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Martin Luther King III Talks to the Black Press about His Father's Legacy

By Stacy M. Brown (NNPA Newswire Contributor)



Martin Luther King III

Nearly 50 years ago, the world lost one of its greatest heroes. That hero's son, Martin Luther King III, continues his father's work, taking every opportunity to share his father's vision,

message and mission.

"Today, particularly in light of where the nation stands as it relates to lead-

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Civil Rights Groups, U.S. Lawmakers Condemn Trump's "sh—hole countries" Remarks

By Freddie Allen (Editor-In-Chief, BlackPressUSA.com)



Donald Trump
President

Trump made the comments during a meeting with Republican and Democratic congressmen about immigration reform and President Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

— The New York Times reported: "When Mr. Trump heard that Haitians were among those who would benefit from the proposed deal, he asked whether they could be left out of the plan, asking,

"Why do we want people from Haiti here?"

—Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Cedric Richmond said that the Diversity Visa Program "greatly benefits immigrants from African countries and provides an opportunity for them to achieve the American Dream."

Civil rights groups and lawmakers on Capitol Hill condemned racially hostile comments that President Donald Trump made during a recent meeting about immigration reform with Democrats and Republicans at the White House.

The New York Times reported: "President Trump on Thursday balked at an immigration deal that would include protections for people from Haiti and some nations in Africa, demanding to know at a White House meeting why he should accept immigrants from 'sh—hole countries' rather than from

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ARFF Let The Dog's Out

By: Xavier Jones - Telegram Media Specialist



Woodhaven, River Rouge and Ecorse come together to show love for animals

Woodhaven Mayor, Patricia Odette, is the founder of the Animal Resource Founding Foundation (ARFF). The ARFF collaborated with River Rouge Mayor Michael D. Bowdler, at the River Rouge Fire department to provide River Rouge and Ecorse residents with assistance to help keep their animals warm and fed in the frigid Michigan temperature. The ARFF is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting

the animal rescue shelters of Wayne County.

The ARFF has teamed with the River Rouge Animal Shelter, to vaccinate several hundred dogs in 2017. They have also helped to provide funding to sheltered animals that need extensive veterinary care. Also, there's a program that assist River Rouge residents who needed help with animal care.

Over this past weekend the ARFF passed out over 10,000 pounds of dog and cat food, 120 bales of straw and 6 igloos to help to keep outside dogs housed. It is amazing on when two community Mayor's can come together to benefit the residents of cities outside their own. The goal of tightening the links of unity and friendship that the communities need to thrive is being realized.



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Martin Luther King, Jr.

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places like Norway, according to people with direct knowledge of the conversation.”

The U.S. congressmen that attended the meeting, according to The New York Times, included: Senator Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.); Senator Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.); Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.); Senator David Perdue (R-Ga.); Senator Tom Cotton (R-Ark.); Representative Robert W. Goodlatte (R-Va.).

Trump’s disparaging comments received quick condemnation in the civil rights community and across the political spectrum.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association tweeted: “It is a glaring contradiction that as the US is preparing to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr as a national holiday, President Trump utters racist statements against Africa and people of color.”

In a statement about the President’s comments posted to her Twitter account, Rep. Mia Love (R-Utah), the only Republican serving in the U.S. House of Representatives of Haitian descent, said that his “behavior is unacceptable from the leader of our nation.”

Love continued: “My parents came from one of those countries but proudly took the oath of allegiance to the Unites States and took on the responsibilities of everything that being a citizen comes with. They never took a thing from our federal government. They worked hard, paid taxes, and rose from nothing to take care of and provide opportunities for their children. They taught their children to do the same. That’s the American Dream.”

Love added that Trump must apologize to “the American people and the nations he so wantonly maligned.”

Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-La.), the chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, said that President Trump’s comments are yet another confirmation of his racially insensitive and ignorant views.

“It also reinforces the concerns that we hear every day, that the President’s slogan Make America Great Again is really code for Make America White Again,” said Richmond.

Richmond continued: “All of the reservations we have had about negotiating with him on

immigration are well-founded. President Trump is clearly more concerned with ending the future flow of immigrants from Africa and the African diaspora than providing relief to Dreamers who came here through no fault of their own. Unfortunately, there is no reason to believe that we can negotiate in good faith with a person who holds such vile and reprehensible beliefs.”

Marc Morial, the president and CEO of the National Urban League, said Trump’s crude statement regarding immigration from Haiti and African nations is appalling for its lack of compassion, and stunning for its ignorance about the contributions of Haitian and African immigrants.

“Even more troubling was the fact that his slur was coupled with a desire for more immigration from overwhelmingly White countries like Norway,” said Morial. “Congress must reject this divisive and racially-discriminatory approach to immigration policy.”

Rev. Al Sharpton, the president and founder of National Action Network (NAN), said that Trump’s deplorable statements while meeting with a bipartisan group of lawmakers at the White House regarding an immigration deal go beyond racial insensitivity.

“For the President to make these remarks just after he was quoted as saying all Haitians have AIDS and Nigerians live in huts, demonstrates a consistent pattern of racism and bigotry. It is further concerning that he is doing it in policy meetings that will impact laws in this country and abroad,” said Sharpton. “Trump uses White nationalist rhetoric to continue to explicitly defile, disrespect, and destroy communities of color. His lack of presidential decorum is a disgrace to our country’s highest office.”

Sharpton continued: “We must challenge the Senate and Congress to repudiate President Trump’s comments and every Senator that was in that meeting should publicly denounce him. They should also explain why they didn’t say anything in the meeting—and if they fail to answer they should be targeted by the civil rights community as accomplices.”

Sharpton said that Trump’s comments were the ultimate disrespect to hundreds of communities who believe in the American Dream—the same dream of equality and justice that Dr. King had.

“We will not let Trump or his Administration forget these words when we vote this year or in 2020,” Sharpton said.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Detroit Caucus Stands Against Efforts to Strip City of Judgeships
Senate Bill 525 would remove a judge from 36th District Court



LANSING — The Detroit Caucus stood in solidarity yesterday against an attempt to strip the city of Detroit of one of its 30 district court judges. Senate Bill 525 reflects the July 2017 Judicial Resource Recommendations (JRR) to eliminate judgeships from the 36th District Court. The Detroit Caucus stood adamantly opposed to this legislation since its introduction, citing the city’s dire need for maintaining its 30 judgeships.

“In the city of Detroit, the 36th District Court continues to undergo challenges with the incredible caseload that it manages,” said **State Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo (D-Detroit)**, chairwoman of the Detroit Caucus. “This legislation would only further disenfranchise city of Detroit residents who often have civil cases and landlord tenant issues beyond their control, and will now be forced to stand in long lines and endure wait times simply to have their cases heard, all the while infringing on their constitutional rights! This will

serve as a detriment to all Detroit citizens.”

“As the city of Detroit continues to make its comeback, removing a judgeship from the 36th District Court would only work to slow the incredible progress we’ve seen over the years,” said **State Rep. Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit)**. “The court is currently plagued by long lines and crowded courtrooms, and judges are already stretched thin by the sheer number of cases before the court. Reducing the number of judges at this court would be a disservice to the city.”

Joining the Detroit Caucus in opposition to this legislation is the city of Detroit and the 36th District Court judges themselves. These critics of SB 525 have called into question the formula used by the JRR to support its recommendations, which relies on average annual case filings. However, the court has clarified that new case filings do not comprise the entirety of their dockets: many of the cases that judges hear on a daily basis are stemming

from older cases that have yet to be adjudicated. What’s more, in the last seven JRR reports, four of them have included recommendations to increase the number of judgeships in the 36th District Court. “Not only is the 36th District Court facing exorbitant case-loads, but many of the cases that it handles deal with incredibly complex issues that require judges to spend greater time on them, further exacerbating their workload,” said **State Rep. LaTanya Garrett (D-Detroit)**. “The courthouse staff and personnel are smart workers who understand the need for them to get their work done right the first time in order to keep up with the court’s fast pace. However, reducing the number of judgeships assigned to the court would only make it more difficult for them to serve the people of Detroit, therefore, eliminating any judgeships within the 36th District Court would be preposterous.”

“It is not uncommon for judges to cover two to three dockets in a day, at times leaving residents in empty courtrooms waiting for their case to be heard while that judge is covering in another courtroom. This legislation will only make things worse for our city’s judges and residents,” said **State Rep. Tenisha Yancey (D-Detroit)**, a former assistant Wayne County prosecutor. “This is a bad move for Detroit, and it does not affect Detroiters only. The public deserves better than what this legislation has to offer.”

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Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy

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ership...we badly need to embrace my father's message and we have to learn to disagree without being disagreeable and my dad showed us how that can be done," said King.

The eldest son of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, Martin Luther King III was only ten years old when his dad was assassinated in Memphis on April 4, 1968. Martin Luther King III went on to graduate from Morehouse College with a bachelor's degree in political science.

Later, Martin Luther King III became a community activist, county commissioner and president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization that his father led as its first president. Like his father, King has led protest marches and has convened forums on police brutality.

"There's a barbaric mentality today with police shootings of African Americans, but all of that can change when people rise up, which is why I applaud Black Lives Matter," King said. The civil rights leader said that, in this political climate, it will be essential to mobilize diverse groups of people.

"This election coming up in November is important, because we need a stopgap in Congress, because this president doesn't have an understanding of what goes on in communities of color," King said. King continued: "Right now, the Republicans have the presidency, the House and the Senate, but, this coming election creates prospects of one or both houses being flipped to people who would have some sensitivity to issues [related to civil and human rights]."

King, the National Newspaper Publishers Association 2017 Lifetime Legacy Award recipient, is calling on African American groups, Hispanics, women's organization, the LGBTQ community and others to get out and vote.

"That is what needs to happen in November so that come January 2019, we can get legislation that will help," he said. King said his mother deserves a lot of credit for his father's success and for keeping his legacy alive.

"My mom is partially responsible for what my dad's legacy is, today, because she stayed on the battle field and lived 40 years beyond my dad and she was able to establish the King Center just months after he died and this year will be 50 years since she did that," King said.

He recalled his father's famous, "I Have a Dream," speech and declared that the dream has yet to be fully realized.

"The dream has not been fulfilled. There's an aspect that's been accomplished, because we have African-American billionaires and that was part of the dream, but we still have African Americans in poverty, we disproportionately lead the pack in every major area whether its heart disease, diabetes or hypertension, because of the level of stress that we as a people are forced to live under," he said, adding that racism in today's society contributes to that stress.

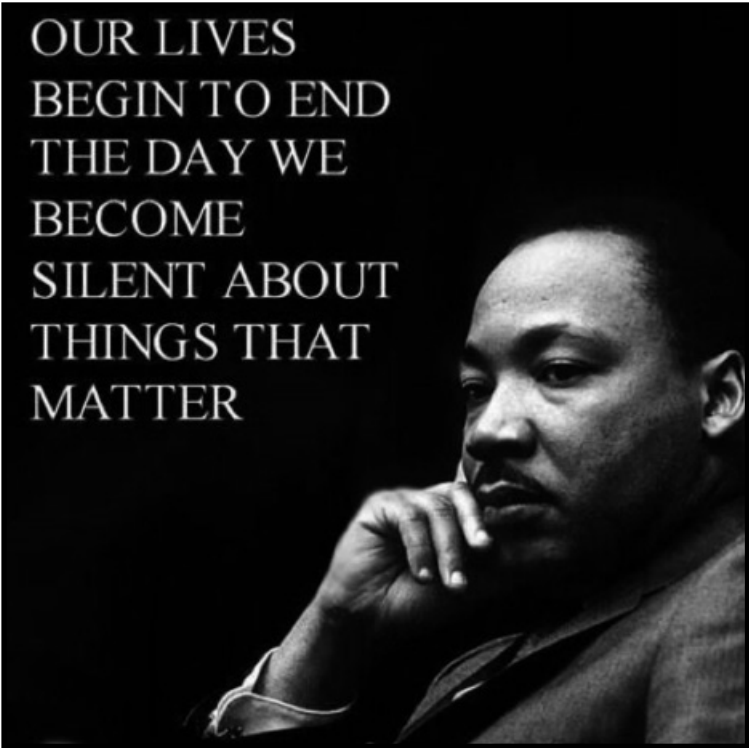
"We've seen communities from around the world, those that come here and are able to start a business, get a business loan while we've been here forever and we're not able to get business loans," said King. "This isn't to suggest that we should have a victim's mentality. You have to acknowledge the problem and know that you can overcome it."

Living in the shadows of his dad isn't easy, but it provides certain unique opportunities to contribute, King said.

"If I attempted to wake up and live in his shoes, I'd fail miserably, but it's a major blessing to have his name and to try to carry it in such a way to make my parents proud," he said. "I want to continue the legacy that my parents forged. A legacy of fighting for freedom, justice and equality for all."

Finally, King reminisced about his father's close relationship with the Black Press.

"Not just ownership, but the writers for the Black Press. Papers like the Chicago Defender, the Atlanta Daily World, the newspapers in Washington," said King. "The Black Press was tremendously important then and it is important now, because that's where we get our information."



Seattle Soda Tax

By Jim Abeare



Lord, protect us from those trying to protect us from ourselves.

On January 2, 2018 a 1.75 per ounce soda tax went into effect. The city council says it is to reduce the use of sugary drinks. I believe it is a cash grab.

The tax is regressive, hitting poor and low income the hardest. The tax added \$8.00 to a case of Coke. It also increased the price of a case of Gatorade from \$16 to over \$26.

The Costco in Seattle has posted signs in the store sending shoppers to stores in the suburbs where the tax is not in effect.

Yet!

The state of Washington is now looking at a soda tax.

I thought twice about writing about this because I don't want to give any ideas to our goofy legislature.

I see a soda tax becoming

the hot new thing for states since the tobacco tax.

The tobacco taxes have almost worked.

It did cut down on smokers, but I don't think the taxes went anywhere except into the general fund.

But with the reduction of smokers comes the reduction of revenue.

Since the government was successful in demonizing tobacco, where do they go next?

To the makers of sugary drinks.

The food nazis say that sugary drinks contribute to type 2 diabetes and obesity.

Some of the revenue is supposed to go to health and nutrition programs.

Yeah right!

Let's see how much actually goes to those programs.

Right now diet pop is not included in the tax, yet.

I am sure it will in future soda tax proposals.

I would not be surprised if after the governor's election, the legislature proposes such a tax in Michigan, especially if it turns left.

I will keep an eye out for such a tax attack on Michiganders.

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our actions and judges each action based on His righteousness without prejudice. Our past record does not disqualify us from being judged fairly. Being under the judgement of a righteousness God is so wonderful because it is not based on what the world may say-good or bad. It is based on His never-changing Word. We cannot be mere students of His Word, but we must be doers of His Word!
When God finds us guilty, and we will be guilty at some point, (even when we seek to do right for self serving reasons) we will be righteously judge and found guilty without partiality. This may sound cold, but here is the part you can warm up to; and oh praise God for Jesus!
It is awesome to know that God has made a way for us to get an opportunity to come back before Him. That is-we are given another chance. We all live in need of another chance and often over and over. God may find us guilty, BUT He opens His heart and also gives us His mercy and grace! I invite you to have that personal talk with Him about His judgement, His grace, and His mercy.

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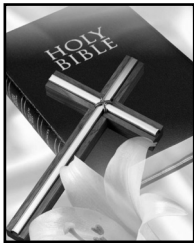


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vorite poem from pledging was ‘Invictus’ by William E. Henley which he recited regularly.

Kevin worked at AT & T for over twenty years as a corporate trainer. It was said that there were two sets of rules to be followed at AT & T... At & T’s Rules and Kevin Green’s rules. He married the loved of his life LaCharmine. He was a loving husband, father, son and brother. He loved his children and would give them the shirt off his back. He always said, “God is good, God is Love.

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Garden City Library has something for everyone

By: Renee Summers - Telegram Intern



The Children’s Section is perfect for little ones of all ages

Most people can recall having visited a library at some time in their lives. Many people today make a regular visit to their local library. In this advanced technological age we live in, some have questioned whether the local library will continue to remain relevant within the community. But libraries have been around for thousands of years. As long as there is a need to archive information, there will always be a library. And if you want to access society’s advanced technology yourself, the library is a convenient and economical place to start.

As we finish with winter and enter spring, the Telegram is going to highlight some of our local libraries and all they have to offer their communities. Frequently, the local library is an overlooked and underrated gem. The best part is, its services are either free or offered at a nominal cost. This week, we begin in Garden City.

The Garden City Public Library began operating in 1923 as a branch of the Wayne County Library. According to the library’s director, James B. Lenze, the library began in a resident’s home. As the city of Garden City grew, so did the library, eventually moving to a small storefront. In the 1980’s the library was moved into its own building and ultimately separated from Wayne County to become the Garden City Public Library. In 2006, financial difficulties in the city forced the library to move to its current location alongside the Garden City Maplewood Community Center, located at 31735 Maplewood. Since 2011, the library and its services have been funded by a millage. Lenze states that every year since the millage began, library activity and programs have increased--a testament to how residents value their library.

Library Director Lenze emphasizes the library’s most unique possession is its staff. Between librarians, clerks and library aides, books and materials are properly cared for and programs are organized and implemented.

Programs at the Garden City Public Library serve both adults and children of all ages. Youth Librarian, Erin Look organizes a weekly story time program for pre-schoolers on Wednesday

mornings. For older children the library hosts a monthly Lego Club and STEM Programs, which emphasize science, technology, engineering and math. For teens, Look organizes an Anime Club and craft nights. The next craft night will be held on January 25 for ages 11 to 18 and will include pizza and crafting supplies. Look adds that not only do such programs allow children to develop socially, they allow parents to share and connect also. “In Garden City, this is one of the few really family-friendly places for people to come,” she says.

For adults, the library offers a Stress Busters Coloring Night on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. Other programs for adults being offered this winter are craft classes, an introduction to Dungeons and Dragons, and a lecture on protecting yourself from scammers. The Friends of the Library also host activities for adults, such as a Knit Night and Science Fiction Book Club. The Friends of the Library also hosts an ongoing used book sale every day, along with two larger used book sales held each April and October. You can call the library at 734-793-1830 for more details on these and other programs.

Library programs offered for seniors in conjunction with the Maplewood Community Center include a hot lunch program, Meals on Wheels and transportation assistance.

For more details on these and other programs, call the community center at 734-793-1850.

Library Director Lenze says of the library’s location within the community center, “It’s very active...we see a lot of different facts of the community being in a community center building, more than we would if we were in our own building.”

But all the fun doesn’t happen only within the library building. Lenze adds that the library is represented by the Friends of the Library at the Garden City Chili Cook off and various flea markets each summer. In the planning stages for this year are the Annual Easter Eggs-stravaganza, the Summer Reading Program and a Story Stroll held in Garden City Park and organized by Look.

Lenze adds that despite the library’s small size, they do operate at a full-service level, offering books, DVD’s, music, audio books, e-books and downloadable materials.

The Garden City Public Library is located at 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman Road. The phone number is 734-793-1830. The library’s quarterly newsletter and library hours can be found at the library’s website at www.gardencitylib.org.

Classes Available to Prepare Detroit Residents for Careers in IT

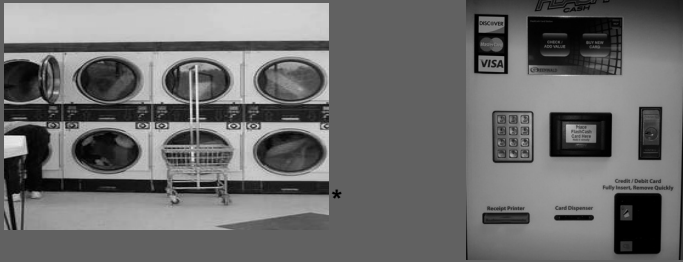
Scott reflects on success of programs, announces others



DETROIT — State Rep. Bettie Cook Scott (D-Detroit) spoke at a press conference last Thursday, Jan. 11, to recognize the success of free training programs offered to Detroit residents over the past several months. The State Digital Acceleration program and the Internet of Things (IoT) class were launched in October and December 2017, respectively, to educate, train and encourage the city’s residents to consider careers in IT. “It is becoming ever-clearer that the jobs of the future will continue to be in information technology, and it is critical that we equip Detroiters with the skills and knowledge they need to be successful in this field,” said Rep. Scott, a member of the House Workforce and Talent Development Committee.

“That is why we must continue offering these types of classes to ensure that the people of Detroit are ready to step in and fill the IT talent shortage in our state. I could not be more proud of the success of these classes, or more excited to see them continue to prepare Detroiters for the jobs of tomorrow.” The classes, which are offered by Uplift Inc. and Cisco Networking Academy, teach residents about IoT, provide them with industry-accepted certifications and prepare them for in-demand, high-paying IT jobs in fields including cyber security, computer programming and networking. For more information about these classes, contact Rep. Scott’s office at (517) 373-1776.

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Sample sentence: “...I came across your recent statement calling my present activities unwise and untimely.”

Word of the Week by Renee Summers
Words taken from “Letter from Birmingham Jail” by Martin Luther King, Jr. (April 16, 1963)
*all definitions taken from Merriam-Webster Dictionary, unless otherwise noted.

TELEGRAM
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dearborn Heights

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 8PM there will be a city council meeting at the Dearborn Heights city hall (6045 Fenton St.).

Downriver

I-75 Public Forum

There will be an open house-style public meeting to provide an update on the I-75 Rouge River Detroit Downriver Connection project occurring Tuesday January 23, 2017 from 5:30PM to 7:30PM, located at Taylor City Hall 23555 Goddard Road Taylor MI 48180.

Garden City

City Council Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM there will be a city council meeting at the Garden City City Hall located at 6000 Middlebelt in Garden City, MI 48135

Romulus

City Council Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2017 at 7:30PM there will be a city council meeting at the Romulus Council Chambers of city hall, located at 11111 Wayne Rd.

Taylor

Detroit Paranormal Expeditions

Detroit Paranormal Expeditions investigates reported hauntings at places ranging from small historic places to larger, more well-known locations. Join us January 21, 2018 from 2-3PM at the Taylor Community Library, 12303 Pardee. Westland

Distinguished

Women Meeting

All Junior girls living in Wayne and Westland are invited to get free cash for college. Register for the informational meeting at distinguisheddyw.org for a meeting on January 22, 2018 at 7PM at 37955 Glenwood.

Blood Pressure Screening

Keep track of your blood pressure! Join us for a free blood pressure screening at the Friendship Center (1119 Newburgh) January 25, 2018 from 10-11:30AM.

Wyandotte

WBA Third Friday

The Wyandotte Business Association's Third Friday event will take place January 19th 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 Meeting

January 22, 2018 there will be a city council meeting at the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Rd., beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Get involved with in your community. Let your voice be heard.

Young

Media Specialist, Xavier Jones, is All About His Hometown

By: Renee Summers - Telegram Intern



Xavier doing what he loves and generating a new revenue stream simultaneously

Xavier Jones wants to make a difference in the world. The 24-year-old media specialist for the Telegram Newspaper can see his future clearly, but obtaining it, he concedes, will take some work. The lifelong River Rouge resident and graduate of River Rouge High School has known since childhood that he enjoyed expressing himself through writing. In his senior year at high school, Telegram publisher and owner, Gina Wilson Steward saw

Jones' talent as a writer. While working with a program within the high school for student writers, Steward asked Jones to write a story for her newspaper. Jones produced a story about drug and alcohol use in teenagers, and Steward saw his potential.

Jones eventually graduated from Eastern Michigan University, focusing his studies on electronic media. He returned

to Telegram News and began writing on community events while enhancing his media skills. In addition to his work with the newspaper, Jones has worked as a substitute teacher and a middle school football coach. Both experiences have enhanced his ability and willingness to relate to the youth around him as a mentor. He discovered the youth were

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Fairy Tales

Find and circle all of the fairy tales that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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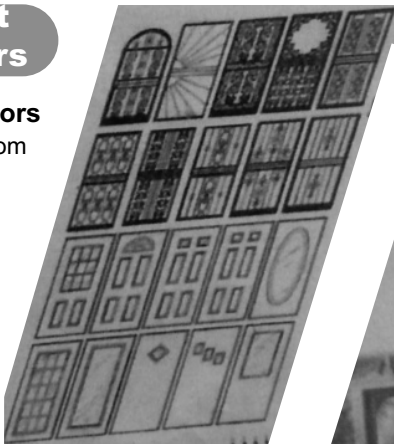
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Schuette Recognizes January as National Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month



LANSING – Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette today recognized President Trump’s designation of January as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month.

"Human trafficking has no place in Michigan, and I am proud of the work that my Department and law enforcement agencies across the state of Michigan have done to free survivors of trafficking, and prosecute the offenders," said Schuette. "We will continue to fight against this

SIIn March of 2017, the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission, housed in Schuette’s department, released its annual report.

In December, Assistant Attorney General Kelly Carter, head of the Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Unit and chair of the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission, was named to Crain’s Detroit’s list of Notable Women Lawyers in Michigan.

Schuette also participated in continuing medical education programs, including an in-person training in Saginaw and a video training session with Wayne County Medical Society, to ensure that medical professionals know what to look for when working with possible trafficking victims.

NEW HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS FOR 2018

Often, human trafficking survivors have been arrested and charged with prostitution related charges which impede employment and educational opportunities. PA 35 of 2017 allows human trafficking victims to have their prostitution related charges diverted by the court if they are found to have been victims of human trafficking.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN MICHIGAN, NATIONALLY

Second only to drug trafficking, human trafficking is the fastest-growing and second-largest criminal industry in the world, with an estimated 25 million people in the grips of human trafficking for both sex and labor. Victims of human trafficking are in bondage through

force, fraud or coercion, solely for the purpose of sex or labor exploitation. Children are especially vulnerable, and existing data sources strongly suggest that the current reported human trafficking statistics do not provide a complete picture of the prevalence of human trafficking in Michigan.

Upon taking office in 2011, Schuette launched the state’s first Human Trafficking Unit in the Attorney General’s Office to prosecute human traffickers under state law. Since 2011, eleven people have been charged with human trafficking by the Department of Attorney General.

Schuette served as one of ten attorneys general nationwide selected to lead the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) Presidential Initiative on Combating Human Trafficking, called Pillars of Hope. Schuette has worked closely with fellow Attorneys General to craft a coordinated national strategy to combat human trafficking, including efforts to prosecute offenders, assist victims, analyze the impact of this crime and raise

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2. Avoid negative self talk--laugh at your mistakes and say I'll remember next time.
3. View a crisis situation as an opportunity--creative problem solving can expand your options. Try to make a list of good things that could result from the problem you're having to solve.

4. Laugh--Humor is a great stress reducer. Studies indicate laughter can make you healthier.
5. Exercise--Regular exercise increases energy and releases brain biochemicals to ward off depression and anxiety. Just a 15 minute walk a day will help keep body and soul together.
6. Improve your diet--During times of stress you can skip meals or eat junk food. A diet rich in fruit, vegetables and fiber will help you maintain the physical and mental stress you need to deal with the situation.
7. Get enough rest- sleep disturbances are common during stress.
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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

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Pursuant to Federal Guidelines the City of River Rouge is announcing its Public Hearing and objectives for developing projects using Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES

A) To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low and moderate income and/or to areas which meet the minimum requirements for CDBG eligibility of at least 42.39% low/moderate income persons.

B) To eliminate specific conditions of blight or physical decay on a spot basis.

C) To maintain, improve and develop affordable housing and infrastructure for all persons throughout the entire community.

D) To reduce negative environmental impacts.

E) Improve the residential environment by promoting the stabilization and/or long-term revitalization of neighborhoods with balanced housing opportunities, neighborhood improvements and economic development.

F) To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG and non-federally funded programs, while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund.

The City can expect to receive an annual allocation of approximately \$126,346.00 for FY 2018-2019.

POTENTIAL PROJECTS:

Infrastructure Improvements

Location: City-Wide

Amount: \$50,346.00

Public Services

Location: City-Wide

Amount: \$20,000.00

Housing Rehabilitation

Location: City-Wide

Amount: \$44,000.00

Administration: \$12,000.00

A Public Hearing is scheduled before Mayor and Council to listen and take public comments on proposed CDBG projects on Tuesday, February 6 , 2018 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 10600 West Jefferson Ave.

Interested persons are invited to comment on projects you would like to have funded by this program. We encourage your participation. If you have suggestions, but are unable to attend the meeting please write or call the City Clerk's Office (313) 842-5604, 10600 West Jefferson Ave., River Rouge, MI 48218.

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Recruitment of Staff – Thrive By Five Program in Southwest Detroit, Michigan

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One (1) Early Head Start Assistant Teacher, A. A. Degree or higher

One (1) Monitor, B. A. Degree or higher, Responsible for assisting Quality Assurance and Compliance Specialist in monitoring of child care sites.

Three (3) Family Service Workers, B.A. Degree or Higher

One (1) Fatherhood Outreach Worker, High School Diploma or equivalent (minimum)

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All interested individuals, please email the Human Resources Office directly at HR@tofmhs.org.

TOFMHS is a community-focused agency that has serviced the community for over 20 years on the west side of Detroit in Early Childhood Education Programming.

No Defense on MLK Day

By Butch Davis



The Detroit Pistons were powerless this past Monday in front of a home crowd at the LCA (Little Caesar Arena). Yes the home team did well in the first half of the game only to not show up and give energy in the second half especially on the defenses end in the game, as Dwight Howard score 21 points and 17 rebounds to lead the Charlotte Hornets to a 118-107 victory over the Pistons on their special MLK (Martin Luther King) day matinee game. Yes indeed, the Pistons were looking to bounce-back from last Saturday night's last-second loss to the Chicago Bulls, who lead 56-50 at halftime before being dominating the final two quarters. A 10-0 run in the fourth put Charlotte ahead 106-88, and although Detroit answered with nine quick points in 43 seconds, the Hornets were never in much danger of losing down the stretch. "If we aren't going to guard, we aren't going to win," Pistons coach Stan Van Gundy said

after the game this past Monday. "That's the whole story." The Pistons have now slipped to 3-6 since Reggie Jackson went down with a severe ankle sprain on December 26th. Jackson could return as early as February 7 (according to the 6-8 week timetable) nonetheless would likely return some time after the All-Star break. The Pistons return to action following the break on February 23 against the Boston Celtics. In the mean while, the Detroit Pistons have converted the two-way contract of Dwight Buycks into a standard NBA contract and given him an official spot on the roster. While Buycks had plenty of service time left on his two-way deal, the roster move allows the Pistons to sign another two-way players before the Jan. 15 deadline. So the Pistons have decided to sign a local player to replace Buycks as a two-way player, as they bring on former Oakland University standout Kay Felder. Felder is likely not going to play unless the Pistons suffer yet another injury at the point guard position, however Kay Felder is a fun player to watch who can score. He doesn't bring much else to the table, as he is not a good defender due to his 5'9 frame.

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seemingly more comfortable talking with him rather than the adult faculty members. Because of this practical experience with young people, Jones has not entirely ruled out a career path which involves teaching.

In the meantime, Jones wants to use his position in the community to bring awareness of needs and difficulties which the people around him endure. He wishes to influence his peers

and others around him, even if it is only for a short time as a news article which promotes a particular issue or cause. Jones says he is aware of how people his age are struggling to work hard yet receive so little in return. "We're broke," Jones says of his generation.

Jones plans to spend his time becoming a viable player in the world of mass media. He is inspired in his endeavor by his family and his employer, Gina Wilson Steward. Jones says Steward inspires him to appreciate and care about his community in the same way he sees that she does. Jones is a fine example of one man giving back to the community which produced him. If you should encounter him on the street, remember to shake his hand.

SUPPORT THE LOCAL SPORTS TEAMS

High School Sports

By Butch Davis

This is week seven for the Girls until the District Tournament -- Feb. 26, 28, and March 2, in addition week six for the Boys until there District Tournament -- March 5, 7 & 9 in the 2017-18 MHSAA basketball season. Please Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls get on out house and check out a high school, middle school, elementary school or recreational game at a venue near you. Here are this week's boys and girls high school basketball games in the Telegram News reading vicinity.

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 1/18

Detroit Cass Tech at Detroit Western International, 4:00PM
Dearborn at Belleville, 7:00 PM

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 1/19

Riverview at Carleton Airport, 7:00PM
Macomb Lutheran North at Dearborn Divine Child, 7:30PM
Redford Thurston at Dearborn Fordson, 7:00PM
Dearborn Heights Robichaud at Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 7:00PM
Taylor Trillium at Detroit Community, 7:00PM
Marine City Cardinal Mooney at Detroit Cristo Rey, 7:30PM
River Rouge at Detroit Henry Ford Academy Creative, 7:00PM
Romulus Summit Academy North at Detroit Old Redford, 7:00PM
Westland John Glenn at Livonia Franklin, 7:00PM
Taylor Kennedy at Melvindale, 7:00PM
Taylor Preparatory at Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech, 7:30PM
Dearborn Heights Crestwood at Romulus, 7:00PM
Southgate Anderson at Taylor Truman, 7:00PM
Wyandotte Roosevelt at Trenton, 7:00PM
Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 1/20
Westland John Glenn at Detroit Renaissance, 2:30PM
Detroit Jalen Rose at Ecorse, 7:30PM
Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Taylor Truman, 7:00PM

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 1/23

Dearborn Fordson at Belleville, 7:00 PM
Redford Union at Dearborn Edsel Ford, 7:00PM
Livonia Clarenceville at Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 7:00PM
International Detroit Renaissance at Detroit Western, 4:00PM
Detroit University Prep at Ecorse, 7:00PM
Dearborn Heights Annapolis at Garden City, 7:00PM
Taylor Truman at Lincoln Park, 7:00PM
Bloomfield Hills Roeper at Lutheran Westland, 7:00PM
Detroit Community at Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech, 7:00PM
Romulus at Redford Thurston, 7:00PM
Hamtramck at River Rouge, 7:00PM
Brownstown Woodhaven at Southgate Anderson, 7:00PM
Trenton at Taylor Kennedy, 7:00PM
Detroit University Prep Science & Math at Taylor Preparatory, 7:30PM
Melvindale at Wyandotte Roosevelt, 7:00PM

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 1/18

Riverview Gabriel Richard at Ann Arbor Greenhills, 7:00 PM
Detroit Henry Ford at Detroit Cass Tech, 4:00PM
Detroit Western International at Detroit Central, 4:00PM
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood at Riverview Gabriel Richard, 7:30PM
Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 1/19
Novi Franklin Road Christian at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 7:00 PM
Belleville at Dearborn, 7:00PM
Romulus at Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 7:00PM
Dearborn Fordson at Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 7:00PM
Southfield Bradford Academy at Dearborn Henry Ford Academy, 7:00PM
Austin Catholic at Detroit Cristo Rey, 6:00PM
River Rouge at Detroit Henry Ford Academy Creative, 6:00PM
Dearborn Edsel Ford at Garden City, 7:00PM
Ecorse at Hamtramck, 6:00PM
Allen Park at Lincoln Park, 7:00PM
Westland Huron Valley Lutheran at Lutheran Westland, 5:30PM
North Detroit Old Redford at Romulus Summit Academy, 5:30PM
Taylor Truman at Southgate Anderson, 7:00PM
Livonia Franklin at Westland John Glenn, 7:00PM
Detroit Westside Christian at Westland Universal Learning Academy, 5:00PM
Trenton at Wyandotte Roosevelt, 7:00PM

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 1/20

Detroit Jalen Rose at Ecorse, 6:00PM
Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Taylor Truman, 5:00PM
Wixom St Catherine at Allen Park Cabrini, 7:00PM
Detroit Cody at Detroit Cass Tech, 4:00PM
Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 1/22
International Detroit West Side Academy at Detroit Western, 4:00PM
Flat Rock at Riverview, 7:00PM
Royal Oak Shrine Catholic at Riverview Gabriel Richard, 7:30PM
Dearborn Advanced Tech at Westland Universal Learning Academy, 5:00PM
Gibraltar Carlson at Allen Park, 7:00PM
Wyandotte Roosevelt at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 7:00PM
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Detroit Jalen Rose at Melvindale, 6:00PM
Hamtramck at River Rouge, 5:30PM
Dearborn Heights Robichaud at Romulus, 7:00PM
Detroit University Prep Science & Math at Taylor Preparatory, 6:00PM
Lincoln Park at Taylor Truman, 7:00PM
Taylor Kennedy at Trenton, 7:00PM
Canton at Westland John Glenn, 7:00PM

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Question of the Week

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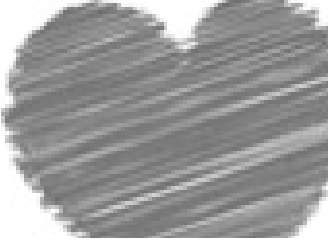


“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

Martin Luther King Jr.







"Talk to Tasha"

Tasha B. Love

"Wardrobe Bandit"

Dear Tasha,
About 4 months ago, my very best friend of more than 20 years recently filed for divorced after being married for 11 years. During her separation, it was a mutual decision for her to come stay with me and we could share the bills, tell stories, relive our youth and more importantly, I would be mental support for her, during the transition from separation to divorce. The home arrangements, paying the bills, and storytelling has gone well. However, every year on my job, we have a company holiday party and can invite one guest. Long story short, after much pleading, my bestie agreed to attend, only if I let her borrow from my wardrobe. Naturally, I said yes and we attended the party and she looked absolutely stunning, in one of my dresses and received compliments all night. She has never really been a fashionista; more conservative in her style and always commented on the outfits I wear. Here in lies the problem, ever since that day, I have come home to find her wearing my clothes; a dress, blouse, scarf and even my jewelry. Although, we both wear the same size, we are proportioned very differently and I find my clothes stretched to the max. Might I also mention, she wears a very strong perfume, which doesn't seem to wash out and intensifies my anger whenever I get a whiff of the scent. The last straw for me was when we were chatting in her bedroom and I looked in the closet, only to see several of my clothes just hanging there waiting to be worn. I am at my wits end and do not know how to handle this wardrobe bandit. Do I just take my things back and hope she gets the hint?
Signed,
Empty closet.

Dear Empty closet,
There is a simple solution to this wardrobe bandit, that you created. This is YOUR best friend of more than 20 years. You two are living as housemates, sharing stories and reliving your youth. After 20 years of friendship, there is nothing you should not be able to express to her, even when the situation is pertaining to her. You must keep in mind that she is dealing with a separation and pending divorce and reliving her youth and wearing some of your garments may in fact give her a new sense of freedom. It's time for you to pull-up your big girl britches and get to the topic at hand. When you allowed her to choose an item from your closet, did you lay down the ground rules? Obviously not, otherwise she would not have felt it was okay to invade on your territory and continue to borrow items, especially after you did not put a stop to it, when you saw her wearing something of yours without prior permission. Grab a bottle of wine, have a girl session and firmly state your position about your garments and why it's inappropriate. I'm sure she will understand and comply with your wishes. I would also, as a token of love and peace offering, give her the dress she wore to the party, because if you wore it again, people will think you are the wardrobe bandit. Heck, if you want to go a step further, do a girl's day of shopping and assist her with picking out a few sexy pieces. Friendships are precious, rare and should be valued and it's obvious that what you both share is a sisterhood that many women seek during their lifetime. Don't let a dress, start some mess!
Tasha
Talk to Tasha @ TashaBLove2018@gmail.com

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TELE- FASHION

Hanging with Mr. Cooper - A man with a business mind

Written By - Xavier Jones Media Specialist



Mr. Cooper at his new location of Coop's Casual in Lincoln Park

If you had the experience of growing up in the city of River Rouge there's one thing that you will never forget. A booming voice echoing through every house on the street. "DEALLLLLLLLLLL ONNNNN WHEEEEEELLLLLLLLLL-LLS!!" Citizens suited up in whatever gear accessible to catch a deal from Mr. Cooper.

Who is Mr. Cooper? The Fruit Man. The Grocery Man. Mr. Clinton Cooper is known for many things. Mainly for the goods and services he's provided for the community. Cooper is even the man responsible for the rubber flower pots some may have seen on the corner of Beechwood street.

Clinton is a 1977 graduate of River Rouge High School. He played linebacker for the football team and ran track. But recalls the years going by in a flash. Not learning as much as he could have. Despite this shortcoming Cooper learned how to survive. The young man got to work as a night school recruiter. Selling what he could to make money on the side.

'Coop',as he is known by, picked up the pace. Opening up his time to provide the

neighborhood with around the season services. Snow removal, lawn care, even driving the school bus. At a time, he braided hair by the basketball court while the others played ball. Never letting an honest dollar slip away. Simply a man of the community, with a helping hand reaching through generations.

Clinton is keen on ownership. He encourages every young black man and woman to raise their family with a strict sense of cultural economics. Building the community so the babies waiting for it will have a running start to success. Never to suffer the learning curve and disadvantages the 1970s gave him.

Retail is the current gig. It all started with Coop pushing clothes out of his vehicle. Coop's Casual Wear is Clinton's current operation. There's been locations in River Rouge, Garden City, and now in Lincoln Park. The inventory is fly and inexpensive. Mr. Cooper keeps his door open and encourages passer byers to stop in for prayer, words of encouragement, or just to feel the good vibes.

Telegram - What factors con-

tributed to your skewed learning process. What would you do differently?

Mr. Cooper - I didn't have the tutoring I needed. I never developed a steady study habit. My brothers, sisters and I were so caught up in the night life, that education wasn't taken advantage of. If I could do it differently I would demand to learn. Not letting the chance slip again.

Telegram - What's your favorite part of the retail industry?

Mr. Cooper - Getting the community dressed up. Witnessing the feeling my clothes give people when they are out.

Telegram - Principles of Coops Casual Wear?

Mr. Cooper - Clothes and souls. You're going to look good and feel good when it's time to leave. You don't even have to buy anything to feel like a new person. It's all gospel no gossip!

Telegram - How did the spirit of ownership become so serious to you?

Mr. Cooper - I visited a Nation Of Islam meeting with my older brother. The teachings of Allah didn't stick because of my Christian faith. But the speaker emphasized the fact that young black boys needed to step up and own something of their own. That stuck with me for the rest of my life.

Telegram - How should the next generation get ahead?

Mr. Cooper - Raise your children to make an impact on the economy. That starts with you! The government has grant money set aside for minority business owners. Don't let the cash sit there, go get it and make something happen. School prepares you to work a job not to own a job. Find a

way to thrive in a system that doesn't want you to.

Telegram - Did you have a microphone when yelling deals on wheels through the neighborhood?

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More Michiganders produced their own electricity in 2016



LANSING – The number of Michiganders who produced their own electricity in 2016 grew by nearly 430 over the previous year, according to the Michigan Public Service Commission’s (MPSC) annual report that tracks on-site renewable energy electric generation. The number of projects grew by 395.

In 2016, 2,582 residential, commercial and industrial customers participated in Michigan’s net metering program, up 427 from the previous year, according to the Net Metering and Solar Program Report released today. The total capacity of net metering installations was approximately 21,888 kilowatts (kW), an increase of 4,823 kW – or 28 percent – from 2015. The program represents 0.024 percent of Michigan’s total retail electricity sales.

The state’s net metering program, established in 2008 under Public Act 295, is available to customers of rate-regulated utilities, cooperatives, and alternative electric suppliers (AESs). Net metering offsets part or all of a customer’s energy needs and reduces their electric bills. When customers produce more electricity than they need, power is provided back to the serving utility, permitting the customer to receive a credit.

Solar remains the leading

form of energy generation, a position it has held since 2010. Wind is the second most popular.

About 2,500 of the net metering customers, or roughly 75 percent, have projects that are up to 20 kW. DTE Electric Co. has the most, at 1,418, followed by Consumers Energy Co. at 544 and Upper Peninsula Power Co. (UPPCO) at 132. Seventy-two customers have projects of 21-150 kW; Consumers has 40 and DTE 27 of the total. All participating utilities except UPPCO have substantial room in their programs to add new customers.

Luce County in the Upper Peninsula is the only Michigan county without a net metering customer. Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties have the most customers, between 100 and 500 each. Luce and Gogebic have no solar installations while 12 counties – Crawford, Gladwin, Hillsdale, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Keweenaw, Lake, Luce, Montcalm, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Wexford -- have no wind installations.

Michigan’s new energy laws call on the MPSC to

establish a distributed generation program and tariff to replace the current net metering program. Current and new net metering customers who enter the distributed generation program before the tariff is established and approved in a utility rate cases may continue to net meter for 10 years from the time they enroll. The new tariff will be considered as part of rate cases filed after June 1, 2018 and go into effect when the Commission decides those cases.

The report estimates the amount of solar installed in Michigan by the end of 2017 will be 120,530 kW, indicating significant solar project construction this year. That’s up from 57,999 kW in 2016 and 36,118 kW in 2015.

The MPSC’s renewable energy website includes information on net metering and how to become a net metering customer.

For more information about the MPSC, please visit www.michigan.gov/mpsc or sign up for one of its listservs to keep up to date on MPSC matters.

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