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Manager Giovan Casillas servers Restaurant Rally participant Glen Rushlow an enchilada during his stop at Casa Fiesta.

Rally, ho!

Food lovers find plenty to enjoy at annual chamber event

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

These food lovers certainly know a good deal when they see it.

In all, 515 people paid \$20 each to sample food Tuesday evening from 10 Westland restaurants.

Some drove from one restaurant to another, while others hopped aboard shuttles during a "restaurant rally" sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

In its third year, the popular event drew food lovers from Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Redford, Canton, Plymouth, Wayne and other communities.

Those who paid the \$20 tab received red T-shirts that entitled them to sample food from Applebee's,

Beaver Creek, Casa Fiesta, Farwell & Friends, Johnny Carino's, LongHorn Steakhouse, Malarkey's Irish Pub, Marvaso's Italian Grille, Panera Bread and Uno Chicago Grill.

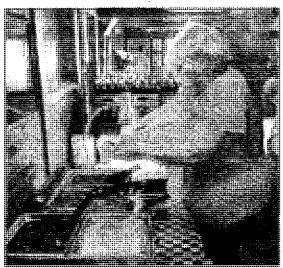
Retired secretary Shirley Walmsley, 71, of Westland came with three of her friends for the second year in a row. She sat inside Casa Fiesta eating a beef burrito, pork carnitas, refried beans and rice.

"It's wonderful," she said. "It's just spicy enough."

She washed it down with a margarita as she and her friends planned their itinerary to other restaurants.

Over at Uno Chicago Grill, Westland city worker Sean Coffey, 36, sampled beef tips, chicken wings and pizza

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Sandra Parker takes a sample of everything to get an idea of what Uno Chicago Grill has to offer.

3 men charged with stealing computers, car

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Three young Belleville men were charged Monday with stealing a city-owned car from the Westland Public Services Department, crashing it through a gate and fleeing with computers they stole from two police vehicles.

Michael Gary Dunstan, 19, Rickey Edward Hilton, 18, and Scott David Matthews, 23, face an Aug. 3 court hearing on two counts of breaking into police cars and one count of stealing a 1994 Crown Victoria driven

Dunstan has an additional charge of malicious destruction of police property.

by a fire department official.

The three men were arraigned Monday for an incident that a city employee discovered when he showed up for work Wednesday morning of last week at the public services department on Marquette east of Newburgh, where city vehicles are repaired.

Hilton had been working for the city, although he was contracted by an outside firm, police Sgt. Steve Borisch confirmed.

Although authorities couldn't divulge all details of their investigation, officials said the case against the three men unfolded after Dunstan tried Friday evening to sell the stolen vehicle in a Pittsfield Township parking lot.

"This was nice police work," Westland police

According to Borisch, Matthews drove Dunstan and Hilton to the public services yard, where the trio planned to steal computer equipment out of police cars. While there, Dunstan is accused of driving off in the Crown

Victoria, Borisch said. The two computers, alone, cost \$6,000 each, according to police reports. The men are accused of buying tools from a Wal-Mart to carry out the plot, Borisch said.

In court Monday, Judge C. Charles Bokos ordered Dunstan and Matthews jailed in lieu of a \$100,000/10 percent bond, meaning they would have to post \$10,000 each for their release. Hilton was jailed on a \$50,000/10 percent bond.

Dunstan and Matthews received a higher bond — and could potentially receive more prison time, if convicted — because they have a criminal history, Borisch said.

The trio is expected to learn during their Aug. 3 court hearing whether they will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted, Dunstan and Matthews could face 10 years in prison, while Hilton could face a five-year term, Borisch said.

Beard: Experience needed to help county keep services

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Citing her 28 years on the job, incumbent Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard hopes that 12th District voters will consider her experience and elect her to a 15th twoyear term.

Beard, 85, is the longestserving commissioner ever. and she believes her tenure is especially relevant as the county tries to maintain services despite shrinking revenues.



challenging, and I'm still interested in working on solving the problems that are tough to solve," she said during an

interview with the Observer. "We're not there to fool around. We're there to do the people's business."

Beard, a former Inkster resident who moved to Westland in 1991, would challenge any-

one who suggests she has been on the job too long.

Beard has had a lock on the 12th District, handily defeating such political challengers as former Westland Mayor Robert Thomas. She has a theory about why voters keep

"It keeps me young," she

"They know that I care about what's going on," she said. "They see me out in the community, and they know

returning her to office.

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WESTLAND

Massey: Her to-do list includes 006 roadwork, more park patrols

STAFF WRITER Wayne County Commission candidate Vernell Massey is asking 12th District voters to consider two things when they

cast their ballots in the Aug. 8

BY DARRELL CLEM

Democratic primary. First, she wants them to listen to her ideas: improve roads; beef up sheriff patrols in Hines Park; seek ways to help people who need health insurance and prescription coverage; trim commission

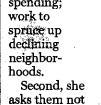


Massey

for being a first-time commission candidate who lacks on-the-job

experience. "Anybody who goes into a new job is inexperienced," Massey said during an inter-

view with the Observer. "I'm



to penalize her

running because I think I can do a good job. Sometimes it's good to get a fresh look. I think it's time for a change."

Massey is challenging 28year Commissioner Kay Beard in a district that includes Westland, Inkster and southern Livonia. The winner of the Democratic primary will earn a two-year term because there will be no Republican in the Nov. 7 general election. The job pays \$68,676 a year. Massey, 48, is a lifelong

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Blue vehicle sought in fatal I-96 crash

BY DAN WEST STAFF WRITER

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Police believe a motorist cut off a Mercury Mountaineer traveling on I-96 last week which led to an extraordinary crash that killed a 32-year-old Walled Lake woman and left her husband with broken arms and legs

Investigators are analyzing blue paint scraped onto the Mountaineer, reviewing videotape from traffic cameras above I-96 and asking for help in the hunt for a vehicle that may have caused this tragedy.

We are looking for anyone who was traveling in the area at the time to see if they can provide a description of this vehicle," said Livonia police Officer Brian Dewan.

Pa Cham, 33, had just picked up his wife, Malen Badjie, from work last Thursday night and they were en route to their Walled Lake home when trouble began. Police said they believe another motorist suddenly pulled in front the



Police are looking for the driver of a vehicle who cut off this Mercury Mountaineer on I-96, forcing the SUV up the freeway embankment and over the Levan Road overpass. The crash killed a 32-year-old woman and seriously injured her 33-year-old husband.

Mountaineer, forced it off westbound I-96, east of Levan Road, and started a chainreaction crash shortly before midnight.

"We found fresh blue paint on the front bumper of the

Mountaineer, which was silver in color," Dewan said. "This indicates to us the Mountaineer was struck and cut off by this other vehicle."

The Mountaineer climbed the freeway embankment,

went airborne, landed briefly on Levan, crashed through the overpass railing, landed on the embankment west of Levan and came to rest back on the

Blunt force trauma instantly killed Badjie. Cham, who drove the SUV, continued to receive treatment at University of Michigan Hospital on Wednesday. He suffered broken bones in all four of his limbs, but he is expected to survive, Dewan said.

Investigators are awaiting test results on blood taken from Cham to see if alcohol was a factor, but Dewan said he doubts Cham was drinking. Both Cham and Badjie were wearing their seat

"They had their bags packed to go on a trip the next day," Dewan said.

Anyone who recalls seeing a blue vehicle in the I-96-Levan area at the time of the crash is asked to call Livonia police at (734) 466-2470.

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Pregnant woman robbed outside CVS

A 21-year-old pregnant woman told police she was robbed outside a Westland pharmacy by a couple who told her that their car had broken down and that they needed a ride.

The incident happened about 4:45 p.m. last Friday outside the CVS store at Wayne and Hunter.

The woman told police that she pulled off Wayne Road to pick up a prescription when the couple flagged her down, told her that they had car trouble and asked for a ride.

The victim told police that she wanted to help the couple, but she told them she first had to stop to pick up a prescription.

According to police reports, the couple accompanied the woman inside the CVS and then grabbed \$55 from her hand after they walked outside the store. The couple then fled on foot.

One suspect - the one who actually grabbed the money was described as a white woman, 45-50 years old, about 5-foot-5, with bleached blonde hair that was shoulder length. She wore a black top with straps and blue jeans.

The second suspect was described as a white man, 45-50 years old, of medium height and build. He had brown hair and a ponytail, and he wore blue jeans and white gym shoes.

Murder threat

A 15-year-old girl told police that a teenage boy showed her a handgun and threatened to kill her during an incident that happened about 11:45 p.m. last Thursday at Scottsdale Apartments, on Newburgh Road between Joy and Warren.

The victim told police the threat was apparently retaliatory after she earlier won a fight with a girl that the male suspect knows.

The victim told police that she was approached near the manager's office of the apartCRIME WATCH

ment complex and that the teenage boy revealed a silverand-black handgun in the waistband of his pants. She said he put his hand on the

gun and threatened to kill her. The victim told police that she ran to her apartment. No shots were fired.

Drug-related robbery

A 20-year-old Chelsea man told police he was robbed at gunpoint about 8 p.m. last Thursday after he got into a car with another man to go buy drugs.

The victim, who was robbed of \$1,500, reported that the two had met at an Ypsilanti party and that they were supposedly going to buy drugs when the driver pulled a gun in the area of Newburgh and Palmer in Westland.

The victim told police the driver robbed him with a semiautomatic handgun and then ordered him out of the car.

The two men had met earlier in the evening, and the suspect was known only by the first name of Mike. He was described as a white man, about 25 years old, 5foot-7, with a thin build.

Suspects nabbed

Police arrested two suspects after an officer spotted a stolen car being driven on Hiveley Street, near Merriman and Cherry Hill.

An alert officer ran a computer check of the license plate after the driver appeared to be trying to evade him, according to police reports. The suspects, in a stolen 1992 Oldsmobile Alero, ultimately were heading east on Grandview from Henry Ruff, but they got out of the car and were running on foot when a Garden City officer spotted them.

Police arrested the suspects. Authorities also confiscated a knife and a marijuana bowl.

By Darrell Clem

Police nab man in cash advance store robberies

BY DAN WEST STAFF WRITER

Redford and Livonia police teamed to arrest an armed man suspected of holding up numerous cash advance stores throughout metro Detroit, including Westland, and stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash.

The 35-year-old Detroit man was being held Wednesday in the Livonia Police Department jail, awaiting arraignment and

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talking with detectives from several police agencies. Investigators believe he robbed about a dozen of those stores since early May — stealing between \$200 and \$2,000 in each crime — and has attempted to rob these stores on sever-

al other occasions. Livonia police Lt. Greg Winn said his agency plans to charge him with the May 31 attempted armed robbery at a store in the Eight Mile-Grand River area. He is accused of using a

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gun to knock on a locked door in a bid to enter the store.

'We believe he acted alone in all of the robberies," Winn said. "He simply said he did it for the money. He does not have a job."

Police believe he was about to strike again shortly before his arrest Tuesday. He was driving a white GMC Jimmy when Redford police spotted the driver checking out a cash advance store on Seven Mile east of Inkster at 3:40 p.m.

Tuesday. The vehicle started to move west on Seven Mile and the chase began.

"He didn't try to rob that store, but we believe that's what he was looking to do until he saw one of our cars," Redford police Capt. Scott McClay said.

Livonia and Redford officers stopped the vehicle in a Redford neighborhood at the corner of Indian and Vassar. The man was carrying a handgun at the time of his arrest. which will lead to a Redford police request to charge the man with carrying a concealed weapon, McClay said.

Investigators throughout the area received a break two weeks ago when a parking lot surveillance camera outside a Westland shopping center captured a picture of the GMC Jimmy driving away from a nearby cash advance store after an armed robbery. Since that time, officers have been hunting for that vehicle.

Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind to See Again

Diplomate in Low Vision Care trains Dr. Sheldon Smith to help those with macular degeneration to keep reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi Freelance Writer

Livonia, Michiganbecause you have macular degeneration or other eye diseases like diabetic retinopathy doesn't mean you

must give up driving. Ever look through a pair of field glasses or binoculars? Things look bigger and closer, and much easier to see. California Optometrist, Dr. Richard J. Shuldiner and Michigan optometrist, Dr. Sheldon Smith, miniaturized binoculars or telescopes to help people who have lost vision from macular degeneration or other eye conditions.

"Some of my patients consider us the last stop for people who have vision loss," said Dr. Smith, a low vision optometrist who trained with Dr. Shuldiner in California.

"People don't know that there are doctors who are very experienced in low vision care." Dr. Shuldiner happens to be one of only 52 Low Vision Diplomates in the world in the American Academy of Optometry.

Macular Degeneration is the most common eye disease amongst the senior population. As many as 25% of those over 65 have some degree of degeneration. The macula is one small part of the entire retina, but it is the most sensitive and gives us sharp images. When degenerates, macular degeneration leaves a blind spot right in the center of vision making it impossible to recognize faces, read a book



Carole Buckles with Bioptic Telescopic glasses for driving and watching baseball games.

pass the driver's vision

The experts do not know macular what causes degeneration. But it is known that UV light from the sun is a major contributing factor. Other factors are smoking, aging of course, and improper nutrition. 15 to 20% of the time it is genetic.

There are two types, wet The wet type and dry. involves leaky blood vessels and can be lasered shut. Unfortunately, it's temporary fix since other leaks usually occur. "Our job is to figure out

everything and anything possible to keep a person functioning," says Dr. Smith. Even if it's driving.

The state of Michigan allows the use of telescopic glasses to help meet the vision requirements driving.

Donald Paquette, 72, a former county assessor from Anaheim, California was seen last November. "I could not read the street signs soon enough when driving, and I couldn't read my saxophone music anymore."

The Doctor fit him with bioptic telescope glasses. "Amazing!" says Donald. "I can read the street signs twice as far as I did before. I can play my sax again. Happy day!"

Carole Buckles, 71, of Arcadia, California came on the advice of a friend. "I wanted to be able to keep driving and do the fun things in life." One of those fun things is baseball. "I love going to baseball games and now I can see those close plays again," she says.

Bioptic Telescopic glasses were prescribed to read signs and see traffic lights farther away. As Carole puts it, "These telescope glasses not only allow me to read signs from a farther distance, but makes driving much easier. I've also used them to watch television so I don't have to sit so close. Definitely worth the \$1975 cost. I don't know why I waited two years to do this; I should have come sooner."

"Telescopic glasses usually cost over \$2000," says Dr. Smith, "especially if we build; them with an automatië sunglass."

Dr. Smith also provides special prismatic reading glasses to make the newspaper a little easier to

Ellen Imboden traveled from Sweden and was helped with two pairs of glasses: Special \$475 prismatic glasses that let her read newsprint, as well as bioptic telescopes to continue driving in Sweden.

Low vision devices are not always expensive. Some reading glasses cost as little as \$475 and some magnifiers under \$100. Every case is different because people have different levels of vision and different desires.

Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, West Bloomfield, St. Clair Shores and the Lansing area. Dr. Smith can be reached at Suburban Low Vision toll free at 1-877-677-2020.

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Looking for good homes

PETCO teams up with rescue groups to help unwanted animals

STAFF WRITER

The ears may be pointy, but the eyes are a soft black and the fur is white. Looking at him square in the face, it's easy to understand why Cari Stebbins named her dog Falcor after the Luckdragon in Neverending Story.

"We have issues with the ears," the Garden City resident said to her six-month-old Samoyed who has the penchant to put his ears down.

Falcor has become a poster puppy of sorts for Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven that is making weekend appearances at the PETCO store on Warren west of Wayne Road in Westland.

The organization, which rescues purebreed and mixed breed Samoyeds and finds them new homes, is participating in several adoption events at PETCO to raise funds and awareness for pet rescue and help find local, homeless

Samoyeds a new home for life. The rescue group will be at the store from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday as well as Aug. 5, 12 and 19, Sept. 9, Oct. 7 and Nov. 4, meeting prospective families and selling Purina Pro Plan Rally to Rescue collar and wristband sets as part of the Rally to Rescue campaign.

According to Stebbins, the pet wears the collar, the owner wears the wristband, and together they show their support for pet rescue. All proceeds from the sale of the collars and wristbands will benefit WSSH.

WSSH was founded in 2005 and has rescued 49 Samoyeds from throughout Michigan and Indiana. Some of the dogs were owner surrendered, some were rescued from abusive and neglectful settings and others came

from calls from animal shelters. "If a Samoyed is in need of finding a home, we take it in," Stebbins said. "When a Samoved leaves us, it has all of its vaccinations, it's been spayed or neutered, it's been fully vetted. Even though we bave a res-

cue vet, it still costs money." Stebbins added that the



PETCO and one of the core

and from day one started

values of pet care," he said. "We

opened this store in June 2001

working with adoption groups

The foundation was founded

and it has steadily increased."

in 1999. It works with 3,700

nonprofit groups around the

country and has raised more

than \$30 million. It's currently

holding PETCO Foundation's

annual Round Up/Spay Today

The campaign, which runs

through Aug. 13, encourages

customers to "round-up" their

purchases to the next highest

local spay/neuter focused ani-

The fund-raiser started last

dollar. All proceeds benefit

mal welfare organizations.

Sunday, when donations of

\$140 exceeded the company

"We do it everyday for a

month and in the end have a

good chunk of change for the

In addition to helping local

groups, 10 percent of all funds

raised will be donated to Spay

programs and hotline. Spay

able spay/neuter services.

just a concept, it has a face,"

USA is a nationwide network

and referral service for afford-

"Pet overpopulation is not

USA to support its spay/neuter

goal of \$100 a day.

groups," Beeny said.

Cari Stebbins (at right) of Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven and her Samoyed named Falcor join PETCO manager Patrick Beeny in promoting animal rescue and adoption.

PETCO visits allows WSSH representatives to meet prospective families, getting to know what their needs are in the way of a pet. The group has had as many as 14 Samoyeds available for adoption, but at present has only a few mixed breed dogs available.

While most people think Samoyeds are outdoor dogs because of their thick, heavy coats, just the opposite is true, Stebbins said. The dogs were bred in Siberia and were so valued by the villagers they were kept indoors.

"Samoyeds are most definitely a family breed," she added.

WSSH has been in the store twice and has met with several potential volunteers and met a woman who would like to be matched up with one of the rescued dogs. The weekend appearances also have opened up resources for the fairly small group, which relies heavily on donations and the efforts of volunteers.

Having a rescue group offering adoptions in the store dovetails with PETCO's common mission, strengthening the bond between people and pets, according to manager Patrick Beeny.

"This is almost the crux of

and director of the PETCO Foundation. "In fact, it had 4 million faces last year. That's the number of animals euthanized in our country's shelters." WSSH isn't the only rescue group working with PETCO in

said Paul Jolly, vice president

pet adoptions. The Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue out of Belleville; Greyhounds of Eastern Michigan; the Buster Foundation, a pitbull rescue organization; the Southeast Michigan Ferret Rescue Organization; and Tiny Paws Rabbit Rescue are at the store to find homes for rescued animals.

'We've always had adoption groups here," Beeny said. "We can't have enough of them here."

For more information about Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven, visit its Web site at www.wssh.org. People can also call Sarah Lichtenfelt at (989) 239-8612 or Stebbins at (734) 421-8691 or e-mail the organization at main@wssh.org.

Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans will open the doors to his Mounted Unit to the public on Saturday, July 29. Wayne County's mounted patrol, which was established 26 years ago under Evans' command (then as a lieutenant), is the last full-time mounted unit in Michigan.

Sheriff's Mounted Unit holds open barn July 29

Area residents will have a rare opportunity to spend time with the officers and horses of Michigan's last full-time mounted patrol.

On Saturday, July 29, Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans is inviting the public to an open house at his department's Mounted Unit barn, which is located on Hines Drive just west

of Newburgh Road in Livonia. The Open House will be held

from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. People attending the free event will have an opportunity to get up close and personal with the unit's new four new mounts, which were recently purchased to replace four others who have since retired to new homes, as well as the unit's "veteran" horses. Officers will conduct hourly tactical demonstrations and show visitors how they groom and train their mounts.

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Throughout July, the PostalAnnex+ in Livonia is donating 10 percent of the cost of every moving kit sold to the American Red Cross. Since 1881, the American Red Cross has been the nation's premier emergency response organization.

As part of a worldwide movement that offers neutral humanitarian care to victims of war, the American Red Cross distinguished itself by also aiding victims of devastating natural disasters.

"While there are millions of people planning to relocate their homes this summer, there are just as many who need help simply to survive," said Pradip Patel of PostalAnnex+ in Livonia. "We thought we would do something to help both groups at the same time."

The moving kits come in three sizes – small kits for one-bedroom and

small two-bedroom apartments, medium kits for large two-bedroom apartments and extra-large kits for three-bedroom apartments or homes.

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"It is very important to us at PostalAnnex+ to give back to the communities that have supported us and our business," said Patel. "This is a wonderful opportunity to provide assistance with moving needs, as well as support a wonderful organization."

For more information on PostalAnnex+ of Livonia, call Pradip Patel at (248) 471-4144.

Listings for the Community Calendar should be submitted in writing. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, by fax at (734) 591-7279 or by e-mail at smason@oe.homecomm.net. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open house

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Academic Pathways Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia, will host a set of monthly open houses for its sessions. Visit and learn about the school from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23; and 12:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 3-year-olds, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for 4-year-olds. Potty training not required. (734) 459-6689.

HISTORIC

Pioneer trek

The Nankin Township Pioneer Trek has been designed to introduce travelers to the history of the area. Travelers will visit sites that affected the development of Westland as a community. Those who complete the trek will receive an embroidered patch. To start the trek, first visit the Westland Historical Museum and pick up a packet. The museum is at 857 N. Wayne Road and is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, except before a holiday. The trek is sponsored by the Westland Historical Commission and the Friends of the Westland Museum, For information, call (734) 326-111D.

Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise group meets 7 the dining room of the Kay Beard Suilding, on Michigan between come. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday each month except December at the Collins House, located at the museum complex, 857 N. Wayne Road, Call Jim Franklin at (734) 595-8119. Everyone is welcome.

Veterans of Foreign Wars 3323 Auxiliary has bingo 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland, There is a snack bar. The post has bingo at 1 p.m. every Sunday at the same place. Call (734) 326-3323.

St. Mel Church

Inkster Road north of Warren. Doors open at 4 p.m. Food is available.

Van Born, east of Wayne Road in Wayne. Doors open at 9 a.m. Food is available. Proceeds go to charity. Call (734) 728-3020. K of C Bingo

Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. The games are in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth



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FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults. The Web site www.ci.westland.mi.us offers more information. Call (734) 722-7632.

Senior dinners

The Wayne Ford Civic League hosts Senior Dinner Dances with live entertainment several times each month for couples and singles 50 years and older. The cost is \$8 donation for members of the league and \$10 donation for non-members. All dances start at noon and run until 3-3:30 p.m. Meals include beer, wine, and fountain pop. For information and schedules, call (734) 728-5010

A crochet and knit group meets 9:30

Center on Newburgh near Marquette.

a.m. every Friday at the Friendship

Beverly Kaminski is the instructor.

Participants should bring a type "G"

crochet hook. Those interested can

sign up at the center's front desk or

The Visually Impaired Persons (VIPs)

support group meets 12:30 p.m. every

Friday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N.

information and meet others. Those

interested in joining can be scheduled

on a bus route for transportation. For

Every third Tuesday of each month, a

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Hearing Care of Westland will check

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vides a low to moderate workout. The

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diovascular endurance. It incorporates

simple dance routines with walking or

jogging patterns and resistance exer-

cises. Wear loose-fitting clothing and

comfortable shoes. Light weights and

an exercise mat are suggested Classes

Wednesday, 10:15 a.m. Friday, at \$3 per

person per class. Sign up at the front

desk at the Westland Friendship Center

The Friendship Travel Group meets 1

p.m. the second Friday of each month

(unless a large event is scheduled) in

the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N.

Newburnb Programs include delebra-

tion of birthdays, door prizes, descrip-

overview of day/ overnight trips and

The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer

Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh

roads, Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30

p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needle-

work at 9:3D a.m.; Wednesdays, kitchen

band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays,

refreshments. Call (734) 722-7632.

Senior Adult Center offers activities

Monday-Thursday at the center, on

tion of new classes or programs,

speakers from tour companies,

are 10:15 a.m. Monday, 5 p.m.

or call (734) 722-7632.

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Crocket & Knit

call (734) 722-7632.

Visually Impaired

Hearing checks

Exercise

p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in Middlebelt and Merriman. All are wel-

Friends of Museum

BINGO

VFW Bingo

Bingo begins at 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church activities building, on

Shamrock Bingo

Bingo begins at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100

Pope John XXIII Assembly of the

ORGANIZATIONS

ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

Toastmasters The Westland Easy Talkers

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday evenings at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 Wayne Road at Cowan. For more information, call John Elbe at (734) 414-3401 or Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

Vietnam Vets

The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528, meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Plymouth VFW Post 6695, on S. Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road. If you served in the U.S. military between 1964 and 1975, even, if not, "in country" (combat zone) you are still eligible to become a member. Visit the Web site at www.mihometown.com/oe/Plymouth CantonVVA for more information.

Friends of library

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library organization meets at 2' p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The group also holds a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

In Harmony

The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quarteting can call membership chair man Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

Civil Air Patrol

Emergency service is just one of the congressionally mandated missions of the Civil Air Patrol, which includes ground and air search-and-rescue operations. The Civil Air Patrol, which is the official U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is made up of civilian volunteers. To learn more about CAP or training as an air crew or ground team member, contact the Willow Run Composite Squadron (Mi-260). Call Capt. Dane Hansen, deputy commander/recruiter, at (734) 485-3021 or visit the Web site www.members.home.net/capliberators/.

Habitat help

The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. For information, call (734) 459-7744. Veteran's Haven

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat. camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

Pet-A-Pet

WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

PROVISION OF PROJECT BASED SUPPORTIVE

HOUSING PROGRAM FOR ATRISK VETERANS

UTILIZING THE SECTION 8 HOUSING VOUCHER

Sealed proposals will be received by the Westland Housing Commission, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186 on or before

4:00 P.M. Wednesday, August 30, 2006, for the provision of

project based supportive housing utilizing Federal Section 8

Housing Vouchers for up to (20) rental units. This program is targeted to assist At-Risk veterans within the City of Westland

under a demonstration program using funds the Westland Housing Commission is making available for this purpose provided for

under Part 983 of the Code of Federal Regulations for project based

assistance. The number of vouchers allocated towards project

basing may be increased over time, if the demonstration program is successful. The Westland Housing Commission's interest is limited

to existing housing and no proposal for new construction or rehabilitation (as defined by Part 983 of the Code of Federal

Regulations) will be considered. Only applications submitted in response to this advertisement will be accepted.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS RPF IS ONLY FOR THE OWNERS OF MULTIFAMILY APARTMENT BUILDINGS. DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS NOTICE IS YOU ARE A TENANT

complete request for proposal packet and other pertinent

information may be obtained from the Westland Housing

1) Acceptance: The Westland Housing Commission reserves the

right to accept or reject any or all proposals in part or in total, and

to waive any irregularity in any proposal if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Commission. 2 Equal Employment

Opportunity: The contractor will be required to comply with all applicable federal and state equal opportunity, affirmative action,

and minority representation laws. 3) Incligible Bidders: All

contractors will be required to certify that they are not on the U.S.

Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors nor any firm, partnership or association in which they have substantial interest

nor any other person, both natural and corporate, having

substantial interest in their business is designated as an ineligible

bidder or on the U.S. Comptroller General's list of ineligible

contractors. 4) Questions: Any questions pertaining to this request

for proposals should be directed to the Westland Housing

JOHN FRANKLIN, PRESIDENT

JAMES GILBERT, DIRECTOR

SEEKING HOUSING ASSISTANCE.

Commission at (734) 595-0288.

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Commission main office at the address listed above.

The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved and must have current vaccinations. There is a \$5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Center, 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Marie Johnson, (734) 326-1200), and Marguette House,

10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of

the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4392). Zonta Club

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County, a service club to advance the status of women, meets every month on the fourth Monday at the Holiday Inn, Livonia. For more information, call Pat Harris at (734) 420-2920

Franklin PTSA

The Franklin High School PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and the community. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia MI 48150.

Tutorial program

A tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 3:45-5:15 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, is for students 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Tyrone Peterson, (734) 722-3660. Tutors need to have at least a high school education. M.O.M.S.

M.O.M.S. Club of Canton/ Westland is a nonprofit support group for stay-athome mothers. There are weekly events, Mom's Night Out, age-oriented play groups and more. For information, call Wendy, (734) 398-6957.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Eating Disorders

Get help, get real information and real expectations, at an eating disorder support group which meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. All meetings are closed - for people of all ages with eating disorders and are free of charge. Family and friends support is on the second Wednesday of the month while parents support is on the fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information, call Darlene at (734) 324-3089. Advocacy group

The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally III, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. For more information, call (734) 362-8825. TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)

meets every Wednesday at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland Weigh-in is 6:30-7:15 p.m. with the meeting 7:30-8:30 p.m. For

more information, call Rosalie at (734) ,728-D299. Menopause & More

A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy

Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No

registration is necessary, and the

group is free of charge. For more information, call (734) 655-1100. Support group

A support group for people with chronic illness meets on Fridays every other week, at the Westside Mental Health Services, 32932 W. Warren, Suite 103, Westland, The support group is a service of Awareness Counseling Services. There is a \$10 for each meeting which will be facilitated by a professional. For more information, call (734) 513-8295 or (313) 562-

2800. AIM

Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics in Motion) meets at. «) 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety distal order or phobias. Call (248) 547-0400; 3

Angela Hospice

As part of its service to the communication ty, Angela Hospice offers a variety of ... grief support groups free-of-chargeto community residents. The groups are held at the Angela Hospice Care: 🗟 Center at 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, and are lead by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers who aim to provide useful coping 🛴 strategies and tools to facilitate the healing process.

General Grief Support Group -Open to all losses. Meets at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Loss of a Spouse Support Group = ? Meets 6:30-8 p.m. the first Tuesday of

■ Women's Grief Support Group ~ Held each Spring and Fall. Call (734)953-6012 for dates and times. ■ Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child - Meets 6:30-8 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. Call to

each month, beginning in February.

register at (734) 464-2683. Grief Support Quilter's Group - A new Grief Support Quilter's Group is looking for community members interested in making a quilt in memo-💓 ry of a loved one. No quilting or sewing experience is necessary. Dates and times to be determined. Call (734) 953-6012 for more information. Groups by Appointment - Loss of an Adult Child, Men In Grief. Call (734) 953-6012 for more information. Programs for Children- Reservations required for all children's programs. Register by calling (734) 464-2683.

■ Children's Grief Support Group - For ages 6-8 and 9-12. Meets winter, spring and fall 5-6 p.m. Thursdays for 🛫 eight consecutive (April 6-June 1, Sept. 14-Nov. 2). Markshop - 5-7

p.m. Thursday, May 4. Angela Hospice also provides one-on : one grief support. For more informa-

port services, or to register for a group, call Joan Lee at (734) 953-6012 🚉 Childbirth classes Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a refresher

childhirth education course and a new

support group for expectant teens.

tion about Angela Hospice's grief sup

For information on programs, call (734) 458-4330. Childbirth Association

Classes for childbirth preparation are offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes are available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Cesarean birth preparation are also offered. Call (734) 459-7477.

Fibromyalgia

The Garden City area chapter of the Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and CFS Association Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Bantist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There are quest speakers and discussion on a variety of topics. There is no membership fee, however a small donation is greatly appreciated. For additional information, call Tina Wing at (734) 338-2226 or Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.



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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted at the time and location listed, for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment, and programs which will be used to record and tabulate voted ballots for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 in Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan. Civic Center (City Hall)

Location: 6000 Middlebelt Garden City, Michigan 48135

Date:

Time:

Contact:

July 27 and 30, 2006

August 2, 2006 Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

Allyson M. Bettis City Clerk

734-793-1620

GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT 6000 MIDDLEBELT GARDEN CITY, MI 48135

sold at public auction on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. Please note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage

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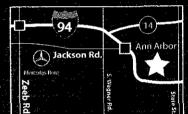
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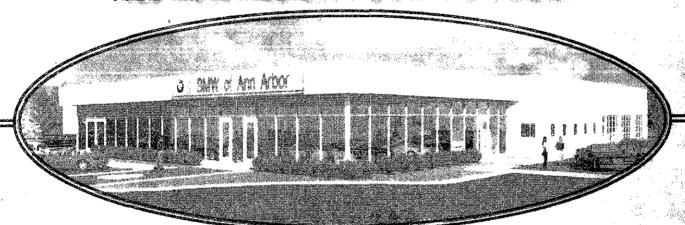
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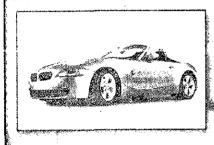
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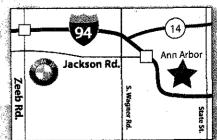
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Ice cream social

Livonia Citizens Against Recall Elections (Livonia CAREs) is hosting its second ice cream social noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at Civic Center Park, Farmington and Five Mile. All are welcome.

The event allows residents to show their support for the Livonia Public Schools and to meet, greet and ask questions of current district board mem-

Book signing

Taxing Authorities

Author Emily Eisbruch will be at Borders Express in Westland Shopping Center 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 29, to sign copies of her book, the Curious Kids' Activity Guide to Michigan.

The Curious Kids' Activity

Guide to Michigan is colorful new travel guide and activity book designed especially for families exploring the state. It features activities on Michigan's bridges, islands, lakes, cities, festivals, highways, college sports, symbols,

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Eisbruch hatched the idea for the book after several long drives through the state with her own family on camping

museums and sailboat races.

trips.
"Our family loves exploring Michigan, but the drives with the kids could be tedious and challenging, with lots of questions about when we would get there," she said. "I decided to solve the boredom problem with a bright and colorful book that features hand-on activities to inspire excitement about

Westland Shopping Center is a at Warren and Wayne Road in Westland.

Flea Market

Vendors are needed for a flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Space is available at \$20 per space. Applications are available by calling Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-

Craft show tables

Table rental is available at the cost of \$20 for the annual St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women Craft Show on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall at 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Call Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voice mail No. 10) to reserve a table.

Table rental also is available at the cost of \$20 for the annual St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, in the Parish Social Hall at 8200 Wayne Road, Westland. Call Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voice mail #10) to reserve a

Enrollment offered

St. Damian Catholic School is accepting enrollment for fall. It offers preschool for children ages 3 and 4, kindergarten either three full days or five full days, and classes for students in grades one through eight. The school is located at 29891 Joy Road in Westland. Summer hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information call (734) 421-6130.

Antiques appraisals

The Westland senior Friendship Center will host its fifth annual Newburgh Road Show, an antiques appraisal, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, July

Admission will be \$1. Col. Thomas Moody of Blue Willow

Adams Middle School were:

Antiques will be doing the appraisals. He specializes in glass, pottery, furniture, radios, kitchenware, war memorabilia, quilts, dolls and toys.

There will be a charge of \$3 per item appraised, with a limit of three appraisals. Refreshments will be available for a small donation.

The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, Westland. For more information, call (734) 722-

Pancake breakfast

The Westland senior Friendship Center holds an allyou-can-eat pancake breakfast 8:30-11 a.m. the second Thursday of the month at the center on Newburgh south of Ford.

The cost \$4 per person for buttermilk or multi-grain pancakes, coffee, juice, low fat milk, sausage and bacon. Sugar free syrup will be available.

Eclectic Crafters

Ever thought of trying a craft but were afraid of investing too much before you knew if you were going to like it?

Ever wanted a quiet place to do your scrapbooking? Ever wonder if there are others as crazy about art and crafts as you are?

The answer to those questions could be the Eclectic Crafters which meet 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the second and third Monday of every month and 5:30-8:30 p.m. the first Monday from at the Bailey Center in the Westland Civic Center Complex on Ford Road west of Carlson.

The program is offered in association with the Westland Parks and Recreation Department. For \$3, participants can try out different crafts, art materials and tools or bring their own project to work on. There will be inexpensive make-and-takes avail-

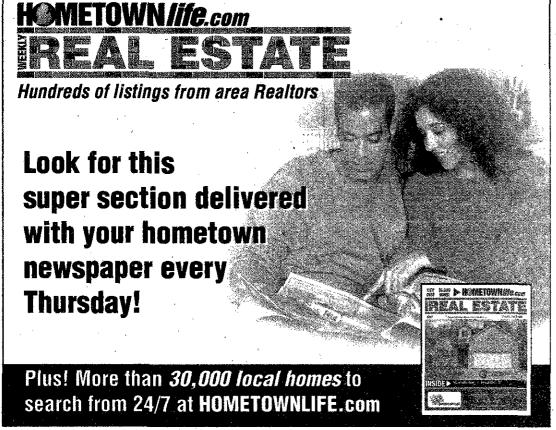
For more information, call (734) 620-3938.

Senior volleyball

The Westland senior citizen Friendship Center hopes to start a co-ed volleyball team to compete in Wayne County's 2006 Senior Olympics.

If interested, call Mel Tockstein at (734) 722-0159.

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CITY OF WESTLAND GENERAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates of the Democratic and Republican Parties, non-partisan positions for Judicial offices, Proposals and a Recall Question for Livonia Public Schools will be voted upon: Governor and Lieutenant Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, County Executive, County Commissioner, Delegate to County Convention, Judge of Circuit Court (3rd Judicial Circuit - Non-Incumbent Regular term), the following County of Wayne Proposal: Wayne County Transit Authority Millage Renewal: If approved, this proposal shall renew the 0.59 mill levied by the Wayne County Transit Authority in 2006 and allow continued support to the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation serving the elderly, handicapped and general public of Wayne County. Shall the tax imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Transit Authority area which expired with the 2005 tax, be levied for four (4) years, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, inclusive, at 0.59 mill (59 cents per \$1,000 taxable value), for the purpose of making contributions in aid of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) and it purpose of serving the elderly, handicapped and general public in the County of Wayne? It is estimated that 0.59 mill would raise approximately \$13,241,382.60 million in dollars when levied in 2006. YES or NO and (for those residents in Westland living in the Livonia Public School District) a Recall Question on 5 (five) members of the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education; those members being Robert J. Freeman, Daniel Lessard, Cynthia Markarian, Lynda L. Scheel and Kevin Whitehead: On December 5, 2005 (s)he voted to pass the "Legacy Initiative". This initiative, as proposed by Demographics Committee of the Livonia School Board, changes grade configuration, closes seven schools, and is to be implemented for the 2006-2007 school year. Shall (individual name of school board member) be recalled from the office of School Board Member? YES or NO (There are also Justification of Conduct statements made by each of the five board members on the recall ballot)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following statement has been received from the County Treasurer of the County of Wayne as to previously voted increases in the constitutional tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the City of Westland; to wit:

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 22, 2006, the total of all voted increases in excess of the tex rate limitation established by Section 6. Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

<u>Voted</u>

<u>Years</u> Increase Effective

County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2005 thru 2009
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974 November 8, 1988 August 6, 2002	1 mill 1 mill 1.5 mills	2005 Indefinitely 2005 Indefinitely 2005 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August $6,2002$	1 mill	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Community College	November 3, 1998 November 6, 2001	1 mill 1.5 mills	2002 Indefinitely 2005 thru 2010
Dated: June 22, 2006		Signed:	/s/Raymond J. Wojtowicz Raymond J. Wotjowicz Wayne County Treasurer
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Dated: June 22,	· ,	/s/Raymond J. Wojtowicz Raymond J. Wotjowicz Wayne County Treasurer	
The places of vo	ting for the General Election to be held on November 8, 2	005, will be as follows:	1
Precincts	Locations	3	
1 & 19	Madison School, 1075 S. Carlson		1
2 & 32	Kettering School, 1200 Hubbard	·	-
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4 & 8	Patchin School, 6420 Newburgh	. *	- -
5 & 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter	•	!
6	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer		
9	Jefferson School, 32150 Dorsey		
10	Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse	i	į
11 & 23	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington	* 1	
12 & 25 & 35	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail	in the second se	
13 & 18	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell		ļ
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview		•
15	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct		į
16	Holliday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.		
17 & 37	P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix		
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood	1	
21 & 42	Johnson School, 8400 Hix		į
22	Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born		İ
24	Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan		
26 & 33	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman		
27	Perrinville School, 33344 Ann Arbor Trail		- {
28	Church of Christ – Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis		1
30 & 31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise Ct.		į
34 & 38	Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing-36745 Marq	uette	. :
36	Nankin Mills School, 8100 Hubbard		
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview		
40 & 41	Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 3	36375 Joy	

election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

Westland City Clerk

Eileen DeHart

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Shirley Walmsley, 71, of Westland finishes her meal at Casa Fiesta before moving to the Uno Chicago Grill, her next stop on the Restaurant Rally circuit.

RALLY

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with his girlfriend, Elizabeth Barrios, 34, who works in neurology testing for Huron Valley Sinai Hospital.

"This is part of my birthday present," Barrios said, adding that Uno Chicago Grill "is one

of my favorite restaurants." Not that Coffey is cheap, but he couldn't help recognizing that his \$40-for-two tab was a steal considering the couple could visit 10 restaurants.

"We can easily spend \$40 at one restaurant," be said.

Further south on Wayne Road at Marvaso's, Livonia friends Kim Hurt, 22, and Tina Zezawa, 29, sampled such delicacies as cherry chicken farfalle, crab alfredo and Italian sausage with peppers, onions and pasta.

"I've been here before and had the cherry chicken farfalle," said Hurt, who works in

marketing for a credit union.

"It's my favorite."

Zezawa, who works for a Ford Motor Co. supplier, complimented the crab alfredo.

"It's something different," she said. "I would definitely come back."

The restaurant rally provided an opportunity to showcase some eateries that are members of the Westland chamber, chamber President Lori Brist

"We want to get people through the doors who may not normally enter these restaurants to help expand the customer base," she said.

The event, held 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, also allowed participants to get in and eat without waiting in long lines that can complicate dining out on weekends.

Many of those who attended plan to return for the next restaurant rally.

"We've already got 100 reservations for next year." Brist said.

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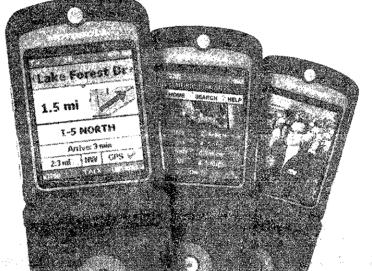
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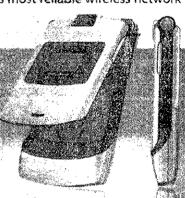
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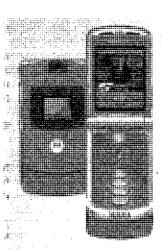
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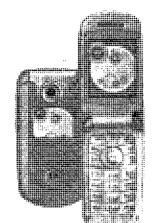


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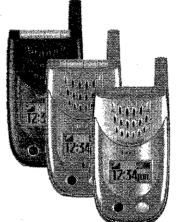
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they can approach me." Beard faces challenger Vernell Massey in an Aug. 8 Democratic primary that will decide the race. The victor will receive a two-year term because no Republican is seeking the job, which pays \$68,676 a year.

Beard, who has five grown children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, has been a political fixture in Wayne County politics. She has fought battles small and large, such as calling for more oversight of county spending.

Like many officials and constituents, Beard wants to find innovative ways to keep Michigan residents in jobs as the economy continues to lan-

"All of us in Michigan are worried about the economy and the jobs that we're losing

to other states and overseas," she said.

For those who lose their jobs, Beard called for greater efforts to retrain workers. If funding can be found, she said she would support a plan similar to the old school-to-work program, allowing laid-off employees to receive schooling as they work toward a new

Beard also said officials at all levels of government need to try harder to find a way to provide health insurance for evervone.

"So many people use the emergency room for their primary care," she said, adding that such a system is expensive.

Beard also called for greater efforts to address mental health problems, saying that many who need help aren't getting it.

Beard cited her political record and her community involvement as reasons voters should re-elect her. She has been involved in such organi-

zations as United Way, Matrix Human Services, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield senior advisory council and the National and Michigan Association of Counties, to name just a few.

She also has been instrumental in helping to start such services as 211 — a United Way phone number that links people to a variety of health and human service agencies.

Beard, saying Michigan needs to lure more out-of-state visitors and dollars, called for greater efforts to market the Inkster Valley and Warren Valley golf courses. She even suggested bringing in female golfer Juli Inkster, because of her last name, as a spokes-

Despite revenue problems, Beard said the county has been able to maintain most services as officials try to weather the economic storm.

"I think we're in pretty good shape now to run things properly," she said.

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business studies — as giving her the financial expertise she can use as a county commis-

Massey is involved in New Birth Baptist Church in Inkster. She helps out the church's food bank and collects toys that are given to needy families at Christmas.

first bid for a seat on the 15member commission, she is no stranger to politics. She campaigned unsuccessfully two years ago to become Wayne County treasurer.

tive campaign. Rather, she has only kind words for Beard: T've heard good things about

Massey also realizes that she bent.

"It's very tough," she conceded, but added that she hopes voters listen to her issues and don't know what I can do until

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FROM PAGE A1

Inkster resident, Robichaud High School graduate and a widow with four adult children. She works as a manager of the Livonia Target store on Plymouth Road and is studying business at Davenport University.

In her job, Massey has had to deal with financial matters. One way she would trim county spending is by eliminating extra stipends — often amounting to several thousand dollars — that commissioners are paid for serving on com-

When asking county workers to make sacrifices, she said, "We need to lead by example."

While campaigning door-todoor, Massey has heard from residents who fear that Hines Park is becoming an increasingly unsafe place for their

recreation.

patrols in Hines Park," she

On the issue of health care, Massey hopes to seek innovative ways to help people who don't have medical and prescription coverage. Residents shouldn't have to do without, she said, or they shouldn't feel forced to go to Canada for cheaper prescription drugs.

Massey called for efforts to work with Lansing to secure a larger share of dollars to improve local roads. She also indicated that the 12th District could benefit from a more concerted effort to rebuild and spruce up older neighborhoods, rather than relying solely on new development.

"I think that would make more people want to live here," she said.

Massey related the issue of redevelopment to Target. Even when the company builds in a new location, she said, it doesn't forget to give an older store a facelift.

She also mentioned her

Although this is Massey's

She isn't mounting a nega-

faces an uphill battle against such an entrenched incum-

her request for votes. "You you give me a chance."

Host families needed for exchange students

Host families from Westland and surrounding areas are invited to host teenage International Exchange students from around the world for the 2006-07 school year.

The students will attend local high schools. They will bring their own spending money and insurance. Host families are responsible for room and board. A local

International Exchange representative will assist host families throughout the year.

International students seeking a host families include:

■ Melanie, 18, of France. She has two sisters and one brother. She enjoys groups sports such as volleyball and handball. Melanie loves being around children.

Jasmine, 16, of Gothenburg, Sweden has two brothers, ages 10 and 18. She loves writing, going to the movies and chatting with friends and family.

Local families interested in hosting a student or who need more information about the program, can call (800) 522-4678 and ask for David Keating or email info@stsfoundation.org. www.stsfouridation.org



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OUR VIEWS

LeBlanc is best in 18th District

The hardest part about state elections is determining which candidates will best meet the needs of their potential constituents. The job is even more difficult when it attracts three candidates who all possess the ability to

Such is the case in the Democratic race for the state House's 18th District. Former state Rep. Vincent Petitpren and Westland Councilmen James Godbout and Richard LeBlanc all have the experience to replace Glenn Anderson, who is term limited.

But only one candidate can move on to the November general election, and after talking with each candidate, it is our belief that Richard LeBlanc possesses the skills, knowledge and ability to represent Westland in Lansing.

He is a realist who understands the difficulties Democratic lawmakers face in a Republican-dominated Legislature. He is not one to shy away from thorny situations and believes in calling it as he sees it. As a City Council member, he has shown that he can ask the difficult questions and make the hard decisions. He is organized and thorough and fully investigates issues before making a decision.

It is those latter qualities that he brings to this race that sets him apart from his challengers. He does his homework and, as a result, is well-versed on the issues facing the state as a whole and Westland specifically.

We believe he has the integrity and commitment to residents that is needed to represent Westland in Lansing. We urge Democratic voters to cast their ballot for Richard **LeBlanc** in the Tuesday, Aug. 8, primary election.

Beard is our choice in county board race

Ask Kay Beard what sets her apart from her Democratic challenger, Vernell Massey, and she says it is her "experience, knowledge and commitment." Considering her 28 years of service to Wayne County, it's a statement based on fact.

Beard, who represents the Wayne County Commission's 12th District, which includes Westland, Inkster and the southern portion of Livonia, is squaring off against Massey in the Tuesday, Aug. 8, Democratic primary. Beard has done a good job as a county commissioner,

tackling issues that affect Wayne County as a whole. She is accessible to residents, has an impressive list of community involvement and makes sure she is present for most, if not all, events in her district.

Massey brings to the campaign a list of residents' concerns — a need for road improvements in Inkster and stepped-up sheriff patrols in Hines Park. By way of contrast, Beard focuses more on countywide issues, citing her interest in better marketing the county's two golf courses as an issue for her district.

While she has good ideas, we are concerned that Massey would have a more than full plate if elected to the commission. A manager at Target and a student at Davenport University, she would do better to get some more community involvement on her resumé before taking on a county position.

That said, we recommend voters go with experience in his race at this time and support Kay Beard for the Democratic nominee in the Wayne County Commission's 1⊉th District.

SMART fills need, vote yes

Dan Dirks, general manager of the Suburban Mobility uthority for Regional Transportation, calls SMART a miche transportation system.

It is not the kind of mass transit system that serves rids in New York, Washington, Chicago or Boston. But it does an excellent job of filling the specific needs of senior citizens, the disabled and entry-level employees in service

Ten years ago, when voters approved a 0.6-mill operating tax, SMART made a commitment to be fiscally responsible, design a fixed route service that would meet employment requirements and serve senirs and people with disabilities. We believe SMART has done a good job in meeting those limited but important goals. SMART is a leaner, faster, more integated and customer-focused authority operation han ever before.

We believe that SMART fulfills a valuable service and 🕷 urge voters to say **yes** on renewing the SMART millage Tiesday, Aug. 8.



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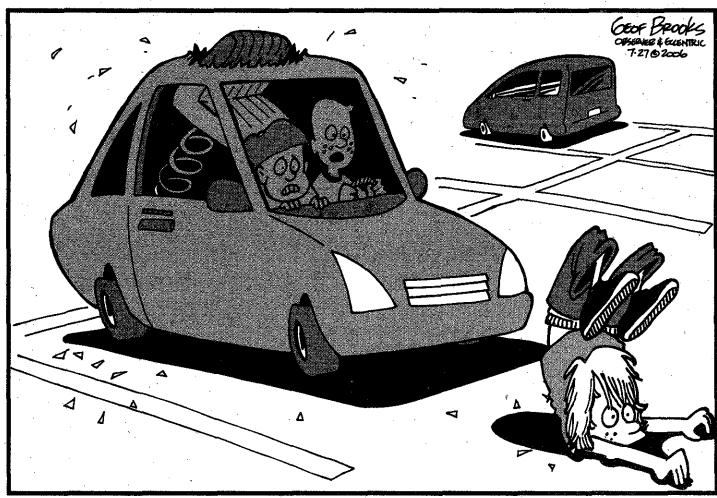
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.



No, AAA only wants to limit the number of kids who can ride with 16-year-old drivers. The automatic ejection seat is my dad's idea.

Thank you, volunteers

On behalf of The Moving Wall committee, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people that were involved in making the visit of The Moving Wall a great success. Without so much help, we could have never succeeded in this fine tribute to our fallen Vietnam veterans.

From the day in October that we were informed that we were selected to display The Moving Wall to the closing ceremony, we were determined to make sure we would display The Moving Wall with dignity and pride and make sure that city of Westland and citizens would be proud of the effort that was put forth.

A huge thanks to the many organizations, businesses, individuals and city administration who provided financial donations, materials and hours of hard work. Without this help, we could have never presented The Moving Wall as it was displayed.

The Moving Wall committee worked very hard for eight months on this project. Many hours of planning, attending meetings with organizations seeking their help and publicizing the visit of The Moving Wall were given by the committee.

To the more than 400 volunteers from more than 30 cities, we thank you for your help during the visit. To the many compliments we received from so many people, we are grateful and humbled for such kind comments.

The representative from the Combat Veterans Limited, the group who brought The Moving Wall here, told us that the display in Westland was one of, if not the best he had ever been involved in. From our planning, set up, opening and closing ceremonies and the committee's structure, he had not seen such an effort like that, and we are very proud of those accolades.

The Moving Wall committee hopes that everyone who visited the display had a chance to feel the power this display generates. We are grateful that we were able to bring some closure to many individuals that otherwise would never see the monument in Washington, D.C. The many notes, pictures and articles that were left have been packaged up and sometime in 2007 will be on display in Washington, D.C.

Once again The Moving Wall committee thanks everyone involved. Our heartfelt thanks go out to you and please always honor and remember our fellow Vietnam veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice that all of us could live in the greatest country in the world, The United States of America.

Sincerely,

Ken Mehi Chairman

The Moving Wall Committee

Proud of Westland, heroes

With the events the past few weeks here in Westland, it makes me proud to live here.

First the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall. I want to thank Ken Mehl and the entire committee for bringing it to Westland. It was truly an honor to watch the wall. I was one of the many volunteers that did just that. I talked to many people.

One of our friends cousin is on the wall. I etched his name for him and took a picture. It is something I will never forget to honor the forgotten heroes. Well, I only hope I did them justice.

LETTERS

Then I went to the Harris -Kehrer VFW Post Hall on Saturday, July 22, for the Purple Heart ceremony for Marine Lance Cpl. Chaim Kozak. For me, it was very moving. Not only is he a hero, he is a Westland Hero. Chaim was badly injured in an ambush in Iraq. He is home now.

It was a great ceremony; his entire family was introduced. There were several dignitaries - Mayor Cicirelli, Councilmen Bob Stottlemyer and Richard LeBlanc among others.

While I was talking with Chaim, he started asking how our son was doing, Marine Lance Cpl. David Somerville, and then his mom came up and started asking how he is doing, where is he. Well, he is doing fine. He goes back to Iraq in January, but for Chaim and his mom to even ask about him, while Chaim is going through all this, he cares about his fellow Marines.

His mom told me he wants to go back with his guys. I salute him, and all the troops. If anyone wants to help out, contact Helen at the VFW Hall, she sends packages to the troops and does it year round.

Not only are our troops fighting for country, but the people here are working for them, and like I said, I am proud to be in the Marine family and proud to be in Westland and certainly very proud of my son and Chaim Kozak and ALL the troops. They are all heroes to us.

Bud Somerville Westland

Supports LeBlanc, Anderson

I am writing about two important offices that need to be filled. One is our state representative, and the other is state senator.

I personally believe that Glenn Anderson is the person most qualified and ethical to become our state senator. I have supported him for years and he has never failed to impress me with his honesty and integrity.

I also personally believe that Richard LeBlanc is the most qualified to become our state representative. He certainly is his own man and has integrity and honesty and will do the very best job for the city of Westland.

Glenn Anderson has come out in full support of Richard LeBlanc, even though it has been implied otherwise by another

A supporter of two good men, Georgia Becker

Westland

Use of picture a disgrace

I am writing in response to the piece of literature I received in the mail from Jim Godbout.

I think it is a disgrace that he would use Glenn Anderson in this manner. He may not have said Mr. Anderson was supporting him, but it was implied by that picture.

We do not need Jim Godbout for our state representative. Any person who watches the Westland City Council meetings knows that he is a follower, not a leader. We already have too many who are "yes" people in public office.

We remember when we all supported you and walked the streets putting out literature and put out signs for you and when you won the very first time, you decided that the people who helped you were not important any more and cut us all off.

Deane Seber-Kirby

a former supporter

Festival was huge success

The 2006 Westland Summer Festival was a tremendous success. The Festival Committee would like to thank the many people who made the 2006 festival such a great event.

The city administration, in particular the Parks and Recreation Department, Department of Public Service, Westland Police and Westland Firefighters. All of these departments deserve praise for the help and professionalism they showed during the festival.

We would also like to thank our major sponsors — Art Van Furniture, Charter One Bank, O & W Distributors, Buffalo Wild Wings, Plante & Moran, Wide Open West Cable, U.S. Print, Westland Firefighters, George Marvasso, Council President Bill Wild, Councilman Chuck Pickering and Councilman Jim Godbout.

In addition, thanks to the various businesses who chose to advertise during the festival week. Without all of these, we would not have been able to have a great event like this.

The Festival Committee is made up of all volunteers who work on planning this event throughout the year. Thanks also to the individuals who stepped up to volunteer during the week of the festival, it is always good to see new people helping out and maybe more will come forward next year.

The committee strives to have things for all ages at the festival and this year was no exception. The parade was great, children's events were well attended, the entertainment this year was very good, fun rides on the midway, food concessions and arts and crafts also were very good. The weather cooperated, and the fireworks were just fabulous.

We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we enjoyed seeing the smiles on the people's faces. The festival is a good time to set aside our problems and enjoy a great week with family and friends. The 2007 festival event scheduling has already started, and we hope the 2007 festival will be better.

A final thank you to Craig Welkenbach and staff at WLND and Darrell Clem at the Westland Observer. Your help in programming and the many positive articles in regards to the festival was a great thing for everyone.

See you at the 2007 festival.

Ken Mehi chairman

Westland Summer Festival Committee

SHARE YOUR OPINIONS We welcome your letters to the editor. Please

include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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"I do want to divide up the district to make sure we have a board member covering every event in the district. It's important to make sure the district is covered."

- Frederick Weaver, about plans for his third consecutive term as Wayne-Westland school board president

Bouchard is best for GOP nomination in U.S. Senate race

The Republican Party has two strong conservative candidates competing in the Aug. 8 primary to run against incumbent Democrat Sen. Debbie Stabenow in November.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard and the Rev. Keith Butler both have solid experience and offer ideas that will appeal to conservative voters. Either would provide a good contrast and alternative to Stabenow in the fall election. But, on balance, we believe Michael Bouchard has a proven track record on numerous issues and a more relevant background for becoming a member of Congress. We believe he will offer Michigan voters a strong, thoughtful contest between two seasoned legislators with strong but not acrimonious differences on the important issues facing the U.S. Senate.

Butler, of Troy, is a dynamic preacher. He has government experience as a former Detroit city councilman. As founding pastor of the Word of Faith International Christian Church, Butler touts his experience as an entrepreneur. He operates a large charitable organization and a successful private school.

Of the two candidates, Butler takes a more hard-line conservative position. He says bluntly that he is no Johnny-come-lately to the Republican Party. He advocates for a strong military, a rigid position in opposition to militant Islam, a lineitem budget veto for the president, a crackdown on "pork" projects, a hard line on immigration emphasizing border security first and more government investment in education. He has outlined his positions in a book, Reviving the American Spirit.

Sheriff Bouchard is highlighting his law enforcement background at a time when Michiganians are deeply concerned about homeland security. Bouchard has taken a leading position on homeland security in the state and is critical of reductions in

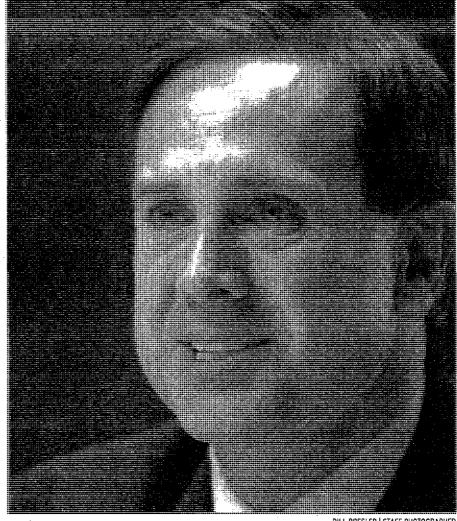
U.S. SENATE - REPUBLICAN **PARTY PRIMARY**

The winner of the Republican primary Tuesday, Aug. 8, will face incumbent Sen. Debbie Stabenow, a Democrat, in the November general election. Senators serve six-year terms. The annual salary is \$165,200 All registered voters in Michigan are eligible to vote in this race. The Senate is one of two chambers of the U.S. Congress. In the Senate, each state is represented by two members. Qualifications for a U.S. senator (as outlined in the U.S. Constitution) are: must be at least 30 years old, must have been a citizen for at least the past nine years and must be (at the time of election) a resident of the state they are seeking to represent.

federal money for Michigan in light of its sensitive border position.

But, in addition, Bouchard offers a strong government background as a police officer, city council member, state legislator and, since 1999, sheriff of Michigan's second largest county. As a state senator, Bouchard was selected by his colleagues to serve in progressively more significant roles, culminating in the position of majority floor leader in 1998-99, just before his appointment as sheriff. He clearly understands the legislative process and had a reputation in the Legislature as a consensus builder.

Bouchard takes many traditional conservative positions. He is skeptical of federal involvement in education, he's pro-life, he was instrumental in passing legislation to register sex offenders and, like Butler, he believes in stronger border protec-



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Michael Bouchard

We believe, however, that in addition to working closely with his own party to develop conservative positions, Bouchard will also be able to reach across the aisle and work with Democrats on legislation that isn't bogged down in partisan bickering. He has done it in the state Legislature and he promises to do it in Congress. He reminds voters that when he was a legislator he sometimes opposed the positions of John Engler, the popular GOP governor. He said he will do the same if he

opposes positions of the current Bush administration.

Butler has taken the time to provide a detailed account of his views and should be commended for the time and thought he's invested in this campaign. We urge Bouchard to provide more detail on his positions and broaden his campaign beyond the issue of homeland security.

We strongly support the nomination of Michael Bouchard for the Republican nomination to the U.S.

U.S. SENATE ENDORSEMENT

Name: Michael Bouchard **Age:** 50 Political experience: Appointed Oakland County sheriff 1999, elected in 2000, re-elected in 2004; Michigan state Senate 1991-99, Michigan House of Representatives, 1990; Beverly Hills village coun

Education: B.S., Michigan State University; Mid-Michigan Law Enforcement Center: National Sheriff's Institute: Darden Program: for Emerging Political Leaders/University of Virginia; FBI National Executive Institute for World Law Enforcement Leaders.

Personal: Born in Flint, raised in Oakland County. Married 17 years to Pam. They have three children, is two sons and a daughter. Community involvement: Founder and president, Oakland County Fallen Heroes Fund; member, Oakland County **Coordinating Council** Against Domestic Violence; advisory board member, Birmingham Community & House: Executive Board of Directors, Boy Scouts of America Clinton Valley Council; board member, Birmingham Bloomfield Cultural Council.



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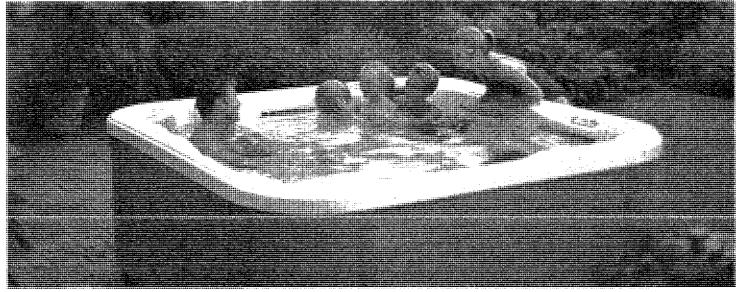
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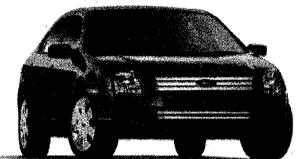
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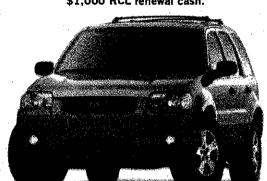


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Commission, Downtown Development Authority, and Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Canton held Monday, July 17, 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call Members Present: Members Absent: Staff Present:

ZBA Present:

DDA Present:

Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Bennett, Caccamo Director Faas, Jeff Goulet, John Wever. Kathleen Salla

Planning Commission:

Steve Johnson, Vicky Welty Melissa McLaughlin, Rob Ramey, Greg Greene, Tom Yack, Mark Waldbauer, Tim Ford Vic Gustafson, Cathy Johnson, RonLeiberman, Greg Greene, Katie Bovitz

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Zarbo to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present.

STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Sign Ordinance Revision Recommendations

Supervisor Yack stated this endeavor began with the DDA pursuing wayfinding signage.

The DDA soon realized our current sign ordinance would not permit any of these wayfinding signs. Supervisor Yack stated with this issue and also other complaints in regards to the sign ordinance a sign committee was created. This committee consisted of the Planning Commission, DDA, ZBA, Board of Trustees and public at large

Jeff Mason and Zack Branigan from Hamilton Anderson presented the revision recommendations for the current sign ordinance.

Mr. Mason stated the process started by looking at the whole DDA corridor on Ford Road, the actually highway and entrances. A series of workshops were implemented.

The existing logo was used and color themes for banners were introduced.

Mr. Mason stated the current sign ordinance was found to be not user friendly, difficult to understand, and outdated

The key elements of the revised sign ordinance are:

Charts and graphs New definitions and terms Master Sign Plan .

Sign Bonuses Legibility and design

Permit Approvals

Mr. Mason stated there will be a final revision with graphics. There will be a Public Hearing scheduled with the ZBA. Then upon approval there will be a first and second reading with the Board of Trustees for

ARTICLE 1. 6A.00. IN GENERAL SIGNS

Sec. 102-1, 6A.01. Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- Abandoned sign means a sign which no longer directs a person to or advertises a bona fide business, tenant, owner, product or activity conducted or product available on the premises where such sign is displayed or any sign not repaired or maintained properly, after notice, pursuant to the terms of this chapter.
- Add-on sign means a sign that is attached as an appendage to another sign, sign support, or a building, and is intended to draw attention to the goods and services available on the premises.
- 3. Area of sign means the entire area within a circle, triangle, parallelogram, or other geometric configuration enclosing the extreme limits or writing, representation, emblem or any fignre or similar character, together with any frame or other material or color forming an integral part of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the background against which it is placed, excluding the necessary supports or uprights on which such sign is placed. However, where such a sign has two faces, the area of all faces shall be included in determining the area of the sign, except that where two such faces are placed back to back as a mirror image in size and shape and are at no point more than two feet from one another, the area of the sign shall be taken as the area of one face if the two faces are of equal area, or the area of the larger face if the two faces are of unequal area.
- Automated teller machine means a freestanding computerized electronic machine that performs basic banking functions (as handling check deposits or issuing cash withdrawals), also called automatic teller and automatic teller machine.
- 5. Awning sign means a sign that is a roof-like structure made of canvas or similar materials, stretched over a frame and directly attached to a wall of a building. Awning signs shall extend more than 12 inches but not more than 36 inches from the wall, Awning signs shall not project more than 24 inches above the roofline of the building.
- Billboard means a non-accessory ground sign erected for the purpose of advertising a product, event, person, or subject not related to the premises on which the sign is located. Off-premises directional signs as permitted in this chapter shall not be considered billboards for the purpose of this chapter.
- Blade sign means a sign mounted under a canopy directed to pedestrians and usually mounted perpendicular to the facade it means to identify. Blade signs are also commonly known as under-canopy signs.
- Canopy sign means any sign attached to or constructed on a canopy. A canopy is a permanent roof-like shelter extending from part of or all of a building face over a public access area and constructed of the same material as the building.
- Changeable copy sign/reader board means a sign or portion thereof with characters, letters, or illustrations that can be changed or rearranged without altering the face or the surface of the sign. A sign on which the message changes more than eight times per day shall be considered an animated sign and not a changeable copy sign for purposes of this chapter. A sign on which the only copy that changes is an electronic or mechanical indication of time, temperature, or stock market quotation shall be considered a "time, temperature, stock market" portion of a sign and not a changeable copy sign for purposes of this chapter.
- 10. Commercial Statue is a three dimensional figure which by its appearance, overall design, coloration, applied text, graphic identification, applied image, description, display, or illustration directs attention to an object, product, place, activity, facility, service, event, attraction, person, institution, organization or business, and which is visible from any street, right-of-way, sidewalk, alley, park or other public property and is intended to carry a commercial message. Commercial statues are considered ground signs for the purpose of this Ordinance and are so regulated with regard to permitted dimension, location, and number. The sign area of a commercial statue is that entire area within a circle, triangle, parallelogram, or other geometric configuration enclosing the extreme limits of the statue when viewed from a point perpendicular to the front lot
- 11. Eave Line means the line between the two lowest points of intersection of the top of a wall and the eave, or edge of the roof. The eave line is an imaginary line drawn across the wall on a gable end, and is not a roofline, which is the line of intersection the wall has where it abuts the roof.
- 12. Gasoline pump island means a combination of more than one fuel-dispensing device, clustered together, to provide a customer with more than one option of type of fuel, or grade thereof, to be purchased.
- 13. Ground sign means a sign which is mounted permanently in the ground on a masonry base or monument.
- 14. Historic District means the Canton Township Historic District, as administered by the Canton Township Historic District Commission.
- 15. Inflatable sign means a temporary or permanent sign consisting of a non-porous bag, balloon, or other object inflated with a gas and designed to draw attention to a commercial business, whether it does or does not include a commercial display, commercial graphic identity, or lettering. Inflatable seasonal display items sold retail to the general public and intended primarily for private home display are not considered inflatable signs, provided they do not exceed 8 feet in height.
- 16. Institutional bulletin board means a sign which displays the name of a religious institution, school, library, community center or similar public or quasi-public institution, that which may

include an announcement of its services or activities.

- 17. Natural materials. Substances determined to be natural materials for the purposes of this chapter shall include but not be limited to wood, stone and soft textured brick. Although plastic, plywood, pressed board, drywall, wood or metal paneling and sheetmetal sheet metal are generally excluded from this definition, consideration will be given to synthetic materials which simulate the appearance of a natural material through the manufacturing process and meet the intent of this chapter.
- 18. Nonconforming sign means any advertising structure or sign which was lawfully erected and maintained prior to the effective date of this chapter, and any amendments thereto, and which fails to conform to all applicable regulations and restrictions of this chapter, or a sign for which a permit was previously issued that does not comply with the provisions of this chapter.
- Off-premises sign means a sign which contains a message unrelated to a business or profession conducted on the subject property or which relates to a commodity, service or activity not sold or offered upon the premises where such sign is located.
- 20. On premises sign means a sign which advertises only goods. services, facilities, events or attractions available on the premises where located, or identifies the owner or occupant or directs traffic into or from the premises.
- 21. Periodic change sign means a sign where the wording, image, description, display or illustration changes at regular intervals of time.
- Portable sign means a sign that is freestanding, not permanently anchored or secured to a building and not having supports or braces permanently secured in the ground, including but not limited to, sandwich signs, A-frame signs, inverted "T" signs, and signs mounted on wheels so as to be capable of being pulled by a motor vehicle.
- 23. Premises means any lot or parcel of land as otherwis eapter site on which the development under consideration
- 24. Project announcement sign means a temporary ground sign used to announce the name and nature of a project or general information concerning rental or sales.
- Roof sign means a sign that extends more than 24 inches above the roofline.
- 26. Roofline means the line of intersection of the plane of the outer surface of the wall and the plane of the outer surface of the roof. The roof line follows the edge of the wall up to the ridge on a gable end wall, and is not an eave line, which is an imaginary line drawn across the wall between the eaves.
- 27. Sign means a structure which includes the name, identification, image, description, display or illustration which is affixed to, painted or represented directly or indirectly upon a building, structure or parcel of land, and which directs attention to an object, product, place, activity, facility, service, event, attraction, person, institution, organization or business, and which is visible from any street, right-of-way, sidewalk, alley, park or other public property. Customary displays of merchandise or objects and material without lettering placed behind a store window are not signs. This definition includes the base, frame and support members of the sign.
- Sign height is the measurement to the top point of the sign structure from the finished elevation of the sidewalk nearest to the sign for ground signs located at the right-ofway; and the measurement to the top point of the sign structure from the average elevation at the base of the sign for all other signs.
- Sign setback. Where it is specified that a sign must be located a minimum or other certain distance from property lines or public rights-of-way, such distance will be measured from the portion of the sign structure nearest to such specified line. For the purpose of this measurement, the property lines and public right-of-way lines extend vertically and perpendicularly from the ground to
- Site means a recognized parcel or collection of parcels proposed for or containing existing development. A site can consist of more than one parcel of land. A multiple tenant development on a series of individual parcels constitutes a single site.
- 31. Under canopy sign means blade sign. (See definition this Section).
- Wall sign means a sign that is directly attached to a wall of a building and neither extends more than 12 inches from the wall nor projects more than 24 inches above the roofline of the building. On a gable end wall, a wall sign may project above the eave line, so long as the sign does not project more than 24 inches beyond the roof line.

(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 2, 11-12-2002; Ord. of 4-27-2004(2)) Cross references: Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 102-2. 6A.02. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to promote the general safety and welfare of the residents public of the township by regulating and controlling all public and private graphics (AS NOTE: "graphic"?) communications and displays.

 $(Ord.\ No.\ 120(F),\ as\ amended,\ \S\ 1,\ 11-12-2002)$

Sec. 102-3: 6A.03. Compliance.

It shall be unlawful to construct, display, install, change, have, or cause to be constructed, displayed, installed or changed any sign upon any property within the township in violation of the requirements of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 3.2, 11-12-2002) 102-4: 6A.04. Interpretation; conflicts with other ordinances.

The provisions of this chapter shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing and future zoning and other ordinances of the township and all amendments thereto; provided, however, that where any inconsistency or conflict cannot be avoided, then the most restrictive of such inconsistent or conflicting provisions shall control and prevail. If there is believed to be a conflict between the stated intent and any specific provisions of this chapter, the zoning board of appeals may, in accordance with established procedures, permit modification of such specific provisions while retaining the intent in such appealed instance. (Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 19, 11-12-2002)

State law references: Conflict between zoning ordinance and other ordinances, MCL 125.298.

Sec. 102-5. 6A.05. Notice of violation; issuance of appearance ticket.

If a violation of this chapter is noted, the ordinance inspector will notify the owner of record and the occupant of the property of the violation. Such notice shall specify the violation and the time within which the corrective action must be completed. This notice may be served personally or by mail. If the property is not in comphance with this chapter at the end of the period specified in the notice of violation, an appearance ticket may be issued.

(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 17, 11-12-2002) 102-6. 6A.06. Nonconforming signs.

- (a) 1. The regulations established in the zoning ordinance for nonconforming structures shall also be applicable to signs which exist on December 8, 1989 the effective date of this Ordinance where such signs fail to comply with the provisions described in this chapter. The elimination of nonconforming signs is hereby declared to be a public purpose and for a public service. The township board may initiate proceedings and prosecute for condemnation of nonconforming signs under the power of eminent domain in accordance with Public Act No. 149 of 1911 (MCL 213.21 et seq.) or other appropriate statutes.
- (b) 2. Nothing in this chapter shall relieve the owner or user of a nonconforming sign, or the owner of property on which the nonconforming sign is located, from the provisions of this chapter regarding safety and maintenance of the sign.
- Whenever an addition or modification to an existing site requires submittal and approval of a site plan pursuant to section 27.02 of the zoning ordinance, any nonconforming sign shall be brought into conformance with the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 11, 11-12-2002)

Sec. 102-7. 6A.07. Applicability of state construction code.

Except as otherwise indicated in this chapter, the regulations of the state construction code as adopted by the township shall apply to signs. Where the provisions of this chapter are more restrictive in respect to location, use, size or height of signs, the limitations of this chapter shall take precedence over the regulations of the state

(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 3, 11-12-2002) Cross references: State construction code, § 78-31 et seq.

Sec. 102-8. 6A.08. Permit required.

It shall be unlawful to construct, display, install, change or cause to be constructed, displayed, installed, or changed a sign requiring a permit upon any property within the township without first obtaining a sign

(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 3.1, 11-12-2002)

Sec. 102-9: 6A.09. Exemptions from permit requirement.

The following signs are permitted without a sign permit in all zoning districts where the principal permitted use to which they are related is a permitted use in that district:

- (1) 1. Address numbers, nameplates (including apartment units and office suites) identifying the occupant or address of a parcel of land and not exceeding three square feet in area. All address numbers shall comply with the provisions of chapter 62, article III.
- (2) 2. Memorial signs or tablets, not to exceed eight square feet in area, containing the name of the building and date of erection, when cut into any masonry surface or constructed of bronze or other incombustible material and affixed to the exterior wall of the building.
- (8) 3. Signs painted on or permanently attached to legally licensed vehicles which are used upon the highways for transporting persons, goods or equipment.
- (4) 4. Traffic or other municipal signs, including, but not limited to, the following: legal notices, historic site designations, municipal facility directional signs, street or traffic signs, railroad crossing signs, and danger and other emergency signs as may be approved by the township board or any federal, state or county agency having jurisdiction over the matter of the sign. Such signs may be located in any zoning district. However, all signs on governmental property on which a municipal building is located shall meet the commercial and industrial zoning district requirements in section 102-35.
- (5) 5. Community special event signs approved by the township board. (6) 6. For gasoline service stations, the following special sign, which is deemed customary and necessary to their respective businesses: customary lettering or other insignia on a gasoline pump consisting of brand of gasoline sold, lead warning information, and any other data required by law and not exceeding a total of three square feet on each pump. Such signs shall carry no commercial messages.
- (7) 7. One sign advertising parcels of land or buildings for rent, lease or sale, when located on the land or building intended to be rented, leased or sold, not exceeding six square feet in area, four feet in height in residential districts, and 24 square feet in area, six feet in height in office, commercial and industrial districts. One sign is permitted per parcel that fronts on a public street. All signs reflecting zoning classifications must be accurate with the current zoning designation. An additional 18 square feet of sign area will be permitted if the sign faces the I-275 freeway and if the property is adjacent to the I-275 freeway. Such signs are subject to the maintenance and structural requirements for signs in the State construction

(8) 8. Institutional use bulletin boards, not to exceed 18 square feet in area and not to exceed six feet in height, including the frame and base of such sign, set back ten feet from any property line, for use by educational nonprofit institutions licensed by the state, houses of worship or other public entities.

(9) 9. Flags of government, civic, philanthropic, educational, and religious organizations and other public or private corporations or entities; provided, however, that only one flag bearing the seal or trademark of a private organization may be displayed by an individual establishment or proprietor of any single building or parcel of land. A flag pole is considered a structure, and is subject to all height regulations affecting structures.

(10) 10. Signs of a primarily decorative nature, not used for any commercial purpose and commonly associated with any national, local or religious holiday; provided that such signs shall be displayed for a period of not more than 60 consecutive days, and shall not be displayed for more than 60-120 days in any one year.

(11) 11. Political signs, not to exceed one sign per candidate or issue, and not to exceed six square feet of area per sign, which shall be permitted on all occupied lots, regardless of zoning, provided such sign is located and placed with the permission of the owner of the lot or parcel where such sign is located, and provided that such sign is removed within two days after the elections. A political candidate or committee is responsible to remove any sign not in conformity with this chapter within two days after receiving a written notice from the township. Such signs shall not be placed within a right-of-way.

(12) 12. For model homes within a subdivision, one sign per model, which shall not exceed two square feet in area or four feet in height, including the frame and base of such sign, when located within the front yard setback, for the purpose of identifying the model style.

(13) 13. Garage sale signs not exceeding five square feet in area and not displayed in excess of three days. Such signs shall not be placed within a right-of-way.

(14) 14. One sign identifying on-site construction activity, during the time of construction, not exceeding 24 square feet in area, except in connection with individual single-family detached residential construction, which sign shall not exceed six square feet in area. Such signs shall not exceed six feet in height, and shall be removed before an occupancy permit is issued.

(15) 15. Signs temporarily erected for municipal construction projects to inform the public of the nature of the project or anticipated completion dates, which shall be permitted in all zoning districts, subject to a maximum size of 24 square feet in area and six feet in

(16) 16. Help wanted signs not exceeding six square feet in area and four feet in height, which may be displayed on private property for a period of up to four weeks at a time and not more than four times within each calendar year.

17. Blade under-canopy signs hung below the canopy or eave of a multiple tenant project intended to direct pedestrians under the sheltered area in areas where the tenant primary signage is not visible. Such signs must not exceed 42 inches in width and must not extend more than 18 inches from the mounting hardware or bracket attached to the underside of the canopy or eave. The mounting bracket may not extend more than sin inches from the underside of the canopy or eave. The minimum required headroom clearance under the blade sign must be provided as required by the building code. (Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 4, 11-12-2002)

Sec. 102-10. 6A.10. Rezoning signs.

Whenever an application for rezoning is made, the following requirements shall be met:

(1) 1. A four-foot by eight-foot sign shall be erected in full public view along road frontage at least 20 days prior to a public hearing on the property which is the site of the rezoning; provided, however, if the property to be rezoned is situated on two streets or roads abutting the subject property, then two signs, one for each road, shall be required.

- (2) 2. A permit and bond shall be required.
- (6) 3. The sign shall read as follows:
- a. At the top of the sign, the words "This property proposed to be rezoned," or other applicable language, shall appear.
- b. The sign shall contain the name of the real party interested in asking for a zoning change.
- c. The sign shall contain what the present zoning is at the time of
- d. The sign shall contain the proposed or requested zoning sought and amount of acreage involved (map with dimensions).
- The sign shall contain the proposed general use of the land if the zoning is successful.
- f. The sign shall contain the date and place of the public hearing on the rezoning. (4) 4. It shall be the duty of the petitioner to erect, maintain and remove the sign. Removal shall be within three days after the public
- (5) 5. If the township determines the need to consider rezoning certain land areas, the regulations of this section will not be applicable. The township will endeavor to carry out the erection of rezoning signs unless an agreement cannot be reached with the property owner for the

erection of the sign. The township may proceed with consideration of the rezoning in accordance with the other appropriate provisions of the zoning ordinance. (Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 12, 11-12-2002)

Secs. 102-11--102-30. Reserved. ARTICLE II. ZONING DISTRICT RESTRICTIONS

Sec. 102-31. 6A.11. Signs prohibited in all districts.

The following signs are considered to be unsafe, dangerous, hazardous or an attractive nuisance, therefore these signs shall not be permitted, erected, or maintained in any zoning district unless the applicant requesting a variance from this section can substantiate to the building official, fire chief and police chief that the applicant's specific use of a sign listed in this section will not be dangerous, hazardous, or an attractive nuisance.

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If these officials unanimously agree that the specific use of the sign requested is not dangerous, hazardous, or an attractive nuisance, and the zoning board of appeals has granted a variance in accordance with the variance procedures, then the building official shall issue a permit for such requested use.

(1) 1. Signs which incorporate in any manner any flashing or moving lights., including strobe lights, whether they are mounted indoors or outdoors, if they are visible from the outdoors.

(2) 2. Banners, pennants, spinners and streamers, and inflatable figures, except as specifically permitted in accordance with sections 102.9(5) and 102.35(6) 6A.09 (5) and (10) and 6A15.

(3) 3. String lights used in connection with commercial premises for commercial purposes, except holiday uses not exceeding seven nine weeks in any calendar year.

(4) 4. Any sign which moves or has any moving or animated parts, or images, whether the movement is caused by any mechanical, electronic or electrical device or wind or otherwise, including swinging signs and strings of flags or streamers, or cloth flags moved by natural wind except as permitted in section 102-9(10) 6A.09 (10). Such a prohibition shall not pertain to public message signs on governmental property and those on public property which display time, temperature or stock market quotation signs.

(5) 5. Any sign or sign structure which:

- a. Is structurally unsafe;
- Constitutes a hazard to the safety or health of persons or property by reason of inadequate design, fabrication, mounting or maintenance or by abandonment thereof;
- c. Is not kept in good repair; or
- d. Is capable of causing electrical shocks to persons that may come in contact with it.

(6) 6. Any sign which by reason of its size, location, content, coloring, intensity, or manner of illumination constitutes a traffic hazard or a detriment to traffic safety by obstruction of visibility of any traffic sign or control device on any public street or road.

(7) 7. Any sign which obstructs free ingress or egress to or from a required door, window, fire escape, driveway or other required access route.

(8) 8. Signs which make use of words such as "stop," "look," or "danger" or any other words, phrases, symbols or characters in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse drivers of vehicles traveling upon any highway, driveway or parking area.

(9) 9. Any sign or other advertising structure or display which conveys, suggests, indicates or otherwise implies by pictures, drawings, words, emblems, logos, or other communication methods the following:

- a. Human genitalia.
- b. Specified sexual activities as defined in section 18-141.
- Adult nude human bodies.
- d. Obscene words.
- e. Obscene gestures.

(10) 10. Any sign which no longer advertises a bona fide business or product sold. Such signs shall be removed by the property owner within 30 calendar days after a business closes or vacates the premises.

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(11) 11. Any sign, except traffic or other municipal signs, as permitted in section 102 0(4) 6A.09 (4), that is located in or projects into or over a public right-of-way or dedicated easement.

(12) 12. Any sign that exceeds the height limitation for structures in the zoning district in which it is located, or a wall sign that extends beyond or above the structure to which such sign is affixed except as may specifically be provided for in other provisions.

(13) 13. Placards, posters, circulars, showbills, handbills, political signs, cards, leaflets or other advertising matter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, when posted, pasted, nailed, placed, printed, stamped or in any way attached to any fence, wall, post, tree, sidewalk, pavement, platform, pole, tower, curbstone or surface in or upon any public easement or right-of-way or on any public or private property whatsoever. Nothing in this section shall prevent official notices of the township, school districts, or county, state or federal government from being posted on any public property deemed necessary. All placards, posters, circulars, showbills, handbills, political signs, cards, leaflets or other advertising matter posted, pasted, nailed, placed, printed, or stamped on any right-of-way or public property may be removed and disposed of by township enforcement officers without regard to other provisions of this chapter.

(14) 14. The parking of a vehicle or trailer on a public right-of-way or on public or private property, on a permanent continuing basis, so as to be visible from a public right-of-way, if the vehicle has attached thereto or located thereon any sign or advertising device which has the effect of providing advertisement of products or directing people to a business or activity located on the same or nearby property or any other premises.

(15) 15. Any sign greater than four feet in height that is suspended by chains or other devices that will allow the sign to swing due to wind action. The zoning board of appeals shall have the power to grant relief from the strict application of this provision when the applicant can show that the intent of this provision will be achieved through alternative means and result in a sign that is more in keeping with the architectural character and more in harmony with the design of the development it serves and with surrounding properties.

(16) 16. Bench signs.

(17) 17. Commercial signs erected on bus stop shelters.

(18) 18. Ground signs within 100 linear feet of an existing ground sign.

(20) 20. Ground signs which identify more than one business within a multi-tenant building or multiple-building site. These signs are a only known as directory signs. , unless otherwise permitted through the approval of a Master Sign Plan as provided for in Section 6A.22

(21) 21. Portable signs, except as provided in section 102-61 6A.18

22. Any sign placed upon a cart corral or cart return other than signage indicating the intended function of the corral or return and which does not carry a commercial message. (Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 5, 11-12-2002)

Sec. 102-32. Signs permitted in all single family residential

The following signs are permitted in all -single family residential districts and require a sign permit:

sale of homes within a subdivision shall be allowed no m shall be located adjacent to a subdivision entranceway. Each sign, six feet. The length of a sign shall not exceed eight feet in distance. The to the sign surface. These signs shall not be located within ten foot of ead or street right of way. Permits issued for this type of sign shall only be issued to the developer of the subdivision. In addition, ubdivision, not to exceed 16 square feet in area and a height of foot-Such signs shall be located within the subdivision ser than ten feet to any property line in front of each model home. sign permits may berenewed yearly if at least five percent of the lets remain vecent and available and new remain under construction. Such signs shall be removed upon ecsection of new home marketing within the subdivision, when 95 percent of all lets have been sold by the builder or when the permit

A subdivision development with model homes is allowed one off premises temperary sign for a two year period, which may be renewed yearly if at least five percent of the lots remain encent and evailable and new homes are under construction. Such signs shall be for the oce of directing traffic to the development's location. Such signs shall be no larger than 24 square feet in area, and shall not exceed six feet in height. No such sign may be creeted within 50 feet of any read or street right of way. Such signs shall be removed when 95 percent of

all lots in the subdivision have been sold by the builder.

Residential subdivision entranceway ground signs erty shall not be constructed until the subdivision has received final plat approval. These signs shall not exceed six feet in height or 24 are feet in area and shall only display the name of the subdivision Signs shall be located on private property at least one foot-away from all property lines. All entranceway ground signs exceted on private perty in a subdivision shall have a common design and be of the same or similar materials throughout that subdivision. On boulevardo, residential entranceway ground signs erested on private property shall meet all requirements as stated in this subsection and shall not be located closer than ten feet to the line -aubaiwiaian -right of way way ground signs within the public road right of way shall be

-nonresidential within - 2303 idential zoning districts may creet signs subject to all sign size and ction 102 9(8), no additional ground sign will be permitted.

minimum road right of way width of 86 feet, shall be permitted two und signs (ene for each frontage). Each sign shall not be locat n ten feet to any read right of way. Such signs shall not square feet in area surements shall be taken from the surface of the public sidewalk

project announcement sign after the development has received preliminary plat approval. This sign may remain until the jeet development signs shall-not exceed 24 square feet in area or

(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 6, 11-12-2002)

permitted in single family attached residential, multiple family residential and mobile home park districts.

iched residential (R. 6), multiple family residential (MR) and mobile e park (MHP) zoning districts:

perary basis for a two year period. Such signs shall be located and limited to st. The longth of the gign shall not exceed eight feet in distance no not extend more than two feet from the ground to the sign surface. The sign permit may be renewed yearly if the project is less than 95 eent occupied.

Multiple family or mobile home entranceway ground signs on private property shall not exceed five feet in height or 24 sewage feet in a and shall only display the name of the project. Signs shall be located on private property at least one foot away from all property All entranecway signs shall be ground signs, shall have a common design, and shall be constructed of the same or similar materials throughout that development. On boulevards, multiplefamily or mobile home entranceway ground signs erected on private perty shall meet all requirements as stated in this subsection and shall not be located closer than ten feet to the intersecting road rightof way line.

A multiple femily or mobile home development with units or lets for sale or rent shall be allowed one off premises temporary sign for a year period which may be renewed yearly if at least five percent of the lots or units remain vacant and available or new units or lots are under construction. Such sign shall be for the purpose of directing traffic to the development's location. The sign may be a maximum of 24 square feet in area and shall not exceed six feet in height. No such sign shall be located within 50 feet of any road or street right of way. Such

sign for identification purposes development shall be permitted. Such sign shall not exceed 24 square et in area. The sign shall not extend above the roofline nor shall such

Golf courses with frontage on two roads, each ser than ten feet to any road right of way. Such signs shall not six feet in height. All height nerts shall be taken from the surface of the public sidewalk

e project announcement sign after the development has received site approval from the township board. This sign may remain until the first building permit is issued. At that time, the ved. Project development signs shall not exc a or six feet in height and shall not be located closer than ten feet to (Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 7, 11-12-2002)

c. 102 34. Signs permitted in office, mid rise development and high rise development districts.

o following signs are authorized with a permit in office districts (O-1), mid-rise development districts (MRD) and high-rise developm districts (HRD) and a respect

The sign shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line

cture shall not exceed 12 feet in length and six feet in heightod from the finished elevation of the sidewalk-located along the right of way nearest to the sign.

ign and shall be compatible with the design and materials used for

shall not exceed a height of 36 inches. The masonry minimum, shall be equal to the length of the sign. Massaure or other prative features enclosing the sides or top of the face of the sign chall not extend beyond the maximum allowable width and height of

In the downtown development district (DDA) the height of the masonry base shall be equal to the finished height of the nearest

Wall signs.

Any development with one or more buildings shall be permitted one wall sign not exceeding 50 square feet in area.

illuminated channel letters. Any building or multiple building site shall utilize a single color for all well sign letters, excluding any trademark or copyrighted logo. If the letters are attached to an posed electrical raceway, the raceway shall match the color of the

Where corporate logos are proposed for use as a wall sign or part of the overall wall sign, the logo shall not exceed 20 percent of the maximum-permitted area (3) Project announcement signs. An office development should

permitted one project announcement sign after the development has scived site plan approval from the township beard. This cien may remain until the first building permit is issued. At that time, the sign must be removed. Project announcement signs shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or six feet in height and shall not be lesated closer than ton feet to any property line.

Automated teller machine. The total square footage allowed for signs on an ATM machine is 12 square feet. This area is inclusive of any graphics and lettering. Graphics for the purpose of this definition e any colors or decigns other than the principal color of the machine. Automated teller machine signs are not required to be individual

(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 8, 11-12-2002; Ord. of 4-27-2004(2))

Sec. 102 25. Signs permitted in all commercial and industrial

The following signs are authorized with a permit in all commercial and industrial zoning districts (C-1, C-2, C-9, C-4, RP, LI-1, LI-2, and GI):

The total square footage allowed for a wall sign, an awning sign, o a combination of the two in these zoning districts shall be determined by multiplying one square foot by the linear footage of frontage of the building or legally occupied tenant space, but shall not exceed 200 square feet per building or tenant space.

All wall signs shall utilize individual die out or internally illuminated channel letters. Any building or multiple building site shall utilize a single color for all wall sign letters, excluding any trademark or copyrighted logo. If the letters are attached to an exposed electrical raceway, the raceway shall match the color of the

Where corporate logos are proposed for use as a wall sign or part of the overall wall sign, the logo shall not exceed 80 percent of the

Corner lets shall not be provided additional feetage.

When a wall sign is used in conjunction with an awning sign, total square footage allowed for both together shall not exceed the maximum square footage that would be allowed for a wall-sign.

Window eigne. Window copy, painted or otherwise attached to the window surface, shall be limited in area to 25 percent of the total surface of the window to which the sign is affixed, and no more than two signs per window surface shall be permitted. This type of sign dees

Canopy signs shall not exceed eight square feet in total area and shall not project further than the canopy support The minimum clearance shall be ten feet from the average grade of the parcel on which it is located to the bottom of the sign mit is required for a canopy sign.

One ground sign may be permitted for each developed lot or parcel. The sign shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line or to the edge of the pavement of any driveway entrance right of way.

The sign face shall not exceed 24 square feet in area. The sign structure shall not exceed 12 feet in length and six feet in height as measured from the finished elevation of the sidewalk located along the

The ground sign shall be integrated into the landscape buffer design and shall be compatible with the design and materials used for

The masonry-base shall have a minimum height of 18 inches and shall not exceed a height of 36 inches. The masonry base, minimum, shall be equal to the length of the sign. Masonry decorative features enclosing the sides or top of the face of chall not extend beyond the maximum allowable width and height of

In the downtown development district (DDA), the height of the masonry base shall be equal to the finished height of the nearest

Billbeards chall be permitted in the CI sening district adjacent to limited access interstate freeways and shall not exceed 160 square feet in area or 12 feet in height and shall be set back villboard shall be erected closer than 2,000 feet to any other billboard. structure of the sign shall be exclusively steel, and no we combustible material shall be permitted. The sign shall not be illuminated between the hours of 11:00 p.m.and 7:00 a.m. No billboard all be permitted on a parcel in conjunction with a ground sign.

sanvas signs, pennants, or banners may be displayed for mit was applied for. Three permits may be issued per calendar footage allowed for a banner sign is permitted for a wall sign in subsection (1) of this section.

standing sign not exceeding 24 square feet in size shall be nitted per each legally valid drive through type use. Such sign may

Project announcement signs. A commercial or development shall be permitted one project announcement sign after the development has received site plan approval from the township board. This gives may remain until the first building permit is issued sign must be removed shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or six feet in height and shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line.

Township governmental property. A changeable copy sign/reador board may be installed in addition to what is otherwise permissible within this section. This provision is not applicable to size and location

(10) Automated teller machine. The total square footage allowed for signs on an ATM machine is 12 square feet. This area is inclusive of any graphics and lettering. Craphics for the purpose of this definition are any colors or designs other than the principal color of the machine. Automated teller machine signs are not required to be individual channel letters

(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 9, 11-12-2002; Ord. of 4-27-2004(2)).

Sec. 102 36. Signs permitted in agricultural, rural residential and rural estate districts.

The following signs are authorized with a permit in agricultural, rural residential and rural estate zoning districts (PA. RR. and RE):

Each conforming agricultural or open space recreational use shall be permitted wall signs. The area of such sign shall be computed by multiplying two square feet by the total linear front feetage of the building itself, but in no case shall the total sign area exceed 200 square feet. The sign shall not extend above the roofline or gable line; shall such sign project more than 12 inches from the face of the

One ground sign for each developed lot or parcel where a conforming use exists shall be permitted after the building and sign permits have been issued. The sign shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or exceed six feet in height. Such signs shall be set back a minimum of ten feet from any property line:

Producers of bona fide agricultural products as permitted within the RA, RR, and RE zoning elassifications and as further defined in the state construction code shall be permitted no more than one off premises ground sign. The sign shall be no larger than 24 square feet in area and shall not exceed six feet in height. The sign shall be located than ten feet from all road rights of way and 100 feet away om all other signs. Each agricultural producer, including, b to, an individual, partnership, or corporation, permitted to establish and maintain such signs. The purpose of the offmises advertisement signs is to permit the propublic aware of produce for sale. The sign shall include the ne producer, the type of produce available and directional information to Additional information may be indicated at the option of the producer. availability of bona fide agricultural produce raised by the producer. months in any calendar year. Permit applicants shall present a letter record to place the sign upon his property. In addition, a cash bond eved within 48 hours of permit expiration.

minimum road right of way width of 86 feet, shall be permitted tw und signs (one for each frontage). Each sign shall not closer than ten feet to any road right of way. Such signs shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or six feet in height. All height measurements shall be taken from the surface of the public sidewalk on the road closest to the sign.

(5) A development within the RA, RR, and RE sening districts shall be permitted one project announcement sign after the development has received site plan approval from the townchip board. This sign may remain until the first building permit is issued. At that time sign must be removed. Project development signs shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or six feet in height and shall not be located closer

(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 10, 11-12-2002)

Secs. 102-37--102-60. Reserved.

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Postmaster urges summer safety

Summer vacation is here, and the children who were sitting behind desks doing school work for the last nine months are now soaking up the sunshine outdoors.

When they see a letter carrier drive up to the mailbox, they often rush to pick up the letters without stopping to think about their personal safety.

"It's very important that everyone wait until the letter carrier has pulled away from the mailbox before approaching," said Plymouth Postmaster Dennis Wieczorek. "Children espe-" cially are at risk when they wait near the box for the mail. carrier to arrive, or rush to get the mail before the vehicle has pulled away. Our carriers

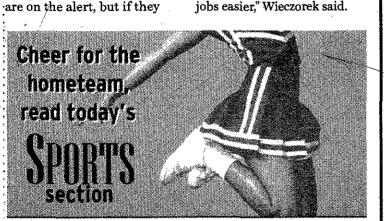
don't see the child someone could get hurt."

Adults should also remind the children in their care that they need to be very careful when crossing the street to get to the mailbox.

"For as long as I can remember, kids love to pick up the mail," Wieczorek said. "Sometimes, in their excitement, they don't check for traf-fic as carefully as they should."

Wieczorek said there have been no local accidents involving children near the mailbox, and he wants to make sure it

"Taking a few minutes to discuss mailbox safety with your kids will help them enjoy a healthy and happy summer and make our letter carriers' jobs easier," Wieczorek said.



Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 08/04/06 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following locations:

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3019	Dawson	Household
4203	Hawes	$\mathbf{Household}$
4294	Jacobs	Household
5009	Payne	Office Supplies
4034	Rodriguez	Household
5218	Wilkins	Household
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6001	Baker	household	'-
5265	Brown	household	
5266	Brown	household	
5270	Brown	household	
2015	Hlavacek	household	
5151	Clay	household	,
2006	Knight	household	
3027	Knight	household	
4157	Hartley	household	
4160	Richards	household	
4049	Simmons	household	
4038	Simpson	household	
4164	\mathbf{Smith}	household	
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Shurgard Storage of Dearborn*24920 Trowbridge*Dearborn*313-277-2000

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4044	Whitmore	Household Goods
4067	Smith	Household Goods
4099	Taylor	Household Goods
4145	Habib	Construction Tools
5098	Redding	Household Goods

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3078	A. Roop	Household	
4020	J. Gilley	Household	
5048	E. Justice	Household	
5053	D. Nunley	Household	

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5053	D. Nunley	Household
5059	J. Floyd	Household
5077	N. Jamieson	Household
6009	N. Marshall	Household
6105	R. Phillips	Household
6026	P. Sampson	Household
9042	T. Marr	Household
9108	V. Zimmerman	Household

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6018	Parks	Household Items
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Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 08/07/06 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following location:

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Zoning Districts	Sign Type	Number	Locations	Area Maximum	Height Maximum	Special Regulations
	Subdivision development ground signs	one per subdivision development	Adjacent to a subdivision entranceway; shall not be located within ten feet of any road or street right-of-way	24 sq. ft.; ahall not exceed 8 ft. in length	Six feet (sign support shall not extend more than two feet from the ground area to the sign)	Valid for a two-year period. Permits issued for this type of sign shall only be issued to the developer of the sunddyislon; permit may be renewed yearly if at least five percent of the lots remain vacant and available and new homes remain under construction after the two-year period. Such signs shall be removed upon cessation of new home marketing within the suhdivision, when 95 percent of all lots have been sold by the builder or when the permit expires, whichever occurs first.
districts	Subdivision homebuilder ground signs	One for each homebullder within the subdivision	Within the subdivision and no closer than ten feet to any property line in front of each model home	16 sq. ft.	Five feet	The homehulider ground signs are permitted in addition to the one permitted for a subdivision for the general developer of the subdivision
all single-family residential districts	Subdivision development off- premises temporary sign	One per subdivision development	No such sign may be erected within 10 feet of any road or street right-of-way and must be located on private property	24 sq. feet	Six feet	Permitted for a two-year period, which may be renewed yearly if at least five percent of the lots remain vacant and available and new homes are under construction. Such signs shall be removed when 95 percent of all lots in the subdivision have been sold by the huilder.
all single	Residential subdivision entranceway gronnd sigus	One per subdivision development	On private property at least one foot away from all property lines; on boulevards, residential entranceway ground signs erected on private property shall meet all requirements as stated in this subsection and shall not be located closer than ten feet to the intersecting road right-of-way line.	24 sq. ft.; shall not exceed 8 ft. in length	Six feet	Shall not be constructed until the subdivision has received final plat approval, shall only display the name of the subdivision; all entranceway ground aigns erected on private property in a subdivision shall have a common design and be constructed of the same or similar materials throughout that subdivision. Residential subdivision entranceway ground signs within the public road right-of-way shall be approved by the county, state, or other governmental agency having jurisdiction.
	Pole-mounted, permanent, interchangeable, banners	Two per subdivision entrance	On a light pole or dedicated pole on private property at least one foot away from all property lines or within the median island of a boulevard and shall not be located within 10 feet of a public road right-of-way.	10 square feet per banner	Each banner shall not exceed 2 feet in width or 5 feet in height	Shall be decorative in nature and shall contain no commercial message or content
Zoning Districts	Sign Type	Number	Locations	Area Maximum	Height Maximum	Special Regulations
,	Ground signs for churches, schools, and other nonresidential uses within residential zoning districts	One for each developed afte.	Not closer than ten feet to any property line or to the edge of the pavement of any driveway entrance off of the right-of-way	24 sq. feet	Six feet	If an institutional use bulletin board is utilized as permitted in section 6A.09 (8), no additional ground sign will be permitted; shall be integrated into the landscape buffer design and shall be compatible with the design and materials used for the structures on the site; masomy base shall have a nulnimum height of 18 inches and shall not exceed a height of 36 inches. The masomy base, at a minimum, shall be equal to the length of the sign. Masomy or other decorative features enclosing the sides or top of the face of the sign shall not extend beyond the maximum allowable width and height of the sign
	Golf course ground signs	One for each frontage on a public right-of- way with at least 86 feet in width (maximum of two)	Not closer than ten feet to any road right-of-way	24 square feet	Six feet	NA.
	Project announcement signs	one	Shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line	24 square fect	Six feet	Permitted after the development has received tentative preliminary plat approval from the township board; this sign may remain until the firs building permit is issued, at that time the sign must

Zoning Districts	Sign Type	Number	Locations	Area Maximum	Height Maximum	Special Regulations
	Multiple-family or mobile home development ground signs	One per multiple-family or mobile bome development	Adjacent to a multiple-family or mobile bome development entranceway; shall not be located within ten feet of any road or street right-of-way; limited to one along each bounding primary or secondary road	24 sq. ft.; shall not exceed 8 ft. in length	Six feet	A multiple-family or mobile home development wit units or lots for sale or rent may have such signs of a temporary basis, for a two-year period. The sign support shall not extend more than two feet from the ground area to the sign surface. Permits Issued for this type of sign shall only be issued to the developer of the multiple-family or mobile home development. After the two-year period, sign permits may be renewed yearly if at least five percent of the lots or units remain vacant available. Such signs shall be removed when 95 percent of all lots or units have been sold or rented
-6), multiple-family residentia (MHP) zoning districts	Multiple-family or mobile home development off- premises temporary sign	One per multiple-family or mobile home development	No such sign may be erected within 10 feet of any road or street right-of-way.	24 sq. fect	Six feet	Permitted for a two-year period, which may be renewed yearly if at least five percent of the lots of units remain vacant and available or new units of lots are under construction. Such sign shall be for the purpose of directing traffic to the development location. Such signs shall be removed when 95 percent of all lots in the subdivision have been soleby the builder.
single-faithy attached residential (R-6), multiple-family residential (MR) and mobile home park (MHP) zoning districts	Multiple-family or mobile home entrancoway ground signs	One per multiple-fumily or mobile home development	On private property at least one foot away from all property lines; on boulevards, residential entranceway ground signs erected on private property shall meet all requirements as stated in this subsection and shall not be located closer than ten feet to the intersecting road right-of-way line.	24 sq. ft.; shall not exceed 8 ft. in length	Five feet	Shall not be constructed until the development has received final plat approval, shall only display the name of the development; all entranceway ground signs erected on private property in a multiple-family or mobile home project shall have a commo design and be constructed of the same or similar materials throughout that multiple-family or mobil home development. Multiple-family or mobile home metanceway ground signs within the public road right-of-way shall be approved by the county, state or other governmental agency having jurisdiction
single-family	Pole-mounted, permanent, interchangeable, banners	Two per multiple-family or mobile home development entrance	On a light pole or dedicated pole on private property at least one foot away from all property lines or within the median island of a boulevard and shall not be located within 10 feet of a public road right-of-way.	10 square feet per banner	Each banner shall not exceed 2 feet in width or 5 feet in height	Shall be decorative in nature and shall contain no commercial message or content
Zoning Districts	Sign Type	Number	Locations	Area Maximum	Height	Special Regulations
	Ground signs for churches, schools, and other nonresidential uses within residential zoning districts	One for each developed site.	Not closer than ten feet to any property line or to the edge of the pavement of any driveway entrance off of the right-of-way	24 sq. feet	Six feet	If an institutional use bulletin board is utilized at permitted in section 6A.09 (8), no additional groun sign will be permitted; shall be integrated into the landscape buffer design and shall be compatible with the itesign and materials used for the structures on the site; masonry base shall have a minimum height of 18 inches and shall not exceed beight of 36 inches. The masonry base, at a minimum, shall be equal to the length of the sign Masonry or other decorative features enclosing the sides or top of the face of the sign shall not extent beyond the maximum allowable width and height the sign
	Wall sign for identification purposes.	One for the clubbouse or office for a development site	The sign shall not extend above the rooffine nor shall such sign project from the face of the building more than 12 inches	24 sq. feet	N/A	N/A
	Project announcement signs	One	Shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line	24 square	Six feet	Permitted after the development has received sit plan approval from the township board; this sig may remain until the first building permit is issue at that time the sign must be removed
	Golf course ground signs	One for each frontage on a public right-of-way, maximum of two; each right-of-way must have a minimum road right-of-way	Not closer than ten feet to any road right-of-way	24 square feet	Six feet	NA NA

6A.14. Signs permitted in office, mid-rise development and high-rise development districts.

District		Number	Locations	Maximum	Maximum	Special Regulations
icts (MRD) and (D)	Wall signs Wall one or more buildings		NA	Shall not exceed 50 square feet	NA A	All wall signs shall meet the legibility and design requirements of section 6A.25 Corner lots shall not be provided additional footage. When a wall sign is used in conjunction with an awning sign, the total square footage allowed for both together shall not exceed the maximum square footage that would be allowed for a wall sign.
levekgnowat districts nent districts (HRB)	Ground signs	One for each developed site.	Not closer than ten feet to any property linc or to edge of pavement of any driveway entrance off of the right-of-way.	24 sq. ft.; shall not exceed 12 ft. in length	Six feet	All ground signs must meet the legiblity and design requirements of section 6A.25
s (O-1), mid-rise d	Project announcement signs	One	Shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line	24 square feet	Six feet	Permitted after the development has received site plan approval from the township board; this sign may remain until the first building permit is issued, at that time the sign must be removed
office districts	Automated teller machine sign	NA .	Located on ATM Machine or ATM Machine cabinet	3 square feet; this arca is inclusive of any graphics and lettering	NA.	Graphics for the purpose of this definition are any colors or designs other than the principal color of the machine

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Zoning Districts	Sign Type	Number	Locations	Area Maximum	Height Maximum	Special Regulations
				Permitted wall sign		All wall signs shall meet the legibility and design requirements of section 6A.25 Corner lots shall be provided 150 percent of the otherwise permitted
I, LI-2, and GI)	Well signs and awning signs	NA .	NA	area shall be calculated in accordance with section 6A.17	NA .	total wall sign area calculated in accordance with section 6A.17 When a wall sign is used in conjunction with an awaiing sign; the total square footage allowed for both together shall not exceed the maximum square footage that would be allowed for a wall sign.
all commercial and Industrial voning districts (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, RP, LI-1, LI-2, and GI)	Window signs	Two per whidow surface	NA	25 percent of the total surface of the window to which the sign is affixed	NA	Do not require a permit
districts (C-1, C	Canopy signs	NA	Shall not project further than the canopy support structure	Eight square feet	NA	No permit is required for a canopy sign; the minimum clearance shall be ten feet from the average grade of the parcel on which it is located to the bottom of the sign.
industrkal zoning	Ground signs	One for each developed site.	Not closer than ten feet to any property line or to edge of pavement of any driveway entrance off of the right- of-way.	24 sq. ft.; shall not exceed 12 ft. in length	Six feet	All ground signs must meet the legibility and design requirements of section 6A.25
all commercial and	Temporary cloth or canvas signs, pennants or benners	NA	NA	The total square footage allowed for a bauner sign shall not exceed what is permitted for a wall sign	NA	May be displayed for a period of up to four weeks within the calendar year that the first permit was applied for; three permits may be issued per calendar year. Such signs must be attached to a building.
Zoning Districts	· Sign Type	Number	. Locations	Area Maximum	Height Maximum	Special Regulations
	Pole-mounted, permanent, interchangeable, banners	One banner for every three light poles, but not less than 2 in any circumstance	On a light pole or dedicated pole on private property at least one foot away from all property lines or within the median island of a boulevard and shall not be located within 10 feet of a public road right-of-way.	10 square feet per banner	Each banner shall not exceed 2 feet in width or 5 feet in height	Shall be decorative in nature and shall contain no commercial message or content. Up to two banner may be located on any light pole or dedicated banner pole.
	Menu order and similar drive- through assistance signs	One for each drive-through lane.	At the point of vocal communication with the main building	24 square feet	NA.	NA NA
	Project announcement signs	One	Shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line	24 square feet	Six feet	Permitted after the development has received site plan approval from the township board; this sign may remain until the first building permit is issued at that time the sign must be removed
	Township governmental property sign	NA	NA	NA.	NA	A changeable copy sign/reader board may be installed in addition to what is otherwise permissible within this section
	Automated teller machine	NA	Located on ATM Machine or ATM Machine cabinet	3 square feet; this area is inclusive of any graphics and lettering	NA	Graphics for the purpose of this definition are any colors or designs other than the principal color of the machine
	Multiple tenant signs	One for each developed site	In accordance with section 64.22	In accordance this section 6A.22	In accordance with section 6A.22	Permitted only when approved as part of master sign plan and accordance with section 6A.22and meeting the requirements established for such sign therein

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6A.16. S	Signs p	ermi	ttėd in a	gricultural	l. rura	l residential	and rural estate districts.	

Zoning Districts	Sign Type	Number	Locations	Area Maximum	Height Maximum	Special Regulations
,	Wali sign	One for each permitted agricultural or open space recreation use	Shall not extend above the roofline or gable line, nor shall is project uncre than 12 feet from the face of the building	Permitted wall sign area shall be calculated in accordance with section 6A.17	NA	NA
e (RE) zoning dis	Ground sign	One for each developed site where a conforming use exists	Must be setback a minimum of 10 feet from any property line	24 sq. feet	Six feet	NA
agricultural (RA), rural residential (RR) and rural estate (RE) zoning districts	Off-premises ground sign	One for each bons fide producer of agricultural products	Must be setback a minimum of 10 feet from any property line and 100 feet from any other ground sign	24 sq. feet	Six feet	The purpose of the off-premises advertisement signs is to permit the producer to make the public aware of produce for sale. The sign shall include the name of the producer, the type of produce available and directional information to assist the motoring public in locating the producer's agricultural area. Additional information may be indicated at the option of the producer. Such signs shall not advertise any products or services other than the availability of hona fide agricultural produce raised by the producer. Permits may be obtained for a maximum period of six consecutive months in any calendar year. Permit applicants shall present a letter indicating that permission has been received from the landowner of tax record to place the sign upon his property. In addition, a cash bond shall be posted to guarantee removal of such signs. The signs shall be removed within 48 hours of permit expiration.
in e	Project announcement signs	One	Shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line	24 square feet	Six feet	Permitted after the development has received site plan approval from the township board; this sign may remain until the first building permit is issued at that time the sign must be removed
Zoning Districts	Sign Type	Number	Locations	Area Maximum	Height Maximum	Special Regulations
		One for each frontage on a public right-of- way, maximum				
	Golf course ground signs	of two; each right-of-way must have a minimum road right-of-way	Not closer than ten feet to any road right-of-way	24 square feet	Six feet	NA

6A.17. Wall Sign Area Scale. The maximum permitted wall sign area is based on a function of setback and the linear frontage of the longest side of the building facing a parking lot, private drive, or road. Permitted maximums are established by the following table.

Setback from right-of-way of structure to which wall sign will be affixed	Permitted sign area calculation
0 feet to 299.9 feet	The total square footage for a wall sign or awning sign or combination of both in this setback range shall be determined by multiplying one square foot by the linear frontage of the building or legally occupied tenant space, but shall not exceed 100 square feet per building or tenant space. Corner lots shall be
	provided 150 percent of the otherwise permitted total wall sign area.
	The total square footage for a wall sign or awning sign or combination of both in this setback range shall be determined by multiplying one square foot by the
300 feet to 599.9 feet	linear frontage of the building or legally occupied tenant space, but shall not exceed 200 square feet per building or tenant space. Corner lots shall be provided 150 percent of the otherwise
	permitted total wall sign area. The total square footage for a wall sign
	or awning sign or combination of both in this setback range shall be determined by multiplying one square foot by the
600 feet or greater	linear frontage of the building or legally occupied tenant space, but shall not exceed 300 square feet per building or tenant space. Corner lots shall be
	provided 150 percent of the otherwise permitted total wall sign area.

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Local officials urge residents to use care when maintaining cars

In an effort to help protect the area's water resources, Canton is urging residents to practice good car care during the summer. When motor fluids and dirty water from washing cars enter storm drains and roadside ditches, it empties into nearby lakes and rivers causing pollution.

With over four million vehicles in southeast Michigan it's important to practice good car care. By following the following simple steps you can maintain a clean, well-running vehicle and protect our lakes and rivers from pollution:

Make a date: Car wash facilities treat their dirty water before discharging it to lakes and rivers. So, make a date to take your car to the car wash.

Wash it on the grass: If you wash your car at home, consider washing it on the lawn. Or, if you can't use the lawn, try to direct the dirty water towards the lawn and away from the storm drain.

■ Minimize it: Reduce the amount of soap you use, or

wash your car with plain water. ■ Take advantage of business expertise: Consider taking your vehicle to the shop to have the oil and other fluids changed. These businesses have the ability to recycle the used materials and clean up accidental spills. Soak it up: Use kitty litter

promptly to absorb small amounts of spilled vehicle fluids. Then sweep it into a bag and throw it in the trash.

■ Do it under cover: Perform vehicle maintenance in a wellventilated but covered location. This minimizes rainfall from washing those inevitable spills and drips into our waterways.

■ Recycle: If you choose to change your oil and other fluids yourself, label the waste containers. Then, take them to your community's household hazardous waste collection day or to a business that accepts used oil. Never dump used oil, antifreeze or other fluids on the ground or down the storm drain.

As a reminder, Canton will hold its annual Hazardous Waste Round-up on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Canton Public Works Building located at 4847 Sheldon Road.

For year-round disposal of oil and antifreeze, Canton Waste Recycling, located at 42020 Van Born Road, will accept it on scheduled Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on scheduled Saturdays from 8-11 a.m.

For more information about keeping area waters clean can be found at www.semcog.org or in the information racks located inside Canton's Administration Building.

Charter Township of Canton Notice of Public Accuracy Test

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment and the Auto Mark System to be used for the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 8, 2006. The test will take place on Wednesday August 2, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office, Township Administration Building, 1150 South Canton Center Road. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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RIVER PARK HOME OWNERS ASSOCATION REQUEST FOR BID

River Park Home Owner's Association in Canton is looking for a qualified electrician/landscaping company to do the fellowing: Replace & Beautify Electric Meter Mounting

Replace Main Shut-off and Circuit Breaker for Light and Sprinkler Replace Light Bulb in Subdivision Light Pull necessary permits, as required by law and contact DTE as necessary.

Submit Bids to: River Park HOA PO Box 87171 Canton, MI 48187

For details on the project, contact Sandra E. Commager at 734-397-

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton 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 meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHROITY **INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, August 10, 2006 for the following:

Nottingham Forest Entrance Improvements

Work includes, but is not necessarily limited to, miscellaneous demolition, site grading, masonry screen walls, vinyl fencing, irrigation, tree planting, perennial/ground cover plantings, and site

Bid documents are available to pick up beginning <u>July 27, 2006</u> at <u>Beckett & Raeder, Inc. (BRI), 535 W. William, Suite 101, Ann Arbor.</u> MI 48103. A nonrefundable fee of \$40.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

Bid Documents are on file for review at BRI, Canton Township Finance Department, Construction Association of Michigan, F. W. Dodge, and Daily Construction Reports.

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

TERRY G. BENNETT,

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Private driving schools like graduated licensing

This is the second of a two-part report on teenage drivers.

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

It's been years since the state reimbursed school districts to train young drivers, but in that time a variety of private driving instruction schools have popped up to put teens on the road and keep up with the evolution of driver training.

According to the Michigan Secretary of State, more than 100,000 teens enter driver

training programs each year.
Lee Alpern, owner of Lee
Driving School in Farmington
Hills, said business varies by
season. Winter courses, January
and February are half-full,
while summer courses, March
through August, are full to the
point of turning students away
— something he finds strange.

"When they're out in the snow and ice for the first time, do you want your kid in my car or yours?" he said.

Alpern has been teaching kids how to drive as a business since 1968, longer if you add the years he taught driver training at Redford's Thurston High School. He said the switch to the graduated license system, with its strictures and expanded teaching requirements, hasn't changed his operation at all.

"I still teach the same way as I did in '68," Alpern said.
"We've always done freeway driving, we've always done parking, we've always done sequential training."

That said, Alpern definitely approves of the graduated system. He said the one-year wait for a license after training and the requirements of 50 hours of parental oversight are an improvement over the days where a student could get a full license in 30 days.

Mark Grenier of Livonia has been teaching driver training for Sears in Livonia, Westland and Novi for eight years. Between the



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"It's a great thing," he said.
"Kids have to realize that safety is the issue behind the wheel. It's worked, I know the fatality rate for 16- to 19 year-old drivers is significantly less."

He used to teach in the schools as well. He said it was a good public relations move for the districts, and people felt better about having their kids learn to drive from someone who didn't have a profit motive. But when the state stopped reimbursing schools for the work, the program was no longer cost-effective.

The demise of the schoolsponsored programs created a variety of private programs.

"The curriculum we teach and the test they take are canned and distributed by the state," Grenier said. "Of course, some workers cut corners but most programs are on par. They're not that much differ-

ent."
The students, he said, are
about the same.

"Sometimes you get a few who don't care so much, kids who think their tuition entitles them to a license at the end of the course," Alpern said. "They say, 'I paid, I have a right.' But they don't. Not many are like that."

Parents, he said, are pretty uniform. Where some students might think they deserve a license, their parents aren't nearly as indulgent.

"Parents back you up when you say things," he said. "Their attitude is very good."

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Grenier said the kids also have good attitudes. The driver's license is a rite of passage that carries instant legitimacy. And they want that — badly.

"They want the independence, they want the freedom," Grenier said. "They do well because they know if they fail they won't get their license. It's a big motivation."

Grenier says there are benefits beyond the increased focus on training and oversight.

"When you go through the levels, you do a lot of drive time with your parents," he said. "That's going to be a good way for people to reconnect with their lads."



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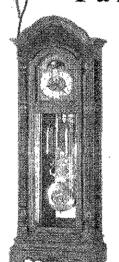
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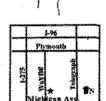
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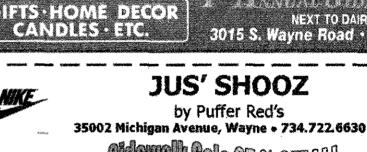
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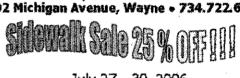
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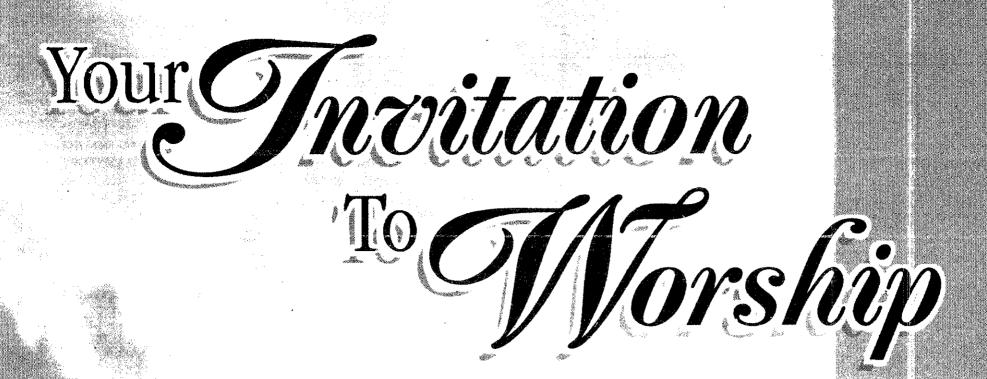
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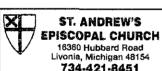
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SMART seeks millage renewal

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BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

As voters go to the polls Aug. 8 for primary voting, they'll also be asked to approve continued funding for the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation bus service.

Technically, the SMART millage on the ballot is a renewal, but voters in several Wayne County communities will see a slight decrease in their tax payments if they approve it.

Macomb County voters will address the millage countywide rather than communityby-community. Because Macomb County is paying .59 mills, voters in Oakland and Wayne will vote for the same amount rather than the .6 mills they now pay.

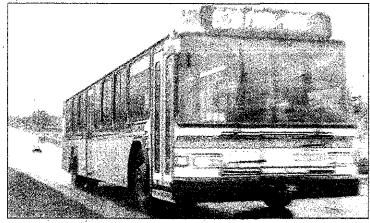
The thinking at SMART was that it would be easier to ask Oakland and Wayne voters to approve a slightly smaller millage than it would be to ask Macomb voters for a slightly larger one.

SMART General Manager Dan Dirks said the authority knows what it has to do to survive.

"We've got to be efficient and go where people need to go," he said. "We've got to partner with the communities we work in."

Part of the reason for this is because the metro Detroit area isn't like Chicago and New York — it's highly dispersed and the transportation systems that work in other cities won't work here.

The other reason is that SMART fills the needs of a niche rather than the greater population. Their customers are older adults, the disabled and entry-level workers who don't have the resources to purchase their own cars. As a result, they



Voters in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties will decide whether or not to continue funding the SMART bus system. Proponents of the system say it's something the metro Detroit area needs, detractors say not enough people ride to make SMART viable.

have to be responsive. "We're re-examining our existing services to go where we're most needed," Dirks said. "We've changed routes to run at peak hours only where we're needed."

Troy Chamber of Commerce President Michelle Hodges said the chamber hasn't taken a position on the SMART millage, but they're fully behind transportation in general.

"We've seen transportation as a community asset," she said. "It's something that needs to advance."

She mentioned that the city is moving forward with a plan to create the Birmingham-Troy Regional Transit Center at Maple and Coolidge. The center, a joint project with the two cities and Grand-Sakwa, will incorporate interstate bus lines, local taxi and car services and a rail line.

"The center will drive development in the region," Hodges said. "It would be bad if SMART wasn't there.'

Not every community finds

SMART fits their needs. Voters in Livonia turned down the service and are in the last months of a phase-out of SMART. Director of Community Resources Linda McCann said the city is running its own internal service.

"The buses were running mostly empty," she said. "We've already got Livonia Community Transportation taking seniors and disabled people to work and other places seven days a week."

The city has a partnership with SMART that ends this December. The LCT will purchase its own buses and work out the bugs in that program by the time the regional authority is gone this winter.

"The Livonia Chamber of Commerce and the city did a survey and found that (low) hundreds of residents, rather than thousands, were using the service for work daily. We're planning to expand to fill out the (Americans with Disabilities Act) riders before SMART is gone."

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6A.20 Theater signs.

A single wall sign not exceeding 12 square feet in area may be permitted in addition to other permitted wall signage for theaters to allow the changeable display of features (AS NOTE: feature"?) shows, films, or other performances. The copy on the sign may not be changed more than once daily. Such signs shall require permits.

Sec. 102-63. 6A.21 Directional signs.

Signs not exceeding six square feet and four feet tall (AS NOTE: "in height" has been used in the rest of this Ordinance, not "tall") which contain only noncommercial messages including designation of restrooms, drive entrances and exits, telephone locations and directions to door openings are directional signs. Directional signs may contain the names of tenant commercial enterprises within the development site to assist in wayfinding, although a uniform font and no commercial logos or graphic identities may appear on the directional sign. Such signs shall require permits. In the event that a directional sign with tenant commercial enterprise names is proposed as part of a shopping center or other type of multiple tenant development; it must be approved as part of the master sign plan. Directional signs not having tenant commercial enterprise names may be permitted without a master sign plan.

(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 16, 11-12-2002) 6A.22 Master Sign Plans

For multiple-tenant non-residential development in the commercial and industrial districts, a master sign plan shall be submitted to the planning commission when alterations to existing non-conforming signage or new signage in conjunction with a site plan review application are proposed. Multiple tenant signs and directional signs with tenant commercial enterprises are allowed only when approved as part of a master sign plan. A master sign plan shall include all proposed signs or sign locations for the entire multiple-tenant non-residential development, including defined wall sign spaces for tenants (tenant sign space), a ground sign or

- multiple tenant sign, directional signs, etc. Application: an application for master sign plan approval shall include:
 - A master sign plan, drawn to scale showing the location and dimensions of all proposed signs;
 - Technical descriptions and color illustrations of all signs indicating their materials, structural and electrical specifications, and any additional information necessary to satisfy the requirements of state and local construction codes; and,
 - c. Façade elevations in color with full dimensions of any structures upon which wall signs are proposed, indicating the intended general location of the proposed signs.
- From the effective date of this Ordinance, no signs for any multiple-tenant non-residential development shall be erected or altered (not including the changing of tenant space signs) without an approved master sign plan. If the structure, dimensions, location, or number of any existing signs of an existing multiple-tenant non-residential development are altered in any way, master sign plan approval shall be required. All new multiple-tenant nonresidential developments shall require master sign plan
- A master sign plan shall be reviewed and approved by the planning commission. No permits for the construction of signs on any multiple-tenant non-residential development shall be issued until a master sign plan has been approved for the site in question, unless the permit involves only the changing of a tenant sign in a defined tenant sign space on ground sign or the changing of a wall sign to accommodate a new or former tenant.
- Design requirements for sign types only permitted as part of a master sign plan
 - a. Multiple tenant signs
 - Multiple tenant sign standard: the planning commission shall adopt a multiple tenant sign standard, which shall be held on file with the building department and planning department
 - Minimum acreage or floor area requirement: to qualify for a multiple tenant sign, the site must be at least 4 acres in area or the proposed building must have at least 40,000 square feet of gross leasable area.
 - Number of multiple tenant signs: no more than one multiple tenant sign per site shall be allowed in any instance
 - Other signs: should an owner elect to construct a multiple tenant sign on a site, the multiple tenant sign shall constitute the only permitted ground sign; no other ground signs shall he allowed in addition to a multiple tenant sign
 - Maximum dimensions: a multiple tenant sign must not exceed 6 feet in width or 15 feet in
 - Legibility: all lettering on a multiple tenant sign must meet the legibility requirements of section 6A.25

Diagram 1

- Wayfinding: a multiple tenant sign shall incorporate wayfinding elements as identified by the currently adopted Canton Township multiple tenant sign standard, which shall be established by the township board and on file with the building official and planning department; such wayfinding elements may include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, color coordination with a defined community branding or wayfinding district, address range of the tenants, or graphic elements of the corridor or district in which the sign is located
- Design and construction: the design and construction specifications of multiple tenant signs must comply with the currently adopted Canton Township multiple tenant sign standard, which shall be established by the township board and on file with the building official and planning department

(See Diagram 1 Below)

MULTIPLE TENANT SIGNS

- b. Directional signs having tenant commercial enterprises
 - Shopping center directional sign standard: the township board shall adopt a shopping center directional sign standard, which shall be held on file with the building department and planning department
 - Location: directional signs having tenant commercial enterprises may be located only at internal intersections with a multiple tenant site
 - Maximum dimensions and area: directional signs having tenant commercial enterprises shall not exceed 6 feet in area or 6 feet in height
 - Wayfinding: a directional sign having tenant commercial enterprises shall incorporate wayfinding elements as identified by the currently adopted Canton Township shopping center directional sign standard, which shall be established by the planning commission and on file with the building official and planning department; such wayfinding elements may include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, color coordination with a defined community branding or wayfinding district or graphic elements of the corridor or district in which the sign is located
 - Design and construction: the design and construction specifications of directional signs having tenant commercial enterprises must comply with the currently adopted Canton Township shopping center directional sign standard, which shall be established by the planning commission and on file with the building official and planning department

(See Diagram 2 Below)

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS 6A.23 Sign Bonuses.

In certain unique circumstances, in addition to any signs permitted by this Ordinance, permits for the following special signs or sign bonuses may be approved in accordance with the provisions established below:

- Rear façade identification signs: In instances where 3 or more frontages of a commercial structure in a commercial or industrial zoning district directly visible to a dedicated right-of-way, service drive, or circulation lane, a bonus wall sign to identify the rear façade of the structure may be permitted. To qualify for the rear façade identification sign bonus, the site must:
 - Be directly bordered on at least three sides by dedicated circulation routes intended primarily for consumer traffic; rear alleys and loading and unloading access drives do not qualify.
 - b. The drive aisles may not be located exclusively on the same site as the structure to which the bonus would be applied, though it may be shared between two or more separate and distinct sites.
 - The wall sign bonus must not exceed 10 square feet in area distributed over one or two wall signs.
 - If two signs are proposed, they must be located on separate façades.
 - To qualify for the rear facade identification sign bonus, no other wall signage may be present on the rear façades having the bonus signage.
 - The primary permitted wall signage must be located on the façade facing the major thoroughfare or other primary roadway serving the site, or for corner lots, the two frontage facing such thoroughfares or roadways.
- Rear façade identification signs may not face a residentially zoned or used property.
- Wall sign area bonus: In commercial districts only, in the event that a ground sign otherwise permitted by the Ordinance can not be located in compliance with the location requirements of the Ordinance due to existing natural or manmade features, proximity to an existing sign or otherwise, additional wall sign area may be awarded above the permitted maximum wall sign area as determined by section 6A.17 This bonus may only be applied when the applicant, in the course of seeking a sign permit, has satisfactorily demonstrated that the development of an otherwise permitted ground sign is not possible in compliance with other provisions of this Ordinance or if no location for the sign which allows the sign to serve its intended purpose due to existing natural or manmade features. The wall sign area bonus shall not be over 24 additional square feet beyond that permitted hy section 6A.17

In the GI District, hillboards may be permitted adjacent to limited access interstate freeways. Such signs shall be set back a minimum of 1.000 ft. from any right-of-way and shall not be erected closer than 2,000 feet to any other hillboard. The structure of the sign shall be exclusively steel, and no wood or other combustible material shall be permitted. The sign shall not be illuminated between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. No billboard shall be permitted on a parcel in conjunction with a ground sign. The maximum permitted area of a billboard shall be 160 square feet, and the sign shall not exceed 12 feet in height as measured from average grade at the base of the sign.

6A.25 Legibility and Design.

All commercial wall and ground signage within the township must meet the legibility and design requirements of this section.

Diagram 2

Wall signs

- Contrast: all lettering on wall signs shall be lighter than the background on which they are located. Freefloating channel letters or other applied letters shall significantly contrast the background to which they are applied.
- Construction type: wall signs may be of a free-floating channel letter or other applied letter either internally or externally illuminated. If a raceway is used, it must be painted or manufactured to match the color of the wall to which is mounted.
- Lettering: minimum required lettering sizes established as follows for wall signs/shall apply to all lettering on any wall sign
 - 1) Sans serif fonts: "block" style or sans-serif lettering shall be at least 14 inches in size on any wall sign
 - Serif fonts: "script" or other serif lettering shall be at least 17 inches in size on any wall sign

2. Ground signs:

- Ground signs shall be integrated into landscape buffer design and shall be compatible with the design and materials used for the structures on the site.
- Ground signs shall be located on a masonry base; the masonry base shall have a min. height of 18 in. and shall not exceed a height of 36 in.; the masonry base, at a minimum, shall be equal to the length of the sign; masonry or other decorative features enclosing the sides or top of the face of the sign shall not extend beyond the maximum allowable width and height of the sign; in the downtown development authority (DDA), the height of the masonry base shall be equal to the finished height of the nearest garden wall.
- Contrast: all lettering on cabinet-style ground signs shall be lighter than the background on which they are located. Free-floating channel letters or other applied letters shall significantly contrast the background to which they are applied.
- Construction type: ground signs may be of a cabinet, internally-illuminated style: however:
 - Only the lettering or trademarked logo shall be translucent.
 - The background shall be of opaque material in a color darker than the lettering and logo.
- e. Lettering: minimum required lettering sizes established as follows for ground signs shall apply to all lettering on any ground sign.
 - Sans serif fonts: "block" style or sans-serif lettering shall he at least 14 inches in size on any ground sign.
 - Serif fonts: "script" or other serif lettering shall be at least 17 inches in size on any ground sign.
- Where corporate logos are proposed for use as a ground sign or as part of the overall ground sign, the logo shall not exceed 30 percent of the maximum permitted area.

(See Diagram 3 Below)

GROUND SIGNS

6A.26 Permit Approval.

Sign permits shall be issued by the building department. Signs shall be identified and adequately described on any site plan submitted for review to the township. For signs permitted only when part of a master sign plan or any sign on a multipletenant site, no permit shall be issued unless a master sign plan has been approved by the planning commission independently or as part of a site plan approval. For all other signs, the building official shall review and issue permits for signs only when such signs are in compliance with this article, as determined by administrative approval granted by the planning department. During administrative review, the planning department shall have the authority to send any application to the planning commission for its review and approval prior to the issuance of the permit from the building

Planning department or commission approval of a sign permit application or master sign plan or a site plan having signage as part of the approved development shall not necessarily guarantee the issuance of a sign permit from the building

Any component of this article is subject to appeal by the zoning board of appeals in accordance with section 28.04.E (6).

6A.28 Planning Commission.

The planning commission shall be responsible for the review and approval of master sign plans as stand-alone applications or as part of a concurrent site plan and/or special land use review for any multiple tenant site development or redevelopment. The planning commission shall also be responsible for ensuring that signage is identified and adequately described on any site plan, and that such signage meets with the requirements of this ordinance. Planning commission approval of a master sign plan or a site plan having signage as part of the approved development shall not necessarily guarantee the issuance of a sign permit from the building official. During administrative review, the planning department shall have the authority to send any application to the planning commission for its review and approval prior to the issuance of the permit from the building official.

6A.29Canton Township Historic District Commission.

The Historic District Commission shall have the authority to approve modifications the requirements for the design of signs within the boundaries of the Canton Township Historic District in the interest of permitting historically appropriate signage that may or may not be in full compliance with the dimensional or structural requirements of herein. Such authority shall not allow the Historic District Commission to approve a sign that does not meet minimum requirements for safety. Approval of a sign by the Historic District Commission shall not necessarily guarantee the issuance of a sign permit from the huilding official. Administrative approval from the planning department is required for signs within the Canton Township Historic District in accordance with the procedures set forth in sections 6A.26and 6A.28 above.

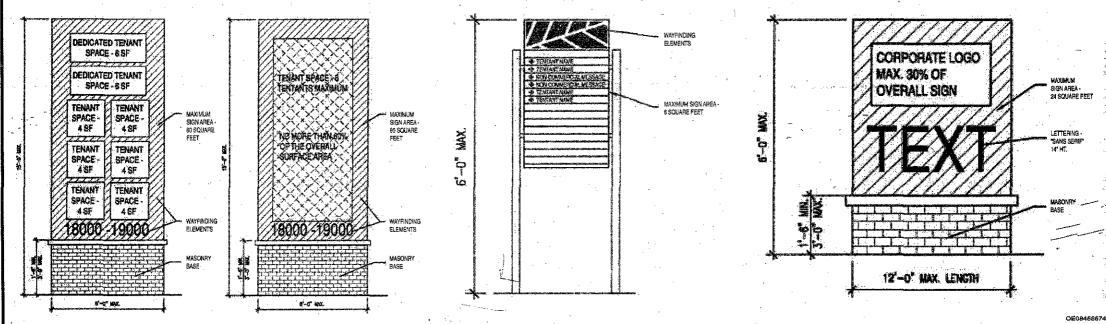
Several questions from the Planning Commission, DDA, ZBA and Board of Trustees were addressed. Supervisor Yack stated Mr. Mason and Mr.Branigan will work with staff to address these questions. Jeff Goulet stated in section 6A.29 Canton Township Historic District

Commission, the last sentence could be removed as the planning department approval is not needed. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Kirchgatter at 10:30 p.m. to

adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. TERRY G. BENNETT

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Diagram 3



\$30/each

\$30

\$55/hour

minimum or 25%

of fee, whichever

is greater

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **BOARD PROCEEDINGS - JULY 18, 2006**

A study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo

Members Absent: Bennett, Caccamo

Director Faas, Director Santomauro, Deputy Chief Staff Present: Alex Wilson, Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher, Anna Stump, Jeff Goulet, John Weyer, Detective Sgt.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by LaJoy to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present.

Pomorski, Sean Heck, TJ Turowski

STUDY SESSION TOPIC

Item 1. Municipal Services Department Fees Update

On January 17, 2006 staff presented a detailed financial recap of the 2005 Fiscal Year revenues and expenses for the Department to the Board of Trustees. An issue was raised at the meeting regarding the last time fees the Municipal Services Department (MSD) charges was updated. Based on our records search, it has been fourteen (14) years since a broad-based review of the fees in Building and Planning has been conducted. With this knowledge, we have spent the last six (6) months revisiting the fees MSD charges and the rationale behind

The materials are presented for discussion with the Board, pending a future motion in Regular Session to adopt a revised schedule of fees for

This report provides the summary of the basis for the fee updates. A number of examples in each Division were chosen to demonstrate the impact of the proposed fees. This was not done for every fee, as this would be extremely laborious for staff. The same consistent approach was used across the Department to compute the appropriate and reasonable fees for the services rendered by our staff.

In addition to the examples selected, some commentary was added on services that the Department now provides, and the associated fees, that it has not provided in the past.

Revenues in MSD are split by division. The Planning Services and Building & Inspection Services divisions are funded by revenues in the General Fund; whereas, the Public Works division has two sources of funding, namely General Fund and Water & Sewer Fund.

In the analysis of fees, we paid serious consideration to the historic Bolt case law in Michigan. The Bolt vs. City of Lansing (1998) case concluded that the following three criteria must be met in totality to differentiate between a user fee and a tax.

As such, any user fee must:

1. Serve a regulatory purpose, rather than to raise revenues.

2. Be proportionate to the necessary costs of the service provided. 3. Be voluntary for the user.

We have clearly satisfied the requirements of Bolt and we are comfortable recommending the proposed fees to the Board for adoption.

Methodology

Earlier this year, the Board was presented with a new methodology for the computation of our water & sewer fees based on true cost of service". A similar approach was used by staff in developing the methodology for the revised fees in the MSD General Fund Programs.

The staff working on this project adopted the following three (3) objectives in analyzing the cost of services provided:

Ensure Departmental consistency,
 Fees must reflect the level of effort provided, and

3. Utilize a fixed plus variable cost approach where applicable.

In order to meet the first objective "Consistency", we employed the use of a labor multiplier to recover the overhead and administrative costs of providing services. This is the same approach used by Public Works Engineering in billing time to private developers for review and inspection of private development related projects which the Board adopted in 2005. We stopped short of going to a deposit based system, due to the increased level of accounting needed for the more than ten thousand permits processed by the Department each year. Staff resources are not sufficient to undertake a deposit based system.

The labor multiplier used by Public Works Engineering is 2.95, or put differently, the billable rate is roughly three times the actual hourly wage of any employee that performs direct work on a project. For example, the hourly wage of an entry level engineer is \$23.56 unburdened. With the multiplier, the entry level engineer is \$69.50 per hour. This is the most widely used approach in municipal consulting engineering practices for establishing billable rates for services. This common approach was extended into Building & Inspection Services and Planning Services for the purpose of this report.

The second objective "Fees must reflect the level of effort" was achieved through an exhaustive analysis of the individual tasks associated with performing the services. We provided typical examples in each division showing the detailed computation of work hours, hourly rates and multipliers for presentation to the Board.

Lastly, the third objective "Fixed plus variable cost" was utilized to help recover some of the fixed costs in each division that we incur regardless of the level of permit activity in any given year.

Building & Inspection Services Fees General Information

International Building Code 2003 - Building Valuation Data Single Family Residential Building Permit Example

Deck Permit Example Fence Permit Example

Commercial Building Permit Example ZBA Appeal Example

General Information

The Building & Inspection Services division of MSD handles a wide variety of tasks associated with both new construction, renovation and remodeling of both public and private facilities. Staff ensures that both Township standards and International Building Codes are met for any building construction project. In addition, the Building & Inspection Services division serves as the technical resource to the Township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and Building Board of Appeals public

The fees in the division are broken down by discipline; namely,

1. Building (permits, inspections, reviews, occupancies, signs, ZBA, etc.) 2. Electrical (permits, inspections, reviews, components, alarms, et.)

3. Plumbing (permits, inspections, reviews, components, fixtures, etc.) 4. Mechanical (permits, inspections, reviews, components, fixtures, etc.)

Each discipline has a host of fees, including contractor registrations, and each discipline currently includes some minimum charges and cancellation costs. The detailed breakdown of each fee is common to most community building operations.

One of the major changes to the approach in Building & Inspection Services is to add a non-refundable "application fee" to all services to help recover some of the fixed costs of the operation of the division understanding those costs exist even if no permit activity occurs. Based on the ten thousand plus permits pulled per year in the division, the application fee will allow us to recover \$250,000 (i.e. 13%) of the direct expenses for the division each year.

International Building Code 2003 - Building Valuation Data

The basis for many of the fees in Building & Inspection Services is the valuation of construction. That is, the unit fee is multiplied by the number of units (i.e. the value, square footage, circuits, amps, hp, inches, BTU, gallons, etc.) to derive the permit cost.

The valuation table currently used is part of the International Building Code 2003 that the staff follow. The table provides for a unit cost per square foot of building for a wide variety of building types and

Building & Inspection Services Proposed Fee Schedule

What follows is a copy of the proposed fees for the Building & Inspection Services division. In the analysis, we were sensitive to the fact that large increases in fees could become a deterrent to businesses and homeowners in taking out permits.

Any fee that is new and/or changed is shown in red print, unchanged figures remain in black print. In total the fee schedule for Building & Inspection Services is nine (9) pages in length.

Building & Inspection Services Example Calculations

Five (5) examples have been selected to demonstrate how the proposed fees would impact the customer. The examples selected are:

1. Single family residential building permit 2. Deck Permit

3. Fence Permit

4. Commercial Building Permit 5. ZBA Appeal

Application fee (Non-Refundable) Minimum permit fee Permit cancellation

Building Fee Schedule

Fee \$25 **\$25** minimum or 25% of fee. Whichever is greater

Building Permit Fees - New construction, additions/alterations (including pools and marketing trailers)

 Valuations based on most current market estimated cost per square foot, or at determination of Building Official First \$3,000 est. value Each \$1,000 (or part of) over 3K \$10 Compliance Permits

(minimum permit fee) Flat work (concrete) and accessory structures under 200sq. ft. First \$3000 est. value Each \$1000 (or part of) over 3K Temporary concrete batch plant (\$5000 bond required) Christmas tree sales lot

(\$650 bond required) Grading permit Construction trailer (\$200 bond required) \$65 Signs (Fees are "per sign") Permanent 10 sq. ft. or under Permanent over 10 sq. ft Temporary and/or rezoning signs (\$100 bond deposit for each sign) \$30 Temporary/banners (Must be paid by check or money order when

application is submitted) \$30 Change of face \$30 **OtherPermits** Mobile home installation \$100 Satellite dishes Demolition (each occurrence). Structure moving permit (does not include foundation permit)

Other Fees \$200 (residential) ZBA appeal \$350 (commercial) \$500 (special meeting) Temporary Certificate of Occupancy

Residential (Bond - \$800 grading, \$3.00 per sq. ft. concrete, \$350 per tree) Commercial, industrial, office, multi-family \$150 Marketing/sales trailer (\$200 bond required) Inspection Fees \$30 Re-inspections. Overtime rates. (2 hr. minimum) \$55/hour Occupancy/reoccupancy (commercial) \$65 Housing, inspection \$120 (building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical) Building only. \$30 Carnival/Circus.

Other Compliance Permits/Licenses.. Mech. amusement devices (based on number of devices) see mech-amusement fee schedule Used car lot \$100 Junk Yard \$100 Self-serve gas station \$100 Registrations

Special Event

Builder license Maintenance/alteration contractor's license Mobile home installer's license Commercial, Industrial, Multi: The size of the building in square feet times \$0.025 multiplier.

Plan review, commercial/industrial (interior finishes/renovations) (\$90 min, or at the determination... of Building

Plan Review Residential Plan review, single family residential (includes SFR, additions, alterations and accessory buildings) \$3,001-40,000 estimated value and the second was a second with the second s (5,001 + pool review only) *** **\$30****** ******* \$10,001 40,000 \$40,001 - 100,000 \$130

\$100,001 - 150,000 \$200 \$150,000 + ELECTRICAL FEE SCHEDUE Application Fee (Non-Refundable) Minimum permit fee. \$30 Permit cancellation

minimum or 25% of fee, whichever is greater Wiring

\$4/each

\$10/each

\$25/each

\$30/each

\$45/each

\$60/each

\$25/each

\$12/each

\$15/each

\$26/each

\$25

\$30

\$25

\$10/each

\$10/each

\$10/each

minimum or 25%

\$27

Circuits Fixtures (25 lamps/tubes or part of) Equipment (includes but not limited to ranges, ovens, dryers, water heaters, dishwasher, furnaces, disposals, A/C, sump pumps, rooftop units, exhaust systems, above ground pools / hot tubs) **Inground Pools**

Electric Service (new, changes, temporary, relocation) 100 AMP or less

101 - 200201 - 400401 plus Interruptible service Motors, Generators, Htg/Power Units Up to (and including) 20 HP or KVA

Over 20-30 HP or KVA Over 30-50 HP or **KVA**. Feeders/Mains/Bus ducts Up to first 100 feet

Each additional 100 feet Portable Generator Transfer Switch (wiring) 100 AMP or less Over 100 AMP Motion picture apparatus

\$45 \$20/each Fire Alarm Systems Housemaster panel \$20/each Alarm devices \$15/each Heat/smoke detectors \$4/each Re-inspection fee \$30 Housing/safety inspection (residential)

Shop inspection (commercial) Overtime inspections \$55/hour(min,2hrs.) Registrations Electrical Contractor \$15 Sign Contractor \$15 Fire Alarm Contractor Plumbing Fee Schedule

Application Fee (Non-Refundable) Minimum permit fee Permit cancellation

Lavatories

Urinals

Floor Drains

of fee, whichever is greater Fixtures (unit price) \$10/each New stack or stack alteration \$10/each Sump or interceptor Pump or water lift \$10/each Water treatment device \$10/each Hose bibbs \$10/each \$10/eachShower Laundry trav \$10/each \$10/each Water closet Dishwasher \$10/each \$10/each Sinks

Garbage disposal \$10/each Drinking fountain \$10/each Catch basin 310/each Vacuum breaker \$10/each All other fixtures \$10/each Backflow preventer 1/2" to 2". \$10/each Backflow preventer more than 2" \$15/each \$25/each Sub-soil piping system Special equipment : \$20/each (including but not limited to auto laundry machine, beverage vending machine,

Backflow Preventer For Irrigation System Residential \$30/each Commercial \$50/each Water distribution (inside of building) \$30/each Two inches and smaller \$50/each Larger than two inches Water service (outside of building)

One to two inches (one-inch minimum)

Special inspection -

Overtime rates

Larger than two inches \$50/each Sewers and Drains \$40/each Lines not exceeding 8" Lines not exceeding 12" \$55/each Lines not exceeding 16" \$80/each Lines exceeding 16" \$90/each Inspection fees \$30 Re-inspection

(minimum 2hrs) Registration Fees Plumbing Contractor \$15 Heating & Refrigeration Fee Schedule Application Fee (Non-Refundable) \$25 Minimum permit fee. \$30 Permit cancellation \$25

New/Replacement Installation Permit Gas-fired equipment, under 400,000 BTU/hour Room heaters/wall furnaces. \$20/each Conversion burners \$30/each Furnaces, boilers, unit heaters \$40/each Make-up air units/air handler \$25/each Commercial/industrial water heaters \$25/each Commercial/industrial hot water unit \$25/each heater (fan coil unit) Residential water heaters \$10/each

Swimming pool boilers/heaters \$25/each Infrared unit \$25/each Gas-fired appliances (including but not limited to gas logs, gas lights, barbecue, \$25/each range, over, dryer). New/Replacement Installation Permit Gas-fired equipment, over 400,000 BTU/hour Conversion burners \$40/each Furnaces, unit heaters \$60/each :--

Make-up air units/air handlers \$50/each Swimming pool boilers/heaters \$60/each New/Replacement Installation Permit Fuel oil-fired equipment, under 5 gal./hour \$20/each Room heaters (stoves, portable heaters) Conversion burners \$30/each Furnaces, boilers, unit heaters \$30/each,... Make-up air units/air handlers \$30/each Commercial/industrial water heaters/boilers \$30/each sources research Swimming pool boilers/heaters. \$25/each

New/Replacement Installation Permit Fuel oil-fired equipment, over 5 gal. / hour Conversion burners \$45/each Furnaces, unit heaters \$60/each Make-up air units/air handlers \$55/each Tanks or Drums

Note: Underground for residential only Above-ground, not over 550 gallons (residential/commercial/industrial) \$20/each Underground (residential only), not over 550 gallons \$25/each All types 551-5,000 gallons \$45/each All types 5,001-20,000 gallons \$50/each All types 20,001-50,000 gallons \$60/each All types 50.001-200.000 gallons All types 200,001+ gallons \$80/each **Electric Heat Installation Permit**

Residential (furnace or boiler for \$30/each central system) Commercial (unit heater, make-up air or strip heater) \$40/each 1110 4450 **Duct Work and Appurtenances** \$40/each Residential duct system \$25/each Residential duct addition/alteration Commercial duct system \$50/each Commercial duct addition/alteration \$30/each

Fire dampers

Prefab metal chimney liner Exhaust/ventilation system \$25/each Gas Piping/Process Piping Residential unit (baseboard/hydronic heating) \$20/each Commercial unit \$30/each Gas pressure test \$25/each Liquefied Petroleum (LP) Gas Systems & Storage Per-system, aggregate connected capacity "

\$10/each

\$10/each

30 gallons or less 31-60 gallons \$35 61-500 gallons \$40 501-1,200 gallons \$45 1,201+ gallons 860 Storage with capacity (not connected to a system) 60 gallons or less 61-1,200 gallons 340 1,201+ gallons \$55

General/Other Water tower - residential Water tower - commercial \$60/each Flue dampers (must be installed by reg. heating contractor) \$25/each Pre-fab fireplace/insert \$30/each Wood/coal burning equipment \$30/each Removal permit (tanks, drums, LPG) \$30/each Alteration permit - all types \$30/each Air cleaner \$15/each Humidifier \$15/each Fire Suppression Systems -5 heads \$25

5-49 heads \$75 50+ heads \$150 Additions to existing system \$40 Fire Pumps / Jockey Pumps **\$40/each** Mains 4" or less **\$40**/each Mains 5" or more \$60/each Distribution Area / System \$45/each Installation Permits - Refrigeration & A/C Systems Powered By +1HP Includes heat pump and compressor

1.5 -5 HP each unit 6 to 50 HP each unit \$40 +50 HP each unit Inspection Fees Re-inspection Housing/safety inspection \$55/hour Overtime rates

Mechanical Contractor Registration Fee \$15 Rate Justification - Single Family Residential Job Hourly Rate
Permit for SFR Classification (with overhead) Hours Total Clerical \$46.20 Bldg. Official \$134.30 0.50

Application Log In.-\$11.55 data entry Plan Review \$67.15 Plan Review Inspector \$84.60 2.00\$169.20 Process permit Clerical \$46,20 1.00 \$46.20 Permit Issue/Make Payment Clerical \$46.20 0.25\$11.55 Continued on Page 25A

(2 hr. minimum)

Shapefile

Continued from Page 24A

Current Permit Fee for SFR

ApplicationFee

Post Hole Inspection

Final Inspection

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Inspections Results	s Inspecto	or \$84.60	6.00 \$507	.60
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25.00

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\$42.30

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Current permit fee Current review fee	 • •	1,493.00 <u>250.00</u> \$1,743.00
Proposed Permit Fee for SFR (using \$212,000 est, cost)		

Permit Fee			2	,120.00
Review Fee				300.00 445.00
			Ψ	,,440.00
Rate Justification				
Estimated Cost	Job	Hourly Rate		
Permit for Deck	Classification	(with overhe	<u>ad) Hours</u>	<u>Total</u>
Application Log In -				
data entry	Clerical	l \$46.20	0.25	\$11.55
Plan Review	Inspector	\$84.60	0.25	\$21.15
Process permit	Clerical	l \$46.20	0.25	\$11.55
Permit Issue/Make I	Payment Clerical	l \$46. 2 0	0.25	\$11.55

Inspector

Inspector

\$84.60

\$84.60

	Current Permit Fee for Deck (using \$5,000 est. cost)	Says .	4 1 111 1
	Current permit fee		44.00
,	Current review fee		20.00
			\$64.00
	Proposed Permit Fee for Deck (using \$5,000 est. cost)		
	Application Fee		25.00
	Permit Fee		50.00
,	Review Fee		30.00
			\$105.00

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,	Application Log In -				
	data entry	Clerical	\$46.20	0.25	\$11.55
,	Plan Review	Inspector	\$84.60	0.50	\$42.30
	Process, Issue,				
	Make Payment	Clerical	\$46.20	0.25	\$11.55
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ZBA appeal	Classification			rs Total
Application Log In -				
data entry	Clerical	\$46.20	0.25	\$11.55
Review application	Secretary	\$64.20	0.50	\$32.10
Review	Inspector	\$84.60	0.25	\$21.15
Review and				
analysis	Building Official	\$134 .30	1.00	\$134.30
Analysis	Secretary	\$64.20	0.50	\$32.10
Prepare for Clerk's	Office Clerical	\$46.20	0.25	\$11.55
Clerk's Office Proce	ssing Clerical		4.00	\$184.80
Attend Meeting	Building Official	\$134.30	0.50	\$67.15
Attend Meeting	Secretary			\$32.10
Minutes	Secretary	\$64.20	1.00	\$64.20
Distribution of				
Approved Minutes	Clerical	\$46.20	0.50	\$23.10
				\$614.10
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ZBA fee				\$200.00
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Application Log In		erraria e e e e		
data entry	Clerical	\$64.20	0.50	\$32.10
Plan Review	Inspectors	\$84.60	5.00	\$423.00
Plan Review	Building Official	\$134.30	1.00	\$134.30
Plan Review/	_			
Status Check	Clerical	\$64.20	2.00	\$128.40
Process permit	Clerical	\$64.20	1.00	\$64.20
Permit Issue/Make	Payment Clerical	\$64.20	1.00	\$64,20
Verify Payment &	1.00	16.7		
Pre-con Mtg	Building Official	\$134.30	1.00	\$134.30
Schedule Inspection	ns			
(60 ave.)	Clerical	\$46.20	₄ 10.00	\$462.00
Schedule Re-inspe	ctions	and the second	1	
(6 ave)	Clerical	\$64.20	1.50	\$96.30
Issue TCO/COO	Clerical	\$64.20	1.00	\$64.20
Inspections (66 ave	e.) Inspector	\$84.60	33.00	\$2,791.80
Inspection Results	Inspector		8.00	\$676.80
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(using \$436,000 est. cost) ApplicationFee			
Permit Fee Review Fee			*
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Planning Services Fees			

General Information Land Records GIS Mapping Major PDD Agreement Review Example Subdivision Site Plan Review Example

Rezoning Request Example **Planning Services Fees** General Information

The Planning Services division of MSD handles a variety of tasks associated with long-range planning of residential, commercial and industrial projects. Staff ensures that Township standards are met for any new development or existing redevelopment project. Also, the Planning staff provides corporate-wide Geographic Information System (GIS) services as well as land and property records management, a new service added in 2006. In addition, the Planning Services division serves as the technical resource to both the Township Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) public bodies.

The fees in the division are broken down by type of application. A portion of the cost of operations in Planning Services is a General Fund burden; that is, there is no direct revenue recovery. About half of the cost of providing the GIS services is recovered from the Water & Sewer Fund as the work is wholly attributable to asset management for the municipal utilities.

The detailed breakdown of each fee is common to most community planning operations. A copy of the existing fee schedule can be found in Appendix A as well as being depicted on the proposed fee schedule that

One of the major changes in Planning Services was the transfer of responsibility from Wayne County Assessing to our staff for land and property records management in late 2005. The County no longer provides this service to the Township. A fee schedule was developed to reflect the effort associated with the processing of final subdivision plats, re-plats, condominium plans, master deeds, lot splits & combinations as well as municipal addressing.

GIS Mapping

A number of years ago, a Data Dissemination Policy and fee schedule was developed for the data customers periodically request from our

We took the opportunity to update that policy and the charges for the

data as part of this comprehensive fee update. These documents are enclosed immediate after the example calculations.

Planning Services Proposed Fee Schedule What follows is a copy of the proposed fees for the Planning Services division. In the analysis, you will note some substantial increases in the fees which reflect the staff effort needed in each case. The Board

may choose to adopt a fee schedule that has lesser fee increases and subsidize a greater portion of the Planning Services Division from the The fee schedule depicts the existing/current fees, set in 1994, on the left and the proposed fees on the right. Note that the current fees

generate enough revenue to only recover roughly 30% of the division expenses. The proposed fees would recover about 90% of the actual cost of the services offered by comparison. The analysis of the planning functions are more subjective and varied

due to the nature of the conceptual work products provided by developers: that is, some simply take much more time than others to review and approve. The analysis included represents an average condition.

In total the fee schedule for Planning Services is one (1) page in length.

Type of Application	Fees
Certificate of Compliance Zoning Confirmation	\$75.00 \$75.00
Tree Removal	\$100 + \$50/acre
Landscape Inspection/Re-inspection	\$150.00 + \$50/acre
	(for overall common area inspection)
Address Request Application	\$150.00 + \$10/address
Future Land Use Amendment	\$2,500.00
Zoning Amendment Application Zoning Amendment Application Zoning Text Amendment Conditional Zoning Amendment	N/A \$1,500.00 \$1,800.00 \$2,500 + recording fees
Zoning Board of Appeals Zoning Board of Appeals Zoning Board of Appeals Special Mtg	\$200.00 \$350.00 \$500.00
Special Land Use	\$300.00
December 1	\$1,500.00 + \$30/acre
Preliminary PDD (Major)	\$4,000.00 + \$150/acre
Final PDD (Major)	\$2,500.00
Minor PDD	+ \$100/acre \$2,500.00
	+ \$100/acre
PDD Amendment	\$2,500.00
Subdivision Tent Preliminary Plat Subdivision Final Preliminary Plat	\$3,000.00 + \$30/lot \$1,500.00 + \$15/lot
Subdivision Final Plat	\$1,500.00 + \$75/lot
Dev. Instigated Rev. Approved Plat Replat	(land record fee) \$1,500.00 + \$15/lot \$75.00/lot
	(land record fee)
Site Plan Commercial/Industrial: New Construction	\$3,000.00 + \$150/acre or part of
Addition to existing Structure	\$1,500.00
Developer Instigated Revisions	+ \$150/acre or part of \$1,500.00
Marketing Sales Trailer	+ \$150/acre or part of \$1,500.00
Marketing Sales Traner	+ \$150/acre or part of
Commercial Master Sign Plan	\$300.00 + \$10/per tenant space
Multiple Residential & Mobile Hm	#0.000.00 . #CO/ !!
New Construction Addition to Existing Structure	\$3,000.00 + \$30/unit \$1,500.00 + \$30/unit
Developer Instigated Revision	\$1,500.00 + \$30/unit
Site/Detached Condos Prelim Plan Site/Detached Condos Final Plan (land record fee)	\$3,000.00 + \$30/unit \$1,500.00 + \$75/unit
Replat/Change to Master Deed	\$75.00/unit (land record fee)
Property Split/Combination	\$1,200.00
Private Road Site Plan (includes lot split fee)	\$2,500.00 + \$75/unit
Land Record Change	(land record fee) \$75.00/lot or unit (land record fee)
Variance Subdivision Control Ord.	\$600.00
Variance Condominium Ordinance	\$600.00

Planning Services Example Calculations We selected three (3) examples to demonstrate how the proposed fees would impact the customer. The examples selected are:

1. Rezoning Request Example

25.00

90.75

4.360.00

\$4,475.75

2. Subdivision Site Plan Review Example 3. Major PDD Agreement Example

FEE SCHEDULE ANALYSIS REZONING REVIEW

Hourly Rate

	w/ multiplier	Hours	Costs
Clerk	54.45	4	217.80
Secretary	64.20	4	256.80
Community Planner	130.00	4	520.00
Dept. Director	160.00	1	160.00
Total Personnel Costs			1154.60
Advertising Notification			400.00
TOTAL			\$1,554.60
Current Rezoning Fee: Proposed Rezoning Fee:	\$ 600 - \$800 \$1500.00	*	•

Current Rezoning Fee: Proposed Rezoning Fee:	\$ 600 - \$800 \$1500.00	V
	SITE PLAN DIVISION REVIEW	

	Hourly Rate w/ multiplier	Hours	Costs
Clerk	54.45	10	544.50
Secretary	64.20	3	192.60
Planner	90.00	6	540.00
Community Planner	130.00	4	520.00
Engineer I	90.00	4	360.00
Fire Inspector	72.00	2	144.00
Bldg Official	134.00	1	134.00
Dept. Director	160.00	1	320.00
Total Personnel Costs			2755.10
Advertising Notification			400.00
TOTAL			\$3155.10
Note: Acreage/per unit fees co	ver pre-application	meetings	. planning

commission coordination and general project coordination and oversight. This is a function of size, complexity and length of project.

Current Site Plan Review Fee: \$1000.00 + \$50/acre**Current Subdivision Review Fee:** \$100.00 + \$ 10/lot Proposed Site Plan Review Fee: \$3000.00 + \$150/acre **Proposed Subdivision Review Fee:** \$3000.00 + \$30/lot

FEE SCHEDULE ANALYSIS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REVIEW (MAJOR)

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	Hourly Kate w/ multiplier	Hours	Cost
Clerk	54.45	20	1089.0
Secretary	64.20	. 10	642.0
Community Planner	130.00	20	2600.0
Planner	90.00	10	900.0
Engineer I	90.00	4	360.0
Fire Inspector	72.00	2	144:0
Bldg Official	134.00	2	268.0
Dept. Director	160.00	- 5	800.0
Total Personnel Costs		,	6803.0
Advertising Notification			600.0
TOTAL			\$7,4 03.0

Note: Acreage fees cover part of the review fee (25 acres) plus preapplications/meetings, planning commission and general coordination and oversight. This is a function of size, complexity and length of

Current PDD Review Fee: Proposed PDD Review Fee: \$1500.00 + \$20/lot \$4000.00 + \$150/acre

CANTON TOWNSHIP GIS DATA Product and Services Fee Schedule

Requested by: Company Name: Phone Number

Email:

Section(s) or Quarter Section(s) needed: A. Select data layer(s) and format - \$10 per data layer/per section (Plot ESRI

Aerial (to be used with additional GIS layers)** Parcel lines Street Centerlines (inc. street names) Sanitary Pipes and Structures

Storm Pipes and Structures Water Pipes and Structures Zoning Master plan

** Single section plots can be purchased at the Planning Services counter. See Section D.

B. Digital Aerial Photos - \$125 per section or quarter section Section = 1' pixel (105MB), 1/4 section = 6" pixel (135MB) Section and 1/4 section files are .tiff file format.

Section 1/4 Section

C. Media ESRI files can be emailed. Please notify us of the size limit for your incoming email.

Aerial photos can only be delivered by CD. Choose paper size for plots - size may need to be changed based on

scale of map A. 8 1/2 X 11 (\$3 each plot) B. 11 X 17 (\$4 each plot)

C. 17 X 22 (\$5 each plot) D. 22 X 34 (\$6 each plot) E. 34 X 44 (\$9 each plot)

D. Township Maps - ***Available at the Planning Services Counter for \$10 each. Section Aerial Plots

Zoning Map New & Proposed Residential Developments

***.PDF files of the Zoning and New & Proposed Maps can be sent via

This portion to be completed by Canton Planning Services GIS Staff: Fees:

A. Data layers B. Digital aerial photos C. Media D. Township maps Staff Rates: Senior Planner \$54/hr Planner \$44/hr GIS Specialist \$44/hr Mailing fee: Actual cost

TOTAL COST: Note: Data requests will be reviewed by Canton Township Planning Services. Upon review you will be contacted and given the actual cost. We will begin working on the request once it is returned with full

payment in the form of cash or check as stated in the Data Dissemination Policy. Fees are subject to periodic change.

Disclaimer: All information is received "AS IS". Canton Township, its officers, officials, employees, agents, volunteers, contractors or its public bodies, make no warranties of any kind, including but not limited to warranties of accuracy, fitness for a particular purpose, or of a recipient's right of use.

Public Works Fees General Information Grave Site Excavation Stormwater & Street Sweeping Private Development Review & Inspection Fees

Canton Township Geographic Data Dissemination Policy The following steps are now being followed for all GIS data requests. The attached request form lists all data layers available at this time. Data can be purchased as digital files or custom maps.

We also have a few items that can be purchased at the Planning Division counter at any time. They include: section aerial plots, Zoning map and New & Proposed Residential Development map, all are \$10 each. For custom orders:

1. Please fill out the attached request form for the GIS data needed. 2. The request must be mailed, faxed or dropped off to the Canton Township Planning division so that a fee can be generated.

3. Canton staff will evaluate the request and determine the fee. The requestor will be contacted regarding questions and final fee

4. After fee notification the requestor MUST mail or drop off the actual request form and cash or check in the correct amount for the data to the Canton Township Planning Division. We do not accept credit cards. No requests will be processed without full payment 5. Upon receipt of the Data Request Form and payment, the request

will be logged in by the Planning Division GIS staff and will be queued for processing. Requests will be fulfilled in the order they are logged. 6. Data requests will take 3-5 days for completion unless notified

Once the data has been copied to the deliverable media, the requestor will be notified that their order request has been processed and that their data is available for pick-up or delivery via mail or email. Thank you.

Canton Township Planning Services GIS staff

Public Works Fees General Information

The Public Works division of MSD handles a wide variety of tasks associated with various public and private infrastructure projects in the community. Staff ensures that Township standards are met for any new construction and/or rehabilitation of roads, water, sewer and stormwater utilities. In addition, the Public Works division serves as a key technical resource to the organization as a whole.

The fees in the division are broken down by type of application. A portion of the cost of operations in Public Works-Engineering is

borne by the General Fund, that is, there is no direct revenue recovery. About 80% of the cost of the Engineering Section is attributable to private development plan review & inspection service which is recovered from the private developers directly. The balance of the division expenses are recovered from the Water & Sewer Fund as the work is directly attributable to asset management for the municipal Miscellaneous Fees

Attached is a memo listing the current fees and bonds for miscellaneous reviews and utility repairs as well as hydrant use charges, copies and utility map reproduction. Also attached is the standard cash bonds to be posted for incomplete (i.e. punch list items on projects). **Burial Services**

Staff at the DPW have performed burial services at Canton-owned cemeteries for many years. The latest fee schedule is attached for

information. Stormwater & Street Sweeping In 2005, the Stormwater Section of the DPW changed the method of

billing for street sweeping construction debris from private developments. The old methodology involved a flat fee of \$300 per lot regardless of the length of roadway in the development. The new methodology bases the fee on the cost per mile (\$575/mile) swept including changing failed catch basin fabrics and detention pond cleaning. Private Development Plan Review & Inspections

In 2005, the Engineering Section of Public Works brought all private

development plan review and most inspection in-house. The attached memo explains the review and inspection deposit policy currently employed. Any excess money on deposit is returned to the developer upon completion of the project. The detailed breakdown of each fee is common to most community public works operations.

Public Works Proposed Fee Schedule What follows is a copy of the proposed fees for the Public Works division. No changes are proposed to the current fees at this time. No example calculations were done.

In total the fee schedule for Public Works is four (4) pages in length. Canton

Township **MEMORANDUM** Public Works (734)397-1011

Date: August 1 1,2004 Tom Casari 1 Engineering Div. To: From: Joe Teramino **BURIAL PRICE INCREASES** Subject:

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Science Alive animals educate kids

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

It isn't everyday that a porcupine waddles around the Redford Community Center.

But that was the case Tuesday morning when Terri J. Neil of Science Alive brought in Hokey Pokey the porcupine and a half dozen unusual visitors to entertain and educate an audience of wide-eyed chil-

The Waterford-based company offers hands-on educational opportunities. Program coordinators Terri and Bill Neill visit area schools and offer summer programs, giving children a chance to learn about animals, insects and more. They talk about the identifying factors associated with reptiles, amphibians, mammals, insects and arachnids. Children learn about the different origins, habitats, defenses and foods that are associated with each visitor.

"When you are studying animals, you're a biologist," Neill told the group. "A biologist studies life. I'm going to introduce you to a number of my friends. You can feel them, hold them and get wrapped up in them."

Neill bottle-raised most of the animals she introduced to the children Tuesday. "I'm kind of their mom," she told the eager crowd. Science Alive educational programs have been offered in Redford



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Caitlin and Tyler Powers, and a somewhat cautious Jason Clay, examine a whip-tailed scorpion during a Science Alive presentation Tuesday.

Township for more than 10

Chapman the chinchilla was the first of her animals to greet the crowd. Children reached out to pet Chapman's soft, gray fur. Coming from the mountains of South America, he was quite different from the next visitor, a chatty parrot named Patch who perched upon arms

like they were tree branches. And Pickle, an African pixie frog, was in the midst of shedding its skin when he met the crowd. The visitor that encouraged the most cringing in the group, however, was a whiptailed scorpion.

Hokey Pokey, a porcupine with a penchant for dancing, entertained until the grand

finale. The end of the hourlong presentation featured Polly, an 11-foot Burmese python weighing in at 55 pounds. Brave young souls got a snakeskin hug from her, as she flashed her tongue out intermittently.

"She feels like a basketball," one child exclaimed, touching her scaly skin.



Kelly Cole isn't interested in touching Pickle, an African pixie frog.

Four-year-old Elena Topic didn't flinch as Neill placed part of the snake across her shoulders. She was eager to see each surprise Neill introduced.

Redford, said she brought Elena to see "how patient she could be" in a school-like setting.

Elena's mother, Maria Topic of

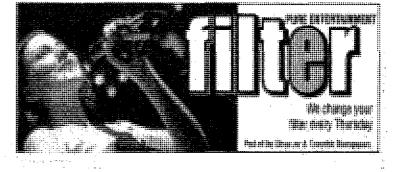
"She enjoyed it," Topic said. "We have dogs and fish. She's not afraid." The snake and chinchilla were her favorite. Elena said.

Neill said she hopes the pro-

grams give students an appreciation for animals - both the familiar and those that were new to them. Science Alive owns and cares for about 50 different living things, a large selection to choose from when coordinating shows like those held earlier in the week in Redford Township.

For more information about Science Alive programs and presentations, call (248) 738-8000.

scasola@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2054



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **BOARD PROCEEDINGS - JULY 18, 2006**

The following are the current costs for opening and closing grave sites: Weekdays from 7:30am - 4:00pm After 4:00pm \$275.00 Saturdays \$275.00 Sundays and Holidays \$325.00

These rates were last increased in November of 1989. To offset the wage cost of the employees performing these duties, I would like to increase the dollar amount as follows:

Weekdays from 7:30am - 4:00pm After 4:00pm \$400.00 Saturdays \$500.00 Sundays and Holidays \$600.00

There is no charge for cremation burials. If you require any further information, please call me.

> INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE Municipal Services Department Public Works Division

ENGINEERING SERVICES - FEES & BONDS SCHEDULE

Engineering Plan Review Deposit

Deposit is calculated as 2% of the engineer's estimate for the project's utility and paving construction costs. Township review costs are deducted from the deposit and any remaining funds are returned.

Construction Management Deposit

The deposit is the estimated amount of expenses for the township's involvement in the project management and inspection of site improvements. The deposit amount is calculated by the township's project engineer based on the estimated days for construction and the amount of work involved. Township expenses are deducted from the deposit and any remaining funds are returned.

Punch List Bond

See attached Punch List Fee Schedule

Irrigation Fees & Bonds (separate irrigation meters are not allowed for commercial projects or individual residential property owners -refer to the water and sewer ordinance Chapter 74 of the Municipal Codes for applicable projects)

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Irrigation Plan Review (Non-refundable)	\$ 200.00		
Irrigation Bond for a 1" Tap (Refundable)	1,000.00		
Irrigation Bond for a 2" Tap (Refundable)	3,000.00		
Traffic Control Plan Review (New projects)			
(Non-refundable)	200.00		
Re-inspection Fee for Residential Lots			
(Non-refundable)	30.00		
Open Sewer Lead Repair (Non-refundable)	300.00		
1" Template Replacement	50.00		
2" Template Replacement	150.00		
Stop Box Replacement contractor installed)	35.00		
Stop Box Replacement – Township Installed	250.00		
Stop Box Cap	5.00		
Stop Box Sleeve	9.00		
Stop Box Flange	20.00		

Hydrant Use (Hydrant Use is restricted only to batch plants, or public utility projects as approved by the township engineer. A permit must be obtained from Engineering Services prior to any hydrant use.)

Hydrant Rental Deposit (Refundable) Hydrant Rental Fee (Non-refundable) Hydrant Water Use

\$ 1,000.00 10.00

(charged at the current water and sewer rates) Water and Sewer Permit Fees - see Chapter 74 - Ordinance Plan Copies - \$3.00 per page (36" x 36") Utility Maps - \$3.00 each map

Canton Township Department of Public Works PUNCH LIST CASH BOND STANDARD AMOUNTS

The following is a price list for incomplete punch list items:

Hydrants Hydrant valve box Manholes Point Structures Add Corporation Pond Stabilization Debris, landscaping, stockpiles Easement review Soil Erosion Control Other agreements Drain/River cleaning Animal guard and Rip Rap Stand pipes/Overflow manhole Pump Station Clean outs Offsite issue System cleaning Miscellaneous Grading Culverts

\$ 5,000 (Hit, damaged or needs \$ 500 \$ 1,000 (Hit, cleaning or needs adjustment)

\$ 500 (Per structure) \$ 500 (Each) \$10,000 (Per Township standards) \$ 5,000 \$ 5,000 \$ 100 (Per Structure)

\$ 5,000 \$ 7.500 \$ 500 (Per end section) \$ 1.000 (Per structure) \$10,000 \$ 500 (Each)

\$10,000 (Large); \$5,000 (Small) \$ 2,000 \$ 500 (Each) \$ 5,000

*Other outstanding items are discretionary and should be estimated by the field engineer on a project-by-project basis.

\$ 5.000

Item 2. Ordinance Enforcement Transition to Public Safety Review of Transition

Benefits to the Organization Training Cost Analysis

Operational benefits □ Consolidates resources in dealing with public safety issues \square Community wide benefits

 \square Quality of life ☐ Functionality

Ordinance Support to Public Safety

□ Odor ☐ Fire

□ Composting □ Debris

□ Location

☐ Pick up times

☐ Home Occupation

Nuisance ☐ Conditions that create nuisance

Open Burning ☐ Property Standards □ Blight

☐ Deteriorated structures

□ Graffiti

☐ Junk & debris ☐ Maintenance of dumpsters

☐ Waste materials

Semi trucks on private property

□ Commercial □ Health & Safety ☐ Snow Removal

□ Signs

☐ Political signs

Training Program ☐ Policies & procedures

□ Community policing ☐ Day ride with police officer

☐ Day ride fire inspector ☐ Three day orientation program

☐ Three day training with FTO covering:

☐ Radio communications ☐ Issuing citations ☐ Report writing

Processing of property O Courts

Ordinance Equipment

☐ Uniforms ☐ Same as PSSO w/ Ordinance Inspector rocker □ Vehicles

☐ Remarked for PSD □ Radios

□ Cubicles

□ Computers ☐ Tablets from MSD (3)

☐ Monitors provided by PSD (3)

☐ Ordinance Officers keep current extension # ☐ Starter kit of maps, grid books, file class cards

☐ Broken window theory

☐ Synergy of disciplines

☐ Improper feeding

□ Open burning ☐ Blocked fire connections

 \square Odor

☐ Operating a business out of home

☐ Light/Glare (During business hours ☐ Adjacent residences or businesses that exceed maximum candle

☐ Residential/industrial/commercial ☐ Operation of equipment that exceeds noise level

☐ Conditions that harbor vermin, cause odors, create blight

☐ Inoperable or unlicensed vehicles on private property

☐ Off street parking locations ☐ Recreational and Commercial Vehicles

☐ Commercial vehicles parked in driveways ☐ Locations & duration of parked campers, vehicles, trailers, etc.

Questions & complaints regarding confiscated signs located in the right of way

☐ Introduction to organizational culture of PSD ☐ Rules & regulations

□ Complaint routing information

Orientation Program

☐ Forms & file classifications

☐ Animal complaints ☐ Preparation for ordinance patrol

(4) cars from MSD

☐ Car radio reprogrammed to match PSD ☐ Prep radios provided by PSD 4 cubicles available in Staff Operations

□ Computer & monitor provided by PSD (1) ☐ New Ordinance Dept # 394 5335

Locker assignment and combination lock ☐ Department policy and procedure manual □ Ordinance book

Cost Incurred (4) Salaries \$206,004

☐ (4) Fringe Benefits \$82,400 ☐ (4) Vehicle Design \$2,196

☐ (4) Uniforms \$2,400 ☐ Phone lines \$300 TOTAL: \$293,300 Concept of Operation

☐ Proactive vs. reactive Proactive vs. reactive ☐ Proactive public education Proactive public education

☐ Department policy on Department policy on compliance/ enforcement☐ Property standards in residential & Property standards in residential & commercial

☐ Signage in right Signage in right-of of-way way ☐ Political, advisory, misc.

Item 3. Public Safety - Community Survey Survey Numbers

□ 3,854 surveys sent out equally to 4 community policing areas □ 1,052 surveys returned □ 27% response

□ 5% response is benchmark goal Gender of Survey Responders

□ 52% Female □ 48% Male Age of Survey Responders

☐ Over 69 – 12% **□** 60-69 ~ 15%

□ 50-59 - 25% **□** 40-49 - 23%

 $\square 30-39-21\%$ **□** 21-29 - 4%

Education of Responders □ PHD -- 3%

☐ High School Diploma - 16% □ Some College - 21% ☐ Associate's Degree – 9%

□ Bachelor's Degree – 31% □ Masters - 20%

Responders years in Canton Township □ 0-1 years - 4% ☐ 1-2 years - 9% □ 3-5 years - 17%

☐ 6-10 years - 22% □ 11-20 years - 21% ☐ over 20 years - 27% Police Services Have you used the services of the Canton Police?

☐ 54% Yes ☐ 45% No If yes, how would you rate the service? □ 88% exceptional or good □ 11% fair or poor

If you rated fair or poor indicate reason: 24 said response time took too long 40 said poor attitude of officers 6 said poor attitude of call taker

15 said other How would you rate the image of Canton Police Department? 919 said excellent or good 92% 75 fair or poor 8%

Do you feel safe in Canton? 98.5 % said ves 1.5 % said no......

What areas should police concentrate their resources. Rated in order

of importance. Criminal Activity Crime prevention 3. Traffic enforcement

98% said yes

71% No If yes, how would you rate the service? 99% excellent or good 1% fair or poor

Have you ever used Fire Services?

If you rated fair or poor, indicate reason. 6 said response time took too long 1 said poor attitude of firefighter 2 said other Was the incident handled satisfactorily?

2% said no How would you rate the image of the Canton Fire Department? 941 said excellent or good (98.5%) Director Santomauro stated CALEA requires this survey will be

distributed and data collected every three (3) years. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

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JULY

Christian writer workshops

Taught by Oonna Clark Goodrich of Arizona, author of 19 books and 700 published fiction and non-fiction pieces, Saturday, July 29, at Via Oolorosa Gospel Tabernacie, 8300 Fenkell, Oetroit. For information about Spring Arbor workshop, contact Linda Gallaway at (517) 547-6261 or send email to Ilgallaway@dmci.net, for Detroit contact Wanda Burnside at (313) 491-3504 or send e-mail to wtvision@hotmail.com.

RiverStone worship service

Presented by Calvary Baptist Church in Canton 10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 23 at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, Canton, Call (734) 455-0022, Take a vacation from over-commitment and enjoy some family time. At RiverStone worship service you'll find friendly people who care about building relationships, raising strong families and staying connected to the community. Ouring the service your children will enjoy our kid-sized fun events.

Concert

Bethany Suburban West invites the single community to a free concert featuring the Hubbell Street Jazz Band 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27 at the Livonia Civic Center Park on Five Mile, east of Farmington, Look for the mylar balloon. For details, call (734) 513-9479. Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations.

Soccer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers beginning and intermediate soccer players the opportunity to go to a soccer camp to learn and develop the proper skills and knowledge of the game 6:30-8 p.m. through Thursday, July 27, for all boys and girls ages 5-12years (any skill level), at the church, 14175 Farmington, north of 1-96, Livonia. Cost is \$20 per student, includes instruction, snacks, a soccer ball and Tshirt to take home. Fee payable at the time of registration. Call (734) 522-

Ice cream social/bake sale

5-9 p.m. Friday, July 2B at Church of Our Saviour, Presbyterian, U.S.A., 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. The public is invited. Cost is \$3 per family, \$1.50 single. Worship and Sunday School at 10 a.m. Call (248) 626-7606.

Lighthouse cafe

7-10 p.m. Friday, July 28, cards, board games, Ping-Pong, specialty coffees, snacks and music, presented by Single Adult Ministries (age 30 and older) at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$5. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, July 29 at Nankin Mills administration office parking lot on Hines Orive, one mile east of Farmington Road, Westland. Single Point (age 30 and older) bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Bethany together dance

8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, July 29 at Divine Providence Church Hall, 25335 W. Nine Mile, between Telegraph and Beech Daly, Southfield. Limited to first 450 paid admissions. Cost is \$12. Call (586) 264-0284, Proper attire, 8ethany is a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations. **Riverside Park Church**

A new study of each book of the bible began at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh and Plymouth, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-0990 or visit www.rpcog.org. This will include who authored it, the history and the

how it applied then and now. Getting control of money The class started 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 2, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Have you been wanting to get a handle on your credit? This class teaches you how to read your credit report, how to improve it

and how to live on a budget. For infor-

mation, call (734) 464-0990 or visit

www.rpcog.org. Meditation classes

Continues 7-9 p.m. Mondays to Aug. 7, Elizabeth Cleeland will lead the class on various meditation practices at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren, No preregistration necessary. A freewill offering will be taken at each class. For more information, call (586). 353-2300, or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Personal ministry

Join us as we study the Word of God.

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or

visit www.DueSeason.org. Farmington Women Aglow

Meets 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Bible and playtime

For moms and tots began 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiawassee (by Middlebelt and Nine Mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

UPCOMING

Church tour

Oid you know that less than a half hour's drive are three relics of 19th century Catholic imprint on Oetroit? Would you like to visit them and fearn about their history? These three tributes to a working-class society's faith - St. Joseph, St. Josephat and Sweetest Heart of Mary, are all unique to the ethnic neighborhoods they reside in.

The Education Commission of St. Aidan Parish is organizing a tour guided by their pastor Saturday, Aug. 5, departing from St. Aidan parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Approximately 45 minutes will be spent at each location. Following the tour, the group will enjoy a delicious traditional Polish meal in Hamtramck late in the afternoon before returning to St. Aidan.

For information or to make a reservation, call Debbie Oufour (248) 719-2535 or the St. Aidan Parish office at (734) 425-5950. Deadline to make a reservation is July 30.

Annual bazaar

Weekend features a jazz concert, teens presentations, open air market, Marcus Garvey African Dance Troop, children's games, food, petting farm and pony rides Aug. 4-6, at Sacred Heart Church, 3451 Rivard, Oetroit. Call (313) 831-1356.

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For age four through completed sixth grade 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11, dinner will be served each evening as part of the event, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. No charge. For information, call (734) 421-8451.

Vacation Bible School

For ages 4-12, kids travel to Mexico, Brazil, Poland, China and Kenya to trade places with children from other countries and learn about hiblical heroes who traded one place in life for another, 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday. Aug. 7-11 at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago. Call (313) 937-3170 to pre-register.

Treasure Hunt

Contests, gamesm crafts, preschool fun zone and snow cones. All welcome, free, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday. Aug. 6, First Congregational Church, Wayne Road, Wayne. For information, call (734)729-7550.

Vacation Bible School

Time Stone Travelers: Quest for God's 10 Commandments. 9 a.m. to noon, Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11, Ages 4 to sixth grade, free. First Congregational Church, Wayne Road, Wayne. For information, call (734)729-7550.

Speaker

Frank Turner, WXYZ anchor and Frank Turner Ministries, speaks at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 North Territorial Road, 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6. A freewill offering and tickets are free. A full-course chicken dinner will follow the speaker and a limited number of tickets are available for \$6. For more information, call (734)455-

Nagasaki remembrance

Candlelight vigil, music, refreshments, informational tables 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Hope United Methodist Church, 16175 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Sneak preview of the film Full Circle, a documentary that records the journey of Buddhist monks traveling 1600 miles from San Francisco to the Trinity site in New Mexico with the flame from Hiroshima where it was extinguished forever. For details, call (734) 425-0079

Vacation Bible school This year's theme is Fiesta, where kids are hot for Jesus from Aug. 14-18 at

Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Please stop by for a registration form or call to register. Call (734) 464-0990. Prizes will be given away for early registration.

Remarried workshop

7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 6, to Oec. 13, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile. Northville. This course is a must for any couples thinking about remarriage or already remarried. We can assist couples in blending families, parenting issues, communications, and finances. Call (248) 374-7400 for more information. No charge, Come for 1 session or all 13.

Crafters needed

Riverside Park Church of God is sponsoring a craft bazaar Oct. 21 at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. If you would like to purchase a table for this event, contact the church office to register at (734) 464-0990.

Crafters wanted

For the St. Thomas a' Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555. S. Lilley, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

Scripture studies

7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and 8eech Daly, Redford, Call (313) 534-

Fall registration

Spiritus Sanctus Academy is accepting registration for fall for its academies in Plymouth and Ann Arbor. The private, Catholic schools, grades K-8, are run by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist at 10450 Joy, Plymouth, call (734) 414-8430, and 4101

E. Joy, Ann Arbor, call (734) 996-3855. Worship schedule

New schedule continues to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, summer worship, coffee hour follows in Fellowship Hall. Sunday school has been canceled for the summer, nursery is still available for infant through 2-years old, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia, Cali (734) 422-6038.

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m. We are a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

Learner's Bible study 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward

Presbyterian Church, 40000 W, Six Mile, Northville, Call (248) 374-5920. Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets 10

a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Ooughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093. Bible study

Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays, and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Plymouth at Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St. Paul from prison. Based on Little Rock

Scripture Series. Call (734) 261-1455. School registration

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School is accepting applications for grades PK-B for the 2006-07 school year, at 9600 Leverne, Redford. After school care 3-6 p.m. Call (734) 937-2233 for informa-

Bible study

Classes 9:30 a.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. On Sunday Family Worship begins at 10:45 a.m.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Any questions, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

Bible study groups

The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month, the Thursday group 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church, Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible, the Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison. Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

Unity of Livonia Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays

at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760. Shabbat services The doors of Congregation Beit

Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue located at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan, Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

Detroit World Outreach

A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, high-tech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7

p.m. Call (313) 255-2222. Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service 6:15-p.m. ~ Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361

Snabbat Rocks A musical celebration precedes tradi-

tional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills, For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at www.adatshalom.org. **English classes**

Conversational English as a Second

Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church. 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6B30.

Scripture from scratch If you've always wanted to learn

about the Bible from square one, here's square one, 7-B:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950 to register.

Sunday school

Congregation 8eit Kodesh (31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia) is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Services

St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

Single Point Ministries For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (24B) 374-

5920. Tennis continues 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six. Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays, at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road, Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

Qigong The ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine. A safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions. Learn the art of natural movement and breath to cultivate vital life energy. Classes at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Monday - movement Oigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday -Oigong meditation 10-11:15 a.m., and

Friday - Therapeutic Oigong, 7-8:30

p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more

information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org.

Worship services

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Paimer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-

1735. Aerobic class

Trinity Church of the 8rethren, 27350 W. Chicago at Inkster, is offering a Women's Low Impact Aerobic Class to the community every Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the church basement. To participate in this free 30-minute class, wear comfortable exercise attire (floor mats optional). For more information, call the church

office, (313) 937-1199. Community Bible study

Studying the Book of Proverbs, breakfast 7 a.m. or Bible study 8-9 a.m. at the American Table, Eight Mile, Farmington. Come when you can, leave when you must. For more information, call (248) 924-2779.

Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday worship 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the

church 11575 8elleville Road, four

miles south of Michigan Avenue,

Belleville, Call (734) 699-3361. New contemporary service 9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme rel-

evant to the season, a church event,

or current newsworthy situation. For

more information, call (734) 422-0494. Prayer group

Join in 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer and friendship at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance No. 2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.

Women of the Word Tuesday Ladies Bible Study, Women of

the Word, studies the Book of Luke, entitled Grace Under Pressure 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Oetroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. For more information, call (248) 348-

ABIGAIL MADELYN

Born and passed away on July 4, 2006. Beloved daughter of Brian and Connie Smith. Beloved sister of Matthew. Survived by grandparents, Walter and Linda (Guenther) Smith and James and Carol (Walker) Zimmerman and her great-grandparents, James and Beulah Zimmerman. Beloved niece of Margaret, James, Donna (Rodney), and Christa (Thomas).

CHARLES I. ALCORN

July 21, 2006, of Redford Township. Born November 22, 1931, in Clairton PA. Survived by his wife, Cathy L. Alcorn; his children, Helen McDuffie, Charlene Custer, Tracey, Charles II and Karl Alcorn, Yvonne Cangemi, Shelly Olson, Kevin and Christine Walker; 27 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Also survived by brothers Andrew and Jay. Bishop David Schultz officiated over services that were held Wednesday, July 26, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, of which Mr. Alcorn was a member. Arrangements, Charles Step Funeral Home, Redford, Mi. Interment Great Lakes National

Cemetery, Holly, Mi.

ROBERT LIDDLE Age 70, of Milan, MI, died July 24, 2006 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was born August 7, 1935 in Detroit, MI to Ernest and Gertrude (Hill) Liddle. Bob grew up in Plymouth and worked at Northville State Hospital and Plymouth Center retiring in 1995. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ernest and Roy. Funeral services will

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be held in Beebe, Arkansas.

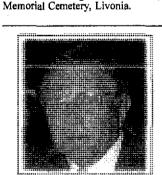
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GARRY ROGER

MORRISON Known as "Roger", Age 60, of Livonia, July 24, 2006. Born October in LaFolleitte, TN. Survived by his wife, Barbara; his son, Scott; and three brothers. Visitation Thursday, July 27, 1-9pm, Fred Wood Funeral Home, Livonia. Funeral services Friday, July 28, 10am, at the funeral home, Pastor Roger Stombaugh of United Baptist Church officiating. Burial Parkview



MERRILL MARTIN **SCHEMM**

of Troy, Michigan, died Wednesday, July 26, 2006; prior resident of West Bloomfield, Sterling Heights, St. Clair Shores, and East Detroit, Michigan, lovingly called (Hon) Honey by his loving parents and wife Virginia. Beloved father to Linda Bayly (Russ) Martin, Mark (Mary) and Laura (Dan) Danescu. Grandfather to Brian, Sara, Mandy, Devin, Dakota and Renee Janiece. Preceded in death by loving brother Milton, sister Esther Hartwell Survived by sister Evelyn Farrington. Born in East Detroit, Michigan, grad-uate of East Detroit high school as president attended Detroit Business College. Had a stellar 49 career at the Chrysler Corporation. He was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Churcb in Birmingham, Michigan, He touched the lives of many family and friends. He loved to be with his family for birthday and holiday events. His wife Virginia sends him this final gift of love: "across the years I will walk with you in deep green forests, on shores of sand, and when our time on earth is through, in heaven, too, you will have my hand." The family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Thursday and Friday 2-9 PM. Funeral Service at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1800 West Maple Road, Birmingham, Michigan, Saturday 11 AM, followed by a Memorial Reception, interment at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, Michigan.

ESTHER RAINEY HEBBLEWHITE

Age 93, a lifetime resident of Birmingham, passed away on June 17 2006. She was born on January 6, 1913. Esther was a secretary at the Cranbrook Schools of Bloomfield from 1956-1980. She graduated from the Old Baldwin High School in Birmingham and attended the University of Wisconsin. She was a long time member of First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, and until her death, she was the oldes living member. Esther is survived by daughter, Mrs. Leo A. (Susan) von Seeburg of Oakland, CA and son, William Hebblewhite, Jr. of Cookerville, TN. Memorial service at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, Monday, July 31 at 2:00 PM, with Rev. Mary Auston officiat-ing. Memorial tributes may be made to this Church, Baldwin Public Library or Michigan Heart Association. The interment will be private.

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