORY ACADEMY PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2016 – 2017 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 29, 2016 at 5:30 pm, at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex; 2025 Middlebelt Road, MI; 48141, the Inkster Preparatory Academy Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to consider the school's proposed 2016 – 2017 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2016 – 2017 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2016 – 2017 budget is available for public inspection at the school from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the school by calling 248-978-8505 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to request assistance.

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE NOTICE OF REGISTRATION Primary Election TUESDAY, August 2, 2016

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 July 5, 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 Tuesday, July 5, 2016

PATRICIA H. JOHNSON - CITY CLERK

RIVER ROUGE SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at River Rouge, Michigan, the Board of Education of River Rouge will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2016-2017 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2016-2017 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2016-2017 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours starting June 23, 2016 at River Rouge High School – LGI Room (1st Floor), 1460 W. Coolidge Highway, River Rouge, Michigan 48218.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be subject to this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Darryl Folks II
Darryl Folks II, Secretary

Published June 23, 2016

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

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Tuesday, August 2, 2016 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

To the qualified electors of The City of Ecorse, County of Wayne, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that the City Clerk's Office of the City of Ecorse will be open TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016 (THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE) 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. 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: June 23, 2016

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE NOXIOUS WEEDS ORDINANCE

To any Owner of Lands Situated Within the City of Ecorse, County of Wayne and State of Michigan

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing and all dead grass and brush on any land within the City of Ecorse, County of Wayne and State of Michigan, must be cut down, destroyed and removed on or before the first day of July, 2016 to prevent such weeds from going to seed or blossom, as the case may be, and to prevent such dead grass and brush from becoming a fire hazard.

Failure to comply with this notice on or before the above mentioned date shall make any party so failing liable for the actual costs incurred by the City for cutting, destroying and removing said noxious weed and dead grass and brush by said City.

A statement of said cost shall be mailed to the owner and occupant, if any. If the statement is not paid by 1/1 following the cutting season, the unpaid sum shall be placed on the tax roll and be charged against the parcel or property involved.

Dana Hughes
City Clerk

PUBLISH: June 23, 2016
June 30, 2016

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NOTICE OF ELECTION/CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

**CITY OF INKSTER
AUGUST 2, 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, August 2, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. For the purposes of **electing party nominee to Partisan Office of Congressional: Representative in Congress 13th District, Legislative: State Representative 11th District, County: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds and County Commissioner 12th District, Delegates to County Convention of the Republican and Democratic Parties, and Non-Partisan Office of Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit. THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE ELECTION IS TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016 BY 4:00PM.** Persons residing in the City of Inkster registering after the deadline will not be eligible to vote at the August 2, 2016 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 (July 30, 2016) to the August 2, 2016 Primary 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).

BALLOT PROPOSALS:

WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSITON P PARKS MILLAGE CONTINUATION TO CONTINUE THE MILLAGE AUTHORIZED IN 2010.

WAYNE COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY RENEWAL MILLAGE FOR ZOOLOGICAL SERVICES.

(the full text of the ballot proposals 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 |
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| District 2/Precinct 1 | Inkster Recreation Complex -2025 Middlebelt |
| District 2/Precinct 2 | Inkster Recreation Complex -2025 Middlebelt |
| District 3/Precinct 1 | Smith Chapel Church - 3035 Walnut |
| District 3/ Precinct 2 | F. L. Peterson Academy - 4000 Sylvia |
| District 4/Precinct 1 | Hicks School - 100 Helen St. |
| District 4/ Precinct 2 | New Jerusalem Church - 821 Inkster Rd. |
| District 5/Precinct 1 | Tomlinson School - 25912 Annapolis |
| District 6/Precinct 1 | Twin Towers - 2000 Inkster Rd. |
| District 6/Precinct 2 | Daly Elementary School - 25824 Michigan Ave. |

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Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster

**ERIC R. SABREE
Wayne County Treasurer**

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, ERIC R SABREE, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 06, 2016 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

**WAYNE COUNTY
Wayne County, Michigan**

| Taxing Authorities | Date of Election | Voted Increases | Year Increases Expire |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| County of Wayne | November 3, 2009 | 1 mil | 2019 |
| Wayne County Jail | August 7, 2012 | 1 mil | 2021 |
| Wayne County | November 6, 2008 | 1.25 mil | 2020 |
| Community College | November 6, 2012 | 1. mil | 2022 |


TOWNSHIPS

| Taxing Authorities | Date of Election | Voted Increases | Year Increases Expire |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Grosse Isle | August 7, 2012 | 2 miles | 2021 |
| | August 5, 2014 | 1.5 mils | 2018 |
| | August 5, 2014 | 1 mils | 2018 |
| | November 2011 | 0.4 mils | 2020 |
| | November 2012 | 1 mils | 2016 |
| | November 2011 | 3.001 mils | 2021 |
| Airport Community Schools | May 2013 | 18 mills | 2018 (non-homestead only) |
| Allen Park Public Schools | November 2013 | 18 mills | 2018 (non-homestead only) |


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| Clarenceville School District | August 2015 May 2006 May 2005 | 18 mills 4.5 mills 1.1210 | 2025 (non-homestead only) 2016 2016 |
| Crestwood School District | August, 2014 | 18 mills | 2034 (non-homestead only) |
| City Of Dearborn School District | November, 2014 November, 2014 February, 2014 February, 2014 | 6.17 mills 18 mills 2.50 mills 1 mill | 2024 2024 (non-homestead only) 2024 2018 |
| Dearborn Heights School District N. 7 | May, 2016 May, 2014 November 2008 | 18 mills 2 mills 3 mills | 2024 (non-homestead only) 2016 2016 |
| City Of Detroit School District | November, 2012 | 18 mills | 2022 (non-homestead only) |
| Ecorse Public Schools | November, 2013 | 18 mills | 2025 (non-homestead only) |
| Flat Rock Community Schools | November, 2014 | 18 mills | 2025 (non-homestead only) |
| Garden City Public Schools | August, 2012 November, 2014 | 18 mills 2 mills | 2018 (non-homestead only) 2020 |
| Gibraltar School District | November, 2012 November, 2014 November, 2015 | 18 mills 3 mills .5 mills | 2024 (non-homestead only) 2024 2024 |
| Grosse Ile Township Schools | August 2012 May 2010 | 18 mills .75 mills | 2020 (non-homestead only) 2019 |
| Grosse Pointe Schools | November, 2014 November, 2014 November, 2014 | 18 mills 1 mill 8.0784 mills | 2019 (non-homestead only) 2019 2019 (homestead only) |
| Hamtramck School District | August, 2015 November, 2006 | 18 mills 4.467 mills | 2025 (non-homestead only) 2016 |
| Harper Woods School District | August 5, 2014 | 18 mills | 2024 (non-homestead only) |
| Highland Park School District | April, 1997 January, 1997 | 18 mills 5.0 mills | 2016 (non-homestead only) 2016 |
| Huron School District | November, 2011 | 18 mills | 2017 (non-homestead only) |
| Inkster School District | November, 2015 | 18 mills | 2035 (non-homestead only) |
| Lincoln Consolidated Schools | November, 2012 November 2012 | 18 mills .1 mill | 2018 (non-homestead only) 2018 |
| Lincoln Park School District | November 2008 August 5, 2014 | 18 mills 1.4436 mills | 2017 (non-homestead only) 2024 |
| Livonia Public School District | August 5, 2014 August, 2014 | 18 mills 1.12 mills | 2020 (non-homestead only) 2019 |
| Melvindale Northern Allen Park School District | November, 2008 | 18 mills | 2018 (non-homestead only) |
| Northville Public Schools | November, 2011 May, 2015 | 18 mills .9978 mill | 2021 (non-homestead only) 2020 |
| Plymouth - Canton Community Schools | August 5, 2014 | 18 mills | 2024 (non-homestead only) |
| Redford Union School District No. 1 | November, 2014 | 18.7551 mills | 2020 (non-homestead only) |
| River Rouge School District | November, 2012 November, 2012 | 17.35 mills 17.35 mills | 2022 (non-homestead only) 2022 (homestead only) |
| Riverview Community School District | May, 2006 | 18 mills | 2016 (non-homestead only) |
| Romulus School District | May, 2011 August 2012 November, 2008 | 18 mills 5.1314 mills .75 mills | 2021(non-homestead only) 2017 (homestead only) 2018 |
| South Redford School District | May, 2005 May, 2013 | 18 mills 2.6128 mills | 2024(non-homestead only) 2026 (non-homestead only) |
| Southgate Community School District | November, 2014 April, 1999 | 18 mills 3.82 mills | 2025 (non-homestead only) 2024 |
| Taylor School District | November 2012 | 18 mills | 2018 (non-homestead only) |
| Trenton Public Schools | August 2014 August 2010 | 18 mills 4.90 mills | 2024 (non-homestead only) 2020 |
| Van Buren Township School District | August, 2011 | 18 mills | 2016(non-homestead only) |
| Wayne - Westland Community Schools | May 2010 February, 2012 | 18 mills .9922 mills | 2025 (non-homestead only) 2022 |
| Westwood Community School District | February 2014 | 18 mills | 2034 (non-homestead only) |
| Woodhaven - Brownstown School District | August 5, 2014 February 2011 | 18 mills 1 mill | 2023(non-homestead only) 2020 |
| Wyandotte School District | February, 2014 February, 2014 | 18 mills 1 mill | 2025(non-homestead only) 2025(non-homestead only) |

Signed: 
ERIC R. SABREE Wayne County Treasurer


Date: June 06, 2016




Inkster Michigan 2015 Consumer Annual Report on Water Quality



In compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Acts Amendments, the City of Inkster Department of Public Service is providing its customers with the 2015 annual report on water quality. This report explains where your water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State Standards.



Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water



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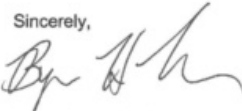
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Please take a moment to read the report, I am pleased to inform you that our water meets and/or exceeds all Federal and State Standards for water quality and safety.

Let me assure you that the City of Inkster is working hard to make sure you receive the highest quality of water service. If you have any questions regarding this information presented herein you may contact the Department of Public Service at 313-563-9773

Sincerely,

Mayor Byron Nolen
City of Inkster

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Annual Consumer Report on Water Quality

The City of Inkster operates and maintains its water supply system. Title XIV of the United States Public Service Act (Chapter 373.88 Stat 1660), popularly known as The Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act (1976 PA 399, amended to 1998 PA 56) require a water supplier to provide to its customers Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR). This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and to protect your water sources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. **We are pleased to report that our drinking water is SAFE and meets Federal and State requirements.** If you have questions about this report or concerns about water quality, please contact Bud Avery, Crew Chief Water Utilities at (313) 563-9773. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. Commercial customers, please post this report in a conspicuous location. Public Participation on the City water quality and your water utility may be made at any City Council meeting. City Council meetings are the first and third Monday of each month and are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Inkster, City Hall, 26215 Trowbridge Road.

Sources of Drinking Water

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

DWSD has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. In 2015, DWSD received a grant from The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to develop a source water protection program for the Detroit River intakes. The programs includes seven elements that include the following: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection area, identification of potential of source water protection area, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new sources and public participation. If you would like to know more information about the Source Water Assessment report or a complete copy of this report please, contact your water department 313-563-9773

Contaminants and Their Presence in Water

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health

Vulnerability of some populations to contaminants in drinking water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Southwest Water Treatment Plant
2015 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables**

| Regulated Contaminant | Test Date | Unit | Health Goal MCLG | Allowed Level MCL | Highest Level Detected | Range of Detection | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water |
|--|----------------|------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap | | | | | | | | |
| Fluoride | 05/11/2015 | ppm | 4 | 4 | 0.54 | n/a | no | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. |
| Nitrate | 05/11/2015 | ppm | 10 | 10 | 0.43 | n/a | no | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products | | | | | | | | |
| Regulated Contaminant | Test Date | Unit | Health Goal MCLG | Allowed Level MCL | Highest LRAA | Range of Detection | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water |
| Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) | 2015 | ppb | n/a | 80 | 25 | 14 – 38 | no | By-product of drinking water chlorination. |
| Haloacetic Acids (HAAS) | 2015 | ppb | n/a | 60 | 9 | 4 – 12 | no | By-product of drinking water disinfection. |
| Disinfection – Monitoring in Distribution System by Treatment Plant | | | | | | | | |
| Regulated Contaminant | Test Date | Unit | Health Goal MRDGL | Allowed Level MRDL | Highest RAA | Quarterly Range of Detection | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water |
| Total Chlorine Residual | Jan.-Dec. 2015 | ppm | 4 | 4 | 0.67 | 0.56-0.79 | no | Water additive used to control microbes. |

| 2015 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap | | | | |
|--|--|------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU | Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%) | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water | |
| 0.14 NTU | 100% | no | Soil Runoff | |
| Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. | | | | |

| 2015 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System | | | | | |
|---|------|---|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Regulated Contaminant | MCLG | MCL | Highest Number Detected | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water |
| Total Coliform Bacteria | 0 | Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples | 0 | no | Naturally present in the environment. |
| E. coli Bacteria | 0 | A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive. | 0 | no | Human waste and animal fecal waste. |

| 2014 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--|
| Regulated Contaminant | Test Date | Unit | Health Goal MCLG | Action Level AL | 90 th Percentile Value* | Number of Samples Over AL | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water |
| Lead | 2014 | ppb | 0 | 15 | 3.2 ppb | 0 | no | Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Copper | 2014 | ppm | 1.3 | 1.3 | .0974 ppm | 0 | no | Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives. |

*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL, additional requirements must be met.

| Regulated Contaminant | Treatment Technique | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Total Organic Carbon (ppm) | The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal. | Erosion of natural deposits |

| Regulated Contaminant | Test Date | Unit | Health Goal MCLG | Allowed Level MCL | Level Detected | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Combined Radium Radium 226 and 228 | 5/13/2014 | pCi/L | 0 | 5 | 0.65 + or - 0.54 | no | Erosion of natural deposits |

| 2015 Special Monitoring | | | | |
|-------------------------|------|-----|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Contaminant | MCLG | MCL | Level Detected | Source of Contamination |
| Sodium (ppm) | n/a | n/a | 5.41 | Erosion of natural deposits |

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Key to the Detected Contaminants Table

| Symbol | Abbreviation | Definition/Explanation |
|--------|--|---|
| > | Greater than | |
| AL | Action Level | The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. |
| HAAS | Haloacetic Acids | HAAS is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total. |
| LRAA | Locational Running Annual Average | |
| MCL | Maximum Contaminant Level | The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. |
| MCLG | Maximum Contaminant Level Goal | The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. |
| MRDL | Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level | The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. |
| MRDLG | Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal | The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. |
| n/a | not applicable | |
| ND | Not Detected | |
| NTU | Nephelometric Turbidity Units | Measures the cloudiness of water. |
| pCi/L | Picocuries Per Liter | A measure of radioactivity |
| ppb | Parts Per Billion (one in one billion) | The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram. |
| ppm | Parts Per Million (one in one million) | The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram. |
| RAA | Running Annual Average | |
| TT | Treatment Technique | A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. |
| TTHM | Total Trihalomethanes | Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total. |
| µmhos | Micromhos | Measure of electrical conductance of water |
| °C | Celsius | A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions. |

**Springwells Water Treatment Plant
2015 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables**

| Regulated Contaminant | Test Date | Unit | Health Goal MCLG | Allowed Level MCL | Highest Level Detected | Range of Detection | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water |
|--|----------------|------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap | | | | | | | | |
| Fluoride | 05/11/2015 | ppm | 4 | 4 | 0.45 | n/a | no | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. |
| Nitrate | 05/11/2015 | ppm | 10 | 10 | 0.33 | n/a | no | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products | | | | | | | | |
| Regulated Contaminant | Test Date | Unit | Health Goal MCLG | Allowed Level MCL | Highest LRAA | Range of Detection | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water |
| Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) | 2015 | ppb | n/a | 80 | 25 | 14 – 38 | no | By-product of drinking water chlorination. |
| Haloacetic Acids (HAAS) | 2015 | ppb | n/a | 60 | 9 | 4 – 12 | no | By-product of drinking water disinfection. |
| Disinfectant Residuals – Monitoring in Distribution System by Treatment Plant | | | | | | | | |
| Regulated Contaminant | Test Date | Unit | Health Goal MRDGL | Allowed Level MRDL | Highest RAA | Quarterly Range of Detection | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water |
| Total Chlorine Residual | Jan.-Dec. 2015 | ppm | 4 | 4 | 0.74 | 0.66-0.79 | no | Water additive used to control microbes |

| 2015 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap | | | | |
|--|--|------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU | Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%) | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water | |
| 0.18 NTU | 100% | no | Soil Runoff | |
| Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. | | | | |

| 2015 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System | | | | | |
|---|------|---|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Regulated Contaminant | MCLG | MCL | Highest Number Detected | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water |
| Total Coliform Bacteria | 0 | Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples | 0 | no | Naturally present in the environment. |
| E.coli Bacteria | 0 | A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive. | 0 | no | Human waste and animal fecal waste. |

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|---|-----------|------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--|
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| 2015 Special Monitoring | | | | |
|-------------------------|------|-----|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Contaminant | MCLG | MCL | Level Detected | Source of Contamination |
| Sodium (ppm) | n/a | n/a | 4.74 | Erosion of natural deposits |

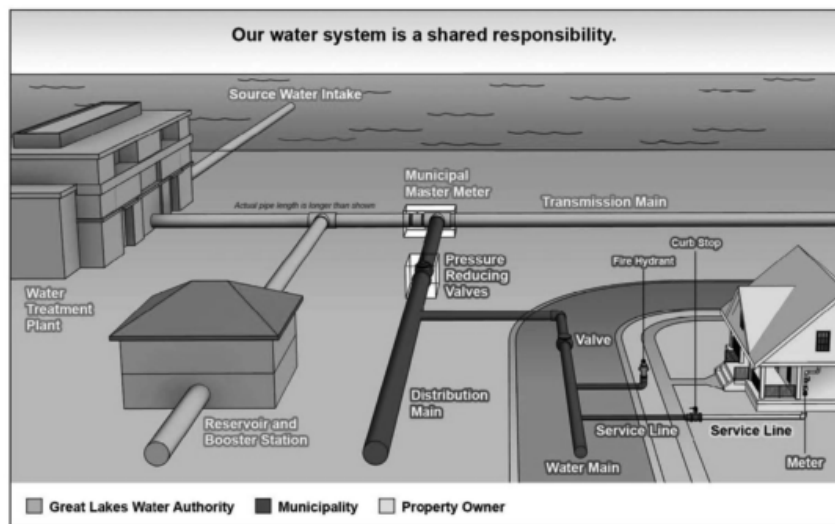
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Safe Drinking Water is a Shared Responsibility

Drinking water quality is important to our community and the region. The City of Inkster and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) are committed to meeting state and federal water quality standards including the Lead and Copper Rule. With the Great Lakes as our water source and proven treatment technologies, the GLWA consistently delivers safe drinking water to our community. Inkster operates the system of water mains that carry this water to your home's service line. This year's Water Quality Report highlights the performance of GLWA and Inkster water professionals in delivering some of the nation's best drinking water. Together, we remain committed to protecting public health and maintaining open communication with the public about our drinking water.



Inkster and the Great Lakes Water Authority are committed to safeguarding our water supply and delivering the highest quality drinking water to protect public health. Please contact us with any questions or concerns about your water.

Information About Lead and Copper

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Inkster is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

In conjunction with the state required language above the City of Inkster and the GLWA provide the following statement:

Safe drinking water is a shared responsibility. The water that GLWA delivers to your community does not contain lead. Lead can leach into drinking water through home plumbing fixtures, and in some cases, customer service lines. Corrosion control reduces the risk of lead and copper from leaching into your water. Orthophosphates are added during the treatment process as a corrosion control method to create a protective coating in service pipes throughout the system, including in your home or business. The City of Inkster performs required lead and copper sampling and testing in our community. Water consumers also have a responsibility to maintain the plumbing in their homes and businesses, and can take steps to limit their exposure to lead.

Water System Facts

- Millions gallons of drinking water are delivered per day to City customers
- 110 miles of City-owned piping deliver the drinking water
- The average person in the United States uses 80 to 100 gallons of water each day
- One leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons per day
- A leak as little as 1/16th of an inch can waste over 800 gallons of water per day

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the Department of Public Service, Water Department at (313) 563-9773. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility.

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 Fax: (313) 274-5774
 Phone: (313) 563-9773

City of Inkster Water and Sewer Rates

New rates are effective with consumption as of July 1, 2016.

| Billing Item | Current Rates | New Rates as of 7/1/2015 |
|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| Water Consumption Rate (\$/unit of consumption) | \$4.48 | \$4.79 |
| Sewer Consumption Rate (\$/unit of consumption) | \$9.95 | \$8.96 |
| Total Consumption Rate (\$/unit of consumption) | \$14.43 | \$13.75 |

1 unit of water equals 100 cubic feet (748 gallons)

City Officials

| | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Byron Nolen Timothy Williams Clarence Oden, Jr. Sandra K. Watley Jewell Jones Kim Howard De Atriss Richardson | <i>Mayor Pro Tem</i> | Council Mayor District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 District 5 District 6 |
| Mark Stuhldreher | <i>Interim City Manager</i> | |
| Felicia Rutledge | <i>City Clerk</i> | |
| Department of Public Service Jerome Blivins | <i>Deputy Director</i> | |
| Water/Sewer Division Contact Numbers (313) 563-9773 or (313) 563-9774 | | |
| After hours Emergency Contact Number (313) 563-9889 | | |

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TELEGRAM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dearborn Heights

2nd Annual low cost pet vaccination clinic

Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 9AM-1PM, the City of Dearborn Heights Ordinance & Animal Control Department will host \$5 rabies vaccinations. \$10 Microchips. Licenses available for Dearborn Heights Pets. Operated by the Michigan Humane Society.

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 28 2016 at 8PM there will be a city council meeting at the Dearborn Heights city hall (6045 Fenton St.).

DETROIT

Safe Summer Youth Jam & Health Fair

Friday, June 24 from 10AM-5PM, at the Butzel Family Center (7737 Kercheval), there will be an event for youth 8-17. Please register for your chance to win a bike (must be present with parent/guardian in order to be eligible). Call 628-2100 for more information.

Detroit Firework's Day

Monday, June 27, 2016 from noon-11PM, the Detroit Fireworks will light up the sky at Hart Plaza (1 Hart Plaza).

Williams Summer Kick-off

Monday, June 27, 2016 from 2-5PM, at the Williams Community Center (8431 Rosa Parks Blvd.), there will be a splash party, outdoor games, and refreshments. For youth 17 and under.

INKSTER

5K Run/Walk

Saturday, June 25, 2016 is the 2nd Annual 5K Run/Walk event to promote health, wellness & unity within the Inkster community. Registration packet pick up is at 7:30AM. Walk/run starts at 9AM at John Daly and Michigan Ave.

LINCOLN PARK

Dream Cruise

June 23, 24 & 25 is the downriver cruise. Beginning Thursday there will be performances from bands such as Planet De Nonet, an amazing swing band jamming from 7-9. Friday June 24th we will start approximately at 5:00pm with More Alice, an insane Alice Cooper tribute band. And at 7:00pm Ozzy hits the Stage, an Ozzie Osborne Tribute Band will rock out. On Saturday June 25th Wisteria

will be opening up (5-7pm) for Danny D, Rod Stewart impersonator. 7-9pm.. Bring your chairs and favorite beverages (no glass Bottles).

Summer Concert Series

Thursday, June 30, 2016 from 7-9PM, is the Summer concert serious at 3240 Ferris Ave.

ROMULUS

Sounds in Downtown

Friday, June 24, 2016 at 7PM come downtown and enjoy the Sounds in Downtown series! Located at the Romulus Historical Park (11120 Hunt St.).

City Council Meeting

Monday, June 27, 2106 at 7:30PM there will be a city council meeting at the Romulus Council Chambers of city hall, located at 11111 Wayne Rd.

Farmer's Market

From June until October, every Wednesday there will be a farmer's market in Romulus from noon-6PM at the Romulus Municipal complex 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174. June 29 is "National Almond Butter Crunch Day." Make a purchase at the market from any vendor and stop by the Ice Cream Place booth for a free sample of Almond Butter Crunch Ice Cream. While supplies last.

City Fireworks

Thursday, June 30, 2016 the city of Romulus will host their annual firework show behind Romulus Middle School and Wick Elementary.

WAYNE

Sew Friendly

Wednesday, June 29, 2016 from 1-3PM join us to work on their hand-sewn (quilting, knitting, needle-point, etc.) projects. Share your ideas or get some help. This event takes place at the recreation & Exercise Club, 4635 Howe Rd.

Wayne Farmer's Market

All through October, from 3-7PM on Wednesdays, there will be a vending of local fresh produce and artisan goods at the Goudy Park, 3355 S. Wayne Rd.

WESTLAND

Zumbathon

Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 10:30AM-noon, at the Friendship Center (1119 Newburgh), there will be a Zumba

marathon to help the National Kidney Foundation. \$10 per person. For more information, please call 734-722-7628.

Sport Vehicles Day

Tuesday, June 28, 2016 from 5-7PM, at the Westland Public Library (6123 Central City Pkwy), sport vehicles, from stock cars to bicycles to skateboards, will populate the back parking lot for aficionados young and old. Get up close and see what makes these vehicles hum and run! Hines Park Segway will be even on hand to offer free Segway rides.

Westland Farmer's Market

The Westland Farmer's Market will be held at the Farmers Market Pavilion located at 1901 N Carlson. The Market will take place every Thursday from 3-7p.m. The Market is being held through October.

WYANDOTTE

Mom 2 Mom Sale

Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 8:30AM-1:30PM at the Yack Arena (3131 Third St.), there will be a mom 2 mom sale. Early bed entry from 8-8:30AM is \$2. After, 8:30 entry is \$1.

City Council

Monday, June 27 2016 at 7PM, city council will meet in the council chambers of Wyandotte city hall (3200 Biddle Ave., Ste. 300).

Farmers Market

Thursday, June 30, 2016 from noon-6PM, on the corner of first and elm, the Wyandotte Farmer's Market offers an array of fresh fruits and vegetables, herbs, lamb, eggs, plants and baked goods. The market runs each Thursday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm, with the last day being Thursday, October 6, 2016.

HIGHLAND PARK

Free Community Summer Music Festival

The public is invited to attend the Free Community Music Festival going on this Friday and Saturday June 24th and 25th from 12 noon to 8pm each day. The free music festival will take place at The Soul Harvest Campus located at 75 Ferris Street in Highland Park, Michigan. There will be wellness tents, youth activities, athletic competitions, horseback rides and over 14 bands performing live on stage. You can enjoy the sounds of gospel, jazz, reggae, blues and R&B music. For more information on the free music festival call: (313) 221-9516.

How Selfies and Self-Produced Videos are Changing the Way We Communicate



(StatePoint) The way we communicate and relate to one another is rapidly evolving, and new platforms and applications are constantly feeding that change. At the center of it all is the ability for individuals to create their own video, photo and written content that allows them to express opinions and thoughts in real-time.

It is estimated that while average millennials will take 25,000 selfies in a lifetime, they are replacing the static selfie with self-produced videos to express themselves more fully. Users are taking to multiple platforms - including Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook Live -- to share richer details of their everyday lives through streaming video content as a way of cultivating their own personal brand to their followers.

"Millennials are attracted to selfies and mobile videos as a way of sharing their opinions and voices," says Jarret Streiner, CEO and President of Selfeo, an immersive, interactive video distribution platform that encourages users to engage with one another. "Self-produced video and picture content brings about a whole new form of expression to users."

Users are offering real-time reactions on a variety of topics from the must-watch series finale to the big game. In this election year, new trends -- and

controversies -- have also emerged. For example, the so-called "selfie-ballot" has become a popular way to celebrate civic engagement -- whereby voters post Election Day pictures and videos to their social media accounts; however some states are banning the practice due to general restrictions on photography in the voting booth.

"Video-distribution platforms are taking on a growing relevance in the lives of individuals, because they provide an alternative platform to mainstream media. Society is dealing with the resulting changes," says Streiner.

Brands too are getting in on the trend, using social media platforms to connect with consumers via mobile video. While only 24 percent of national brands are now using online video to market to consumers, according to Kantar Media, that percentage will likely grow.

"Brands' mobile video is taking a central role in influencing our purchasing decisions," says Streiner.

With these types of social media capabilities so readily available to consumers, and a growing number of people looking for active engagement with one another on the hot topics of the day, experts say that mobile video and selfies are here to stay

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JUNE IS BLACK MUSIC MONTH: HOW DID IT COME TO BE?



For most of us, Black Music Month is every month as we often swoon to the sounds of our favorite African-American musicians on our iPods. But have you ever wondered how June became the designed month for Black music? An interview conducted by The Root illuminates just how songwriter and producer Kenneth Gamble campaigned for Black Music Month in 1979.

When asked what motivated him along with broadcasters Ed Wright and Dyana Williams to lobby for Black Music Month, Gamble explained that the history of African-American music had been dulled by the

merciless music industry; artists have had their songs and lyrics stolen.

With the emergence of Black Music Month, the music industry benefits in the "additional marketing dollars." June is used as platform to promote artists and albums to advertise and sell black music in a decimating music economy.

"It's still working," Gamble says, "because right now we're talking about something that stared 34 years ago."

At the time, Jimmy Carter was in office and Gamble

was part of the Black Music Association, which was an organization that helped educate young musical artists.

Gamble says he was able to convince Carter to jump-start Black Music Month because of a Black Music night at the White House. "It was a beautiful night on the White House lawn," Gamble reminisces. He remembered legends such as Little Richard performed, as well as Billy Eckstine. "When you talk about jazz, the blues, and rhythm and blues, this is what America produced, and it has influenced many other types of music."

Black Music Month isn't just an African-American cultural commemoration, Gamble says, but an institution needed to promote great artists like Miles Davis or Bessie Smith. He does not want us to forget the many great contributions Black talented artists have added to American music.



ASK ALMA

Should siblings take their siblings to court



Dear Alma,

I need advice about a terrible family situation that involves me and all of my siblings, and it's breaking us apart. I am one of nine children. We were all born and raised in the South. My parents farmed their land and taught us how to do it, too. We never liked it and couldn't wait to leave, go up North and go to college. We all attended various colleges and universities and never returned home...all but one of my brothers. He stayed in North Carolina and helped my parents until they died. After they died he moved into the house on the property and has been living there ever since. He has kept up the property and paid the taxes on it.

Now, my brothers and sisters want to sell the farmland and split the money. My brother who stayed says the house should be his and he doesn't want to sell it. We are totally divided. Six of my siblings have decided to take my brother to court and force him to sell the land. He says we shouldn't sell, and I don't care either way. We're all in our 60s, distinguished folks with profitable careers. We're active in our respected churches and ready to retire if not already retired. I love my family, and if you met us, you'd never believe what's going on behind closed doors. I don't understand why we can't talk to each other and just get along. I want us to settle this before one of us dies and we never get to resolve the issue. What can I do?

Signed,
Divided Family

First things first. Close your eyes, think back to the time when your daddy was farming his land and mama was at the window, both of them watching their children grow – chests pressed, full of pride. Your father worked hard to tend the land and leave something to his children. Now everything he worked for is about to be jeopardized, and for what? You and your trifling brothers and sisters – yes, I said trifling – are fighting each other like you're on an episode of Judge Judy. That is ridiculous and just plain sad. Your mama and daddy gave all they had, and what are ya'll doing? Trying to give it away for some coins that will be spent in a month's time.

Your brother didn't take the bus up to the city and try to tell you and your siblings what to do with your space, time and dimes, so don't try to regulate his life now. Give him the house, period. Take the rest of the land and divide it evenly. Each person can do what he or she wants with his or her portion. It's just that simple. You might not like it, but when your brother sacrificed, stayed home and properly maintained and cared for the house, your parents and the land, he earned extra. Your brothers and sisters are so focused on a few grains of sand that they are missing the beach in all its magnificence. There are other ways to make money. Taking your brother to court is not one of them. Grow up and act like mama and daddy are still watching, chest pressed, full of pride.

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