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# TELEGRAM

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## Inkster's new Interim Chief of Police looks to build a new culture within the department

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



**Dr. Joseph Thomas**  
Inkster Interim Chief of Police

Last month, Dr. Joseph Thomas was appointed as new Interim Chief of Police for the City of Inkster.

Also a former chief for the Southfield Police Department, Thomas brings more than thirty years of law enforcement experience to the position. He's also the President and founder of JET Consulting, Incorporated (JCI), a company that provides Police, Fire, Organizational Management & Leadership Development Training.

Having completed two tours of duty in Iraq as a Senior Police Advisor (SPA), Thomas was additionally appointed as Michigan's first Ambassador to the United States Army Reserve, and graduated from the Michigan State Police School of Management, the National Fire Academy and the F.B.I. National Academy. He currently serves as an adjunct professor at Eastern Michigan University and Oakland University, as well as Oakland, Schoolcraft and Muskegon Community Colleges.

So what made Thomas choose Inkster as his latest stop?

"I noticed a phenomenon throughout this country dealing with police departments, the behavior of officers, and society as a whole," he said. "I sent proposals to the New York Police Department and the cities of Cleveland, Ferguson, Baltimore and Inkster because I

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## BIG PAINTED STUFF: MIXED MEDIA ON CANVAS



Karl Laub's paintings are a mixture of acrylics, watercolors, pastels, molding paste and whatever else he can find to include in his artwork. He has enjoyed working on these larger pieces that have let him experiment with a wider range of colors and techniques and allowed him more room to make a mess. Laub is the Community Development Director for the City of River Rouge and resides in Gibraltar, Michigan.

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## Romulus Renovates and Renames Previously Closed Neighborhood Park *Honoring St. John's Lodge No. 44*

ROMULUS – On May 19, 2015 the City of Romulus held a ribbon cutting and grand re-opening event for a park located near the intersection of Beverly Road and Henry Ruff Road. Formerly named Park #1, the City unveiled the new name of St. John's Lodge No. 44 Community Park in honor of the active fraternal organization in the community.

St. John's Lodge No. 44 Free and Accepted Masons, Price Hall Affiliation received their charter in 1948. The group has a long-standing history of service in the community. Some of their largest events include an annual Youth Day where children of the community are provided with backpacks full of school supplies prior to the new school year. They also hold a parade in June to honor St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

"Over the years, the St. John's



Photo by Roger Kadau

From Left to Right: Durice Green (St. John's Lodge No. 44), front – Ezell Wooden (Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge No. 44), Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor Pro Tem John Barden, Back – Councilman William Wadsworth

Lodge has always been a group the community can count on for support. This year they partnered with our local Teamsters to clean and revitalize this park. Naming it in their

honor is the least we can do to show our appreciation," said Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff.

There were approximately 200  
Park reopens - Page 18A

## What do you give the oldest person in the world....Love

**Jerelean Talley celebrates her 116th birthday  
with the community**



Posing with Mother Talley are Jewell Jones, George Williams, Ruthie Williams and Ms. Talley's daughter Mrs. Thelma Holloway



CALL TO ACTION

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Normally the first issue of the Telegram Newspaper in June is a celebration for me. June 1st is the anniversary of my new life as Publisher of the Telegram. But, believe it or not, there are more important things that I want to share with you, so I decided to postpone that column to later on this month. Not that I am not grateful for each of you and for your continuous support, I just want to use this time to offer some guidance and ask for some help. Each week the Telegram Newspaper is full of information about micro-local events, local, state and national topics that we feel will help to empower your lives. Sometimes it's hard to make the decision between whether to publish another local story or a story that will affect the community of readers as a whole. Example, last week, we could have published the scheduled signing day story or we could have published the story about cash benefits possibly being cut if your kids miss too much school. We decided that the financial impact of that new bill was important and it had to be published and hopefully read by all. But there is a section of the Telegram Newspaper that has to be read each week. I feel

that it is vital to the communities in which we live. It is the Classified Section. The Telegram Newspaper has the honor of being the Official Newspaper for the Cities of Ecorse, River Rouge, Romulus and adjudicated for the City of Inkster. That means that the cities publish the public notices, minutes and invitations to bid in the Classified Section of our newspaper. But what that really means is that you should be reading this section just as much as you read my column, the school information, the front page or even the Hot Picks. Reading this keeps you informed about what is going on in city government. If you do not attend the council meetings (which I have been suggesting for years) then the next best thing is to follow along in the Telegram Newspaper. The information in this section explains decisions that are made by the mayor and council, upcoming planning/zoning changes that will affect you and the community and invitations to bid on different projects or contracts. There is nothing that bothers me more, than somebody complaining about a change that has happened in their city and I ask them, "Didn't you read the Telegram last month. It was a public hearing held about that issue." Then they have that dumb look on their face. "Oh well, no need to complain now." The information is available for you, take advantage of it. Read and then respond. Your community is counting on you to be engaged with the process. Our elected officials need your support to help them make decisions that are in the best interest of the community.

Gina Steward  
Publisher.

NEWS FROM LANSING

Legislators Listen to Detroit, Highland Park, Flint Residents on Water Issues

Residents explain hardship caused by bad water, high water bills



Stephanie Chang  
State Representative

LANSING – State Representative Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit) and colleagues today hosted 75 attendees at a water affordability and safety hearing at the state Capitol to hear from residents and community organizations about the water issues affecting their communities. Chang hosted the hearing along with Reps. Sheldon Neeley (D-Flint) and LaTanya Garrett (D-Detroit). Other legislators attending were Reps. Christine Greig (D-Farmington Hills), Julie Plawacki (D-Dearborn Heights), Henry Yanez (D-Sterling Heights), Senator Jim Ananich (D-Flint) and Reps. Edward Canfield (R-Sebewaing) and Martin Howrylak (R-Troy).

"Today my colleagues and I heard testimony from res-

idents of Detroit, Flint and Highland Park about the Michigan water crisis," said Chang. "Thousands of shut-offs in Detroit and the water quality issues in Flint have led to serious public health concerns for our most vulnerable residents. This hearing was not only an important step to raise awareness about water affordability and quality issues, but also an opportunity to move toward legislative action regarding the human right to safe, clean and affordable water, shut-off protections, and transparency."

Since January 2013, more than 53,000 Detroit residents have had their water and sewerage service terminated. Around 15,000 homes have had this service restored. There is financial assistance available, but many on this assistance are still behind on their payments. In April 2014, Flint switched from the Detroit water system to its own system that draws water from the Flint River. Since then, residents have put up with water that tastes and smells strange, high E-coli levels that forced boil water advisories, skin rashes and hair loss. Flint residents have also faced issues relating to Total Trihalomethane monitoring and acceptable levels for

safe consumption.

"What we know from the groundwork of community organizing performed by non-profit organizations is that human pain and suffering has occurred and continues to occur in Detroit," said Alice Jennings Esq., of Edwards & Jennings PC of Detroit. "Detroit Water and Sewerage Department service increases and 'payment plans,' which are not based on affordability, are not sustainable and the track record in 2014 and 2015 is failure. Not having water service immediately makes a home uninhabitable under Detroit ordinances. Sanitation risks are magnified where no water sanitation is available in the home."

"We need to ensure that our communities have safe, drinkable and affordable water," said Chang. "People going without water or not being able to drink what comes out of the tap is unthinkable. My colleagues and I are committed to sharing the stories we heard today with other legislators and working on ways to ensure that what's happened to these communities never happens again anywhere in Michigan."



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Teachers go out of their way to provide Sunshine and Rainbows



project is currently being run at three National Urban League affiliates: The Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, The Urban League of Springfield and the Urban League of Lexington-Fayette County. In those communities, communities that mirror so many Black and Brown communities in our country, national and local advocacy and engagement efforts are underway to ensure that more of our young people go to college.

Right now, there is much to celebrate in our country when it comes to academic achievement in African-American and Latino communities. Today, we enjoy the highest high school graduation rates in history. More students of color are in college and dropout rates are at historic lows. But more work lies ahead.

Despite the fact that more Blacks and Hispanics are getting a college education than ever before, there is a gap in postsecondary attainment. In 2013, about 15 percent of Hispanics had a bachelor's degree or higher, degree attainment was at 20 percent for African Americans and 40 percent for Whites, according to recent Pew Research Center analysis.

When a young man or woman is denied access to opportunity through education, we all lose. That potential graduate loses a well-known and well-worn path to individual success. College Board research demonstrated that people with bachelor degrees earned over \$21,000 more than high school graduates. People with some college and no postsecondary degree earned 14 percent more than high school graduates who worked full time. When young people are not obtaining postsecondary degrees, our nation suffers from the loss of their talent, their increased tax revenues, their civic engagement and more.

As was often quoted by President John F. Kennedy, “a rising tide lifts all boats.” We need to rethink our funding of grants, we need to take a serious look at our student loan system, we—as a nation—need to confront head on all the obstacles to equity in access to quality postsecondary education. The return on our investment of the time, effort and money necessary to increase college attainment and completion, would be a competitive American workforce, a stronger economy and thriving communities.

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My grandson, Landen Poirier, began his second year as a preschooler in October 2014 at Sunshine and Rainbows Preschool. On Oct. 25, 2014 we hear the words no family is prepared to hear or begin to understand. Our 4-year-old Landen was diagnosed with ALL T-Cell Leukemia. The following Monday I paid a visit to the school to let them know Landen would most likely not be their student for the remainder of the semester and possibly the entire year. I know many students are on a waiting list. I was embraced with hugs and told Landen will be their student for the remainder of the year whether he attends one day or 50.

Cards and even a superhero outfit were made for Landen. One would think as time went by they would be busy and forget about Landen, but not this group. The entire preschool adopted Landen and my daughter for Christmas. Homework packets were made as well as calls for updates and Landen's progress. As the school year came to an end in May for the preschoolers, unfortunately, Landen was unable to attend the graduation ceremony and to walk over the bridge with his classmates to receive his graduation bear and portfolio. The teachers let us know it was there whenever he was able to pick it up. Much

Our family would like to give the biggest of thanks and appreciation to the following:

Teachers: Pam Parys  
Tracey Vaughn  
Staff members Miss Kennedy  
Mrs. Moore  
All the preschoolers, their families, high school students/ parents and anyone we may have forgotten.

A very special thank you for all of the prayers that were and continue to be said for Landen. He is living proof that God does hear and answer prayers.

You have made a difference  
and have truly made Wayne-  
Westland Community Schools  
the place to be.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Javonavich

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## A new War on Christianity?

A black and white portrait of a man with dark, wavy hair and thick-rimmed glasses. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. The background is dark and out of focus.

But I can see where the secular left would go off the deep end and say that the teachings of Christianity is hate speech.

What will happen then? Will the left start to protest outside churches during Sunday services. I can actually see that happening.

The left better remember that not everyone thinks like them and the Christian might remember that they are not God so they are not in a position to judge.

*Nick Gass and Politico contributed to this column.*

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Take My Breath Away!!

by Janine Folks



As a woman, I cannot think of anything more attractive on a man than wisdom. Appearances draw us in, charm intrigues us, but wisdom seals the deal!! That and a loving heart.

What is a fine fool? Still a fool. A wise man can bless your life. If a man is wise, everything else he needs will come. God honors our desire for wisdom. It was demonstrated in how He responded to Solomon's request for wisdom (I Kings 3).

God is so big on wisdom. Wisdom is the ability to understand and discern things and it comes from God. He said all we have to do is ask for it and He will give it go us generously (James 1:5). But you really have to want it and actually be willing to use it. Wisdom is not always immediately gratifying and many of us forfeit it.

Wise women love wise men. Remember the Queen of Sheba? When She heard about the fame of Solomon and his relationship to the Lord, she came to test Solomon with hard questions (I Kings 10:1). She did it big as far as how she travelled and arrived to see what was up with this man she'd heard so

much about. When she heard him speak, his responses were so remarkable, truly he had been underrated. He was even more amazing than his reputation!

His wisdom 'took her breath away' (v.5). In other words, 'she was overwhelmed.' Some translations say her 'spirit left her.' I imagine that her jaw dropped in awe of him. My daughter would say, "HE SLAYED!" How wonderful to have a man's wisdom blow your mind!

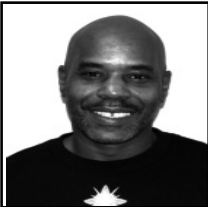
His whole set up amazed her, like "Wow!" He wasn't putting on a front or 'trying' to be impressive. His wisdom yielded blessings all around him. Here was a man who was truly in tuned with his heart and the heart of God and a heart for people and doing right by them. This is how you knock a wise woman's socks off!!

Check your heart. Search for God and ask for wisdom. Truly. This is how you impress the right kind of people. The Queen of Sheba had it and she recognized it in Solomon. A reputation for being wise is priceless and can take you places you never imagined and gifts and blessings you never conceived. Ask for it. Wisdom. #SLAY!!

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The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
2  
When the wicked advance against me  
to devour[a] me,  
it is my enemies and my foes  
who will stumble and fall.  
3  
Though an army besiege me,  
my heart will not fear;  
though war break out against me,  
even then I will be confident.  
4  
One thing I ask from the Lord,  
this only do I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple.

Psalm 27: 1-4

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# Rebuilding Our Communities: 'The Call, The Challenges, The Competition'

By Pastor E.A. Deckard - Special to the NNPA from the Houston Forward Times



"We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own." ~ Cesar Chavez

**Forward Thinkers too much given much is expected.**

Nehemiah 2:2-5 (NIV)  
2 so the king asked me, "Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart."

I was very much afraid, 3 but I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?"

4 The king said to me, "What is it you want?"

Then I prayed to the God of heaven, 5 and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it."

**REBUILDING OUR COMMUNITIES**

Forward Thinkers, Nehemiah realized and accepted the reality he had a call on his life to rebuild his community.

Forward Thinkers, Nehemiah was a high official in the Persian court, he served as the king's cupbearer (Nehemiah 1:11), which evidently put him in a position to speak to the king and request favors from him. Forward Thinkers, after hearing about the sad state of affairs in Judah, Nehemiah acquired the king's permission to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the city.

**Forward Thinkers**, as Governor, Nehemiah said that he didn't take advantage of food and land allotments that were allowed to him due to his office; because, there was already such a great burden on the people of his community (Nehemiah 5:14-19). He also made the other nobles and officials forgive all outstanding debts and ordered them to return all land and money that had been taken as taxes so the people would be able to feed themselves and their families.

**Forward Thinkers** Nehemiah fought for the underdog to have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

The Call Birthed In Negative Conditions

**Forward Thinkers**, when God calls you, it is to meet the needs of others; not to fulfill your own needs. That's why history records in the worst of times, "great leaders rise up".

Forward Thinkers, God didn't call you to chase the cash but

to chase the call. Remember Moses was called to set his people free from bondage and never bowed down to Pharaoh or sold out for his own personal gain.

Forward Thinkers, remember Dr. Martin L King Jr. was called to bring justice for his people during the dark days of racial injustice in America and never got caught up seeking his own personal agenda. Many see the needs; many see the negative conditions but they refuse to answer the call because they are not willing to sacrifice their own personal goals for the betterment of mankind.

**Forward Thinkers** I believe I am called to guide the underdog, the broken, and the forgotten into their full potential just like Nehemiah.

**Forward Thinkers** do you remember Jonah heard the call to meet the needs of others but his selfish desires caused him to run from the call only to end up in the belly of a great big nasty fish.

**Forward Thinkers** when we refuse to answer the call it will have a negative effect on our lives and the lives of those we are called to lead into their full potential.

The Walls Were Down – meaning the community was daily at risk

**Forward Thinkers**, if you watch the local news you can see the walls are down in our communities and we are at risk daily. Crime, drugs, gangs, race issues, police brutality, money problems are all results and signs the walls are down in our communities.

**Forward Thinkers**, broken families, broken school systems, broken lives, and broken dreams are all produced by broken Communities. The walls are falling down as a result of losing a war. Forward Thinkers, wake up; we are at war and right now it appears we are losing because our walls are down.

**Forward Thinkers**, its time Fathers answered the call, teachers answer the call, churches answer the call and accepted our responsibility to rebuild our communities.

Forward Thinkers, even if it takes one brick at a time we must answer the call and rebuild our communities.

"I realized if you can change a classroom, you can change a community, and if you change enough communities you can change the world." ~ Erin Gruwell

Nehemiah Answered the Call

Forward Thinkers the call will drive you; the call will drive your activities, your calendar, your agenda and what you an-

swer Yes and No to.

Forward Thinkers, understand the call will keep you up at night; maybe that's why Dr. King had a dream the call kept him up at night.

Forward Thinkers, "the call will also push the best out of you".

Forward Thinkers, I must also warn you that the call will also bring challenges and critics into your life. Forward Thinkers the call will have people who have never accomplished anything worthwhile calling you out. God is waiting to pour out the FOG favor of God on all those who are willing to answer the call.

In conclusion let's remember our dear sister Harriet Tubman (born Araminta Ross). Forward Thinkers Harriet Tubman was born into slavery. Forward Thinkers Tubman escaped and subsequently made about thirteen mission trips back into slave territory to rescue approximately seventy enslaved families using the Underground Railroad. Forward Thinkers she answered the call and saved the lives of many.

Forward Thinkers, we must answer the call like Nehemiah and Harriet and become our neighbor's keeper.

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Readers of all ages will explore all things underground this summer as the Ecorse Public Library presents "Every Hero Has a Story" during their summer library program. Activities will include weekly programs including Insect Adventures, Super Man Ice Cream Party, Mighty Masks and a pizza party.

The 2015 Summer Reading Program is open to kids of all ages and will include weekly prize drawings, a reading club and more. Registration for "Every Hero Has a Story" begins on June 1, 2015. For more information, call the library at 313 389-2030 or visit our website at <https://ecorsepubliclibrary.wordpress.com>.

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Romulus Public Library Presents a series of Programs Scheduled in June  
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Escape the Ordinary and sign up for the Adult Summer Reading Program. Registration begins Monday June 8, 2015 at 10 a.m. Stop by the library at your convenience and fill out a registration card and receive a folder of information concerning the program.  
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Girl Scouts donate to Romulus  
Animal Shelter

By: Kelee Jordan - Telegram Intern



Members of Girl Scouts Troop 71362 eagerly answer questions during a quiz at the Romulus Council meeting

Girl Scouts Troop 71362 taught the community a valuable lesson in giving and caring. The troop donated to the Romulus Animal Shelter on their trip to City Hall this Monday. Miller Elementary, New Boston Troop worked really hard selling their Girl Scout cookies and decided to give their donations to the Romulus Animal Shelter. "It was part of our journey this year to learn about animals and how our lives impact theirs and their lives impact our. We are very very proud and happy to give this money to the Romulus animal shelter," says troop leader Mary Whitmore. A special pin for the Girl Scout cookies sales was awarded.

At the meeting, the girls took a verbal quiz sharing the knowl-

edge they learned when they visited the shelter earlier this year. They received a Community Service and City Town Hall visit patch for their efforts.

The girls were not able to adopt an animal, because you have to be 18-years or older, but their donation was greatly appreciated. The troop presented city council with a \$100.25 check during the meeting, which will be used for upkeep of the shelter. "When they came to visit on January 12, 2015, they brought blankets, dog food, cat food, and treats," said Annie, who has been employed at the animal shelter for 14 years. Councilman Bill Wadsworth said, "Their donation helped to purchase an animal control vehi-

cle." He added, "If you are looking for a place to purchase a cat or dog, come to the animal shelter." The council meeting visit ended with a picture with Councilman Wadsworth and a worthy handshake from the Mayor, LeRoy Burcroff.

The Romulus Animal Shelter's motto is, "Dog adoption and cat adoption saves lives. Adopt a dog or adopt a cat and you'll have a friend for life!" It cost \$35 to adopt an animal and you will receive \$25 when you get the animal fixed.

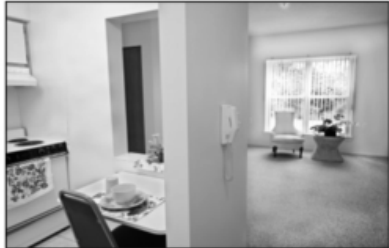
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# GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

## State Representative Stephanie Chang

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Stephanie Chang holds a conversation with neighborhood residents

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 Representative Stephanie Chang about her decision to go into public service, her role as a community organizer, the most rewarding aspects of serving as a politician, problems facing the 6th District today, favorite pastimes/hobbies and much more.

1. When you were growing up, did know that you wanted to go into public service?

I actually had no plans to go into politics. I’m a daughter of immigrants who came to the U.S. from Taiwan in the early 1970’s. I wanted to do many things going up, but this wasn’t on my radar. I really became interested during my time as an organizer working with different social justice issues. At one point, my predecessor Rashida Tlaib asked me to run for her seat. I was pretty hesitant at first, but then I had a lot of different conversations with people and realized that this was a great opportunity to make a difference in a much bigger way.

2. Before venturing into politics, what kind of community organizing were you involved with?

I was attending the University of Michigan when the affirmative action Supreme Court cases emerged, so I got really involved with students supporting those policies, in addition to other efforts geared toward issues affecting students of color on campus. That was sort of my training ground as an organizer. After college, I worked with a campaign to keep affirmative action in Michigan, and an effort to reform the public defense representation system. I was eventually convinced that I could continue that organization by doing something in the legislature.

3. How long have you held your position? I started in January, so I’ve been here about five months. It’s been a whirlwind. I’m really

enjoying this amazing opportunity to make a difference for the residents in my district. There are definitely challenging days because I’m a Democrat serving in a legislature with a Republican majority, but overall everything has been great. We have a great neighborhood service center where we are able to help residents with all sorts of different issues like tax foreclosure, while providing free tax preparation and expungement fairs. I really enjoy working directly with the people, and I’m really glad to be here.

4. You recently introduced a bill surrounding homeschooling reform in the state of Michigan. Can you give us some additional details about the effort?

In April, we introduced a new bill in response to a particular incident on the eastside of my district where two kids were found in a freezer, and their mom had been hiding behind the homeschooling law. The proposal would basically do two things: first, if you decide to homeschool your children, you would need to notify the school district of your decision. Michigan is 1 of only 11 states that doesn’t have any notification requirement, so we literally have no idea who’s being homeschooled. Second, the bill would make sure that there are eyes on all of our kids, so children will meet twice a year with either a school counselor, teacher, clergy member, doctor, etc. One thing I’ve been trying to emphasize is that this is not an attack against homeschooling parents. Instead, it’s about finding those who are hiding behind the laws. We want to make sure every child is safe and has a responsible homeschooling experience.

5. What else are you working on? We have seven bills related to environmental justice and air quality, and another that will compensate those who have been wrongfully convicted in the State of Michigan. The other big issue evolves around paid sick leave, so I introduced

legislation to ensure that everyone has access to those benefits. About 46% of the private sector doesn’t offer this at all, and a lot of people may be in a situation where they can’t afford to take a day off to get better, or care for their sick children. Lastly, we’re working on a set of bills relating to the Detroit water shutoffs.

6. What do you see as the biggest problems affecting the 6th District today?

When I was going door to door during my campaign, a couple of things really jumped out at me. First, a lot of residents mentioned vacant homes and area blight as a huge issue, which they also related to local safety and crime. In certain neighborhoods, air quality and pollution was a big topic as well. And of course jobs and the economy, in addition to education. I’ve really tried to focus on a lot of these topics because I know that they concern a lot of people.

7. What can Wayne County residents do to help initiate improvements throughout their communities?

A lot of the major issues occurring within the 6th District are centered on quality of life concerns. Many of the problems brought to our attention are city and not state concerns, so we try to help residents get connected to the right contact people—whether they’re reporting a broken street light or an illegal dumping on their street. I additionally think that it’s very important for residents to stay engaged in local government, while also forming neighborhood associations and block clubs to do what they can to address particular issues in their communities.

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

I have a wonderful husband named Sean, and we’re actually expecting a baby girl in August. We’re really excited about everything. We also live pretty close to the Riverwalk, so we love taking walks, and we always enjoy really good food. Right now our big project is getting ready for the baby.

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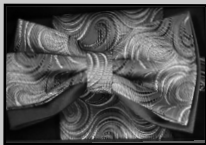
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Doors open at 7pm! Show starts at 8pm! GENERAL ADMISSION is \$20. Purchase online in advance for \$15 or at the door by 8PM! Beverages will be available for purchase! Pizza will be served. Tickets: \$15.00 in advance, \$20 at the door Visit [www.musichall.org](http://www.musichall.org)

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My daughter wants mom to walk her down the aisle



Dear Alma,

I was married to my wife for 11 years. During that time we had three children, one daughter and two sons. In my opinion, our relationship deteriorated so my wife and I divorced because I had an affair. I have since married that woman and we have two children together, two sons. We are very happy and she’s always had a close relationship with my older children. But understandably, not my wife. My oldest, a daughter is getting married this year. As her father, I am paying for her wedding and very excited to walk her down the aisle. That is until recently when I received an email from her saying she asked her mom to walk her down the aisle. I am very disappointed and am considering not attending. I would like your advice on the matter.

Anonymous

Hmmm, well, first and foremost, it’s her wedding and she has the final word on who should walk her down this aisle. With that being said, my wonder is, did her mother ask her or make her feel guilty into going in that direction? On one hand, you mentioned the affair, upon which I’m sure no one has forgotten, especially since you’re happily married to the other woman. On the other hand, walking her down the aisle – should not be used as a repercussion tool or a “remember you hurt my mama” moment.

My advice is to have a conversation with your daughter. It would be ideal if your first wife

(not the second) could be present, but if not, so be it. Tell your daughter you want more than anything to walk her down the aisle. Remind her that being your only daughter is what makes it even more special to you. On that note, look to her mother for support. I wouldn’t take this issue directly to her mom, because it’s not her wedding. Both parents should be willing to walk in the words of the wise and recognize, this isn’t about the past, it’s about the future. Your daughter’s future and what will make her happy.

It looks like you and your new family have moved on, but that’s not the case for all involved. The breakup of a marriage is difficult and divorce with children is traumatic. Evidently, parts of hearts in your first home, haven’t completely healed. Take this left hook on the chin and deal with it. Don’t give up so easily. Once you’ve shared your feelings, all of your feelings, allow your daughter to make her choice.

Yes you should attend the wedding, regardless if you’re in the wedding party. Whatever she decides is what you should abide by. You all will have to live with the decision, just as you did when you divorced. If things don’t go your way, between you and me, pick up your feelings and put them back in your pocket. Prepare to wear your most stylish tux and the biggest smile you can muster. Just as you were mature enough to make a lifelong, difficult decision, based on what was best for you at the time... she will, too.

Alma - NNPA Columnist  
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Romulus High School student earns esteemed Gates Millennium Scholarship

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Brooke Waldon with college advisor Brannon Bass, NHS advisor Kathy Abdo and RHS principal Flinnoia Hall

Brooke Waldon has a noticeable “it” factor about her. She’s a top 10 senior slated to attend Syracuse University in the fall. As a student at Romulus High School, Waldon spent four years as a varsity softball and boy’s wrestling team captain, and additionally volunteers with Family Community Career Leaders of America (FCCLA) to provide care packages for the Army, tutor elementary school children and teach fundamental classes about sports nutrition. Also a Student Government President and member of the National Honor Society, Waldon serves as a Bright Futures associate and Quiz Bowl academic tournament participant, while always making time to deliver the morning and afternoon announcements at school. Now Waldon joins a pool of 1,000 recipients recently se-

lected for the Class of 2015 Gates Millennium Scholars Program, a grant provided by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation covering all undergraduate and graduate expenses for high achieving, low income minority students throughout their college careers. For Brannon Bass, a Romulus High School college advisor, Waldon was always the perfect fit for such a prestigious scholarship. “Once I saw the criteria, I had no doubt that if Brooke applied for this scholarship, she would win it; that’s how much confidence I have in her,” he said. “I can’t put my finger on it, but there’s just something about her. It’s kind of like when you look at some athletes out here, like LeBron James or Kobe Bryant. You don’t necessarily know what it is, but there’s definitely an “it” that they carry

with them. I’ve always noticed that in Brooke. Likewise, Bill Gates saw it too.” Completing the lengthy application process required the construction of ten different essays on various topics, including Waldon’s favorite/least preferred academic subjects. For the high school senior, who juggles a plethora of activities outside the classroom, the time consuming effort to win the GMS scholarship was well worth it in the end. “After personally going through this process, I would definitely tell future applicants to take this very seriously,” Waldon said. “I didn’t think I was going to win, but everyone has a chance and this is a fantastic opportunity. So take everything seriously because this can change your life. It has literally changed mine.” Now a GMS recipient and Romulus High School graduate, Waldon seems intent on looking towards what will inevitably become a very bright future. “I plan to major in biomedical engineering at Syracuse,” she said. “If everything plays out, I want to apply to medical school, where I’ll ideally develop a career as a trauma surgeon. My backup plan is to become a biomedical engineer.”

Ecorse school district holds annual parade



Photo by Robert Frierson

The Ecorse School District held their 6th Annual Community Parade on Saturday, May 30. The parade was planned to bring awareness to the school district and to bring the community out. As residents heard the band coming down the street, they came out of their homes and businesses to cheer on the bands, youth and staff members that were participating in the parade.



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The Parade traveled through Ecorse and River Rouge and ended at Ecorse High School. At the conclusion of the parade the bands participated in an exhibition.

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"NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition raises the bar in defining high-quality care by emphasizing access, health information technology and coordinated care focused on patients," said NCQA President Margaret E. O'Kane. "Recognition shows that Western Wayne Family Health Centers has the tools, systems and resources to provide its patients with the right care, at the right time."

To earn recognition, which is valid for three years, Western Wayne Family Health Centers demonstrated the ability to meet the program's key elements, embodying characteristics of the medical home.

NCQA standards aligned with the joint principles of the Patient-Centered Medical Home established with the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Osteopathic Association.

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CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**CITY OF INKSTER ,WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**RE:Case No. 14-05 (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, June 22, 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 Church in a R-1B (One Family Residential District). Thirkield Marbury, Jr., on behalf of Middlebelt Baptist Church, is the applicant. The subject property is located on the northeast corner of Middlebelt Road and Avondale and is legally described as follows :

D2A PT OF NW Y.. SEC 24 T2S R9E DESC AS BEG AT W Y.. COR SEC 24 TH S89DEG 51M 55S E 500FT TH NOODEG 32M 10S W 200FT TH S89DEG 51M 55S E 159FT TH NOODEG 32M 10S W 130FT TH N89DEG 51M 55S W 359FT TH SOODEG 32M 10S E 184FT TH N89DEG 51M 55S W 300 (Property ID #44-004-99-0003-001 , Commonly Known As 943 Middlebelt Road).



943 Middlebelt Rd

Avondale

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NORTH

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 June 22, 2015 at 12:00 Noon. Please reference Case No. 14-05 (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 days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at 313.563.9770.

Felicia Rutledge Inkster City Clerk

PUBLISH: June 4, 2015  
Community Development Department •313-563-9760

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

2231176 Notice

Affidavit of Fact and Declaration  
Structure as: Non-charity  
Place: Kingdom of Morocco thereon the Continental Shelf- Coordinates Longitude and Latitude: 82°30' to about 90°30' west longitude, and Latitude 41° 41' N to 48° 15' N  
Purpose: Violation of Trust, Breach, Redeem and collection of Estate  
Purpose: Obligations Not in Registered Form – Audit Technique Guide (ATG) and Obligations Not in Registered Form D

Status: natural person-Indigenous-Moor, Moorish

Securities: Collateral Trust Bond- 10968467  
Widely Held Fixed Investment Trusts-WHFIT-KENNETH LEE FUSTER  
WHFIT/WHMT/NMWHFIT ACCOUNT# 378884751  
Coupon or Certificate # 10968467 /state file number: 121-0105163  
Rescinded –Application For Service- AFS: 1752017

From: Ken-neth EL

Beneficial Trust Interest Holder/ Owner and Executor- Ken-neth EL (Box 261)  
Lincoln Park, Michigan (48146)  
Kingdom of Morocco thereon the Continental Shelf

To: Penny Pritzker

U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Your responsibilities as a LEGISLATURE BODY:

I, Ken-neth EL, Kenneth Lee Fuster and any derivation thereof, proclaim Moor or Moorish status, a living Man; indigenous to the Continental Shelf Kingdom of Morocco; the natural person; bearer, Estate, and Trust Beneficial Owner. Correction for Fraud against the UNITED STATES, HOLY SEE (VATICAN CITY STATE), N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS LTD Also Traded as Rothschild, DEPOSITORY TRUST & CLEARING CORPORATION, THE Also traded as CEDE AND COMPANY, and STATE OF MICHIGAN Certificate of Live Birth-10968467. My status shall be updated throughout globally, internationally, and intergalactic to all entities, including all CORPORATE entities to signify the condition or circumstances of my ownership with regards to Rights, estate, and private property. The presumption has been rebutted that Ken-neth EL is not a corporate fiction or any kind of fictitious entity, and the natural person is not under any obligation to register as any kind of debt security or corporate ward.

In accordance to the Audit Technique Guide (ATG)- Obligations not in registered form and Obligations Not in Registered Form D Audit Technique Guide (ATG) of the Internal Revenue Services (IRS):

Registration – Required Obligation – Section 4701(b)(1) provides that the term “registration- required obligation” has the same meaning as when used in section 163(f), expect that such term shall not include any obligations required to be registered under section 149(a). Section 163(f)(2)(A) provides that the term “registered-required obligation” means any obligation (including any obligation issued by a government entity) other than an obligation which – is issued by a natural person, is not of a type offered to the public.

Test Two – A security is also not considered a “registration-required obligation” if issued by a natural person, or is not a type offered to the Public. (IRC Section 163(f)(2)(A)(i) and (ii)).

Offering Circular – The mere existence of an Offering Circular indicates it is being offered to the public. The mention of an application to list the notes on the Luxembourg Stock exchange is another indication of a public offering and availability. Example Corporation issues the bonds, and the corporation is not a natural person.

Selling Group Agreement- Reference to an Offering Circular issued in connection with the notes indicates that they are available to the public. The Selling Group Agreement also indicates that Example Corporation, and not a natural person issue the notes. A statement that the notes will be offered to a selling group consisting of banks, brokers, and dealers indicates that the notes are available to the public.

Definitive Security – The face of the note indicates that it is issued by Example Corporation, not a natural person. The fact that the interest and principal is payable to the bearer of the attached coupons the amount shown is an indication that it is available to the public, as anyone can be a bearer of the coupon.

Global Security – Once again, the face of the note indicates that it is issued by Example Corporation, not a natural person. The Temporary Global Security also will make payments of the principal amount to the bearer of the Global Security, and the Global Security states it shall “in all respects be entitled to the same benefits and subject to the same terms and conditions of the definitive securities and those contained in the Fiscal Agency Agreement, except that neither the Holder hereof nor the beneficial owners of their Global Security shall be entitled to receive payment of interest thereof.

The Definitive Security would not be subject to the tax, as it meets all the exceptions IRC section 163(f)(2)(B) to become a “Certain Obligations not included” and therefore this Definitive Security is not a registration-required obligation.

In summary,  
In order for a bearer security issued not in registered form to be subject to the Obligations Not in Registered Form Excise Tax, it must be: issued by other than a natural person of a type offered to the public.

Note: This securities numbered 10968467 shall not be registered under the united states securities act of 1933 based on bearers must receive financial and other significant information concerning securities being offered for public sale. Deceit, misrepresentations, and fraud is prohibited in the sale of securities. Neither this security nor any portion hereof may be offered or sold directly or indirectly in the united states of America, its territories or possessions (including the commonwealth of puerto rico) (“united states”) or to nationals,(“united states persons”) or residents thereof or any corporation, partnership, or any other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the united states or as a political subdivision thereof or to any estate or trust which is subject to united states federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income.

DEFINITIONS:

**juridic persons**-Entity (such as a firm) (human being) created by law and recognized as a legal entity having distinct identity, legal personality, and duties and rights also called artificial person, juridical entity, juristic person, corporate entity, strawman, procedural phantom, ens legis, corporate actor, fiction, fictitious, person, creature, surety, collective entity or legal person, body corporate-ecclesiastical goods is the foreign natural person.

**Foreign**- Not indigenous or aboriginal to the land.

**natural person**- Living man or women that was or is or in the very thought of existence, conscious or unconscious itself and only especially in regards to the indigenous-aboriginal.



CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE	
<div>MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING May 11, 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, William Wadsworth. Administrative Officials in Attendance: LeRoy D. Burcroff Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk  1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously. 15-160 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 4, 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously. 15-161 2B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on May 4, 2015, 6:30 p.m. – 2015-2016 City Budget. Motion Carried Unanimously. 3. Petitioner: Mr. Lonnie Hampton, from Aerostar Manufacturing, presented a request to City Council for a twelve-year tax abatement for real and personal property at their existing facility at 28275 Northline Road. 15-162 3A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Crout to concur with the recommendation of City Assessor, Julie Albert, and grant an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to Aerostar Manufacturing, for a twelve-year tax abatement on a \$9,750,000 project for real and personal property at their existing facility at 28275 Northline Road. The IFEC will become effective December 31, 2015 and expire on December 30, , 2027. Motion Carried Unanimously. 4. Chairperson’s Report: Mayor Pro-Tem Barden announced the third annual talent, fashion show “Be Unique, Not a Bully” to be held on Friday, May 15th, 7:00 p.m. at Romulus High School. Councilman Wadsworth commented that the 11th Annual Animal Shelter Bowl-A-Thon was a great success – raising \$3,183.00. 15-163 4A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to recognize Irene Bizek on her 95th birthday. Motion Carried Unanimously. 4. Moved by Choate, seconded by Roscoe to accept the Chairperson’s Report. Motion Carried Unanimously. 5. Mayor’s Report: Mayor Burcroff commented on the various community events that took place over the weekend and gave a reminder about the walk on Wednesday, May 13th with the Romulus Police Department and the Romulus Community Schools. 15-164 5A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to extend Bid Award 11/12-14, at the existing bid prices for an additional two years to Pritula &amp; Sons, (with language re-negotiated by legal counsel) for the as-needed grass mowing non-compliant properties as directed by the Ordinance Department. The contract extension will expire on May 13, 2017. Motion Carried Unanimously. 15-165 5B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to award Bid RFP 14/15-09 for the acquisition of replacement interview recording and records management system equipment and additional replacement covert cameras and microphones for the City of Romulus Police Department to the only bidder, Absolute Sales International in the amount of \$13,954. Motion Carried Unanimously. 15-166 5C. Moved by Choate, seconded by Wadsworth to award Bid 14/15-23 for the acquisition of one (1) 6/7 yard single axle dump truck for the City of Romulus Dept. of Public Works to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Wolverine Freightliner-Westside, Inc. along with Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc. in the amount of \$162,622. Motion Carried Unanimously. 15-167 5D. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to authorize the purchase on an as-needed basis, cold patch materials for the repair of local and major roads from Cadillac Asphalt (formerly Barrett Paving Materials), under the DCC bid at a per-ton price of \$108.25. The price is guaranteed through April 30, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously. 15-168 5E. Moved by Choate, seconded by Abdo to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Romulus and LSL Planning Inc., to update the Master Plan at a cost not to exceed \$22,500. Motion Carried Unanimously. 15-169 5F. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to adopt the General Appropriations Act for FY 2015/2016 as prepared by the Finance Department and submitted by Mayor Burcroff: A resolution to provide for the adoption of a budget proposed by the Mayor containing estimates of proposed revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 and millage rates to support this budget. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS: SECTION 1. That for the expenditures of the City Government and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated. SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund on an activity basis, the following: COUNCIL \$77,040 MAYOR 543,110 CLERK 570,590 TREASURER 418,230 COMMUNITY SERVICES/OUTREACH 647,285 FINANCIAL SERVICES 2,150,935 COMMUNITY &amp; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 379,460 PUBLIC SAFETY 12,047,155 PUBLIC SERVICES 2,806,080 TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$19,639,885 REVENUES PROPERTY TAXES \$7,287,365 LICENSES &amp; PERMITS 1,225,100 FEDERAL SOURCES 349,510 INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES 3,930,415 CHARGES FOR SERVICES 2,445,405 FINES &amp; FORFEITS 3,825,000 MISCELLANEOUS 439,985 TOTAL REVENUES \$19,502,780 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 137,105 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$19,639,885 SECTION 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Roads Fund on an activity basis, the following: MAJOR ROADS FUND EXPENDITURES \$2,006,511 TRANSFER TO BEVERLY ROAD 159,043 TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS 425,000 TRANSFER TO DEBT FUND 202,626 TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; CONTINGENCIES 2,793,180 TOTAL REVENUES \$1,435,000 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 1,358,180 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 2,793,180 SECTION 4. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following: LOCAL STREETS FUND \$857,920 TOTAL REVENUES \$861,575 SECTION 5. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Romulus Athletic Center Fund on an activity basis, the following: ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER \$2,305,980 TOTAL REVENUES \$2,308,845 SECTION 6. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cemetery Restoration Fund on an activity basis, the following: CEMETERY RESTORATION FUND \$- TOTAL REVENUES \$1,505 SECTION 7. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fund on an activity basis, the following: CABLE TELEVISION \$388,745 TOTAL REVENUES \$368,200 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 20,545 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$388,745 SECTION 8. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Merriman Road Special Assessment District Fund on an activity basis, the following: MERRIMAN RD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT \$89,000 TOTAL REVENUES \$78,815 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 10,185 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$89,000 SECTION 9. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Street Lighting Fund on an activity basis, the following: STREET LIGHTING \$537,875 TOTAL REVENUES \$538,580 SECTION 10. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Oakwood Special Assessment District Fund on an activity basis, the following: OAKWOOD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT \$25,000 TOTAL REVENUES \$20,661 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 4,339 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$25,000 SECTION 11. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community Employee Activity Fund on an activity basis, the following: COMMUNITY EMPLOYEE ACTIVITY \$18,054 TOTAL REVENUES \$300 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 17,754 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$18,054 SECTION 12. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activity basis, the following: SANITATION \$1,047,775 TOTAL REVENUES \$1,124,980 SECTION 13. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community Development Block Grant Fund on an activity basis, the following: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS \$246,527 TOTAL REVENUES \$227,072 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 19,455 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$246,527 SECTION 14. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 9-1-1 Fund on an activity basis, the following: 9 1 1 FUND \$240,610 TOTAL REVENUES \$128,250 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 112,360 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$240,610 SECTION 15. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Federal Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following: FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT \$217,900 TOTAL REVENUES \$172,350 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 45,550 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$217,900 SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the State Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following: STATE FORFEITURE \$206,500 TOTAL REVENUES \$60,500 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 146,000 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$206,500 SECTION 17. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Municipal Library Fund on an activity basis, the following: MUNICIPAL LIBRARY \$564,020 TOTAL REVENUES \$521,510 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 42,510 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$564,020 SECTION 18. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Special Assessment - Beverly Road Fund on an activity basis, the following: SPECIAL ASSESSMENT - BEVERLY ROAD \$271,175 TOTAL REVENUES \$271,376 SECTION 19. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2014 Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT DEBT SERVICE \$474,650 TOTAL REVENUES \$474,650 SECTION 20. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following: SEWER DEBT SERVICE \$750,000 TOTAL REVENUES \$43,000 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 707,000 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$750,000 SECTION 21. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Water Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following: WATER DEBT SERVICE \$132,480 TOTAL REVENUES \$20,500 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 111,980 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$132,480 SECTION 22. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following: DDA CONSTRUCTION \$543,718 TOTAL REVENUES \$1,000 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 542,718 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$543,718 SECTION 23. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following: SEWER AND WATER \$19,509,987 TOTAL REVENUES \$17,096,430 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 2,413,557 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$19,509,987 SECTION 24. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund on an activity basis, the following: VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT \$1,860,688 TOTAL REVENUES \$1,856,010 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 4,678 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$1,860,688 SECTION 25. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Technology Services Fund on an activity basis, the following: TECHNOLOGY SERVICES \$857,521 TOTAL REVENUES \$717,000 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 140,521 TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$857,521 SECTION 26. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following: RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS \$2,544,920 TOTAL REVENUES \$2,699,000</div>	



CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE  
Minutes Continued

SECTION 27. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Property and Liability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE	\$556,090
TOTAL REVENUES	\$432,485
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	123,605
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	\$556,090

SECTION 28. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Special Revenue Fund on an activity basis, the following:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	\$326,869
TOTAL REVENUES	\$387,590

SECTION 29. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA DISTRICT II	\$2,607,495
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,528,986
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	78,509
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	\$2,607,495

SECTION 30. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated the following Capital Budget expenditures:

CAPITAL BUDGET	\$5,438,335
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SECTION 31. That amounts budgeted for specific items or purposes and not required to be utilized for such items or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes within the same activity for which such allocations are made.

SECTION 32. Be it further resolved that the following millage rates as provided by charter or statute be assessed:

OPERATING MILLAGE	9.4063
P.A. 359 MILLAGE	0.0602
LIBRARY MILLAGE	0.5000
SANITATION MILLAGE	1.5500
EPA LEVY MILLAGE	2.0414

SECTION 33. Be it further resolved that the Property Tax Administration Fee and any type of late penalty charge as provided for by charter or statute be assessed.

**CITY OF ROMULUS  
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:**

That for the expenditures of the **34th District Court** and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount is hereby appropriated.

<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$3,882,172</b>
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Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Clerk’s Report:**  
City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg thanked her staff and everyone who helped with the May 5th Election.

15-170 6A1. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to approve first reading of zoning map amendments for PC-2014-014 and PC-2015-012 and zoning ordinance text amendments for Article 8, Industrial Districts; Article 11, Use Standards; and Article 24, Definitions.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**6B. Treasurer’s Report**  
Treasurer Stacy Paige excused. Furlough day Friday, May 15, 2015.

**7. Public Comment:**  
Jan Lemmon, Chairperson of Romulus Memorial Cemetery Board expressed appreciation to those who helped clean the cemetery at the annual Romulus Clean Sweep.

**8. Unfinished Business:**  
Councilman Wadsworth asked DPW Director, Roberto Scappaticci, to explain the process and cost to lease an extra garbage can from Waste Management beginning July 1, 2015.

**9. New Business**

**10. Communication:**  
Councilwoman Roscoe announced VA memorial bricks can be purchased at the treasurer’s office. Grand opening of Park #1 at Beverly and Henry Ruff Roads on Tuesday, May 19th at 5:00 p.m. The Community Connection newspaper that is mailed to residents is full of helpful information, such as the new garbage cans from Waste Management and listings of upcoming community events such as the Fireworks scheduled for Thursday, July 2, 2015. City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg gave a reminder of the city-wide yard sale on May 14 – May 17.

15-171 11A. Moved by Chaote, seconded by Crout to approve Warrant 15-09 in the amount of \$706,058.51.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-172 11B. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to approve Warrant 15-09E in the amount of \$9,505.00.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo 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 May 11, 2015.

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CITY OF INKSTER

In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the June 1, 2015 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED:

Approval of the agenda.  
Approval of Consent agenda.  
Approval of an IGA Grant.  
Approval with the vote on pending litigation.

Felicia Rutledge  
City Clerk

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held on May 6, 2015. Meeting called to order at 7:58pm

The following Commissioners were present:  
Present: Campbell, Pierce, Pruneau, Ward Mayor Bowdler in the Chair  
Excused: Cooney & Perry

15-105 Approval of minutes from 04/21/2015  
15-106 Approval of contract with Elliott’s Amusements for Carnival on Sept 18,19 & 20, 2015  
15-107 Approval to block off Frazier St on the side of Sabbath School for an event at the school  
15-108 Approval for River Rouge High to hold Prom Toast of May 20,2015  
15-109 Voucher approval  
15-110 Building permit approval  
15-111 Sale of vacant lot at 131 Burke  
15-112 Bid award for pavement depression patching  
15-113 Motion to adjourn

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk’s office (313) 842-5604.

Patricia Johnson City Clerk

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CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER, MI  
PLANNING COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE**

**NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN**, pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, the City of Inkster Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Monday June 22, 2015, 6:00 p.m.** in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. The Planning Commission will consider proposed amendments to the City’s Zoning Ordinance pertaining provisions for medical marijuana facilities.

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

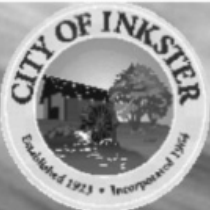
- Modifications to the definition of “medical marijuana facilities” to create a definition for “medical marijuana cultivation facilities”
- Establish a definition for “medical marijuana provisioning centers” that permits transfer of medicine as permitted by State of Michigan regulations and excludes cultivation, growing, or processing of marijuana
- Change the uses permitted subject to special conditions in the M-1 District from “medical marijuana facilities” to “medical marijuana cultivation facilities”
- Change and modify the existing special review standards for “medical marijuana facilities” to special review standards for “medical marijuana cultivation facilities”
- Establish medical marijuana provisioning centers as a use subject to special conditions in the B-1 District
- Establish medical marijuana provisioning centers as a use subject to special conditions in the B-2 District
- Establish medical marijuana provisioning centers as a use subject to special conditions in the B-3 District
- Establish special conditions review standards for medical marijuana provisioning centers

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that complete text of zoning ordinance amendments will be available for review at the Inkster City Clerk Office, which is located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, MI, 48141 beginning June 5, 2015. All meetings of the City of Inkster Planning Commission are open to the public. You are invited to attend this meeting. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Community Development Manager, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 Noon, June 22, 2015. Information may be obtained from the Planning and Community Development Department at 313.563.9760.




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Felicia Rutledge, Inkster City Clerk  
PUBLISH: June 4, 2015






# Inkster Michigan 2014 Consumer Annual Report on Water Quality




In compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Acts Amendments, the City of Inkster Department of Public Service is providing its customers with the 2014 annual report on water quality. This report explains where your water comes from, what is contains and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State Standards.

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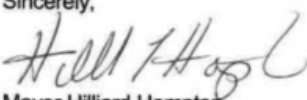
Dear Residents:

In compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments, The City of Inkster Department of Public Service; is providing it's customers with the 2014 Annual Report on Water Quality. This report explains where your water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State Standards.

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

Let me assure you that the City of Inkster is working hard to make sure you receive the highest quality of water service. If you have and questions regarding this information presented herein, you may contact the Department of Public Service at 313.563.9773.

Sincerely,



Mayor Hilliard Hampton  
City of Inkster

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Annual Consumer Report on Water Quality

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

Sources of Drinking Water

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

Detroit River Intakes Source Water Assessment

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

DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. If you would like to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report, please contact the City of Inkster, Department of Public Service at (313) 563-9773.

Contaminants and Their Presence in Water

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

Vulnerability of some populations to contaminants in drinking water

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

Contaminants that may be Present in Source Water

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

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



Southwest Water Treatment Plant 2014 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	5/13/2014	ppm	4	4	0.56	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5/13/2014	ppm	10	10	0.29	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2014	ppb	n/a	80	23	11-32	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2014	ppb	n/a	60	10	4-14	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfection – Monitoring in Distribution System								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	2014	ppm	4	4	0.64	0.52-0.73	no	Water additive used to control microbes.
2014 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)					Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water	
0.14 NTU	100%					no	Soil Runoff	
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.								
2014 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System								
Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL				Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples				0	no	Naturally present in the environment.
E. coli Bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.				0	no	Human waste and animal fecal waste.
2014 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2014	ppb	0	15	3.2 ppb	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2014	ppm	1.3	1.3	.0974 ppm	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL, additional requirements must be met.								
Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique							Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.							Erosion of natural deposits

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

2014 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.41	Erosion of natural deposits

Collection and sampling result information in the table provided by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Water Quality Division, ML Semegen.

**KEY TO THE DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLE**

Symbol	Abbreviation	Definition/Explanation
>	Greater than	
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
mg/L	Milligrams per liter	A milligram = 1/1000 gram 1 milligrams per liter is equal to 1 ppm
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	Not Applicable	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity. Picocurie (pCi) means the quantity of radioactive material producing 2.22 nuclear transformations per minute.
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.

## Springwells Water Treatment Plant 2014 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
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### Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap

Fluoride	5/13/14	ppm	4	4	0.61	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5/13/14	ppm	10	10	0.39	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

### Volatile Organic Contaminants – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Xylene	11/12/13	ppm	10	10	0.0009	n/a	no	Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories

### Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2014	ppb	n/a	80	23	11-32	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2014	ppb	n/a	60	10	4-14	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection

### Disinfectant Residuals – Monitoring in Distribution System

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	2014	ppm	4	4	0.70	0.64-0.74	no	Water additive used to control microbes

### 2014 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap

Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.24 NTU	100 %	no	Soil Runoff

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### 2014 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System

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2014 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.15	Erosion of natural deposits

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Water Treatment In Detroit

Water treatment is considered one of the ten greatest achievements of the 20th century. And the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has been at the forefront of advances.

1800s - Screening. The water pumped from Detroit's 19th century water works was essentially identical to the water in the Detroit River minus twigs, fish and various small animals. Simple screening was the only process employed before water was delivered to city residents. Even so, tiny, multi-legged creatures found their way into homes through faucets where they were an occasional source of distress for the faint of heart.

1913 - Disinfection. The incidence of disease was greatly reduced in Detroit through the introduction of calcium hypochlorite to combat typhoid fever, a water-borne disease.

1916 - Liquid Chlorine. The Department began adding this more effective disinfectant (15 times as strong as calcium hypochlorite), which virtually eliminated illness from typhoid in Detroit after 1916.

1923 - Filtration. The world's largest filtration plant at Water Works Parks delivered transparently crystal clear water into the homes of Detroiters for the first time. This was a change of pace from drinking water that was usually tinted by sediment and other substances suspended in the water. The Department proudly trumpeted that its water was so clear that a newspaper could be read through it.

1955 - Fluoride. Millions of metro-Detroit children and adults benefited from improved dental health after fluoride was added to drinking water.

1996 - Phosphoric Acid. A small amount of phosphoric acid, a common ingredient in soft drinks, was first added to DWSD's treated water as a corrosion inhibitor. The compound coats the surface of a home's plumbing, sealing in lead and other harmful substances in the metal or solder.



Photo by Paul Gomez, Ernest Alix, and DWSD Archives

Information About Lead and Copper

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with the pipes and home plumbing. The City of Inkster is responsible for providing high quality drinking water. While the City cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components, when your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800)-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Water System Facts

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

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

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City of Inkster Water and Sewer Rates

New rates are effective with consumption as of July 1, 2015.

Billing Item	Current Rates	New Rates as of 7/1/2015
Water Consumption Rate (\$/unit of consumption)	\$4.60	\$4.48
Sewer Consumption Rate (\$/unit of consumption)	\$11.15	\$9.95
Total Consumption Rate (\$/unit of consumption)	\$15.75	\$14.43

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

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POLICE BLOTTER

RIVER ROUGE

May 26th, 2015

At 0830hrs, an officer went to the 400 Block of Lenoir Street on a Domestic Dispute. Officers received information that the 27 year old  
Suspect was attempting to gain entry into the residence. The 23 year old female states her ex-boyfriend punched the front glass window of resident and the glass broke and spattered all on her front grass. The female states they broke up 3 months ago and have three children in common. She further states he does not live at the resident and he came there to pick up the children and entered the resident without permission and attempted to leave with them. A verbal argument began and when he was leaving that when he punched the window. The ex-boyfriend was located at 17th & Francis Street in Ecorse. The states incident began when he w2ent to pick up the children and an argument began and she told he to leave and that he would not see his children. He was placed under arrest for Damage to Property and transported to the station where he was booked, allowed to make a phone call, then housed.

May 24, 2015

At 1355hrs, officers were dispatched to the 300 Block of Genesee on a Domestic Violence complaint. The 23 year old female states she went to her former residence on Leroy Street to gather her belongings. She told officers she had permission from the owner's mother to come and get her things. She states when she went to get them the 21 year old male physically assaulted her. He punched, kicked and pushed her multiple times, then grabbed a long black gun,

a possible AK47 from the attic and threatened to shoot her. The mother somehow managed to restrain her son and later took the female home. The couple broke up two months ago and someone is still angry. Which one is it?

May 28th, 2015

At 1514hrs, officers were dispatched tom the 100 block of Batavia Street for a Domestic in progress. Officer spoke to a 46 year old female in night robe yelling that her 22 year old son had just assaulted her. She states incident began when she confronted him about smoking "marijuana" in her home and his friends were there and are not allowed in her home. She states he began pushing her to the point of ripping her clothes off and then proceeded to break out the kitchen window. He pushed her into the refrigerator over and damaged both screen and the main door then he fled. She was offered medical attention but refused. Officers were unable to locate him but he has to come home sooner or later.

May 28nd, 2015

At 1334hrs, an officer met a 35 year old female in the 100 Block of Batavia Street. The female told the officer the concern was about her 10 year old daughter. The daughter who told her mother and therapist that she has been touched on several occasions in her private area by a young male. The young male's is 11 year old and she gave his address and other information. She further states that unwanted touching has occurred for the past three weeks.

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could see an immediate solution to their problems. I received one call from Ferguson, and communication from Inkster's mayor and city manager. I then did some consulting work with the city, and they asked me to be their interim police chief. I believe that Inkster chose me; we chose each other."

Thomas has accepted his new position at a critical time. Over the past several months, Inkster has been thrust into the national spotlight following the brutal police beating of local resident Floyd Dent. William Melendez, the officer caught on dashcam video repeatedly punching the unarmed motorist in the face, has since been charged with assault and misconduct. In April, former interim chief Vicki Yost resigned amongst the firestorm. Joseph was appointed as her replacement in May.

Last month, Dent agreed to a \$1.37 million settlement from the City of Inkster.

"I think that the City Treasurer Mark Stuhldreher and City Attorney David Jones should be congratulated in negotiating with Mr. Dent and his attorney to settle this case. They did a wonderful job," Thomas said. "I also want to commend Mr. Dent and his attorney because they're aware that this city doesn't have a lot of money. Based on what I know about these types of lawsuits, that settlement amount is a win-win decision in a losing situation."

After stepping in as chief of police, Thomas—who remains intent on creating a new culture within the Inkster Police Department—consulted with a team of reviewers to make a decision on whether to reprimand officers seen on video apparently mocking Dent, who suffered serious injuries during the beating. In early May, Thomas issued suspensions to two additional officers for their roles in the incident.

"I won't pass judgement on how things happened," Thomas said. "What happened and who was involved is my focus. My job is to make sure that something like this never happens in this city again. That type of behavior will not be tolerated on my watch."

But Thomas maintains that the climate is now changing within

the Inkster Police Department, greatly demonstrated through two letters recently received from local citizens commending noticeable changes in behavior amongst area officers. For Thomas, this is the best way to rebuild trust within the community.

"True community policing is a way of life, and certainly starts in the department," he said. "I'm fair and firm, but I treat our officers like professionals. In return, I expect them to conduct themselves as such. I then request that they take the way they're being treated into the streets. Be fair and firm to the citizens. Work with them to solve crime, but also make sure that you're making an effort to solve problems. Become a resource person for the residents. Get to know them all over again; that's how you build positive trust. It appears to be working."

Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton agrees with these sentiments, maintaining that Thomas is effectively transforming the atmosphere within the department to ultimately set the stage for the introduction of a permanent Inkster police chief later this month (Thomas is one of several finalists vying for the position).

"I haven't done any personal assessments to our officers or the staff, but from what I'm

gathering, [Thomas] is doing all the right things," Hampton said. "He's certainly bringing some stability and structure in terms of making officers aware of the protocol and procedures relating to how they execute their work. Chief Thomas has also been able to create an environment that provides a better fit for the department as we make our transition to a permanent police chief."

Relating to this, the city is also looking to hire qualified police officers, though they're not just searching for experienced applicants. According to Thomas, only those interested in bringing positive qualities to the table need to apply for the current vacancies.

"I'm not really looking for qualified police officers to work for this city," he said. "I'm looking for good people to work here. It's easy to make a good person a great police officer. But it's difficult to make a good police officer a great person. Their heart has to be in the right place."

Overall, since joining the city last month, Thomas seems to be right at home in the Inkster community. With city officials, residents and officers taking so well to his presence, his mission to create a new climate throughout the area has kicked off to a great start.

"I did not receive the amount of pushback that I anticipated," Thomas said. "As a matter of fact, I've received overwhelming cooperation with the modifications, rules and policies that I'm putting into place. Everything has been well received, and that was somewhat surprising."

"I think we just have to change the image here. We have to do these things as an example to other departments around the country. It can be done and must be done. We must rebuild trust with the people in our community."

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### On their way to college



Let's give a loud congratulations to Psyche' Gray and Darrin"DJ" Mayo on signing of their letter of intent to play basketball at the next level. Psyche' will play at Kellogg Community College and Darrin will play at Mott Community College.

## DETROIT RED WINGS EXPERIENCE ANNOUNCES SUMMER LINEUP

The Detroit Red Wings Experience, presented by Coke Zero, today announced its summer lineup schedule, starting this weekend with the Belle Isle Grand Prix on Friday, May 29 through Sunday, May 31 in Detroit. The DRW Experience features interactive games designed to give Red Wings fans an opportunity to test their hockey skills.

Red Wings alumni will also be on hand at select dates to sign autographs. Additionally, members of the Flagstar Bank Red Patrol will distribute various giveaway items to event attendees, and fans will have an opportunity to participate in enter-to-win raffles for a chance at Red Wings prizes and autographed memorabilia. The DRW Experience will be at

a wide array of summer events and festivals stretching throughout the Metro Detroit area, including Downtown Hoedown, Kroger Hockeyfest and Arts, Beats & Eats. The full schedule of DRW Experience dates can be found below. For more information on the Detroit Red Wings Experience, visit [www.DetroitRedWings.com/Experience](http://www.DetroitRedWings.com/Experience).

### DETROIT RED WINGS EXPERIENCE SUMMER LINEUP

Date:	Event:	Location:	City:
June 3	Tim Hortons Camp Day	Tim Hortons	Royal Oak, MI.
June 5-6	Downtown Hoedown	West Riverfront Park	Detroit, MI
June 25	Jimmy Buffet	West Riverfront Park	Detroit, MI
July 11	Kroger Hockeyfest	Kroger	Shelby Twp., MI.
Aug. 15-16	NASCAR		

## Park reopens

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Back two rows are city employees who played in the first annual baseball game. Front two rows are St. John's Lodge members who played ( Mayor Burcroff, second row-second from the left was the "Team Manager" for the City Team, and Mayor Pro Tem John Barden who is fourth from left in the front row, who played on the City Team and is proudly holding the winner's trophy!)

people in attendance at the park opening enjoying the refurbished basketball court, kids games, bounce house, playground equipment and free hotdogs and chips. Starting a new tradition, City employees played a softball game on the

newly reconditioned field against the members of St. John's Lodge No. 44.

"We look forward to this softball game being an annual event. Having the park named

in honor of our Lodge was such a surprise. Most of our lodge brothers are lifelong residents of Romulus, some for multiple generations, and it really means a lot to have our Lodge recognized like this. Some of our members worked to help get the park ready for opening and we plan to watch over it and ensure the park maintains its beauty." said St. John's Lodge No. 44 Worshipful Master Ezell Wooden.

The St. John's Lodge No. 44 Park was the fourth major park opening in Romulus during the past year.

"The reopening and renovations at Elmer Johnson and Fernandez parks, along with the newly constructed Oakbrook Dog Park have provided great recreational opportunities to our residents, as will St. John's Lodge No. 44 Park, for many years to come," said Mayor Burcroff.

## A Wet Grand Prix Weekend

By Butch Davis - Sports Writer



Because of continuous rains Saturday and Sunday attendance was low at the 2015 Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix.

Mother Nature was not to friendly for this year 2015 Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix. The best days in participating this years event was Friday Free Day, and Saturday up to the hour of 2:00pm when the clouds moved in over the island and within a half an hour the rain came to dampen the high spirits of the thousand of fans at this years event. The event features the cars of the Verizon Indy Car Series, the TUDOR United Sports Car Championship, the Pirelli World Challenge Series and the trucks of the SPEED Energy Formula Off-Road Presented by TRAXXAS. However, the weekend collectively is referred to as the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix as the feature attraction was the Chevrolet Dual in Detroit Indy Car doubleheader.

Carlos Munoz won Saturday at Belle Isle when the race was called because of rain after 47 laps. The 23-year-old Colombian driver had a substantial lead when a caution flag came out with just over 30 minutes remaining in what was supposed to be a 2-hour race. The yellow flag was due to lightning in the area, and the race went under a red flag not long after that. Then the rest was called

off, and Munoz had his first victory on the series in 28 starts. "Not the way I wanted to win," Munoz said. "I wanted to win this one, 100 percent, all the laps complete. But a win is a win." With the rains heavy and continuing steady all day Sunday until 2:30pm fans seem not to bother to crowd Belle Isle as they have done in years pass as many fans stayed home. Races and practice lap were canceled all day until the main event, which was the Indy car race that started at 3:35pm. Sebastien Bourdais drove to victory in Race 2 of the Chevy Dual in Detroit for KVSH Racing, even though in danger of running out of gas, on a day when the track was wet, slick, dry and overall treacherous. Bourdais, starting from ninth and driving the No. 11 Team Mistic E-Cigs Chevrolet/Dallara, scooted away from Takuma Sato and Graham Rahal on a late restart for his first series win since Toronto in 2014. In closing, maybe the brain trusts of the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix need to rethink the no refund policy for advance ticket buyers as some fans thought that they did not get their monies worth. Well, better luck next year.



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# Romulus High School holds Senior Decision Day

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



On May 15th, Romulus High School hosted its inaugural Senior Decision Day to celebrate the graduating Class of 2015. Held during a morning assembly in the RHS auditorium, more than 200 students gathered to make personal pledges toward their future college and career goals. Similar to the National Signing Day, where student athletes sign a

Letter of Intent to attend universities across the nation, the event celebrated all graduates venturing on a successful path after high school. “Every year, athletes receive recognition through the media about where they’re going to attend college,” said Romulus High School College Advisor, Brannon Bass. “But a lot of other seniors are doing some

positive things that don’t get the same kind of recognition. So we decided to do a signing day, where all of our students make future commitments by signing a contract. Whether they’re going into the workforce, college or the military, we wanted to create an equality based atmosphere where those in that auditorium could see that they could commit to other areas and get the same type of recognition that any athlete would.” Several sponsors provided gifts for students attending the event, which also welcomed faculty members and proud parents. Following the two and a half hour program, students headed off to a senior picnic—undoubtedly excited about what lies ahead as they finish out their high school careers. “For this being the first run, our students really enjoyed themselves. The turnout was pretty good for our inaugural year,” Bass said. “You could see how happy the seniors were as they wore their college shirts, and enjoyed the culture of positivity all around that auditorium. I could also hear sophomores and juniors saying that they couldn’t wait for their turn. This will definitely be a yearly tradition at our school. We really need to celebrate the accomplishments of every student as opposed to just one specific group.”

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