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Honoring Phenomenal Women:

Juanita Moore, President and CEO of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



President and CEO of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

For the past eight years, Juanita Moore has served as President and CEO of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. As the largest cultural institution of its kind, the Wright has commenced upon an ongoing celebration of its 50th anniversary, all while feeling a bit more secure after struggling to stay open during Detroit's bankruptcy crisis.

"The museum no longer gets

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IT'S OFFICIAL!

Jerelean Talley of Inkster is 'Oldest Person in the World'

By: Gina Steward - Special to the Telegram



Ms. Jerelean Talley pointing that God is her secret to long life during a birthday celebration

After the two oldest people in the world passed away within days of each other, 115-year-old Jerelean Talley of Inkster, Michigan is now the oldest documented person in the world, according to the Gerontology Research Group.

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It's time for Art X Detroit



The biennial arts festival, which opens Thursday, features work by 38 winners of major grants from the Troy-based Kresge Foundation. The

programming — which includes 50 free events and spans three weeks and nearly

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Broader Hiring Practices for Ex-Offenders Receive Bipartisan Support

By Freddie Allen Senior Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON (NNPA) — As the economy recovers and violent crime hits 30-year lows, lawmakers continue to trade in their tough on crime rhetoric for smarter measures, joining ex-offenders and workers rights advocates to advance fair hiring

practices for the 70 million adults in the U.S. that have arrests or conviction records.

Recently, a diverse coalition of 181 groups wrote a letter to President Barack Obama urging him to take executive ac-

tion to address discrimination in hiring practices.

The group was led by the National Employment Law Project (NELP), a non-partisan group that researches issues affecting low-wage and unemployed workers. All of Us or None, an organizing initiative started by formerly-incarcerated people to fight against discrimination faced by ex-offenders after their release, and the People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO) Network, a collective of faith-based community organizations.

"Almost one in three adults in the United States has a record that will show up on a routine

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Oldest Person

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Jeralean Talley displays award she received during the celebration of Inkster's 50th birthday. Her daughter Thelma Holloway is pictured with her

The previous record-holder, Misao Okawa, passed away on Wednesday, April 1st in Japan. She was 117. American Gertrude Weaver from Arkansas held the top spot for just five days before her own death on Monday. She was 116. Ms. Talley will turn 116 on her next birthday which is May 23rd.

Jeralean Talley of Inkster celebrates her birthday with her biological family and her Inkster family. She has been honored with many recognitions during her lifetime. Recently she was honored during the City of Inkster's 50th birthday celebration. She was also given the Life Time Achievement award by the Western Wayne NAACP during their Freedom Fund Dinner.

During one of her birthday cel-

ebrations, when Congressman John Conyer's Jr. asked her what her secret was, Talley immediately pointed to the sky and said, "The Lord". Her only child, Thelma Holloway, now in her 70s takes good care of her. Her husband, Alfred Talley, died in the 1980s. Mother Talley as she is affectionately called lives by the motto, "Treat people the way you want to be treated."

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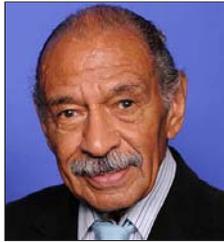
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NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL

Rep. Conyers Calls on DOJ to Investigate the Police-Involved Beating Of Floyd Dent



Representative John Conyers

WASHINGTON— Today, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI.) issued a letter to U.S. At-

torney General Eric Holder asking the Department of Justice (DOJ) to formally investigate the police-involved beating of Floyd Dent, an unarmed African American man, which occurred in Inkster, Michigan.

On January 28, 2015, Inkster Police pulled over Floyd Dent after alleging he ran a stop sign. Dash camera video shows Dent - a 57 year-old longtime auto worker with no criminal history - being pulled from his car by police officers, tacked to the ground, put in a

chokehold, severely beaten, and tased by several officers while showing no signs of resistance to arrest.

On Wednesday, Rep. Conyers participated in a meeting with the DOJ's Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, Vanita Gupta, hosted by the NAACP Detroit chapter where a range of law enforcement issues were discussed.

Congressman Conyers represents Michigan's 13th District.

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criminal background check," the letter said. "This creates a serious barrier to employment for millions of workers, especially in communities of color hardest hit by decades of over-criminalization."

According to The Sentencing Project, a research and training group that promotes criminal justice reform, even though Blacks account for about 13 percent of the U.S. population, almost 40 percent of people in state or federal prison were Black compared to 35 percent who were White. Black males have a 32 percent chance of serving time in prison and White males have a 6 percent chance.

Not only are African American men over-represented in the criminal justice system, they are also disparately impacted by discrimination in labor market, if they are convicted of a crime.

The January 2015 NELP report on fair hiring practices called those convictions a "modern scarlet letter" that have negatively impacted communities of color devastated by the "War on Drugs" and suffer higher rates of unemployment compared to Whites.

The report also noted that African-American men with a conviction are 40 percent less likely than whites with a conviction to receive a job callback.

In the press release about the groups letter, Wade Henderson, president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, a coalition of more than 200 national rights groups stated, "Decades of over-criminalization have disproportionately harmed communities of color, leaving millions of Americans with lifelong barriers to economic security."

The unemployment rate for Black men over 20 years old was 10.4 percent in February

was more than double the jobless rate for White men (4.5 percent).

That economic insecurity doesn't just linger in those communities of color, the damage has a ripple effect, spreading across the nation. "Economists estimated that because people with felony records and formerly incarcerated people have poor job prospects, the nation's gross domestic product in 2008 was between \$57 and \$65 billion lower than it would have been had they been gainfully employed," stated the NELP report.

A 2013 NELP report found that 17 million FBI checks were conducted for employment screening purposes in 2012, but half of those records lacked updated information. Despite the high-level of inaccuracy, nine in 10 employers still conduct criminal background checks.

The NELP report on fair hiring recommended that President Obama issue a Fair Chance Hiring executive order "that incorporates the best practices implemented by private- and public-sector employers," and also requires federal contractors to remove the criminal history question from the application and delaying the background check until the company offers the applicant the job.

"A federal-level fair-chance hiring policy would have far-reaching impact, as nearly one in four U.S. workers is employed by a federal contractor, a subcontractor, or the federal government. Major national corporations, such as Walmart, Target, and Home Depot, have already adopted fair-chance hiring policies. President Obama's My Brother's Keeper Task Force also endorsed fair-chance hiring policies," stated the press release.

The report said that the number of jurisdictions that have adopted "fair-chance" reforms is jumped from 20 in 2013 to

42 in 2014.

"Senators Corey Booker (D-NJ) and Rand Paul (R-KY) have introduced the REDEEM Act (S. 2567), which allows for the sealing and expungement of a range of federal juvenile and non-violent offenses, while also addressing the flaws in the FBI's criminal records systems," stated the report. "Congressmembers Bobby Scott (D-VA) and Keith Ellison (D-MN) have introduced companion bills (H.R. 2865/H.R. 2999) to improve the integrity of the FBI background checks conducted for employment screening purposes."

During a recent conversation with David Simon, the creator of "The Wire," President Obama said that even though the economy is recovering and unemployment is coming down drastically, low participation rates in the labor market continue to be a concern.

"When you breakdown why people are not getting back into the labor force even as jobs are being created a big chunk of that is the young male population with felony histories," said President Obama. "Now where we have the opportunity to give them a pathway, they're foreclosed."

President Obama continued: "Here's the good news: there is an increasing realization on the left, but also on the right, politically, that what we're doing is counterproductive. Either from a libertarian perspective, the way we treat non-violent drug crimes is problematic, and from a fiscal perspective, it's breaking the bank. You end up spending so much more on prison than you would with these kids being in school or even going to college, it's counterproductive. We're all responsible for finding a solu-



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93 Million Prepaid Cardholders are Unprotected

By Charlene Crowell



When it comes to financial services, many consumers are surprised by the range of fees attached to their transactions. From mortgages to checking accounts, credit cards and more, regulations for these products establish the "rules of the road" for consumers and creditors alike.

Yet, one financial product with growing popularity has no comparable consumer protection: prepaid cards. For example, if a consumer has an account with a bank or credit union, their money is federally-insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. Even when employers use prepaid cards for payrolls or when government benefits are issued on these cards, consumer protections are lacking.

Moreover, when fees are attached to worker wages and public benefits payments, consumers are shortchanged with no legal redress.

With each card issuer also setting its fee schedule and assessments, multiple added costs for usage can widely vary. Fees can include some or all of the following typical transactions: ATM cash withdrawal, balance inquiry, bill payments, card cancellation, inactivity, monthly usage, replacement of lost or stolen cards, and overdraft fees.

According to FDIC, among the largest users of prepaid cards are 25 million unbanked consumers and an additional 68 million who are underbanked, preferring these cards or other alternative financial services to traditional institutions.

The term 'unbanked' refers to those who have no existing relationship with a traditional financial institution such as a bank or credit union. 'Underbanked' consumers have such a relationship but turn to a range of alternative financial services for most of their personal financial transactions. Unbanked and underbanked consumers are also disproportionately consumers of color - Black, Latino, and Native American.

The combination of growing prepaid usage and lack of financial regulation has caught the attention of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). In remarks at a field hearing last November, Richard Cordray, CFPB Director, stated the agency's concerns.

"Many of these prepaid [card] consumers are living paycheck to paycheck, and are engaged in a constant battle to make ends meet," said Cordray. "They are some of the most economically vulnerable among us, and most of them have no idea that the prepaid cards they choose to purchase are largely unregulated at

the federal level and carry few if any protections under federal consumer financial law."

To remedy this regulatory gap, CFPB has proposed rules for prepaid cards that would increase the consistency and clarity around the product, as the Bureau has for other financial products and services. Key requirements that CFPB is proposing include:

- Public disclosure in a uniform format of applicable fees;
- Better access to balances, customer service account transactions and other information;
- Require basic protections from fraud for both prepaid cards and mobile versions; and
- Establish limits on overdraft fees on all prepaid cards.

Consumer advocates are paying particular attention to the Bureau's handling of overdraft fees on prepaid cards. Expensive overdraft fees are a major reason why many individuals have lost or left their traditional checking account.

"Prepaid card issuers should not be permitted to burden card holders with overdraft charges, particularly when these cards are invariably marketed as a way to give customers better control of their finances and prevent over-spending," said Rebecca Borne, a senior policy counsel with the Center for Responsible Lending.

Prepaid cards have also attracted the enactment of related state laws in Illinois and California.

In Illinois, lawmakers heeded the joint urgings of its Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Department of Labor to pass a bill that protects workers who receive their paychecks by prepaid cards. The action was taken following an investigation that found how multiple fees attached to payroll cards were shortchanging workers' wages.

"People shouldn't have to pay for their pay," Madigan said. "This bill will ensure that low wage workers get all of their wages instead of having them siphoned off by banks through unfair and excessive fees."

In California, a similar bill jointly sponsored by the California Reinvestment Coalition and the Western Center on Law and Poverty, was enacted to protect and empower low-income consumers who receive their benefits through the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) system. Consumer advocates in the state previously determined that banks and other ATM owners charged a \$4 fee for every time a recipient used their card.

If you or someone you know uses prepaid cards, be sure that you fully understand its terms.

Charlene Crowell is a communications manager with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at charlene.crowell@responsible-lending.org.

Art X Detroit

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20 venues in Midtown, downtown and Eastern Market — promises a remarkably diverse menu of visual art, music, dance, film, theater, literary events and interdisciplinary works.

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AXD presents works created by the 2013-2014 Kresge Eminent Artists and Artist Fellows. AXD will be hosted at multiple venues throughout Midtown Detroit's Cultural Center over a three-week period in April & is FREE to the public.

AXD is presented by The Kresge Foundation and produced by Midtown Detroit, Inc. AXD partners include: Kresge Arts in Detroit, College for Creative Studies, Creative Many, and MOCAD.

Programming will occur on April 9-12, 16-19, and 25-26. Art X Detroit Visual Arts Exhibition will be featured at MOCAD from April 9-26.

For more information and a complete schedule visit www.artxdetroit.com

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Paper filers should allow up to 14 days before checking on the status of their return.

The department is also reminding taxpayers to report Use Tax that may be due on purchases made outside of Michigan, either by telephone, catalog, or over the internet, in 2014.

Last year, more than 80-percent of all Michigan taxpayers e-filed their MI-1040s. Free and low-cost e-file options, based on adjusted gross income, age, active military status and other qualifications can be found at www.Mifastfile.org. E-filing is the easiest, most efficient way to file your return and coupled with direct deposit, can mean your refund is deposited into your bank account in just days.

After filing their returns, taxpayers can check the status of their refund on-line, by clicking the "Check My Income Tax Info" box on www.michigan.gov/incometax.

Michigan's Use Tax applies to transactions on which a retailer does not collect sales tax. Use Tax must be paid on purchases made from out-of-state sellers, including those made while traveling in foreign countries, on the total price of the items (including shipping and handling charges). When an out-of-state vendor does not collect sales tax on a purchase, under Michigan law, the buyer is responsible for reporting and paying the Use Tax (see page 7 of the MI 1040 instruction booklet and/or Line 23 on the tax form).

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Easter People

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



Sometimes we take a hit or a fall. Even though we know we're blessed, some days we feel down in the dumps and so much seems to be going wrong. When someone you care about exits your life, for whatever reason, God seems to send someone else to fill the void. We aren't always aware of it though. He has a way of getting us what we need. He is creative at finding ways to get messages of comfort to us to remind us that trouble doesn't last always. He is also good about sending someone who will listen so that we can dump the concerns that can make our hearts heavy.

I was feeling broken hearted one day. I didn't want to bother anyone with it. I was just going to suck it up and smile. "On to the next..." I'm thinking. Life goes on and so must I. No time to cry. Big girls aren't supposed to anyway, right? Then out of the blue, I got a phone call from someone I had not heard from in ages. It was odd and there were awk-

ward moments of silence. I'm thinking, "What does she really want? I'm busy!"

I reluctantly shared some things going on in my life and so did she. We discovered that we were both grieving losses. Grief can be fierce. It is heartbreaking. After unloading my burdens, I felt so much better. I even shed a couple of tears. This had to be a God thing. I'm glad I didn't brush her off like I started to. I would have missed my blessing. Our conversation ended with her saying this, "We are Easter people."

Easter people? Absolutely! We rise! We celebrate Easter because a dead Jesus got up and walked out of His tomb! He was thought to be down and out for the count. But He got up! So we, the Easter people, may appear to be down and out for the count. We may be going through some things right now and it may not look good. It might even look like there is no way out of our situation. But give us some time and we shall rise again, just like our Lord and Savior did! Like my friend Mike said, "Out of no where, God is going to bless you!" Hold on! Change is coming.

When Jesus got up, it meant victory for us ALL! As we recently celebrated Easter, to commemorate this wondrous occasion, let it serve as a reminder of who you are. You are an Easter person! You will rise! Your REDEEMER LIVES!! God bless you.

Becoming a Family of Purpose

These ideas won't cure every problem in your home, but they will help you refocus on kingdom purposes.

By Dennis and Barbara Rainey

When was the last time you thought about how your family can grow in Christ and make a difference for the kingdom? Don't wait any longer. Now is the perfect time to step back and evaluate what your life looks like and to implement changes that can help you and your family grow stronger together. I would like to challenge you to start out by making eight changes that would help you to become a family of purpose. These ideas won't cure every problem that you have, but if you take them seriously and commit to do them, they will help you refocus. And as a result, positive change will take place in your home.

Marriage

Pray with your spouse every day. This is the single most important investment you could make in your marriage. Why? Prayer is one of the most intimate forms of communication God gives us. It knits your heart together with your mate's. For Barbara and me, practically speaking, no other spiritual discipline has done a better job of placing Him at the center of our lives and marriage. Prayer says, "You alone are Lord of my life. There is none other."

Personal

Have a daily quiet time each day. God gave us His Word to

help us survive in a hostile world. As Psalm 119:105 says, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." His Word is truth. If we are to experience change in our families, we must admit we are lost and need to find our way to the truth of God's Word. I often hear Christians complain that the Bible can't be read in public schools. But do we faithfully read it in our own homes? The Bible cannot light a dark pathway if it's lying on an end table in the family room covered with dust.

Family

Fast from television for one month. I want to challenge you to take one small step toward slowing down your life by taking one month and "fasting" from TV. I know this won't be easy—especially as central as television is in our culture, but fasting from TV will limit isolation in your family and give you time to do all those little things you have been putting off. It will cause you to take a close look at the amount of time your family sits in front of the TV and to think through better ways to use that time.

Parenting

Hug and kiss your kids. As a child grows up and develops physically into a young woman or man, a concern may grow in you about how much physical affection should be given to

your child of the opposite sex. The tendency is to think he is grown and doesn't need the affection. Don't stop lavishing your child with physical affection; he needs those hugs and kisses more than ever! A mom hugging her son and a dad hugging his daughter will send the message to both—you are a young man or a young woman who is worthy of attention and affection from someone of the opposite sex. How many times have you heard about young women who say that they sought affection from boys because they never received it from their fathers? Don't make that mistake with your child.

Becoming a family of purpose is not easy. It begins with individual sacrifice. It's time to return to God's Word, experience Him on a daily basis, and change the way you are living. If you can implement these ideas in your home and in your personal life, you will see a change in your family that would spill over into the lives of your children and someday, into the lives of their children. I pray that the Lord gives you strength to fulfill the task that He has set before you.

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Juanita Moore

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Juanita Moore appears on local CBS show "Michigan Matters" in 2014

reductions from the city, but we do receive their support which certainly helps," Moore said. "Everything is slowly coming along, but running an institution is ongoing; we still have to advance our budget and raise almost \$5 million annually. Like most nonprofit organizations, the majority of our money comes from donors, grants and corporate support, but we're also constantly looking for new members." Before assuming her current role as museum CEO, Moore had accumulated quite the impressive resume. In thirty nine years of work as a curator, educator, administrator and planner, she served as Executive Director of the American Jazz Museum and the Gem Theater

in Kansas City, and founding Executive Director of the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis (where she led the opening of the historic Martin Luther King Jr. assassination site). For Moore, decades spent in cultural institutions has allowed for a deeper appreciation of history and culture. "All of the museums I've worked at examine black history in an overall context of American history," she said. "When you look at the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, you are able to see how black people forced this country to live up to its true creed of democracy. Then you attend the jazz museum, and you see firsthand how we contributed to the creation of America's most classical music. And of course

when you visit the Wright, you're able to take in all of those stories at one time. I really believe that history and culture enable people to understand who they are and where they come from." Overall, Moore's passion for everything historical has propelled her into high ranking positions at some of the most prestigious museums in the country. So what advice would she give to youngsters looking to follow in her footsteps? "Always remember that learning is a lifelong process; you never stop," Moore said. "Make sure to always remain curious about what's going on in the world, and keep in mind that you have to put in work. There's no magic potion or wand, but it will absolutely pay off. And most importantly, ALWAYS dream big."

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ARIES

Things speed up again this week and you are in a highly creative mood. An outspoken female in your circle may illuminate a thorny question for you. You'll be surprised and pleased by what you hear. Take her aside and thank her. Soul Affirmation: I keep myself free of all resentment.
Lucky Numbers: 3, 40, 51

TAURUS

Hello home life. After a busy next few weeks all you want to do is savor the feelings of domesticity at home. Or perhaps go shopping to spruce up your living space. Whatever you decide do it with a close friend. You'll both enjoy the week more if you are together. Soul Affirmation: The grandeur of my presence reflects the sunshine of my soul.
Lucky Numbers: 11, 14, 17

GEMINI

One of your most unique gifts is the power to change your mind. You know how to change the way you think, and it gives you great versatility. This week you may be called upon to change the way you think about someone you love. Be kind! Soul Affirmation: I am on the watch for those who need me.
Lucky Numbers: 32, 36, 45

CANCER

Focus intently on the personal this week. Others may seem scattered or impersonal, but that's not for you. Keep your thoughts and feelings to yourself until others are more receptive to your steady vibrations. Soul Affirmation: Money and happiness are closely related this week.
Lucky Numbers: 20, 30, 50

LEO

A personal decision is made, and you are happy for the person who makes it. This person may be younger than you, but you've got a karmic bond between you. Enjoy the excitement of shared moments. Use your imagination to create a better world for both of you. Soul Affirmation: The pictures in my head give the greatest joy this week.
Lucky Numbers: 9, 44, 52

VIRGO

A relationship may be heating up this week. Make sure you know what you want, then go ahead. Minor challenges on the home front are easily dealt with if you keep your sense of humor. Secrets are important. Keep them. Soul Affirmation: My goodwill is my best weapon.
Lucky Numbers: 3, 30, 31

LIBRA

You may feel an extra burst of energy this week. This is a good time for you wrap up any

miscellaneous details on a project that you've been working on. Your vibrations are very conducive towards generosity and general well-being that you'll want to extend to friends and family. Soul Affirmation: Communication is a skeleton key that fits many doors.
Lucky Numbers: 5, 7, 10

SCORPIO

Start setting goals. Do a periodic cleaning of your home and get rid of the junk that has been cluttering your life! Start saving your money for a big vacation that you and that special someone have been planning! Do something extravagant. Soul Affirmation: Clinging to the old will inhibit my growth this week.
Lucky Numbers: 2, 39, 45

SAGITTARIUS

Flexibility is needed to deal with a work issue. You're sure you're right but compromise will be necessary to overcome someone's objections. Don't think they are being spiteful. They simply see things differently than you do. Your insights this week are special and specialized. Don't expect agreement. Soul Affirmation: Slow and easy is the best way for me to travel this week.
Lucky Numbers: 7, 8, 10

CAPRICORN

If you need a good week to put away the memorabilia of a past love; this week's that week. Tuck away his or her photograph. If it's over and now it's time to move on, don't stall your love life dwelling on what was. Get ready for what can be. Soul Affirmation: I slow down and take the feelings of others in consideration.
Lucky Numbers: 1, 26, 33

AQUARIUS

Your harmony with your business or domestic partner should improve as you take steps to strengthen communication. Slow down and give everyone a chance to get on the same page. Plan well before you act. Enjoy hanging loose. Soul Affirmation: I trust my gut instincts concerning all matters.
Lucky Numbers: 2, 39, 40

PISCES

A little child will lead them is certainly something you should keep in mind this week. Wisdom from a little person, a son, daughter, younger brother or sister can be very helpful to you. Lighten up on yourself. Self criticism is not a good idea this week. Soul Affirmation: I loosen up and enjoy my life without worry.
Lucky Numbers: 24, 25, 26

GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Lincoln Park Mayor Thomas Karnes

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Mayor Karnes doing a presentation at Carr Elementary School in Lincoln Park

The “Getting to know our elected officials” feature is designed to provide access into the minds of local public figures. This week we spoke with Lincoln Park Mayor Thomas Karnes who chatted with us about why he chose to run for office, the most enjoyable aspects of his current position, upcoming city events, and much more.

This is your first run as mayor. How is everything going so far?

Of course there have been some ups and downs, but it’s going pretty well. After I was elected, the state determined that the city had probable financial distress, so we had to consult with the Department of Treasury in order to get a consent agreement. When that went to mayor and council, it was voted down and an emergency manager was appointed. As a result, we’re working with him to get the city back on track.

What influenced your decision to pursue a mayoral position?

I went to Lincoln Park High School, and I was in law enforcement here for 31 years. You can either be on the outside moaning about what’s going on, or you can get in

there and try to make a change. So instead of being on the sidelines, I decided to put forth my best effort to help make some improvements.

What do you enjoy most about being the Mayor of Lincoln Park?

I really enjoy meeting people, and getting to talk to all of the citizen groups we have in this city. I’m going to be doing a reading program at Carr Elementary School, and I have another setup where I speak with 5th graders about what a mayor does, so those types of activities are always fun as well. And also when someone has a concern, I really enjoy helping to get the problem solved. Overall, I just like being able to help people.

What do you see as the



Mayor Thomas Karnes

biggest problem facing your city today?

We had two shopping centers that were once cornerstones in our city during the late 1950’s through the early 1970’s. Before the malls came in, people would travel from all over to shop at these locations. Those sections are now vacant, and there are several available spaces for businesses to expand. I’m thinking that we need to bring businesses and restaurants back to that section of town.

How can Lincoln Park residents initiate improvements throughout the city?

If they have some extra time, they can volunteer. We have a Citizen Patrol and Neighborhood Watch that they can get involved in. There are also service organizations and church groups in need of participants, so it’s all about committing themselves and identifying specific interests and passions. Overall, just being an active member in the community by voting, attending city council meetings and holding public leaders accountable are also very important.

Do you engage in any hobbies/special interests in your leisure time?

I really like to read—mostly mystery, trivia or historical genres. I enjoy listening to baseball games because you get that picture in your head, and it’s very relaxing. It also takes me back to when my dad would take in the game that way. And I enjoy interacting with my wife and our dogs.

With spring and summer approaching, does the city have any fun events in store?

We have an Easter Egg Hunt coming up for the kids. And we’re expanding on Mexican style restaurants, so we will be hosting a Cinco de Mayo event on May 2nd with live music and bands. We also have a parade coming up the week before Memorial Day, and a Downriver Cruise that will include a Mustang group and a special car show at Memorial Park.

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9026 Woodward, an all-girls Pre-K-12 campus, and Frederick Douglass Academy for Young Men, 2001 W. Warren, an all-boys school for grades 6-12.

- Specialty high schools, like Benjamin Carson High School of Science and Medicine, 571 Mack., and Academy for Medicine and Community Health at Cody, 18445 Cathedral.
- Outstanding fine arts programs, like those at Detroit School of the Arts, 123 Selden; Duke Ellington Conservatory of Music and Art at Beckham, 9860 Park Drive; and J.R. King Academic and Performing Arts Academy, 15850 Strathmoor

17101 Hubbell St., where students gain a hands-on experience in construction trades.

- Breithaupt Career and Technical Center, 9300 Hubbell St., where students develop skills in the hospitality, cosmetology, automotive fields and more! Offerings include academic and technical content for grades 10-12; strong employability skills; renowned Culinary Arts Program Coursework; Training in Automotive and Technology Services; Computer Aided Drafting; Welding and Cutting; Cosmetology; Business Administration.
- Crockett Career and Technical Center, 571 Mack Ave., lo-

Parents and guardians will have the opportunity to learn about programs like:

- The new Mark Twain School for Scholars, 12800 Visger, a Pre-K-8 gifted and talented program in Southwest Detroit providing a rigorous college-preparatory education to help all students become academic and creative scholars.
- Foreign language immersion programs, like those at Academy of the Americas, 5680 Konkel, a Dual Immersion Bilingual Academic Program in Spanish and English enrolling for grades PreK-10, and the Foreign Language and Cultural Studies School, 6501 W. Outer Drive, one of the only public immersion programs in the state, offering partial-immersion programs in French, Spanish, Japanese, or Chinese.
- Two single-gender schools, including Detroit International Academy for Young Women,



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- Goliightly Career and Technical Center, 900 Dickerson Ave., located on the same campus as Davis Aerospace Technical High School, offers programs geared toward high-wage careers, internships, scholarships, and the center's five-week entrepreneurial class, which explores Business Management Practicum.

Parents and guardians can also explore the district's free high-quality Pre-K classrooms. This series of events is powered by the Marburger STEM Center at Lawrence Technological University.

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Children ages 12 and under: Check out AND read 4 books from the library between April 12 and April 18 to receive a coupon for a FREE McDonald's Happy Meal.

Inkster Library host activities for the community

The library will be showing a movie on Saturday!

Sat., April 11th - "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" will show at 10:00a.m.

The Leanna Hicks Public Library is partnering with The Library Network and Gleaners for the month of April to collect food. The campaign is called "Food For Thought." This is the library's second year collecting food for the local food pantry. In 2014, over 150 lbs of food was collected.

Once again, the National African Business Association is partnering with the Leanna Hicks Public Library to have **Financial Literacy Classes**. The Classes will begin Wednesday April 15, 2015 at 6:30 pm and will be held on Wednesdays and Tuesdays for six weeks.

Join your State and Local Elected Officials for Inkster Coffee Hour Monday April 13 at 1:00 pm. Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, State Representative Julie Plawecki, and State Senator David Knezek will be available to answer your questions and speak about local issues.

The Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library is located at: 2005 Inkster Rd Inkster, MI 4814. For more information call 313-563-2822 or visit www.inksterlibrary.org

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Check out books with the Ecology label from a list of titles included in the package both fiction and nonfiction. For each book read, the child completes a "Book Report" form, and colors a fish on the fish sheet for each 15 minutes of reading. Packets containing full instructions and rules are available at your Taylor Library upon registration.

The new Ecology books at your Taylor Library are made possible by funds provided by The Friends of the Taylor Library and the Taylor Rotary Club.

The Taylor Community Library is located at 12303 Pardee Road Taylor, MI 48180. For more information call 734-287-4840

Ecorse reinstates SMART bus services for local seniors

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Spring is finally here, and Ecorse senior citizens have every reason to be excited because SMART bus services have been officially reinstated!

Through a Community Partnership Program with the City of Ecorse, SMART provides free transportation for seniors ages 55 and over. Services are free of charge, and can be utilized by residents traveling to doctor's appointments and other destinations throughout the downriver area.

Earlier this year, local seniors were disappointed by the temporary suspension of SMART amenities due to insurance requirements not met by the City of Ecorse. After months of negotiations however, the municipality received a green light to resume all services.

"We were previously unaware of additional coverage required by SMART to offer services to our

seniors; we couldn't operate the buses until this was taken care of," City Administrator Wayne O'Neal said. "We worked tirelessly here in the office with our current insurance agent and other providers to get everything done. It was very important to the mayor and council to get those buses moving, so we now have everything complete so that our senior residents can once again use these services."

For Ecorse resident Ethel Stevenson, the return of SMART services has offered a sigh of relief for elderly citizens throughout the area, and is a much needed program for the local community.

"The SMART services are very important because a lot of seniors aren't driving anymore, and these buses take them wherever they need to go—not just for medical reasons, but for other things like going to the social security office or out to the market for groceries," she said. "Most of us are really happy that the buses are back on the road because a large percentage of seniors use that service."

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Tigers Start the 2015 Season with a Win



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A sellout crowd of 45,030 in which is the fourth-largest attendance in Comerica Park history and the third largest Opening Day since the stadium open its gates watch our hometown Detroit Tigers starts their 2015 Major League Baseball Season. Second year Tiger J.D. Martinez gave Detroit a 1-0 lead with a solo home run off Phil Hughes leading off a three-run second inning. Tigers catcher Alex Avila connected for his first home run this season in the second inning with new Detroit Tiger Yoenis Cespedes scoring in front of Avila with a double his first time at bat in the three run second inning. Cespedes also hit a triple during Monday's season opener against the Twins in the sixth inning. Both Cespedes' extra-base hits

came off Twins starting pitcher Phil Hughes. Cespedes, who scored again when Nick Castellanos hit a sacrifice fly ball to the outfield in the sixth inning to score the run giving the Tigers there fourth run of the game.

New Tigers ace David Price was magnificent in a 4-0 win over the Twins Monday, breezing through eight innings with ease and coming one out shy of a rare opening day shutout. Price's final line: 8 2/3 IP, 5 H, 0 ER, 0 BB, 5 K on 101 pitches. Needless to say, he was real close to the shutout. Price began the ninth inning retiring the first two batters he faced however; he allowed the Twins Brian Dozier a base hit to put himself as a runner in the inning. Manager Brad Aus-

mus came out of the dugout after that - to some sporadic boos, as those fans must have assumed Ausmus was coming to take Price out of the game. Price apparently convinced Ausmus to give him one more hitter, however the Twins next hitter Joe Mauer reached on an infield single. Ausmus returned on the field to pulled Price in favor of closer Joe Nathan. On four pitches Nathan struck out former Tiger Torii Hunter to pick up his first save of the 2015 season during a 4-0 win Opening Day against the Twins. By the way, Hunter, after the game was still upset when the first base umpire provided help to the home plate umpire giving the swing sign that Hunter took a swing at the ball for the final out. Hunter after the call was not pleased and will most likely be fined by MLB for his actions.

Another Tigers who add a impact in the Tigers victory was the return of shortstop Jose Iglesias playing in his first regular season game Monday against the Twins for the first time since Sept. 29, 2013, after missing the 2014 season due to fractures in both his shins. Iglesias showed Monday he doesn't seem to be having any lingering issues. Iglesias had two singles in three at-bats and stole two bases in a 4-0 win. Iglesias stole second base in the second inning and second base in the seventh inning.

The Tigers are now on the road to play Cleveland and Pittsburgh before returning home to play a 10 games home stand against the Chicago White Sox's, New York Yankees, and the Cleveland Indians.

Wings will Need to Step it up a Bit

By Butch Davis

The Detroit Red Wings needing two point this past Sunday to stay pace for an automatic playoff spot played the Washington Capitals this past Sunday at a sold out Joe Louis Arena only to again trail one to nothing just 3:38 into the game. Evgeny Kuznetsov put the first puck in the net for the Capitals assisted by Matt Niskanen and Mike Green.

Wings going into the second period behind 1-0 received a golden opportunity to get back in the game as the Caps Brooks Orpik got called for tripping at 1:56 giving the Wings a man advantage however, did not bank in on any chance to score. Once the Capitals killed the penalty in did not take long to cash in to again score on the Red Wings as Mike Green at 4:42 put on the Red wings net assisted by Tim Gleason and Alex Oveckin. Note: the puck of green goal bounce off of Drew Miller of the Red Wings for the second time in the game. Mistake such as to many man on the ice in this the third game in a row are some of the many mistake the Wings are doing to put their team seams to be always in a hole. Finally the Wings cashed in on a Washington Capitals error as their own Marek Zidicky was called for clipping at the 10:28 of the second period however during the power play chance for the Capitals team member Joel Ward was guilty tacking Red Wings goalie Petr Mrazek

and ward received a penalty for goaltender interference at 12:14 in the period. It did not take long for the Wings to get their first goal of the game Darren Helm received a beautiful past from Pavel Datsyuk to make the score 2-1 Capitals as the Wings Marek Zidicky also assisted on the play at the 12:59.

Wings now trailing by one going into the third period against the Capitals while the play on the ice was fast and furious for both teams as the home town Wings were pressing on their skates needing lease one point to stay ahead of Boston for playoff berth, however, with the Wings emptying their goal for the extra man in the final minutes of regulation time pressed harder on the Capitals goalie Braden Holtby playing in his 23rd straight game stopped every shot on his net. The home team didn't get the job done as now the Wings drop from third in the Atlantic Division to a wild card spot in the standing.

By Boston winning the head to head series against the Red Wings this season give them the node moving up in the standing from wild card position to third place even though both team are tied with 94 points. The Wings will need step it up a bit in their final three games of the season to keep their 20-plus year playoff streak alive.

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When most 21 year old young men are just hanging out with their friends, Detroit native Ron Austion is tracing his dream. "Teflon" as he is known by has been boxing for nine years and

has dreams of leading the drive to return Detroit to a Boxing Mecca. "I want people to come to Detroit for fight like they go to Vegas." Ron 'Teflon' Austion has a current record is

8-0, 6 by TKO. He will be returning to the Masonic Temple in Detroit, where his professional career started, on Friday, April 10th to take on Dedrick Bell. In 2012, Ron 'Teflon' Austion finished in the quarter finals of the U. S. Olympic Trials. When asked who he looks up to in boxing, he says, Floyd Mayweather. We also asked how he has stayed focused and out of trouble, he responded that, "I have always been a good kid, but my parents stayed on my head."

NFL Future Hall of Famer, Antonio Gates and AG Promotions will present Friday Fight Night at the Masonic Temple on April 10th. For ticket information call 800-745-3000. For more information visit www.ag-promotionsllc.com.

CITY OF DETROIT TO BEGIN COLLECTING YARD WASTE WEEK OF APRIL 13

Spring/Summer Hours Also Begin at Drop-off Locations

Beginning the week of April 13, the City of Detroit Department of Public Works, through its contractors, will begin curbside collection of yard waste. Yard waste collection will continue through the end of November.

Residents can place grass clippings, leaves, and small twigs in biodegradable paper bags on their designated day every other week. If yard waste must be disposed of immediately, residents are encouraged to take their yard waste to any of the five DPW drop-off locations.

All yard waste must be placed at the curb at least six feet from the Courville container in biodegradable paper bags or a personal garbage can. The City's contractors, Advanced Disposal and Rizzo Environmental Services, will not collect yard waste in plastic bags. Branches and twigs less than two inches in diameter should be cut down and placed in biodegradable bags. Branches and twigs, up to 4 feet in length and no more than 4 inches in diameter, should be bundled and tied securely. Bundles should not weigh more than 60 pounds.

In addition, DPW has switched

to its spring/summer hours of 10:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. at its four drop-off locations. A fifth location, J. Fons Transfer Station at 6451 E. McNichols, is open weekdays from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Residents with proper identification may use the drop-off locations to discard bulk items, yard waste and recyclable items.

These hours are in effect from April 6 through the end of October for the drop-off sites:

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Closed from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

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Closed from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

5840 Anthon (bet. Cavalry and Campbell) Tue - Sat, 10:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Closed from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

J. Fons Transfer Station, 6451 E. McNichols Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Closed from noon – 1 p.m.

Attention 2015 Graduates Scholarship Opportunities



tion for Excellence is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to seniors who reside in the City of Inkster. Contact Velma J. Overman 734.709.7806

Each scholarship requires a 2.5 or higher cumulative grade point average, 3 letters of recommendation, college admission letter, and a separate essay. For details and applications, please contact the individuals listed above or visit the EQUIPPED WEBSITE at www.Equipped4Success.org.

EQUIPPED is offering two \$1,000 scholarships and one \$500 book scholarship. Contact Dr. Fleda S. Fleming, PO Box 344, Inkster, MI 48141 or visit www.Equipped4Success.org

iors who reside in the City of Inkster.

Mayor Hampton Youth Foundation is offering multiple scholarships to seniors who reside in the City of Inkster. Contact Velma J. Overman 734.709.7806
Henry A. Greenwood Founda-

The postmarked deadline for submitting your application and supporting documentation is May 20, 2015. Please refer to each scholarship application for mailing details. Online submissions (as well as LATE submissions) will NOT be accepted.

1. **Pastor Solomon Kinloch, Jr \$1,000 Community Leadership** scholarship is open to seniors from all local communities with extensive community service.

2. **Dr. Emmalee Shaw \$1,000 Academic Achievement** scholarship is open to all seniors from River Rouge, Ecorse, Belleville, Taylor, Romulus, Wayne-Westland, and Westwood School Districts; however, priority will be given to former Inkster High School students.

3. **White Behavioral Consultants, P.C.** is offering a \$500 book scholarship to sen-

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See back for more details on scholarship application process...

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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE CITY OF RIVER ROUGE SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, May 5, 2015

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that a **Special Election** will be held in the City of River Rouge, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on: Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at which time the qualified registered voters of the City of River Rouge may vote on the following proposal:

Proposal 1-1

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Eliminate sales/use taxes on gasoline/diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads
- Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF)
- Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career/technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges/universities
- Give effect to laws including those that:
 - Increase sales/use tax to 7% as authorized by constitutional amendment
 - Increase gasoline/diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes
 - Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects
 - Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES or NO

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

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Public Accuracy Test for the May 5, 2015 General election has been scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 4:00pm.in the office of the City Clerk.

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

Patricia H. Johnson, City Clerk

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Inkster Public Accuracy Testing

The City of Inkster will be conducting equipment Accuracy Testing on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. for the May 5, 2015 Statewide Special Election. The location for testing will be 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, MI. 48141 City Council Chambers. The Public Accuracy testing is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law.

Felicia Rutledge
Inkster City Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE**REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS**

City of Romulus

Along with the City of Farmington Hills and the other participating MITN members ITB-FH-14-15-1881 Cooperative Bid for Rock Salt for Ice Control The City of Romulus along with participating MITN members are seeking sealed bids for two year contract pricing for the purchase of rock salt for ice control for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 ice control seasons.

- (1) The City of Farmington Hills, as the hosting agency for the cooperative, officially distributes bid documents from their Purchasing Division through the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN). Copies of bid documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is recommended that vendors register on the MITN site, www.mitn.info, to obtain an official copy.
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City of Farmington Hills, City Clerk's Office, no later than 10:00 am, E.S.T. Wednesday, April 15, 2015.
- (3) **BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:**

City of Farmington Hills
Attn: Clerks Office
ITB-FH-14-15-1881 Rock Salt for Ice Control
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 45336-1165

- (4) The City, along with the MITN membership, reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive technicalities.

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
RFP 14/15-09 LAW ENFORCEMENT AUDIO/VISUAL RECORDING SYSTEM
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ITB 14/15-24 VIDEO WORKSTATION W/EDIUS HARDWARE & SOFTWARE
ITB 14/15-23 6/7 YARD SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

- (1) The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids/proposals from qualified companies for the above items
- (2) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid/proposal must use the forms provided by the City. bids/proposals forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system @ <http://www.mitn.info/>.
- (3) Two (2) copies of the bids/proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., Monday, April 20, 2015. At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids/proposals are to be publicly opened and read.

RESPONSE ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE ITB/RFP NUMBER AND NAME AND BE ADDRESSED:

ITB/RFP # _____
CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan 48174

- (4) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive irregularities.
- (5) Bids/proposals shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date for submitting bids/proposals.
- (6) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all insurance required by the ITB/RFP documents and all required endorsements.
- (7) For additional information contact Lynn A. Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us.

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CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CITY OF ECORSE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2015-2016 CITY BUDGETS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday April 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. a public hearing will be held at the City of Ecorse City Hall Council Chambers located at 3869 W. Jefferson Ave., Ecorse, Michigan. The purpose of this hearing is to present the proposed 2015-2016 millage rates required to support the Ecorse municipal budget. All citizens attending the hearing will have the right to provide written and oral comments, and to ask questions regarding the Budget Document. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during normal business hours at 3869 W. Jefferson Ave. Ecorse, Michigan.

- General Operating Millage Rate to be levied in full. 19.0000 mill levy reduced by the Headlee Millage Reduction Fraction (HMRF) to 18.6713.
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- P&F Penalty Millage Rate to be levied in full. .2500 mills levy.
- Longevity Millage Rate to be levied in full. .5000 mills reduced by the HMRF to .4913 mills.
- Debt Millage Rate to be levied in full. 5.1959 mills based on court order.
- EPA Millage Rate to be levied in full. 3.2500 mills based on court order.
- Pen/Judg Millage Rate to be levied in full. 7.3840 based on court order.
- Public Lighting Special Assessment District to be established to collect the cost of maintenance and operation of \$425,000.00.
- Act 33 Police Millage Rate to establish a Special Assessment district for the maintenance and operations levied in full. 10.2380 mills based on special assessment.
- Act 33 Fire Millage Rate to establish a Special Assessment district for the maintenance and operations levied in full. 10.2380 mills based on special assessment.
- Library Millage Rate to be levied in full. 1.0000 mills

This notice is given by order of the Ecorse City Council.
Dana Hughes - City Clerk

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE TO CITIZENS OF RIVER ROUGE
ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for the Special Election to be held in the City of River Rouge on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 may be obtained by applying at the Office of the City Clerk, 10600 W. Jefferson Avenue, River Rouge, Michigan, in person, by writing, or by calling the City Clerk's Office at: (313) 842-5604.

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

If you expect to be absent from the community in which you are registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day.

If you are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.

If you cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of your religion.

If you have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where you reside.

If you are 60 years of age or older.

If you cannot attend the polls because you are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS SATURDAY, May 2, 2015 AT 2:00 P.M., at the Office of the City Clerk.

Patricia H. Johnson
City Clerk
City of River Rouge

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE
SPECIAL NOTICE TO CUT WEEDS AND GRASS**

Please take notice, that all noxious weeds and/or vegetation growing and all dead grass and brush on any land within the City of River Rouge, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, must be cut down, destroyed and removed on or before the 15th day of May, 2015, to prevent such weed and/or vegetation from going to seed or to blossom, as the case may be, and to prevent potential breeding ground for mosquitoes, rodents or other, that would pose a threat to the public health, safety and welfare.

Failure to comply with this notice on or before the above mentioned date and the periods stated in the ordinance, being as often as required during the months of May through October of each year, shall be cause for the city to remove the violation and assess the cost cutting, destroying and/or removing to be levied and collected against said lands in the same manner as prescribed by the City Charter and Code of Ordinances.

Patricia H. Johnson
City Clerk

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CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE
CITY OF INKSTER RESIDENTS**

ORDINANCE NOS. 191 AND 507 PROVIDES FOR THE CUTTING DOWN AND DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS WITHIN THE CITY OF INKSTER, AND PROVIDES A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY THERIN

It shall be the duty of every owner, possessor or occupier of land within the City of Inkster, Wayne County, State of Michigan or of every person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any such lands, to cut or cause to be cut down and destroyed all Canada thistles, milkweed, wild carrots, oxeye daisies, asclepiad, cornutus, ragweed, poison ivy, burdock, yellow dock, sweet clover, sand burrs, goldenrod, doddies, mustards, bindweed, perennial sow thistle, hoary alyssum, quack-grass, crab-grass and poison sumac or other noxious weeds growing thereon, at least twice each year, once before the first day of May and again before the first day of September, and as often as may be necessary to prevent said noxious weeds from exceeding a height of six (6) inches.

Felicia Rutledge
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Eric Vega and Brittany Reed in costume for the play

Henry Ford College will present the musical comedy *Hairspray* on April 24, 25, May 1, and May 2 at 8:00 PM and on April 26 and May 3 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 for general seating, \$12 for seniors and HFC staff, and \$10 for students with ID. To purchase tickets, visit theatre.hfcc.edu and click on the "Buy Tickets!" link. The show is presented in the Adray Auditorium (Building "F") located at the main campus, 5101, Evergreen Rd, Dearborn.

The show is set at the dawn of the civil rights movement of the 1960s. Tracy Turnblad is obsessed with *The Corny Collins Show* and one of its dancers, Link Larkin. Though rejected by producer Velma Vom Tussle at auditions, when Tracey shows off some moves at the Sophomore Hop, *Corny Collins* gives her a place on the show.

Tracey is soon launched to stardom, but can't stand that the show won't allow integration and does everything in her power to make it happen.

The show features memorable songs and spectacular dances.

The production is directed by Mary Bremer-Beer. Ms. Bremer directs up to ten plays a year for The Theatre Company and Detroit area professional theatres. She has won all of Detroit's major acting and directing awards and is the director of the Dearborn Youth Theatre. She made her HFC directing debut with *Vital Signs*, summer 2011. She was nominated for a Wilde Award for her ensemble work in *Moonlight and Magnolias* at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre.

Musical direction is by G. Kevin Dewey. In addition to directing

HFC choirs, he directs the City of Dearborn's 100-plus voice Summer Music Festival Chorus. He leads and is a member, as well, of the Vanguard Brass Ensemble. Dewey also has performed in pit orchestras for *Annie* and *Saturday Night Fever* in productions at the Fisher and Masonic Theaters in Detroit.

Choreography for *Hairspray* is by Diane Mancinelli who directs the Henry Ford Community College Dance Program and Full Circle Dance Company (FCDC). She holds B.S. and M.Ed. degrees from Wayne State University in Detroit. Ms. Mancinelli has choreographed numerous musicals at HFCC including, *The Wiz*, *Music Man*, *Pippin*, *Cabaret*, *Oklahoma!*, *Damn Yankees*, *South Pacific*, *Finian's Rainbow*, and *Little Mary Sunshine*.



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ASK ALMA

His kids, not in my wedding...



spectable closure with the mother of his children. That should be on his to-do list, not yours. And don't dismiss the children because he hasn't handled his business. If he doesn't, it's easy to see, an abundance of childish challenges to come. It's time for the three of you "grown folks" to sit down at the table, rationally discuss and agree to make the children your first priority. It doesn't matter how you feel or how she feels because this ain't about feelings. It's about positive parenting and orchestrating the best example of teaching children they are loved, valued and precious treasures in your life. Blending families isn't new and it isn't easy. It takes prayer, hard work and a strong last nerve. LOL. Get ready to suck it up. If you love him, you've got to love his kids like you birthed 'em. Give in to the battle between you and his ex. You're wearing the white gown; throw in the white towel. Let her know calmly and respectfully, the kids are welcome to be in the wedding, which will take place with or without her blessing. Tell her you're willing to go to the wall for your soon-to-be husband and their kids. Your wedding day is important, but the blending of these two families takes precedence. The best wedding gift you can give your fiancé, stepbride-mama, is making sure his children are a part of that special day.

Dear Alma, I'm getting married in two months and the mother of his children is giving me hell. One day she says the kids (ages 6 and 12) can be in the wedding and the next day she says no. His son who's six is our ring bearer and his daughter who's 12 is a junior bride's maid. Our relationship has become very strained because of her unwilling to get along with me. I have spent the last year planning our dream wedding and now I don't think it's a good idea for his children to participate. How do I tell my fiancé I don't want his children in our wedding?

You don't. When you marry him, you're marrying his children, too. They should be a part of the ceremony. He's entering this relationship with what some would refer to as baggage. Make up your mind if you're really ready to take this trip. It ain't gonna be a vacation, let me just put that right on out there. You're marrying a man who hasn't attained re-

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RIVER ROUGE POLICE BLOTTER

March 29th, 2015

At 1417hrs, officers were dispatched to 1368 Coolidge, Family Dollar Store on a report of a shoplifter inside the store. While pulling up in front of the store officers observed a 38 year old female wearing a brown coat, walking out of the store carrying three bags and a purse. An officer asked the female if she had purchased the items in the bags and she stated yes. She was asked were there any items in the bags that she didn't pay for. She stated she paid for everything. She was told to place the bags on the back of the patrol vehicle. While checking the coat she was wearing and discovered a "hoodie and two t-shirts were tucked in her pants, along with several items tucked inside the t-shirts. Officers removed 2 bottles of Dawn liquid detergent, 2 tubes of toothpaste and 2 bottles of Lysol. An officer checked her purse and observed 6 candles, a double pack of deodorant and 4 Air Wick air fresheners in the bag. Officers checked with the store manager to see what items she purchased and was told she paid for dog food and the liquid detergent but nothing else. She was placed under arrest without incident and transported to the police station

where she was booked allowed to make a phone call then housed.

March 24th, 2015

At 1319hrs, an officer was dispatched to 1460 Coolidge, River Rouge High School to investigate a student caught with narcotics. The officer spoke to the principal who stated the 16 year old male had been in a fight at the high school and was taken to security office inside the high school. The student's backpack was taken from him. The student kept asking for it and all present thought it to be suspicious. The student was told to remove all of the content from his backpack and place it on the desk. The principal noticed a prescription bottle inside of it and told the student to give it to him. Several different type so pills were inside the bottle. Some were individual wrapped in separate plastic. The student was transported to the police station where he was charged with VPHC and Detained. Contact was made with his mother who could not speak English. A JCOI was completed for the youth who was later released to his mother.

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Community rally against police brutality in Inkster

By: Gina Steward - Special to the Telegram



It was Good Friday and although many people were in church services recognizing the day that Jesus Christ died on the cross at Calvary, community members in Wayne County came out to rally and raise their voices so another

man won't be killed at the hands of police officers. The Michigan chapter of National Action Network (NAN) organized the rally in response to the beating of Floyd Dent by members of the Inkster Police Department. The beating took place in January when Dent

was pulled over for running a stop sign. Inkster Police Chief Yost has turned the investigation over to the Michigan State Police Department. Members of the community came out as a sign of togetherness and to send the message that this type of behavior will not be tolerated. Charles Williams, President of the Michigan chapter of NAN, said, "We want to send the message that these police officers need to be fired and we want to a complete investigation into the Inkster Police department. George Williams of National Christians in Action said, "We have to do things out of love. The behavior of the police officers that beat Dent was very disrespectful. We need to unite ourselves together in love and respect. It's time to put an end to hatred." The community walked from the place where Dent was beaten to the new Inkster Justice Center. Floyd Dent and his family joined in the rally along with other community leaders.



City of Romulus Celebrates Earth Day All Month



Mother Nature participating in Story Time

ROMULUS – The City of Romulus has some new events planned to celebrate Earth Day that are all free and open to the public.

Family Story Time with Mother Nature

This will be the second year having "Mother Nature" host a story and craft time at Romulus Public Library located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. This Earth Day themed story time is open to families with children of all ages. Held on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m., anyone interested in participating must pre-register by calling the Romulus Public Library at (734) 942-7589. "Mother Nature" will be played by City of Romulus, Director of Community Outreach, Jazmine Danci. Danci is a life-long resident of Romulus and has Masters and Bachelors degrees in the environment and sustainability and also organized the City's other Earth Day events. "Earth Day is my favorite holiday and I am so happy to share that passion with the children at this story time event," Danci says.

Eco-Fair

The main feature of the Earth Day celebrations will be held on Monday, April 20th for the city's first ever "Eco-Fair". This exhibit will be held at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Local organizations will be in attendance to pass out environmental information and giveaways. Groups present will include DTE, Waste Management highlighting Romulus' new recycling system that will start in July, the Wayne County Con-

servation District and more.

Old City Acres Local Farm Tour

Old City Acres is a locally owned and operated farm located right in Romulus. The City has partnered with Old City Acres farmer and Romulus resident, Alex Ball, to host a tour of one of his farming locations. What makes Old City Acres different than other local farms is that they grow all of their vegetables using the most sustainable and natural methods possible. No pesticides, herbicides or insecticides are used. If you'd like to learn more about farming or this growing local business, come to the Romulus City Hall parking lot on Saturday, April 25th at 2:00 p.m. There will be a bus available on a first come-first serve basis. Others are welcome to follow in their own vehicle to the farm where Alex Ball will give a tour and talk about his operation.

Climate Change & You Presentation

The Romulus Public Library will be hosting an event about climate change and how you can help cut down on your environmental impacts given by Jerry Hasspacher. Hasspacher is Chair of the Sierra Club SEMG Green Schools Promotion Committee, Chair of the Sierra Club SEMG Green Cruise, Citizen Member of the City of Warren Environmental Advisory Committee and a Member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee to the Southeast Michigan Regional Transportation Authority. This program will be held on Thursday, April 30th at 6:30 p.m. Space is limited, so pre-regis-

tration is required by calling (734) 942-7589.

"Earth Day is an important reminder of all the precautions we should be taking to protect our environmental all year round. I hope the residents are able to attend some of the fun and informational events we have planned for this year," says Mayor LeRoy Burcroff.



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