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**Westland Passes  
Comprehensive  
Non-Discrimination  
Ordinance**



Mayor William R. Wild  
City of Westland, Michigan

Westland, MI - The City of Westland is the 43rd city to join Michigan cities, townships and villages that have passed comprehensive non-discrimination ordinances that prohibit discrimination based on, among other things, sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing and public accommodations.

"It was necessary that we just didn't amend our existing ordinance but create a new comprehensive one," said Mayor William R. Wild. "Inclusivity is key to creating a friendly and

Non-Discrimination Ordinance  
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## Mayor Duggan, community members break ground on \$9.5-million renovation and expansion of closed Kemeny Recreation Center



Elected officials, community members and youth from the neighborhood participate in the ground breaking event at Kemeny Center

As part of the City of Detroit's ongoing commitment to expanding recreational opportunities for Detroit residents, Mayor Mike Duggan today joined with members of the southwest Detroit community to break ground and announce plans to construct an addition and renovate Kemeny Recreation Center. The Mayor was joined by Parks and Recreation officials, City Council, community organizations and Marathon Petroleum officials at a groundbreaking ceremony at the center, located at 2260 S. Fort Street in southwest Detroit. The \$9.5-million renovation and expansion project will in-

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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ernment. If you do not attend the council meetings (which I have been suggesting for years) then the next best thing is to follow along in the Telegram Newspaper. The information in this section explains decisions that are made by the mayor/supervisor and councils/boards, upcoming planning/zoning changes, invitations to bid on different projects or contracts that will affect you and the community. There is nothing that bothers me more, than somebody complaining about a change that has happened in their city and I ask them, "Didn't you read the Telegram last month. It was a public hearing held about that issue." Then they have that dumb look on their face. "Oh well, no need to complain now." The information is available for you, take advantage of it. Read and then respond. Your community is counting on you to be engaged with the process. Our elected officials need your support to help them make decisions that are in the best interest of the community.

Gina Steward  
Publisher

Non-Discrimination Ordinance

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safe work environment."

The current ordinance would be deleted and replaced and claims of violation of the new ordinance would be filed with the Mayor and investigated by him or his designee. Violations of the ordinance would result in a civil infraction with a fine of up to \$500.

The Westland City Council unanimously voted to pass the new ordinance at the Westland City Council meeting on July 18.

These ordinances protect more than 2.1 million Michigan residents, but more than 7.8 million remain unprotected.

Michigan is currently one of 32 states that do not provide nondiscrimination protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity. There is no federal law that explicitly prohibits this type of discrimination as Title VI, which was part of the Civil Rights act of 1964 protects individuals from discrimination based on race, color or national origin and Title VII has, in the past, been interpreted to only prohibit discrimination based on gender.

The proposed ordinance now expands the non-discrimination ordinance to prohibit discrimination in housing practices, public accommodation or employment based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, pregnancy, marital status, physical or mental limitation, income, family responsibility, sexual orientation, gender identity or HIV status. This broader ordinance is supported by Equality Michigan.

to ban anti-LGBTQ discrimination in Michigan, local leadership has been essential to ensuring that our communities are welcoming to everyone, regardless of their sexual orientation and gender identity," commented Nathan Triplett, Director of Public Policy and Political Action at Equality Michigan. "Equality Michigan commends Mayor Wild and the Westland City Council for their pro-equality leadership. A comprehensive nondiscrimination ordinance sends a powerful, positive message about the values and priorities of Westland. This ordinance will make Westland a more attractive community in which to live,

work, raise a family, and start a business."

"Westland, as Michigan's first community to sign the Charter for Compassion, is a welcoming city and we will always welcome people from all walks of life and will not tolerate discrimination based on any factors," commented Mayor Wild. "This new ordinance will protect the rights of all current and future Westland residents and employees and is proof of our commitment towards total equality."

"Thank you Westland Mayor William R. Wild and Westland City Council for adopting changes to the Westland ordinances to add sexual orientation and gender identity to Westland's non discrimination civil rights," commented 58 year Westland resident, Hank Johnson. "Proud of my city leadership tonight."

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# WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE WORKS HARD TO REDUCE FORECLOSURES



Since my election as Wayne County Treasurer nearly one year ago we have taken aggressive steps to prevent foreclosures in Wayne County. Contrary to some recent media reports reflecting special interests, there's simply no incentive to foreclose on homeowners anywhere in Wayne County. The assertion we are counting on foreclosures to balance the county budget is absurd.

We are doing everything we can to reduce foreclosures, help people get into payment plans and obtain the financial aid and advice they need to be productive homeowners in our greater community.

Without question, the foreclosure issue is a major one in Wayne County and may well be unprecedented anywhere in the nation. Wayne County and its largest city, Detroit was impacted by the Great Recession and subsequent largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. History – all following decades of decline in population due to evaporating jobs in the automotive and related industries and globalization. No other region has been affected by similar economic shock waves. I cite these issues to provide context to the challenging dilemma of the continuing foreclosure problem.

From my perspective, we have a firm grasp on the challenge and can demonstrate great progress in foreclosure reductions. We are optimistic that the worst is behind us. Let's look at just the past few years:

\*In 2015, some 28,000 properties were auctioned due to foreclosures.

\*In 2016, we were able to reduce the number of foreclo-

tures to 13,900.

We are working to reduce the number of properties in the auction in the fall of 2017. The office of the Wayne County Treasurer has less than 10,000 properties scheduled to be auctioned.

\*Conducted an unprecedented outreach campaign using paid and earned media to educate people on options to prevent foreclosures.

\*Supported and attained new legislation for the Interest Rate Reduction program allowing homeowners to reduce their interest rates on delinquent taxes for 18% to 6%.

\*Enrolled thousands of homeowners in monthly payment plans.

\*Joined a kiosk network to allow people to make payments in their neighborhoods in a safe, convenient manner with no "convenience fees." (This has increased collections, reduced overhead and stabilized payment programs).

\*Engaged homeowners in Taxpayer Saturdays and Talk with the Treasurer sessions throughout Wayne County to educate residents on all of the options and resources available to help them stay in their homes.

\*Cooperated with the State of Michigan and Federal Government in the Step Forward program to bring additional resources to help.

\*Commissioned a door knocking campaign for over 6,200 properties in Detroit. Securing and boarding up unoccupied structures that are open to trespass and pose a safety hazard.

One of the root causes of property tax foreclosure is poverty, which is compounded by a lack of education, job training and employment opportunities. Our office will continue to fulfill our statutory duties and collect taxes and enforce the law while doing everything possible to help people stay in their homes.

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IF YOU WANT TO SEE A CHANGE



# People, Neighborhoods & Politics Citywide Candidate Forum held on July 22; Detroit City Clerk and City Council candidates featuring moderator Cliff Russell

Detroit –The People, Neighborhoods & Politics Citywide Candidate Forum, one of the most important free citywide forums of the political season, will be held next weekend on Saturday, July 22, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Tindal Recreation Center, 10301 W. 7 Mile Road, Detroit, MI 48221 sponsored by Community Resource Forum and No Family Left Behind. Doors open at 9:00am.

This candidate forum is specifically for the 31 candidates running for Detroit City Council, At Large and District and 7 candidates running for Detroit City Clerk giving voters the opportunity to focus on these legislative bodies that both govern the city and ensure the actions of the other.

The forum is in two parts; the first session is with Detroit City Council candidates from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and the second session with Detroit City Clerk candidates from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. The program includes the introduction at each candidate and a Q&A session. Refreshments will be served.

Participating in the forum are some of the city's leading per-

sons from the media and community organizations who will contribute to the program. The moderator is Cliff Russell, host of 'The Cliff Russell Show' on 910 AM Superstation and other special guests are Steve Hood, host of the "Wake-up" on 910AM Superstation and CEO of Ronin America, Keith Owens, Editor of the Michigan Chronicle, Ida Byrd-Hill, author and President of Uplift, Inc., and Donna Givens, CEO of Eastside Community Network.

"The reason why we saw the need for the People, Neighborhoods & Politics Citywide Candidate Forum is because the people in the neighborhoods also need representation, need to know their issues will be addressed and they need to know that the candidates that are vying for their vote can address those issues", says Kenneth L. Scott, Executive Director of Community Resource Forum.

Community Resource Forum was founded in October 2010 by Kenneth L. Scott, who established the mission to empower, stabilize and transform our communities by supplying resources that contribute to the resident's quality of life

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# Front and Back

By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



I'm still exploring lessons I learned playing roller derby. These lessons apply in many aspects of life and in various arenas. Here is my perspective.

In roller derby, it is very important to be aware of your surroundings. You need to be aware of what is happening in front of you as well as behind you, at the same time. Too much attention to one or the other can cause problems. Skaters must learn proper and effective balance. Otherwise, you won't be an effective player.

In life, we have to look ahead and remember the past, at the same time. My father often would say to me, "History is your best teacher." We have to remember the things our past has taught us, which requires looking back. Just like David did when he faced the giant, Goliath. He remembered how God had empowered him to kill a lion and a bear (I Samuel 17:36). This was his motivation to believe that God would help again to kill what was in front of him, Goliath.

We look back not only at our past, but we look behind us to see what is coming up on us. We look ahead to see where

we need to go and we look ahead to follow the path in front of us. "Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you" (Proverb 4:25). Being aware of what is ahead as well as what is behind, takes a keen sense of vision and discernment.

In roller derby, sense we don't have eyes in the back of our heads, we often had to pivot or swivel our head and body, we had to do quick turns, use our 'feelers', peripheral vision and all of our senses to be aware of what's coming and going. We had to learn how to use other senses in addition to our eyes, in order to be fully aware.

Sometimes we can sense things without actually looking at them. If you're really in tune with what is happening around you, you will be able to recall what you need to know and have some foresight. This ability helps us in life. Too much of any one thing can go bad. Too much dwelling on what's behind can cause you to run into a problem, literally. Only looking ahead can do the same thing because you have to draw on past experience in order to use knowledge.

We can tap into a supernatural ability to be aware of everything in our sphere. We have to do this in life. It's a survival technique. A technique for successful living. Knowing how to balance our attention on front and back. But one thing that is for sure, in derby and in life, whether you are looking in front of you or looking behind you, you must ROLL FORWARD. Sometimes we take steps back, but not too far back. We have to keep it moving in the forward direction. We do the same thing in life.

Keep it moving.

Janine Folks

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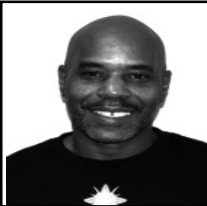
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# To Fight the HIV Epidemic, We Need the Black Church

By Dr. Marjorie Innocent



Black Churches are more than places of worship. They are the vibrant hearts of the African-American community that bring the Gospel into our lives, inspire faith, grace, love and mercy and foster a deep commitment to service. For centuries, Black Churches and faith leaders have been at the forefront of the struggle for civil rights, including voting rights and the right to a quality education. And we need the Black Church's leadership for another adversary: HIV.

Make no mistake: Our nation is facing an epidemic that is ravaging our community from coast to coast. Today, HIV affects African Americans more than any other racial or ethnic group in the country. While we represent just 12 percent of the population, we account for 41 percent of people living with HIV in the United States. This is truly unacceptable.

As part of The Black Church & HIV: The Social Justice Imperative initiative, the NAACP is asking churches across the nation to observe Day of Unity on Sunday, July 23 and preach from the pulpit about HIV as a social justice issue. African Americans must fully acknowledge the scope of this epidemic and recognize the hundreds of thousands of brothers and sisters it has taken from us. In fact, we account for more than half of deaths attributed to HIV/AIDS according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Like many who grew up in the Black Church, I look to my pastor for guidance in my faith and all paths of life. It is vital that faith leaders take the lead in this fight, committing to educate, engage and motivate their congregations to take positive action to end the HIV epidemic, especially in our communities.

Overall, about one in 20 African-American men and one in 48

African-American women will be diagnosed with HIV during their lifetimes; and 44 percent of all new HIV infections are among African Americans. This crisis is not just about public and community health: It's about social justice and institutionalized racism.

The numbers are deeply disturbing but not surprising. Such is the scale of the epidemic that nearly all African Americans have a friend, family member, colleague or acquaintance that is impacted by HIV. I am no exception.

That's why in 2011 the NAACP partnered with Gilead Sciences to create The Black Church & HIV initiative to develop a national network of African-American faith leaders who will address the disproportionate impact of HIV on Black Americans. The NAACP is committed to helping enlist faith leaders from around the country to break the stigma surrounding this disease, engage in meaningful conversation and education with their congregants, provide compassionate support and spiritual guidance to those living with HIV, and encourage Black Churches to take action through a social justice lens.

In 2013, we took an additional step to further the impact and reach of our efforts by making a Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) "Commitment to Action." By 2018, our goal is to conduct 45 faith leader trainings in the 30 cities most highly-impacted by HIV, obtain proactive resolutions from historically Black mainline denominations and integrate HIV as a social justice issue into required curricula in predominantly African-American theological seminaries.

Thus far, we've reached more than 1,500 pastors. But we need hundreds more before we can have the kind of transformative impact necessary to save us from continued, but avoidable, devastation and advance us closer to better health and true justice for our community.

As the NAACP gathers in Baltimore from July 22nd - 26th for its 108th National Convention, the importance of joining us in the fight against HIV must be a message that participants will organize around in their own communities and churches.


As someone whose faith is central to her life, I ask our shepherds-our faith leaders-in the African-Ameri-

can community to grasp this unique opportunity to have a significant, positive impact in the fight against HIV. We must break the silence about the dangers of HIV and the scope of the epidemic, educate our communities about prevention and advocacy and stop the growth of this disease once and for all. With the commitment of our faith leaders, I believe this is a fight we can win.

Dr. Marjorie Innocent serves as the Senior Director of Health Programs at the NAACP and is responsible for the management of the NAACP's policy and programmatic agenda to reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes for African Americans and other communities of color.

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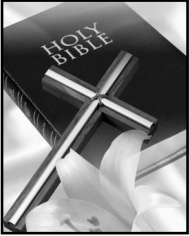
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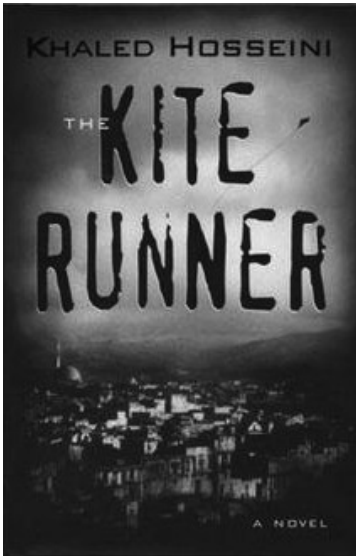
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BOOK REVIEW

"The Kite Runner:  
An Insight to Pre-War Life in Afghanistan"?



In high school there are books that students are required to read. The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini was one of those. Like any other high schooler I was not amused by this. I hate reading books that are required of me to read simply

because they are required, but this book was actually enjoyable. The story takes place in Afghanistan and provides a look into life before the war. Amir, the main character, is faced with many challenges that make him question his morals. Stuck with a father that doesn't really understand his love for literature, he is left to spend his time with Hassan, his servant. They are close in age so it is easy for them to bond, however, because of their differences in religion and in social standing Amir is sometimes rude to Hassan for no apparent reason. This book takes place in a time and place where social injustices are not only prevalent

but expected. Yet if we look around, we can see an echo of The Kite Runner today. Have you ever been mean to someone just because a friend didn't like them? Amir would not call Hassan his friend-even though he was-because of Hassan's place in society. He could have saved Hassan from something truly tragic but instead just watched. When we see fights happening do we just stand by and watch or do something? The story features some gruesome scenes that made me cringe and others that brought me to literal tears. I fell in love with a book I thought I would hate.

Written by Emily Arellano

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# Kemeny Center to get new look

From Page 1A



clude:  
Construction of a new gymnasium addition  
Renovation of existing space to create multi-purpose rooms; facilities for sports, fitness and other activities; and a new kitchen  
Construction of a new parking lot  
Completely new electrical, mechanical and roof systems  
“For years, we watched as recreation centers across the city were closed,” Mayor Duggan said. “But it’s a new day in Detroit. Last week we opened 16 Summer Fun Centers inside of Detroit schools and starting today we are beginning the process of giving the residents of this community back their own recreation center.”

The Kemeny project follows announcements by the Mayor establishing summer recreational programs in 16 Detroit public schools and the ongoing renovation of 40 neighborhoods parks across the city that will be completed this year. The City closed Kemeny in 2015 with the intention of building a replacement nearby. Ultimately, it was determined that renovating and expanding the existing facility made the most fiscal sense.

The project is being funded primarily by the City, although Marathon Oil is contributing \$1.4 million to the redevelopment of the center and contributed \$600,000 for engineering and design of the new center.

“This project has been a very

collaborative effort between Marathon Petroleum, the city of Detroit and neighborhood residents who have tirelessly advocated to keep this project alive,” said David Roland, Marathon Petroleum, Refinery General Manager. “We are happy to give back to our community and the residents who supported the expansion of our operations.”

**About Kemeny Recreation Center**  
Kemeny is the oldest existing recreation center that has not undergone major renovation.

Originally opened in 1957, the center was named after Charles P. Kemeny, a WWII soldier who was killed in combat. The center quickly became the hub of the Fort/Schaefer community offering residents swimming, arts and crafts and quilting lessons.

The building is currently 20,826 square feet. With the addition of the new gym, the building expands to 29,026 square feet. Work will begin in August 2017 and is expected to be completed in October 2018.

“The Department recognizes that Kemeny is an anchor for this community and we are enthused to be able to revive the old center into an expanded and updated facility,” said Keith Flournoy, Interim Director for Detroit Parks and Recreation Department. “This work will allow future generations to utilize a center that was enjoyed by previous generations for many, many years.”

Construction on this project

was awarded to Detroit-based, minority-owned KEO & Associates, which is responsible for several other recreation center and park improvement projects. The architect is Ehresman Associates, Inc. The Detroit Building Authority is serving as the Owner’s Representative for the Detroit Parks and Recreation Department.



Thank you to all who helped to make this possible;  
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CRIME ALERT - POLICE DEPT.

BLOTTER FOR RIVER ROUGE

**July 10th, 2017**  
At 1909hrs, An officer was dispatched to the police station lobby to a Larceny complaint. A 15 year old male states he arranged to meet with someone from Facebook who went by an identified name. He stated the suspect male is about 16 or 17 years old and could not provide any further description. They agreed to meet at Memorial Park, and once they met there they walked behind Ann Visger School. He agreed to sell a gold chain (gold plated) with a Jesus head on it for \$40.00. He also had \$20.00 dollars in his pocket once the suspect paid him the \$40.00 and got the chain, the suspect turn around and assaulted him and took his \$40.00, plus the \$20.00 in from his pocket and fled. He didn't know the suspect personally or where he lives.

**July 13th, 2017**  
At 1949hrs, an officer was on patrol, stationary, watching possible narcotics activity near Myrtle, when he observed a 59 year old male standing in front of Smokies Party store harassing customers and making obscene gestures(grabbing his junk) as if he was masturbating. Then the male walked west bound across 5 lanes of traffic, impeding the flow of traffic. He appeared to be highly intoxicated. The officer advised him to get out of the street and get on the side walk and out of the roadway, several times, but he continued to walk into oncoming traffic. The officer turned around and activated his emergency light and made contact with the male and had him put his hand on the hood of the vehicle. The male refused to cooperate and would not listen to the officer's command.

The officer drive stun the male with his Taser twice and it had no effect, as he continued to resist. He placed under arrest for Resisting/Obstructing.

**July 9th, 2017**  
At 1507hrs, officers were dispatched to a home in the 1st Block of Cicotte Street on a disturbance. When officers arrived at the home a 41 year old male stated he had just been assaulted by his live in 41 year old girlfriend and her 17 year old daughter. Officers observed red marks on the male face under his left eyes. The male states that trouble began when he arrived home from work and he asked the daughter if she wanted something to eat and the mother got mad and started arguing with him. He states during the argument the daughter began hitting him in the face with a closed hands about his face and body.

While the officer was speaking to the male the daughter was in the next bedroom heard them talking and stated that he called her a name, that cause her to hit him. The officer asked her what did he call her and she stated a fat b---h. She stated he called her that so she would hit him and she did. The officer ask the male if he wanted to press charges and he told him he did and take them to jail. The officer also spoke to the 14 year old son who was also present and he observed the mother and daughter hitting the father. Both mother and daughter were placed under arrest and transported to the River Rouge Police Station where they were booked, allowed to make a phone call and housed.

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**Inkster Preparatory Academy**  
**23755 Woodsfield Street, Inkster MI 48141**

**The Inkster Preparatory Academy** Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school district.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for **July 27, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., at 2355 Woodsfield Street, Inkster MI 48141.** Attendance is mandatory. A bid packet will be available at the meeting and will be available electronically, upon request.

All proposals must be submitted no later than **1:00 pm** due on **August 18, 2017.** All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the **Inkster Preparatory Academy** and be clearly marked: Food Service Vended Meal Proposal.

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE**

**2017 POVERTY EXEMPTION APPLICATION**

Michigan Law requires that you supply certain information to the Board before the Board can grant a hardship reduction.

**YOU MUST BRING IN THE FOLLOWING COPIES:**  
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**IF YOU DO NOT BRING COPIES YOUR HARDSHIP WILL NOT BE APPROVED.**

1. The fully completed and signed application form, which includes a complete listing of all persons residing in the home, showing their age, employment/disability status, and income.
2. Supply the board with a copy of your 2016 federal and state income tax returns. **(THE LAW REQUIRES THE APPLICANT TO FILE AND PRODUCE AN INCOME TAX RETURN EVEN IF THAT RETURN IS ZERO FILING ALSO MUST HAVE A COPY OF YOUR HOMESTEAD CREDIT).**
3. You must supply the board with a copy of homestead property tax credit claim.
4. Supply the board with copies of proof of income, (copy of social security check, social security statement, pay stub, W-2 etc.)
5. Copy of drivers license or state id.

The application along with copies of income must brought into our office or mailed to 10600 West Jefferson River Rouge, MI 48218.

If you do no summit all of the above information, the board cannot and will not grant a hardship reduction. The hardship application and all copies must be in the Treasurer's office or Assessor's office no later than **JULY 18TH 2017**

Date and time for the March Board of Review meeting is:

**JULY 21st,2017 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**INCOME GUIDELINES**

Income limitations shall be those established by the River Rouge City Council, in adherence with Public Act 390 of 1994. For the tax year 2017, applicable income limitations are as follows:

Family of 1	Combined household income	\$13,100
Family of 2	Combined household income	\$16,600
Family of 3	Combined household income	\$20,900
Family of 4	Combined household income	\$24,400
Family of 5	Combined household income	\$28,600
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Family of 7	Combined household income	\$37,000
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**CITY OF INKSTER, MI**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE**

**NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN**, pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, the City of Inkster Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday August 14, 2017, 6:30 p.m. in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. The Planning Commission will consider proposed text amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance pertaining to provisions for medical marijuana facilities.

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

¶ In §155.029 "Definitions", modify the definition of "medical marijuana facility" to create separate definitions for "medical marijuana cultivation facility", "medical marijuana transportation facility", "medical marijuana processing facility", and "medical marijuana testing facility".

¶ In §155.045 "B-1 Local Business District", establish "medical marijuana processing facilities" and "medical marijuana testing facilities" as Special Land Uses in §155.045(D).

¶ In §155.046 "B-2 Thoroughfare Mixed-Use District", establish "medical marijuana a processing facilities" and "medical marijuana testing facilities" as Special Land Uses in §155.046(D).

¶ In §155.047 "B-3 General Business District", establish "medical marijuana processing facilities", "medical marijuana testing facilities", and "medical marijuana transportation facilities" as Special Land Uses in §155.047(D).

¶ In §155.048 "M-1 Light Industrial District", add "medical marijuana processing facilities", "medical marijuana testing facilities", and "medical marijuana transportation facilities" as Special Land Uses in §155.048(C).

¶ In §155.048 "M-1 Light Industrial District", re-name the existing "medical marijuana facilities" land use to "medical marijuana cultivation facilities" in §155.048(C)(16).

¶ In §155.146 "Medical Marijuana Facilities", re-name the existing special land use standards for "medical marijuana facilities" to "medical marijuana cultivation facilities" and update and revise special land use standards.

¶ Establish new zoning ordinance section and special land use standards for §155.150 "Medical Marijuana Processing Facilities".

¶ Establish new zoning ordinance section and special land use standards for §155.151 "Medical Marijuana Testing Facilities".

¶ Establish new zoning ordinance section and special land use standards for §155.152 "Medical Marijuana Transportation Facilities".

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that complete text of zoning ordinance amendments will be available for review at the Inkster City Clerk Office, which is located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, MI, 48141 beginning Thursday, July 27, 2017. All meetings of the City of Inkster Planning Commission are open to the public. You are invited to attend this meeting. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster City Planner, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 Noon, August 14, 2017. Information may be obtained from the Planning and Community Development Department at 313.429.2366.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon written notice being received at least five (5) business days prior to the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at 313.563-9770.

Felicia Rutledge, Inkster City Clerk  
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Dearborn Heights**  
**Czech and Slovak Festival**  
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**City Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 8PM there will be a city council meeting at the Dearborn Heights city hall (6045 Fenton St.).

**Detroit**  
**WIC Project Fresh at Eastern Market**  
July 22, 2017 from 9AM-1PM, WIC participants can receive \$25 in coupons for fresh fruits and vegetables at The Eastern Market - while supplies last. All TUESDAYS are in Shed 3. All SATURDAYS are in Shed 5.

**Lincoln Park**  
**Lincoln Park Farmers Market**  
July 23, 2017 at 11AM there will be a community farmer's market at the Fort and Southfield parking lot, next to Painters Supply.

**City Council Meeting**  
Monday, July 25, 2017 at 6:30 PM there will be a special city council meeting at the John A. Aloise Council Chambers in the Lincoln Park city hall, 1355 Southfield Rd. Summer Concert Series  
Thursday, July 13, 2017 from 6:30-8PM there will be a summer concert featuring a Rush Tribute. This event will take place at 3240 Ferris Ave.

**Romulus**  
**City Council Meeting**  
Monday, July 24, 2017 at 7:30PM there will be a city council meeting at the Romulus Council Chambers of city hall, located at 11111 Wayne Rd.

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July 26, 2017 from 11AM-4PM, join us for a Farmer's Market at the Romulus Historical Park Pavilion, 11147 Hunt St. This event repeats through September.

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**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.

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**Coffee & Conversation with the Mayor**  
Join us July 21, 2017 from 10AM-2PM in the council chambers of city hall (3200 Biddle Ave., Suite 300) to speak with the mayor about local issues.

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The Wyandotte Business Association's Third Friday event will take place July 21, 2017 beginning at 5PM in downtown Wyandotte. Many of the shops and restaurants will stay open later than usual, offer giveaways, specials and discounts. In addition, there is musical entertainment and horse and carriage rides throughout the downtown district. For more information please call 734-324-4514.

**City Council**  
Monday, July 24, 2016 at 7PM, city council will meet in the council chambers of Wyandotte city hall (3200 Biddle Ave., Ste. 300).

**Farmers Market**  
Every Thursday from noon-6:30PM, 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 through October.  
*List prepared by Estefania Arelano. To have your event listed send it to info@telegramnews.net*

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MDEQ PUBLIC NOTICE

EES Coke Battery - Zug Island

NOTICE of AIR POLLUTION COMMENT PERIOD and PUBLIC HEARING  
The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is holding a public comment period from July 19, 2017, until August 18, 2017, and a public hearing, if requested, on August 23, 2017, for EES Coke Battery LLC's proposed temporary controlled venting of an existing 300,000 gallon light oil storage tank. The temporary controlled venting will be for a maximum of 30 days. The facility is located at 1400 Zug Island Road, River Rouge, Michigan.

The public comment period and hearing, if requested, are to allow all interested parties the opportunity to comment on the MDEQ's proposed conditional approval of a Permit to Install (PTI). It has been preliminarily determined that the temporary controlled venting of the existing tank will not violate any of the MDEQ's rules nor the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Copies of the MDEQ's fact sheet(s) and proposed permit conditions are available for review at the following locations, or you may request a copy be mailed to you by calling 517-284-6793. Please reference PTI Application Number 77-17.

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER

In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.8; an abstract of the proceedings of the July 17, 2017 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED:  
Approval of the Agenda.  
Approval of the Consent Agenda.  
A of one board appointment.  
Approval and a second reading to the Cross Connection Ordinance.  
Approval and a second reading to the Medical Marijuana Business License  
Approval and acquisition of properties from the Wayne County Treasurer of-fice  
Approval of a Special Event.  
Approval of contracts with to provide demolition and abatement services  
Approval of a street closure on Stollman.  
Approval to purchase property at 25910 Michigan Ave. and 4437 Inkster Rd.  
Approval to purchase 26641 New York.  
Approval of an updated Purchasing Policy  
Approval of an updated Cash Management Policy  
Approval of 511 Magnolia.

Felicia Rutledge  
City Clerk

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER, MI

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR: AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF INKSTER CODE OR ORDINANCE

**NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN**, the City of Inkster will hold a public hearing on **August 7, 2017**, in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. To be considered are proposed amendments to the City's Code of Ordinance pertaining to Open Burn.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider amendments to the City of Inkster Code of Ordinance, being Sections 92.60 that would have the following effect:

Amend the existing ordinance to adopt by reference the Open Burn Rules of the most current rules of the Michigan Maintenance Code. The proposed amended ordinance will add provisions to require the following usage for Bon Fire, Recreational Fire, Permanent Fire Pits and Portable Fire Pits and to establish penalties for violations of the ordinance.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, the City of Inkster Code of Ordinances is available for review at the City Clerk Office, which is located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, MI, 48141 beginning Monday, June 5, 2017. All meetings of the City of Inkster City Council are open to the public. You are invited to attend this meeting. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster, City Clerk, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through **August 7, 2017** Information may be obtained from the City Clerk's office at 313-563-9770.

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

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# Tigers, Buyers or Sellers

By Butch Davis



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In less than two weeks from the July 31st deadline there be major changes in Major League Baseball especially for the Detroit Tigers, maybe! Yes, GM, Al Avila for weeks has acknowledged as much. Furthermore, just so there would be no misunderstanding in Baseball Land, the Tigers general manager said it again this past Monday when he was interrogated by Chris Russo on MLB Network's "High Heat" program. "We have been receiving calls from clubs that are interested," Avila said, "and I have made some calls also. Our players are aware of this. If the right deal is there, we will move forward and make a trade."

If the Tigers are willing to eat a good portion of that money, Justin Verlander maybe still a risk worth taking for a pennant contender. Over the 2015 and 2016 seasons, he posted a 3.17 ERA, and finished second in Cy Young voting in 2016. So, he's not far removed from being an elite pitcher and might be more inspired to get back to his old form on a contending team. As good as Verlander has been in the recent past, that's still an awful lot for a team to pay for a starting pitcher presently (over \$20 million or more) sporting a 4.66 ERA.

In contrast, the Tampa Bay Rays have legitimate interest in Tigers lefty Justin Wilson, and talks between the two sides have gained some traction, Wilson's excellent production, modest salary (\$2.7 million in 2017) and remaining club control (through the 2018 season via arbitration) all figure to appeal to the Tampa Bay front office. Geared up to turn 30 next month, Wilson opened the season as Detroit's primary setup reliever, nonetheless a

combination of his brilliant performance and a nightmarish season for former Tiger and closer Francisco Rodriguez thrust Wilson into the ninth inning spotlight. Wilson has picked up 10 saves since taking the closer reins from K-Rod, and more importantly has dominated opponents all season long, regardless of role. He'd be a tremendous upgrade & a good fit both in terms of on the field and future salary. Now the Tigers outfielder, J.D. Martinez has earned his fourth career Player of the Week award after leading the American League in RBIs, tying for first in home runs, and ranking second in slugging percentage and third in batting average for the week ending July 16. Martinez joins Red Sox OF Mookie Betts as the only AL players to garner multiple weekly awards this season (both have two). The 29-year-old slugger in Detroit Tigers outfielder J.D. Martinez missed the start of the 2017 campaign with a foot injury however has resumed his typically productive ways since returning to the Tigers lineup, posting a .298 bating average with 14 home runs across 54 appearances. Yes, the Arizona Diamondbacks who reported to maintain interest have exceeded expectations and own the top wild-card spot in the National League with a 53-37 record. Martinez would provide a power boost to an already potent offense and create a dynamic outfield with A.J. Pollock and David Peralta. Yes indeed also catcher Alex Avila, Detroit could move before the deadline if the price is right from another team who is willing to give up a player from a team that is in contention of going to the playoffs that will help the Tigers in the future. The July 31st deadline there is major changes in Major

League Baseball especially for the Detroit Tigers, maybe?

# Lions will begin training camp practices on July 24th

By Butch Davis

The Detroit Lions will begin training camp practices on July 24th, when rookies are expected to report. Veterans will report five days later on July 29th. As always, practices will take place at Detroit's practice facility in Allen Park. Detroit's official start date of July 24th is the 12th earliest start date in the NFL. Five different teams will start on the earliest date July 19th, which including the Chicago Bears and Dallas Cowboys. The Seattle Seahawks and Los Angeles Chargers have the latest start date on July 29th, however rookies and veterans are reporting on the same day for both franchises. The Lions announced that

seven of their training camp practices would be open to the public, starting on July 31st. With the dates fully set for Detroit Lions training camp 2017, the countdown begins. We're just over a week away before the Lions get into the pads and take the practice field for the first time in the 2017 season. The following practices will be open to the public free of charge; Monday, July 31st, Tuesday, Aug. 1st, Wednesday, Aug. 2nd, Friday, Aug. 4th, Saturday, Aug. 5th, (The August 5th practice will be the team's annual Family Fest at Ford Field, with gates opening at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, August 6th and Monday, August 7th.

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Ahhh did I miss a sentence? How is your sister, the one who's telling the truth, ruining

your life? Ooooh no Miss Thing, own your own decision of deceitfulness. You're absolutely azz backwards in this treacherous portrayal of a partnership and I promise you your azzbackwardness will come back to haunt you. Having a child is a sacred bond between two people and should not be taken lightly. I could see if you didn't know you couldn't have children, that's one thing, but to already be aware of this information and not share it with your future husband is vicious and vindictive! Yes, I said it, you're selfish, self-centered, shimshammy and not to be trusted. The only happiness you're willing to acknowledge is your own. How one sided is that and who wants to be in a relationship with someone who is constantly tilted to the left? You're so blinded by what you want and what makes you and only you happy. That's pathetic. I hear you when you say there have been miracle babies, yea, umhm, it happens, but it also doesn't happen, more than you want to admit. Tell your fiancé, NOW, right now! He has a right to know about your medical condition. If you had been up front the entire time, I'm sure he would understand and remain committed to walking this path of life with you. I find the fact that you're comfortable drowning in a sea of "conniving and cunning" quite troubling. So much so your logic is to disown your sister. Chile please, make your bed and lie in it! Whatever comes your way is what you deserve. SMDH, I hope your sister does tell him the truth and I hope you keep your promise and disown her, both of them will be all the better for it.

MOVIE REVIEW

Film Review: Girls Trip

By Dwight Brown (NNPA Newswire Film Critic)



From left, Queen Latifah, Regina Hall, Jada Pinkett Smith and Tiffany Haddish as old college buddies who reunite for better and (naturally) for worse

This hilarious and relentlessly bawdy take on a girls' weekend reunion in New Orleans is following in the footsteps of some very popular female-appeal movies like "Sex In the City" and "Bridesmaids." But "Girls Trip" is not a copycat. It's very unique and will leave its own lasting imprint on the good-girls-gone-wild genre. Ten minutes into this comedy, you're asking yourself, "Who the hell wrote this?" The story is contemporary, the dialogue is laugh-out-loud funny, the characters are distinct and their life dramas, rivalries and relationship problems are thoroughly engaging for 122 minutes.

Blame the naughty humor on Kenya Barris (TV's "Black-ish") and Tracy Oliver ("Barbershop"). They completely understand the lurid minds of ladies who've had one-too-many cocktails and speak their mind. And for audience members who do not have a potty mouth, but wish they did, this crew says every wicked thing you ever thought, but never had the nerve to say. Ryan Pierce (Regina Hall, "When the Bough Breaks") is a successful and envied author, somewhat like an Oprah without a TV show. She's married to ex-NFL player Stewart (Mike Colter, "Luke Cage"). On the surface, they have an ideal marriage and are on the verge of getting their own talk show. Behind closed doors, they've got problems. However, they must protect their brand and are determined to keep up their facade. Ryan talks her old college girlfriends, who used to call themselves the "Flossy Posse," into a reunion in New Orleans at the annual Essence Music Festival. There's Dina (Tiffany Haddish, "The Carmichael Show"), the brassy one who talks like a drunk hooker, "We gonna get some d—k this weekend." Lisa (Jada Pinkett

Smith), a nurse with two kids, is the prudish one: "Dina! I need you to use your lady mouth." Sasha (Queen Latifah) is a gossip columnist, who is having trouble paying her bills. The foursome gathers at the airport, checks into a lavish hotel and in short order they are kicked out thanks to Dina's outlandish behavior. Apparently the finer establishments don't take kindly to women who threaten patrons with broken champagne bottles. The group moves to a fleabag motel that's frequented by \$5 prostitutes. That's the set up, and director Malcolm Lee ("The Best Man"), who has become the populist voice for the Black middle-class, works his magic. Scenes melt into each other with a quick rhythm, and each has its own dynamic, builds to a crescendo and leaves plenty of room for the cast to engage in comical banter. He gives the actresses room to play their characters to the max. Bedroom scenes, dance-offs, bar fights, Beale Street parades, testy confrontations, shocking revelations and raunchy repartee are orchestrated with precision. You barely have time to breathe between the outrageous scenes (editor Paul Millsbaugh, "The Best Man Holiday"). The cast works well together as an ensemble. Pinkett Smith finds the humor in her dour character, who is in desperate need of a wild night out. When she hooks up with a lanky 21-year-old (Kofi Siriboe, "Queen Sugar"), she gets her mojo back. Hall, as the lead character, has the right mix of shocking indignation and resignation. Latifah adds texture to the financially challenged Sasha. Larenz Tate plays an old friend named Julian, who is a sensitive soul and a perfect counterbalance to Stewart, a hardened lothario. Tate hasn't aged a day since 1997's "Love Jones."

Haddish gets the best lines and the most outrageous physical humor. What she does with a banana and a grapefruit in one scene is so whacked out she could earn a best supporting actress award. She lifts the Dina character off the page, brings her alive on screen and displays a go-for-the-jugular humor that makes you think she will do anything for a laugh, just like Melissa McCarthy. The quartet of actresses must share top-billing with New Orleans and the Essence Music Festival. Through the lens of cinematographer Greg Gardiner ("The Best Man Holiday") NOLA and Beale Street look so inviting. The colors, especially in the costumes (Danielle Hollowell, "The Best Man Holiday"), pop off the screen with brilliant yellows, lush reds and bright oranges. Also, if you've been curious about the Essence Music Festival and have never gone, you're getting a free look. Glimpses of concert performances by Maxwell, Faith Evans and others enliven the footage. Cameos by Morris Chestnut and Ava DuVernay add verve. There is something endearing about watching old friends work through their differences and rekindle the love and solidarity that once united them. But that's like reading Playboy for the great articles. Audiences who venture out to see Girls Trip are really hungry for outlandish humor and a good date movie—and that's what they'll get. They will laugh themselves silly and leave happy. Every two seconds you'll find yourself saying, "I can't believe they just said that." But they did—and it was oh-so funny! Dwight Brown is a film critic and travel writer. As a film critic, he regularly attends international film festivals including Cannes, Sundance, Toronto and the American Black Film Festival. Read more movie reviews by Dwight Brown here and at DwightBrownInk.com.

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## Western Wayne Family Health Centers continues to grow!



Antoinette Byrd—Carr MD,  
Chief Medical Officer and OB/GYN

Western Wayne Family Health Centers (WWFHC), the community health center serving Downriver and Western Wayne communities with primary care, OB/GYN, pediatrics, behavioral health, general dentistry and care management services has expanded again! The centers, located in Inkster, Taylor and Lincoln Park, serve all and focus on people with and without health insurance. One of the only area medical and dental centers that accepts all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan options and a sliding fee scale for those without insurance, WWFHC served 15, 515 patients in 2016 and is well on the way to exceeding that number for 2017.

To better serve the community, WWFHC has moved its Taylor OB/GYN and Pediatric services into another suite in the same building. The center is now in Suites C and E of the Taylor Human Services Center at 26650 Eureka. Linda Atkins, CEO, explains: “There is a big demand for our services and we were limited in space at our Taylor location. We only had a

limited number of exam rooms for all our medical providers, so that sometimes added unnecessary wait times for our patients and limited how many people we could schedule for care each day.” There was no room to grow until recently. Once another tenant of the building moved out, WWFHC was happy to move in. Suite E is now home to health services for Women & Children—Obstetrics, Gynecology and Pediatrics are now located in a newly renovated suite that is brightly colored, inviting and allows for better care. “The wait times we had with multiple providers using just 10 exam rooms in Suite C are now gone—our adult medical, pediatric and women’s health providers each now have at several exam rooms to use for their patients at any one time, which greatly improves our efficiency in both”, continues Atkins. Other care providers such as care managers can now also talk to patients and families in the exam rooms without creating delays. WWFHCs general dentistry practice remains in Suite C of

the building and will expand a bit now what the women and children’s services have moved to Suite E.

Dr. Antoinette Byrd-Carr, Chief Medical Officer and also a practicing OB/GYN specialist at the Taylor location points out that having obstetrics and pediatrics in the same area makes sense and improves patient care. “Often, I want to introduce an expectant mother to our great pediatricians, and now that we have more space, this is easy. We’ve also made the flow of all of our patient care better in both suites as we strive to live our vision—to be the first choice for healthcare.”

WWFHC Taylor can be reached by calling 734.941.4991—and calls for the Inkster and Lincoln Park centers can be made to that number as well. In operation since 2006, WWFHC keeps the community healthy. Their website is at [www.wwfhc.org](http://www.wwfhc.org).

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