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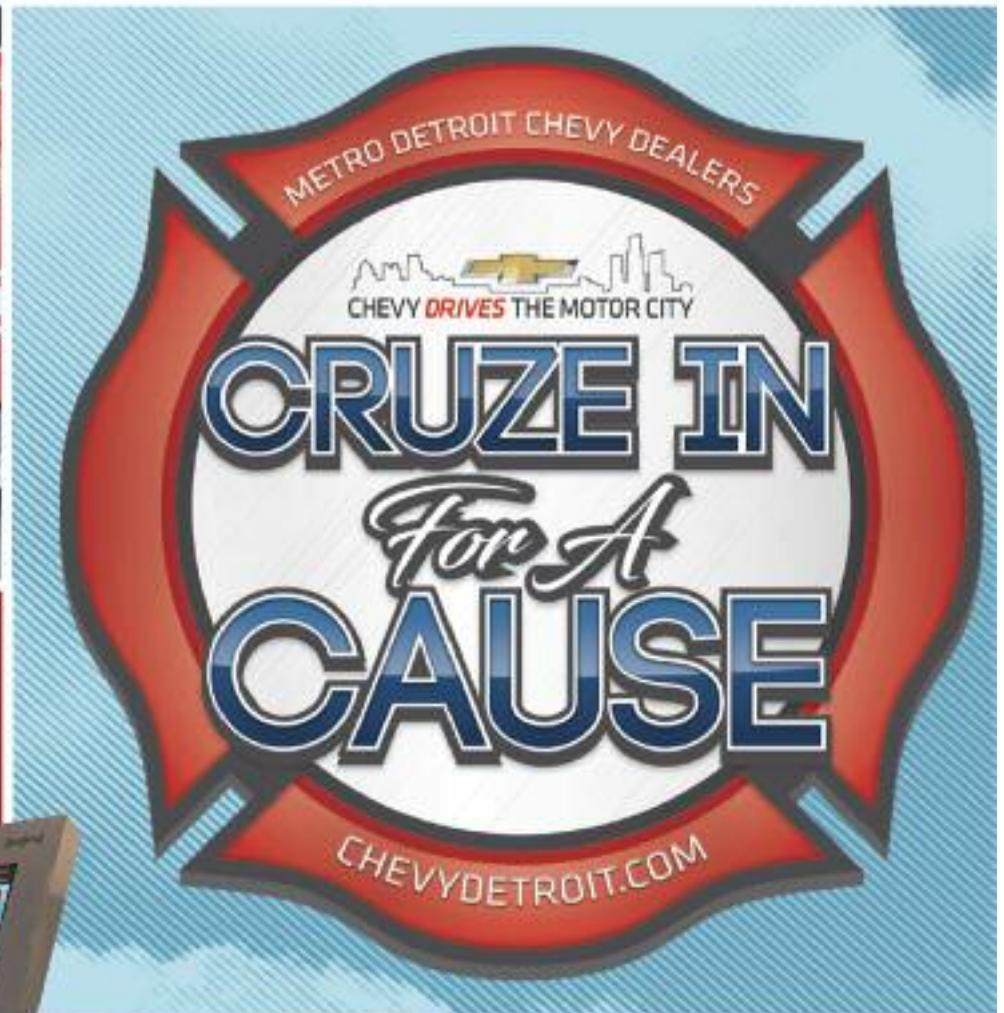
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# Free family fun, free and more free

By Carolyn Marnon

For the past ten years, the sign outside Cross Pointe Community Church has read "All people matter to God." It is not something that has been put up recently in light of the recent racial situations that have been taking place across the country. Pastor Phil DiLernia says, "Everything we do is based on that (sign)."

2016 marks the 11th year for the annual Family Fest and Car Show that will be held Saturday, August 27 at the church located at 36125 Glenwood Rd. The family portion of the event begins at noon and lasts until 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this FREE event. Leave your money at home because anything you want at this event is absolutely free. There is no admission charge. The kids can ride the rides over and over again and play in the bounce houses as much as they want. You can eat whatever is available, however much you can eat, and it costs you nothing. All day long. Last year, over 1000 bags of clothing were given away. Yes, that's another freebie! Free clothes. Does your kid need a backpack for school? Last year, 500 backpacks were given away for free. Free, free and more free.

When the Family Fest and Car Show started 11 years ago, Cross Pointe Community Church had about 500 people attend along with 23 cars in the car show. Last year, 7500 people attended the one-day event along with 520 classic cars spread out across the church grounds. Each year, the number of people and cars has increased. Cross Pointe is expecting 8500 people this year.

The day starts when classic car owners start bringing their cars onto the grounds around 6-7:00 a.m. Although Pastor DiLernia tries to get out there before the cars arrive, they always seem to beat him there. Anyone who has a classic car can just drive on up and display their car anytime during the day. There are awards to give away to car owners, too. The church will be giving out ten Outstanding Car plaques, ten Top Ten trophies (laser cut steel trophies shaped like a steering wheel), a huge Champion of Champions trophy and an Angel Award which is chosen by someone who has lost a



family member.

Many local car shows seem to have the same people show up with the same cars and they all look under each other's hoods and ask questions. At this car show, with so many cars and so many people attending who are not car hobbyists, the opportunity abounds for car owners to share their passion for their cars and teach why it is so important to them. These owners want to talk about their cars.

The Family Fest and Car Show is the largest event in Wayne. There is no religion being sold at the event (although there is a small prayer booth for those who request prayers). No preaching goes on, no tracts are handed out. It's just a fun, free, family-friendly day for all to enjoy.

How does the church fund this massive event? 25% of the funding comes through sponsors such as Jack Demmer Ford, Gordon Chevrolet, and Ford Local Unions 600 and 900. The remaining 75% comes through donations to the church. The church has to pay for all the food they give away. "We could get all the donations (of free food and drink) in the world if we weren't a church," says Pastor DiLernia. He

finds it is hard to get donations from Pepsi-Cola, Kroger, and the like because Cross Pointe is a church putting on a large event.

Bring your appetite to the event. There will be chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, corn on the cob, nachos, popcorn, cotton candy, ice cream, and soda. Of course, all of this is free. Free for everybody! It is hard for people to believe it is all free and that there are no limits. Take what you want.

"We've gotten letters from people that this is their vacation," said Pastor DiLernia. For a family to go somewhere like Cedar Point, the cost adds up. At the Family Fest, there is no cost.

The volunteers at the event are all church members. The church averages about 300 people a week at its services. "(We are) a community church that takes care of the people. Our decision to serve is unconditional. Everyone is welcome," stressed Pastor DeLernia. Two years ago, the church started a Recovering Ministry for people who are recovering from addictions. The church is looked at as a place that is open and inviting, especially for people who are looking for a way out of addic-

tion.

It has taken tons of marketing and conversations to get the word out about this annual event. It can take 100,000 invites to get 7,000 people to come. Some people are just waiting for the event each year. The church holds this event "to let people know we are here, and we serve you," Pastor DiLernia said. "Family Fest is a big, giant 'We Care'."

Rain or shine, the event will go on. The last three years, the weather has been "magnificent, sunny, warm, not hot." There have been years where the event has been rained upon.

Even through the pouring rain, Pastor DiLernia says the number one compliment he has received about the volunteers is their attitudes. They continue to serve with smiles. These "people are a great testimony to the love of God."

Mark your calendar now so you don't forget about this wonderful community event where everything is FREE.

And if you do need a place to go on Sunday, Pastor DiLernia says "Everyone is welcome to come listen to our view of God, of Jesus, of the community."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Free concerts in Goudy Park

It's time for the free summer concerts in Goudy Park every Wednesday night in August starting at 7:30 p.m. The line up includes The Killer Flamingos (American pop rock on August 3), Dead in Dog Years (classic rock on August 10), Fifty Amp Fuse: Your Generation in Concert (August 17), Live Bullet Detroit (Bob Seger tribute on August 24) and Infinity and Beyond (Journey tribute on August 31). 100% of the funding for these concerts has been donated by local businesses.

### Metal Mania event at Goudy Park

The Westland Area Jaycees will be hosting the free family-friendly Metal Mania at Goudy Park on Saturday, September 17, Noon – 7:00 p.m. Metal Mania will include a car show and a "Keep Trucking" event where children can see and touch large trucks, such as garbage trucks, cranes, and other trucks kids are told "Do not touch" when they are in service. Local vendors will be there along with live entertainment for all ages. Trophy presentations for car show winners will take place at the close of the day.

### Hazardous waste collection day

On Saturday, August 13, Wayne County Department of Public Services will be sponsoring a hazardous waste collection day at Westland Mall from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please enter off Nankin Blvd from Central City Parkway (the lot behind the JC Penney). Acceptable items include household paints, stains and dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents, pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only), nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries, dry cell batteries, all types of fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, mercury thermometers, thermostats and elemental mercury. Electronics recycling items accepted include computer



Cruisin' US 12 was a big hit again in Downtown Wayne. Pictured Robert Marshall's Crown Victoria.

CPUs, monitors, scanners, printers, keyboards, mice, cell phones, fax machines, copiers and televisions.

Items not accepted include commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive materials, explosives, 55 gallon drums, ammunition, shock sensitive materials, household trash, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste, roofing shingles and concrete. For information on how to dispose of these particular items, please call the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at 734-326-3936.

You must show ID indicating you live in Wayne County to have your items accepted.

### Farmers Market

The Wayne Farmers Market is held every Wednesday afternoon 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Goudy Park. August 17 will be open mic day. Come bring your talents to the stage. There will also be a Health Fair going on that day.

### Friends of the Library beer tasting fundraiser

The Friends of the Wayne Public Library will be hosting their 2nd annual beer tasting fundraiser with Liberty Street Brewing on Friday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at the library.

### A day in the D

Enjoy a day in Detroit without having to worry about driving there and parking. On Tuesday, August 23, the Wayne Sometimes Travelers will be taking a deluxe highway motorcoach to Detroit for the day. Included in the trip will be a visit to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Detroit Branch. This bank branch destroys old money, sends out new bills to banks, inspects notes for counterfeit bills, and conducts extensive economic analysis. It is also home to an impressive collection of paintings by Michigan artists, a terraced garden and one of the finest gun ranges in the state-regularly used by Detroit's SWAT team and other law-enforcement officers. Lunch will be at Sindbad's Restaurant (included in cost). Sindbad's is located on the Detroit River and has been a family-owned restaurant for over 40 years.

### FRIENDS...people helping people

This wonderful program was started in 1998 to help a Wayne resident whose home was in need of some 'tender loving care'. Now in its 19th year, volunteers continue to help residents improve the curb appeal of a home based on the homeowners' inability to handle the work themselves, due to either financial or

health constraints. The FRIENDS committee coordinates with willing volunteers to complete whatever project is needed. If you would like to donate or volunteer; please call the Community Development department at (734) 419-0118. Homes must be owner occupied. This program is free to the homeowner and is completely funded through donations and volunteers. This is a 'feel good' project which will take place on Saturday, September 10th (rain date September 17th). The date was incorrect in the past issue of The Wayne Dispatch.

Donations are greatly appreciated. Anyone who donates \$50 will get their name on the back of this year's t-shirt. Checks can be made out to City of Wayne with Friends Helping Friends Project on the memo line.

### TEARS Rock and Walk for Michigan

Join the TEARS Foundation for their 4th annual Rock and Walk on Saturday, September 17, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. There will be an opening ceremony, silent auction, activities for kids and refreshments. The event will be held at Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton. Early bird registration is \$5 if you register before August 15. After that, registration is \$10. For more information, contact Shelby or Buddy Shuh at 734-765-7430.

### Senior program

This program is free to all Wayne County residents 60 years and older. The program will be offered on Tuesday, September 13, at 10:00 a.m. You must pre-register through the Wayne Senior services office.

Experienced staff will discuss guardianship, conservatorship, wills, trusts, power of attorney, nursing homes, assisted living, senior housing, and Medicare/Medicaid.

### End of summer vendor and craft bash

You are invited to the End of Summer Vendor and Craft Bash being hosted by Lenny and Christi Powell at the HYPE Recreation Center on Sunday, August 28, Noon-5:00 p.m.

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## River launch open

Dave Timmermann pulls his canoe out of the Rouge River. The Department of Public Works team finished the canoe launch at Goudy Park last week. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

## OBITUARY

### Guy Russell Haggard

Guy Russell Haggard, age 54, of Clarkston, Michigan, died Friday, July 15, 2016, as a result of a vehicle accident near Kadoka, South Dakota.

Guy Russell Haggard - Beautiful soul, loving companion, devoted father and proud grandfather joined his family in heaven on Friday, July 15, 2016.

He will be missed dearly by all who loved him especially: his parents, James and Alice Haggard; sister, Jill Money (Craig, Rachel, Steven Money and Stephen Franchi); his loving significant other, Nancy Steele; his proud daughters, Dena (Dustin) Pedley and Kristine (James) Harris; and his adorable grandchildren Emma Harris and Connor Pedley.

Guy loved his family and friends immensely. He also had a passion for life and for his work as a truck driver at K LTD. With Guy's joyful personality and kind soul he brought happiness to everyone he knew. Whether in this world or the next, Guy will always be ours to hold dear and cherish.

Cremation has taken place and a service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Rush Funeral Home of Philip.

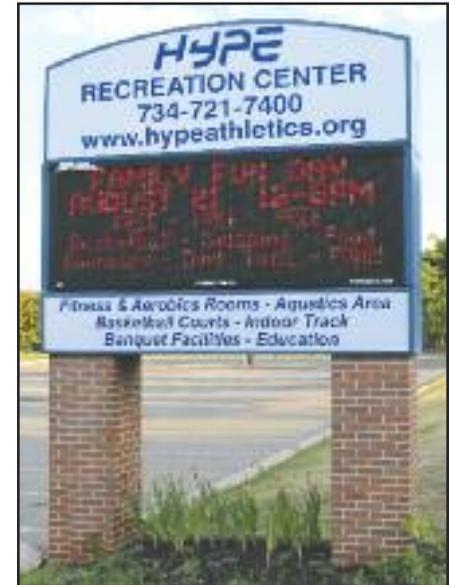
# HYPE celebrates one-year anniversary

By Carolyn Marnon

HYPE Recreation Center will be celebrating their one-year anniversary in Wayne this month.

To thank the community, they are hosting Family Fun Day on Sunday, August 21 Noon-6:00 p.m. There will be plenty of fun activities that all are welcome to enjoy. Free swimming and free basketball will be available. There will be food (including free hot dogs and popcorn), vendors, sports competitions and music. A food truck rally is also planned. Children can get their face painted and get balloons. There will be a photo booth and a caricaturist. Interactive inflatables and a dunk-tank will provide even more fun. There will also be back to school gifts for students.

If you have not yet been to the center since HYPE took over, make sure you stop by and look around to see what they have to offer to members and to see the improvements that have been made.



On Friday, August 19, you are invited to celebrate the one-year anniversary with an anniversary dinner. Tickets are \$30. Call or visit HYPE for more details. The phone number is 313-436-0043 and they are located at 4635 Howe Rd. in Wayne.

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# Voters choose to not secure public safety funding

By Carolyn Marnon

By a vote of 1,744 to 1,062, Wayne City Proposal S (SMORSA) was defeated in the August 2 election. SMORSA would have allowed Wayne to levy 14 mils to resident's taxable assessment to raise revenue to fund public safety in Wayne.

As a result of the failure, City Council held an Emergency Special Council Meeting on August 4 to discuss their financial options going forward. Concerned citizens were left standing outside the doors to council chambers when all the seats were occupied by the time the meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

The city has a \$1.5 million structural deficit and will be broke within two years. A structural deficit means that you have cut out all the extras and now, according to Brian Camiller of Plante Moran, you are living on bread and water. With no new revenues and required expenses rising, the city is on a downhill spiral. He told all in the room that the city doesn't have an expense problem; it has a revenue problem.

Fire Chief Michael Reddy ad-



Council listens to Chief Reddy and Chief Maciag talk about the ramifications on cutting public safety. Photo by Carolyn Marnon

ressed the council about the 2012 merger of the Wayne and Westland fire departments. Chief Reddy is contracted by the City of Wayne to also act as fire chief for the city. He said Wayne has been able to save significantly over the last four years as a result of the merger. At the time the cities merged the fire departments, boundaries were reorganized for quicker response times. "We have a real good relationship with sharing services," Chief Reddy told the council. If Wayne breaks the merger

agreement, there are serious ramifications, including manning and operations issues. Surrounding communities can choose not to aid Wayne in an emergency. Equipment and specialty teams could be lost. There would be costs associated with 911 dispatch changes.

The fire department has a 2 in, 2 out policy for the protection of firefighters. Two firemen cannot go into a burning building unless there are two firemen outside. "You just can't run in with two personnel," said Chief Reddy. It endangers the lives of the two firemen who show up.

Wayne currently has four emergency personnel available each day, the minimum. The current response time is 4-6 minutes. If Wayne were to switch to a for-profit system with a private firm, response time would be 30-40 minutes. Chief Reddy commented, "You might as well use Uber." He concluded that the merger is one thing that has worked for Wayne and has produced revenue.

Police Chief Al Maciag told the council that the police department had 44 officers back in 2008; there are now 20 officers, including the chief and a new hire. The department is operating with road patrol, 2 detectives and the chief. The support personnel at the police station (secretaries, records clerks, police service aids and maintenance) are all part-time employees. Officers went from 8 ½ hour shifts to 12 hour shifts. The two detectives only have time to investigate felonies. Misdemeanors have to be investigated by the road patrol.

Chief Maciag reported that the police department is already short of officers. The options available are to

drop the number of officers patrolling the city and/or reducing hours the police station is open to the public. The city could also choose not to hire the additional two police officers that were budgeted for 2016-17; that would save the city \$180,000 per year. He stressed that his officers are professional and hard-working, but they are finding it very hard to provide basic services to the city. Low staffing levels put the officers' safety in jeopardy.

City council then went on to discuss amongst themselves before the audience ideas of what could be done to save the city. Options mentioned included not paying Ford, not making the MERS (Municipal Employees' Retirement System) payments, selling city properties (all of which have for-sale signs up) and court consolidation with Westland. It was brought up that if the city defaulted on the MERS payments, the city would be sued and a judge would bring a judgment levy immediately onto resident's taxes. With the rate that the required MERS payment is going up, that could equal 20 mils in six years that residents would be paying.

The recreation center was addressed as a way to cut costs. When the city ran the center, it cost \$975,000 per year to run. Right now, the city is paying HYPE \$274,000 to manage and maintain the center. If the city were to just close the center, it would cost \$209,000. HYPE owner Ali Sayed has indicated he would come to the next council meeting to give a report on HYPE.

The city has 19 parks. A councilman asked if they could be sold off. Certain parks have to go through a vote before they can be sold. Other parks have legal stipulations on them that would have to be gone over with an attorney at additional cost.

The government puts stipulations on how a city can get revenue. Right now, the issue the city is facing is where can it get additional revenue.

City Manager Lisa Nocerini is in the process of contacting the State of Michigan to start a financial review of Wayne. In the meantime, the city will continue to look for ways to cut expenses and outsource services.

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# Mr. Maciag Goes to Washington DC

By Carolyn Marnon

There seems to be a mystery around exactly how Police Chief Alan Maciag was chosen to be invited to attend the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing in Washington DC on July 22, but there is no mystery as to why he would be chosen. Chief Maciag has been doing an outstanding job overseeing the Wayne Police Department and it's humble 19 officers. It is not easy providing safety and security for a city with such a limited number of officers, and yet those officers are out there every day protecting the citizens of Wayne.

Over a year ago, on December 18, 2014, President Barack Obama signed Executive Order 13684 establishing the Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The purpose behind it was to find ways that people would be treated fairly and justly with mutual respect. "When any part of the American family does not feel like it is being treated fairly, that's a problem for all of us," said President Obama.

**"When any part of the American family does not feel like it is being treated fairly, that's a problem for all of us."  
President Barack Obama**

The Washington DC briefing was attended by high ranking police command staff from around the country. Included in the briefing were sessions related to officer safety and wellness, the police data initiative, implicit bias training and the use of social media in law enforcement.

During the briefing, President Obama stopped by and spoke with the group of officers for about 15 minutes. The President expressed his support for law enforcement and the importance of bringing everyone together to build strong community bonds between the police and the citizens they serve.

The Task Force builds upon six



Chief Alan Maciag in front of the White House where he attended the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing in Washington DC.

pillars: building trust and legitimacy, policy and oversight, technology and social media, community policing and crime reduction, training and education, and officer wellness and safety.

"As police chief, I look forward to implementing these strategies in my department and the community," said Chief Maciag.

Building trust and legitimacy involves treating people with dignity and respect, giving individuals "voice" during encounters, being neutral and transparent in decision-making and conveying trustworthy motives.

Policy and oversight involves law enforcement agencies collaborating with communities to develop policies and procedures that help reduce crime, improving relationships, increasing community engagement, and fostering cooperation. Policies and procedures should be periodically reviewed. Several people have posted on Facebook recently how Wayne police officers have engaged their children by giving them coupons for free slurpees while

they've been out playing.

Technology and social media involves getting police departments engaged with the community and

educating the community about police matters and safety.

Community policing and crime reduction involves working with residents to co-produce public safety and collaborating on solutions to problems.

Training and education involves training and making sure officers are capable of addressing all situations and having consistent standards nationwide for high quality training.

Officer wellness and safety involves addressing shift lengths (did you know there are four 12-hour shifts at the Wayne Police Department? Two rotate working day shifts and two rotate working night shifts), and collecting and analyzing data such as deaths, injuries and near misses of officers.

Chief Maciag's trip was not paid for by the city. A local business stepped in and paid so the Chief could take advantage of this opportunity.

Trust between law enforcement and the people they protect and serve is essential. The Task Force Report includes 59 recommendations covering the six pillars. You can access the Report at [http://www.cops-usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/taskforce\\_finalreport.pdf](http://www.cops-usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/taskforce_finalreport.pdf) if you would like more information.

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# Get up and boogie

By Carolyn Marnon

The summer concert series at Goudy Park kicked off on Wednesday, August 3, with a 5-week line up of musical guests. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. after the Farmers Market.

## August 10 Dead in Dog Years

Dead in Dog Years comes back for their third year playing the Goudy Park concert series. They play mostly classic rock. "People enjoy coming to see us because they can tell that we truly care about each other and those around us. It lends a different vibe to our performances. No pretenses, just good music and friendly people," says lead vocalist, Dale Merrifield.

Bandmembers include Dale Merrifield (vocals/keyboards), Steve Pyett (guitar/vocals), Curt Agne (guitar/vocals), Tony Ciantar (bass/vocals) and Dan Fenech (drummer/vocals).

## August 17 Fifty Amp Fuse: Your Generation in Concert

Fifty Amp Fuse comes back for their 2nd year playing the Goudy Park concert series. They drew the largest crowd of the concert series last year, despite the rain that came and went while they played. Wayne resident Jason Clark is one of the band's vocalists. According to their website, "Your Generation in Concert™ is a live multimedia spectacular celebrating six decades of American and British pop/rock hits. The group is an international fa-

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## August 24 Live Bullet Detroit

Live Bullet Detroit hails from Garden City. A Bob Seger tribute band, band members include Kevin Evans (vocals), Mark Chepin (bass), Mark "Cubbie" McCubbin (drums), David Zundel (guitar), Bubba Wilson (guitar), Rick Warner (keys) and Sam Tylo (saxophone).

## August 31 Infinity and Beyond

Infinity and Beyond Journey Tribute is rapidly becoming South-eastern Michigan's premier Journey tribute band. It's members: Brian Ferreebe (lead vocal), Waldon Reed (guitar), Jim Talbot (keys and vocals), Ron Cox (bass guitar and vocals), and CT Ferreebe (drums and vocals), all seasoned veterans of the Detroit area music scene, formed the group in the spring of 2015. Their mission - to accurately present nearly five decades of Journey's greatest hits along with some surprises that the truest of Journey fans would surely appreciate. For generations of fans Journey's music is inextricably linked to the fondest of personal memories, a drive in your first car, a high school dance, a fa-



Your Generation in Concert™ (formerly Fifty Amp Fuse) will be rockin' Goudy Park on August 17th.

vorite vacation, a first kiss, the day you said "I do." As musicians, Infinity and Beyond are huge fans of the band and have gone to extreme lengths to perform their songs the way they were recorded, the way they

are remembered by so many. "We want people who see our show to be able to close their eyes and be transported to the special places in their memories that these songs are tied to," says Brian Ferreebe.

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# Got to catch them all

By Carolyn Marnon

Creatures of all shapes and sizes who live in the wild or alongside humans are making their appearance in Goudy Park and thus bringing trainers, young and old, to the park behind City Hall.

Since July 6, the park has come alive with people who live in Wayne along with people who travel to Wayne, to play Pokemon Go, a new phone app from Niantic. You might have noticed the studious looks on faces as people walk around the park with their faces down, tapping and swiping on their phones, stopping for a minute or two before they start walking again.

Say what you will about the game, there is no denying that Goudy Park is being used. People of all ages are coming together to catch Pokemon and socialize with each other. These are video game players who are getting off their couches and exploring their communities in search of Pokemon. These are people who have found the game a great way to connect with other members of their family as they go out searching together. The game is about moving. Moving to the next Pokestop, which is usually a historic marker, a piece of public art, a park, church or museum. A Pokemon trainer can do a route around Goudy Park and hit approximately 14 Pokestops where they can collect pokeballs and other accessories that can be used to catch Pokemon. Because there are so many stops around Goudy Park, the park has become a popular place for players to hang out.

Less than a week after the game was released, Jessi Shaffer, co-

owner of Warriors 3 in Wayne, gave me instructions on how the game is played one evening at the park. The phone game, she said, uses GPS to track your movements. Walk and your character walks with you. She said the game has incentives for walking, getting physical activity and having social interaction. Jessi is involved with Walk Wayne and sees the game as being a positive force for walking. She has friends who are driving from other cities to Wayne and Goudy Park to participate in this social phenomenon. Since the game was still in its early days when we talked, there were problems occurring, such as the server crashing or the GPS signal being lost.

At one point during our conversation, a shout of "Bulbasaur" rang out over the park. Amidst laughter, people of all ages came running over to the light post where Bulbasaur had made an appearance. A young man wearing a backwards baseball cap jumped up and down when he caught the creature. Others raised their arms as they caught their own Bulbasaur.

Down by the river, 6 year old Deacon Crawford was using his mom's pink phone to catch Pokemon with his dad, Andrew Crawford. Andrew said it was a fun thing they could do together. They had been at the park for about 15 minutes and hadn't expected to see the number of people that were there. Andrew had played the Pokemon card game in the past and watched Pokemon videos. He said the phone app game was very different because it actually helped with getting exercise.

On a Sunday afternoon, L. Paul



Lafferty, a youth pastor at Full Gospel Temple Church in Westland, was sitting at a picnic table making team bracelets out of red, blue and yellow cording while watching his phone for Pokemon to pop up. "The world is a mess, but people come together for camaraderie."

As the game has become increasingly more popular, larger crowds are coming to Goudy Park, mostly in the evening, to play. They spread out blankets and have picnics. They sit down by the Rouge River. They bring chairs and relax with each other. Kids play on the play equipment. The transient population mixes in with everyone else. Everyone is getting along.

During the first couple of weeks, the police have made evening visits to the park to educate park visitors about the Wayne park ordinance 1062.17 Hours of Operation which states that parks are closed from dusk to sunrise. The ordinance is in place because parks are not well-lit and the safety of people is important. Recently, the police have started en-

forcing the ordinance at dark. They announce it is time for everyone to leave the park and the parking lot. The police will then give everyone a chance to clear out. The police will then come back later where they will start writing citations for anyone remaining. Citations have been given at various hours after dusk, including 11:47 p.m., 1:28 a.m. and 4:08 a.m. The Wayne Police Department must enforce the ordinance. What would happen if they didn't enforce the ordinance and something unfortunate happened?

Although not everyone does it, there are some players who do take the time to read information about the Pokestop they are visiting. The game is a way to learn about the community and its historic markers that might have been overlooked or ignored in the past.

I am not a video game player. The only game I know how to play on my phone is Solitaire. Although I have a 23 year old son who can tell me everything I would ever want to know about Pokemon, I don't have a clue about the creatures beyond Pikachu and Squirtle (we once had a turtle named Squirtle). However, to learn more about this game everyone was playing, I jumped in with both feet and downloaded Pokemon Go to my phone. I had no clue how I was going to play when I didn't know anything about Pokemon or really how most video games work. Lucky for me, it was fairly easy to learn. I just have to walk around until the Pokestops come into range of my avatar (person), spin the picture of the historic marker, church, art installation,



A few of the Pokemon Go players pose for a picture in Goudy Park.

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# Garden Club celebrating 100 years

The Wayne Garden Club, established in 1916, is hard at work preparing for a celebration of their 100 year anniversary. Saturday, August 20th, is the date selected and the community is invited to participate. It will be held at Goudy Park beginning at 11:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m. A program will be held at noon to recognize the many accomplishments of this club over the years and its service to the City of Wayne. A plaque dedicated to the City to commemorate this club's 100 years of continuous activity will be presented.

There will be something for everyone including children who can work on crafts and learn more about gardening, our Rouge River and nature around us.

Booths will circle the gazebo and



The Garden Club in front of the Blue Star Memorial Highway sign on West Michigan Avenue.

will be manned by garden experts who will share information on successful gardening, answer questions about plants and flowers, display pictures and information about Garden Club projects in Wayne, pass out

information on Garden Club history, meetings, programs and much more. Learn how you can become a member of this organization, meet new friends, learn about gardening and the world around us and give back

to your community. Refreshments will be served and gift bags distributed. Come join us in celebrating this wonderful event. For more information on the celebration, call 734-716-0780.



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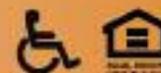


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# Progress report on Downtown Wayne

Happy August! Wayne Main Street has been extremely busy so far this year with exciting projects, fun events, community outreach, and more. Each August we are required to submit an annual report of statistics to the State of Michigan to track program and downtown revitalization success so it's time to take a step back to see the highlights of what has happened so far this year:

**January:** Junior Main Street Committee began work on "Women of Wayne" clothing exhibit at Historical Museum. As an ongoing effort to educate the public on matters of Economic Development through Historic Preservation, we hosted AIA Michigan Speaker Lis Knibbe for a presentation titled "Reinventing Community through Adaptive Use" at the Wayne Fire Station.

**February:** The Design Committee hosted an informational meeting about our Façade Grant Incentive Program for business & building owners announcing that \$20,000 of funding is available this year. We also created a new subcommittee for the Retail Pop Ups project who meets monthly on the 4th Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. We also submitted our applications to the Michigan Main Street Center for Market Study & Branding Services.

**March:** We started working with city administration on Michigan Vacant Properties Campaign, and began working with EMU graduate student Intro to Curatorship class who spent the semester working out of the Wayne Historical Museum cleaning up storage areas, inventory-



ing storage areas, re-packing artifacts to improve preservation, sprucing up some displays and artifacts, and writing up new collections policy for museum.

**April:** In April we celebrated National Volunteer Month by hosting a downtown volunteer mixer which helped us fill over 30 volunteer tasks. We also hosted Building Basics webinar for business/building owners for next round of Design Service applicants. Lastly we hosted an open house to showcase the completion of the first façade rehabilitation project funded by the Façade Grant Incentive Program and awarded a check to Paul Visingardi for \$9,957.

**May:** In May we celebrated National Small Business Week and kicked it off by hosting a Social Media Marketing for Your Small Business Workshop and 20 businesses attended. We then championed National Historic Preservation Month by having a photo scavenger hunt contest plus a "This Place Matters" photo campaign shoot at significant buildings in downtown. We also purchased new self-watering flower planters and thanks to many volunteers got them all planted and looking great. To wrap up Small



In May, Main Street hosted a Social Media Marketing for Your Small Business Workshop and 20 businesses attended.

Business Week we hosted the inaugural Mother's Day Chocolate Walk event and sold out of tickets! At the end of May, we attended National Main Street Conference in Milwaukee, WI and were then awarded the Market Study Application Based Service from Michigan Main Street Center valued at over \$20,000.

**June:** June was action-packed and saw the beginning of Monthly Downtown Merchant meetings at Helium Studio on the first Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m. Hard work on behalf of the City Administration paid off and we jointly hosted folks from the Michigan Vacant Properties Campaign for a Site Visit and a series of public meetings focusing on the issue of vacancy and blight in the city. Junior Main Street's Women of Wayne clothing exhibit opening reception also took place, and we kicked off our Market Study by welcoming Jay Schlinsog from Downtown Professionals Network to downtown Wayne by introducing him to key stakeholders in the city. We then had the opportunity to host sev-

eral communities for an Associate Level Main Street Training workshop in conjunction with the Michigan Main Street Center. The WMS Design Committee also awarded complimentary Design Services to AKA Treasures Thrift Store and the Northwest Alano Club.

Sometimes it's necessary to take a step back and soak in all of the accomplishments that have taken place over the last six months. It helps put things in perspective that the revitalization of our downtown is going to take time, but there are so many people working continuously on projects that aren't always in the public eye.

This is truly a team effort and we couldn't do it without the support of our local businesses, our donors, our volunteers, and the city administration, council, and staff. If you're interested in getting involved or just chatting about the future of downtown Wayne, please don't hesitate to contact me via phone (734) 629-6822 or email [director@downtownwayne.org](mailto:director@downtownwayne.org). Thanks for reading!

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or whatever it is, and collect pokeballs and other items. When a creature pops up on my screen, I use my finger to "throw" the pokeball at it to try to catch it. If I catch it, it gets added to my Pokedex, which is an index of the creatures I have caught. Expect to see lots of creatures called Drowzees and Weedles if you decide to join the craze. I continue to play the game because it is something my husband, daughter and I can do together. Healthy family competition!

The app has a built-in mechanism for tracking your walking while

you are playing the game. You can hatch eggs that you have been given at Pokestops or that you've been awarded by "levelling up." You place the egg in an incubator and then you have to walk a certain distance, anywhere from 2 kilometers to 10 kilometers to hatch it into a creature. Once a creature is hatched, put another egg in the incubator and keep on going.

Goudy Park also has a Gym at the Pavilion. Gyms are places where Pokemon Trainers (that's what players are called) can go to do battle with their Pokemon. Unfortunately, this is beyond my current compre-

hension of the game, so I can't give you first-hand information. I only know that gyms are ruled by a team, either blue, red or yellow, that must defend the gym from being taken over by one of the other teams.

While at Goudy Park, I have had pleasant encounters with people. Some have been initiated by me trying to learn more about the game. Most have been initiated by other players who have told me where I can go to catch a certain creature, have asked me if I have battled in the gym yet, have wished me a good evening as they have passed by, or have just initiated a hello. In my time

at the park-morning, afternoon or evening-I have not encountered any problems. Visitors to the park have mostly cleaned up after themselves. The trash cans have been full, but I have not noticed trash overflowing anywhere. Yes, there are the occasional pieces of trash on the ground, but that also occurred before the Pokemon Go craze started. The city has placed additional trash receptacles in the park to keep it clean.

Grab a chair, come to Goudy Park and spend a pleasant afternoon or evening people-watching. Then, if you are so inclined, pull out your smartphone and start playing along.

# Garden Club over the past 100 years

The Wayne Garden Club is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. The Club was established in 1916 and has been continuously active for the past 100 years. A celebration will take place Saturday, August 20th at Goudy Park from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. You are invited to attend the festivities which include master gardeners who will display information about gardens and answer questions about flowers and plants, Friends of the Rouge who will distribute information about our river and the nature around us, displays detailing the history of the club, crafts, gifts, music, refreshments and more. A short program will begin at noon with speakers and the dedication of a plaque to the City in recognition the Club's contribution to our community.

How did this club begin and what has kept it going strong all of these years? Like many women's clubs created in the early years of small town America as well as the Village of Wayne, it all began in order to offer women the opportunity to socialize with neighbors, educate themselves on various topics and give service to their community. At that time, most women did not continue their education as society believed their role was to raise their children and care for the home. These clubs offered women the chance to meet with other women, study and learn new things and give to their commu-



nity. Those goals still drive existing clubs today even though the role women play in our world today has changed drastically.

The Wayne Garden Club was first organized by Mrs. A.K. Russell because of her concerns about the depletion of our national resources and the bird population. The first meeting was held at Wayne's only school (later to be called Roosevelt) with seven charter members. (Several of the well known names in the history of Wayne were in attendance including Stellwagen and Truesdell.) The name they chose for their club was the "Conservation Circle" Since they rotated taking turns holding meetings in their homes they called it a circle. The purpose of the group was "intellectual culture, conservation and the improvement of community interests." Dues were \$1 per year. The first meeting's program was prepared by two members who wrote papers on "Our Feathered Friends" and "How to Attract and Protect Birds" They later studied moths, butterflies and bees but soon moved on to town issues such "as a commu-



The wrought iron and brick fence was dedicated in July 1971.

nity laundry, a Women's Exchange and a public rest room." (A public restroom was built around 1926 west of Second Street and across from St. Mary's Church where there was an interurban stop.) They were also active in the Child Welfare Program and soon changed their name to "Conservation and Improvement Circle".

Sometime in the 1920's membership was held to 24 members. In 1921 they began planting flowers in an area at Brush and Monroe Streets which they maintained for years. (This project of planting flowers to beauty Wayne continued through the years as the Club planted and maintained gardens at the Wayne Historical Museum, the Wayne Library, Goudy Park, the Veterans Plaza in the circle between East and West bound Michigan Ave at the East entrance of Wayne. They also sold flow-

ering crab trees to residents at cost in 1960 to add to the beauty of the town. The tree became the official tree of Wayne in 1963.)

In 1928 the idea of holding a "Flower Show" was conceived. For many years this was a focus of the Club and was greatly enjoyed and supported by the community. During these years they were also giving to the community by helping the Red Cross and the Salvation Army (1920's), working with crippled children, the Northville Sanitarium (1930's), the Veterans Hospital in Dearborn (1950's) and today, Hope Nursing Home and the decorating of the Historical Museum for Christmas.

In the depression years of the 1930's, dues were dropped and not collected for three years. The Club

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name changed again to the Conservation Club and the members did a great deal of sewing making clothing for those in need. Victory Gardens were planted and encouraged during the war years.

On June 9th, 1948 the club name became "Wayne Garden Club". The annual club sponsored Community Flower Shows continued to be very popular with the public. These flower shows continued throughout the 1950's. In 1963 Wayne Garden Club found a new project to help them raise money for their many causes. They joined a Greens Market in Northville. It was very successful but Northville discontinued the greens market in 1965. The Wayne Garden Club decided they could organize and host their own greens market which they did in 1966. It was a tremendous success and people came from many miles to purchase the beautiful decorated greens. It was held at St. Johns Episcopal Church and later at the Wayne Recreation Building. The Greens Markets fundraisers ran for more than 20 years.



In 2005, the Garden Club donated a clock for downtown Wayne. It is at Michigan Avenue Eastbound and Wayne Road.

The profits from the greens market helped the Club finance some large projects. One such project was the restoration of the "Old Burial Lot" cemetery on Michigan Ave. west of the State Wayne theater. With the

help of the Historical Commission and the Wayne Beautification Committee the group planned the project. They dedicated the new wrought iron and brick fence in 1971. The Club also planted 34 varieties of trees in the cemetery and labeled them so they could be used later for learning experiences. Another project they used funds on was the complete landscaping of the Historical Museum.

Today, the Wayne Garden Club sponsors a biannual Garden Walk at homes in our community. This serves as a fundraiser for projects as well as encourages citizens of our community to add beauty to their homes through planting and maintaining flower gardens. Some of the most recent additions made to the community by the Garden Club are the clock placed at Michigan Ave. and Wayne Rd. in the Clock Tower Plaza. The dedication took place in 2005. A Blue Star Memorial Marker was purchased and placed at the Veteran's Memorial next to the Library and a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker was placed at the east entrance to Wayne between East and West bound Michigan Avenues

across from St. Mary's Church. It is surrounded by a circular garden planted and maintained by the Garden Club. These memorials honor all veterans (past, present and future). Some of the profits for these came from the sale of a cookbook made of recipes from Club members.

It is impossible to list here all of the causes the Wayne Garden Club has supported over the years and all of the projects they have carried out to beautify our community of Wayne. Also, their monthly programs impact their members by offering informative and entertaining meetings on a wide variety of topics, too many to mention. With the recent changes to their yearly calendar, they now meet in the summer months so that they can travel locally and across the state visiting beautiful gardens and sites. The Wayne Garden Club is still going strong because it engages its members and stays true to the Club's original purposes of intellectual culture, conservation and the improvement of community interests. (A special thank you to Carolyn Marnon, Club Historian, who's 2016 100th Anniversary Booklet is the basis for this article.)

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