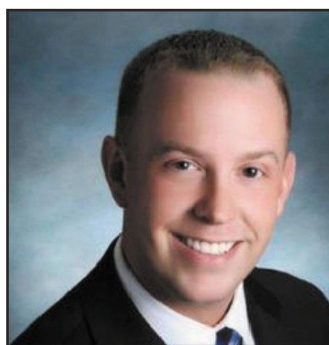




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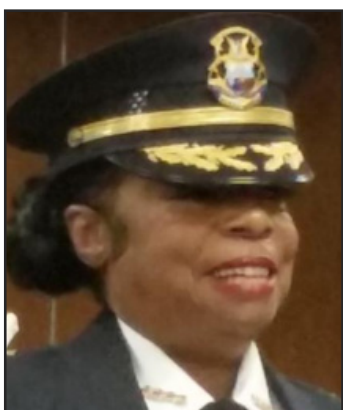


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Police Chief Deborah Price talks community policing in the City of River Rouge

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



RIVER ROUGE - In January, the River Rouge Police Department introduced Deborah Price as its new police chief. As the summer months transpire, the department continues to work toward sustaining positive relationships between local officers and members of the surrounding community. "Because I've worked this community for 25 years, I'm very much in favor of regular

interaction between citizens and police," Price said. "We're a close-knit city, so we are always striving to make things better for our residents. It's obviously our responsibility to go out and protect citizens, but it doesn't stop there. You have to maintain an interaction by going to local businesses and introducing yourself so they know you by name. You have to talk with residents to see if their wants and needs are being addressed. You have to be willing to lend a helping hand, for example, if a senior citizen is struggling to carry bags home from the store. You can't establish a connection without taking that first step and venturing out, so this is very important."

For Price, another important aspect of community policing lies within the ways in which of-

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Inkster to consider parks and recreation millage for November Election

INKSTER-At the July 20th city council meeting, Inkster's Parks & Recreation Department will request council action permitting the inclusion of millage proposals on the ballot in November.

"We are seeking the cur-

rent Park & Recreation/ Senior Services Millage, and a new Seniors Only Millage," said Craig Lewis, Program Supervisor. "These two millages combined will allow us to continue our senior services program, in addition to adding to the quality of youth programs offered in our parks department."

According to Lewis, the two combined millages, if passed, will cost Inkster taxpayers less than the one millage that passed 10 years ago.



Michael Brown Sr. attends 'Occupy the Corner' event

By: Gina Steward



Janie Jones from the Council for Policy and Social Impact and a participant address the crowd while displaying photos of young people whose lives were taken to soon and Michael Brown Sr.

Photo by Dale Rich

Michael Brown, Sr. was in town on Friday as part of a series of "Occupy the Corner" events hosted by Detroit City Councilwoman Mary Sheffield. He is the father of unarmed teenager, Michael

Brown, Jr., who was killed by Darren Wilson, a police officer, in Ferguson Missouri last year. Mr. Brown said he was in Detroit to show some love for the people who stood by him

and his family.

The event started with a discussion among community members, elected officials and law enforcement leaders at

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Tri-City communities come together in Ecorse to make a statement



Saturday July 11 2015 was a great day in the City of Ecorse. Over 100 participants attended the 1st Annual Stop the Violence Rally held at Pepper Road Park. This event was the brain child of organizers of RU1 Rise United, Life of Detroit, and "It Takes A Village". These three organizations brought residents from River Rouge, Ecorse, and Southwest Detroit to unite for peace in the neighborhood!

Photo by Robert Frierson

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Scam Targets Corporations; LARA alerts Michigan businesses of scheme collecting \$150 fee to prepare annual minutes



Beware of a scam hitting the mailboxes of Michigan corporations and limited liability companies from a non-governmental entity called "Division of Corporate Services" trying to collect a \$150 fee to prepare corporate meeting minutes. The misleading compliance solicitation implies that Michigan requires corporations and limited liability companies to complete a 2015 Annual Minutes Form and is designed to look like an official document, but it is not.

"Beware of mailings that may appear to come from the State of Michigan offering assistance in performing non-existent or non-required services," said Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) Chief Deputy Director Shelly Edgerton. "Our corporation customers should only respond to correspondence from LARA. No such letters are being sent from the LARA Corporations Division, no matter how official they may look."

Michigan businesses are receiving an official-looking form called the "2015 Annual Minutes Form." The form implies that the recipient is obligated to complete and return it with a fee payment for the prepara-

tion of corporate meeting minutes. The accompanying instructions for completing the form list a return address at 3105 S. Martin Luther King Blvd, Suite 317, Lansing, MI 48910. In 2012, 2013, and 2014, LARA warned of similar scams requesting \$125 that involved a company with a similar name and an address located in Lansing.

"Annual meeting minutes for Michigan corporations are best prepared either by corporate officers, directors, or by a business attorney, but are not required to be filed with our Corporation Division," Edgerton emphasized. "This is not to be confused with the legally required annual report or annual statement which can be filed online along with the applicable fee to the State of Michigan."

Michigan appears to be the latest state where corporations are being targeted to file annual minutes for a fee. Similar solicitation mailings have occurred in several other states including California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Texas where corporations

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NEWS FROM LANSING

Rep. Chang Calls for Attorney General to Look Into Potential Illegal Utility Work at Riverside Park Digging and installation of 'large-diameter' utilities observed taking place without permits or city's permission



LANSING – State Representative Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit) requested today that the Office of the Attorney General investigate whether the Detroit International

Bridge Co. performed utility work without permits or permission from the city of Detroit.

"It was brought to my attention that digging and installation of utilities at Riverside Park may have been conducted," Chang said. "I am very concerned about potential illegal activity taking place on publicly owned land in my district, and therefore I requested that the Attorney General look into this matter."

Riverside Park, owned by the City of Detroit, is currently undergoing environmental inves-

tigation and remediation processes with both the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and DTE. DTE reported that Detroit International Bridge Co. contractors were observed installing large diameter utilities along the eastern portion of the park without permission of the City of Detroit. These activities were reported to DEQ officials and documented in a report submitted to DEQ in January 2015.

Stephanie Chang is State Representative for District 6.

Happy 25th Anniversary - Americans with Disabilities Act



State Representative Julie Plawecki 11th House District

I recently introduced House Resolution 115, which commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Dis-

abilities Act of 1990, which will occur on July 26, 2015. The ADA was a widespread, bipartisan effort, and is one of America's most comprehensive pieces of civil rights legislation. HR 115 was adopted by the Michigan House of Representatives today.

The ADA is a landmark federal law that protects the rights of people with disabilities by eliminating barriers to their participation in many aspects of living and working in America. It is estimated by the United States Cen-

sus Bureau that nearly one in five Americans live with a disability.

The Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits discrimination and guarantees that people with disabilities have the same opportunities to participate in the mainstream of American life. It is my honor to have sponsored this commemoration of the ADA's 25th anniversary, so that all residents of this state may recognize the ADA for its accomplishments in civil rights protections and discrimination prevention.

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How Will 2016's Presidential Candidates Save Our Cities?

By Marc H. Morial - NNPA Columnist



"You must register. You must vote. You must learn, so your choice advances your interest and the interest of our beloved Nation. Your future, and your children's future, depend upon it, and I don't believe that you are going to let them down."

— President Lyndon B. Johnson on the Signing of the Voting Rights Act, August 1965

For four days beginning in July, political, business, and community leaders will convene in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. for the 2015 National Urban League Conference. Conference attendees should expect to engage in thought-provoking discussions with leaders and experts in a variety of areas, including economics, entertainment, civil rights and politics.

This year, following a long-standing tradition of major-party presidential candidates addressing the conference, the National Urban League counts several 2016 presidential hopefuls — Republicans and Democrats alike — as invited guests. The candidates, including former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley and retired neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson, will share their respective vision and strategies to save our cities.

The candidates' plenary session, "Save Our Cities: Education, Jobs + Justice," falls under the umbrella of the National Urban League's "Save Our Cities" campaign, an unprecedented mobilization to influence public policy through grassroots political action.

As we know far too well, our country faces tremendous challenges. Rather than recite our problems, rather than fall into the trap of recycling failed solutions for today's and tomorrow's challenges, we will reunite in Florida to deliberate on solutions and fresh ideas to the economic and social troubles plaguing our cities. These are discussions that are too important to take place in silos. The solutions to our challenges are stronger with buy-in, engagement and resources from all concerned stakeholders. So, it is vital that those contending for the highest office in the land be a part of that

conversation.

The ravages of inequality on American families, particularly among those in African-American and Latino communities, continues to rip our nation apart. We must question and listen to any candidate's proposals to reverse this ever-widening trend of inequality.

An educated citizenry is best prepared to choose the candidate who will advance his or her interests, and ultimately, the interests of a stronger, healthier and more inclusive nation. During his remarks on the signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, President Lyndon Johnson said, "The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men." The stakes are too high for us, and for future generations, not to have these discussions together.

In this year's analysis of the "State of Black America," the National Urban League found that while strides have been made in Black and Brown communities, tremendous gaps continue to leave us with a crisis in education, jobs and justice. In the case of justice, a series of horrific acts — from the deaths of Black men and women at the hands of police, to the racially motivated murder of nine people in a South Carolina church, to the legislative efforts in some states to rob Americans of their constitutional right to vote — cries out for serious and immediate reform.

While our economy is improving after the recession, the bounce back has not been as evident in many Black and Brown communities. For too many Americans, the recession is alive and well. As Congress continues to debate reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, we, along with a diverse coalition of policy-makers, families and community activists, are fighting to ensure that any new legislation adopted protects civil rights and promotes equity, equality and accountability in education.

These conversations are indispensable in this moment in which we as a nation find ourselves of perhaps the greatest social and economic upheaval in a generation. Choose to be a part of our discussion and conversation, or choose to get involved in the discussions and conversations that are happening, or will happen in your communities — every voice and vote matters.

Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

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have been victimized by such scams. These entities operate under identical or similar names and request payment fees ranging from \$125, \$150, \$175 to \$239 for the completion and submittal of an annual minutes statement.

The phony letters can look authentic. They may be addressed to the corporation, the resident agent, director or officers; cite a Michigan statute or a federal statute; and may appear to be issued by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations, Securities, and Commercial Licensing Bureau, Corporations Division. If such notices are received, they can be disregarded because they are neither issued by LARA nor any governmental agency

Any Michigan corporation that receives a notice to have annual meeting minutes prepared and pay a fee to avoid dissolution of their corporation are advised to do the following:
 1. Keep the notice, mailing envelope, and return envelope.
 2. Contact the United States Postal Inspections Service to report mail fraud at: 1-877-876-2455 or <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/>
 3. Or contact the Michigan Office of the Attorney General at P.O. Box 30212, Lansing, MI 48909.

Legitimate notices and mailings to Michigan corporations are issued from LARA's Corporations Division and are mailed to the resident agent at the registered office address on record. When receiving any official-looking document, please review carefully and read the small print. If you are not sure, please con-

tact the LARA Corporations Division at 517-241-6470.

Customers with questions about their corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership are encouraged to use the Business Entity Search at www.michigan.gov/entity-search to check their status. If an annual report or statement needs to be filed, customers may file online using www.michigan.gov/fileonline. Additional information is available on the Corporations Division website at www.michigan.gov/corporations or by calling the Corporations Division at 517-241-6470.

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Business & Education Symposium

By: Janine Folks



Many things run through our minds. We have lots of thoughts and ideas about many things. Sadly, many times, our mind is as far as it goes. As a result, nothing truly manifests from those thoughts and ideas.

Our Creator created us to be creative beings. We are made in His image. It was Jesus who said, before He left this earth, "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father" (John 14:12). God expects us to do great things.

All we begins with a thought. I thought about how nice it would be if like minded people who care about our community would come together to talk about some things that matters to them. While there are many things that matter to us and are important, I wanted to do something that would allow us to share ideas about business and education. It will be a chance to learn, get news ideas and get the motivation and encouragement to implement those ideas and work them into reality.

We will hear from a panel of local experts as well as two dy-

namic speakers (Akindele Akinyemi of the National African Business Association and Tarence Wheeler, Community Liaison with River Rouge Schools. THIS IS A FREE EVENT. There will be vendors present and we hope you will support them.

This will happen on August 1, 2015, at 9am at the Telegram Building, located at 10748 W. Jefferson in River Rouge. It started out as an idea. I shared this idea with Gina Steward, Publisher of the Telegram and now it is coming into fruition. If you are in business, desiring to be in business, concerned about the economic state of our community, concerned about education and the community in general, then you should be sure to attend. Come and learn about Financial Empowerment that will lead to Economic Development, Connecting River Rouge to Global Markets, Accessing Small Business Capital and a wide scope of information about education globally and within our community (River Rouge, Ecorse, Southwest Detroit and surrounding areas).

The panel will include local experts from the area ranging from those with many years of experience, proven skill and expertise, to novices who are newly in business. No matter where you fall as far as business experience, there will be something to learn and share here. This could be the start of great things to come in our community. I hope you will come on August 1st to be a part of this event.

Hope to see you on August 1st!

BIBLE VERSE JUDGES 2:10-17

10 After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel.
11 Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals.
12 They forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. They provoked the LORD to anger
13 because they forsook him and served Baal and the Ash-toreths.
14 In his anger against Israel the LORD handed them over to raiders who plundered them. He sold them to their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist.
15 Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the LORD was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress.
16 Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hands of these raiders.
17 Yet they would not listen to their judges but prostituted themselves to other gods and worshiped them. Unlike their fathers, they quickly turned from the way in which their fathers had walked, the way of obedience to the LORD's commands.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The MEN of THE PEN from Pentecost Missionary Baptist Church is hosting their **Annual Men's Leadership Day.**

It will be held on Friday, July 31 at 6:30pm at 35625 Vinewood in Romulus.

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BOBBY LEE JACKSON

Apr. 5, 1950 - Bobby Lee Jackson was born in Detroit, Michigan.

He attended Lincoln Consolidated Schools when the family relocated to Sumpter. This is where he met his wife Elizabeth.

Bobby worked at General Motors for almost thirty years. He loved fishing, riding his motorcycle and spending time with family and friends. His wife, children, and grandchildren were the most important things to him.

Bobby is survived by his loving wife Elizabeth. He also leaves to cherish his memory six children: Curtis (Joan), Carlos (Jennifer), Bobbie Ann (Will), Kevin (Calvetta), Keith (Michelle), and Robert; four siblings: Ernestine Williams, Ernest (Carol) Jackson, Leola Burrell and Gary Jackson; seventeen grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes (chapelchimes.org)E



REV. CORTEZ E. PITTMAN

Aug. 27, 1968 - Jun 19, 2015 Reverend Cortez Ezekiel Pittman, known as 'Man' was born in Chicago, Illinois. I attended Inkster Public Schools. Growing up, I enjoyed laughing and teasing my three sisters. My experiences working with youth inspired me to earn my Bachelor's Degree from Central State University and my Master's in Social Work at Wayne State University. There I met the love of my life, Tonya Ann Sims. We married May 18, 1996.

After serving several youth ministries, I was blessed to become the Pastor of Christian Faith Outreach Ministry under the leadership of my mother, Co-Pastor Reverend Beverly Pittman. With the support of my father, Deacon Ezekiel Pittman and the blessings of my family and friends, I served until God called me home.

I leave to cherish my memory loving wife, Tonya Ann Pittman; three children: Imani, Cortez Jr. and Nia; father Deacon Ezekiel Pittman, mother Reverend Beverly Pittman, three sisters Darnice Black, DeWanda Bailey, Sharon Tucker; mother-in-law Mary Watson; three brother-in-laws Alonzo Sims (Rachel), Jimmie Sims, Otis Watson Jr. (Tammy); sister-in-law Cynthia Watson; best friend, Marshall Falconer; children's God Parents, The Lott & Jamison Families, and a host of nephews, nieces, friends, colleagues, and students.

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B. COOPER, JR.

Oct. 9, 1956 - Jun. 23, 2015

Johnnie B. Cooper, Jr., was born October 9, 1956 in Detroit. Johnnie, also known as "Jr. Buck", attended Inkster Public Schools. Upon graduating, he opened his own appliance, tools and equipment repair shop. In 1984 he married Madeline Roberson.

He had a crazy sense of humor. A real jokester, when he started, you couldn't help but laugh.

He leaves to cherish his memory, two children, Tamarie and Rayshawn; four grandchildren, Marcelus, Jalen, Dorian and Janiyah; nine siblings, Alice, Theoplis, Michael, Earline, Edna, Dennis, James, Lucy, and Leslie; A devoted companion, Dorothy and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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SARAH CATHELINE STEPHENS

Jan 13, 1928 - June 27, 2015 Sarah (Peaches) Stephens was born in Bayview Alabama.

She was a member of Full Gospel Church of Ecorse Michigan under the leadership of Rev. Priscilla L. Smith.

Sarah married the late Willie James Stephens on November 28, 1946 settling in Ecorse Michigan. This union was blessed with six children.

She leaves to cherish her memories Alvin Stephens, Priscilla Stephens Smith, Tyron W. Stephens, Petrina Stephens Blunt, Penthea Stephens Wade, twelve grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren five great grand children, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

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PRAYER CHANGES THINGS



ELIZABETH (REDD) BOSTIC
May 2, 1962 - June 29, 2015

Elizabeth Ann Bostic (Hawk), more commonly known to her family and friends as "Redd", was born in Chicago Illinois She was educated in Inkster Public School System.

She enjoyed her employment at Inkster Public Schools as a lunch monitor and voluntarily serving as a Girl Scouts leader at Baylor Woodson Elementary School. She also enjoyed employment Johnson Controls, Inc., where she worked fulfilling her skills in the auto industry.

Elizabeth "Redd" leaves to cherish her memory two loving daughters, Bianca Bostic and Stacey Bostic; her father, Joseph Hawk (Kathy); her grandchildren, Jalen, Javion, Clifton Jr., Jaden; her siblings, Donna Peyton (Alex), Judy Yancy (Rodney), Joseph Martel Hawk, Melissa Hawk, Cheryl Hawk Walden (Bertrand), Chelsea Hawk

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KENNETH RICKS

Mar 19, 1943 - Jun 29, 2015 Kenneth Ricks was born in Inkster, Michigan. Kenneth was raised and educated in Inkster,

Michigan.

Kenneth graduated from Inkster High School and was employed in various positions such as: Frito Lay, General Motors Company, and SMART Regional Transit Authority of Southeastern Michigan where he retired in 2006. Upon retiring, he became a full-time grandfather to Willie Luster Espy IV (Doodie).

Kenneth was a sports enthusiast whom enjoyed boxing, basketball, football and especially baseball. He also loved to watch sports alongside his favorite television shows Judge Mathis and West-erns. Kenneth was very artistic and picked up the hobby of drawing up until his last days.

His life will be forever cherished by his wife Ruth Naomi Ricks, sons Kenneth T. & Cassandra; Willie & Bianca Espy; Sister Mildred; Brother Ralph & Aussie, James & Olivia; Clarence and Corine; Sisters-in-Law Jeanette & Raymond Smith and Gladys & Donny Wright; Brothers-in-Law Calvin, Alvin and James Baber; grandchildren Aca-cia Greene, Kaia Jones, Brittani Ricks, Terrance Ricks, Willie Espy IV (Doodie), Willdon Espy (Shooter), Sincere Espy (Mook), Prince PJ, Fareed Shabazz (God Son) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

State Senator David Knezek

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Senator Knezek interacts with children at a local event

The "Getting to know our elected officials" feature is designed to provide access into the minds of local public figures. This week we chatted with State Senator David Knezek about his decision to go into public service, serving as the youngest State Senator in Michigan, favorite pastimes/hobbies and much more.

1. Growing up, did you have a desire to go into public service?

It all started with middle school/high school student councils, and later when I served in the military. I then served on the Michigan House of Representatives, and now the State Senate. Growing up, I knew that I always wanted to be involved, but I didn't necessarily know how.

2. Why did you pursue a State Senate position?

When I was a senior in college, I attended an event where they discussed what Michigan spends every year per student verses what we spend per prisoner. This was the first time I had ever heard these numbers, so I pulled aside a state representative to tell her that she should do something to fix these issues. She looked at me and said that if I cared so much, I really needed to get active. For me, trying to reduce those disparities and investing more in kids is what got me involved.

3. How long have you served in your position?

I was in the Michigan House of Representatives for two years, and I've been a State Senator for just over 7 months.

4. At 28 years old, you're the youngest State Senator in Michigan, and you're also the first Iraq War Veteran elected to the Michigan state legislature. What's it like to be able to break these barriers?

For me, the youth aspect is very important. In Lansing, we hear so much from individuals who maintain a certain set of beliefs. I think as young people, we offer a new perspective. We bring a certain level of aggression, compassion and work ethic that you don't see among some of our other colleagues. I think that sort of outside the box thinking can be really helpful.

As far as being a veteran, there are only three of us in the entire senate. As a veterans, we're always trying to build working coalitions between individuals on both sides of the aisle to try and get things done.

5. What do you see as the biggest problems facing District 5 today?

It's different depending on where you go, but across the board people want and need strong communities, public education and adequate public safety. As far as individual issues, one of the biggest concerns in Northwest Detroit is the proliferation of medical marijuana dispensaries. We're working to regulate these facilities to keep them away from places of worship or schools. Other than that, we're always pushing for additional public safety in Garden City, and working to improve parks and recreation for kids in Inkster.

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

I've been a hockey player for over 20 years, so I play once a week to decompress and take out some of my aggression on the ice. I love spending time with family and friends, whether it's going to dinner or catching a movie. I try to stay

as close as possible to the folks who raised me and continue to show support.

7. How can residents contact you?

I do five different coffee hours every month, so residents can come and sit down with me face to face to talk about their issues. You can also check out my website <http://senatedems.com/knezek/>, which lists all my coffee hours and locations. I can also be contacted via phone at 517-373-0994, or by email at sendknezek@senate.mi.gov.



State Senator David Knezek

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Soul Affirmation: Jewelry reflects the beauty of my feelings about myself.

Lucky Numbers: 26, 44, 52

TAURUS

Feather the nest. Stock up on stuff for the long haul. Cement relationships. A friend needs your support. Enjoy giving it. You will receive good news about a pal.

Soul Affirmation: Cheerfully handling what comes at me is the test of who I am.

Lucky Numbers: 13, 22, 31

GEMINI

Your mate has a sweet surprise. Open up to receive it. Choose your words carefully around a sensitive pal. Listen for good news about a loan or financial matter.

Soul Affirmation: I let others toot my horn this week.

Lucky Numbers: 27, 28, 41

CANCER

Enjoy the great insights you have in the area of career objectives. Take a look at what's out there! An unanticipated financial matter may arise, find the good in it.

Soul Affirmation: A cheerful soul should be wrapped in a cheerful package.

Lucky Numbers: 15, 23, 35

LEO

Be cautious and conservative with money. You are extremely witty this week. Allow others to enjoy your good humor. Your leadership skills are very high, and others will follow.

Soul Affirmation: Luck is my best friend this week.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 20, 44

VIRGO

This is a good time for you to seek agreement on a plan that involves a relative. Take the time to remind your lover how much you care. Get a little sentimental if you have to. Don't be too critical of that softer side of your personality.

Soul Affirmation: Self confidence is the key to my success this week.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 9, 19

LIBRA

Push. Now is a good time to push. Your energy is higher than ever. Someone might get offended, but you can't please everyone. Hire a pro for something that you planned to do yourself, especially if an expert is involved.

Soul Affirmation: Success is

mine because I feel successful.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 7, 12

SCORPIO

Review your "to do" list again. You may need to slow down to discover something that you didn't realize while you were in the flow of events. Your lover is going to be a little difficult to understand. Back off if an argument arises. You're probably the one who is too busy. Forgiving yourself is often harder than getting someone else to forgive you.

Soul Affirmation: Two hats fit well on my big head.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 20, 32

SAGITTARIUS

Make a special effort to spend all week with your lover, husband or wife. Your sense of the importance of relationships is keen and this is a good time to strengthen your passionate partnership. Take your lover to a party. Devote attention.

Soul Affirmation: Change is my middle name.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 51, 52

CAPRICORN

The flock will come to you for direction. Give it gracefully. Know that your insights will help a lot if you deliver them in the right way. If you are a mother, guidance will be the best gift you can give others this week.

Soul Affirmation: Knowing I can do it is the biggest preparation for getting it done.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 11, 22

AQUARIUS

Most people don't know how often dreams and reality blend into that practical consciousness of yours. Knowledge comes from a dream you've had lately. This week is a good week to get started making that dream a reality.

Soul Affirmation: My spirit gives me limitless possibilities.

Lucky Numbers: 9, 17, 52

PISCES

Cooperation is key this week in your relationship with your partner. Even if you know you're right, let your partner have his or her way in the early going. Your staying power will give you influence or control in the late rounds.

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Occupy

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Councilwoman Mary Sheffield presents Michael Brown Sr. with a Spirit of Detroit Award

Photo by Dale Rich

Metropolitan United Methodist Church located at 8000 Woodward Ave. Sheffield said, "The goal of the 'Occupy the Corner' events is to build communication between police and the community and to keep young Detroiters alive and out of the criminal justice system. During the event, one profound comment that Brown made that hit home with the attendees was, "As a kid when I was growing up there were officers jumping rope with the girls, playing basketball with the boys and knocking on your doors introducing themselves. They let you know when you were doing wrong and would send you home. None of that is going on now. We need to

get back to the basics." Janie Jones from the Council for Policy and Social Impact stated that, "Browns' voice has helped to shed light that we all need to come together and focus on having honest conversation and work on solutions. The event ended with a rally at Delores Bennett Park at the corner of Brush and East Bethune where residents had an opportunity to meet, greet, interact and speak their minds about crime in the city. Sheffield said, "I hope Brown's words will "help young people to see the other side" and work toward changing systems."

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Surplus Fat

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New research indicates that when certain enzymes in your body are functioning properly, certain aging processes, such as weight gain, can be slowed or even reversed. One enzyme, in particular, known as AMPK, is being highlighted by medical researchers, Adenosine monophosphate-activated protein kinase (AMPK), an enzyme found within every cell, serves as your body's master regulating switch, determining body fat composition and how long you will live. When switched "on," AMPK triggers the use of stored energy from fats, enhances removal of fats and sugar from the blood, increases production of mitochondria, and reduces inflammation and cellular "junk."

"When AMPK is more activated, it can help protect you against obesity and diabetes and many degenerative processes can be reversed," says Dr. Michael A. Smith, senior health scientist for Life Extension and host of "Healthy Talk" on RadioMD.com.

Smith likens the processes that AMPK promotes as "cellular housekeeping," warning that when these processes don't work, dysfunctional cells can accumulate and create problems like weight gain and chronic inflammation.

Setbacks

As we grow older, cellular AMPK activation decreases, weight gain often follows, and we are more likely to succumb to the destructive factors of aging. Additionally, excess calorie consumption impairs the enzymatic activity of AMPK. Unfortunately, most humans today suffer chronic nutritional overload, say experts.

Solutions

Researchers have discovered four ways to boost the body's AMPK activity:

- Exercise: AMPK activity increases with regular vigorous exercise.
- Restrict calories: By taking in fewer calories, you create increased AMPK activity as

cells sense a requirement to function more efficiently.

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Romulus to attempt a New World Record: Plastic Cap Chain World Record

By: Kellee Jordan - Telegram Intern Reporter



Students compiling bottle caps for project

ROMULUS - Plastic Cap Chain World Record Attempt! An optimistic resident of Romulus is trying to break a world record and bring the city together to do so. The 87,000 plastic cap chain current records are in the works to be broken and granted to the city of Romulus in September. Beginning in November technically, the collection of plastic bottle top has been an ongoing process since early January. Promoted through the Rotary Club, member Tom Kuderik had a great idea to showcase his city and "put them on the map."

His idea is to create the world's longest plastic bottle cap chain, by placing a hole through the caps and connecting them with string and displaying it this fall at the annual Pumpkin Festival September 19, 2015.

In November 2014, Kuderik began contacting Guinness Book of World Records to come up with a way to set a new world record. "I wanted to do something creative and doesn't cost a lot of money to put Romulus on the map," says Kuderik who is also a member of the Romulus School Board. The idea came after going through a list of records then believing that the Plastic Cap Chain World Record was feasible.

The collection will include water bottle, pop, juice and milk caps. Non-alcoholic, medical or laundry caps are not accepted.

The collection is throughout Romulus and have reached outside the city to Canton, River Rouge, Detroit and even New York and Florida. There

are three (3) locations collecting bottle caps: Romulus Library, Romulus Hardware and Romulus Board of Education. They have set up for drop offs. The Telegram Newspaper office will be a collection destination of plastic bottle caps and be in correspondence with the main locations in effort to break this world record. There is a pick up option available too, contact (734) 637-4886 for scheduling.

"I think what he is doing is great and will be a good look for our city," says Councilwoman Celeste Roscoe. Kuderik says, "I just wanted to do something positive for the community."

The collection drive will end August 15, 2015. The following month will be spent sorting through the cap, counting and producing the chain to reveal at the Pumpkin Festival on September 19. Fifty-two Romulus students, four from each grade, kindergarten through twelfth, will help with this process. After the chain is revealed and set (fingers crossed) a company in Indiana is willing to recycle the caps and form them into benches for the school or community. According to greenliving.com, "Plastic makes up about 10% of United States waste stream."

Kuderik is hoping to gather 100,000 plastic bottle caps and it is getting really close to reaching the goal.

For more information check out Plastic Cap Chain World Record Attempt on facebook or contact Tom Kuderik at (734) 637-4886 and email tomkuderik@yahoo.com.



Preventing Student 'Summer Slide'

By Jazelle Hunt - NNPA Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON (NNPA) – As students slip into their summer vacations, it's up to families to make sure they don't slip into academic amnesia. Usually, in what is called the summer slide, students forget up to six months of math and reading instruction when they're not engaged in academic activities between school years.

Matthew Mugo Fields thinks he has the solution to halting that slide. He hopes to bridge the gap with Rocket Group, an education company he founded. His suite of programs for schools and parents blend technology, face-to-face instruction, and specialized curricula based on groundbreaking yet obscure research from Stanford University.

"[Summer slide] is a huge

problem. And it's exacerbated for low-income and minority students," says Fields, a Morehouse University alumnus who holds a double-masters in business and education from Harvard University. "The research I've seen says that nearly half of the achievement gap can be explained by the difference in summer learning between low-income students and their counterparts.

Tammy Drayton is an early childhood teacher in Newark, N.J. Even kindergarten students are expected to know a few things at the start of school, such as counting to 10, colors, shapes, and the days of the week. When such lessons are new or lost to them, the impact is clear.

"We might have to do more one-on-one work with [that

student]," she said. "But it may affect their social skills. Because if they realize they're not on the level of other kids, they tend to pull away and shut down. They feel different, in a sense."

Summer slide affects older students, too, and the stakes are much higher. In high school, there are fewer interventions and opportunities to relearn lost information, and students can become discouraged with their performance – internally and through the actions of teachers and administrators. In this way, summer slide can lead to dropping out.

It also manifests as poor preparation for post-graduation. Another term, "summer melt," happens when college-eligible high school seniors do not successfully transition to post-secondary education. The Department of Education estimates that up to 20 percent of high school graduates are lost this way, most of them of color.

"Preparation is a factor, but not the guiding factor of whether a student will be college-bound," says David Johns, executive director of the White House Initiative on

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Pistons Making Moves

By Butch Davis

The Detroit Pistons announced this past Monday evening that the team has acquired guard Steve Blake from the Brooklyn Nets in exchange for forward Quincy Miller. Blake, 35, has appeared in 812 career games (345 starts) in 12 seasons with Washington, Portland, Milwaukee, Denver, Los Angeles Clippers, Los Angeles Lakers and Golden State and holds career averages of 6.7 points and 4.0 assists in 24.4 minutes per game. He was originally selected with the 38th pick of the 2003 NBA Draft by Washington Wizards and was acquired by Brooklyn from the Portland Trail Blazers on June 25. Miller, 22, appeared in 10 games with Sacramento and Detroit last season and averaged 2.9 points, 2.0 rebounds, 0.8 assists and 12.0 minutes per game. This is in addition to the Detroit Pistons announcement last Thursday that the team has acquired forward Marcus Morris, guard Reggie Bullock and forward-guard Danny Granger from the Phoenix Suns in exchange for a 2020 second round draft selection. Morris, 25, appeared in 81 games (35 starts) with Phoenix last season averaging career highs in points (10.4 ppg), rebounds

(4.8 rpg), assists (1.6 apg) and minutes (25.2 mpg). Bullock, 24, completed his second NBA season with averages of 1.9 points, 1.4 rebounds and 9.4 minutes in 36 games (two starts) with Phoenix and the Los Angeles Clippers. Granger, 32, appeared in 30 games (six starts) with the Miami HEAT last season before being acquired by the Suns, averaging 6.3 points, 2.7 rebounds and 20.4 minutes per game. He did not see playing time with the Suns as he was working with the training staff to improve his health. Pistons Rookie first round draft choice Stanley Johnson was a rousing success with his performance in the Summer League, however the team falls to a 91-68 loss to Miami in Friday's flat finale notwithstanding. Johnson, like his team, had his least impressive game of the five in the finale, scoring 10 points to go with four rebounds, two assists and two blocked shots. He finished with averages of 16.2 points and 6.8 rebounds on .577 shooting and hit .417 from the 3-point arc while showing out as a defender, as well. The Pistons end the Summer League season in sixth place with a 2-3 record.

Tigers Sinking at All-Star Break

By Butch Davis



Todd Frazier, Cincinnati's hometown All-Star, gave the fans exactly what they wanted Monday night at the Great American Ballpark, a 2015 MLB Home Run Derby win.

Photo by Butch Davis

In ten games without the injured Miguel Cabrera, Detroit has averaged 6.6 runs. The Tigers have the sixth-worst relief ERA in the majors at 4.04, entering their game against the Twins this past weekend. Manager Brad Ausmus said closer Joakim Soria is currently the only one in the bullpen whose role is secure. By the way, a week after designating Joba Chamberlain for assignment, the Tigers gave the right-handed reliever his unconditional release last Friday. Chamberlain was 0-2 with a 4.09 ERA in 30 games in his second season with Detroit after signing a one-year, \$1 million contract in the offseason. "I wouldn't be shocked if somebody picked him up," Brad Ausmus said about Chamberlain, "His arm was working good. He was throwing mid-90s. It wouldn't shock me if somebody took a shot at him thinking maybe a change

of environment would be good for him."

Nevertheless, last Friday though the bullpen of the Tigers crashed in the ninth inning when the Twins Brian Dozier hit a three-run homer in the bottom to cap a seven-run rally and give the Twins an 8-6 victory over the Tigers on Friday night. Justin Verlander's had return to form Friday night as in his first four outings this season, Verlander had allowed 17 earned runs in 22 2/3 innings. Verlander held Minnesota to five hits and one run while striking out six in eight innings worked. I

though not to talk about the rest of the Tigers weekend, however, I'll continue.

Yes, the Detroit Tigers weekend with Minnesota was very awful as its been a long time since the Twinkies put a whooping on the reigning five year playoff team in a row, nonetheless, the losses gave the Tigers some distance between each ones team in the Central Division standing. Here is something to think about, since the date of May 22, 2015 our Detroit Tigers win-loss record is the worst of all teams in the American League. In addition, the Tigers will start fresh as the team have agreed to terms on a contract with right-hander Neftali Feliz, aiming to boost their shaky bullpen. Feliz joined the Tigers last Saturday at Minnesota, a week after being let go by the Texas Rangers. Feliz entered this season with a 2.53 career ERA, but he lost his job as the closer after blowing three of nine save opportunities. Feliz had 72 saves over the 2010-11 seasons, helping the Rangers reach the World Series both years. Let's hope he can solve some of the problems with the Tigers bullpen because the home team is descending in the standing. In addition, "the meter is ticking."

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CRIME ALERTS

RIVER ROUGE

July 6th, 2015

At 0001hrs, An officer was dispatched to the police station lobby for a Domestic complaint. A 28 year old female states she was assaulted by her 35 year old boyfriend during the course of an argument. The female states she had been staying with the boyfriend in the 300 Block of Holford when the boyfriend came home drunk and started harassing her brother. She states she was trying to stop the argument between the two males when the boyfriend became angry with her. The female left the room and went upstairs to her bedroom when the boyfriend grabbed her and threw her to the ground and when she stood up he grabbed her by her arm and pinned her to the wall and slapped her across her face

phone then housed. The driver was charged with Open Intox in a Motor Vehicle.

July 5th, 2015

At 0506hrs, officers were dispatched to the 1st Block of Cora Street on a possible Suicide Attempt. Officers arrived and observed a 22 year old male walking towards the patrol vehicle. The officer asked the male what was going on. The male replied that he wanted to hurt himself. The officer asked if he had any weapon of any sort. The male lifted up his shirt and removed a black and brown handgun from his waist. The male dropped the handgun. Officer checked for other weapons and found a baton in his waist band. The officer attempted to secure the handgun but was unable to do so. The handgun turned out to be starter pistol 6mm, Model 314. The male was transported to Wyandotte Henry Ford Hospital by Health.

July 7th, 2015

At 2333hr, officers were traveling north bound through the alley between Polk & Beechwood. This area is known for gambling narcotics, loitering and shots fired. Officers noticed a white Dodge van parked backwards and the rear at a unit in the 500 Block of Beechwood. The vehicle was occupied with a 31 & 32 year old male. An officer illuminated the vehicle with his flashlight and observed tobacco on the passenger window seal. This is associated with cutting open a cigar for "marijuana" usage. The males were asked to provide identification. Officers observed a brown paper bag containing a can. Officers asked what was in the bag and the male stated beer and gave the officer the 16 ounce can of Bud Light beer. A check through LEIN showed both males had outstanding warrants out of this city. Both were placed under arrest and handcuffed. Both were transported to the police station where they were booked, allowed to make a

July 4th, 2015

At 0920hrs, officers were dispatched to the area of West Jefferson & Neiman to investigate a Domestic complaint. When officers arrived the 44 year old female had already left the area. A 46 year old male stated he got into an argument with his girlfriend and she left. The male got into a cab and left the area. A few minutes later officers were dispatched to the 200 Block of Goodell to speak to the girlfriend. She states the incident began when she met the boyfriend at the gas station to put gas into her vehicle. She drove up there and when he arrived in a different vehicle and that when the argument began and he kicked her in the back of her leg, while she was pumping gas. Then he punched her with a closed hand fist several times while she was on the ground. She left the area.

Policing

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Officer Shawn Horvath congratulating Joseph Miller on his wonderful singing at Memorial Day Ceremonies

Officers react to the strenuous climate that comes with police work. With that, RRPD is seeking to bring in body cameras, and will also look to hire new prospects, but not without ensuring that each applicant completes a rigorous background check and psychological testing. In the end, these measures will ensure that officers and citizens are equally protected.

"A police officer must be productive and proactive, but they also need to be a good person willing to serve their community," Price said. "And it's all about how you approach a suspect because we're all taught what lines of defense to take when approaching someone, whatever the situation may be. Overall, suspects are entitled to the same rights that we have, and we're supposed to treat them fairly. It's not our responsibility to be a judge and jury out there. That's the mindset we need in this department."

Another positive community operation utilized by RRPD is an ongoing auxiliary program,

which through proper training, presents young people with firsthand experience in police work, ultimately allowing them to fulfill their roles as "the eyes and the ears of the department". In that vein, as the

summer rolls along, Price maintains that the safety of River Rouge residents is a top priority, another aspect that can create a greater mutual understanding between residents and the department.

"It's summertime and we have a lot of block parties and events, so it's critical to reach out and get a handle on things so folks can enjoy their summer," she said. "At the beginning of each shift, command officers initial a book that lays out all events that need "special attention". This means that while they're out patrolling, they will make it their business to stop by and walk around. It's all about presence, and that deters crime. That's very important when you talk about community policing."

"Overall, during the summer and beyond, people invite us to a lot of events for this very reason. I always say, 'Treat people how you want to be treated' because we're not in a position to judge. That in itself also lessons crime, and will allow you to establish a necessary bond with citizens in your community."

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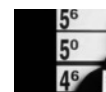
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In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the July 6, 2015 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED:

- Approval of the agenda.
- Approval of Consent agenda.
- Public Hearing and First Reading on a Zoning amendment.
- Approval two appointments to the Aging Commission.
- Approval of a Special Conditions Use Permit.

Felicia Rutledge
City Clerk

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF ECORSE
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Ecorse Planning Commission, at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday August 5, 2015, in the Albert Buday Civic Center, 3869 W. Jefferson Ave., Ecorse, Michigan 48229. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Master Plan

Written comments will be accepted by the Community Development Office until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made available with advance notice.

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
June 22, 2015**

**Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.  
 Pledge of Allegiance  
 Roll Call  
 Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe,  
 Excused: William Wadsworth.  
 Administrative Officials in Attendance:  
 LeRoy D. Burcroff  
 Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk  
 Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to accept the agenda as amended.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-213 2A. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 8, 2015.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
**3. Petitioner:** Deleted from agenda per petitioner's request.  
**4. Chairperson's Report:**  
 Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden presented a memorial resolution to Sebastian Miller in honor of his great grandfather, Roy Webb.  
 15-214 4A. Moved by Crout, seconded by Choate to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Dorothy Stillwagon.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-215 4B. Moved by Crout, seconded by Choate to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mack Stillwagon.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 4. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to accept the Chairperson's Report.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
**5. Mayor's Report:**  
 Mayor Leroy Burcroff introduced Patrick McGreevy from Waste Management, who reminded the residents to use their new garbage containers on July 1, 2015.  
 15-216 5A. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Makowski to authorize approval of a contract with payment to be provided by Romulus Rotary for \$12,500 for the 2015 Romulus fireworks and to concur with the recommendation of Fire Chief David Allison and the Romulus Police Department for application to the State of Michigan for the 2015 fireworks event.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-217 5A1. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Crout to authorize a no-fee permit for the 2015 Romulus fireworks on the city property south of Ecorse Road, no-fee permits for two food trailers on the school property and two glow product tents - one at EJ's and one with the food trailers, and approval of Wick Road closure between Shook and Cogswell, as well as Ozga between Tyler and Wick, when the Middle School and Elementary School reach full capacity. Estimated time is 9:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. to expedite the flow of traffic when the fireworks are complete as well as allow police/fire/rescue service quick response if needed during the event.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-218 5A2. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to recognize Patrick Malloy as Labor/Trades Employee of the Month for June, 2015.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-219 5A3. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to recognize Julie Albert as Administrative Employee of the Month for June, 2015.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-220 5B. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Roscoe to approve the granting of an ingress/egress easement across parcel numbers 80 020 99 0020 702 and 80 020 99 0022 702 to Purvis Mattison II and Tonia Mattison.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-221 5C. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to approve extension of ITB 13/14-15 for the up-fitting of three Ford Explorers for the Police Department at a cost of \$6,706.00 to ABS Storage Products.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-222 5D. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to award ITB 14/15-26 for twelve month fixed pricing for water system repair parts and soft copper for the Department of Public Works to the lowest responsible bidder, SLC Meter, LLC.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-223 5E. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to award ITB 14/15-31 to the lowest qualified bidder, Suburban Calcium Chloride Sales for the application of a Mineral Well Brine solution to local gravel roads at a fixed cost of \$0.26 per gallon, on an as-needed basis, for the 2015 and 2016 dust control program seasons.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-224 5F. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to award RFP 14/15-32 to the only bidder, Outdoor Movies, for the acquisition of a portable, outdoor, inflatable movie screen and theater system to be used for the showing and dissemination of community information from the Cable Department at remote locations throughout the City, in the amount of \$20,095.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-225 5G. Moved by Crout, seconded by Roscoe to authorize a no-fee permit for the use of Elmer Johnson Park by the Romulus High School Class of 2005 on Friday, July 24, 2015.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-226 5H. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to authorize a no-fee permit for a road closure for the Walnut Street Block Party from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. on August 1, 2015  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-227 5I. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Crout to introduce Budget Amendment 14/15-23 to re-allocate funds for the changes in health care coverage during the budget year.

| FUND/DEPT.<br>ACCOUNT NO.        | ACCOUNT NAME                | CURRENT<br>BUDGET | AMENDED<br>AMENDMENT | AMENDED<br>BUDGET |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <u>General Fund</u>              |                             |                   |                      |                   |
| <u>Expenditures</u>              |                             |                   |                      |                   |
| 101-1310-713.72-40               | Clerk Health Insurance      | 29,620            | 15,920               | 45,540            |
| 101-2330-723.72-40               | Purchasing Health Insurance | 7,170             | 9,100                | 16,270            |
| 101-3110-731.72-40               | Police Health Insurance     | 808,800           | 21,200               | 830,000           |
| <u>General Fund Fund Balance</u> |                             |                   |                      |                   |
| 101-0000-390.00-00               | General Fund Fund Balance   | 1,555,331         | (46,220)             | 1,509,111         |

To re-allocate funds for the changes in health care coverages during the budget year.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-228 5J. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Choate to introduce Budget Amendment 14/15-24 to reflect additional interest earned revenue and additional bank fee expenses that both exceed the original budgeted amounts.  
 \*Note: This has no effect on fund balance  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-229 5K. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Makowski to introduce Budget Amendment 14/15-25 to recognize the State's reimbursement for the May Special Election used to cover the additional costs associated with the election.

**CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE**

| FUND/DEPT.<br>ACCOUNT NO. | ACCOUNT NAME                               | CURRENT<br>BUDGET | AMENDED<br>AMENDMENT | AMENDED<br>BUDGET |
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| <u>General Fund</u>       |                                            |                   |                      |                   |
| <u>Revenues</u>           |                                            |                   |                      |                   |
| 101-1320-511.68-13        | Election Reimbursement                     | 0                 | 17,700               | 17,700            |
| <u>Expenditures</u>       |                                            |                   |                      |                   |
| 101-1320-713.71-10        | Election Overtime                          | 12,100            | 2,000                | 14,100            |
| 101-1320-713.74-62        | Printing & Publications                    | 1,570             | 4,700                | 6,270             |
| 101-1320-713.77-30        | Contractual Services<br>(Election Workers) | 26,000            | 11,000               | 37,000            |

To recognize the State's reimbursement for the May special election used to cover the additional costs associated with the election. \*Note: This has no effect on fund balance.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
**6A. Clerk's Report:**  
 Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk recognized Rendell Wooden for receiving the most stars in our Star Program two months in a row. Clerk Bragg also congratulated Deputy Clerk, Barbara Fitzgerald for her 30 years of service to the City of Romulus.  
 15-230 6A1. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to approve revisions to the City of Romulus Fee schedule with an effective date of July 1, 2015.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-231 6A2. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to approve the re-appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals with terms to expire on June 30, 2018: Donald Morris, Member; and John Clark, Alternate.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-232 6A3. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to schedule a study session on Monday, July 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss revisions to the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 6A4. New water rates to be effective July 1, 2015, no action needed by Council.  
 15-233 6A41. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Choate to approve the City of Romulus Water and Sewer Department "Missed Appointment Fee Policy", to be effective July 1, 2015.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-234 6A5. Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to schedule a study session on Monday, July 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the establishment of a PA 198 Plant Rehab District for 8111 Middlebelt Road and restating of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) Bylaws and the appointment of new board members.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
**6B. Treasurer's Report**  
 City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, announced that taxes will be mailed June 29, 2015.  
 15-235 6B1. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Roscoe to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Nora Vanetter.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
**7. Public Comment:**  
 Stan Bragg, member of the Police, Fire and Safety Commission commented that our Police Department is doing a good job.  
 Gina Steward, Owner of The Telegram Newspaper, asked a question about gravel roads.  
**8. Unfinished Business**  
**9. New Business**  
**10. Communication:**  
 Councilwoman Abdo read a list of summer recreation programs and announced that Cedar Point tickets may be purchased at city hall at a discounted price. Councilwoman Makowski spoke about the summer reading program at the Romulus Library. Councilwoman Roscoe spoke about the "Sounds of Downtown" which will be held at the Historical Park on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Farmer's Market will be on Wednesdays from 12 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at city hall. Councilwoman Roscoe also mentioned that next Monday, July 6, 2015 is the Ribbon-Cutting for APA at the Coleman Center Pavilion.  
 15-236 11. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to approve Warrant 15-12 in the amount of \$877,906.86.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 12. Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 22, 2015.

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**Summer Slide**

From Page 9A

Educational Excellence for African Americans. "The belief...if they can even go to college diminishes, if they are not supported over time." "Often the way we think of learning is that it's for school only, it happens in the classroom within the school day. But educational development...happens throughout the calendar year."

"My students left me today, and I gave them a list of books along with a summer packet. I don't necessarily rely on the packets [to determine if slide has occurred]," she says. "It affects [students] based on if they worked with a parent, and it all depends on if they had practice or continuing education in the summer."

Johns explains that income is the strongest predictor of summer slide. More affluent families have the money, job flexibility, and connections to keep their children engaged with programs, gadgets, and enriching experiences throughout the year. Other families, who may lack time, money, and access, have to get resourceful in supplementing their child's education. "Go to the library - it's free. Dollar stores sell books, and places like the Salvation Army sometimes gives away books," Drayton recommends. "Read

something with your child every day. It's essential to build literacy skills over the summer."

For parents and guardians, Fields offers GiftedandTalented.com, which provides personalized academic supplements and one-on-one tutoring via video chat. The supplements are designed to give all students access to the high-quality resources found in traditional gifted and talented classes, regardless of the student's placement in school. There are free activities on the site, but income-based scholarships and financial assistance is also available to take advantage of the site's complete offerings.

"I aspire to get many more students to embrace the idea that 'gifted and talented' is a destination, it's something you can become, not just something you're born as," Fields says, also recommending the library and recreation centers to prevent summer slide.

"We are in the golden age of technology and education - there are things people can access with any kind of device to keep students engaged. Use the summer to get ahead."

# Seven Things To Know About Windows 10



you need to do is right-click on the Get Windows 10 app and select Check My PC. You'll be able to determine if Windows 10 is fully compatible with your hardware and software.

**Q: What version of Windows 10 will I get?**

There are three versions of Windows 10: Mobile, Home, and Pro. Windows Phone 8.1 users will get Windows 10 Mobile. Computers running Windows 7 Starter, Home Basic, Home Premium, and Windows 8.1 will get Windows 10 Home. Computers running Windows 7 Professional, Ultimate, and Windows 8.1 Pro, will get Windows 10 Pro.

**Q: Will I lose any programs when I upgrade?**

Windows Media Center and Windows 7 desktop gadgets and will be removed. Solitaire, Minesweeper, and Hearts Games that came pre-installed on Windows 7 will be removed.

**Q: Will I lose my personal files like photos and written documents and spreadsheets?**

The operating system gives you access to your hard drive, which means your files SHOULD be safe. But this will be a big change for your computer so I recommend that you back up everything either in the cloud, a removable drive or USB first.

**Q: Will I essentially have to learn how to use my computer all over again?**

Based on my preview I can say that Windows 10 has all of the strengths of Windows 7 and Windows 8.1. Obviously, there are some differences. The start menu that disappeared in Windows 8 is back with a new look. In fact, the windows icon in Windows 10 has a new look, too, an almost Mac-like feel. There is an "action center" that pops out from the side which displays emails, app messages, etc. Finally there's the new browser, Microsoft Edge! You will also meet Cortana, which is like Siri or Google Now for your PC. So get ready and hang on, it's going to be an enjoyable ride!

Willie E. Brake is a Computer Expert at All About Technology, a Certified Disability Owned Minority Business Enterprise and Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher, based in Detroit, Michigan.

Computer users running Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 had a Windows 10 icon appear on their toolbars recently after Microsoft announced that the new version of its operating system will be available July 29. The purpose was to ensure your device had enough processing speed and memory for Windows 10 and to give users the ability to reserve their Windows 10 download.

Microsoft announced earlier this year that Windows 10 would be a free upgrade to users of Windows 7, and 8.1. Users running Windows Vista and XP are simply out of luck as your computer may be too old to handle the newer robust system.

Many of my customers have approached me with questions about Windows 10 and I'll share the most popular ones with you in this article.

**Q: Seriously, why do I need to reserve a free upgrade...are they going to run out?**

According to Microsoft, between the time when you make your reservation and July 29, your computer or device will download files to make the actual upgrade easier and quicker.

**Q: What software do I need to have on my PC or tablet NOW to get the free Windows 10?**

You need to be running the latest version of either Windows 7 with Service Pack 1 or Windows 8.1 Update. If you need to figure out what you have, right click on My Computer (Windows 7) or This PC (Windows 8), scroll down to properties and click on the left mouse button.

**Q: What hardware requirements are there for Windows 10? Do I need to buy a new computer?**

You need a processor that is 1 GHz or faster. When it comes to hard drive space, you need 16 GB for 32-bit OS and 20 GB for 64-bit OS. I know that may sound like foreign language, so forget all of that! All

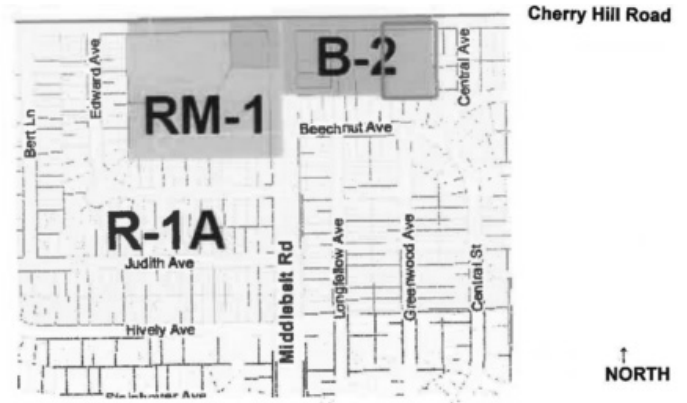
## CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN RE: Case No. 15-08 (SCU)

In accordance with and pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the City of Inkster Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 10, 2015, 6:00 p.m., in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215

Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141, to consider a special conditions use to operate a child care center in a B-2 (Thoroughfare Mixed Use District). Sandra Cunningham is the applicant. The subject property is located in the strip mall located southeast of the corner of Middlebelt Road and Cherry Hill Road and is legally described as follows:

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Public comments are invited. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Community Development Department, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, Monday, Aug 10, 2015 at 12:00 Noon. Please reference Case No. 15-08 (SCU) in all correspondence. The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business day's written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at 313.563.9770.

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## CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

### CITY OF ROMULUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Double D Welding - 28510 Hildebrandt WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5, 2015

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 for the purpose of considering a sign variance request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider the following variance:

1. Sign Area Variance. A variance to Section 48-7 of the Sign Ordinance is requested to allow a 50-sq. ft. pylon sign. The Ordinance allows a pylon sign of up to 40 sq. ft. per side (80 sq. ft. total area).

The subject property is located at 28510 Hildebrandt. DP#82-80-050-99-0009-700.



Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 5, 2015 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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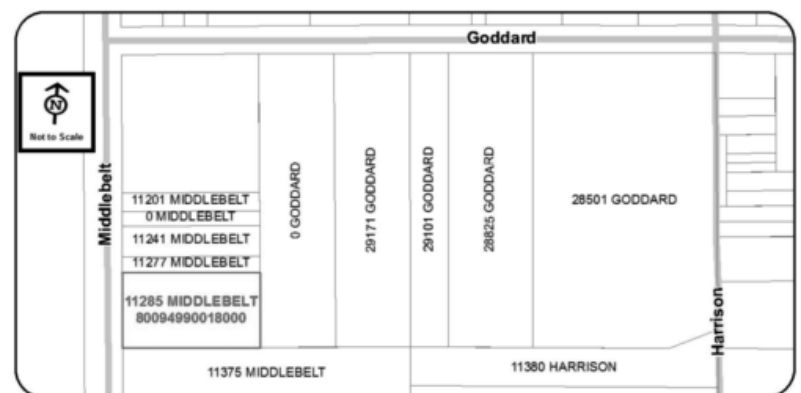
### CITY OF ROMULUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Storage of America - 11285 Middlebelt WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5, 2015

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 for the purpose of considering a variance request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider the following variance:

1. Front Yard Setback Variance. A variance to Section 11.12(a)(3) of the Zoning Ordinance is requested to allow a 31.16-foot front setback; a front setback of 60 feet is required.
2. Side Yard Setback from Residential Variance. A variance from Section 11.12(a)(3) of the Zoning Ordinance is requested to allow a 15-foot side yard setback from a residential use; a setback of 75 feet is required.

The subject property is located at 11285 Middlebelt. DP#82-80-094-99-0018-000



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## MUSIC HALL IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE DETROIT DANCE CITY FESTIVAL GALA – SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 7:30 PM



The Festival is a rapidly-growing event, saturating downtown Detroit with dance for three straight days, working to develop Detroit as a global dance center and to cultivate cross-cultural artistic exchange. We share their goals and hope you'll join in the fun from July 30 – August 1!

Gala evening performance on 8/1 will feature NYC-based Camille A. Brown & Dancers, South Korean R.se Dance Company, and Detroit-based Eisenhower Dance and Artlab J Dance. Reception in the Jazz Cafe immediately following. Tickets \$25 - \$50: <http://www.detroit-dancecityfestival.com/buy-pass/>

Detroit Dance City Festival is three-day community building event celebrates dance in its various forms and disciplines with workshops, performances and networking opportunities held at various locations throughout the city of Detroit. The mission of Detroit Dance City Festival is to educate audiences about the impact of dance, provide opportunities for artists to share their work, and create artistic networks between Michigan, the United States and the world.

The Detroit Dance City Festival will showcase the work of over 30 local and national and international performing artists and companies.

The 2014 Detroit Dance City

Festival drew over 1,500 Festival participants.

The Festival hopes to continue to grow for the following year with the creation of an international collaborative project spearheaded by the Festival's parent organization, ARTLAB J. The Festival will also host a great variety of diverse dance workshops led by the field's leading practitioners whose styles range from modern to jazz, ballet to hip-hop. Aside from the performances and workshops, Festival participants are invited to relax, network, and meet the artists and other festival goers at the official after parties each evening.

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## ASK ALMA



Dear Alma,

I'm friends with my next door neighbor. She's not my BFF, but we hang from time to time. Her husband is in the military and she doesn't have family in the area. She and I have a lot in common — we're around the same age and like the same things. She has a son, and I have a daughter. The kids both go to the same high school. Yesterday my neighbor stopped by to tell me they are moving. Her husband has been transferred to another state. She asked me if I would let her 17-year-old son live with us while he finished his last year of school here in our town. She said they would pay room and board for him. I'm not married, and I'm not sure how it would be with a teen boy in my house. What do you think?

Name withheld

Good googalie woogalie, my Mama use to say. That's a whole lot of turkey, greens, potatoes and gravy served up on your fine china. Hmmm, let's ponder, should you try to eat all of it, fork-full by spoon-full or just push yourself away from the table without a bite? Listen to your stomach. Do you have an appetite for this?

Yes, it's a risky situation, we both would agree. I don't know this young man, and since you didn't speak of his personality or character, this leaves me to assume. I'm going with a positive approach, concluding he's a pretty good kid.

Here's what I'd suggest, make a list. Yep, write down the pros and cons of this possible year-long endeavor. Identify every thought that comes to mind — what you expect and what scares you the most. I'd say work on this for more than a couple of days. You need to be prayerfully on your knees for at

least a week.

You also have to consider your daughter. This would be life-changing for her as well. All three adults need to sit down at the table hashing out the good, bad and the ugly.

Thoroughly examine what room and board will cover. Obviously rent and utilities, but what about food? Boys his age can eat you out of house and home. This I know for sure. Will he stay with you during the week and go home on the weekends? What about extracurricular activities? Are you responsible for getting him there, or does he have a car? Does he have a girlfriend? Are you friends with him, or does he see you as an authoritative adult? Like I said, we're talking a full plate here. It could be a sacrifice and or a blessing to all involved.

Taking in this teen doesn't have to be a bad thing. It's only temporary, and he has parents. Many teens who were taken in by outside adults have gone on to do great things. One example is Michael Oher, the professional football player whose story inspired the movie "The Blind Side." Remember? He was cared for by a family so he could finish high school. If you like this young man and wouldn't mind him living in your home, tell his parents you're willing to give it a try for the first semester — that's three months. If things seem to work out, commit to the next semester. That way, he knows he has to follow the rules and live up to your and his parents' expectations. This is a huge responsibility, and the answer to the question of "will this work" is up to him.

I salute you, single mama. You must be holding it down. Otherwise, his parents wouldn't have asked. In the same vain, you are not obligated. If you don't want to, don't do it, and don't feel badly about it. Tell his parents it just wouldn't work for you and your daughter right now. Best wishes and blessings to you while you pray on your decision, whatever you decide is the right thing to do.

Alma  
Email questions to: [alwaysaskalma@gmail.com](mailto:alwaysaskalma@gmail.com). Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and twitter @al-maaskalma.

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# TAYLOR TIFA APPROVES \$750,000 IN SUPERIOR BOULEVARD ROAD IMPROVEMENTS



Complete renovation of Rancho Rd

TAYLOR - The Tax Increment Finance Authority of the City of Taylor has approved \$750,000 in roadway improvements for Superior Boulevard, between Racho Road and Telegraph Road.

The project is tentatively scheduled to begin in about two weeks (during the last week of July) and should be finished by Labor Day. As part of the renovation process, Superior may be totally closed or limited to one-way traffic at times.

TIFA funding could be used in this project because that deteriorating portion of Superior lies in a TIFA district. The street is a major carrier of traffic for the Sportsplex, Southland Center and Kennedy High School.

A "TIF" uses future gains in taxes to subsidize current improvements, which are projected to create the conditions for gains above the routine yearly increases which often occur without the improvements. The borrowing capacity is established by committing all normal yearly

future real estate tax increases from every parcel in the TIF district (for 20-25 years, or more) along with the anticipated new tax revenue eventually coming from the project or projects themselves.

"When the State of Michigan's road funding plan stalled back in May, we couldn't afford to sit and wait for them any longer," said Mayor Sollars. "Our roads in Taylor are terrible, and the only thing we've been able to do is patch them. While we cannot afford major road replacements, we can do what are commonly referred to as 'concrete cuts.' That type of work really makes a difference."

Similar roadwork has been occurring all over the community and will continue through the good weather months. After major improvements were done earlier this year on Racho Road (between Heritage Park and Southland Center), contractor Fiore Construction repaired heavily traveled Leroy Street, which is located south of Eureka, between Beech Daly and Inkster. Other spots included work in the northwest part of the City, south of Ecorse and east of Beech. In addition, Wayne County, Taylor and the City of Southgate combined on the Allen Road rehabilitation work between Northline and Goddard roads.

Next year, the county has agreed to move up the repairs of Eureka Road, west of Racho to Allen, to match the Menards' development coming into the community. Menards is replacing the old Gibraltar Trade Center. Upcoming will also be work on Pardee Road between Eureka and Superior, which is

also being supported by funds from TIFA. Mayor Sollars has said that once that TIFA work is done on Pardee (and it will also include sidewalk installation), the City plans to extend those street repairs farther north at a date to be determined in the future.

For updates on these projects, monitor [www.cityoftaylor.com](http://www.cityoftaylor.com).

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