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- Refurbish existing bike racks in downtown Wayne
- Create a bike route & safety guide
- Host 4-6 Pop-Up Bike events

If we are able to reach our fundraising goal by **August 31, 2017**, Wayne will win a matching grant through MEDC!

WHERE ARE WE: WEEK 2

Currently we are on track to meet our Week 2 goal of raising \$2,250, but we need everyone to CHIP IN! Consider donating \$1, \$5 or \$20.

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The Wayne Bicycle Club meets up Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in front of the State Wayne Theater. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

Bike club rolls through city

By Carolyn Marnon

Brian Ewanciwi, owner of Icon Computer Solutions, and his girlfriend Jamey McCloskey bought bicycles last year and started riding. They soon found that bike riding was boring when it was just the two of them. They asked a few friends if they wanted to ride with them and then go to a local bar for a drink afterwards. Brian decided to expand their small group of riders by starting a Facebook group called Wayne Bicycle Club. Nine people showed up for that first advertised ride. Since then, the group grows and grows every week.

The largest group that has gone out for a ride has included 68 people. The Wayne Bicycle Club did a cemetery tour last fall. They have also connected with other bicycle clubs in Detroit for rides. Recent group rides have included one on Belle Isle, a Saturday riding through Hines Park, and participating in the Westland Memorial Day Parade.

The bike scene is big in California, said Brian, and is coming across the US. It's a very family-friendly environment. Recently, a couple riders have shown up to the Wayne rides with bike trailers attached for their little ones to ride along.

This summer, the club hosted a



Brian Ewanciwi, owner of Icon Computer Solutions, gives Senator Debbie Stabenow a Wayne Bicycle Club T-Shirt on her visit to Wayne last week. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

volunteer docent from the DIA (Detroit Institute of Arts) to lead the group on a tour of the artworks displayed around the city from the 2017 Inside/Out program. Riders listened as the nuances of each painting were presented. Some took photos of the paintings while they listened. The riders interacted with the docent and asked questions. When the presentation was done at that particular art piece, the group hopped on their bikes and pedaled

to the next piece.

The Wayne Bicycle Club will host a free bicycle clinic at the August 8th concert in the park where riders can get their bicycles checked out and learn some basic ways to keep their bike maintained and safe.

The Wayne Bicycle Club welcomes riders of all ages. There is no need to sign up for a ride, although Brian said if you can indicate on the Facebook page that you are interested in going, that helps him get an

idea for how many people are going to show up. The rides are slow-moving rides. They are a great low-impact exercise to keep you in shape.

Most rides are approximately 8 miles. The Facebook page will show a map of the intended route for the week's ride. If you don't think you can do the whole route, you can look at the map and determine how far you want to go and where you would need to break off from the group to return home. You can drop out of the ride at any time. There is no obligation to complete the whole thing.

Brian says he tries to plan the routes to stay away from the major intersections. With a large group, it could take as many as three light changes before everyone gets through. The rides meander through neighborhoods that are conducive to bike riding.

More and more custom bikes, also known as show bikes, are appearing at the local rides. Whatever type of bike you have, you are welcome to ride it with the group. Brian says many first-time group riders show up and see all the lights that other riders have on their bikes. The next time they show up at a ride, they have lights too. It seems that

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The Village days

In my last article I wrote about the founder of our community, Ezra Derby, who bought 80 acres and the log tavern built in 1824 by George M. Johnson. Derby proceeded to “grow” the community by building a saw mill, a home, store and blacksmith shop and then in 1835 subdividing a part of his 80 acres into 15 lots in the area. Soon other important pioneers of our community (James Street, James Krider, Ammon Brown, Glode Chubb, Rufus Brown and Col. Joshua Howard to name a few) came and bought land which they subdivided and sold or settled on themselves. Our community was on its way. In 1834 Governor Porter appointed Ezra Derby as Justice of the Peace of the budding village and we had our first officer.

By 1869 our community had a population of about 800 people. On April 12, 1869 the village voted to become incorporated. By Act of the State Legislature, the Village of Wayne was established within the area of one square mile. The boundaries were what is now Glenwood on the north, Annapolis on the south, the C&O Railroad on the west and Fourth Street on the east. (Today we are six square miles bounded by Glenwood, VanBorn, Hannan, and Merriman.) During this election held at the Union Hotel, William R. Corlett was elected the first president of the Village Council, William M. Hastings recorder (clerk), and Ammon Brown treasurer. Trustees were Jacob Bunting, Fredrick Marker, Dr. Thomas Morrison, Israel Bell and John Palmer. After meeting in rented rooms for a number of years, the Council decided to have a Village Hall built. In November of 1878 they held their first meeting in the newly constructed brick building on the Public Square. That building still stands today as our Historical museum.

By 1869 the last vestiges of the pioneer settlement had disappeared except for one or two early log houses, long abandoned. For many years one could still be seen near Michigan Ave, east of the Village. The grist mill had been replaced by the modern “Flouring mill”, the spinning wheel and loom had been hidden away to be discovered years later as decorative “atmosphere”,



Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley

and beet sugar at 10 cents per pound was used rather than the maple sugar made at home.

Although a few families on farms still “tapped” their maple trees each spring, collecting the sap to boil down for syrup and sugar, most were now buying syrup from Bunting's Store, T.P Gorham's or Hosie & Stellwagen's for 75 cents per gallon. Here they bought their flour for \$5.50 per barrel and paid 75cents for 25 pounds of buckwheat flour for their pancakes. “Hamburg” (or hamburger today) appeared in the meat market in the late 1870's.

The one room log schools were replaced by the red brick or white frame buildings. Some of the log schools throughout the area were remodeled and used as part of a house.

The roads had improved over the years. By 1869 Michigan Ave. (the old Sauk Trail or Chicago turnpike) was laid with gravel and was often referred to as “the Gravel”. (It was 1925 before Michigan Avenue would be paved.) After incorporating, the Village began installing street lamps and laying wooden sidewalks. By 1896 only cement sidewalks were laid.

In the Village, homes and businesses mingled on the main streets. On Michigan Avenue, Monroe and Newberry streets, homes were scattered among the stores. Some of Wayne's finest homes were on Monroe (now Wayne Rd.) south of the Michigan Central railroad tracks. Main Street became the real street of homes. It was a quiet street with shade trees on both sides, extending from the Town Square from east to west, connecting the “Gravel” at both ends. Park, Elizabeth, Norris, Brush, Sophia and Clinton streets became filled with homes. It was not until nearly 1920 that land was subdivided north of the river or outside of the original Village limits on the south and west sides.

By 1924 the Village population



Early Wayne settlers, Benjamin and Electa Hix, came to Wayne in 1836 and raised their family on Michigan Avenue and Cogswell Road. This picture of their nine children includes John Hix who the road east of Hannan is probably named after.

had grown to 2500 and in 1926 it was shown that “nearly all the streets were paved and sewers installed”. It was a community of businesses, homes, an excellent school system, churches of nearly every denomination, a developing extensive park system and police and fire protection. A real metropolitan Village!!!

And Wayne continued to grow! In 1969, 100 years after our little Village was incorporated, the community came together “to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of this organization of local government”. Civic groups, clubs and organizations formed committees and planned a myriad of events to be held July 24th through August 2nd in Wayne. Hundreds of people were involved in this endeavor to pay homage to our early settlers and the history of our community. It was a spectacular success with a huge parade, sidewalk

sales, ceremonies, displays, hospital-ity centers, costumes, ox roast, carnival, square dance in the street, box lunch picnics, kiddie activities, bands, dramatizations and much much more. Thousands of people attended and were fortunate to be a part of this historic occasion. What a celebration!!!!

Many of you may recall this event even though the years have slipped away. (Where does the time go ???) In just two years we will have the opportunity to celebrate the anniversary of 150 years since the incorporation of our community. Talk is beginning of plans for this upcoming historical date. It's sure to be something we all want to be a part of!!

(Information for this article was taken from the history section of the Wayne Centennial Book by Mildred Hanchett.)

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Diamond of the community

The Wayne Senior Services department is taking applications for the 2017 Diamond of the Community. Nominees must be 70 years old or above and actively volunteering in the community. Applications are available at City Hall and HYPE and need to be returned by August 17.

Social event for young professionals

Wayne Main Street has put together a social event for young professionals to attend and get to know one another on August 10 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at The Avenue. Call Wayne Main Street for more information (734) 629-6822.

Household hazardous waste collection

There are two more household hazardous waste collection events being held this year in Wayne County. The next one will be August 12 at the Westland Shopping Center. The final one will be held October 7 at Wayne County Community College-Downriver Campus in Taylor. This is your opportunity to get rid of your unwanted household chemicals, cleaning products, automotive fluids, paints and stains, and old electron-



Mayor Susan Rowe welcomes Jeremiah Webster as the Wayne's newest council person.

New city council person voted in

The city council, through a round-robin process of elimination that lasted 12 rounds on August 1, welcomed Jeremiah Webster as the new council person. Mr. Webster will fill the at-large city council position vacated by R. Terry Sutton IV with the term ending November 12, 2018. Fifteen applicants were interviewed the last week of July by current council members and Mayor Susan Rowe.

During his interview, Jeremiah was asked how he would handle issues where the city council decisions conflict with what the people of Wayne want. He responded, "sometimes the correct decision is not the popular decision." His idea of what it means to be a councilman? To be a representative of yourself, of your neighbors and of the city. Mr. Webster feels the only way the city will get better is for people to get involved. He wants the city to become a better place for his family and have his children one day return to Wayne when they are older and find it the same or better than they remember it.

ics to be properly disposed of for free. They will also be collecting lawn products, fluorescent light bulbs and pharmaceutical waste. For a complete list of acceptable items, please

visit www.WayneCounty.com.

Remember when...

The Wayne Sometimes Travelers will take a trip to Wyandotte during their Remember When...bus trip on Wednesday, August 16. They will start with a lunch at Smokies Restaurant and Bar where you will have a choice between three restau-

rant favorites along with two side dishes, dessert and a beverage. After lunch, take a two-hour narrated cruise on the Diamond Jack River Cruise where cruisers will see the new, exclusive community of waterfront mansions, accessible only by ferry, that now dot Bob-Lo Island. Other sites of interest that you'll cruise by include Calvert Canada Distillery, Fort Malden, Kings Navy Yard Park, Stony Island, Livingstone Channel and the Grosse Ile Light-house. After the cruise, there will be time for shopping in downtown Wyandotte. This trip is \$74. For more information or to sign up, call the Wayne Senior Services office at (734) 721-7460.

Family fun day at HYPE

HYPE will be hosting a Family Fun Day along with a vendor show on August 20 from Noon-6:00 p.m.

Suicide awareness forum

Youth Services will be hosting a Suicide Awareness Forum on September 6 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Wayne Police Department.

Detroit Tigers

Travel with the Wayne Sometimes Travelers to Comerica Park on Wednesday, August 23, to see the Detroit Tigers play the New York Yankees. The trip will depart from Canton Summit at 4:00 p.m. and will return at 11:00 p.m. The game is scheduled to begin at 7:10 p.m. Included in the trip price is a bountiful buffet with gourmet cuisine, a VIP entrance, full service bar, no parking fees and a spectacular view. Prices range from \$110 to sit in Section 150 to \$137 to sit in Section 116. For more information or to sign up, call the Wayne Senior Services office at (734) 721-7460.

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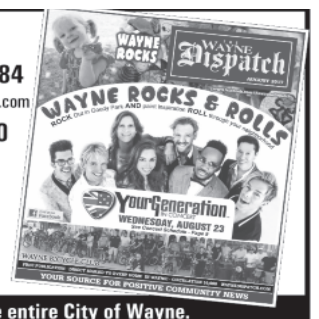
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Wayne Rocks

By Carolyn Marnon

Not only does Wayne rock because of the awesome concerts in the park that the Wayne Rotary has lined up for Goudy Park this summer, but Wayne rocks as a result of the kindness movement that was put into motion locally by Bernadette Brock.

It was a simple rock that started it all. Bernadette's son, Grayson, suffers from anxiety. While playing inside a downriver McDonald's play place last month, Grayson found a painted rock. He went from being stressed out to happy and relaxed. According to Bernadette, he wouldn't let go of the rock.

Grayson wanted to paint his own rocks. The next day, the Brock's painted 150 rocks. They went to hide the rocks throughout Wayne and later that night, Bernadette started the Wayne Rocks Facebook page. She had tried to get a couple other people who were active in the community to do it. Since they didn't have the time, she just did it.

Soon, others were painting their own rocks and hiding them. It was bringing people together. One day, Bernadette says, 60-80 people were out looking for rocks. Many find the rocks and then rehide them. They can be in parks or at businesses. It's a great way to highlight Wayne. Bernadette believes there is a lot of good in Wayne and this project brings people together.

When the Facebook page hit 500 likes, she provided 10 starter kits to random group members. The kits consisted of 30 pounds of rocks, some different paints, 25 paint brushes and a bottle of sealer.

There are contests to also get people involved. One contest had people

guessing how many rocks were in a jar. Another had people looking for a yellow Lego rock.

A table at a recent concert in the park was available for rock painting. Every Monday from 10:00 a.m.-noon, you can go to HYPE recreation center on Howe Rd and paint rocks. All supplies are provided. All you need to bring is enthusiasm. All ages are welcome! Bernadette is grateful to the businesses who donated gift cards so she can buy more paint and brushes to share with the community.

Bernadette was touched by a person she came into contact with in a nearby community who was touched by a rock. This person saw the Wayne Rocks shirt she was wearing and asked her how she knew about Wayne Rocks. He/she had found a rock that said "you are loved" on it and went on to explain they suffered from bi-polar disorder. It provided a message they really needed to hear at the time.

"It's about giving and enjoying the community," said Bernadette. Kids are out and about and being active while hiding and searching for rocks. They aren't watching videos and don't have their face in their phone. Everyone can enjoy the activity. Each person can participate in a different way. One gentleman decided to hide a rock, gave clues on the Facebook page, and said that whoever found his rock "wins" dinner with him at his favorite restaurant, My Place. He used it as a way to meet other people.

Bernadette is big on paying it forward. This was something she learned from her mom. The Wayne Fire Department assisted her mother many times when she was ill.



Bernadette Brock got Wayne Rocks rolling.

Her mother always said she wanted to buy the fire department steaks when she died. When she did die, the fire department got their steaks. "I want to pay it forward. This community has given me and Alfred and the kids so much. Parents need to teach

their children to go out into the community and help someone. Just be kind to one another. To succeed in the world, everyone must have compassion for another."

This Wayne resident is changing Wayne, one rock at a time.

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Concert fans 'Rock and Roll All Nite' in Goudy Park. Photo by Natalie Rhaesa

Concerts in Goudy Park even bigger

The Wayne Rotary Concerts in Goudy Park series continues and keeps getting bigger. All concerts are at the amphitheater at Goudy Park at 7:30 p.m. Only four shows left for the season.

August 9 – Kung Fu Diesel

"Kung Fu Diesel is 3 piece, 3 chord American Rock & Roll band born out of the swamps of Jackson, MI USA." They have also opened shows for some of the biggest names in country and rock. These bands include: Foreigner, 10,000 Maniacs, Ted Nugent, Jackyl, The Pretenders, B52s, Ratt, Nazereth, Charlie Daniels, Martina McBride, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and Weird Al Yankovich to name a few."

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State senator visits Wayne

By Carolyn Marnon

Michigan State Senator Debbie Stabenow visited Wayne on August 4 to advocate for the Great Lakes and river restoration. She also visited several local small businesses, including Karma Coffee and ICON Computer Solutions.

About 40 people gathered by the river in Goudy Park to hear Senator Stabenow talk about increasing support for river restoration after proclaiming it “a beautiful pure Michigan day.” Blessed to live in a most beautiful state, she stated water is who we, as Michigianians, are and that we need to protect our water. Twenty percent of the world’s fresh water surrounds Michigan.

In 2010, Senator Stabenow authored the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, also known as GLRI. The federal government budgeted \$300 million every year to GLRI to help respond to events and emergencies. One of these, Asian Carp, had a quick response because the money was in the budget to deal with it. They didn’t have to go through a process of trying to procure funding to take care of the issue.

The Wayne Road Dam was built in 1914 to store water for fighting fires. It was more recently removed to help connect the Rouge River to make it better suited for fish to migrate and to allow for canoeing without restrictions in the waterway. One hundred twenty-one miles of waterway are now connected, native plants are growing and there is a path along the river to the bridge where



Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini and city staff members with Senator Debbie Stabenow down by the river.

the dam once stood. Senator Stabenow was presented with a small crystal block with a pocket-sized version of the dam on top.

After the last couple months she has had, Senator Stabenow said “sitting quietly is very alluring to me,” referring to the wooden log bench down by the river. “We can have a meeting in the canoe,” she joked later to several city employees as pictures were being taken.

In conclusion, Senator Stabenow said, “Speak out on ways we can work together to protect the water.”

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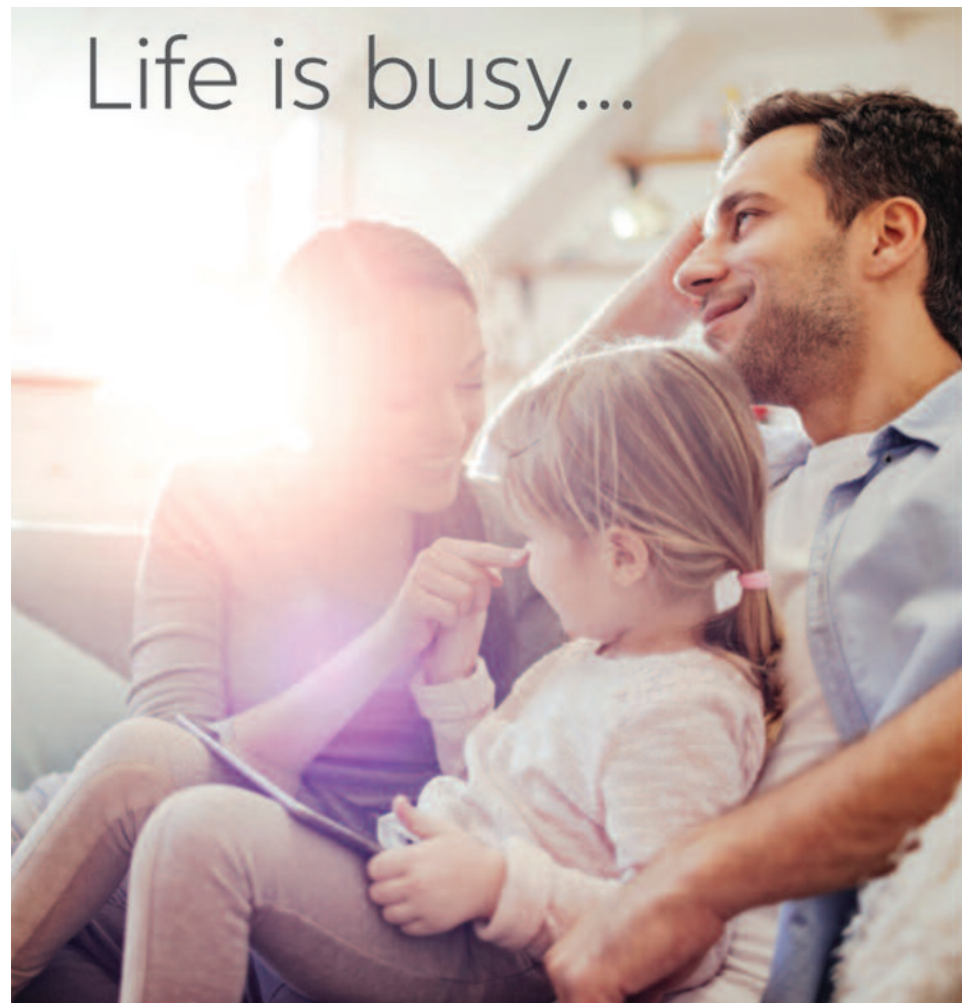
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August 30 - Dirty Deeds Extreme AC DC

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Help bring bike racks to Downtown Wayne

Wayne Main Street recently announced a new crowdfunding campaign through Michigan-based crowdfunding platform Patronicity. The campaign will support the project to install new bike racks throughout downtown Wayne and run Pop-Up Bike Repair & Safety workshops in partnership with the Wayne Bicycle Club.

If the campaign reaches its crowdfunding goal of \$5,500 by August 31, the project will win a matching grant with funds made possible by Michigan Economic Development Corporation's (MEDC) Public Spaces Community Places program. For project details and to donate, please visit: www.Patronicity.com/Wayne-MainStreet.

The Downtown Bike Rack Program will promote cycling in Wayne and help the downtown continue to prosper. The project plans to install 20 brand new, custom bike racks in downtown Wayne, refurbish existing bike racks in downtown Wayne, hold

Pop-Up Bike Repair & Safety events launching in the fall and promote biking throughout the community.

This project also aims to promote Wayne as a bikeable community. Theodora Brooks, Board Member for Wayne Main Street comments, "Wayne has an avid biking community, and we want to do whatever we can to promote Wayne as a bike-friendly city, including providing options for secure bike parking throughout our downtown." In addition to this project, Wayne's Bicycle Club is also gaining in prominence. The club is currently in the running to receive the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Community Excellence Award.

Please visit: www.Patronicity.com/WayneMainStreet for more information and/or to make an online donation. If you prefer, you can donate my mail. Include "Bike Wayne" in the memo.

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riders have more fun when they are riding with lights flashing on their bikes or lights spinning around their wheels.

After the ride, riders are welcome to gather at either The Avenue or US-12 for a bite to eat or a drink. The group tries to alternate between the two businesses.

If you would like to ride with Wayne Bicycle Club, check out their Facebook page for details about the upcoming ride. The group meets every Thursday night outside the State Wayne Theater for a ride that starts at 7:30 p.m. It's a good idea to bring a bottle of water to stay hydrated. Also, if it is getting near the end of the bike-riding season and darkness is going to be involved, make sure to have a headlight and taillight for your bike.

Brian reads a few rules of the road before each ride. Most of them, he says, are common-sense rules such as never riding more than two people side-by-side and to wait at lights.



Besides the regular Thursday night rides, Brian is making plans for another Belle Isle ride, a ride through Metro Park and a ride at the Detroit RiverWalk. Bike riding is growing in popularity in Wayne. The City of Wayne and other community groups are working together to expand opportunities for safe riding. Icon Computer Solutions is working with the city and Wayne Rotary to bring bike racks to town. Brian would like to see more done to make Wayne more bike-friendly, including eventually being able to connect with the I-275 bike trails and having dedicated bike lanes.

As John F. Kennedy once said, "Nothing compares to the simple pleasure of riding a bike."

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NEWS BRIEFS

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August concerts in the park

Mark your calendar now so you don't miss out on any of the August concerts in Goudy Park. Come out on Wednesday evenings with your friends and family (or alone) and enjoy great music. August 9: Kung Fu Diesel (American rock and roll band). August 16: The Magic Bus Tour (a musical trip back to the Woodstock era), August 23: Your Generation in Concert (world's greatest tribute band), and August 30: Dirty Deeds (extreme AC/DC). Bring dinner with you and enjoy a picnic at the park.

These free concerts are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. There is bench seating in front of the amphitheater, but you may wish to bring a folding chair for comfort.

Paint rocks at HYPE

Join Wayne Rocks as community members gather at HYPE on Mondays from 10:00 a.m.-Noon to paint rocks that can be hidden in Wayne as part of the Wayne Rocks movement. All supplies are provided. All you need to bring is enthusiasm. All ages welcome! For more information, check out their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/rock-sofwayne/>

Community clean-ups!

Are you or your organization interested in doing an organized clean-up? If so, the City of Wayne is delighted to receive the help. They only ask that you contact the Department of Public Works Assistant Director Ed Queen at 734-721-8600 so that he can coordinate with you on the pick-up of any litter or debris that was collected and assure it is discarded in a timely fashion. Thank you for stepping up to help keep our city clean. Together, we are better!

Congratulations to Distinguished Women

Local girls Ashley Socia, Sariah Bolden and Danielle Deel each received a scholarship for their "Be Your Best Self" essay at the recent

12th annual FREE family festival and car show

Need a completely free fun family event to attend? Come out to CrossPointe Community Church on Saturday, August 26, for the 12th Annual Family Fest and Car Show. Hours are 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. If you have never been to this event, the key thing to know is that everything is free. All the food is free-hot food, cold food, snacks, ice cream, nachos, cotton candy, popcorn and drinks. The church is planning food and fun for 7,500 people this year! There will be bouncies for kids. Free. Rides for all ages. Free. Crafts. Free. Classic Car Show with prizes, dash plaques and trophies. Free. Cars (classics, muscle and antiques) can start arriving at 7:00 a.m. There is plenty of parking across the street from the church for those who want to attend the event. This event is well-attended each year and is put on for the entire community. Stop by and check it out!

Michigan Distinguished Young Women program held in July in Saline. During their week of preparation, they had a wonderful experience and were able to partake in many community service activities as well as various learning opportunities and fun time with fellow contestants from across the state. Some of these included: serving food at the Ronald McDonald House in Detroit, visiting the residents at Breckon Village Senior Home, MIS Speedway tour, Jiffy Bakery Tour and Meet and Greet with the CEO/Founder Howdy Holmes, Henry Ford Museum visit, Cranbrook tour, speakers at the Brooklyn Kiwanis Club, and Life Skills Workshop at Adiant (formerly Johnson Controls Corporation).

Friends: people helping people

On Saturday, September 9 (rain-date: September 16), the FRIENDS program will once again come together to help a resident spruce up their home. FRIENDS was started in 1998 to help a Wayne resident whose home needed some tender loving care. Homes are usually chosen based on the homeowners' inability to handle the work themselves due to either financial or health reasons. The Friends committee coordinates with willing volunteers to complete the task. This program is completely funded through donations and volun-

teers. On the day of the event, volunteers will donate approximately six hours of time to work on projects such as painting and/or planting at a preselected Wayne home. A continental breakfast will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the HYPE Recreation Center. Lunch will be served on site. Youth group volunteers are welcome as long as there is one adult for every five youth volunteers. For further information, to volunteer, or to donate for this 'feel good' program, please call the Community Development department at (734) 722-2000 x1032.

First annual chili cook-off

The first annual chili cook-off will be held at HYPE Recreation Center on October 21 from 4-7:00 p.m. Do you make a great batch of chili and/or cornbread? If so, plan to

enter this contest. It is \$10 to enter in either the Chili Only or the Chili and Cornbread category. It is \$5 to enter in the Cornbread Only category. Awards planned to be given are for best overall, people's choice, most creative ingredients, best veggie/vegan, best wild game chili and best fire house chili. Individual tickets will be \$3 or \$12 per family. Each participating chili cooker will have sample bowls at their station that attendees will be able to eat. There will be different firehouses from surrounding cities competing for the best firehouse chili. For more information or to enter, contact Lenny or Christi Powell at (734) 502-5603.

Cemetery walk

The Wayne Historical Society will be holding their 4th annual Cemetery Walk on Sunday, October 1, at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. This will complete the cycle of all cemeteries within Wayne's city limits. Past walks were held at the Old Wayne Cemetery, Glenwood Cemetery and West Lawn Cemetery.

Farmer's Market

Brought to you by Beaumont Wayne, you can visit Beaumont Hospital Wayne every Thursday from now until September 28 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for a weekly Farmer's Market. The Eastern Market Farm Stand will provide a seasonal bounty of fresh, healthy and affordable fruits and vegetables as well as a selection of specialty items from local food merchants. The market will be located at the canopy area of the Surgery Center entrance drive.



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Senior Alliance marks first year in new location

By Carolyn Marnon

Drive down Venoy Road and you might just miss it. The Senior Alliance recently celebrated its first year at its new location. Some things have improved, some have remained the same, and some didn't turn out like they were originally envisioned.

Back in July 2016, David Wilson and Nicole Jeffries attended a Wayne city council meeting and shared a presentation about the newly purchased property for The Senior Alliance. They talked about how barrels of asbestos had to be removed. They talked about the farmhouse, barn and greenhouse on the property. The greenhouse is the size of a football field. It became non-functioning after the winter 2015/16 season and was being used for storage. They had purchased three new vehicles for a transportation program. They hoped to bring in programs like gardening for senior citizens. They had a 3-year plan on their website laying out plans to make Wayne aging-friendly and to support elder rights, among other goals.

What is The Senior Alliance? It is a 501 (c)(3) agency that began serving older adults in 1980 and operates as an Area Agency on Aging for the 34 communities it serves-from Plymouth/Livonia down to Brownstown. Basically, it serves all of Wayne County except for Detroit. There are 190,000 seniors within this area. In 1988, TSA was authorized to function as an Organized Health Care Delivery System which allowed it to serve low-income adults living with disabilities.

One of the TSA programs you might be most aware of is Meals on Wheels. However, the primary function of The Senior Alliance is actually Information and Assistance. They have a comprehensive vendor network and caregiver support network.

Another program of TSA is Care Management and Coordination. This program helps clients to stay in their own homes, whether that means help with cleaning, transportation or repairs. By helping people stay in their homes and out of nursing homes, money is saved all-around. It's a very cost-effective program. The focus of The Senior Alliance is on the



Tamera Kiger, Executive Director of The Senior Alliance. Photo by John P. Rhaesa



person. Options are given that help the person achieve their own goals.

The 33-acre property in Wayne off of Venoy Road and behind Beaumont Wayne hospital and HYPE recreation center, has plenty of room for development. Tamera Kiger, Executive Director of TSA, says they are hoping to develop housing for seniors on some of the land. The offices, farmhouse and barn only cover about 12 of those acres.

Ninety employees work throughout the TSA building. There are many more volunteers that give of their time to help the seniors and disabled. One of the biggest programs utilizing volunteers is the Holiday Meals program. Meals on Wheels doesn't deliver on holidays. A golf-outing in July and the annual meeting in the spring are the major fundraising campaigns. Holiday Meals delivers on Easter, Labor Day,

Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Meals on Wheels program does have halal meals, liquid meals and does congregate site meals (where participants that can get out congregate at one place to enjoy their meal).

Initial thoughts had been to have a community garden onsite. There has been no manpower for this project. The barn needs extensive repairs as it was not maintained properly previous to TSA buying the property. The greenhouse that was thought to be able to hold functions turned out not to be unusable due to neglect. It is being given to Michigan Urban Farm Initiative who will dismantle it.

The property has walking paths. However, they are now closed. They are not open to the public; they are not safe to use and will need to be repaired at some point in the future. There is also a small orchard behind the farmhouse. The pond is closed. There are signs posted stating no trespassing. The docks need to be removed.

Tamera's vision is to make a local community, possibly Wayne, a "Community for a lifetime." This would include having medical care, grocery stores and being a walkable community. She hopes for intergenerational

daycare, serving young and old. Having grown up hanging out with her grandparents, Tamera has a special affection for older adults. She keeps a book with her that lists all of her "wants" for The Senior Alliance.

A new logo was recently rolled out. The "I's in the name become people forming into a tree in the shape of a heart. The tree represents the roots that are established in communities while the people and heart symbolize the caring staff.

The call center is open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. If you or someone you know needs services, you can call and a representative of community resources can speak with you and get an idea of what types of services you might need. They can then refer you to the proper agency for possible assistance. If you call, you might even speak with 72 year-old Information Specialist Mary Ellen O'Brien, a Wayne resident herself.

If you would like more information about The Senior Alliance or need help, call 1-800-815-1112 and see what services are available to you or a loved one. You can also visit their website at www.aaalc.org to learn more about The Senior Alliance.

Historical society and museum host silent auctions

By Carolyn Marnon

The Wayne Historical Museum and the Wayne Historical Society are trying to have more events throughout the year. They are also trying to find new ways to fundraise. People have items in their homes that they no longer use and would love to see go to a good home. When discussing the idea of a silent auction, a society member said she was cleaning out some of her things and would donate them for the museum's first auction. Some of the items have been auctioned already as part of that first auction which raised \$125.

During the last lecture hosted by the Historical Society, members were invited to bring in items they would like to donate to the next silent auction. Every month, 15 different items with boxes and bid slips will be put out. It is a blind silent auction; bidders do not know how much others have bid for an item. If a bidder really likes an item they must bid accordingly.

A few of the items auctioned last month included two McCoy textured basket weave flower pot planters

with saucers from the 1950s, a vintage silver ginkgo leaf rhinestone pearl brooch, a Goebel bird figurine from the 1960s, and a glass washboard from the National Washboard Co., patented in 1918. Not all items in the auction are vintage or antique. Other items included a framed double-matted Successories golf print which had Arnold Palmer's sentiments towards the sport and a beautiful picture of a seaside coastal golf course, a long wooden shelf with heart cutouts, a set of 4 Disney glasses celebrating the new millennium, Laurel and Hardy dolls and a Hardy Stein.

Every month new items will be put out the day after the monthly lecture and bidding will continue through the following lecture. People can bid on items by coming to the museum during open hours Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or during the monthly lecture, typically on the second Thursday of the month. The current auction runs until August 10. The next auction will be August 11-September 13.

The items in the silent auction and for sale are NOT museum artifacts. These are items that have been specifically donated for fundraising endeavors. All money raised from the silent auction will go towards running and maintaining the museum. The Historical Society is in the process of updating many of the museum displays and freshening up the museum.

The items in the current auction include an Evan's vintage 1950s

mink stole wrap, which has become popular for brides to wear. There are also white suede and fur fingerless gloves and a fur keychain which were donated by Bricker-Tunis Furs in West Bloomfield and a set of vintage rhinestone brooch and earrings. There are Greenfield Village Motor Muster prints from 1996 and 1997 as well as a poster about Henry Ford. Visit the museum during open hours to learn more about how you can help.

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Cardio-Drumming in Goudy Park at the amphitheatre in Downtown Wayne..

Cardio-Drumming comes to Goudy Park

By Carolyn Marnon

According to Erin Robichaud Moore, “Cardio drumming is the absolute best cardio workout there is!” She goes on to explain the it entails placing an exercise ball on top of a large bucket and using a pair of drumsticks to beat a rhythm. “With music filling the soul, one is lead through a workout that keeps you moving, dancing, jumping, and a-grooving the workout away—which doesn’t even feel like a workout because it is so much fun and time flies. It is quite contagious.”

Erin has been an independent personal health coach for seven years. When she first heard of cardio drumming, she thought it looked like fun “but that it was honestly quite ridiculous and that it would not provide a great workout-just something fun to do. Boy, was I wrong! From the first workout full of sweating and muscle burning, I fell in love. More so, I found it was a great way to get people up and off the couch as this is a fabulous workout for those at the top of their game athletically all the way to the person that is limited in mobility or confined to

a wheelchair. I have personally been leading cardio drumming classes for two years now. I, along with several other health coaches, have gone on to lead these classes in multiple locations and not only have a great workout class, but we have built friendships and an amazing community within the larger community. We are now in Wayne, and the craze is already buzzing and we are already seeing people bonding around a love for Wayne and cardio drumming!”

Cardio drumming is great for building strength and endurance. Beating the ball with drumsticks is also a great stress reliever, says Erin.

All ages, all skill and fitness levels and all shapes and sizes are welcomed and encouraged to attend the weekly Monday night group. If you have limited mobility, bring a chair. The group meets at Goudy Park at 7:00 p.m.

Please arrive early as you will need to sign a waiver. You will also need a ball and bucket. You can buy drumsticks at the meeting for \$2. For more information, check out the Facebook page for Wayne-Westland Cardio Drumming.



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