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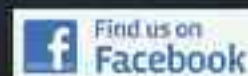
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# City sells State Wayne Theater

At their July 1 meeting Wayne City Council voted 6-0 to sell the State Wayne Theater to Insight Holdings II, LLC. The city acquired the State Wayne Theater in 1991. Since then it has been used to show first run and second run films and for live theater.

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Hawley said, "This is the most important building in the city."

During the last 10 years the theater has a net loss of \$822,131.26 plus capital outlay expenditures of \$573,774.23. This is a total loss of \$1,395,905.49 or \$139,590 per year. The additional funding needed has come from the DDA budget.

To maintain the status quo would continue to cost the city \$139,590 per year. The cost of closing the theater would cost \$333,600 based on existing leases for digital equipment.

Insight Holdings II LLC is related to Phoenix Theaters, the current management group of the State Wayne Theater.

The proposed purchase agreement provides the fees owed by the city of \$60,000.03 will not be paid but will serve as the sale price for the property. In addition the city will pay \$6,667 in management fees for June 2014 and will remain responsible for the monthly management fees for the next four months, during the due diligence period. This will cost the city \$26,668. This would be a total cost to the city of \$33,335.

The purchase agreement also includes the preservation of the State Wayne Theater marquee and exterior façade including the mural.

Phoenix Theaters is planning to purchase luxury seating that they have in their theater in Monroe.

"I have never seen seats like this before. They are large and lean back," Hawley said.

Monroe's business has gone up about 50% since they have started using the new seats.

Phoenix Theaters President Cory Jacobson said, "This was a long process to get from where we are. We have been running the theater for about two years. There is a lot of competition around us. About one year ago we found these luxury seats at a trade show. Attendance is just fantastic since the chairs."

The new chairs will cost about \$230,000 and should be installed at the State Wayne Theater by this fall.

Take a tour of the new chairs at the Monroe Theater by visiting Phoenixmovies.net.

In the past two years Phoenix Theaters has installed new paint and carpet, digital cinema, Dolby sound and 3-D capability in the State Wayne Theater.

Jacobson said, "The one thing that is classic is the chairs. We are a lot bigger today than in 1946. Come check it out, it will be a fantastic experience. We look forward to seeing everybody at the movies."

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Dr. Mohamed Saad, who joined Dr. Mark Haas in the practice in January 2012, works on a patient.

## ***Making Wayne Smile for over 30 years***

**By Jenny Johnson**

Businesses in Wayne are thriving! For more than 30 years Village Dental, 35100 E. Michigan Avenue, has been part of the Wayne community. Dr. Mohamed Saad joined Dr. Mark Haas in the practice in January 2012.

"I didn't like hearing that the economy in Michigan was in a downturn," Saad said. "I took a different approach and decided to think positively about things. I went office-to-office and city-to-city until I found what I was looking for. I walked in here one day."

Saad said he was impressed with Dr. Haas' practice and long-time commitment to the community. Over the years Haas bought four different

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**Dr. Mohamed Saad**

dental practices. Combined they have about 100 years of practicing in Wayne.

"Here is a business in downtown Wayne that is growing. Wayne is up and coming again," he said. Village Dental has about 2,000 active patients, and growing at an exceptional rate, who come from Wayne, Westland, Romulus, Canton, Plymouth, Northville and Birmingham.

"A lot of patients grew up in Wayne and moved out but come

back here," he said.

Saad grew up in Dearborn and his father worked at The Wayne Assembly plant. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and earned his doctorate from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. Saad worked with cosmetic dentists in New York and Los Angeles to develop his skill for aesthetic dentistry, which includes veneers and Zoom whitening.

He was awarded the Top Dentist

Award for 2013 from Consumer Research of America and Top Dentist for 2013 and 2014 in Detroit Hour.

He grew up in Dearborn and is the youngest of five children. His oldest brother is a nationally recognized cosmetic dentist and his other brother is a medical resident. His two sisters are teachers.

"My parents gave us opportunity and we ran with it. We are fortunate," he said.

Saad said he always knew he wanted to be a positive influence in his professional career.

Village Dental has been active members of the community by not only serving many of the residents of

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Police award scholarship

The Wayne Police Department started a scholarship fund in 2001 to help high school graduates with pursuing a degree in criminal justice. Joseph Wellinski, a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, received the \$1000 scholarship. He will attend University of Michigan-Dearborn.

### Police support Crime Stoppers

Wayne City Council approved a \$400 donation to Crime Stoppers, a non-profit organization focused on preventing, stopping and solving crime in Southeast Michigan. Donations are important to their success. This is the fourth year the Wayne Police Department will make a donation. The money will be paid from the drug forfeiture fund.

### Farmers Market

The Wayne Farmers Market is now open from 3-7 p.m. on Wednesdays through October at Goudy Park., behind Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road. Farmers will offer locally grown produce, plants and flowers. There will also be a variety of other local vendors, music and kids activities.

### Terrifically Talented Tuesdays

The Wayne Public Library will host free weekly summer activities at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Community Room. Events will last one hour. All ages are welcome.

#### Date/Event

July 8: Mad Science: The Science of Sound

July 15: Boom of the Dinosaurs; Two performances @ 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

July 22: Spirit of Alexandria Nature Bus; PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

July 29: Boom, Boom Wow with Michigan Science Center

For activities with pre-registration, please stop by the Children's Desk of the library or call 734-721-7832.



Concerts in The Park will start every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. from August 6th and go through September 3rd, in Goudy Park.

### Robotics Workshops

The Wayne Public Library will host a Robotic Workshop from 2-3 p.m. on July 11 and July 25. This is a hands-on workshop. Please pre-register by calling 734-721-7832.

### Kelly Miller Circus

August 9 at 2 and 5 p.m. at Attwood Park. Don't miss the raising of the Big Top with elephant power at 9 a.m. on Aug. 9. This event is free to the public. Tickets for the circus will be available at the Wayne Community Center. For more information, please call 734-721-7400.

### Senior Olympics

The 10th Annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics will be held Aug. 18-22. Two events will be held in the City of Wayne. At 9 a.m. on Aug. 20 Wayne Bowl, 36900 Michigan Avenue, will have Billiards and at 9 a.m. on Aug. 21 they will have bowling which is sponsored by the cities of Wayne and Inkster.

For a complete list of event times and locations, visit [www.WWCSO.org](http://www.WWCSO.org).

### WMHS Class of 1974 reunion

The Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1974 will celebrate their 40th reunion on Aug. 23 at the Avenue Downtown Wayne. Tickets are \$25 each. Casual dress. Members of the Class of 1973 and 1975 are also welcome. For more information contact [wmhs74reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:wmhs74reunion@yahoo.com) or 734-397-8196.

### Save the Date

The Wayne Goodfellows will host their annual Christmas party on Dec. 5 at the Wayne Community Center. More details to follow in further issues of The Wayne Dispatch.

### Wayne Library Art Contest

The Wayne Public Library is seeking junior artists. Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome to participate in this contest showcasing a variety of talents and media. Submissions will be accepted from July 1 - July 12 and must be ready for display. Voting will take place from July 13 - July 25. For more information, please call 734-721-7832.

### Join Rotary

The Wayne Rotary Club is looking for new members who are looking to be involved in the community. They meet at 12:05 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. They have lunch, network and have guest speakers. For more information visit their website at [www.waynerotary.org](http://www.waynerotary.org).

### St. Mary offers open enrollment

St. Mary Catholic School offers highly qualified teachers to educate to both Catholic and non-Catholic students. The school scores consistently in the top 25 percent nationwide on the Iowa Standardized Test. Grades 6th-8th use the "Middle School Model" for preparing stu-

dents for high school. St. Mary is a diverse school, which offers a multitude of enrichment programs that students can explore beyond the basic curriculum. They offer open enrollment for preschool through 8th grade. For more information contact 721-1240.

### Candidates vie for open council position

Six candidates have submitted letters of interest to fill the open city council position left vacant by the resignation of Jim Henley last month. At 6 p.m. on July 8 council will interview the following candidates: David James, Thomas Porter, Christopher Sanders, Keith Tilley and Shari Welch at the Wayne Community Center.

Council has to appoint someone to the position by July 17. The new appointee will serve until the next city general election in November 2015.

### Community Center remains open for now

The Wayne Community Center has been given a 120-day reprieve. While initially recommended to have 60% of the building closed effective July 1 new City Manager Joe Merucci asked to have time to evaluate some options and to talk to the City of Westland and two interested management companies. One company currently manages the Romulus Community Center and the other is Suburban Management who manages the Farmington Ice Arenas.

### Park Watch meeting

There will be a Park watch meeting at 7 p.m. on July the 15th at the Wayne Community Center, 4635. The meeting will be in Suite 1 and will discuss scheduling and monitoring, any issues at each park and clean up at the parks.

### Summer Lunch

The Summer Lunch Program has returned to the Wayne Community Center on Monday - Friday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wayne County sponsors the free, nutritious meals for children 18 and under during the summer months.



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Budget amendments

City council has made amendments to the 2014-15 budget at their July 1 meeting. Facing a more than \$1 million deficit they have put \$339,776 rebate from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority into the general fund. They have also reduced the fire department by two full-time positions for a cost savings of \$184,139. This is as a result of not replacing two firefighters who resigned.

They will not renew their National League of Cities and SEMCOG memberships. This will save \$3,689 and the finance department will lose one part time position for a savings of \$16,028.

These initiatives equate to \$540,632. At earlier budget meetings council agreed to charge residents the full cost for streetlight assessment.

Council has not yet decided on the future of the Wayne Community Center.

### Council wants to extend Police and Fire Millage

City council also voted to ask voters in the City of Wayne to extend the current police and fire millage for another 5 years. The one-mill levy was passed in 2010 and generated \$628,000 but today is worth \$371,000. It was supposed to expire in 2015. If voters approve the amendment, it will be levied until 2020. This will help fund police and fire services. This proposed amendment is in Chapter 10 of the Wayne City Charter.

### Rotary Picnics

The Wayne Rotary Club has scheduled two picnics for residents living in the neighborhoods surrounding their parks. The Rotary I Park Picnic will be at 6 p.m. on July 16. It is located at Hunt and Stellation.

Rotary Park II is located on Chamberlain. That picnic will be on July 23.

Both picnics will have free hot dogs, chips, pop, games and a drawing for four tickets to the Kelly Miller Circus on Aug. 9.

### Westland uses Jefferson-Barns Elementary

The City of Westland and Wayne-Westland Community Schools have agreed for the city to use Jefferson-Barns Elementary School for the city's community outreach programs. The current programs run out of the Dorsey Center and the Housing and Community Development Department will move into the former elementary school in early 2015. The school has been vacant for the past three years.

The city will rent the building for \$1 per year.

"This agreement benefits the School District and the City alike," said Mayor Wild of the deal. "I'm excited to see our community outreach program expand once it moves into this historic building in Westland's oldest All-American neighborhood of Norwayne."

The City has also submitted a request for a loan from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help fund required renovations, according to Westland's Housing and Community Development Director Joanne Campbell. In addition, the City is working with non-profits to create more community-based activities.

### Kosowski introduces school bus safety bills

State Representative Robert Kosowski introduced House Bill 5436 which would require all newly purchased school buses to have one seat belt per pupil being transported. House Bill 5437 would allow a sinking fund to be used to purchase school buses.

The bills aim to keep children safe while riding to school, going on a field trip and going home.

### WMHS 30th Class Reunion

WMHS Class of 1984 will have their 30th reunion from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Oct. 11 at Novi-Sheraton, 21111 Haggerty Rd, Livonia. The

cost is \$60 per person or \$110 for a couple.

This includes elegant food stations, walking appetizers and a dessert extravaganza. Checkout the Facebook page "reunion 84" for more information or contact Liz-Arthur-Meyers at 206-423-3728.

### Meet Up and Eat Up

Healthy Food to fuel students up this summer is available at Hoover, Taft, Schweitzer and Wayne Memorial High School for children 18 years and under. Free breakfast and lunch will be available at Hoover and Schweitzer. Breakfast will be served from 8-8:30 a.m. Lunch only will be provided at Taft and Wayne Memorial. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All programs are closed on Fridays. Meals are served from June 23 until Aug. 14.

For questions contact, Wayne Westland Community Schools Food Service Department at 734-419-2119.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was created to ensure that children in lower-income areas could continue to receive nutritious meals during long school vacations, when they do not have access to the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs. The SFSP is administered by the Michigan Department of Education.

### Vacation Bible School

The West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church, 404 John Hix, Wayne, is now offering Vacation Bible School followed by Family Fun Day. The classes will be held from 6-8 p.m. July 30 to Aug. 1. Family Fun Day will be from 12-4 p.m. on Sat. Aug. 2. Call 734-728-6266 for directions or further information.

The theme is entitled 'Jesus is the Reason'. The classes will be provided for children up to the age of 18. There will be a nursery for the babies along with the classes for the other children. Activities will include singing, snacks and crafts.

On Saturday all Parents, Friends and Family are invited for Family Fun Day! There will be games, food, songs and a sermon. All are welcome.

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Wayne but also sponsoring events like the Kelly Miller Circus.

In addition Dr. Saad serves on the Downtown Development Authority.

"On the DDA committee I really want to help revitalize the city. I am part of the city now and own the practice," he said. "Community is from commune which means being together. Let's come up with a solution and not just talk about the problem."

### Saad sees a bright future for Wayne.

"The whole idea is creating a buzz and a vibe," he said. "We sponsored the circus last year just to give back to the city. I want the city to grow. If everything in the area is growing you are growing. I want people from everywhere to come here."

Saad said The Wayne Ripple Effect and Main Street are a great addition to Wayne.

"Main Street is great. They picked three cities in the state," he said. "We have to do whatever it takes to revitalize Wayne."

Other cities with downtowns like Birmingham, Royal Oak and Ann Arbor draw people from all over. He said they have a lot of family oriented activities.

In the past 10 years Royal Oak has increased their downtown area with additional outdoor seating at restaurants and more walking traffic.

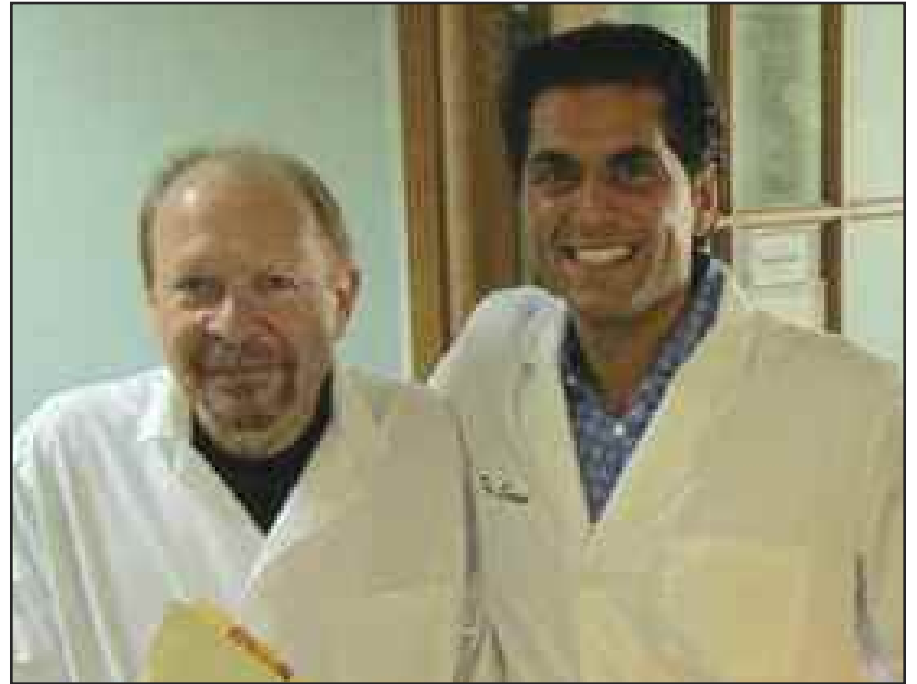
You want kids to grow up in the city, go away to college and then come back to where they grew up. That's what I did."

Saad said every city in Michigan got hit during the economic downturn in 2008. The city of Dearborn used to have a Ritz Carlton, Saks, and Lord and Taylor.

### But they are coming back.

"Fairlane Mall is trying to revitalize and has added some new restaurants. You have to try," Saad said.

Downtown Detroit got hit and



Dr. Mark Haas and Dr. Mohamed Saad.

they are currently operating under an emergency financial manager.

"They have attractions and a reason to go downtown. They are creating a buzz," he said. They have a Whole Foods and are breaking ground on their second Meijer within the city limits.

"If they can do it, Wayne can do it," he said. One built in attraction Wayne has that other downtowns don't is the Rouge River.

"Why not get Dairy Queen and sit by the river?" he asked. "You need an influx. You need a change. The money will always come if you are passionate about something."

I don't have one way of doing things but I am not afraid to try."

Doing nothing can be worse than trying something new, he said.

He knows McDonald's coming to Wayne has created some controversy in the community. But McDonald's did their research and analyzed the

data before they decided to come to Wayne. They think they will be successful.

"I don't have all the answers but I want to try to help figure out ways to attract from outside the city to the city. We have to revitalize Wayne to bring people from other areas. We have to give them a reason to come here," he said.

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Midnight. This year's cruise will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Ford Mustang. "I'm excited that this year's cruise will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Mustang considering we have one of the biggest Ford Plants in the



Cruisin' US12 is July 12th. Photo by Don Quarles

world right here in Wayne - the Michigan Assembly Plant," said volunteer Misty Dubois.

The Cruise is organized by a coalition of community volunteers: residents, business owners and service organizations.

The Nightmare Cruisers Hearse Club will be at Kurt's Caps, 35760 W. Michigan Avenue. Owner Kurt Jarman said the fun will begin at noon.

This is a great free family friendly event and the perfect opportunity to spend the day in downtown Wayne.

US12 Bar and Grill will have live music all day on their patio. For more information about the event and volunteer opportunities, please visit [www.cruisinus12.com](http://www.cruisinus12.com).

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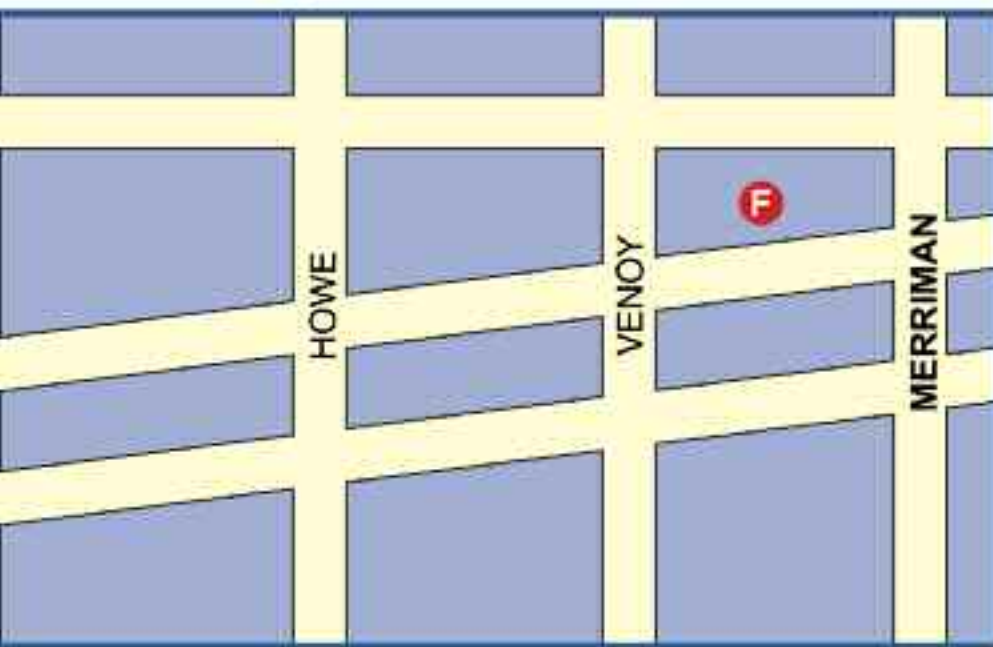
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# Family Fest 2014

For the ninth year CrossPointe Community Church, 36125 Glenwood, is ready to welcome 5,000 guests to their campus for their annual Family Fest. From 12-5 p.m. on Aug. 23 members of the church will provide a free day of family friendly fun for the entire community.

This includes free games, rides, music, hot foods, cold foods, drinks, and a classic car show. The kids will enjoy bounce houses, hayrides, petting zoo, face painting, crafts, pony rides and more.

"This is the largest single day event in the city," said Pastor Phil DiLernia. They are planning for 5500 people.

When we started this I never thought we would get to that number," he said. While the food and ride lines can get long, people have not complained.

Where else can you take the entire family to a summer festival and not spend a dime?

"It is quite the value for a good day of family fun," DiLernia said.

All you have to do is get a wristband at the registration table and that allows you to eat the food, play the games and enjoy the other activities. If you have a classic car, please plan to join the fun. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and there is no fee. The first 500 cars will have spots on the field. There will be free goody bags, trophies and coffee for car show participants.

It costs about \$15,000 to through Family Fest and about 80% of that comes from donations of parishioners. The other 20% is from local businesses that sponsor the event.

CrossPointe has about 250 members and 80-90% of them volunteer for Family Fest. Members of CrossPointe spend the entire year getting ready for Family Fest.

"It's all hands on deck. I announce it every Sunday. It is a day we serve. It is a lot of work," he said. "We do things for our families during the year."

Family Fest has had a great impact on the CrossPointe community.



The Classic Car Show at Family Fun Fest 2013.

"We are attracting people to the church and it has had a great impact on the members of the church. They enjoy reaching out and it has given them the confidence to reach out in other ways," DiLernia said.

Besides Family Fest CrossPointe is a very active church. They have been serving the community for more than 100 years. It was formerly First Baptist Church of Wayne.

They reach out every chance they get with community dinners, a clothes closet and food pantry to help the needy. They sponsor the Marshmallow Drop at Attwood Park on Good Friday. The youth group goes on mission trips and organizes free sports leagues like floor hockey and basketball for elementary stu-

dents.

Their services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays. They also have multiple studies and activities during the week.

CrossPointe is located on Glenwood between Elizabeth and Newburgh. Parking will be available in the church parking lot and parking attendants will be on hand to help drivers. For more information on Family Fest visit [www.crosspointecommunitychurch.org](http://www.crosspointecommunitychurch.org) or go to [Facebook.com/CrossPointeCommunityChurch](https://www.facebook.com/CrossPointeCommunityChurch).

"We are thankful the people love family fest. They respond to it. I am thankful our church is the facility we have," DiLernia said. "I am very blessed to pastor the people I do."



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# What's on the August Primary Ballot?

Registered voters in the City of Wayne have a lot of decisions to make on Aug. 5. The primary ballot will have candidates for state and county officials and ballot proposals.

## Register to vote

The last day to register to vote for the Aug. 5 primary is July 7. To register to vote Wayne residents must be a U.S. citizen, resident of Michigan, at least 18 years old and a resident of the City of Wayne.

Voter registration applications are available at Wayne City Hall City Clerk's office, Secretary of State branch offices or online at [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos).

The General Election is on Nov. 4. The last day to register to vote in that election is Oct. 6.

## Polling locations

The polling places are open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Polling locations in the City of Wayne are:

Precinct 1 and 2-Wayne Activity

and Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave

Precinct 4 and 5- Taft-Galloway Elementary School, 4035 Gloria

Precinct 6 and 7- Hoover Elementary School, 5400 Fourth

Precinct 8- Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School, 36075 Currier

Precinct 3 has been consolidated with Precinct 2 and has been eliminated as a precinct number.

## Candidates

The Aug. 5 primary ballot has candidates running for the following positions.

Governors may serve a maximum of two full terms. A Governor must be at least 30 years of age and a registered voter in Michigan for at least 4 years. Governor Rick Snyder (Rep) and Mark Schauer (Dem) are running for a four-year term.

## U.S Senator Michigan

United States senators represent their local district in Washington D.C.

A senator is elected to a six-year

term and must be 30 years old, and a U.S. citizen for at least nine years. There are two senators from each state.

Republican Teri Lynn-Land and Democrat Gary Peters are running for this position.

## U.S. Congress District 13

United States Representatives are elected to two-year terms. They must be 25 years old and a U.S. citizen for at least seven years. Michigan has 14 districts. Three candidates are running for this position- Jeff Gorman (Rep), John Conyers, Jr. (Dem) and Horace Sheffield (Dem).

## Michigan Senate District 7

Michigan state senators are elected to four-year terms and can serve a maximum of two full terms. They must be at least 21 years old and a registered voter in their district. There are 38 state senate districts. The candidates for this position are Patrick Colbeck (Rep), Matthew Edwards (Rep), and Dian Slavens (Dem).

## Michigan House District 16

Michigan state representatives are elected to two-year terms and may serve a maximum of three full terms. They must be 21 years old and a registered voter of their district. Candidates for this position are Steve Boron (Rep) and Robert L. Kosowski (Dem).

## Wayne County Commissioner 11th District

There are 15 Wayne County Commissioners. This is a two-year term. Candidates for this position are Jeremy R. Cady (Dem), William J. Collop (Dem), and A. Haidous (Dem).

## Wayne County Executive

This is a four-year term. Candidates for this position are Fred A. Bolden (Rep), John Dalton (Rep), Daniel K. Wenderlich (Rep), Adam Salam Adamski (Dem), Phil Cavanagh (Dem), Cindy Darrah (Dem), Warren C. Evans (Dem), Robert A. Fi-

cano (Dem), Russell George Leviska (Dem), Kevin M. McNamara (Dem), Bettie Cook Scott (Dem), Sigmunt John Szczepkowski, Jr. (Dem), William R. Wild (Dem) and Christopher Wojtowicz (Dem).

## Ballot proposals

Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency: Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal.

This proposed enhancement six-year millage would be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.

2 mills or \$2 per thousand dollars of taxable value would increase the millage. This money will provide new additional operating funds for local schools districts including Wayne-Westland Community Schools. It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2014.

## Wayne County Transit Authority Millage Renewal

If approved, this proposal will renew and increase the .59 mills formerly authorized to 1.0 mills for three years and will allow continued support to the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) for a public transportation system serving the elderly, handicapped, and general public in Wayne County.

It is estimated that if approved, this millage would raise approximately \$17,080,998 in the first year.

## State Proposal 14-1

This amendment would reduce the state use tax and replace it with a local community stabilization share of the tax for the purpose of modernizing the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs in Michigan.

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# Tee times available at Wayne Library

Love is in the air! The news comes from Jake's Way---that iconic lounge at the corner of Sims and Wayne Rd. Manager, Kyna Carlson, and Dave Jakeway became husband and wife on June 16th. The wedding was in Las Vegas at the KISS Wedding Chapel. At a KISS ceremony, guitar picks are thrown instead of rose petals, and concert tickets are issued, taking the place of invitations. The bride, Kyna, wore a lovely mid-calf white gown with a lace back. Dave met his bride halfway down the aisle, and they walked together the rest of the way. That is their image of the future they'll share---always meeting each other half way.

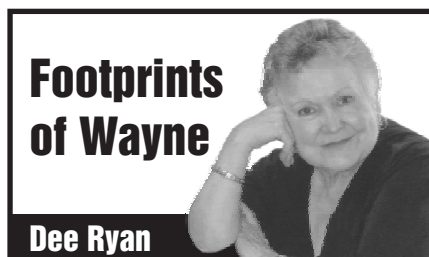
They could only be in Vegas for a short time---they have a business to run, but they hope to go back every 10 years to renew their vows.

I know you'll all join me in wishing the newly married couple a long and happy life.

Play golf at the Library? Sure you can! On Saturday, August 16th, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Wayne Library will be closed for regular library business. It will be transformed into an 18-hole mini golf course.

Your ticket will purchase one golf ball and one putter. You'll then play the game of golf throughout the library.

All proceeds will be used to purchase books and visual materials. Student tickets (ages 6-18) are \$3.00. Adult tickets (ages 18+) are \$5.00 and a family ticket (up to 6



## Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan

people) is \$15.00.

An adult must accompany children.

The Library staff is pleased with the sponsors and wants to thank those who have given money or products for this fundraiser. There is still time to contribute to our wonderful library by donating money or another type of gift. Your company or family's name will be displayed on scorecards and promotional items throughout the library. Please call Paulette Medvecky at 734-641-3571 for more information.

You can also have lunch at the 19th hole. There'll be hot dogs, chips, pop, and candy.

So put on your best golf duds, bring your friends or family, and come play golf; a fun fundraiser that will help support our beautiful Wayne Public Library.

Alas! The Ice Cream Social, which is always an event in Wayne, won't take place this year. We who enjoy the yummy treats see only the results of much hard work. This year time ran out before the preparations could be finalized. The Wayne Historical Society, who puts on the Ice Cream Social, hope that you



The Human Volcano performing at The Kelly Miller Circus. The Circus is coming to Wayne August 9th. Tickets are on sale now at The Wayne Community Center, Mark Chevrolet, Henry's Service Center, Professional Insurance Associates, Law Auto & The Wayne/Westland Federal Credit Union.

won't be too disappointed, and will enjoy the sweet event next year.

One of our newest neighbors on Washington St has done a beautiful job with his yard. He has Petunias, Begonias and Impatiences, in hanging baskets and pots. All are in eye-popping colors.

Each time you pass, you say "wow." Thanks to Tim Chambers, his wife, Tina, and children, Chase and Autumn---you've really dressed up and improved the look of our neighborhood.

Actually the 'hood' looks especially nice this year. Fran Calderon has many baskets of purple and

white Petunias. Wild Bill has been bringing home pots of flowers, and the Rushlow's yard is always attractive. The new neighbors that moved into Janet Sanderson's house have done some very pretty planting, as have the folks who live at the corner of Washington and Clinton.

Thanks to Brian Smith and Mike Wicker of Wayne's DPW. They did a great job of tree trimming on our street last month.

See you at the Michigan Avenue Cruise. It's on Saturday, July 12th--look for us in a pale yellow Olds.

Hardtop, circa 1975.

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# Race heats up for Wayne County Executive

The most hotly contested race on the Aug. 5 primary ballot is the Wayne County Executive race. Incumbent Robert Ficano is facing nine challengers in the democratic primary. They are Phil Cavanagh, Cindy Darrah, Warren C. Evans, Russell George Leviska, Kevin M. McNamara, Bettie Cook Scott, Sigmunt John Szczepkowski, Jr., William R. Wild and Christopher Wojtowicz.

Candidates have had the opportunity to spread their message at a candidate forum at Henry Ford Community College and submit questions to the League of Women Voters.

Phil Cavanagh is currently in his second term as state representative. He has a Bachelor's degree in accounting and business administration; a Masters in business administration; a Juris Doctorate from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law; and is a Fellowship Graduate from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard.

He said, "I am running to restore Wayne County to the economic engine our state, and to ensure that Wayne County is a safe and productive place for my three daughters. The people of Wayne deserve leadership they can count on, and I am confident that I have the experience and the educational background to put our county on the right path."

Warren C. Evans is a professor at Wayne County Community College and former Detroit Police Chief and former Wayne County Sheriff. He received his bachelor's degree at Madonna University in Detroit, and later earned a Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice at University of Detroit-Mercy. Evans attained his Juris Doctor degree from Detroit College of Law in Detroit, Michigan.

He managed a \$150 million budget and 1,300 employees as sheriff. As police chief he said he helped reduce violent crime by 27 percent.

Evans said, "Wayne County needs a leader who will come up with a plan, who will be collaborative and who is good at managing and getting results. That's what I will bring to Wayne County as the executive."

Robert A. Ficano is the current Wayne County Executive. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in social sci-



William Ford Jr., Councilman John Rhaesa and Westland Mayor Bill Wild at event in Wayne County. Ford said about Wild, "As a businessman, I'm always attracted to people who get things done. Mayor Wild did a great job in Westland. That's quite a feat, to reduce costs while putting some money away and enhancing services at the same time. That's why I think my friend, Mayor William Wild will make a great Wayne County Executive."

ence from Madonna University and a Master of Arts degree in criminal justice and a Juris Doctor Degree from University of Detroit.

He said, "I seek to build on my successes of leading the establishment of a regional authority to expand the Cobo Center and save Detroit's Auto Show, and creating the Aerotropolis Authority around Detroit Metro airport that has attracted \$600 million in investment while creating over 5,000 jobs in the last year alone. Not forgetting that the people have entrusted me to work in their interest, I respectfully request your continued support for County Executive. Together we can continue to bring investments so our graduates can find jobs here that help keep families together."

Kevin M. McNamara has served as Wayne County Commissioner since 2006. He represents Belleville, Huron Township, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Wayne and a southern portion of Westland.

On his website he said, "I have grown frustrated with the direction this county has headed. As a commissioner, I lack the power to instill real change, and therefore seek to affect change as county executive. There needs to be a reinvention of county government like there was in the 1960s and 1980s. Together, we can reinvent Wayne County govern-

ment through a new model that will be strong for at least the next 20 years."

Bill Wild has served as the mayor of the City of Westland since 2007. Bill Wild has brought more than over \$200 million in new investments to Westland.

He is also the owner of Scrap Busters, an automotive recycling business in Wayne that just celebrated their 25th anniversary. He and his wife have three children.

He said, "I am running for Wayne County Executive, because Wayne County families deserve a county government that reflects their values and provides core services efficiently and effectively. When I became Mayor of Westland, the city was headed towards bankruptcy. Today, Westland enjoys a \$5 million surplus. I know I can do the same for Wayne County. It won't be easy but I believe if we work together we can get Wayne County's finances in order."

Christopher Wojtowicz, lives in Hamtramck. He is employed by Wayne County as a Claims Investigator in Risk Management and has previously worked for AAA and Farmers Insurance. He has two sons.

Wojtowicz has said Wayne County needs streamlined operations, communication and service to each citizen.

In his League of Women Voters questionnaire he said, "We are in

need of leadership that will show by example that Wayne County doesn't need a Financial Manager, just a plain responsible leader."

## What are the top three priorities facing Wayne County?

Phil Cavanagh said fiscal responsibility, public safety and restoring integrity.

Warren C. Evans said better budget management and deficit elimination; ensuring that the prosecutor's office and the sheriff's office are funded properly, so that we can again address the quality of life; and addressing the population loss.

"We need to seriously change the paradigm in Wayne County and how we govern," Evans said.

Robert A. Ficano said attract and retain investment to grow jobs and improve our property tax base, continue efforts for fiscal stability and continue strong environmental work to protect quality of life.

"My first priority is to run the administration with fiscal integrity and job creation," Ficano said.

Kevin M. McNamara said Wayne County Jail, public safety and balancing the budget.

"Wayne County government has become a dinosaur. It is old and bloated and it feeds constantly to sustain it self and we the citizens seem to have to put up with the services that come out the other end for too long," McNamara said.

Bill Wild said the Wayne County budget deficit, returning trust to county government with strict ethics standards, rigorous fiscal accountability, and transparency in all government departments and working with Mayor Duggan and other Wayne County mayors and township officials to improve public safety and fight blight.

"I think we can do better. We have been defined by scandals and greed. People around the county want and need better leadership than they have been given," Wild said.

Christopher Wojtowicz said opening the records to all and fixing the financial and structural deficits.

Voters will get to choose one Democratic candidate to face the Republican challenger in the November election.



# Oakwood joins Beaumont and Botsford Hospitals

Beaumont Health System, Botsford Health Care and Oakwood Healthcare have reached a definitive agreement to combine their operations into a new \$3.8 billion health care organization following unanimous approval by their boards on June 23.

The organizations' common vision is to remain leaders in providing high-quality, high-value, not-for-profit health care. Under the terms of the definitive agreement, the three organizations are creating a new, not-for-profit Michigan health system called Beaumont Health.

The three organizations announced a letter of intent on March 21 to integrate their combined eight hospitals and 153 other patient care sites into a new comprehensive, collaborative health system focused on advancing quality and access to care throughout the region.

Oakwood Board Chairman John Lewis, who will be the future chair of the Beaumont Health board said, "While Botsford and Oakwood have outstanding names and brands in their primary communities, we



chose the name 'Beaumont Health' because of its recognition and strength throughout all of Southeast Michigan and on a national level. The new health system will be a national model and the name paves the way for an even stronger national voice in the future of health care delivery. And the word 'Health' represents our combined goal of improving the health of individuals, families and employers in the communities we serve."

A single board and executive leadership structure will govern the new health system with representation from the three organizations.

Oakwood CEO and Chief Transi-

tion Executive Brian Connolly says, "The work to integrate these three great organizations, while challenging, is progressing well. We see the signs that we are indeed creating the health care system of the future – a system in which population health can truly be impacted in a very positive way while increasing quality and value for every family we are fortunate to serve."

The final steps in coming together are state and federal regulatory approvals. With these approvals, the organizations expect to close the transaction in the fall.

Work will also continue to develop detailed transition plans to

bring the operations of the three organizations together and to finalize details, such as a location for executive offices and the appointments of board members and the new health system's executive team.

The new Beaumont Health organization will have eight hospitals with 3,337 beds, 153 outpatient sites, 5,000 physicians, 33,093 employees and 3,500 volunteers. The hospitals include:

- Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak; Beaumont Hospital, Troy; and Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe
- Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills
- Oakwood Hospital-Dearborn; Oakwood Hospital-Southshore; Oakwood Hospital-Taylor; and Oakwood Hospital-Wayne

The names of the eight individual hospitals will be linked with the Beaumont Health name and brand in a manner to be determined over time.

A website for the new health system, [beaumonthealth.org](http://beaumonthealth.org), has been created to keep the community informed of progress.

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# Wayne Ripple Effect, A Michigan Main Street Community

Wayne Ripple Effect, a non-profit volunteer driven downtown revitalization effort, recently achieved a tremendous goal of becoming a Michigan Main Street Community. Main Street is a national program that was created by the National Trust for Historic Preservation that has spanned three decades and taken root in more than 2,000 communities - a movement that has spurred \$49 billion in reinvestment in traditional commercial districts. Urban renewal and sprawl in the 1970s left many traditional downtowns vacant and crumbling and cities have been struggling to get back onto their feet ever since. The Main Street program is a proven success story across the country and operates on the basis of a four-point approach: Design (historic preservation, downtown beautification), Economic Restructuring (business retention/recruitment), Promotions (image building, events/festivals), and Organization (fundraising, volunteer recruitment/retention). Being a Main Street community now allows



Wayne Ripple Effect to tap into many state and national resources to assist business and building owners that were not available to Wayne before.

Now that the Wayne Ripple Effect has hired me as their Executive Director, it is time to start working on many foundational matters of the organization. It is my job to be the primary outlet of communications to the public about what the program is doing, to coordinate volunteers, and to collaborate with other organizations in Wayne to ensure everyone is complimenting each other's efforts to better the community. Since I began in mid-May I have been attempting to meet as many people in the community as possible: business



## Changing landscapes

The two pictures shown are views of the south west corner of Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue. One was taken more than fifty years ago and shows Fessler's Restaurant on the corner and other buildings and stores in the area. Mulholland's Department store is the reddish brick building showing above the restaurant sign on the right side of the picture. The second picture was taken last week showing the same corner and the new McDonald's Restaurant recently built. Wayne's downtown landscape has changed again.

owners, organizational leaders, city staff, and residents. The Wayne Ripple Effect now has a temporary office in the Conference Room of Professional Insurance Associates (3028 S. Wayne Rd.) that can be accessed from the street. Drop-in office hours are from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday or by appointment. I welcome you to visit if you'd like to discuss Wayne Ripple Effect Main Street program, or anything having to do with the common good of downtown Wayne.

Currently Wayne Ripple Effect has four committees who are developing programs for the next 18 months that will help achieve the overarching goals set by our Board of Directors for the coming year: volunteer recruitment, fundraising, and increasing business involvement. All committee meetings are open to the

public and will meet once monthly. You can view the committee meeting schedule on our website at: [www.downtownwayne.org](http://www.downtownwayne.org). Right now is an exciting time because this is when the community decides what will be happening in the short term to support long-term goals of achieving a vibrant and walkable downtown Wayne. Wayne Ripple Effect is a volunteer driven organization and will succeed thanks to all of the enthusiastic people who contribute their time, money, and goods to the cause.

For more information about volunteer opportunities and how you can help revitalize Downtown Wayne, please call (734) 629-6822, email [director@downtownwayne.org](mailto:director@downtownwayne.org), or visit our website at [www.downtownwayne.org](http://www.downtownwayne.org). I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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