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TAYLOR'S RELAY FOR LIFE in Heritage Park "Lace 'Em Up - It's Time To Hit The Track"



The 13th annual Relay For Life event in Taylor will be held in Heritage Park May 16 and 17.

Since lace represents a 13th anniversary, this year's Relay for Life theme is "Lace 'Em Up

- It's Time To Hit The Track."
Teams can register at www.re-layforlife.org/taylormi. Survivors, even if they aren't affiliated with a team, can register at that website as well. The relay is always looking for

new committee members and new teams.

The last meeting date for the Relay for Life in Taylor is May

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Neighborhood store closes after 56 years



Myrtle and Al Green has closed a store which has been open for 56 years serving the City of Delray and Southwest Detroit.area at 600 Solvey street in Detroit Michigan. Green's Variety Store CLOSED it's doors for business on Thursday, April 30, 2015. The community celebrated with them on Sunday, May 10th.

Foreclosure deadline extended on thousands of Detroit area properties



DETROIT — Property owners facing tax foreclosure in Detroit and Wayne County will get more time to reach deals to save their homes.

County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz has extended Tuesday's deadline to make payment arrangements on overdue taxes to June 8. Tuesday's deadline was pushed back from March 31.

Foreclosure proceedings were started this year on about 75,000 properties with most being in Detroit. Taxes have been paid on nearly 20,000

Protesters have been vigilant as they protest against tax foreclosures in Wayne County.

County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz didn't issue a moratorium, but he did extend the deadline until June 8th.

and 24,000 others are on payment plans.

About 10,300 of the 30,000 properties still facing foreclosure are occupied.

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CALL TO ACTION

You must get out of your comfort zone;

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Have you ever wondered why people seem to keep doing the same thing over and over again? No matter what's in front of them, they won't venture out, to explore new stuff. Then our new fish explained it all.

Yep, our new fish explained it all. We have had an 80 gallon fish tank at the Telegram Building for about two years. About two weeks ago, my daughter gave us her six gold fish that she had had for over three years. (That's right her gold fish lived for three years) They had lived the last three years in a 30 gallon tank, about a third the size of the Telegram's tank. However when the fish was added to our tank, they would not swim to the other area of the tank. They would swim to the imaginary boarder of their old tank and turn around. Over

and over, I watched them. They would see the other fish swim to the other end of tank, but they wouldn't go. To try to lure them to the other side of the tank, I dropped the fish food on the far side of the tank, they still wouldn't swim to get it. I had to drop the food the food right where they were and push it down with my finger to make sure they ate. I would hit on the glass by them to disturb them, hoping that they would swim away. They swam away alright, right in their imaginary 30 gallon tank.

This went on for a week. It was exactly seven days, before one of the fish ventured to the other side of the tank. Isn't that like some people you know? They see opportunity right across the city line, but they won't go pass the stop light. They are comfortable just driving around their two city neighborhood. Even though there is free food or a new life a few blocks away, they won't venture out. Is it fear or is it just staying in your comfort zone because that is what your family did? It definitely made me think. People must get out of their comfort zone and venture out.

Gina Steward Publisher

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NEWS FROM LANSING

Michigan Legislators Celebrate 13th Annual Asian Pacific Heritage Month

More than one hundred Asian Pacific Americans from around the state join legislators at Capitol



Senator Hoon Yung Hopgood sponsors legislation for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

LANSING - Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor), House Democratic Floor Leader Sam Singh (D-East Lansing) and Representative Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit) joined more than one hundred Asian Pacific Americans from around the state at the Capitol today to celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month in Michigan. Hopgood has also sponsored legislation, Senate Resolution 45, designating May 2015 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in Michigan.

"It is great to have so many Asian Pacific Americans join us today, representing a variety of heritages and a variety of counties in Michigan," Senator Hopgood said. "These individuals have contributed so much to our nation and our state, and I appreciate the opportunity to thank them and celebrate our culture together."

The state of Michigan is fortunate to be home to more than 300,000 residents of Asian and Pacific Island descent. Asian Pacific Americans comprise one of the fastest-growing populations in both the state and the nation. In fact, Asian Pacific Americans were also the largest-growing population in Michigan, according to the 2010 U.S. Census. The Asian and Pacific Island regions are tremendously diverse, with more than thirty countries, sixteen major ethnic groups, nine languages, and numerous belief systems bringing their culture to Michigan.

"Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is an incredible opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of APAs and also continue working on the various issues affecting the community," said Rep. Chang. "I am excited to work with my colleagues in the Asian Pacific American Legislative Caucus to make advancements for Asian Pacific Americans in Michigan."

Today was the Asian & Pacific Islander American-Vote Michigan's Third Annual Legislative Day as well as the Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission's 13th Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration. Today's activities included remarks from legislators and state officials as well as Asian cuisine, dancers and other samplings of Asian Pacific culture.

"It's a great privilege to celebrate the beginning of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. As a member of the APA Caucus, it's a pleasure to see so many people from around the state gathered at the Capitol," said Rep. Singh. "I'm proud that we live in a state with such a diverse population and so many cultural offerings. It's wonderful that we can recognize the various heritages and backgrounds that exist in our communities and help to shape and influence the Michigan we all know and love."

Earlier this year, Hopgood, Chang and Singh helped form the Asian Pacific American (APA) Legislative Caucus. The bicameral, bipartisan group is comprised of members of the Michigan Legislature who identify as Asian Pacific American and members who represent districts with large concentrations of Asian Pacific American residents. The Caucus will work to advance policies and initiatives to provide for the full participation of Asian Pacific Americans in Michigan and to address the needs and concerns of the Asian American community. As part of its mission, the Caucus will work to educate other members of the Legislature about the contributions and concerns of the Asian Pacific American community in Michigan. The APA Legislative Caucus will also work in part-

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Police Reform Needed Now

By Marc H. Morial - NNPA Columnist



"There is no crueler tyranny than that which is perpetuated under the shield of law and in the name of justice."

 Charles de Montesquieu, "The Spirit of the Laws," 1748

A tragic déjà vu is playing out in communities all across America, particularly in the growingly skeptical streets of Black and Brown neighborhoods.

Once again, our nation is forced to grapple with fresh accounts of police misconduct in its deadliest incarnation. Once again, the victims are unarmed Black men and the perpetrators are the very public servants charged with keeping them – in fact, all of us – safe; it seems only the states and the circumstances change.

On April 4, Walter Scott was driving a Mercedes-Benz with a busted taillight through North Charleston, S.C. Officer Micheal Slager pulled Scott over. Said to be in fear of being arrested, the 50-year-old ran away from the car. A cellphone video shows Officer Slager chasing Scott and shooting at him with his stun gun, when that failed to stop him, he used his gun to fire eight shots at Scott's back, killing him on the scene.

Weeks later, in a West Baltimore neighborhood, witnesses used cellphone video to capture parts of Freddie Gray's arrest. Police say the 25-year-old was arrested after making eye contact with the police and then running away. Gray can be heard screaming in pain as he's being dragged into a police van. While the mystery of what happened in the van has yet to be solved, we do know that his encounter with the police left him with serious spinal cord injuries. He died of those injuries a week later.

This unjust treatment of our nation's Black and Brown citizens by law enforcement officials sworn to dispense justice should stir, if not shock, our collective conscious. These heavy-handed, sometimes fatal, police tactics should inspire outcry from all corners of our country – and the world.

But we can't leave our frustrations – and our fight – at the doorstep of outrage. Our challenge is to make the Scotts and Grays of this nation the rarest of exceptions, not the

fatal rule. Anger has its place, but it is in action – strategic, comprehensive action – that we will begin to attack the cancer of police misconduct.

In light of the most recent deaths, and our nation's desperate need for solutions during this state of emergency that calls for action, and an action plan, I want to reintroduce the National Urban League's 10-Point Justice Plan for police reform and accountability, calling for:

- 1 Widespread Use of Body Cameras and Dashboard Cameras
- 2 Broken Windows Reform and Implementation of 21st Century Community Policing Model
- 3 Review and Revision of Police Use of Deadly Force Policies
- 4 Comprehensive Retraining of All Police Officers
- 5 Comprehensive Review and Strengthening of Police Hiring Standards
- 6 Appointment of Special Prosecutors to Investigate Police Misconduct
- 7 Mandatory, Uniform FBI Reporting and Audit of Lethal Force Incidents Involving All Law Enforcement
- 8 Creation and Audit of National Database of Citizen Complaints against Police
- 9 Revision of National Police Accreditation System for Mandatory Use by Law Enforcement To Be Eligible for Federal Funds
- 10 National Comprehensive Anti-Racial Profiling Law

The rage that has spilled out onto so many of our streets since the shooting death of Michael Brown in Ferguson last year makes it clear that the issue of police-involved killings is one that will not be easily swept under a rug of unawareness and indifference.

When we, as a nation, address the problem of police officers using deadly force, particularly against people in communities of color, we know that we are saving lives – perhaps our own – and shaping a more just system of justice for all. When officers are held accountable for using excessive force – as they have thankfully been held in the cases of Scott and Gray – we are encouraged and know that change is possible, but our work does not end there.

To deliver on the promise of fair treatment by law enforcement for every American, we: citizens, community stakeholders, policy-makers and politicians, must all commit to play our part for the long haul to right the historic wrong of the unequal treatment of people of color by police under the law. Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

Deflategate

By Jim Abeare Contributing Writer



New England Patriots'quarteback Tom Brady's legacy took a hit this last week with the report on "Deflategate" coming

The National Football League suspended Tom Brady for four games and fined the Patriots \$1 million. The league also took away the team's first round pick in the 2016 draft and a fourth round pick in 2017 draft.

The punishment comes after the release of a report by attorney Ted Wells, who was hired by the league to investigate the incident.

The report found that it was more probable than not that Tom Brady was "at least generally aware of the inappropriate activities" of locker room attendant Jim McNally and equipment assistant John Jastremski.

McNally and Jastremski have been suspended without pay and can't be reinstated without league approval.

Brady looked like he was trying to laugh it off but this looks like it is going to follow him throughout the rest of his career

The advantage of an under inflated ball is that it is more pliable, easier to catch, especially in bad weather such as the case in last seasons AFC Championship game against the Indianapolis Colts.

Tom Brady now brings to mind Pete Rose. With all of his accomplishments, cheater will be in his biography, at least for the near future.

The thing is the Patriots were so dominant in the game they didn't need the under inflated balls.

The winner, if there is one in all this. is 23-year old Jimmy Garoppolo, Tom Brady's backup.

The irony is that when Brady comes back, they will play the Colts.

Here's to a fair game.



New APP help drivers in contruction area



Michigan motorists have a new tool to help them navigate around construction zones this year - the Mi Drive traffic information app. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) says there have been more than 40,000 downloads of the free app since it was introduced in November 2014.

"The summer driving season is always hectic but it's no secret there's work to be done on our aging infrastructure," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Part of MDOT's job is not only to do the best job we can maintaining Michigan's transportation infrastructure with the resources available, but also to keep motorists safe, informed, and mobile. Mi Drive does a great job of helping MDOT serve the public."

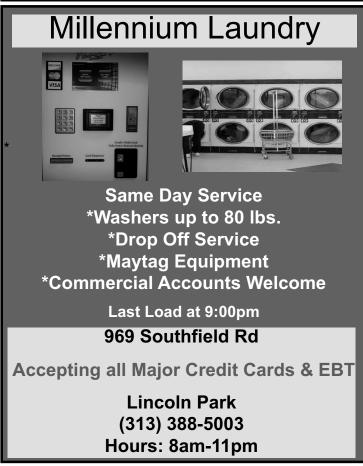
According to the Pew Research Center's April 1 report "U.S. Smartphone Use in 2015", nearly two-thirds of Americans own a smartphone, and 40 percent of smartphone

owners look up government services or information. Connect Michigan has found 1.4 million Michiganders access the Internet daily on their smartphones.

Mi Drive uses Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technology, speed sensors, cameras and cell phone data to provide motorists with realtime information about factors that can affect travel. The site currently displays real-time traffic camera views, real-time color-coded speeds on major routes, message boards, work zones, rest areas and Welcome Centers across Michigan, MDOT carpool lots, and National Weather Service forecasts by city name or zip code.

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When a Woman of God Speaks

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



The way a woman carries herself gives either credibility or discredit to her testimony. When you speak, do people take heed? Is your counsel wise? Remember the slogan, "When E.F. Hutton talks, people listen." There is a reason people listened. Perhaps it was because of his track record. People wanted to hear what he had to say and they took it as truth and then acted upon it. If people listen when E. F. Hutton speaks, imagine what happens when a woman of God speaks.

God used women in the Bible to speak and people listened. God told Abraham, "Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice" [Genesis 21:12]. God also used Miriam and Deborah similarly as prophetesses. There was also a prophetess named Huldah. She had great influence in Jerusalem. The high priest and the king recognized her prophetic gift and sought spiritual guidance from her during the reign of Josiah [2 Kings 22:14-20].

It is important for families to listen to the wise women God has placed in their lives. It is also important for women to be in tuned with the Spirit so that what they're speaking is godly and not foolish. You may recall the servant girl in 2 Kings 5. She had been taken captive from Israel and was serving in the house of Naaman, an important man. In what was probably a casual conversation with

Naaman's wife, the servant girl made a comment that set off a chain of events that changed Naaman's life and those around him. In fact, her short but powerful statement affected a nation. She simply said, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." Her statement was believed immediately. Without hesitation, Naaman acted upon what the servant girl said and a miracle took place.

You might wonder who would listen to an insignificant servant. Why did her words carry so much weight? It was her FAITH. Her FAITH in God gave her words POWER! No matter who you are, no matter what your status is, your faith in God will give power to your words. The Spirit behind your words will cause people to listen and act.

Stay connected to God, no matter what kind of circumstances you may find yourself in. Like the servant girl, you may be in some form of captivity, taken away from the place where you were most comfortable, but don't let that stop you from sharing your faith and reaching out to help others get blessed.

Continue to serve wherever God has placed you or has allowed you to be placed. It may not be your choicest place, but remain faithful. Be a blessing to those who curse you [Luke 6:28]. Let God use your mouth. Pray for continued wisdom and stay connected to God. Then watch what God does when you speak, whether it's at home, at work, in church, in the streets, at the store, in a lobby, in a line, on the bus, or wherever you go at any given time. Set miracles into motion with your speech. WOW!!! You go... God bless.

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The Problem with Sterotypes

By: Dr. John Duckworth



In light of the recent events that have become more public about the consistent encounters between police officers and men, I couldn't remain silent. For clarity, I am talking about European American police officers and African American men, motorist and the like. I want to begin by stating that I am hurt and very disappointed in the recent activities that have gained national attention. I personally believe ALL CRIM-INALS should be charged and convicted, those with badges and those without badges. Provided evidence is clear in identifying who is the criminal or who has acted like a crimi-

However, I want to identify the fact that not ALL police officers are rogue and not ALL African American motorists are criminals. Stereotypes are similar to myths; they tend to have an

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ostensible truth which others feed off. I am bothered by the fact that in most of these national news reports there is mostly European American police officers and African American motorists. I have noticed something all of my life in regards to the makeup of police departments, in relation to the communities they serve. Rarely will a majority European American city or township allow a majority of African American police officers to be on their police department, let alone control it. Whatever reason, this almost never happens in those communities is probably a concept that African American communities should also adopt.

I honestly believe that if the police department reflects the community in which they serve, these "scared for my life" situations would be fewer than what we are now experiencing in America. I am for di-

versity and equal opportunity, but I am also sensitive to the fact that this RARELY occurs in other communities. I do applaud Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy and Maryland State AG Marilyn Mosby for seeking justice and at least charging police officers for their criminal activities.

In the midst of all this chaos concerning police officers and motorists, I do believe the media has blatantly omitted to mention a major fact. I want to take this time to applaud and salute the African American police officers around the country who have NOT retaliated or sought revenge by "mysteriously" shooting or beating unarmed European American motorist. I want to highlight their graceful respect of the law under these very difficult conditions, and not allowing the criminal activities of a few police officers to case them in another stereotype!

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NED (Mack B) DAVIS, Jr. March 18, 1952 - April 11, 2015

Ned Davis Jr., better known as "Mac B", was born in Ypsilanti. He was a 1970 graduate of Romulus High School and was an active member of all sports with the special love of basketball. He then gained employment at Ford Motor Company where he retired.

He leaves to cherish: one daughter, Kawana Davis (Marice) and one son, Ronald Davis. 13 grandchildren: three sisters: Della (Andre) Taylor, Naomi (Clyde) Carter, and Martha (William) Taylor; five brothers: Michael (Renee) Davis, Willie Davis, Moses (Alesta) Davis, and Leslie Davis. Final arrangements entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelchimes.com)

JAMES SOLOMON LESTER July 28, 1931 - April 13, 2015

James Solomon Lester was born in Jacksonville, Georgia. "Sol" as he was call, was a dedicated employee at Sears, Roebuck and Company and retired after 40 years of service. As a Veteran of the Korean War, he was an outstanding serviceman and was honorably discharged. He loved to sing and was part of the singing group "Inksterairs". He was part of a walking group at Garden City Park.

Sol leaves to cherish his memory, one brother. Mr. John Loren Lester Sr.; a special niece, Amanda Ervin and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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DOLLY L. WALKER July 11, 1945 - April 9, 2015

Dolly Louise Walker was born in Detroit, Michigan and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1964.

Dolly worked at AAA Auto Club in Dearborn, Michigan as a cashier of collections until she retired in 2010 after working 25 long years. Dolly was a faithful member of Peoples Community Missionary Baptist Church for 36 years.

Dolly enjoyed bowling, shopping, and spending time with her husband and children.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her devoted husband, William F. Walker Jr.; her daughter, Rochelle Walker; her two sons William F. Walker III (LaShawn); and Glen Walker (Diedgra); and nephew/son, Craig Lewis (Tamesha); eight grandchildren; motherin-law, Lufonza Walker; two sister-in-laws, Wanetta Walker-Johnson; Yvonne Jacobs and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives. She also leaves behind a dear friend of 25 years, Emma Johnson.

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TILLMAN "Boone" FAUST, Jr. October 18, 1944 - April 7, 2015

Tillman Faust Jr. (a.k.a. Boone) was born in Inkster. Tillman attended Inkster Public schools where he loved basketball. He was an excellent skater, often showing off to get the girls attention. He enjoyed bike riding and did so up until his death. Tillman loved "ALL" of his children. At the mention of their names would open up a conversation that seemed never to stop. He had a story to tell about each and every one.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Brenda Gail Faust; children: Tillman (Diane Chris) Faust, Yolanda Faust, Lafeyette Faust, Rafael Faust, Alesia (Willard) Carter; Cheri Ashbyl, Jermaie (Rakhel) Faust, and Shawn Vinzant; 21 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; three sisters: Charlene Martin , Debra A Slater and Rosemary (Preston) Wilson Sims; and host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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PAULINE ROACH Dec18, 1936 - April 12, 2015

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Pauline enjoyed traveling, working and cooking for family gatherings at her home. She would open her house to everyone during the holidays or just for impromptu parties. She was a very giving person.

Pauline leaves to cherish her memory, three grandchildren; four great grandchildren, sisters and brothers, Betty Alexander, James (Lena) Glover, Norbert (Janice) Glover, Alwin (Michelle) Glover; one godson, Grant Glover. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. One special niece, Liz and a special best friend forever, Dorthy Slayher.

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RIVER ROUGE

May 3rd, 2015

At 2017hrs, officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of Maple Street for a domestic Assault in progress. Officers arrived and observed a 28 year old male outside the residence who stated he just had a verbal argument with his 26 year old girlfriend. They have lived together for a month and he met her two months ago. The girlfriend stepped to the door and told officers he assaulted her. She had blood around her left ear and the side of her neck. The male was detained. Officers learned she is four months pregnant and incident began when she picked him up from work and an argument started because he wanted to go have a drink of alcohol. When they arrived at the resident she went inside the home and he followed. Once inside she states he struck her in the At 1910hrs, officers were disface and knocked her to the ground. The male was placed under arrest for Domestic Violence, transported to the police station where he was booked, allowed to make a phone call then housed.

May 4, 2015

At 1828hrs, Officers were dispatched to 276 Visger, the Marathon Gas Station on reports of shots fired. As patrol vehicles arrived all observed a male running from the area between two building and attempted to get into a minivan, maroon in color, parked near the corner. The male was apprehended and detained him, while another male in the van was also heled. Both male checked clear and told officer

when they heard the gunshots they took off running for cover. The officers and detectives on scene went to the gas station and found no gunshots victims or any evidence or reports that anyone was injured. The 53 year old male clerk inside the station states an 8unknown chubby male parked his Pacifica at Pump#3 and came inside the station to pay for gas and when he walked back out the station and went over to the east side of the parking lot near the guard rail and began shooting towards the back of the station, then he drove off east bound on Visger. (8) 9mm shell casing were recovered near the front door of the station. Evidence was preserved for prints marked and photographed and seized.

May 6, 2015

patched to Panther Stadium on a report of a Disorderly 17 year old male who refused to leave. The security officer stated he told the young male to leave after he was arguing with another adult during a soccer game. The young male told the security officer he would beat him if he walked towards him. The security officer called police and located the male at Melvin and Coolidge. The male was cooperative and told officer other students were swearing about a goal that was made. A Female staffer asked him to leave for cussing and swearing. The security arrived and told officer the young male threatened him. The young male was placed under arrests.

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Romulus Graduates First Citizens Academy Class



Photo by Roger Kadau

Members of the first Citizens Academy Class with Director of Public Safety Jadie Setttles (left)

ROMULUS - The City of Romulus is proud to announce the recent graduation of seventeen local residents from the inaugural Citizens Academy.

The 14-week course was designed to strengthen the bond between the City of Romulus Department of Public Safety and the community. Some of the class members are already active in neighborhood watch groups and wanted to continue to learn how to keep their neighborhood safe and cooperate with police.

The Citizens Academy offers Romulus residents and business owners a better understanding of the inner workings of both the police and fire departments through instruction in their histories and organizational structures. The police

department shared how it predicts and analyzes crime patterns, crime scene investigations, traffic enforcement, use of force and community policing techniques. Students in the Academy also have the opportunity to interact with police canines and the police bomb robot, as well as tour the 911 center and use shooting simulators.

Firefighters provided a tour of their headquarters and gave interactive demonstrations of the specialized clothing and equipment utilized in firefighting and vehicle extrication. University of Michigan Survival Flight also participated in the academy by landing a helicopter for students to have a "hands on" experience while learning about the Emergency Medical Services offered within the community. Students were invited to attend the Fire Expo, a trade show, as well as an aside to their academy experience.

The April 15th graduation was the culmination of the Academy class, but graduates will likely continue to be called upon by department employees to serve as volunteers in various capacities.

Based on the success of the inaugural class, the City of Romulus is proud to announce that the program will continue. A second class is currently being planned for the fall of Please contact the Mayor's Office at (734) 942-7541 if you are interested in participating in this next session.



Relay for Life

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14. All meetings are at the William Ford Senior Activities Center, 6750 Troy, in Taylor. Teams are not required to raise a minimum amount because the Relay for Life campaign believes that every penny counts, and you never know which dollar is going to be the one that finds a cure.

The event lasts 24 hours and kicks off early Saturday morning around Coan Lake. There will be parades, music,

speeches, many fundraising booths, food and plenty of entertainment. The survivor walks officially kicks off the event. A DJ will be on hand during the entire event. At dusk on Saturday, May 16, all of the luminarias sold will be lined up around the lake and lit, which will set the stage for a silent memorial walk.

In 2014, the Relay for Life in Taylor raised approximately \$140,000 to fight cancer.

For more information on the event, contact Sue Shufeldt at (313) 282-8757 or email sshufeldt32.aol.com.

Start Date: Saturday, May 16, 2015 -9:00am

End Date: Sunday, May 17, 2015 -9:00am

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Fishing

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than 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, 11,000 inland lakes and tens of thousands of miles of rivers and streams, fishing and Michigan go hand in hand.

"Michigan offers some of the finest freshwater fishing available anywhere in the world, and the Summer Free Fishing Weekend is an excellent time to hit the water," said DNR Director Keith Creagh. "Aside from being one of our state's

most time-honored traditions, fishing also is an inexpensive and easily accessible outdoor activity for people of all ages. There's no better time to get out there than during one of our Free Fishing Weekends."

To encourage involvement in Free Fishing Weekends, organized activities are being scheduled in communities across the state. These activities are coordinated by a variety of individuals, organizations, constituent groups, schools, local and state parks, businesses and others.

There's still plenty of time for communities and organizations to plan their own local Summer Free Fishing Weekend events or to find activities close to home. Visit michigan.gov/freefishing for all things related to this weekend, including help with event planning and promotion, a registration form for official events, and a chart identifying activities occurring throughout the state.

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Visit the Detroit Children's Museum for FREE this weekend



The Detroit Children's Museum will be open free to the public on Saturday, May 16 for a Family Day and Detroit Public Schools Enrollment Fair

Children ages 4-10 and their families can enjoy this rare opportunity thanks to a generous sponsorship from Lawrence Technological University.

"The Children's Museum is generally only open to the Title 1 children of Detroit Public Schools but this sponsorship also will allow the general public to experience a true Detroit gem," said Jennifer Mrozowski, district spokeswoman. "The museum, founded in 1917, is the third oldest children's museum in the country. It possesses nearly 2 million artifacts and includes a planetarium, Sound and Music Room, 'Great Up North' area focusing on Michigan geography and much more."

The Detroit Children's Museum's artifact collection encompasses items from every corner of the world, including extraordinary items such as Anasazi pottery, an Egyptian Cat Mummy, and a twelve foot Tiger Shark. About 900,000 items are available to be loaned to the educators of Title 1 students of Detroit Public Schools, which greatly enhances the learning experiences of DPS children. The Museum also has an extensive doll collection including a 300year-old doll, which was once owned by the Chene family of Chene Street and Chene Park fame and that first came to Detroit in 1703.

During the hours of 10 am-3 p.m. on Saturday May, 16, families will be able to explore the theme "Having Fun with Things That Fly!"

Representatives from a variety of DPS schools, including those considered DPS' "best kept secrets" and Application schools, will be on hand to answer enrollment questions.

The Detroit Children's Museum is located at 6134 Second Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202 at the corner of Amsterdam and Second, a few blocks South of the Fisher Building.

During the event families will have the opportunity to:

- Explore the Gallery and learn about the historical artifacts
- ¬ Engage in Planetarium
- ¬ Make Paper Airplanes
- ¬ Investigate the Museum's Sound and Music Room
- \neg Learn to Identify Various Local Birds with a Citizen Scientist
- ¬ Have Fun with Action Figure Zip-lining
- ¬ Construct Bird Houses
- Experiment with Stomp Rockets!

This is DPS' last Family Saturday of the season.

For more information, please contact: the Detroit Children's Museum at 313-873-8100

River Rouge High School student Moncerrat Llamas receives prestigious Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Moncerrat Llamas (middle) poses with Cassandra Frederick, Counselor (left) and Velena Stephens, English-12 teacher (right)

In the fall, Moncerrat Llamas from River Rouge High School will attend the University of Michigan for free as a recipient of the 2015 Gates Millennium Scholarship. Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the program covers all undergraduate and graduate expenses for high achieving, low income minority students throughout their college career. From the program's establishment in 1999, only 1,000 GMS applicants are selected for the prestigious award every year.

Llamas is a top 10 student that will finish second in her class at this year's graduation. Upon receiving a recommendation for the program by her counselor Ms. Fredericks, and a nomination from her English teacher Ms. Stephens, the 17-year-old high school senior endured a rigorous application process that included the completion of eight different essays. In the end, Llamas was able to reap the rewards of her hard work after receiving an acceptance packet in the mail last month.

"From the beginning, when [Ms. Stephens] said that she wanted to nominate me, it meant a lot because I felt like she really saw something in me," she said. "And then everything finally paid off. I remember getting that big packet

in the mail and I was just screaming and crying. I was really happy." In addition to exceling academically, Llamas also has an impressive extracurricular background that includes work as a church youth leader, helping families with the Elite Project during the holiday season and staying active as a volunteer with an engineering firm called Greely and Hansen. Following in this path, Llamas will pursue a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from U of M, while also making sure to pay it forward after successfully establishing a

"I'm in a program called "Women of Tomorrow" that involves women helping other women become successful," she said. "My mentors there were engineers, and after shadowing them for a day I really

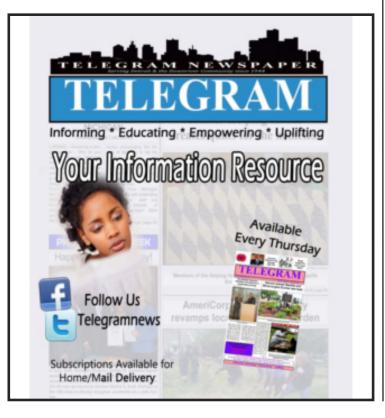
liked what they did. That truly influenced my decision to become an engineer as well. Eventually, I want to come back and join the program because I want to mentor girls too."

Of course, paying it forward can also mean providing guidance for future scholars who, like Llamas, also strive to become one of the select few GMS recipients in the country. So what advice does she have for other prospective applicants?

"I would say read everything very carefully," Llamas said. "Also be yourself because they're looking for genuine people. They don't want people who are going to fake it, so bring your real story and who you really are. That's the best advice I can give."

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LIBRARY NEWS

Romulus Public Library Presents a series of Programs Scheduled in May

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Saturday May 23, 2015 at 9a.m. to 11a.m.

All Programs subject to change. Please register by visiting the Library or by phone (734) 942-7589. Space is Limited. Romulus Public Library 1121 Wayne Road Romulus, MI 48174

Happenings at the Inkster Library

Saturday May 16 at 1:00 pm we will show "Pitch Perfect." Come join us for movies and a snack, on Saturdays!

On Saturday May 16, 2015 at 11 am, the library will have a Friends of the Library meeting. Come support your library at the Friends meeting.

On Mondays at 10:30 am join Miss Daisy for Stay and Play Toddlers storytime.

And the library will begin GED Skills Workshops on May 13, 2015 at 5:30 pm. This series of four workshops will assess your skills and have GED practice tests. Please Register in advance by calling 313-563-2822 or emailing dbearre@inksterlibrary.org.

Inkster Public Library is located at 2005 Inkster Rd -Inkster, MI 48141. For more information call 313-563-2822

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The DIA's Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo exhibit captures the legacy of two extraordinary artists

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Diego Rivera's famous "Detroit Industry" murals

In March, the Detroit Institute of Arts introduced an exhibit titled Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo in Detroit to explore the Mexican artists' one year stay in the Motor City. The acclaimed showcase features work crafted by the renowned couple before, during and after their Detroit stint, presenting 70 different art pieces that include Rivera's famed series known as the "Detroit Murals".

Once hailed by the artist himself as the greatest work of his career, Rivera's highly celebrated work of art—openly saluting blue collar workers and Detroit Industry—has remained a fixture along the walls of the DIA's main courtyard for years. But while the exhibit remains centered around full sketches of Rivera's murals, the work of Frida Kahlo stands out as the most intriguing—greatly reflecting a unique, self-reflective identity discovered here in Detroit that arguably propelled her to greater historical heights than her husband.

This is perhaps best demonstrated in the display of her

painting "Henry Ford Hospital", which gruesomely depicts Kahlo in a bloody hospital bed against the backdrop of the River Rouge plant and the Detroit skyline following a tragic miscarriage in 1932. Also of note are pieces from her post Detroit portfolio that mirror these same influences, including two self-portraits capturing the extraordinary artist sporting chopped hair, and the other of her engaged in an affectionate embrace with a money. Though Kahlo's work had Detroit Institute of Arts - Page 14

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Royals Crown Tigers this Past Weekend

By Butch Davis



Tigers Crowd Control Attendant stands an attention during the 1:43 minute rain delay at Comerica Park this past Sunday.

Photo taken by Butch Davis

This past Saturday and Mothers Day Sunday our hometown Detroit Tigers had many opportunity's to have a commanding in the American League Central Division, however, the Kansas City Royals leave town to same way as they enter in the "D" with the lead. In addition, to the national television audiences (ESPN) and only 29,852 in the ball park for an 8:00pm start as many thought if the game was at 1:00pm Comerica Park would have been sold out. Maybe that a good thing as the Sunday Night game did not end until 1:25am, hard to have to get the children up and ready for Monday morning school. That's three hours and twenty-three minutes of game play plus one hour forty-three minutes of rain delay. Nevertheless, the rubber match of the three game set was indeed profitable for the Royals, here the run down. Kendrys Morales double to right, then Alex Gordon double to deep left center field to score Morales giving the Royals a 1-0 lead. It took the bottom of the third for the Tigers to tie the score as Anthony Gose beat out an infield hit an advance to second base on a wild thrown. Ian Kinsler single to shallow left field to bring in Gose from second base to tie the score at 1-1. Both Chris Young of the Royals and Shawn Greene settle down giving the Mothers Day fans at Comerica Park a pitching battle in the rubber game of the weekend series that the winner takes the prize of first place in the Central Di-

vision.

Tigers pitcher Shawn Greene continue to pitch in the seventh inning getting the Royals out one, two, three, however, in the bottom of the inning the Royals when two there imposing bullpen as Ryan Madison takes over the duties. Madison started the bottom of the seventh waking getting Yoenis Cenpedes to ground out, J.D. Martinez of the Tigers walked putting a runner at first base for the home team, nevertheless Madison stuck out Nick Castellanos and James McCann grounded to first to end the inning. Greene came out to pitch in the eight inning for the Tigers and getting the first two batter out however, the speedy Jarrod Dyson of the hit a triple the put the Comerica Park fans edge nevertheless a grounded to first base ended the inning and the night for the Tigers Shawn Greene as pitched eight innings giving up one run, four hits and three strikeouts. Joakim Soria come in to pitch for the Tigers in the ninth inning give up a walk to Lorenzo Cain of the Royals, however, Eric Hosmer filed out to left and Kendrys Morales hit into a double play to end the top of the ninth inning for the Royals then the rains came to stop the game in its tracks as the Tigers and fans wait for the bottom of the ninth to start.

After two rain delays between 10:35pm Sunday and 12:18 am Monday a 1:43 minute delay, the ball game finally continue with the Tigers coming to bat in the bottom of the

ing off with a walk. Rajai Davis goes in to run for Cabrera with the next batter Victor Martinez singling moving Davis to second base. Yoenis Cenpedes come to bat with two Tigers on base and no out. Cenpedes pops up the Royals short stop for the first out, J. D. Martinez pops up to short center field for the second out of the inning together with Nick Castellanos walking to load the bases for the Tigers. Rookie Tigers catcher James McCann pops up for the third out. Alex Gordon up to bat for the Royals and Tigers pitcher Angel Nesbitt hits Gordon however replay shows that the ball never touch Gordon and Tigers Manager never challenge the play so with Gordon stealing a base and moved over to third base on a fly ball former Tiger Omar Infante hit a sacrifice fly to the out field to score Gordon to give the Royals a 2-1 lead in the top of the 10th inning.

Tigers come back in the bottom of 10th trailing by a run however Andrew Romaine hit a single to right field to start the Tigers inning. Greg Holland the Royals pitcher then walks the next two Tigers(Gose and Kinsler) to loaded the bases, however. Herman Perez hits into a double play leaving runner on third and second base for the Tigers with Victor Martinez coming to bat to be given a chance to knock the tying run in, nevertheless Holland walks Martinez to load the bases again for the Tigers with no out. Hernan Perez batting only because Miguel Cabrera had been removed for a pinch runner the previous inning grounded into a double play in the 10th, although Yoenis Cenpedes had to chance to tie or maybe win the game instead he strikes out to end to inning and the deciding game of the three game series is won by the Royals and celebrates an one and a half game lead over our Detroit Tigers in the Central Division of the American League.

By the way the only game the Tigers defeated the Royals was Friday on a walk off in the ninth inning, however, the home team lose their ace pitcher David Price for a week. Price in the progress of running and backing up home plate steps on a baseball bat and hurt his hamstrings in his right leg. Nevertheless, Tigers management said will return to the rotation on Saturday to pitch in St Louis against the Cardinals.

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Olympia Entertainment, Horizon League Reach Agreement on Men's Basketball **Championship Tournament**

Games will be played at Joe Louis Arena and the new Detroit Events Center

INDIANAPOLIS -- The Horizon League Executive Council approved an agreement in principle with Olympia Entertainment to host the Horizon League Men's Basketball Tournament in the city of Detroit. Under terms of the five-year agreement, Olympia Entertainment will host the men's basketball tournament beginning

in 2016.

"The addition of the Horizon League Men's Basketball Championship is a perfect compliment to our wide range of existing sports and entertainment events at our downtown Detroit venues," said Tom Wilson, President of Olympia Entertainment. "We look forward to providing an outstandand memorable ing tournament experience for the schools, their fans and all participating student athletes."

The first two years of the tournament will be contested at venerable Joe Louis Arena, home to the National Hockey League's Detroit Red Wings, before moving to the state-ofthe-art Detroit Events Center, currently under construction in downtown Detroit.

"The partnership with Olympia Entertainment is a unique and exciting opportunity," Horizon League Commissioner Jon LeCrone said. "We want to provide a great tournament experience for all of our key constituents -- student-athletes, coaches, administrators and fans -- and we are excited to work with Olympia and our institutions on that goal."

Among the planned tournament enhancements will be a celebratory event for the participating teams, increased fan participation experiences and multi-event ticketing packages. A multiple-layer branding and marketing effort will also be a feature of the agreement. Additionally, the Horizon League will have an increased presence in Detroit via future League meetings and media events.

The 2016 Horizon League men's basketball championship game will keep its current Tuesday, March 8, slot on ESPN or ESPN2 at 7 p.m. ET. Additional game dates, times, network information, and tournament format will be announced at a later date.

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City of Inkster is seeking to fill the position of Secretary I in the Department of Public Service. Interested Candidates please visit our website

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FORECLOSURE PREVENTION COUNSELING SESSION

FREE ADVICE ON NEW PROGRAMS

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Registration starts: 5:00 pm
Counseling Assistance starts @ 5:30 p.m
City Council Chambers
at the Albert B. Buday Civic Center,
3869 W. Jefferson – 2nd floor.
Ecorse, MI 48229

There are new programs offered by the Wayne County Treasurer, that can lower interest rates and taxes for those facing foreclosure or who owe back property taxes. Residents with Tenant, Mortgage, Land-Contract and Probate issues should attend.

Learn about your rights!

Get FREE advice from United Community Housing Coalition Volunteer Counselors, presenters include Attorney Ted Phillips and Attorney Isaac Robinson

Please bring a Copy of your deed or land contract or probate order and a Copy of your State ID or Driver's License. (Names on the documents and ID should be the same.)

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For more information or to volunteer for our tax prevention project please call Attorney Isaac Robinson at 313. 739. 5093 or email isaacrobinson313@gmail.com

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

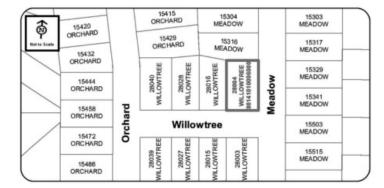
CITY OF ROMULUS

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING 28004 Willowtree – Ernest Arkoh Fence Variance

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015** for the purpose of considering a variance request for **BZA-2015-007; Ernest Arkoh.** The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. **Fence Variance** (Section 3.05(a)(2)) to allow a chain link fence to extend into the front yard (along Meadow Ave.)



The subject property is located at 28004 Willowtree. DP #82-80-141-01-009-0096-000. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, 2015 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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

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RIVER ROUGE HOUSING PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

The River Rouge Housing Commission request bid proposals for the services list below for its 300 Public Housing dwelling units, Hyacinth Court II Community Center and its Main Office.

Bid packages will be available Friday, May 8, 2015 at the River Rouge Housing Commission, 180 Visger, River Rouge, Ml. 48218. Sealed bids will be received for the list below by the River Rouge Housing Commission until 2:00pm June 5, 2015 and will be opened. Bids received after 2:00 pm on June 5, 2015 will be rejected and returned unopened to the bidder. For more information contact us during normal business hours from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at 313-382-1414.

<u>INVITATION TO BIDDERS: Non-Refundable fee of: \$75 Dollars per packet:</u>

- 1. Lawn Care Services
- 2. Snow Removal
- 3. Plumbing Services
- 4. Heating & Cooling
- 5. General Labor
- 6. Comprehensive Maintenance

INVITATION TO BIDDERS: Non- Refundable fee of: \$50 per packet:

1. Pest Control

FOLLOWING:

- 2. Janitorial Services
- 3. *NOTE: No fee for Locksmith & Screen, Door & Glass Repair Packets Interested person may obtain bid documents from the River Rouge Housing Commission.

All Bids must be addressed to:

River Rouge Housing Commission, 180 Visger Road River Rouge, MI. 48218 Attn: Mr. Michael J. Sloan, PHM Executive Director

NOTE: ALL AWARDED CONTRACTS WILL BE FOR ONE YEAR ***

(Pre-Bid Meeting information in packets)

All Bids must be submitted on prescribed forms. We are an Equal Opportunity Employment Agency

INVITATION TO BIDDERS FOR THE BIDS TO BE ACCEPTABLE ALL BIDS MUST INCLUDE THE

ADDENDUM NO. 1

- 1. Non Collusive Affidavit (On bidders Letterhead)
- 2. Representations, Certification and Other Statements of Bidders (HUD Form 5369-A (completed by bidder)
- 3. Contractor's Qualification Statement (AIA Documents A305) (Completed by bidder)
- 4. Certification of Non Segregated Facilities (completed by bidder)

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING April 27, 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

William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-132 2A. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to approve the corrected minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 13, 2015

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays - None.

Abstain-Wadsworth.

Motion Carried.

15-133 2B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to approve the minutes of the special meetings of the Romulus City Council held on April 13, 2015: 5:30 p.m. public hearing, Demolition List 14-01 and 6:00 p.m. study session, 2015-16 City Budget.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Petitioner: None.

4. Chairperson's Report:

The first graduates of the Romulus Citizens Academy gave a power point presentation of their learning experience behind-the-scenes at the police and fire departments.

15-134 4A1. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to recognize Lt. Damian Hull and Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Krause for their dedicated work with the Romulus Citizens Academy. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-135 4A2. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Dean Gilbert.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Navs - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor's Report:

DPW Director, Roberto Scappaticci, presented an update on the Goddard Road project.

May 9th - Clean Sweep - Meet at Romulus Senior Center at 9:30 a.m.

Pat McGow, from Miller Canfield, the City's bond attorney, gave an overview of the TIFA Development and Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 which is included under 5G, Mayor's Report.

15-136 5A1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Tamara Williams.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-137 5A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution to grant authorization for the mayor and clerk to enter into City of Wayne Firing Range

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Navs - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-138 5B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to authorize the purchase of a 2004 Ford F-250 Super Cab from Huron Township for use as an Animal Control vehicle in the amount of \$5,000.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-139 5C. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to award ITB 14/15-22 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Michigan Recreational Construction, Inc., for the assembly and foundation work and slab for the CDBG federally-owned steel pavilion to be located in the Coleman Center Park in the amount of \$28,824.00.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-140 5D. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Wadsworth to award Bid 14/15-24 for the purchase of a video workstation w/Edius hardware and software from TEL Systems in the amount of \$6,994.50. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-141 5E. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to extend Bid Award ITB 13/14-18 to Matt Lee Lawn Service for the mowing and weed control of the City of Romulus Cemetery and the Cityowned portion of the alley located behind the downtown area of Goddard Road on an as-needed basis for the 2015 and 2016 mowing season.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Nays – None.

15-142 5F. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to introduce Budget Amendment 14/15-16 to reflect additional Community Services Department program revenues and offsetting costs.

ı	FUND/DEPT.		CURRENT		AMENDED
ı		ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
ı	General Fund			<u>/</u>	
ı	Revenue				
ı	101-5110-511.64-10	Recreation Program Fees	10,000	10,000	20,000
ı	101-5160-511.64-20	Senior Center Rental	7,000	2,000	9,000
ı	101-5160-512.69-62	Senior Svcs Revenue	8,500	2,000	10,500
ı	Expenditures				
ı	101-5110-751.70-24	Recreation Part-Time Wages	s 5,000	5,000	10,000
ı	101-5110-751.72-10	Recreation Social Security	190	620	810
ı	101-5110-751.72-20	Recreation Medicare	45	145	190
ı	101-5110-751.72-80	Recreation Workers Comp	8	342	350
ı	101-5110-751.77-30	Recreation Contractual Serv	rices 600	2,400	3,000
ı	101-5110-751.73-05	Recreation Operating Suppli	ies 6,500	1,493	7,993
ı	101-5160-751.73-05	Senior Svcs Operating Supp	olies 2,900	4,000	6,900
ı	General Fund Fund	Balance			n/a
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To reflect additional Community Services Department program revenues and offsetting costs.

*Note: This has no affect on fund balance.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-143 5G. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to adopt the Resolution Pledging Limited Tax Full Faith and Credit in Support of Tax Increment Finance Authority of the City of Romulus

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

Tax Increment Development and Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 (Limited Tax General Obligation) to authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,750,000 to refund the TIFA's outstanding Tax Increment Development Refunding Bonds and pay for the cost of constructing various road improvements (Wick and Vining). The refunding is being done to achieve debt service savings on the 2004 Bonds.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-144 5H. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to extend Bid 04/05-26 for the Merriman Road 2015 maintenance season through W.H. Cannon in the amount of \$45,500.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-145 5l. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a professional services contract with New Moon Visions to develop brand identity and associated strategy for the City of Romulus at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A. Clerk's Report:

City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, spoke about the May 5th Special State Election: Since school will be in session, the following precincts must be entered from the back entrances: Precincts 2 and 4, Halecreek School; Precinct 11, Barth School; and Precincts 1, 7, and 10, Middle School. There will be signs directing voters to the entrances.

15-14 6A1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to approve the City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg and Deputy Clerk, Barbara Fitzgerald, to attend the 2015 MAMC Conference from June

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Navs - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6B. Treasurer's Report:

City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, spoke about the City's quarterly investments.

7. Public Comment:

A resident commented on youth being abused by police departments across the United States. A resident expressed interest in raising money for tourniquets for Romulus Police officer Romulus Police Chief, Jadie Settles, commented on the City's firing range agreement with the City of

8. Unfinished Business:

Mayor Burcroff spoke about police body cameras being included in the City budget.

9. New Business:

15-147 9A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Wadsworth to grant a no-fee permit to the Romulus Historical Society for their annual flea market to be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Historical Park.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

10. Communication:

Councilman Crout thanked John Thiede, Romulus Firefighter and the Romulus Fire Department for their donations to Helping Hands.

Councilwoman Makowski spoke about the upcoming programs at the Romulus Library. 15-148 11. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to approve Warrant 15-08 in the amount of \$1,173,884.39.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Navs - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romu-

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

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 April

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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 April 21, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:51pm

The following Commissioners were present:

Present: Campbell, Cooney, Perry, Pierce, Pruneau, Ward

Mayor Bowdler in the Chair Excused: None

15-89 Approval to suspend meeting to hold Public Hearing

Approval to close Public Hearing 15-90 15-91 Approval to resume regular Council meeting

15-92 Approval to approve Council meeting 04/07/2015 Approval of UHY LLC for y/e 2015 audit

15-93 Approval to change Council meeting date from May 5 to May 6, 15-94

15-95 Approval of pay increase of \$1.00 for Senior Ctr. maintenance per-

15-96 Approval to appoint Esly Williams as Dangerous Buildings Hearing

Approval to transfer CDBG funds 15-98 Voucher approval

15-99 Business license approvals

15-100 Building permit approval

15-101 Sale of vacant lot at 357 Beechwood 15-102 Sale of vacant lot at 82 E James

15-103 Sale of vacant lot at 141 Charles

15-104 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

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
D&G Building – Temporary Parking Lot – Northline/Harrison

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 for the purpose of considering a request for BZA-2015-009; D&G Building for a temporary parking lot. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a temporary use request in accordance with the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. Temporary Use (Section 22.03(e)) to allow a temporary parking lot during the construction of a building addition for Aerostar Manufacturing.



The subject property is located at the southeast corner of Northline and Harrison. DP #80-097-99-0004-704. The property is zoned M-1, Light Industrial District. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 4:00 p.m., June 3, 2015 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI

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

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Paul and Angie Cabe - 8754 Cogswell

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015** for the purpose of considering a variance request for BZA-2015-008; **Paul and Angie Cabe**. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. Accessory Building Size (Section 3.04(a)(3)b.) to allow a 4,080-sq. ft. accessory building which results in 5,345 square feet of accessory buildings; the ordinance allows a maximum of 2,400 sq. ft. for all detached accessory buildings.

The subject property is located at 8754 Cogswell. DP #80-027-99-0016-000. The property is zoned R-1A/RCOD; Single-family Residential/Rural Character Overlay District. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 4:00 p.m., June 3, 2015 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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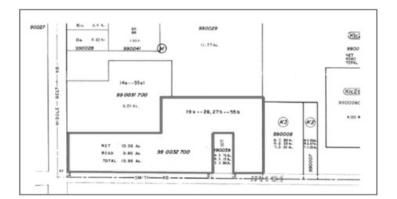
CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING PackSpec – 8111 Middlebelt

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 for the purpose of considering a variance request for BZA-2015-010; Pack-Spec. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road. Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider the expansion of a nonconforming building and variances from the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- 1. Front Yard Setback Variance (Section 8.04(a)) to allow the widening of the existing loading area into the nonconforming front yard setback along Smith Road.
- 2. Lot Coverage Variance (Section 8.04(a)) to allow impervious lot coverage of greater than 75% for a proposed pavement expansion.
- Overhead Door Orientation Variance (Section 14.03(c)) to allow overhead doors for truck loading areas to face a public right-of-way.
- Rooftop Mechanical Equipment Screening Variance (Section 13.07(b)(1)) to allow the cyclone roof-top equipment to be unscreened.



The subject property is located at 8111 Middlebelt Road. DP #80-046-99-0032-700. The property is zoned M-T, Industrial Transportation District. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 4:00 p.m., June 3, 2015 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485

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Foreclosure

From Page 1A

Mayor Mike Duggan said Wojtowicz' efforts are "vital to the stabilization and rebirth" of Detroit neighborhoods.

can access free counseling by calling the United Community Housing Coalition or Michigan

Gov. Rick Snyder signed a bill this year that allows homeowners facing financial hardship to use a payment plan to pay off debts and avoid foreclosure.

The decision by the Wayne County Treasurer has extended the time to access the programs and to redeem property for those who own and occupy residential property as their primary residence. This extension allows homeowners more time to access the new programs.

Residents who owe back property taxes can get free advice on these new programs. Residents

can access free counseling by calling the United Community Housing Coalition or Michigan Legal Services in Detroit at 313-963-3310 or 313-964-4130. The Counselors are available Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays between 9 am to noon on a first come first serve basis at 220 Bagley, Suites 224 and 900 in Detroit. Residents should access programs as soon as possible and find out about looming deadlines.

The Wayne County Treasurer can provide info on how much is owed on a specific property. Call (313) 224-5990, email taxinfo@waynecounty.com or visit www.waynecounty.com/pta/ to find out how much is owed.

Detroit Institue of Arts

From Page 9A



"Self Portrait on the Borderline Between Mexico and the United States" by Frida Kahlo

never been featured at the DIA before this monumental exhibit, 23 pieces come together to effectively encapsulate her artistic genius throughout the thrilling showcase.

Overall, through the many photographs, paintings, and sketches presented at the Rivera/Kahlo exhibition, audiences will surely find themselves enthralled by both artists' distinct pride in Mexican heritage, paired with their contrasting ideas on social concerns and the dynamics of Detroit's industry (as reflected through Kahlo's "Self Portrait on the Borderline Between

Mexico and the United States"). In addition, the showcase captures both artists' distinct evolution during their short residency, while allowing their art to bring the full essence of Detroit to life. In the end, this exhibit does justice to Rivera and Kahlo's legacy as two of the most extraordinary artists of the 20th Century.

The Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo in Detroit exhibit will run at the Detroit Institute of Arts through July 12th. For more information, please visit www.dia.org.







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MAY 14 - MAY 20, 2015

ARIES

The link that you've established with your spiritual self will be strengthened by the people who come into your life this week. This week is a week for seriousness about a relationship. Discuss your deepest thoughts with others. They'll understand and thank you for sharing intimate parts of yourself.

Soul Affirmation: Faith keeps me calm in the storms of life.

Lucky Numbers: 44, 49, 51

TAURUS

You've done some of your own love homework. Hopefully you've had an opportunity to learn a new way of seeing the world and in that way you've found a way of loving that is more natural for you. The combination of sexiness and joyful focus can create you a wonderful love experience.

Soul Affirmation: I get joy from giving good things.

Lucky Numbers: 11, 17, 37

GEMINI

Share in the glory of your friend who has been recognized for outstanding work. Plan a small gettogether to celebrate the occasion. Your time will come, and you will be placed on the pedestal. Your intimacy radar is sensitive. Watch out for a new romance that might come along. Expect the unexpected! You will be pleasantly surprised!

Soul Affirmation: Love is easier than breathing.

Lucky Numbers: 16, 30, 50

CANCER

You've done a lot of things in life that no one has agreed with at the beginning. Finding agreement this week will be difficult, but it should not deter you from moving forward. Feeling sorry for your loneliness will discolor what you are doing. Be happy that you are alone.

Soul Affirmation: I get joy from giving good things.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 10, 31

Eternal optimist, eternity is now. Get in touch with your hopefulness and be a beacon to others. Try not to be taken in by promises made by others or promises you've made to yourself. Concerning your own affairs, avoid contemplating lofty subjects and seeking long ranged solutions. Soul Affirmation: Time is the greatest peacemaker of them all. Lucky Numbers: 14, 28, 39

VIRGO

Some say optimism is fantasy. Suppose the good thing you're optimistic about never comes. This week you'll know that the joy of anticipating it is joy enough. Just the certainty of coming goodness is present goodness. The joy of tomorrow is available this week.

Soul Affirmation: This week is

the week the Lord has made. I rejoice in it.

Lucky Numbers: 22, 36, 38

LIBRA

You might be looking into the buying or selling of a piece of property, and this week seems to be a favorable week for this type of negotiation. Be careful with the intricacies of the matter. Pay attention to details or it could cost you a great deal later. Soul Affirmation: I care deeply about the feelings of others.

Lucky Numbers: 11, 21, 35

SCORPIO

What a blessed week this will be. Spend it meditating on all that God has given you. This week think hard about some form of worship. Curtis Mayfield wrote a song called "Who Do You Love?" Someone should write one called "How Do You Love?" For your love lesson, the second song would be the one you should sing.

Soul Affirmation: New intuitions create new plans and a new cast of characters.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 16, 25

SAGITTARIUS

Your self-discipline helps you to do more this week. People will be watching as you zip around with style and grace! Broaden your cultural horizons by trying new foods and meeting new people. You'll be pleasantly surprised!

Soul Affirmation: I am patient with all that comes my way this

Lucky Numbers: 3, 4, 14

CAPRICORN

The urge to chase off on a tangent may be strong this week. Take a few minutes to study the big picture and make sure any whims serve the bigger purpose. It's a good week to do what needs to be done.

Soul Affirmation: Luck is my best friend this week.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 10, 15

AQUARIUS

You'll be full of good ideas this week, so make sure you write down the ones you don't have time to put into action. You'll want to share your thoughts on a grand scale, and your mind will seem truly universal to you. Try to be patient with those who are staggered by your brilliance. Soul Affirmation: Light from my soul shines in many directions. Lucky Numbers: 2, 3, 9

PISCES

This week let your gentle spirit shine through. Your rough and tumble side is not appropriate for the relationships that you'll encounter. Someone will need your understanding and sympathy. Give it with sensitivity.

Soul Affirmation: My life itself is my greatest creation.

Lucky Numbers: 30, 37, 44

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MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE **CHILDREN'S CHORUS**

Auditions for the 2015-16 Season May 30, June 1, 6, 2015 at the Detroit Opera House



DETROIT - The Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Chorus (MOTCC) will be holding auditions for the 2015-16 season at the Detroit Opera House, May 30, June 1, and June 6, 2015, by appointment only. The MOTCC consists of two groups, the Principal Chorus, which includes children ages 10-16, and the Preparatory Chorus, which includes children ages 8-11. All children between the ages of 8-16 who love to sing are encouraged to audition.

Audition requirements include a prepared song that is age appropriate and selected from the folk or classical genres, a prepared poem, a one-page resume listing music and theater background (if applicable), and a basic photo. Auditions can be scheduled by contacting Twannette Nash, MOTCC administrator, at tnash@motopera.org. Please visit the website, www.motcc.org, for more details.

The MOTCC is a permanent ensemble of Michigan Opera Theatre (MOT), and appears

the company in main stage productions as well as its own performances. In the 2015-16 season, the MOTCC will perform in MOT's opening opera, La Bohème, and members of the Principal Chorus will be selected for children's roles in MOT's productions of The Tender Land and The Magic Flute. In the spring of 2016, the MOTCC will perform Gilbert and Sullivan's The Mikado as its annual, fullystaged children's opera on the Detroit Opera House stage. In addition to performance opportunities, the chorus provides exceptional choral music and theatrical performance instruction in a professional environment. Offering a curriculum that embraces diverse cultures and traditions, and a rich and extensive range of musical genres, the program instills personal and artistic excellence in its students.

MOTCC rehearses at the Detroit Opera House at 1526 Broadway. Regular rehearsals are Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. from September through April. The Principal Chorus will have some Saturday afternoon

Additional hearsals will be scheduled prior to productions and performances.

About the Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Chorus (MOTCC)

Led by Michigan Opera Theatre Assistant Music Director, Chorus Master Suzanne Mallare Acton, Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Chorus (MOTCC) is Michigan Opera Theatre's official children's choir and the only one of its kind for Michigan children. MOTCC has a main chorus of 50 children and a Preparatory Chorus of 30 children. Children come from all around the metro Detroit area to make up the 80 person ensemble, including Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties, as well as Canada. The children range from ages 8-16. The choir performs as a separate ensemble and with international opera stars in Michigan Opera Theatre productions. For more information, www.motcc.org.

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ASK ALMA

A dangerous sister act

By Alma Gill, NNPA Columnist



Dear Alma,

My sister and I are very close. We're only three years apart. Although not roommates, we do everything together. She's a free spirit, college professor and lives well. I am a government employee that has a secret clearance and I too make a good living. My sister and I often take spa trips and luxurious vacations together. She was in a car accident and smokes marijuana for the pain. Recently, she's started bringing her weed on our trips. I don't smoke and I can't take the chance of being caught at the airport with drugs. When I asked her not to bring it, she says it's no big deal. She and I

have a trip planned, but I'm not sure I want to go. I don't want to lose my job because of her habit. I'm not judging, but how do I get her to understand the position she's put me in?

Name withheld

Sister, sister, based on your relationship, I'd suggest you be frank with her. Just say, "I can't afford to lose my secret clearance, so you can't bring your weed when we travel." Remind her that you aren't asking just because you don't smoke, you're asking because she's jeopardizing your job. If she can lay off the pot for a few days, as a peace offering add Colorado to your list of vacation spots, just to show her you can be a good sport, LOL! If that's not an option for her, here's plan B. Take a different flight and book a separate hotel room. Boom, it's that easy. She's a smart woman, she'll understand. What a double blessing, a sister who's like a best friend. It doesn't get much better than that.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT AND REPA

Four Home Projects to Turn Chores to Checks on Your To-Do List



(StatePoint) Home improvement doesn't have to be a hassle, and you don't necessarily need an abundance of time or an expensive tool set for quick fixes. Yet, 52 percent of homeowners between the ages of 25 and 45 have unfinished tasks they need completed, and more than three-quarters of them say they don't have enough time or money to finish their projects, according to a 2014 survey by Black+Decker.

Here are four projects you can check off your to-do list quickly and cost-effectively, leaving you more time to enjoy the weekend.

Fill Wall Cracks

Over time, small cracks in walls will grow bigger and more noticeable. Fix them yourself with a simple formula. Mix together one-eighth cup of baking soda and two to three drops of Krazy Glue to create a paste and fill in the crack. After a few seconds, the paste will become a hard plastic that you can sand down easily. With a touch-up of paint, the

wall will look brand new. For quick touch-ups in the future. keep a spare baby jar of extra paint on hand.

Create Clean Air

Air conditioning units require maintenance. Use a shop-vac or long vacuum add-on to remove dust and debris that have built up in the unit during the off-season. Replace the filter to ensure clean air comes into your home. You can even add a few drops of essential oil to the filter to keep your house smelling fresh between cleanings.

Tend to Trim

To easily repair chipped crown molding or peeling baseboards, use a long-lasting formula, such as Krazy Glue's new Maximum Bond Industrial Speed & Strength formula, which works quickly on wood, bonding in less than 30 seconds. Apply a few drops to broken or peeling pieces and hold them against the baseboard or molding.

Beyond aesthetic fixes, you can use glue for functional repairs that can save you money, such as mending ripped rubber weather stripping. A few drops of glue can improve energy efficiency in your home by keeping cool air in and summer warmth out.

Deep Clean Decks

Your yard may have taken a beating over the last several months. Deck maintenance usually costs less than \$100 a year, but replacing a deck completely could take up to \$10,000 from your pockets. Maintain a tidy backyard deck by removing all leaves and twigs between the floorboards and scrubbing down the surface with a deck cleaning solution. For a cost-effective, DIY mixture, simply mix bleach and water. Freshen up the surface with a wood stain or sealant to prevent it from rotting.

From small indoor fixes to large outdoor tasks, you don't need to a lot of time, skills or money for many home improvement projects that can help you maintain an enjoyable living space.

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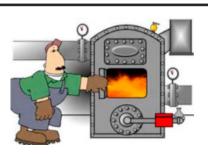
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