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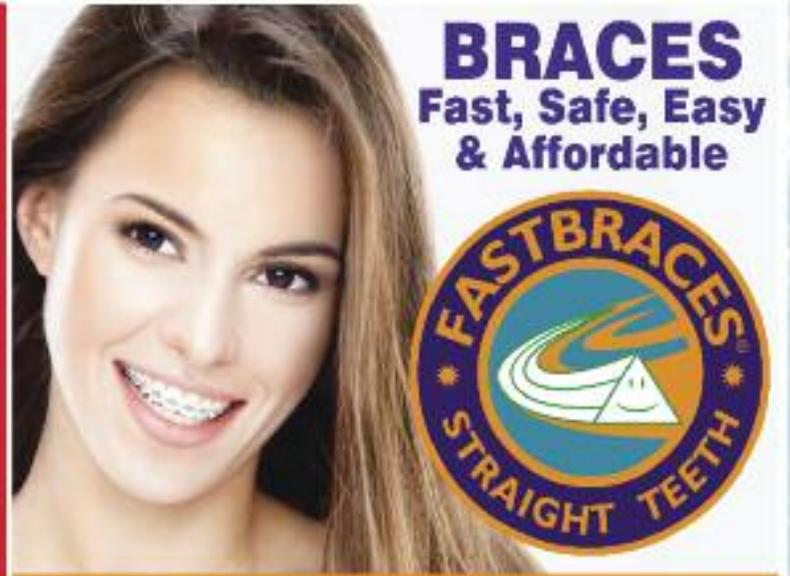
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Mayor and businessman seeking to represent you

By Carolyn Marnon

Michigan's 13th Congressional district, which includes the City of Wayne, "is home to three stadiums, two casinos, two major hospital systems, a major university, a robust community college system, our international airport, and many world-class cultural institutions. Yet, it is the second poorest in the nation!" according to the Bill Wild for Congress website. The only Congressional district that is poorer, says Wayne business owner, Westland Mayor and congressional candidate Bill Wild, is The Bronx, NY.

Bill Wild owns Scrap Busters, an auto recycling business in Wayne. As a Wayne business owner and having grown up on Currier St and in the Norwayne area, Bill is aware of the issues that plague the City of Wayne. His father was an auto worker at the Wayne Truck Assembly Plant. The elder Wild started an auto recycling business with Bill's grandfather; it was called Bill Wild's Auto Salvage. The business grew and eventually it was sold in the early 1980s. The business did not do well under the new owners and came back to Bill's father in 1988. Bill's father helped him restart the business as Scrap Busters. Bill bought out his dad in 2001. The business is still running strong 30 years later.

Other cities in the struggling 13th district include parts of Dearborn Heights and Detroit, and all of Ecorse, Garden City, Highland Park, Inkster, Melvindale, Redford Township, River Rouge, Romulus and Westland. Of the candidates running for the congressional office, only Bill Wild knows what the needs of Wayne



Westland Mayor and Wayne Business owner Bill Wild.

"There is no better way to prepare for higher office than by being a full-time mayor. I brought Westland through the recession. I have the skill sets needed for the position (of congressman)."

Bill Wild

and the surrounding areas are. "All these cities are hurting," he says. He sees how the area needs help from the federal government for infrastructure development and public safety. "A hands-on congressperson can be a difference maker."

Having served on the Westland planning commission, 6 years as a Westland city councilman, and now as Westland mayor for the last 11 years, Bill feels qualified to be your next congressman. "There is no better way to prepare for higher office than by being a full-time mayor. I brought Westland through the recession. I have the skill sets needed for the position (of congressman)."

Moving Westland through the recession and keeping the city fiscally solvent has been one of his biggest accomplishments as a mayor. He

also cites making improvements to the Westland Farmer's Market, the building of Westland's new City Hall (which won the Michigan Municipal League's 2015 Community Excellence Award for its big box retrofit), and the Jefferson-Barnes Community Vitality Center in Norwayne. 24/7 Wall St. named Westland one of the 50 best cities nationwide with a population under 100,000 to live in back in 2014.

If you consider all he was able to accomplish for the City of Westland as mayor, imagine what he could accomplish for the City of Wayne if he were to become your congressman. If elected, Bill wants to bring resources to the district. There is \$1.9 trillion available for infrastructure and starting on day one, he wants to bring a portion of that back for

roads and sewer systems and also for broadband in areas of the district that don't have it yet.

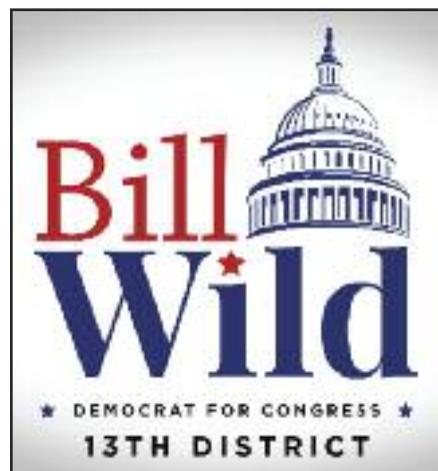
Bill Wild's priorities would be cutting red tape and bringing federal resources back to the district, affordable health care with lower prescription drug costs, and access to jobs, economic opportunity (he's a proponent of raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour) and fairness and equality for women.

"By growing up in Wayne and having a business in Wayne for the last 30 years and having been mayor, I have a better understanding of the needs of Wayne than any other candidate," says Bill.

He wants to bridge that disconnect between all that the 13th district has to offer and being the second poorest district according to median income. He wants to bring opportunities to the people of the district that will raise the median income of the approximately 711,000 residents.

Please vote in the special primary election on August 7.

For more information about Bill Wild, visit his website at www.billwildforcongress.com or his Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BillWild4Congress.





Wayne Rotary Concerts in Goudy Park on Wednesday nights begin July 18th and run through August 29th. Your Generation in Concert returns to Goudy Park on Wednesday, August 8th.

Summer summons music downtown

By Carolyn Marnon

With the warm days of summer come the sweet sounds of music from the Goudy Park Amphitheater on Wednesday nights. The Wayne Rotary announced the 2018 line up, so mark your calendar now so you don't miss a chance to relax, have some snacks, meet with friends, and have a good time.

The concert series kicks off with the return of **Steve King and the Dittilies** for a special Friday night show during Wayne Downtown Days on July 13 from 7:30-10:00 p.m. Known as the Wayne Newton of Wayne County, Steve and his band perform classic rock and dance music. The band was cited as Michigan's Official Band by the State of Michigan in 2002.

The Wednesday night shows start on July 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Whiskey Fixx brings their country sound to Wayne on July 18 when lead singer Heather Nicole leads drummer Aaron Christoff, lead guitarist Danny Justice and bass guitarist Jonny Applesseed for an evening of entertainment. Members of this band have opened for acts such as Lynyrd Skynyrd, Blake Shelton, Sawyer Brown and Brett Michaels.

Revisit the 80s with **Square Pegz** on July 25. Let Cassady, Ruby Red, Dirty Dan, Ray Ray and Carol D.

take you back in time with their wicked pop sound.

Take "The Long and Winding Road" and "Come Together" with your neighbors to "Twist and Shout" to the "Revolution" that is **Toppermost**, the Beatles tribute band making a return visit to the stage in Wayne on August 1. "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da," "All You Need is Love."

Back for another year is Wayne's most popular Goudy Park band, **Your Generation in Concert**, featuring Wayne resident Jason Clark! Get to the park early on August 8 as the amphitheater fills quickly. Be careful if you choose to sit in front of the stage as it will soon be crowded with people dancing to the infectious music this band produces. The 8-piece band plays pop, rock, dance and R&B that will soon have you in front of the stage dancing and if not, perhaps you will just be dancing in your seat. Either way, this concert is one not to be missed.

Other August dates include:

August 15-**Rockstar** (Hair Band)

August 22-**Magic Bus** (60s, 70s and Woodstock)

August 29-**Elevation** (The International U2 tribute show)

Thanks to the many sponsors who have helped put this event together, including Beaumont Hospital Wayne, Mark Chevrolet and Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union.

Together We Can Make the Wayne Library Better!

The Wayne Public Library is asking the citizens of Wayne to approve a millage proposal which will be on the August 7, 2018 ballot. The proposal is asking for a one mil increase, the first ever requested, and will amount to an approximately \$2.83 increase per month for homeowners in the City of Wayne.

Due to the recent recession and the resulting reduction in tax revenue, the library budget was reduced by 60%.

The millage will:

- Replace the leaking, 22 year old, roof.
- Increase the hours.

The library was formerly open 54 hours a week, it is now open 31 hours.

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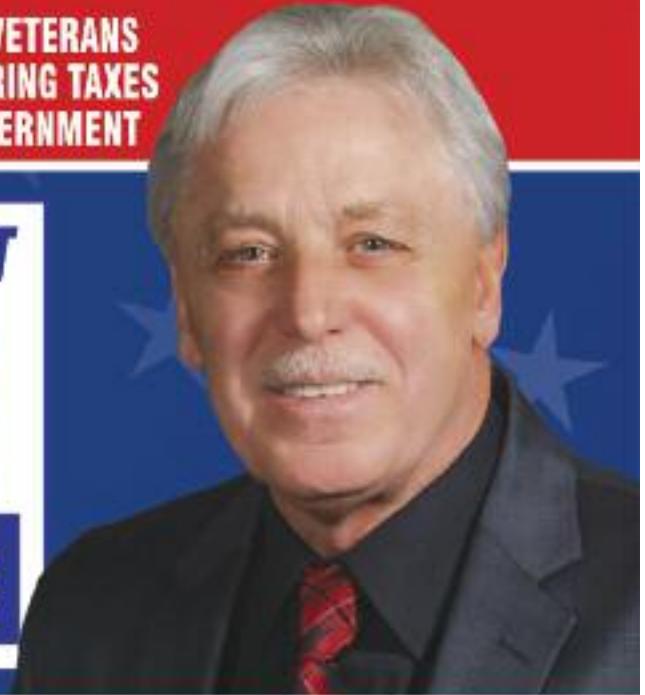
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Adams School Resource Center	
Wayne Memorial R.O.T.C.	
Local Churches:	20,000
Local Veterans Groups:	25,000
Refurbish Wayne Veterans Memorial:	15,000
Westland Skate Park:	10,000

Other Groups benefiting because of Bills efforts:

- Wayne-Ford Civic Center Senior Dinner Dance
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- WYAA Cheerleaders
- Westland Community Foundation
- Wounded Warrior Project
- Make-A-Wish Foundation
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Come celebrate Wayne Downtown Days!

By Carolyn Marnon

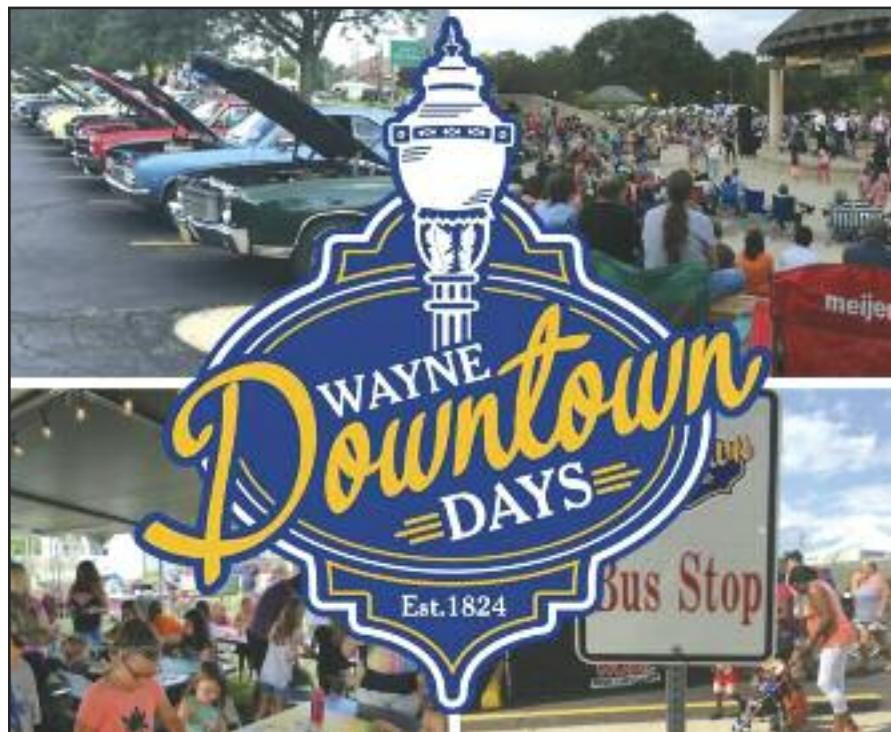
Downtown Days are returning to Wayne July 12-14. You can start planning a weekend of fun now with this info to get you started. All events are what is scheduled/planned at the time of this writing.

"Wayne Downtown Days is an important part of this revitalization of the City, bringing the community together for family friendly events," said Paul Sposite, Knights of Columbus Deputy Grand Knight, Wayne Main Street Board Member and Wayne Downtown Days Board Member.

Food!

• Northside Hardware will be busy preparing hot dogs and cokes for their guests. For many years, the cost of a hot dog and small coke has been just 25¢. This special will be available during their sidewalk sales Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

• Come have strawberry shortcake at the 2nd annual Strawberry Shortcake Social from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Friday at Knights of Columbus and meet President Lincoln.



• Hot Cars and Hotcakes will be served at Harry J. Will Funeral Home on Saturday 10:00 a.m.-noon.

• Check out the free BBQ (while it lasts) at Wayne Bicycle Shop/ICON Computers on Saturday 10:00 a.m.-

5:00 p.m. during the 1st Annual Bicycle Show.

FREE Concerts!

• Free Paul McCartney Tribute Concert on Thursday (6:00 p.m.) at Knights of Columbus.

• Free Elvis Tribute Concert on Thursday (8:30 p.m.) and another one on Saturday (6:00 p.m.) at Knights of Columbus

• Free Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood Tribute Concert on Friday (6:00 p.m.) at Knights of Columbus

• Free **Steve King and the Ditties** concert will be back for the 2nd year performing in Goudy Park Friday at 7:30 p.m.. There will be food and vendors including a petting farm sponsored by Powers Woodcrafts.

• Free Buddy Holly Tribute Concert on Friday (8:30 p.m.) at Knights of Columbus

• Not quite a concert, Village Dance & Company will be performing Saturday 4:15-4:45 p.m. in Derby's Alley next to the recently closed GI Surplus.

• Free Michael Buble and Tanya Tucker Tribute Concert on Saturday (8:30 p.m.) at Knights of Columbus.

Photo Contest!

Voting continues for the Window on Wayne Photo Contest at Karma Coffee and Kitchen.

Voting ends Saturday with a reception at Karma Coffee and Kitchen.

Music!

• Radio station WYCD-FM will be onsite at Northside Hardware on Friday with concert ticket giveaways.

• Harmony Town Barbershop Quarter will be performing at the Wayne Historical Museum Saturday.

• There will be live music on the patio at US12 Bar and Grill Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

• The Vinyl Record Show and Sale will be making its 2nd appearance at Knights of Columbus during the three days of the event.

Sidewalk Sales!

• Sidewalk sales will be going on at various businesses in downtown Wayne during all three days.

• Enjoy the Vendor/Small Business show going on at the Wayne Historical Museum on Saturday.

• The Makers Market will be

See **Downtown Days**, page 10

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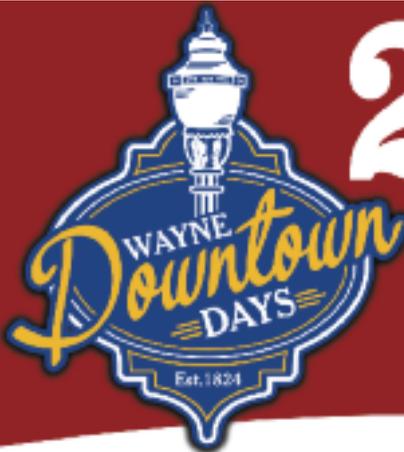
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THURSDAY, JULY 12TH

Northside Hardware Sidewalk Sale
8:00 AM - 8:00 PM • 25 cent hot dogs

Window on Wayne Contest Voting
Karma Coffee • 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Vinyl Record Sale
Knights of Columbus • 11 AM - 11 PM
THURSDAY - SATURDAY

Art-O-Motive Contest Voting
Derby's Alley • 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

DIA Drop-in Workshop
Knights of Columbus • 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Day & Knight Tribute Concert Series
Knights of Columbus • 6-11 PM
(Paul McCartney / Elvis)

FRIDAY, JULY 13TH

Northside Hardware Sidewalk Sale
8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
25 cent hot dogs, WYCD on-site

Window on Wayne Contest Voting
Karma Coffee • 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Superhero/SuperKids Days
Knights of Columbus • 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Art-O-Motive Contest Voting
Derby's Alley • 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Day & Knight Tribute Concert Series
Knights of Columbus • 6 - 11 PM
(Garth Brooks / Trisha Yearwood / Buddy Holly)

Concert in the Park • Goudy Park
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Featuring
Steve King and the Dittilies

SATURDAY, JULY 14TH

Northside Hardware Sidewalk Sale
8:00 AM - 8:00 PM • 25 cent hot dogs,
WYCD on-site

Hot Cars & Hot Cakes
Harry J Will • 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Rusty Trike Flea Market
Knights of Columbus • 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Makers Market
Helium Studio • 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

McDonald's Activities
McDonald's Car • 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Face Painting • 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Magic Show/Balloon Artist • 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Window on Wayne Contest Voting
Karma Coffee • 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Vendor Show and Open House
Wayne Historical Museum • 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

DIA Drop-in Workshop
Knights of Columbus • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wayne Bicycle Show and BBQ
Wayne Bicycle Shop/Icon Computer
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Art-O-Motive Contest Voting
Derby's Alley • 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Art-O-Motive Reception
Derby's Alley • 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM
Featuring Dancers from Village Dance Company

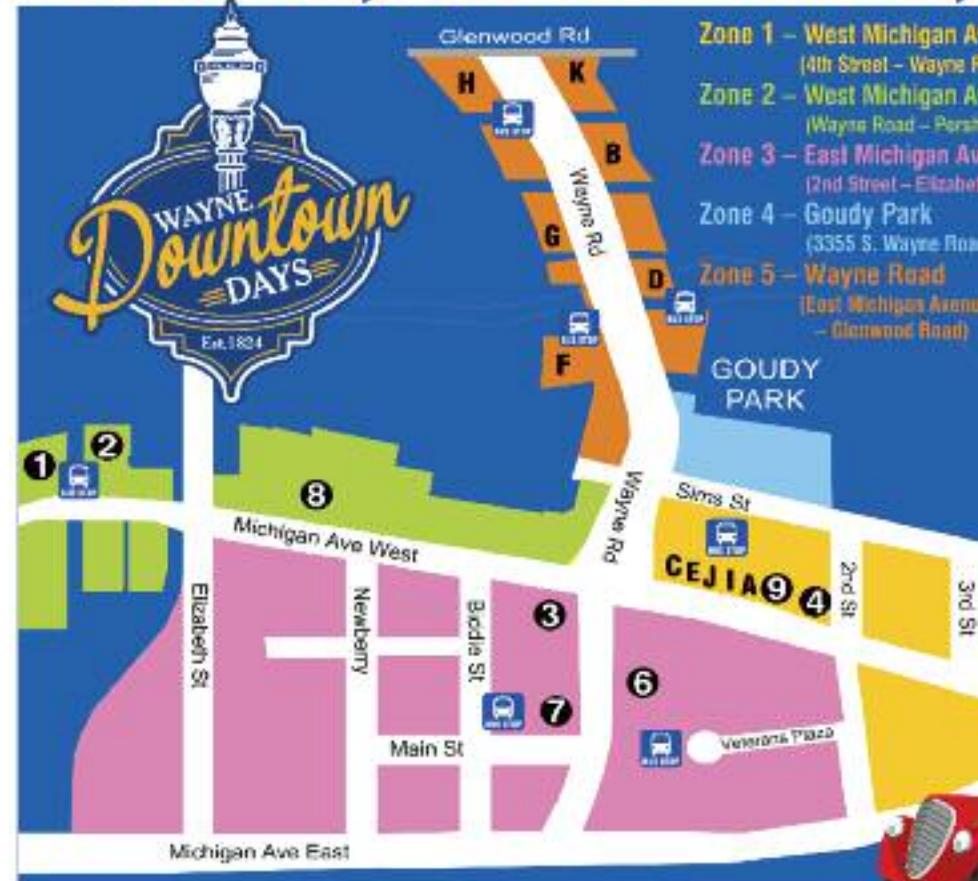
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(Elvis / Michael Buble)

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Karma Coffee • 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

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THURSDAY, JULY 12 • FRIDAY, JULY 13



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3030 S. Wayne Road / Wayne |
| B.) DAIRY QUEEN (Zone 5)
3007 S. Wayne Road / Wayne | H.) NORTHSIDE HARDWARE (Zone 5)
2912 S. Wayne Road / Wayne |
| C.) DESIGNER WEARHOUSE (Zone 1)
35028 W. Michigan Avenue / Wayne | I.) PUFFER REDS (Zone 1)
35002 W. Michigan Avenue / Wayne |
| D.) HELIUM STUDIO (Zone 5)
3127 S. Wayne Road / Wayne | J.) STEP THRIFT STORE (Zone 1)
35004 W. Michigan Avenue / Wayne |
| E.) KICKS TAE KWON DO (Zone 1)
35004 W. Michigan Avenue / Wayne | K.) TRENDSETTERS BOUTIQUE (Zone 5)
35061 Glenwood Road / Wayne |
| F.) KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Zone 5) • 3144 S. Wayne Road | |

SATURDAY ONLY PARTICIPANTS

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1.) WAYNE BICYCLE SHOP /
ICON COMPUTER (Zone 2)
35858 W. Michigan Avenue | 5.) HARRY J. WILL (Zone 1)
34567 W. Michigan Avenue |
| 2.) KURT'S CAPS (Zone 2)
35128 W. Michigan Avenue | 6.) WAYNE PUBLIC LIBRARY (Zone 3)
3737 S. Wayne Road |
| 3.) McDONALD'S (Zone 3)
35111 W. Michigan Avenue | 7.) WAYNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Zone 3)
1 Town Square |
| 4.) US-12 BAR & GRILL (Zone 1)
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Final mass at St. Mary's School brings tears

By Carolyn Marnon

The church was filled with children, young and old, as they all gathered to celebrate the final Mass at St. Mary Catholic School on June 6. The mass commemorated the school's 94 year history and that of its dedicated administration, faculty and families.

The sanctuary grew louder as more people filled the room, conversations were taking place, memories were being shared and hugs were being given.

As the procession began for one last time, thanks were given for the past. Symbols were upheld: a candle for the light of Jesus, the crest, a mosaic of Mary made up of individual photos of the school community. Students rang bells, a tambourine and something that sounded like a low-tone bullhorn.

Two young students with beautiful voices sang "Let Us Go Rejoicing."

Visitors were welcomed to mark the special moment in St. Mary's Parish at the closing of the school. Blessings were asked for in the present moment and that God would be with everyone. The speaker joked that the children who were waiting on their summer vacation to start were feeling a little bit different on this day than the former students who were there reminiscing. Each had a different set of emotions.

It was hoped that all would look

forward with confident hope on journeys that couldn't be imagined.

As the sun streamed through the stained glass windows, those gathered were asked not to forget the men and women who served in the school, the students that were educated there, the parishioners who supported the school and the parents who brought their children to the school.

After prayers recited by a selection of children, some wearing their school uniforms, students sang "Go Ye Into the World."

"Today, my heart aches, but I know your heart does too," said Principal Kathy Sparks as she gave an emotional, tear-filled speech. With her voice cracking, she told the students "No matter where you go, God will walk with you. Go forward and create the community you experienced here."

Teachers were asked to stand so that they may be honored. Students brought forward floral bouquets and presented them to the teachers. One teacher was seen wiping tears from her eyes.

After a standing ovation with much clapping, all were invited to a reception in the hall and a chance to visit the school.

With the final hymn, "We Are Marching," the final school mass of St. Mary's Catholic School in Wayne came to a close.



The final mass at St. Mary's Catholic School was well-attended and filled with tears.



Steve King and the Dittilies will be back performing in Goudy Park Friday, July 13th at 7:30 p.m. as part of this year's Downtown Days.

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going on in the parking lot behind Helium Studio on Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

- Rusty Trike Flea Market will be Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Knights of Columbus

- Assorted vendors will be set up Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Wayne Historical Museum.

Arts and Crafts

- The DIA (Detroit Institute of Arts) will be back for a 2nd year bringing their free Drop-in Art Workshops outside the Knights of Columbus. Create an Uchiwa art project. Uchiwa is a particular style of paper fan that is common in Japan. Learn about the tradition of making uchiwa as you create a fan of your own. Hours are limited: 11 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturday.

- Come paint with Wayne Rocks at the Wayne Historical Museum from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Kids Activities

- Let your kids get their bouncies out in the Bounce House at Knights of Columbus on Friday, noon-5:00

p.m.

- Let the kids dress up as super-heros/superkids at the costume contest being held on Friday at Knights of Columbus.

- The Wayne Historical Museum will be hosting activities (including rock painting with Wayne Rocks) for kids on Saturday.

- 313 Ghostbusters and Spiderman will be appearing LIVE at Knights of Columbus on Friday from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Other ways you can participate

- A canned food drive will be going on at Knights of Columbus for the St. Mary's Outreach Center in Wayne.

- Come play the Midway Games from noon-5:00 p.m. at Knights of Columbus. The games are free and there will be prizes.

- Set up some chairs along either side of W. Michigan Avenue and enjoy the US12 Cruise all day Saturday.

- Decorate your bicycle and enter it in the Wayne Bicycle Club's 1st Annual Bicycle Show at Wayne Bike Shop/ICON Computers. Trophies for Custom, Classic Original and People's Choice designs. The Bike Club will also be doing rides all day down Michigan Avenue.



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Citizen group asks residents to help the library

By Carolyn Marnon

Citizens to Restore Wayne's Library have been working tirelessly to inform the residents of Wayne about the one mill increase they are requesting voters to approve on August 7 in the primary election that would provide additional funding for the Wayne library.

Currently, the Wayne Public Library receives its funding from the one mill it is allowed without a vote along with variable private donations, state aid and penal fines. That current mill is worth approximately \$350,000. That might sound like a lot to some, but it is far from what is needed to keep the library operating at a reasonable level. In the 22 years that the library has been in its current building, the public has never been asked for a library millage increase. When it opened in the late 1990s, the one mill to run it was worth \$795,000.

According to former Wayne library director Lois Van Stipdonk, the current library was built with no debt or bond issue. "The library board of the Wayne/Westland Library,

comprised of 10 people: 5 from Wayne, 5 from Westland decided that they had outgrown the small building (the former WABC building on the corner of Wayne and Sims) and since Westland had grown so much, that they each needed a library building of their own. Senator William Faust from Westland had a bill passed which allocated state money to each of the communities to build their own libraries. The library boards separated and started their own projects. The Wayne Library hired an architect and the plans were well under way when I became the library director. The city allocated the land and provided much of the technical assistance. The money was primarily from a revenue sharing project of Wayne County, thanks to our State Rep. Thomas Kelly, LSCA funding which was a federal grant that had been granted and the State money. The library was built without incurring any debt and has remained debt free ever since."

"I think the whole community was so proud of the new building when it opened; it is a lovely building, much

more open and light with so much more to offer: more books, computers for the public, a room for meetings, a room for programs and some storage area, which we did not have in the old building. The opening day was magical with people coming and going all day to take a look and share their pride. We were also able to hire more professional staff and had people dedicated to selecting books and planning programs for all ages. The architect hired a professional architectural photographer to take pictures of the new library and we were featured in a special architectural issue of Library Journal. How wonderful to be selected from libraries all over the country. A picture of the issue hangs in the periodical area of the library. Our circulation really shot up, and we were busy as could be. We also have the use of the parking structure which not everyone loves but provides us with all the parking needs we can use," says Lois.

Yes, those were the good ol' days of the Wayne Public Library. Today, the days are not so good. There is no

budget for new circulating materials-books, CDs, DVDs. Hours the library is open have been significantly reduced. The library has aged and thus there are issues like a leaking roof to deal with.

As a city library (established under Section 1 of the City, Village and Township Libraries Act, 1877 PA 164, the City of Wayne has the authority to levy up to one mill annually to fund the library. That mill is not money for the city budget. The city does collect the mill, but it is then given to the library. PA 164 also permits the city to levy one additional mill for library service if approved by the voters. The August 7 ballot proposal will request one mill for ten years (2018-2027) to provide funds for operating, maintaining and equipping the Wayne Public Library. If approved, it is estimated the city will collect an additional \$334,000 or so for the library. It is important to note that the millage does not provide funds for the city. The funds are only for the library. The city's only

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History of the Wayne Civic Players

Join the Wayne Historical Society for a night of theatrical history with Bob Weibel. Bob was a 30-year member of the Wayne Civic Players, a community theater group that ran from the 1950s-1980s. He will have a powerpoint presentation showing pictures of many of their shows, many good stories and talk about how the group began the restoration of the old Wayne Theater in the late 1980s. This event is at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Towne Square, on Thursday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m.

People helping people

The City of Wayne 2018 FRIENDS (People Helping People) are looking for volunteers. FRIENDS will take place on Saturday, September 8 (rain date, September 15). The goal of this program, which began in 1998, was to help a Wayne resident whose home was in need of some

tender loving care and they are not able to handle the work due to financial or medical reasons. The day (usually about 6 hours) starts at 8:30a.m. with a continental breakfast at the HYPE Recreation Center. Material, equipment, t-shirts and lunch plus refreshments are provided on site.

Youth groups are welcome, with one adult for every five youth volunteers.

It's a great way to give back to your community. If you would like to volunteer or would like further information, please call the Community Development Department at (734) 722-2000 or email FRIENDS chairperson Albert Damitio at damitioalb@gmail.com.

Eastern Market farm stand in Wayne

Eastern Market will have a Farm Stand at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-1:00

p.m. thru October 4. (No stand on July 5) The Farm Stand will be located at the Surgery Center Entrance, facing Annapolis Rd, east of the main entrance.

Summer camp at HYPE

Are the kids getting bored already? Consider sending them to summer camp at HYPE. For \$150 per week for a non-member of HYPE, your kid could be kept busy 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Each week of camp has a different theme.

- July 9-13 Animal Week
- July 16-20 Spirit Week
- July 23-27 Sports Week
- July 30-August 3 Hometown Heroes Week
- August 6-10 Challenge Week
- August 13-17 Outer Space Week
- August 20-24 Around the World Week
- August 27-31 Anything Goes Week

The indoor and outdoor fun emphasizes fitness, arts and crafts, and

academic programs. Register at the front desk at HYPE, 4635 Howe St, Wayne or call (734) 721-7400 for more information.

Site plan improvements

Wayne City Council approved two site plans at the June 19 meeting. Beaumont Hospital Wayne plans to develop a Breast Care Center. The plan is to renovate a 6,630 square foot building on the northeast corner of the existing hospital property and to construct a 1,550 square foot connector from the surgical center. The breast care center on the corner of Venoy and Annapolis will move onto the hospital site.

Ford Motor Company plans to construct a 1,290 square foot building for a controlled entrance/exit of manufactured vehicles.

Family safety day

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Safety Awareness Day Wednesday, August 1, 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Beaumont Hospital-Wayne, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne.

There will be a bike contest, ambulance tours, child identification kits, driving simulator, fire safety obstacle course, gun safety, helicopter tours, smokehouse, shooting simulator, free bicycle helmets (2-4:00 p.m. while supplies last) and a jaws of life demonstration at 4:00 p.m.

Summer reading at the Wayne Public Library

Libraries ROCK!, the summer reading program at the Wayne Public Library has some rockin' programs in July. Youth can win prizes for reading if they have signed up for the summer reading program. There are free weekly programs including:

Thursday, July 12, 2:00-3:00 p.m.: Rock and Roll Percussion with Phil Kaput

Tuesday, July 17, 6:00-7:30 p.m.: WAYNE ROCKS! Talent Show and

Karaoke Night

Wednesday, July 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m.: Animal Magic with Mark Rosenthal

Bicycle Club 1st annual bicycle show and bbq

Come out for the Wayne Bicycle Club's 1st Annual Bicycle Show and BBQ during Downtown Days on July 14 from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The Show will be held at Wayne Bicycle Shop, 35858 W. Michigan Ave, Suite 1. Trophies will be offered for Custom, Classic Original and People's Choice. Judging will take place at 3:00 p.m.

There will be rides all day down Michigan Avenue during Cruisin US12. Bicycle Clubs, builders, and sellers can reserve a spot for your tent and sell your products, support apparel or anything bicycle-related no charge. Bring out those sweet rides and show off what you have! The free BBQ donated by Motor City Meats.

Beware of scams

The Wayne Police Department is urging residents and businesses to be suspicious of unsolicited phone calls. A common scam is for a criminal to pose as a representative of your power company (i.e. DTE) and claim your power bill is overdue. The criminal will tell the victim to go purchase some type of pre-paid card (iTunes, pre-paid Visa) and provide the numbers to the criminal. If you are in doubt about the nature of the call, you should hang up, locate the main number of the business, and call to verify. Do not call the number that comes up on your phone display.

Outdoor game nights

Join Wayne Main Street as they present Game Night in Derby's Alley (34924 W. Michigan Ave) on Wednesday, July 11. You can bring your own games or choose from the selection of board and outdoor games WMS will have available. Learn a new game, challenge new opponents,

swap strategies and meet like-minded people. All ages are welcome. Refreshments will be available to purchase.

The Titanic - A historical presentation

Join the Wayne Historical Society on Thursday, August 9, at 7:00 p.m. as a Titanic aficionado tells the story of the doomed liner, shows pictures and answers questions. Light refreshments will be served at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Towne Square.

Yearbooks needed

The Wayne Historical Museum is looking for yearbooks to add to their collection. The following are the years they are in need of from Wayne Memorial High School: anything before 1940, 1984, 1986, 1995, 1996, 1998-2003, 2016 and 2017. They need all years from John Glenn High School. They need all years from St. Mary's school.



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Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union (WWFCU) is thrilled to announce that it’s expanding its schedule to include Wednesdays. The decision to add the extra day was motivated by member requests and the credit union’s desire to better meet its members’ needs.

“We realize that our members need to be able to come in to the credit union when it best suits their schedule,” explained Thelma Dasho, CEO of WWFCU. “Our goal is to be there when our members need us, so we decided to start adding Wednesdays to our days of operation.”

To launch its first official Wednesday on July 11, 2018, WWFCU is celebrating with a month of Wonderful Wednesdays:

Welcome Wednesday - July 11

Visit us during our branch lobby hours to get some fun WWFCU freebies. The first 20 members in the door get a free t-shirt.

Wealthy Wednesday - July 18

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The Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union will now be open on Wednesdays starting July 11, 2018.

GreenPath will be in our branch to help WWFCU members for FREE from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Getaway Wednesday - July 25

Looking for a little summer fun? Stop by to enter a raffle to win a pair of Cedar Point tickets. We’ll be giving away two pairs to members.

Wishful Wednesday - August 1

Help WWFCU raise donations for the Community Social Services of Wayne County, an agency that provides a wide range of services for everyone from infants to senior citizens. WWFCU will be posting to its

social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram) throughout Wonderful Wednesdays using the hashtag #Wednesdays4U.

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role is to collect the funds and turn them over to the library to be spent only by the library administration.

If approved, the library plans to restore as many hours as possible, to restore books, CDs, DVDs, to restore adult and youth programs and services. Library patrons commonly complain that the library is not open often enough or long enough. Hours were reduced from 58 to 31 each week.

With the millage, the library would be able to restore hours so that it is open 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

In addition to reduced hours and no budget for new materials, the library needs roof repairs (there are two holes where water leaks in) and electrical work.

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And so, we Celebrate! Today we celebrate in our small towns and big cities by attending patriotic church services, community organized programs and activities, neighborhood parties, family picnics, parades, barbecues, patriotic concerts, wearing red, fireworks, long weekend vacations and more, all while wearing red white and blue !! But how did our ancestors who lived in our little Village of Wayne celebrate this special holiday years ago?

Early Wayne was a farming community that eventually grew into a



small town with many small businesses and industries. Churches played an important part in people's lives as did the local governing body. A "Towne Square" or park was built in the center of the Village between Washington and Newberry Streets on the east and west and Park and Norris Streets on the north and south. Cornet bands gathered in the Towne Square on July 4th and played music for the townspeople. The music was patriotic and the crowd would sing along. Everyone brought a box lunch and enjoyed their supper while sitting on blankets spread on the ground. Of course, parades were an important part of celebrating the 4th of July in early Wayne. Everyone loved to participate in the parades or line the streets to watch the festivities. The churches sponsored patriotic plays and services and the community offered games, races, contests and activities. Without our modern technology, people were drawn together to find ways to celebrate as a community. In 1900 people gathered from the country, forming a procession of buggies and wagons heading to a location where a 4th of July celebration was held. It included speeches, music, dinner and an afternoon ballgame between the "Bruisers" and the "Merriman Club". One 4th of July long ago was



Wayne has a history of 4th of July celebrations that are noteworthy. This picture is part of the 1900 4th of July parade being led by three Civil War veterans and followed by the Modern Woodmen of America.

reported in the newspaper to have begun the "Glorious Fourth" with the firing of anvils at 1:00 a.m. and the ringing of the Methodist Church bells at 2:00 a.m. by some anxious revelers who wanted to start the celebration early!

People did not have fireworks but they did have cannons. In the late 1860's a Dr. John Converse came to Wayne and brought a small cannon on wheels. He fired the cannon on the 4th of July and other special occasions. It was the object of interest, curiosity and entertainment for many people and annoyance for others. After his death in 1883, his wife gave the cannon to the Village and it was placed in front of the Village Hall (which is now our Historical Museum). The problems came when "young blades" of that day enjoyed carrying it to other locations and firing the cannon at odd times of the day and night. Eventually, the cannon was cemented to the ground across from St. Mary's church and the fuse sealed. (It long ago disappeared.) As a child in the 1940's and

50's I remember attending carnivals on the 4th of July where the Wayne Towers stand today and a carnival held on the west end of town at the viaduct where cars are now loaded onto trains. When it got dark, the fireworks would light up the sky. The Wayne Drive In offered fireworks for many years as did the City of Wayne.

All in all, regardless of how we celebrated our country's birthday long ago or how we celebrate today, we need to pause and recognize how fortunate we are to live in this country and enjoy the freedoms that we have. As we hear or sing the Star Spangled Banner, America the Beautiful or My Country 'Tis Of Thee this week (or at anytime), we need to appreciate the words. Phrases like "land of the free and home of the brave" and "let freedom ring" have as much meaning today as they did when written long ago! We also need to thank the men and women who serve in our armed services and defend our country and protect our freedoms! Enjoy the 4th of July!

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