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# New city snow plowing procedures

With the looming budget deficit and the recent snowfall residents have wondered if the city's policy for calling a snow emergency and plowing residential streets has changed.

According to Dan Hamann, assistant DPW director, "A snow emergency is called by the police chief in consultation with the city manager and DPW. The ability of emergency vehicles to get down roads including the larger fire department vehicles is one consideration. It is normally very dependent on factors such as predicted snowfall and temperatures that inhibit salt's effectiveness."

Because of the decrease of manpower at the Wayne Police Department for the past several years it has also depended on the ability to staff police officers to effectively enforce a snow emergency.

A snow emergency means residents are asked not to park on public streets until streets have been plowed.

"DPW usually begins switching from salting to plowing in the 4" to 6" of accumulation range again, de-

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pendent on conditions," Hamann said.

The City of Wayne maintains Michigan Ave. between Fourth St. and the CSX Railroad and the grade separation just east of Wayne Bowl under contract for the Michigan Dept. of Transportation. This is the first area that gets plowed.

Next the city plows streets that are defined as Major Streets under Michigan PA. 51 and for which the city receives some designated funding from the State intended for major streets. These would be non-Wayne County roads such as Newburgh, John Hix north of Michigan, Glenwood, Second, Forest, Annapo-

lis and Carlisle Parkway.

They also treat a small portion of roads that are next to a school.

"Merriman, Venoy, Howe, Wayne, Hannan, Van Born and the east and west ends of Michigan Ave. are all the responsibility of Wayne County," Hamann said.

Factors that are considered when declaring a snow emergency and plowing streets include time and duration of snowfall, accumulation, temperature, wind speed, sunshine, available manpower, availability of equipment, and other high priority work such as a water main break or sanitary sewer problem, Hamann said.

As a change from previous years the city is only concentrating on clearing Class A (Michigan Ave.) and Class B (other major streets) during overtime periods. This is to help conserve money.

Local subdivision side streets or Class C streets will be cleared during regular work hours.

"I can only tell you that we try and get all the streets done as quickly as possible. We generally work from the borders inward so that crews converge in the center of town. I estimate that the past few major snow falls this season we cleared the Major Streets and 80% of the C streets which, includes alleys, on the first day of straight time and the balance including going back and doing additional clean up (e.g. gutter pans to facilitate drainage, areas where cars were parked, and intersections) on the second day of straight time" Hamann said.

An extreme event like an ice storm that render even C streets unsafe, may cause a variation in procedures.

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# 2013 Year in Review

By Jenny Johnson

It has been a challenging year in the City of Wayne. While city council and the administration have dealt with declining revenue, the failure of Public Act 345 and the search for a new city manager, other avenues have shown promise and hope for a vibrant future for Wayne.

## City

The cities of Wayne and Westland continued to forge new ground with joint consolidation effort. In June, Wayne and Garden City joint Inkster and Westland in a joint emergency dispatch center located in Westland.

In September City Manager Robert English retired and city council appointed Ramzi El-Gharib as interim city manager while they conducted a search for a new permanent manager. They interviewed two candidates in December but did not choose either one. They will continue the search this spring.

In October the Wayne Police Department offered an online tool for the public to keep up on crime in the city. Deputy Police Chief Alan Maciag introduced Crimedat during a city council meeting.

The website shows a map of the city with icons. The icons represent different police incidents including larceny, assault, home invasion, vehicle theft, auto accidents, narcotics, breaking and entering and operating under the influence, for a two-week window.

In November voters re-elected Mayor Al Haidous, Councilmen Jim Henley and Jim Hawley and elected Susan Rowe to council. On the November election was also two ballot proposals for Public Act 345. Voters rejected this proposal.

Construction season saw improvements on Annapolis from Elizabeth to Venoy. The project included repairing and conditioning the existing concrete pavement and capping it with a 2.5 inches asphalt surface. All deficient sidewalks were replaced and new ADA ramps were installed.

## People

The Wayne Dispatch columnist and former Biggest Loser contestant Buddy Shuh launched Buddy Up in



What a year- 2013 brought triumph and tragedy to Wayne. Runners and walkers raced through the streets as part of the annual Red October Run. Concerts in the Park and Rouge-A-Palooza brought families and the community back to Goudy Park. Wayne Memorial High School celebrated homecoming and the Champions program benefitted from the movie premiere of Infiltrators at the State Wayne Theater. The city and entire community mourned the death of WWFA firefighter Brian Woehlke.

January. More than 300 people signed up for the 12-week exercise, nutrition and support group. At the end they walked or ran in a 5K. This January Buddy will offer Buddy Up 2.0.

Three sisters from Wayne wowed Simon Cowell on the X Factor. RoXxy Montana is made up of Tenija, 22, Tiara, 21, and Temperance, 20, Moton. They survived the four-chair challenge and made it to the Top 16 and appeared on the first live show.

Former Parks and Recreation Director Theodore D'Pulos was inducted into the Michigan Recreation and Park Association Hall of Fame in October. He was the director of the

parks and recreation department from 1969-1995.

Former Detroit Red Wing Tomas Holmstrom visited Wayne and supported a fundraiser for the Wayne Goodfellows at Avenue Downtown Wayne. He autographed memorabilia and posed for pictures for a line of dedicated fans.

Wayne lost some tremendous members of the community this year including long-time businessman Ray Morsky who owned Broome's Auto Parts. Robert Smith was one of the longest serving volunteers. He was a member of the Recreation Advisory Board and Wayne Golden Hour club. He passed away on May

19. Doug Beasley, a city employee and life-long Wayne resident, lost his battle with Leukemia earlier this year.

Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke died in the line of duty on May 8 while he was fighting a fire at Marvaso's Grill and Electric Stick. The fire was recently ruled an arson and Woehlke's death is being investigated as a homicide.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the friends and family who are remembering and missing their loved ones.

## Business

Jack Demmer Ford will open a Quick Lane Auto Service Center on the northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Newburgh this year. This new facility is a no appointment necessary maintenance and light repair operation. They will service all makes and models while the customer waits.

The Avenue Sports Grille on Elizabeth is in the midst of a 1500 sq. ft. expansion to their patio area. This will create an L-shaped outdoor service area on the west and south side of the building. When complete they will renovate the interior of the restaurant and now they are in the process of expanding their kitchen.

McDonalds is on the way. According to the Building and Engineering department, the former Rex's Restaurant at Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue will be demolished this winter and the McDonalds will be complete and open by spring.

CET Pharmacy Group has purchased the former Wayne Eagle building on Michigan Avenue and Sophia. They have demolished the old building and will build a commercial pharmacy that will fill prescriptions for nursing homes and doctors' offices. They will not service individual clients.

Kurt's Caps at the corner of Michigan Avenue west and Williams Street offers caps for truck beds. Wayne residents own the business.

Mark Chevrolet on Michigan Avenue is in the process of a major renovation of the interior and exterior of

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Main Street Committee to visit Downtown Wayne

The Wayne Ripple Effect has submitted their 233 page application to Michigan Main Street program. They hope it is accepted and they will get to move from associate level to select level.

Wayne Ripple Effect member Cindy Schofield said, "The State of Michigan will be in Wayne in January to do an on-site visit and will meet with the Wayne Ripple Effect to ask any questions they have with the application."

There will be a community meeting in Lansing on Feb. 5 and on Feb. 9 the selected cities will be announced.

The Main Street Program is an effort to revitalize downtowns and help improve economic conditions in selected cities. If Wayne is chosen they will get \$200,000 in resources from the state.

"We look forward to partnering with the city to make a revitalized downtown a reality," Schofield said.

### Trivia Night

How much do you know? Test your knowledge with Trivia Night at Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland on Jan. 11. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and trivia starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$20 per team-up to four people and includes 10 rounds of questions popcorn and pizza. Beverages available for purchase. Must pre-register at [stssimonandjude.com/trivianight](http://stssimonandjude.com/trivianight). For more info contact [stssimonandjude@gmail.com](mailto:stssimonandjude@gmail.com) or call Kathy Hansen at 734-716-4436.

All proceeds will go to the Ss. Simon and Jude Building Debt Reduction Program.

### Euchre Tournament

Join the Euchre Tournament on Jan. 25 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Rd. The cost is \$20 per person. Check in starts at 6 p.m. and games start at 7 p.m. Please pre-register at [RJG.Euchre@gmail.com](mailto:RJG.Euchre@gmail.com). Proceeds will benefit the community projects of Wayne-Westland Parks & Recreation and Wayne Rotary Club.

Must be 21 or older.



Taft-Galloway Elementary School was the lucky recipient of \$10,000 worth of school supplies from the Metro Detroit Office Max Holiday Supply Drive. Office Max Corp. also presented Principal Rebecca DesJardins with a \$1500 check for the school.

### Casino Trip

The Wayne Rotary Club is sponsoring a trip to Firekeepers Casino on Jan. 11. The cost is \$35 and includes \$20 in slot play and \$5 in food. The bus will depart at 3 p.m. from the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Avenue. It will leave from Firekeepers Casino at 10 p.m. For reservations, please call Trish Hampton at 734-890-6934.

### Mother Son Sports Night

Moms do you want to have a fun night out with your little guys age 5-12? Then bring them to Mother/Son Sports Night from 6-8:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. Enjoy an evening of sports, games and food, The cost is:

Residents:  
\$12/Couple or \$16/Mom & 2 Sons  
Non-Res.: \$13/Couple or \$18/Mom & 2 Sons. For more information, call 734-721-7400.

### Wayne Public Library programs for kids

The Wayne Public Library has a variety of programs to keep little ones busy this winter.

Storytime Tuesdays is at 10:30 a.m. and will meet on 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11 and 2/18. This multi-age storytime is for the whole family and includes stories, rhymes, movement and crafts. Registration is required. Sign up begins Jan. 7. Call 734-721-7832 to register.

### Paddington Bear Party

Don't miss the Paddington Bear Party at 2 p.m. on Jan. 25 at the Wayne Public Library. Kids will play games, make crafts, read a story, draw for door prizes and eat all in celebration of Paddington Bear!! Registration is required and begins Jan. 11.

### Winterfest 2014

The annual Winterfest fun will be on Jan. 24 and 25 at the Wayne Community Center. Bring the family and come enjoy a great weekend.

Swim with Winnie the Pooh and Tigger from 6-8 p.m. on Jan. 24.

Show your skills with Glow ice-skating for \$5 per person from 7-8:20 p.m. on Jan. 24, 5:30-6:50 p.m. and 8:30-9:50 p.m. on Jan. 25 and 2-3:20 p.m. and 3:30-4:50 p.m. on Jan. 26.

Dress warm and brave the winter weather for the Northpole Winter Classic at 10 a.m. on Jan. 25 at West-

land Municipal Golf Course.

The Wayne Senior Dept. will sell hot fudge sundaes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 25 and the Wayne Dance, Gymnastics and Cheer program will perform a free mini-show at 1 p.m.

For more information on all of the Winterfest activities, please call 734-721-7400.

### Goodfellows Raffle

The holidays may be over but the Wayne Goodfellows are already busy raising funds for next year. They are hosting a Progressive Raffle every Thursday at 9 p.m. at the Avenue Downtown Wayne, at Elizabeth and westbound Michigan Avenue.

Tickets are for sale at the Avenue and Henry's Service Center on Wayne Road.

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# City schedules financial planning sessions

By Jenny Johnson

City council is looking for solutions to a potential \$2 million budget shortfall for the 2014-15 fiscal year. They have planned two financial visioning sessions that will be led by Winchester Group, the city's consulting firm.

The first one will be from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 1 at the Wayne Public Library. The second one will be from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 8 at the Wayne Community Center.

The goal of these sessions is to create a budget task force made up of city officials while including the ideas and suggestions of residents, business owners and other community stakeholders.

Session one will focus on reviewing the current budget and projecting a five-year budget plan.

## Session 1: February 1

Wayne Public Library - 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## Session 2: February 8

Wayne Community Center - 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"You have a lot of passionate residents" said Lisa Nocerini of WCG. "Use your assets- your residents and businesses. These will be open discussions and nothing is a bad idea. We have to find solutions."

WCG did this for Redford Township. Nocerini said they had about 60 people who committed and came to each of the sessions.

Business owners and residents will play a key role in these sessions.

"They utilize and depend on the services the city provides and need to be a part of the decision making process when it comes to looking at

the bigger picture, identifying what they can live without if cuts are to be made," Nocerini said.

"We will give you all the tools that you need," she said. "This is not a town hall where we yell and stand up but where we ask questions and find and identify how to get the city back on track."

Wayne resident Ron Roberts said, "This is really encouraging. This is something we've been looking for a long time."

"These are public meetings that I encourage everyone to attend. There will not be a podium to vent, but

rather a classroom environment where workgroups are created and collective thought focused on the issues of revenues, expenditures and cuts are part of the outcome," Nocerini said. "This is all about citizen input."

Once both sessions are complete they will survey participants and will create the budget task force.

"It's about coming together to figure out what we can do better," Nocerini said.

Councilman Albert Damitio said, "What we are trying to do is avoid a crisis."

These sessions can help that, he said.

Councilwoman Susan Rowe said, "This is something I've been hoping for for many many years to take place."

## Search warrants served in Marvaso's fire

Three search warrants were served in the investigation of the May 8 fire at Marvaso's Restaurant that killed Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke.

Last month the Wayne-Westland Fire Department ruled the fire an arson. That led to a homicide investigation by the Michigan State Police into Woehlke's death. Woehlke, 29, was the first Wayne-Westland firefighter to be killed in the line of duty.

Woehlke joined the department in July 2012. He was married with a 13-month old daughter at the time of his death. Michigan State Police arrested one person on an unrelated misdemeanor charge while executing



the search warrants.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Michigan State Police Special Investigations Section at (877) 616-4677. Tips can remain anonymous.

Federal authorities are offering a \$5,000 reward for information resulting in the arrest of anyone involved with setting the fire.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Daddy/Daughter Date Night

Calling all Dads! Grab your little girls and come create a special memory at Daddy/Daughter Date Night from 6-8:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 at the Wayne Community Center. Enjoy snacks, square dancing and a photo. The cost is:

Residents: \$12/Couple or \$16/Dad & 2 Daughters Non-Res.: \$13/Couple or \$18/Dad & 2 Daughters. Tickets are available at the front desk at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

### Library Kids Club

Starting on January 22 the library will begin hosting Kids Club at 6 p.m. on Wednesday Nights. They will meet 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, and 2/19,

They will highlight different books through games, crafts, read-aloud and other fun activities. The club is recommended for children 7 and up.

Parents will be requested to stay for Kids Club as parent participation may be necessary for some of the activities.

Registration is required. Sign up begins Jan. 8.



### Superintendent announces retirement

Wayne-Westland Community Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy announced his retirement effective July 1, 2014. With a 17-year tenure he is the longest serving superintendent in Wayne-Westland's history.

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve the children and community in a district in which I grew up, attended its schools (Grades K-12) and currently reside," Baracy said. "Every decision we made was based upon serving the best interests of children, expanding educational opportunities and positively impacting the community."

Baracy said he is looking forward to fishing, hunting, traveling, tinkering with his 1926 Model T Ford and spending quality time with his family.

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the existing building. This will include enclosing the canopy on the west side of the building that is used for service write-ups. A vehicle plaza will be built on the east side of the building to display vehicles. The former site of Beehive Restaurant will be used as a customer parking lot.

Pro Fireworks, a year-round fireworks store located at the northwest corner of John Hix and westbound Michigan Avenue opened its doors in 2013.

7 Star Liquor bought a building on Wayne Road just north of Annapolis. They renovated it and held a grand re-opening celebration.

American Jetway on Venoy celebrated their 50th anniversary. Frank Acitelli purchased the former North American Aerosol Company and renamed it American Jetway in 1963. This June they purchased the former Advanced Materials Process Corporation on Howe Rd. to further expand the business. Today they employ 160 people and had gross sales of \$35 million for fiscal year 2012-13.

The emergency department of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital completed a \$7 million renovation this summer. The technology, services and facilities were all upgraded and designed around function for efficient patient flow.

There are 28 treatment bays including a five-bed fast track area for low-level emergency needs; two trauma bays immediately off the ambulance entrance and even a separate decontamination room for hazmat situations.

**Events**

The Wayne Farmers Market was bigger and better this year. With a new location at Goudy Park the Market offered locally grown produce, food, crafts and entertainment from May through October.

Summer was a busy time in Wayne. As always the annual Sidewalk Sales had great deals. This year there was a cruise along Michigan Avenue the same weekend. It filled the streets and parking lots in Wayne with cool cars. Wayne residents were amazed when elephants in Attwood Park raised the big top. The Kelly Miller Circus came back to town and delighted all with their entertaining performances.

Concerts in the Park were back at



City officials gave city momentos to Doug Beasley a former city employee who was suffering from Leukemia. Beasley was too ill to attend so friends Dick Clark and Corky Hayes accepted the gifts.



Cory Jacobson from the State Wayne Theater accepts the Wayne Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award for 2013 from Chamber Director Paul Strom.



The Kelly Miller Circus was a big hit in the community again this year.



Champions of Wayne benefactor Richard Helppie passes out checks to Wayne Memorial students at their annual banquet.

Goudy Park for six weeks. These free concerts were well received.

The Wayne-Westland Relay for Life was held at Attwood Park for the first time. More than 300 participants on 22 teams helped raise over \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Family Fest is a day of fun for the whole family. For eight years Cross-Pointe Community Church on Glenwood hosts a free day of games, rides, music, hot foods, cold foods, drinks, and a classic car show for the whole community.

The Wayne Ripple Effect submitted a 200+ page application to the State of Michigan to advance to the select level of the Michigan Main Street program. If selected they will receive more than \$200,000 in services to help make downtown Wayne a vibrant and thriving area.

The scarecrows were back in town this fall decorating downtown Wayne. Residents, business owners and civic organizations designed and stuffed their scarecrows and Wayne Ripple Effect volunteers put them on display on downtown light posts.

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The Rocky Horror Picture Show was a big hit at State Wayne Theater. Movie-goers enjoyed not only watching but acting out the movie.

The inaugural Rouge-a-Palooza was an event planned to celebrate the Rouge River. The one-day festival was held in Goudy Park and featured a canoe race, boat kits and a rubber duck race along the Rouge.

Phoenix Theater State Wayne hosted their biggest event ever in September when Hollywood came to town for the movie premier of Infiltrators. The movie starred former Wayne resident Greg Jbara. He was joined by five of his cast mates and producer Sally Helppie, another alumni. All proceeds from this event supported the Champions of Wayne program at Wayne Memorial High School.

2013 wound up with a lighted Christmas Parade. The Wayne Rotary Club welcomed Santa to Wayne with a first ever night parade.

**Schools**

Two schools in Wayne welcomed new principals, Kevin Weber at



RoXxy Montana, a singing trio of sisters from Wayne made it to the top 16 on The X Factor. They were mentored by Simon Cowell. MiMoz Clothes is a local charity ran by two Wayne grandmas. They gather new and gently used childrens' clothes, shoes and coats and deliver them to local families in need.

Wayne Memorial High School and John Besek at Hoover Elementary.

The Wayne Police Department and Wayne-Westland Community Schools partnered to open Cop



Shops in three Wayne Elementary Schools: Hoover, Roosevelt-McGrath and Taft-Galloway. This give patrol officers an opportunity to use an office at the school to write their re-

ports.

Taft-Galloway Elementary School won \$10,000 worth of school supplies from Office Max and Tara Cooper a teacher at Franklin Middle School won A Day Made Better contest sponsored by Office Max.

The Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Drill Team had another award-winning season.

Last month Dr. Gregory Baracy, superintendent of the Wayne-Westland Schools, announced he will retire effective June 30, 2014.

**Other notable events in Wayne 2013**

The Friends Program helped another neighbor in need with exterior home renovations in September.

MiMoz Clothes, a charity ran by two Wayne women, were able to supply about 200 needy school-aged kids with clothes, shoes and coats. Their organization is run out of their home in Wayne and they are always looking for donations.

This is just a portion of all of the events, people and places we covered in 2013. On behalf of The Wayne Dispatch we wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2014.

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# Council interviews city manager candidates

By Jenny Johnson

City Council interviewed two candidates for the vacant position of city manager. David Flaisher and Charles Cleaver answered questions about their financial and management experience but neither had previous city manager experience. Flaisher has worked in West Bloomfield and Pontiac and Cleaver in Saginaw and Cass counties.

The city received about 24 applications and a subcommittee chose eight resumes for the entire council to review. Three were chosen for interviews but one dropped out.

Councilman Skip Monit said, "We need a city manager who is going to be the right fit and deal with what we have in front of us. I am not ready to endorse either of the candidates we saw today."

"We need to be more aggressive and seek out other candidates who did not apply like a headhunter go and look for the right candidate instead of waiting for them to come to us," said Councilman Jim Henley.

Council decided neither one was

the right fit for Wayne so they asked Interim City Manager Ramzi El-Gharib if he would continue his duties for the next few months. El-Gharib is also the Department of Public Works director.

El-Gharib said, "The only problem I have is budget preparation is the next decision and this is where we are going to need some help."

The city is facing a budget deficit and will have to make close to \$1 million in cuts.

Bill Costick, a former city manager and consultant who is helping the city in their city manager search said, "The reputation that Wayne has is very good among city managers in the State of Michigan. Wayne is viewed as a stable community. You have financial problems but everyone does."

He said the caliber of resumes was disappointing and a lot of people are looking to transfer out of state. He suggested doing another search in about six months and in the short term bringing in someone to help with the budget process.

# Fire Department gets new Life-Saving device

The Wayne-Westland Fire Department has a new tool to help save lives. The ZOLL Autopulse Non-invasive Cardiac Support Pump is used to treat sudden cardiac arrest. The Autopulse has a lifeband which fits around a patient's chest and performs mechanical CPR to the patient.

The Autopulse measures the chest and then applies perfect force and pressure to each individual based on the American Heart Association guidelines. It then gives consistent compressions and has been attributed to saving numerous lives.

"Our goal is to protect the lives of Wayne and Westland citizens, and this purchase is an important step in helping to achieve that goal," said Fire Chief Michael Reddy. "I have been a professional first responder for more than 21 years, and I have never seen a device that does what the Autopulse does."

While the Autopulse does the CPR, first responders are able to perform other lifesaving tasks on patients.

"Once a person is in cardiac arrest, every minute counts to get the heart beating normally again," said Chief Reddy. "For every minute that passes the chance of survival decreases by 10 percent. After 10 minutes, survival is unlikely. With the Autopulse we are better prepared to deal with cardiac arrest."

Sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death in the United States, killing one American every two minutes. It is estimated that 95 percent of victims of SCA die before they reach a hospital.

The Autopulse has been on the market for five years, and is used consistently in life-saving events throughout the U.S. and around the world.

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# A year in review

## from State Representative Kosowski

Happy New Year! Looking back at 2013 many great things have been accomplished in Lansing.

Let me start by thanking the great residents of the City of Wayne and Westland for electing me to serve them as their State Representative. There is no greater honor than representing them in Lansing.

The Michigan House of Representatives considered many laws with a vast degree of complexity and origin in 2013. We considered bills ranging from issues involving education all the way to allowing wolf hunting with hundreds of issues in between.

The highlight to me was the passing of Medicaid Expansion. This legislation will give access to health care to an estimated 470,000 low-income Michiganders. This government funded health care program will benefit those with incomes up to 133 percent above the federal poverty level.

It would be hard to speak about every bill, but here is a highlight of a few from this year:

Adopting Common Core standards for education, which are a national set of expectations of what students need to know in order to be career- and college-ready when they leave high school.

A requirement that all public schools possess epinephrine injection devices, known as EpiPens for children who may suffer from allergic reactions.

When purchasing a new car you will only be charged sales tax on the difference between the two vehicles.

Changes to campaign finance



**Latest from  
the Capitol**  
State Representative  
**Robert Kosowski**

laws that double the contribution limits for candidates. I was a "no vote" and continue to believe that this will not be good for Michigan.

The last bill that I will write about affects the Wayne-Westland School District. Two school districts were dissolved this past year. The dissolution of Buena Vista and Inkster schools required neighboring districts to absorb the students from those districts. While this is relatively new, we will have to wait to see how this plays out. This change impacts many students, teachers, school buildings and equipment.

Thousands of bills are submitted each year and many make it to the House of Representatives. Personally I have had three bills that were voted on this past year. One was recently signed into law a few months ago. It involved the use of certain military experience as the basis for registration; authorize for stationary steam engineers and boiler operators and waive initial license and registration fees for certain veterans. I will continue to search for bills that will assist the many people who have served our great country.

My second bill involves the filing deadline for local ballots. It was just passed by the Senate and is waiting



State Representative Robert Kosowski working for us on the House floor.

for Governor Snyder's signature. My third is one that I have been working on for some time. This bill would create a Father Registry to make sure that fathers are notified of all court proceedings involving their child. Having two adopted sons this is very special to me and I believe that it would only assist in the adoption process.

Speaking of bills, if you have a special bill idea please reach me by phone or email. A lot of bills are originated by the constituents of the community. It would be my pleasure to meet with you to discuss any bill idea you may have.

I serve on four committees, including being the Minority Vice Chair on Tourism, Veterans and Military Affairs, also Family Children and Seniors. The fourth committee, Local Government, is the new one for me. I am looking forward to this new challenge as I am sure it will affect many of us in the Wayne - Westland community. I am also proud to serve as the Minority Assistant WHIP for the Democratic Caucus.

This past August I was selected as the only Democrat to attend the Bowhay Legislative Leadership Development Program. The program was held at the University of Wisconsin

with other legislators from South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, Minnesota, Illinois, Kansas, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The program detailed how to become a better legislator, and I feel that it was an excellent source for me to gain valuable knowledge. The year 2013 has been a great year. I have really enjoyed many of the initiatives that we set up. I was happy with the response we received to my Rep on the Road series. It was a lot of fun going into our school district classrooms and meeting with the students. We were able to set up a mock legislative forum and discuss and debate current issues. In fact, I used many of the great ideas from our young students while I debate and considered bills in committee.

It was also great to see all of the people that came out to our free movie night. More are planned for 2014 along with some other ways to bring the government to you and to keep you updated. I am always open to meeting with constituents and I am willing to set up meetings with groups or individuals. If you are interested in setting up a meeting, please call my office at 1-855-600-2625.

I wish you the very best in 2014!

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# Safe Crossings

## Dawson protects our kids for 27 years

By Jenny Johnson

She has been on the job protecting the children of Wayne for 27 years. Just before Christmas Pat Dawson retired from her job with the City of Wayne as the crossing guard supervisor.

"I've loved it," she said.

She began as a substitute crossing guard at Schweitzer Elementary School. Over the years she crossed children at all of the elementary schools in Wayne. She was even at Monroe Elementary before it closed.

Dawson lives in Wayne and was a para professional for the school district and found she had some spare time. The crossing guard position requires being on your corner twice a day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon to safely cross children on their way to and from school. Guards are on duty for one hour a day, five days a week.

"I just enjoyed it. I loved the kids

"I just enjoyed it. I loved the kids like my own."

**Pat Dawson**

like my own," she said.

In 1993 she was promoted to supervisor and was in charge of four crossing guards--two at Taft-Galloway and one each at Schweitzer and Hoover, plus the substitute guards.

"They all do a great job," she said. "It's a good job."

Dawson has a great reason for retiring. Her first grandchild is on the way and she is looking forward to spending quality time with the new arrival.

For anyone considering a job as a crossing guard Dawson has some advice.

"Be on time," she said.



Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright presents Pat Dawson with a plaque to honor her 27 years of service as a crossing guard.



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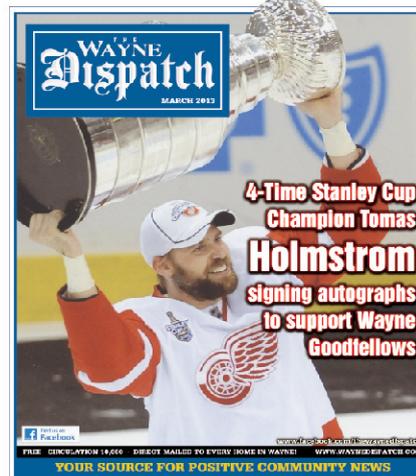
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# Old Wayne Cemetery

To some, a cemetery is a scary place that is to be avoided. This is especially true around Halloween or on dark and dreary nights. Many ghost stories have been written dealing with cemeteries and events that have taken place in them. But, in reality, cemeteries are wonderful places to learn the history of communities and the people who lived in them. A cemetery is a time capsule of years gone by and our ancestors who lived long ago. That is very true of the Old Wayne Cemetery located on Michigan Avenue next to the State Wayne Theater in Wayne. I am sure we have all driven or walked by this historical landmark without giving it much thought or realizing the wealth of information about our history that it contains.

The Old Wayne Cemetery measures one and a half acres today and was first used for burial in 1834 when Sally Derby passed away. She was buried in the eastern section on a small piece of land owned by the Ezra Derby family. The western half was dedicated to the cemetery by the Clark family when they buried James Clark there in 1848. The last burial took place in 1916 when John Frank was laid to rest with his parents and brother. The cemetery was officially closed July 9, 1918 by the city council. In 1971 the fences were repainted and the brick pillars facing south to Michigan Avenue were erected before the dedication of the Michigan Historical Marker which stands guard over the cemetery today.

Pioneers Ezra and Sally Derby came from Massachusetts after being married in 1826. They settled in what would become Wayne when they purchased land from the orphans of George Simmons. (In 1824 Mr. Simmons purchased land and the first structure erected in early Wayne, a log tavern, built by George M. Johnson. George Simmons ran the tavern but drank heavily and killed his wife one day while in a drunken rage. He was the first and only man to ever be sentenced to the death penalty by hanging in the State of Michigan. The hanging took place in Detroit.) Ezra Derby is the man credited with building our early village. He started a saw mill, built a blacksmith shop and was appointed

## Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



the Justice of the Peace in 1834. When his wife died that same year, he buried her on a piece of his land. Mr. Derby's town plat, 15 lots and the burial plot, was recorded in 1835. Ezra donated the burial plot to the fledgling community to preserve his wife's resting place and for future burial needs. The community became known as Derby's Corner. Ezra Derby married four more times. His second wife was Harriet Hawley Collins who was a widow with two sons, Ira and Giles. All three of them were buried in the Derby plot in Old Wayne Cemetery. His third wife, Hannah Smith, was a widow who resided two households away from the Derby family in 1850. She was buried in the cemetery after her death in 1856. Henry Derby, son of Ezra and Sally, died in 1866 and is buried near the eastern edge of the cemetery outside of the family plot. Ezra Derby died in 1877 at the age of 74 and was buried with his first three wives.

Most women who lived during this time period led very difficult lives. They were expected to marry, take care of the home and bear as many children as possible. Though their husbands were the bread winners and received public recognition and acclaim for their endeavors, it was the women who were the backbone of the community. In bearing many children to help with the farm and daily living duties, women put their lives in jeopardy. Pregnancy and childbirth could be a harrowing experience in the 1800's. Many infants and some mothers did not survive. Eliza P. Corlett died within three weeks of giving birth to her daughter Eliza and the infant died at the age of one month and 15 days. Patricia Rose Smith Knickerbocker, wife of Richard Washington Knickerbocker, survived one week after giving birth to son Richard, who passed three days before her. Grave stones in the Old Wayne Cemetery mark



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these sad events.

Even if mother and child survived the rigors of the birthing process, raising children to maturity was fraught with the perils of disease and accident. Between 1837 and 1844, Obadiah and Laura McBain buried four children who did not live to see their first birthday. Sophia Low and her husband Fredrick buried five children during the last two weeks of August in 1865.

Even though life was hard and often tragic for women of that time period, there were bright spots and happy times. Women were beginning to become a part of the community and its workings. In 1830 a small log school was built to provide "schooling" to the few children in the area. Cornelia Hawley, sister of William Hawley and Harriet Derby, was the first teacher. Sarah Perrin Morrison and Sarah Myers Houston were instrumental in getting a chapel for religious services for the inmates

at Eloise. Margaret Barnard followed her husband Charles as Postmaster in 1874. Fanny and Loren Doolittle's daughter Susan was a prominent photographer in the Wayne area from the late 1890's through the 1930's.

Many of the names of these women in our community long ago can be found on the tombstones in our cemetery today. The men, women and children who lie there have stories to tell. These stories can be gleaned from information on the tombstones and from reading their history in the archives of our Historical Museum. Watch for the next edition of the Dispatch to learn more of the stories of our ancestors who are buried in the Old Wayne Cemetery.

(Information for this article was taken from the pamphlet "A Guide to Old Wayne Cemetery" printed by the City of Wayne Community Development Department.)



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# What are your wishes for Wayne for 2014?

Matt Miller writes about his goals for the planning department: Have the Downtown Design Standard Ordinance adopted. This is the outcome of the Downtown Master Plan where we will begin to require a better design on any improvements or new construction in the downtown.

Continue to work on the Zoning Ordinance by making amendments that will improve the process for any new business locating in the city.

He continues ---"I hope to attend the Michigan Association of Planning conference in October. It is a great conference where I learn so much and can network with other professionals. This is also a requirement to keep my certification."

Wearing his other hat, as City Clerk, Matt continues.

"My main goal is to stay on top of all the work necessary to conduct two elections in 2014. Also I want to keep training the election inspectors on the Electronic Poll Books. My other goal is to try and increase the hours my staff has been budgeted. Currently it is myself at full time and

## Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



two part time employees."

"For the City my hopes are: I hope the residents and City Council can come together for a millage increase that can cover the necessary costs to keep the City services we have and even add some as leaf pick-up and better ordinance enforcement. I know this isn't popular, but with the dropping of values, the only way we can recover is as a community. We support the advancement of the City ourselves," he said.

"For the residents of Wayne to have pride in their property. With clean and safe neighborhoods, we will be able to improve our property values. If we could do these few things.

I believe that economic development will follow."

Councilman Al Damitio's goal is the same as stated in January 2013.

Have the City of Wayne budget balanced. Have the income be able to pay for our expenses, and have a 10% reserve for emergencies.

Library Director Paulette Medvecky's personal goals---1. Kick Cancer. 2. Stay happy and optimistic. 3. Enjoy my new grandbaby. Her goals for the Library are: 1. Stay open current hours. 2. Keep my wonderful staff. 3. Have a decent book budget.

Miriam Shurlow tells us about their very successful 67th Congregational Church Fair. Joan Watson, this year's General Chairperson, worked long and hard along with the eleven booth and kitchen chairpersons and members of the Congregation to make it very successful.

"Thanks to all the community for the support they gave us," she said.

The Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Church underwrites the costs of the Fair, and they were amply rewarded. Most of the monies from the Fair are used to help support the church and its many needs. Women's Fellowship also holds two rummage sales a year and prepares and serves funeral dinners, bridal and baby showers, etc. Each year they pack and deliver 100 Thanksgiving Food Baskets and 100 Christmas Food Baskets to 15 of the schools in Wayne-Westland. The names of the families are obtained from the schools.



City Clerk Matt Miller

In addition, they participate in the FISH emergency food program in the Wayne-Westland area along with three other churches. They also provide some funds to support disaster relief such as tornadoes, floods and the recent tsunami in the Philippines, as well as other charities in the area. The President of Women's Fellowship is Barbara Galbraith and Mary Carney is the Secretary.

Thanks to Matt Miller, Al Damitio, Paulette Medvecky and Mirium Shurlow for all the information they gave me for this column.

To all our friends and neighbors in Wayne - "Happy New Year."

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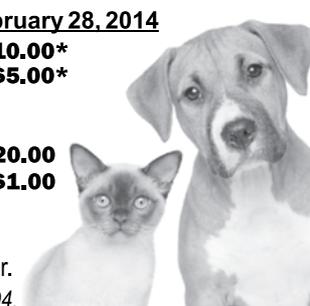
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# Fire Department and Oakwood Annapolis train for tornado

Practice makes perfect. That is why the Wayne-Westland Fire Department and the staff at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne partnered up to practice a tornado drill.

Dozens of volunteers acted as tornado victims so the hospital staff and fire department could test their ability to handle a large-scale emergency caused by a tornado.

“As the only certified Level III Trauma Center in western Wayne County, we have to be prepared for any and all emergencies,” said Eric Widner, division president of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. “Obviously, this is something we hope we never have to experience, but it is important for us to ensure our staff is ready and that we can take care of patients and serve the community no matter what type of crisis we face.”

In addition to sending injured victims to the hospital, the drill also factored in possibilities that the hospital itself may be damaged and that patients may need to be evacuated from any—or all—floors. Firefighters simulated a rooftop evacuation with a 120-foot ladder

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**Eric Widner**

Division President of  
Oakwood Annapolis Hospital



Douglas Grucz, MD, and Jennifer Rivera, RN, evaluate mock patient RoseAnn Dubke during a tornado response drill at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital on Wednesday. About 60 volunteer ‘victims’ were treated during the exercise, which was designed to test the hospital’s ability to respond to a large scale community emergency.

our staff and the community worked well together. It was gratifying to see that the skills and values we practice every day provided an excellent founda-

tion for us during this ‘crisis.’ We hope that something like this never happens in our community but if it does, we’ll be prepared for it.”

truck.

“It was important to get as many people involved in this exercise as possible,” said John Cargill, Trauma and Emergency Management Coordinator at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, who coordinated the disaster drill. “We wanted to test our emergency management procedures as realistically as we could and determine how we would respond if we were pushed to our limits—and beyond.”

“We learned a lot during this exercise,” said Widner. “Overall, I think

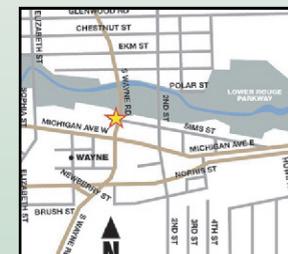


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# Council recognizes police dept. Service Awards

City council and the Wayne Police Department recognized six police officers and one civilian for their honorable service.

"These are some awards that have been overdue. They should have gone with Police Officer of the Year. I am very proud to be able to tell you the type of officers you have," said Jason Wright, police chief.

Officers William Mangan and David Hamlet were presented with Meritorious Service Awards for an armed robbery arrest.

It was 11:23 p.m. on June 3, 2012 when both officers were patrolling Michigan Avenue by Brownie's Diner. They saw a subject in dark clothes carrying a bag running from the front of Tim Horton's. Both officers believed the Tim Horton's had possibly been robbed and they pursued the suspect, chasing him on foot. They called dispatch and found out Tim Horton's had been robbed at gunpoint.

They caught the suspect and recovered the gun and the bag of stolen money. The suspect was charged with armed robbery and was found guilty.

"It was great police work," Wright said.

Officer Robert Amore was presented a Life Saving Award for providing CPR to a two month old child. Amore was the first to arrive on the scene at the baby's home and saw he was not breathing and did not have a pulse. He gave CPR and was able to get the baby to take a breath but he was not able to breathe on his own so Amore did rescue breathing and met the fire dept. on the street. He continued rescue breathing in the ambulance on the way to the hospi-

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**Jason Wright**  
Police Chief

tal. The child survived and Officer Amore received a thank you card from the family.

Sgts. Terrance Springer and Finley Carter and Officers David Hamlet and William Mangan were presented with Life Saving Award for detaining a suicidal subject.

In October 2012 the four were dispatched to the parking structure on a call of a suicidal man standing on the ledge of the top floor.

Wright said Springer and Mangan "did a great job of speaking" to the subject from the ground and were able to talk him off the ledge while Hamlet and Carter were able to sneak into the structure and take the man into protective custody.

"Everyone knows what they are supposed to do and they deployed excellent. I applauded them for their efforts," Wright said.

"Working together they brought great success bringing a person to safety," said Mayor Al Haidous. "Those are the kind of things you can't put a price on."

Civilian resident Bernard Moner was presented with the John Val-



Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright and Mayor Al Haidous presented Bernard Moner, a former police reserve officer, with the John Valchine Crime Prevention Award for his help in detaining a suspect in a robbery until police arrived. Photo by Jenny Johnson



Officers William Mangan and David Hamlet were presented with Meritorious Service Awards for an armed robbery arrest. Photo by Jenny Johnson



Sgt. Finley Carter, Officer William Mangan, Sgt. Terrence Springer and Officer David Hamlet were presented with Life Saving Awards by Mayor Al Haidous and Police Chief Jason Wright. Photo by Jenny Johnson

chine Crime Prevention Award for assisting road patrol with an arrest.

Moner was a reserve officer for the Wayne Police Department several years ago.

He was driving on Clinton Street when he noticed a subject running from the Dollar General Store on Michigan Avenue. Sgt. Andrew McKay and Det. Stephanie Strasser were chasing him.

Moner jumped out of his car and chased the suspect down. He held him in custody until the officer arrived on the scene.

"Bernie had no idea what the guy was running from. He put himself in harm's way," Wright said.

"I knew your quality the first time I met you," Haidous said. "I hope you continue your relationship with the community and the City of Wayne."



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