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Debbie Woody, DPM, FAPWCA

Lana Coxton, MS, RD, ACSM



Mohammed Saad, MD completed his internship and residency in Family Medicine at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He will be discussing the signs and symptoms of diabetes and daily management tips for the condition.



Chandrakant H. Pujara, MD, FACC holds board certification in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease and also holds Certification from the Council of Nuclear Cardiology. He is board certified by the Cardiac CT Board. He completed his medical training and fellowship at Sinai-Grace Hospital. Dr. Pujara will be discussing cardiovascular risk assessment screening for diabetics.



Lawrence Fallat, DPM, FACFAS is board certified in Podiatric Surgery and fellowship trained in trauma/reconstructive surgery-foot & ankle. He is the program director of the Oakwood Annapolis Podiatric Surgical Residency Program. Dr. Fallat will be discussing the possible effects and complications of diabetes related to foot care.



Debbie Woody, DPM, FAPWCA completed her podiatry residency at the Oakwood Downriver Medical Center. She is the Assistant director, podiatric surgical faculty of the Oakwood Annapolis Podiatric Surgical Residency Program. Dr. Woody will be discussing the prevention of diabetic foot problems.



Lana Coxton, MS, RD, ACSM holds a masters degree in human nutrition and is a registered dietitian. She is a clinical dietitian at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital and will be discussing the use of sweeteners and the importance of serving sizes for effective diabetic management.

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Farmers Market

Only a few weeks left this season for the Wayne Farmers Market. Make sure to get your fruit, vegetables, eggs and goodies before they are gone. The fun goes from 3-7 p.m. on Wednesdays through October in Goudy Park. There will be live entertainment and kids activities.

Holiday Bazaar

The First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Town Square, will have their annual Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 7 and 8.

Red October Run

Race on over to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital on Oct. 5 and support the 23rd annual Red October Run. This event is sponsored by Oakwood Healthcare System and has something for all ages and fitness levels. There is a 5K and 10K run and a 5K walk that begin at 10 a.m. and a 1 mile Jr. October for kids that begins at 9 a.m. Race day registration and packet pick up begins at 8 a.m.

Family Hoedown

The Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department is hosting at Family Hoedown from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Oct. 8 at Attwood Park Pavilion #2. Resident rates are \$6 per person or \$20 for a family of four. Non-resident rates are \$7 per person or \$25 for a family of four. Tickets are on sale at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

Activities will include square dancing, hayrides, bonfire, pumpkin hunts, cider and donuts. Come dressed in your best western or festive attire.

Chillers Fans needed

Do you know someone age 9 and up who is a fan of the Jonathan Rand "Chiller" series? Sign them up for Chiller Wednesday at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, beginning Oct. 9.

The weekly program will be at 6 p.m. from Oct. 14-Nov. 14. Children will participate in Chiller related crafts, games and read a-louds.

This is a free program but please call 734-721-7832 to register.



Kids get ready to show off their costumes for the judges.

Celebrate Halloween at Farmers Market

By Jenny Johnson

It is going to be bigger and better than ever before! Come celebrate the last day of the Farmers Market with a Halloween Party from 3-7 p.m. on Oct. 30 in Goudy Park. There will be the usual Farmers Market features including fresh grown produce and local made products. There will be entertainment and food for purchase.

In addition there will be lots of Halloween fun. Don't forget the Halloween costumes. There will be a kids Costume Contest with trophies and prizes and trick-or-treating through the Market.

There will also be two bouncy houses sponsored by Icon Computer. Pumpkin decorating will be sponsored by Noel Derr-Johnson of Century 21 Dynamic Realty. There will also be a DJ sponsored

by The Wayne Dispatch, face painting, family friendly games, giveaways and much more.

Farmers Market chef will demonstrate a pumpkin recipe. For those who like the spooky, there will also be two hearses on site.

Last year the Farmers Market Halloween Party hosted over 1500 people and 250 kids in the costume contest. Come help celebrate the end of the Farmers Market season with a great family friendly party. Are you looking for a fun place to take the kids? The Farmers Market is expecting record crowds again for the bigger and better Halloween Party on Oct. 30 at the Farmers Market in Goudy Park. What a way to end the season! For more information, please check our www.facebook.com/waynefarmersmarket.

Fall Festival

From 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 12 St Johns Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland is having a Fall Festival. There will be crafts, entertainment, food, a bake sale, bouncers, kids crafts and more. Trunk or Treat and fire pit with s'mores will start at 6:30 p.m. Crafters wanted. For more info, call 734-721-5023.

Motor City Ghost Hunters

Ghost Hunters will visit the Wayne Public Library at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22. John McCormick and fellow ghost hunters will be sharing some of their current local spirit sightings and encounters. This program is free to the public but please call 734-721-7832 ext. 630 to register.

Support Goodfellows

Want a chance to earn money and help a great cause? Buy a ticket for the Wayne Goodfellows progressive raffle. The drawing is every Monday at 9 p.m. at Avenue American Bistro on Elizabeth at Michigan Avenue. Tickets are available at Avenue or Henry's Service Center. The jackpot grows every week until someone wins. For totals visit www.nfpgaming.com.

Trick-or-Treating

Are you looking for a safe place to take the kids Trick-or-Treating? The Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road will host Trick-or-Treating for children ages 0-18 from 3-4:30 p.m. on Oct. 31. Costumes welcomed.

Scarecrow Stroll

Have you noticed anything new hanging around downtown? The Wayne Ripple Effect is hosting their third annual Scarecrow Show during the month of October. Light poles along Wayne Road and Michigan are adorned with the creative minds of residents, business owners and civic organizations. These handmade scarecrows are the perfect opportunity to get out and take a stroll through downtown Wayne.

Help build a playground

The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for some dedicated volunteers to help with a Community Build from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 15 and 16 at Jaycee Park.

Goodfellows party

The 27th annual Wayne Goodfellows Christmas Party will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the Wayne Tree Manor on Van Born in Wayne. Tickets will be available at Henry's Auto Service Center. All proceeds will go toward making sure No Children in Wayne Without a Christmas.

Lighted Christmas Parade

For the first time ever the Wayne Rotary Christmas Parade will be a lighted parade. The new date and time are 6 p.m. on Dec. 7. Line up will still be on Second Street and Sims. The parade will end at the State Wayne Theater with a visit from Santa.

The Wayne 500 race to Main Street begins

The race has begun. The Wayne Ripple Effect sponsoring Wayne 500-Race to Main Street. From now until Nov. 15 they are trying to raise \$50,000 for Downtown Wayne. They are asking 500 supporters of the downtown revitalization to each pledge \$100.

The money will be used to pay for a Main Street manager. This is the next step in the process of Michigan Main Street Program. Wayne is working on an application to advance to the select level. As a Main Street community the city will receive more than \$200,000 in services and five years of support for the revitalization of Downtown Wayne. Services would include design, economic restructuring, promotion and organization.

Wayne is currently one of 22 Associate Level Main Street communities. Three will be chosen to advance to Select Level. A dedicated group of volunteers has been working for three years to meet all of the criteria for the Select Level except one. They now have to demonstrate the ability to fund the program.

Main Street requires a minimum budget of \$75,000. The Wayne Ripple Effect has raised \$7,000 through fundraisers; received \$10,000 from the Downtown Development Authority; and received a match of \$10,000 from the Wayne Rotary Club. They hope Wayne 500 will help them raise the other \$50,000 to help pay the wages of a Main Street manager and to provide for other operational costs.

The select level is a five-year commitment. The success of the Main Street program would provide a downtown with sidewalk cafes, year-round events and festivals, and walkable downtown streets filled with shops and restaurants.

"I'm excited about the possibilities the Main Street program brings to Wayne. A vibrant downtown is ultimately a win not only for the businesses but also for the residents. I believe one of the best things we can do as residents to raise our property values is support the Main Street program," said Cindy Schofield, Wayne Ripple Effect member.

Main Street is a national program with 2000 communities and has spurred \$49 billion in reinvestment in commercial districts. In 2012 in Michigan every dollar spent in support of a participating community, \$60 in new investment occurred.

Michigan Main Street has helped their communities generate more than \$100 million in private and public investments in the past 10 years. The program has seen 661 net new or expanded businesses; 995 net new jobs; and 663 façade rehabilitations. All of these communities have been in small downtowns comparable to Wayne.

The top 12 goals for a revitalized downtown Wayne are a destination restaurant; fun activities like Cruisin' US12 and Rouge-a-Palooza; white lights; a canoe launch; a coffee shop; residential development; outdoor music concerts; public art; benches downtown; Christmas décor; bike racks; and a Main Street manager who will work full time to coordinate hundreds of hours of volunteer labor.

The Wayne Ripple Effect has been

making positive changes in the downtown area for the past three years. They started the Scarecrow Michigan Avenue Show, Downtown Clean Up Days, Flower planting and supported events like Cruisin' US12, Dynamite Park Nature Park, Wayne Rotary Parade and the Farmers Market. The Wayne Ripple Effect is proud to announce the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union has donated \$5000 to Wayne 500.

The Wayne Ripple Effect is asking the community to help Win it for Wayne. To make a donation, please visit www.wayne500.com.

Why Wayne 500?

The Wayne 500 originates in a historical moment of Wayne Pride when Ray Harroun, from Wayne won the very first Indy 500 race in 1911. After that, Harroun started his own automobile company right here in Wayne, Michigan. You may be familiar with "Harroun Street" in the bungalow subdivision on the south side of the railroad tracks that is named in his honor.

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Meet the 2013 Wayne City Council candidates



James Hawley

Councilman James Hawley, 73, was born and grew up in the City of Wayne. He is a Wayne Memorial High School graduate where he was class president his freshman and junior years. He graduated from Western Michigan University with a business degree. He and his wife, Sue, have four children and seven grandchildren. "Prior to returning to Wayne over 15 years ago, I lived in Bay City, Muskegon, Portland, Oregon and Irvine, California. My years living and working in those progressive cities has helped me understand how dynamic municipalities work and I want to bring that experience to the City of Wayne," Hawley said. "I have 27 years of experience in the management and development of municipal organizations and over ten years as a planning, environmental and facility design consultant and business owner." Hawley has served on Wayne City Council since June 2012 and prior to that was chairperson of the Planning Commission. He currently serves on the Nankin Transit Commission Board, Council Liaison to the Wayne Public Library Board and Secretary of the Rivers Edge Condo Board.



Jim Henley

Councilman Jim Henley, 37, is one of six candidates vying for three city council seats on the November ballot. Henley was first elected to City Council in 2009. He and his wife, April, have two children, daughter Tommi and son Jay. Henley is a funeral director at Vermeulen Funeral Home recently returning to the area to serve his community receiving his education from Wayne State University graduating from the Mortuary Science Program and a 1994 graduate of Wayne Memorial. He has been a Wayne resident all of his life. "I bought the house I grew up in. My wife and I made the decision to raise our children in the community I grew up in." Prior to serving on city council he was on the Zoning Board of Appeals and was a past Master of the Wayne Masonic Lodge. Henley is member of the First Congregational Church of Wayne, active parent of the WYAA Westland Comet Football and Tonia's Dance Company. Henley supports the Wayne Goodfellows, Parks and Recreation, Wayne Chamber and The Wayne Ripple Effect. Henley is also proud to be endorsed by the Western Wayne Professional Firefighters Union 1279.



Brenda Ozog

Brenda Ozog, 41, has been a Wayne resident for 27 years and is seeking her first term on City Council. She is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and is employed by Wayne-Westland Community Schools. She and her husband, Matthew, have three children. She also graduated from Madonna University and Wayne State University. "I was active in the Unions I was a member of, I participated on the Wayne County Emergency Preparedness team, sat on the Head Start Advisory Board, sat on Judson Center and Hegira's Wrap-around program, volunteer as a Community Rep for parents dealing with Child Protective Services, and participate on the Info Centers Advisory Committee," she said. "In the past, I was active in the Girl Scouts of Wayne (from troop leader to Service Unit Manager) and Mackinac Island Honor Scouts, Senior Society President of multiple children's Patriotic Organizations, Booster member of various sports programs in Wayne. Currently, I am active in organizations that support our Veterans."



Susan Rowe

Susan M. Rowe, 64, has been a Wayne resident since 1990. She and her husband, Ed have a blended family of three grown children and seven grandchildren. She is the Executive Secretary to Vice Chancellor at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is a member of St. Mary Church in Wayne, Wayne Ripple Effect, Wayne Civitan Club, League of Women Voters since 1978, Dearborn Community Fund and Child's Hope. "I have a total of 11 years as a former City Council member, 12 years of Zoning Board experience, completion of the Michigan Municipal League's Elected Officials Academy, and the first level of the National League of Cities training program," Rowe said. "My involvement on regional and state level municipal organizations has provided me the opportunity for additional knowledge to assist in decisions that face us in the upcoming years. I love my city; it is my home and believe that we are at critical crossroads on how the city of Wayne will survive. We need to get back to the basics, engaging the citizens via town hall meetings, forming neighborhood groups and adopt a park programs."



Shari Welch

Shari Welch is a Nurse Manager retired with the State of Michigan and taught at Baker College and three Community Colleges. She is seeking her first term on City Council. "I have been a City of Wayne resident for over 21 years and a life-long resident of Wayne County," she said. "I am veteran of the United States Army Reserves and Community involvement in the past consisted of reading to children at the Wayne Public Library and participating in the Wayne Adult Community Theater." Her family consists of: mother, brother/sister-in-law, two nieces/nephew-in-laws, six grand nieces and nephews. She is a member of the Wayne Recreation Center and a Senior Olympic participant representing the City of Wayne.

What is the biggest issue facing Wayne right now? What do you feel are solutions to that issue?

The number one issue is the projected two million dollar budget deficit each year for the next few years. Without the passage of the 345 Millage in November, serious reductions in the cost of running the City will have to be made. I just hope the citizens of Wayne know how serious this situation is. Lower property tax revenues and the elimination of the corporate personal property tax have created a situation where the City will not have adequate funds to provide the community with required services and needed facilities in the coming years.

The biggest issue facing Wayne is of course the budget. We need to pass the millage and continue to look at other ways of increasing revenue for the city. Besides the budget, I think Wayne is in a great place of opportunity. We are beginning to search for a new city manager, Ripple Effect is making great strides, and the housing market has to turn around sooner or later.

The biggest issue facing Wayne right now is finances. We are, as well as other cities, facing a crisis and may lose services that we need. With loss of numbers in certain departments, we are seeing the affect it is having on our city with rise in crime rates against our businesses, rises in threats against our homes, and illegal trafficking trying to make their way into our city. We recently had an arson occur in our city that was devastating to one of our families. I don't want our citizens to go through what people in the City of Detroit do.

I see the ongoing financial/budget crisis as the number one priority for the incoming council. Until we establish a plan, the other critical areas of police, fire, stabilization of neighborhoods, improvement in the downtown and parks cannot move forward. We need to get back to the basics. Ask ourselves where we want Wayne to be in the future. We must move forward to re-establish the pride in our community. We cannot look for help from the county, state or federal government we will need to work together as a community, get back to the basics.

Property values are down and businesses have moved out. The City will collect less in property taxes resulting in less money in the general fund. A possible solution could be the 10- year 7- mill tax rate increase that will be on the ballot 11-5-13, which would be used to fund the retirement plan for the city safety employees. In this way it will not take out funds from the general budget. Another possible solution would be to work with a professional grant writer to get some of our tax money back from the State and federal government.

Editor's note: Council candidate Jamie Conn and mayoral candidates Al Haidous and Don Flynn did not respond to the candidate questions. Check our Facebook page for more Council candidate questions.

Rouge festival to highlight river

There will be plenty of fun to be had at the first ever Rouge-a-Palooza from 12-8 p.m. on Oct. 12 at Goudy Park. There will be a canoe race down the Rouge called the Logjam Canoe Classic. The Wayne Rotary Club will have paper boat kits for the kids to make and race down the Rouge.

There will be live entertainment, a beer tent featuring Michigan beer and educational booths from Friends of the Rouge, Wayne County Dept. of Environment, Michigan Dept. of Community Health, a Michigan fur trapper camp and several booths by community groups.

The goal of this event is to focus on the river and how far it has come and how it can be a true recreational opportunity in Wayne.

The schedule of events includes:

10 a.m. Log Jam Canoe Race will start by Hannan Road and race to Goudy Park. This is a timed event leaving and canoes will leave about every five minutes.

12 p.m. Group canoe and kayak sponsored by Friends of the Rouge. This is for experienced boaters.

12 p.m. Rouge-a-Palooza opens in Goudy Park. There will be educational displays, bouncers, food, beer and civic tents.

12:30 p.m. Music by Tyrone Hamilton

1:15 p.m. Canoe Race award ceremony

1:30 p.m. Music by Alan Cayn

2:30 p.m. Music by Troublesome Creek

3:30 p.m. Paper Boat Race/Rubber Duck Race

4 p.m. Music by Corndaddy/Corn Hole Tournament

6 p.m. Music by Big Fatty

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Champions of Wayne wins community support

By Jenny Johnson

It was the biggest crowd downtown Wayne has seen in years. The line of eager fans waiting for the Midwest premiere of *Infiltrators* stretched from the State Wayne Theater to Elizabeth Street. Upwards of 1000 people patiently waited to get into the theater and help support the Champions of Wayne program. Over \$40,000 was raised from the weekend activities.

While they were waiting, *Infiltrator* stars Rocco Nugent and Hallee Hirsh greeted moviegoers as they made their way down the line shaking hands and posing for photos. Wayne Memorial alum Greg Jbara, who also appears in *Infiltrators*, stood outside the theatre and greeted every guest.

"It was a great day for Wayne Westland Schools, Wayne Memorial, the Champions of Wayne, the City of Wayne, and especially the students of Wayne Memorial," said Greg Baracy, superintendent, Wayne-Westland Community Schools. "The overwhelming support of the community and Alumni was heartfelt and inspiring. We are grateful to all that supported this wonderful event."

The *Infiltrators* premiere brought a touch of Hollywood to Wayne. There was a VIP party for sponsors and distinguished guests. As fans lined the street the stars- Greg Jbara, Hallee Hirsh, Rocco Nugent, Robert Picardo were joined on the red carpet by film producer and WMHS alum Sally Helppie and screenwriter Michael Stokes.

The event was a fundraiser for the Champions of Wayne program at Wayne Memorial High School. The



Infiltrator cast members Greg Jbara, Robert Picardo, Rocco Nugent and Hallee Hirsh attended the midwest premiere at State Wayne Theater.

Champions program is financially supported by Helppie's brother, Richard Helppie, also a WMHS alum.

"This demonstrates that the Wayne community will get behind students. It shows a tremendous amount of heart," Helppie said. "When I talk about the community I think there are three aspects. One is the people who live in the greater Wayne-Westland area. Two is the phenomenal alumni support we got. The outpouring from the alums wanting to give back was heartwarming and three is the broader community of people who just care about kids and care about kids' futures."

Helppie said with a program that can produce results like the Champions program, these communities can step up and support it. He hopes this event was the catalyst to launch the program to the next level.

"Saturday night's event was, without question, the best-case scenario for us. Even the weather was perfect. During the event, I was searching for something to worry about or a problem to solve, and I honestly couldn't find anything. I was forced to relax

and enjoy myself," said Sean Galvin, Champions of Wayne executive director. "A huge thank you goes out to all who contributed and all who attended. Now I'll start working on our next endeavor."

Mayor Al Haidous presented keys to the city to Richard and Sally Helppie, Greg Jbara and Bill Gray, retired WMHS psychologist who started the Champions program in 2008.

"Getting the key to the city was very touching," said Richard Helppie.

Champions students Jeremiah Palmer, Holland Boertje, Leo Winbush, Davontae Cooper and Jordan Buford talked to the sell out crowd prior to the movie screening. They shared their stories of academic and personal success and how they were appreciative of their mentors and the opportunities provided to them by the Champions program.

Students are paired with a mentor, usually a WMHS staff member, and they come up with academic goals for the semester. If the student meets their goals they are awarded with a \$200 check at an award cere-

mony.

Helppie said the next level of the program will be to increase the capacity and serve all of the kids at Wayne Memorial who can benefit from the Champions program. He wants to be able to provide support to link their learning to applicable vocational skills and higher education.

He hopes the success of the *Infiltrators* movie premiere will generate more community members and alumni to become a part of the Champions of Wayne program.

"This program with the right support can do so much more for so many. We can't do this without broad support and getting owned by the community," he said.

Helppie and his wife, Leslie, and Jeff and Lisa Styers plan to continue to give their time talents and support to Champions of Wayne. After visiting Wayne Memorial and seeing the program Greg Jbara said he was all in too.

Helppie said this event could not have been possible without the dedication and support from so many.

He is grateful for the outpouring of support from the city fathers, Wayne County commissioners, the actors from out of town who had no prior relationship with Wayne were totally blown away. People on the committee- Kim Alexander, Stephanie Armes, Joelyn Stier, Phoenix Theaters and all of the others.

"The support that came from so many places, the alum, police department- police chief and deputy chief. Everybody wanted this to go well and everybody wants to support the kids"



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Jim has a strong background in Financial Management of Municipal Organizations and Services. He is the perfect person to oversee and guide the City through these difficult times. He envisions a bright future for the City of Wayne and wants to be a part of its success.



Cal Kemppainen working on his painting "Celebration on the Grand".

Cal Sign owner enters art contest

Cal Kemppainen, owner of Cal Signs in Wayne was chosen to showcase one of his paintings at ArtPrize 2013 in Grand Rapids.

"Celebration on the Grand" his 8' x 5' oil painting of fireworks over the Grand River in Grand Rapids will be on display at the Panera Bread in downtown Grand Rapids. The two-year endeavor has involved over 1000 hours of work.

ArtPrize is an international art competition decided by public vote. Help Cal win by voting at www.artprize.org/calvin-kemppainen-2013/celebration-on-the-grand. Use voting code 54997. The top prize is \$200,000.

Kemppainen has studied the art of painting since he was 12. He pursues his passion for art and his love of nature by painting and teaching.

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What is Public Act 345? Public Act 345 is a State of Michigan Act of 1937 designed to administer and fund pensions for police and firefighters outside of the City's general fund. Currently, 45 communities throughout Michigan use Public Act 345 to pay for their police and fire pensions.

What millage is being sought? (There are 2 questions and both must pass)

Under the **FIRST ballot proposal**, the City of Wayne is requesting an amendment to the City Charter so that police and firefighters are excluded from the City's established retirement system effective with the 2014-2015 fiscal-year. Under the **SECOND ballot proposal**, the City is requesting the passage of 7 mills for 10 years to fund police and fire pensions through a separate system. The millage amendment, if passed, will raise \$2,662,107 annually. **Both must pass to take effect.**

Why is this millage being requested? Since 2008, the City's general fund has dropped by \$5.35 million; property taxes are down by \$1.9 million; and revenue from the state continues to decline at a rapid rate. The City can no longer afford to pay for these pensions. Removing the police and fire pension costs from the general fund will allow the City to allocate these dollars to support the operating costs of our Police and Fire Department along with other essential City services.

What else has the City done to address budget deficiencies?

The City has and will continue to make the necessary financial restructuring reforms to address the deficit in addition to requesting the dedicated Public Act 345 millage for Police and Fire Pensions.

Since 2008:

- The City has cut the workforce by over 54%;
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- Employees accepted 3-year wage freezes;
- Employees have accepted health benefit decreases (higher co-pays for prescriptions);
- New hires are contributing 20% to their healthcare; and
- New employees receive reductions in their retirement benefit program.

The City is also saving money with the consolidation of the Wayne-Westland Fire Services and the Joint Emergency Dispatch.

What if the millage does not pass? What if it does pass?

If the millage does not pass cuts will be made to EIGHT Police Officers and FOUR Firefighters. That equates to one full shift. If the millage passes, public safety jobs will be protected.

How much will this millage cost me? For a home with a State Equalized Value of \$20,000.00, would cost \$140.00 per year or about \$11.66 per month. You would see this reflected on your summer 2014 tax bill.

Will Westland retirees also receive pensions from this millage?

The funds from this millage can only be used for City of Wayne Police and Fire retirees.

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Gietzens celebrate 60 years

Joan and Tony Gietzen, of Wayne, will celebrate their 60th anniversary on October 3rd. They were married in 1953 and moved to Wayne in 1956. They were the second family to move into the Thinbark neighborhood.

Tony was a corporal in the 716th MP battalion under the first army from 1952 - 1954. He was employed as a plant security sergeant at General Motors in Livonia. During this time he also worked several part-time jobs. After 33 years at GM, he retired in 1988.

Joan stayed home and raised their nine children - seven boys and two girls. They all attended St. Mary's of Wayne Catholic School.

Today Joan and Tony still have Sunday dinner for family and friends who are able to share part of their day. They all know to be there

for dinner at 3 p.m., and there is always plenty of food to accommodate the Sunday crowd. Tony may be retired, but he spends Sunday mornings working in the kitchen peeling potatoes and carrots. The dinner table is usually full with their children, five daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, 17 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. One more great grandchild is due to arrive this fall.

After dinner they enjoy sitting on their swing in the backyard and watching the children play outside.

For the past 60 years, Joan and Tony have been a shining example of an extraordinary couple that are a living example of love and devotion to each other and their family. They continue to serve as great role models for their whole family who are proud to congratulate and celebrate with them.



60th Anniversary

Joan & Anthony Gietzen



October 3, 1953

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City asks residents to support Public Act 345

What is Public Act 345 and why is it on the November ballot? If voters pass it, the 10-year 7-mill tax levy would create a retirement system for police and firefighters that is separate from the city's general fund.

Currently the pension costs are figured in with the annual budget. But the city is facing up to a \$2 million deficit and Public Act 345 would generate about \$1.9 million.

The millage would cost residents of Wayne \$140 per year for a home with a taxable value (SEV) of \$20,000 and \$420 per year for a home with a taxable value (SEV) of \$60,000.

If approved, beginning with the 2014-15 fiscal year, police officers and firefighters will become members of a separate retirement system and contributions will be transferred to the Public Act 345 system.

Public Act 345 is a State of Michigan Act of 1937 designed to administer and fund pensions for police and firefighters separate from the city's general fund. The Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) will continue to administer



the police and fire pension funds.

There are 45 Michigan communities using Public Act 345 to support their police and fire pensions including Southgate, Redford Township, Taylor and Westland.

The city is asking for the millage because of the recession that has affected the city since 2008. The city is generating \$1.9 million less in property tax revenue and the general fund has shrunk by over \$5.35 million in the past five years. That along with

cuts to local revenue sharing by the State of Michigan has created a budget crisis for Wayne.

A mill is worth less than it was five years ago. In 2008 1 mill of property tax generated \$667,826. In 2014 it will generate \$380,301. The city is collecting \$287,525 less for each mill today than it did five years ago.

Because of these losses and because police and fire retiree pensions continue to increase, the city

felt it necessary to seek other ways to fund the operating costs of the police and fire departments.

Residents will see two questions on the Nov. 5 ballot. Both must pass for this to take effect. The first question will request an amendment to the City Charter so that police and firefighters are transferred into a separate Act 345 retirement system effective beginning fiscal year 2014-15.

The second question will request the passage of 7 mills for 10 years to fund police and fire pensions through Act 345. If passed the millage amendment will raise \$2,662,107 annually.

In a letter to residents in Wayne, Police Chief Jason Wright and Fire Chief Michael Reddy said, "If the dedicated millage is approved, the city will have the finances to not only maintain quality public safety services but also continue providing excellent quality-of-life services."

If the millage does not pass the city will consider laying off up to eight police officers and three or four firefighters.



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Historical museum rich in community history

When I see an old house or building, especially a historical one, I wish that walls could talk. What stories they could tell of life in years gone by. Stories about people and how they lived, worked, dressed, ate, socialized, traveled, and shopped. Stories about villages and towns and how they governed themselves, what their businesses, industry, recreation and buildings were like. But, walls can't talk so we learn about our past in other ways. Much information is gleaned from old newspapers, council minutes, diaries, letters, and stories passed from one generation to another by word of mouth.

Wayne's museum is a historical building with a rich history. This building has served our community in many ways over the years. The origin of this building is an interesting one that tells us a good deal about Wayne in the mid 1800's. In 1869 about 800 people lived in our community. The leaders recognized a need to incorporate into a village. A charter election was held at the Union Hotel on April 12th in that year making Wayne the "Village" of Wayne. Councilmen were elected and they held the first meeting of the Common Council on the 20th of April, 1869. This group of men would govern the community. The Council met in rented rooms in various buildings for eight years. As the Village grew, the Council began to see a need to build "Council Chambers" for their meetings and a new "lock up". The first "lock up" was built just after incorporation and was a 10 x 12 foot wooden building at Brush and Biddle streets. A new "lock up" was needed to house overnight the vagrants and drunks that were hauled in by the Marshall. Wandering tramps were common and serious offenders were kept in the lock up until they could be taken to the County jail in Detroit.

In 1877 the Village was re-incorporated and a new council elected. The Village had a population of nearly 1400 people at this time. A Building Committee was appointed by the new Council who reported in favor of a two story frame building 20 x36 feet with an estimated cost of \$800 complete. After much deliberation and political debate on the details of "what and where", a brick building was ordered to be built on

Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



the Public Square at a cost of \$1300. James R. Lewis of Detroit won the bid. It featured a French Mansard roof design. Many mansard roofs were built in Detroit during the 1870's and 1880's but this is the only one built in Wayne. The Council held the first meeting in the new brick Village Hall November 19th, 1878. The building was used for both Village and Nankin Township meetings with the Township paying \$25 annually for rent. All elections were held in the Village Hall where the polling booths were held. It also housed the Justice of the Peace who paid \$25 rent annually. The Village Band stored their instruments there. It was the center of all Village activities and all important community questions were debated and decided there. Public meetings were held in the Village Hall, official proclamations made there and momentous occasions officially recognized and celebrated. It was a beautiful building and the town was proud of it.

Over the years, improvements were made to the building. Gas lights were installed in 1902 and electric lights in 1912. In 1916 an addition was made to the back of the building called "the fire engine house". It was a one story garage like addition that allowed the "fire apparatus to move to and from Main Street". The second addition was added in 1929 across the north side of the building with doors opening onto Monroe Street. As the building now housed fire equipment including a new 1928 American LaFrance fire truck, a brass pole was installed from the second floor for the use of fire fighters. (This pole still remains in the museum today.)

When the Police Department was organized in 1926, their headquarters were also in the Village Hall where they could make use of the "lock ups" or jail cells in the building's basement. The Police Department was made up of two men at that time. In 1950 the Village Offices



The Wayne Historical Museum has served the community in many capacities over the years including a jail and fire station.

moved from the Village Hall to the former Water Department Building on Sims and Second (which is now our District Court Building). In 1952 a new police station was built on Sims Street and the jail cells were removed from the Village Hall and sent to the new location.

In the 1950's after the Fire Department moved to their new building on Wayne Road, the Village Hall became home to the Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Achievement. In 1964 the City Council named the old Village Hall the Wayne Historical Museum. The Historical Society began moving their collections into the building and setting up the first exhibit. The City appointed a Historical Commission and in 1969 the Society turned over all of the historical collections to the Historical Commission and the City of Wayne. The building was renovated and updated. In 1987 an office for the Museum Manager was installed and another addition was added to the south side of the building to make room for historical artifacts and exhibits.

Today, our beautiful old museum is 135 years old. The preservation of this building and its artifacts and archives is a continuing concern. Up-keep and repairs are a major part of those concerns. A number of years ago, new doors were put on the front of the building. The interior has been repainted. Several years ago it was noted the windows were in poor repair and needed replacing. The Commission and Society went to the community to help finance this project and the money was raised to replace all the windows and secure the building. Just this year the outside trim was painted.

So much of our local history was made in this building. It is wonderful to see it continue to be a part of our community. Stop in and tour our Historical Museum and learn about our past. You will enjoy it!

(Thanks to Richard Story for assistance with material for this article. Information was taken from the Wayne Centennial Book of 1969 and Mildred Hanchett's paper "Historic Building - The Old Village Hall" 1972).

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Social scene in Wayne

Mark your calendars- it's time for the Wayne Library's REALLY BIG USED BOOK SALE. It is from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 9 and 12-5 p.m. Oct. 10-12. And as in previous years, Saturday will be 'bag day'. That's when you can cram all the books you want into a bag, for a special price.

Early birds to the sale will find special books- such as an autographed copy of Sally Ride's book "To Space and Back". This is the book in which she shares the adventures of outer space. It's on sale for \$10- such a deal!

There is a huge collection of romance novels- a favorite category every year. Cookbooks are also popular. In addition there are books on tape, CDs, VHS, DVDs and CD Rom games- (Nancy Drew etc.)

A beautiful collection for sale is Encyclopedia Britannica's Great Books of the Western World. There are more than 20 volumes of the best works of famous writers.

You'll find a few unusual items also on sale- such as a backgammon game in a handsome carrying case. You'll find a nice cribbage game, and for anyone in medical training, a boxed set of anatomy flash cards.

If you have gently used books to contribute to the sale, please do bring them to the library.

Our Wayne Garden Club held their first meeting of 2013-14. It was lovely to see so many of our members plus a number of guests. Here's hoping I have all their names- if not take me to task, and I'll be sure to mention you in my next column We welcomed Mercedes True; Barbara

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



Marek; Margie Barron; Carolyn Marmon; and Tammy Liptak. Although Maureen Davidson isn't a brand new member- she's quite new and worked so very, very hard on the summer Garden Walk.

Jim McGrath was our speaker. His wide-ranging presentation was billed as "Making the Ultimate Bird Feeding Station," but covered many different species. He brought two types of Praying Mantises and several types of turtles including one only found in Michigan. If you see a turtle with a yellow chin, that's the one! All through his presentation he was holding on to a cloth bag. Well. . . I can tell you the ladies at the front table drew back a little when he announced "in this bag is a gentle little black 'rat' snake." Mr. McGrath was an enthusiastic and interesting speaker, we really enjoyed his presentation, but most of us were very glad the loveable little snake never got out of his bag.

JoAnn Hanson was honored for her three years as president. Tina Butler and Darlene Hawley are our new co-presidents. Ruth Wenzel and Jean Radley are co-vice presidents. Alicia Marmon is recording secretary; your humble correspondent will correspond, and our treasurer is the treasure of many of Wayne's clubs- Bev Woodard.



Ed McMurray was named the 2013 Diamond of the Community. This award is sponsored by John and Anna Petrou of Wayne Dairy Queen.

My husband and I really enjoyed Wayne Police Officer William Magnam's lecture on the K-9 unit and seeing his canine sidekick, Zeto. Officer Magnam gave us an overview of the training he and Zeto do. It consists of 32 hours each month. They train with a former Wayne Police Officer Terry Foley. He trains the dogs at a location in Allen Park. Zeto is a two-year-old beautiful 80 lb. German Shepherd- black with tan highlights. He lay calmly at Officer Magnam's feet except when Magnam issued various commands. We learned that all K-9 dogs are from Germany; that being the country which specializes in their breeding. Officer Magnam and Zeto have been called to help many of the communities around Wayne. But when they are not working, it's very easy to see that Officer Magnam and Zeto are best friends.

Ms. Brenda Ozog will present "Genealogy 101" at the Historical Museum in October. She is a Wayne resident and is very learned in the field of genealogy. Her family came to America just after the Mayflower voyage, and she's a member of the Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims; Daughters of the Colonial War; Daughters of the American Revolution, and National Society of Daughters of the

Union. The date of her program is Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. I'm sure she can show you how to chart a path to your own genealogical history.

Ed McMurray, this year's "Diamond of the Community" dined at the Community Center on Sept. 17. He dined, along with his family, friends, and state officials. It was a well- deserved honor for the man who does everything he can for Wayne residents. Some of his contributions to Wayne: Housing Commission, Commission on Aging, Historical Commission, and Ed is the founder of the Friends Helping Friends Program- now in its 16th year. He and 86 volunteers; 63 of whom were JROTC students from Wayne Memorial High School, just finished this year's project.

Ed, surrounded by family, was honored by State Senator Hoon-Young Hopgood, County Commissioner Kevin McNamara and members of the Council on Aging. After dinner Ed, his wife Donna and their children went to city hall where the mayor and city council presented him with a plaque, honoring his service to the community. A big "thank you" to Anna and John Petrou; each year they donate time and money to make "Diamond. . . " a success.

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Retired Police Officer Ben Corney was named 2012 Police Officer of the Year.

Police Officer of the Year

Patrol Officer (ret) Ben Corney was named the 2012 Police Officer of the Year.

Police Chief Jason Wright said, "I have spent 20 and a half years working with Ben and have known him for a long time."

Wright said in the last year of working before retirement you might expect someone to slow down and start shifting gears. But not Corney.

"Ben hit the street running every day. He was hard charging every single day," Wright said. "He was the first guy on a hot run. He never shied away from a hot run."

Often Corney would cover a shift for an officer who had a young family so they could be with their families.

Corney even delayed his retirement when he realized the department was short shifted and had to get four new officers through training.

"He offered to stick around a couple more months to get them through training," Wright said. "He put the needs of the department first

"Not many people realize the hard work police officers do and the risk they take."

Mayor Al Haidous

and I commend him for that."

Mayor Al Haidous said, "He served this community from the heart. We agree and disagree on a lot of things but I respect him."

"Not many people realize the hard work police officers do and the risk they take," Haidous said.

Corney was recognized by city council for his outstanding contributions to the city.

"I thank everyone for the award. I greatly appreciate it," he said.

Councilman Jim Henley noted that when former city employee Doug Beasley was taken out of his retirement party and wasn't able to get his ride in the police car, "Officer Corney made sure he had his last ride."

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Happy Homecoming

Wayne Memorial High School will celebrate Homecoming on Oct. 4 and 5. The annual homecoming parade will begin at the Fourth Street side of the school at 5:45 p.m. on Oct. 4. It will proceed west to Wayne Road and north to Glenwood and then down Glenwood to the football stadium. The football game will be at 7 p.m. against Plymouth High School. The Homecoming Queen will be crowned at halftime. Come show your Zebra Pride!

This year's Homecoming theme is Galaxy. The Homecoming dance will be Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.

Park improvements

The city has secured a grant from Wayne County for up to \$68,000 for Goudy Park and up to \$9,000 for Jaycee Park for recreational improvements. Jaycee Park will receive a new playground designed for 5-12 year olds. It is also handicap accessible.



The 2013 Wayne Memorial High School Homecoming Court: (l-r): Brian Williams, Carlos Pernell, Angelo Greene, Jamil Gharib, Joseph Gatton, Jenessa McCloskey, Danni Portman, Skyler Minor, Hailey Dottor and Danielle Robbins. Photo by Jenny Johnson

Goudy Park will get a new roof for the amphitheater, new bleachers and wood fibers for the playscape.

City earns financial award

The City of Wayne Finance Dept. has earned a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 24th year in a row.

Councilman Skip Monit said, "It

is a real comforting fact to know the output of the financial department is what it appears to be. This is a statement from an official group that says there is excellence in that department."

West Wayne Baptist Church Homecoming

West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church, 4040 John Hix Road, is hosting a Homecoming celebration starting at 11 a.m. on Oct. 27 at the church. They are inviting all members and former members to come and enjoy special music "By his Grace." There will also be a dinner after Sunday service.

For more information, call 734-728-6266.

Fall Festival

St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road in Westland, will host a Fall Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 12. There will be music, a

car show, food, drinks and kids activities. There will also be a Trunk or Treat from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with treats, prizes for best costumes and a fire pit with s'mores.

Join Wayne Democratic Club

A meeting of the new Wayne Democratic Club will be at 6 p.m. on Oct. 22 at UAW Local 900, 38200 Michigan Avenue.

Stop Human Trafficking event

Senator Judy Emmons is hosting a Red Flag Community Event to raise public awareness about the dangers of human trafficking at 7 p.m. on Oct. 25 at Warren Rd. Light and Life Free Methodist Church, 33445 Warren Rd., Westland.

Human trafficking is the world's second-largest and fastest-growing criminal industry. In Michigan, it is estimated that every month up to 150 girls under the age of 18 are sold into the world of sex trafficking.

Theresa Flores (LSW, MS) founder of S.O.A.P (Saving Our Adolescents from Prostitution), author of "The Slave Across the Street", victim advocate, and human trafficking survivor will share her story.

To be a part of a growing movement of people trying to put a stop to the sale of children and modern day slavery, please register by October 11th by e-mailing Chrissy Hemphill at cchrissyh83@aol.com. For questions, contact Chrissy at (313) 806-3812 or Carol Thomas at (734) 629-7580.



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Following a few basic guidelines can also help. The first rule is simplest: Never use an ATM unless you feel completely comfortable. Whether it's a dark street or suspicious people lurking nearby that have you feeling nervous, following your gut is better than risking your safety. Be aware of your surroundings and cautious of strangers. Don't accept help from people you don't know, and make sure no one is observing you when you enter your PIN.

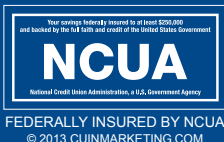
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