

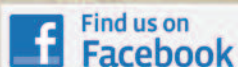
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By Carolyn Marnon

Where have you been able to get your “kicks” in Wayne for the past 40 years? At Kicks, of course. This family business, owned by Ron and Christine Rose, has been producing national champions in Tae Kwon Do since 1977.

After 40 years in business, Kicks is now kicking out and spreading to Sterling Heights and Livonia.

Ron Rose says former students have opened small satellite centers in other states under the auspices of Kicks, but this is the first time Kicks has actually expanded the business.

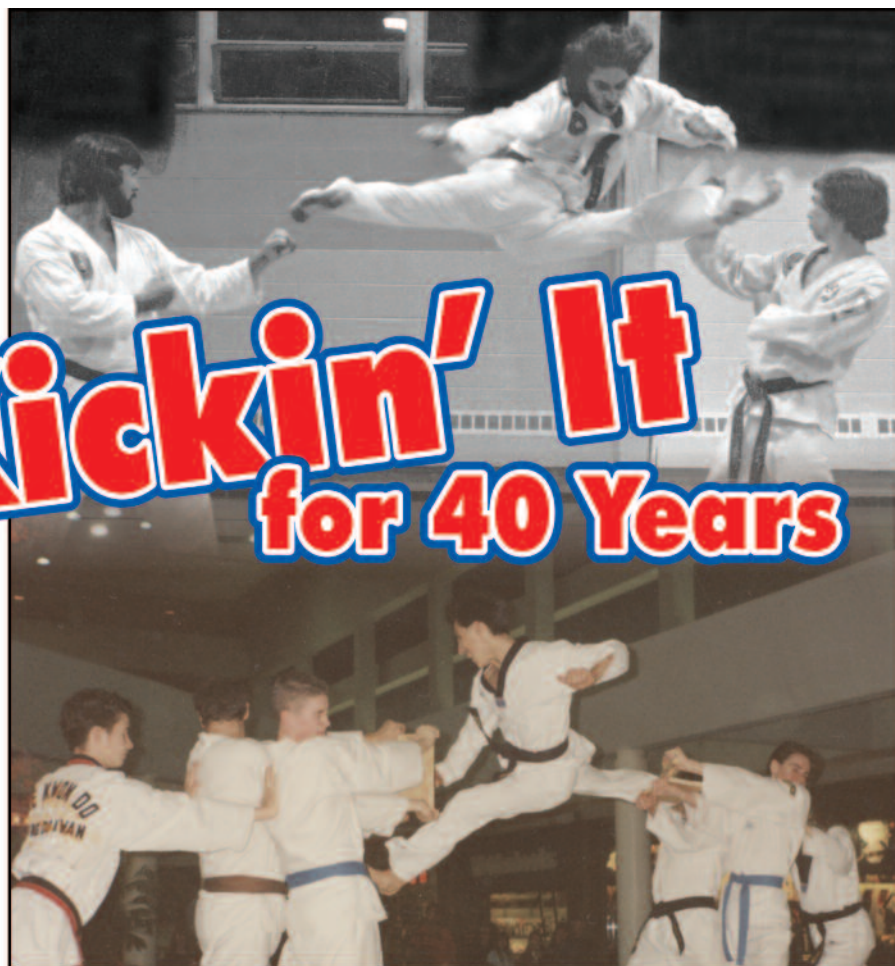
Expansion

Last fall, an Indian black belt student and Ron started talking informally about expanding the business to another site. Sterling Heights has a growing Indian community, and the student wanted to see a location there. Ron started looking around at places and this past January, Kicks of Sterling Heights, 33140 Ryan Rd, opened.

Also last fall, the owner of a karate studio in Livonia contacted Ron about buying him out. They came to an agreement, and Kicks 2 is now being readied for action. Kicks 2 is at 36123 Plymouth Rd. They expect to have their grand opening in mid-March.

Family Affair

The Kick’s business is a family affair. Grandmaster Ron Rose will be teaching at all three locations. “I am an instructor. I love being on the floor working with students,” he says. His son, Master Michael Rose, a 5th degree black belt, is the Head Instructor at Kicks in Wayne and will also teach at the Livonia location. Ron’s wife, Professor Christine Rose, a 7th degree black belt, handles the bookwork and manages the business. “My job is to keep everyone in line,” she laughs. Christine won a gold medal competing in Korea in 2002 in women’s forms competition. The Rose’s oldest son, Mark, a 3rd degree black belt, is not currently involved with the business; he is a pharmacy technician. However, the new Livonia studio is about five minutes from his home, so his father says Mark has plans to be an instructor there.



The Rose’s have a third son, Eric Rose, who drowned while trying to save someone at Belleville Lake in August 2012. Eric taught at Kicks and started the Little Tiger program with kids ages 3-6. Some of those kids went on to test for black belts. There is also a tournament named for him-The Eric Rose Memorial Championship. The 6th annual event will be Saturday, May 19, at the Taylor Sportsplex in Taylor, Mi. Participants have come from Great Britain, Canada and Puerto Rico to compete. There is also an art scholarship that is given in honor of Eric that is given to an art student who is usually a student at Kicks. Eric had attended the Art Institute in Novi.

In his free time, Ron plays lead guitar in a classic rock and pop band, “Eric the Red.” He and Christine have 4 grandchildren who range from 7 months to 19 years old.

History

Kicks started as Wayne Karate Studio in August 1977 and was located in a building next to Frank’s Furniture and across from Northside Hardware on Wayne Rd in a small space that was about 15 x 20 feet.

There were about 25 students in Grandmaster Ron Rose’s first class. A few years later, the name was changed to Kicks Tae Kwan Do and Fitness Centers.

Kicks next moved to a larger location on W. Michigan Ave. by the old phone company and near where Warriors 3 Comics and Games is now. They were able to put in locker rooms and increase student attendance. When Kicks grew to about 75 students a year later, Grandmaster Rose decided to add instructors so he could add more programs.

Ten years after opening, Grandmaster Rose and his wife, Christine, started a tournament team where students could compete in local, state and national competitions. Twelve members made up that first team of students dedicated to their training. It has grown to over 60 people who range in age from 5 to 45 years old.

The location of Kicks has changed a few other times over the years. They occupied a building on Wayne Rd and Sims where the parking lot of Wayne Towers is now. Kicks has been at its present location, 35004 Michigan Ave., Ste A, for

18 years.

Ron, a First Class International Referee for the sport, travels all over the world as a referee and trains referees. Kicks is the headquarters of Korean Tae Kwon Do Association of America. Tae Kwon Do keeps you healthy and young, says Ron. Kicks has taught students of all ages. Many come back with their own kids.

People do drop out of training, says Ron, but then they realize they miss it and come back. He also says it is good focus for kids with ADD, ADHD and other conditions where learning to focus can be a big help.

If the traditional sport of Tae Kwon Do doesn’t interest you, but getting healthy does, Kicks offers Kick Fit, a work-out system that is designed to control weight and tone muscle. It involves punching, kicking, running, jumping, stepping and lifting your way to a healthier body.

What has been the best experience in the last 40 years of running Kicks? Ron says, “When we’ve had people come back after many years, that we taught as a kid, and said we’ve had a major impact on their life.” He goes on, “Making a living doing something I love doing, and I know it’s benefitting people in their lives.” What about the expansion of Kicks? “Renovations, painting, computer systems, running the business, to me is work. Being on the floor is enjoyment.” What has been the hardest experience? Kicks has had to persevere during bad economic times. Tae Kwon Do is a luxury, not a necessity, Ron commented.

The Roses don’t see retirement anywhere in the future. They still enjoy traveling and meeting people all over the world and networking. “It’s a real family atmosphere. There’s a common bond there,” says Ron. They get busier as they get older; it keeps life exciting.

Ron enjoys the diverse groups of people, all ages, religions and races, that come together in a real family atmosphere where everyone is respected. Tae Kwon Do gives people of all ages, especially kids, a place to put their energy to use in a positive atmosphere.

Kicks is not about fighting; it’s about developing good character. “We’re the first family of Tae Kwon Do,” jokes Ron, in reference to another local family who is known as the first family of law in their TV commercials.

Senior living opens its doors at Wayne Tower

By Carolyn Marnon

Originating from a Christian commitment of service, the mission of National Church Residences is to provide high quality care, services and residential communities for all seniors. One such community is here in Wayne, Wayne Tower, 35200 Sims. These convenient and comfortable apartment homes are for older adults aged 55 and over or if under 55, mobility impaired.

Established in 1976, Wayne Tower is always seeking new residents to fill its 154 units. If you or someone you know is looking for a senior residence, there will be an Open House on Wednesday, March 28, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Come in to take a tour, enjoy some light refreshments and learn more about this community here in Wayne.

Each apartment has a living room, kitchen, bedroom (or two) and bathroom. The bathrooms have emergency pull cords that sound an alarm to both EMS and Guardian Alarm if a resident is in distress.



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An in-house Services Coordinator helps residents with various needs. She can make housekeeping appointments, doctors appointments and arrange transportation to visit doctors and go grocery shopping.

Meals on Wheels makes deliveries to Wayne Tower Monday through Friday. The facility also has game nights and time for arts and crafts. Residents can volunteer to serve at the snack table available outside the recreation room where assorted snacks and drinks are sold to raise money for activities. The recreation room has a piano, a pool table and a small library of books.

Locked mailboxes are in the

lobby for delivery of US postal mail. If a package is too large for the locked box, a note is left on the box that the package is being held in the office. Fed Ex and UPS delivers packages directly to a resident's door.

This independent living facility does have a manager who lives on-site.

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Again, the Open House is Wednesday, March 28, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Go see for yourself what Wayne Tower has to offer or just satisfy your curiosity about what seems like the "skyscraper" of Wayne.



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Who is Councilman Jeremiah Webster?

By Carolyn Marnon

Just who is Jeremiah Webster? "I'm 30, have two kids (Nolan-5 and Kylie-8), wife Amara, married for three years. We actually got married at the First Congregational Church, born in Wayne at Annapolis," answers Jeremiah Webster, the young man running to represent Ward 1 as City Councilman in the upcoming Recall Election.

Mr. Webster's family has always lived in Wayne. His grandmother was active in church and Rotary activities. He remembers going to Wheelfest and attending the parades that went down Wayne Rd. He spent a lot of his childhood in Wayne. Although he has not always lived in Wayne, he has lived nearby in Belleville and Inkster. He and his wife and children have settled in Wayne.

Mr. Webster is currently serving on the City Council as an appointed councilman at large. He went through an interview process with about 14 other candidates when former Councilman Richard (Terry) Sutton resigned. His term expires in November. Many residents don't understand why Mr. Webster, an already sitting councilman, would run in the special recall election against Councilman Christopher Sanders. He's already a councilman, they say. Mr. Webster replies, "This is an opportunity to stay in council longer to keep serving the City." He also lives in Ward 1, the Ward for which the election represents, and he'll be able to serve until November 2020. If elected, he would be representing Ward 1 rather than being At-Large

and can further represent the people of Ward 1 and the issues they face in their part of Wayne.

Mr. Webster feels that the upcoming Recall Election will show the will of the people. "Ultimately, it will be their will that decides what happens in May." He says there are people who think there is a bias in the current appointment process to fill vacant seats on the council. "People have the power to change how it is to fill the vacant seat." He says he is open to suggestions on how to fill vacant seats in the future and would support suggestions.

What issues is he finding important as a councilman for Wayne? New development is his number one issue. He wants to push to get properties that have been vacant for years and years to get new tenants. Some things are happening, he says. Planet Fitness is going into the old Sav A Lot building on Michigan Avenue. He thinks the City needs to get new revenue on the books to allocate for police and fire staffing. He realizes the City has trouble attracting people to locate business in Wayne due to the financial state of the city. "We need to keep pushing forward together to make things happen," he says.

Mr. Webster lives off Van Born Rd, close to Canton and Romulus. He says Ward 1 is an industrial area. He thinks it's important to identify what pollutants are being produced and if there are pollutants, what can be done about them. He would like to see a true listing of what waste is produced, how waste is discarded by these industrial businesses, are they



Family man, Councilman Jeremiah Webster with wife Amara and their kids Kylie and Nolan.

up to industry standards in handling waste, how can their carbon footprint be reduced, get them to clean up contamination and help them find grants to resolve these issues.

A Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was recently formed in Wayne at the request of Community Development Director Lori Gouin. This Authority will be able to help property owners deal with contaminants on their land and remediate them. Mr. Webster says past city councils have just bought up land in the city when it became available, regardless if there was a need for it or not. He agrees that the land needs to be sold for redevelopment. "We are a business-friendly community," he says. He wants Wayne to be able to show other developers that Wayne is a place they want to come to and invest in.

"We have an amazing crew of peo-

ple," Jeremiah says. "You won't believe what they put up with, even though the city is struggling."

While he is not a councilman, Jeremiah (as he likes to be called), is a property manager for McKinley. He manages a senior community high-rise in Taylor for residents 55 and older. The job has taught him patience, something he needs as a councilman.

He has learned how slow the political process moves while sitting on council. He says he is always asking questions behind the scenes. The slowness can be frustrating, although he says "Good things come to those who wait. There's a light at the end of the tunnel. We're getting closer."

Mr. Webster visits local businesses as often as he can. He feels

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Justice Richard Bernstein to speak in Wayne

Justice Richard Bernstein will be speaking at the March 20 meeting of the Wayne Rotary Club. He will speak about law and justice.

Justice Bernstein became the first blind justice, elected by voters statewide, to the Michigan Supreme Court in November 2014. With a commitment to justice and fairness, Bernstein began his 8-year term in January 2015.

Prior to being elected to Michigan's highest court, Justice Bernstein was known as a tireless advocate for disabled rights as an attorney heading the public service division for The Sam Bernstein Law Firm in Farmington Hills. Blind since birth, Justice Bernstein is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Michigan and earned his juris doctorate from Northwestern University School of Law.

Committed to taking action to help clients who needed him, Justice Bernstein's cases often set national standards protecting the rights and safety of people with and without disabilities.

Among his cases in private practice, he represented the Paralyzed Veterans of America in partnership with the United States Department of Justice in an action against the University of Michigan to allow for safe access for disabled individuals when the university's alterations to the stadium failed to accommodate and represent disabled visitors. The case helped establish guidelines that are used by all commercial facilities across the country.

He also successfully partnered with the United States Department of Justice to force the City of Detroit



Justice Richard Bernstein is the first blind justice to the Michigan Supreme Court. He will speak on March 20 at the Wayne Rotary Club meeting.

to fix broken wheelchair lifts on its buses, establishing a precedent for accessibility in public transportation. Further, Bernstein represented disabled residents against the Oakland County Road Commission after "roundabout" traffic circles were built without disabled access, impacting future ADA compliance for road construction throughout the United States.

In a landmark settlement against Delta Airlines and Detroit Metro Airport, Bernstein gained accessibility for disabled fliers, helping set the standard for which airlines and airports are to be covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. A proponent of education, he argued for, and won, preservation of

special education funding throughout the state and filed a federal suit against the American Bar Association to put an end to its discriminatory practices toward blind students via requirement of the Law School Admissions Test. He also challenged the City of New York to make Central Park and all parks safer for visitors and accessible for disabled and visually impaired individuals.

Bernstein previously served an eight-year term on the Wayne State University Board of Governors, elected by voters statewide, serving as its Chair from 2009-2010. He also served as adjunct professor in the political science department at the University of Michigan.

Honors Justice Bernstein has re-

ceived include: "Michiganiaan of the Year" by the Detroit News, one of Crain's Detroit Business' "40 Under 40" and recognition on worldwide television by CNN as a leader in keeping government honest. He was elected by The Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan as the 2003-2004 Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award recipient for outstanding commitment to public service and is the recipient of the 2008 John W. Cummiskey Pro Bono Award from the State Bar of Michigan in recognition of his leadership as an advocate and activist.

Michigan Lawyers Weekly named Justice Bernstein a 2009 Leader in the Law, and the University of Michigan presented him with the James T. Neubacher Award in 2011 for his unwavering commitment to equal rights and opportunities for people with disabilities. Also in 2011, L. Brooks Patterson, Michigan's Oakland County Executive, selected Justice Bernstein as one of the region's Elite 40 Under 40. In 2013, Justice Bernstein was inducted into the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

In his spare time, Justice Bernstein is an avid runner, completing 21 marathons-including twelve New York City marathons-the full Ironman triathlon in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho in 2008, and the Israman triathlon's half Ironman in Eilat, Israel in 2011. He also previously co-hosted a one-hour legal radio show called "Fighting for Justice" on WCHB-AM (1200) in Metro Detroit.

The March meeting of the Wayne Rotary Club will be held at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Rd. at noon on March 20.



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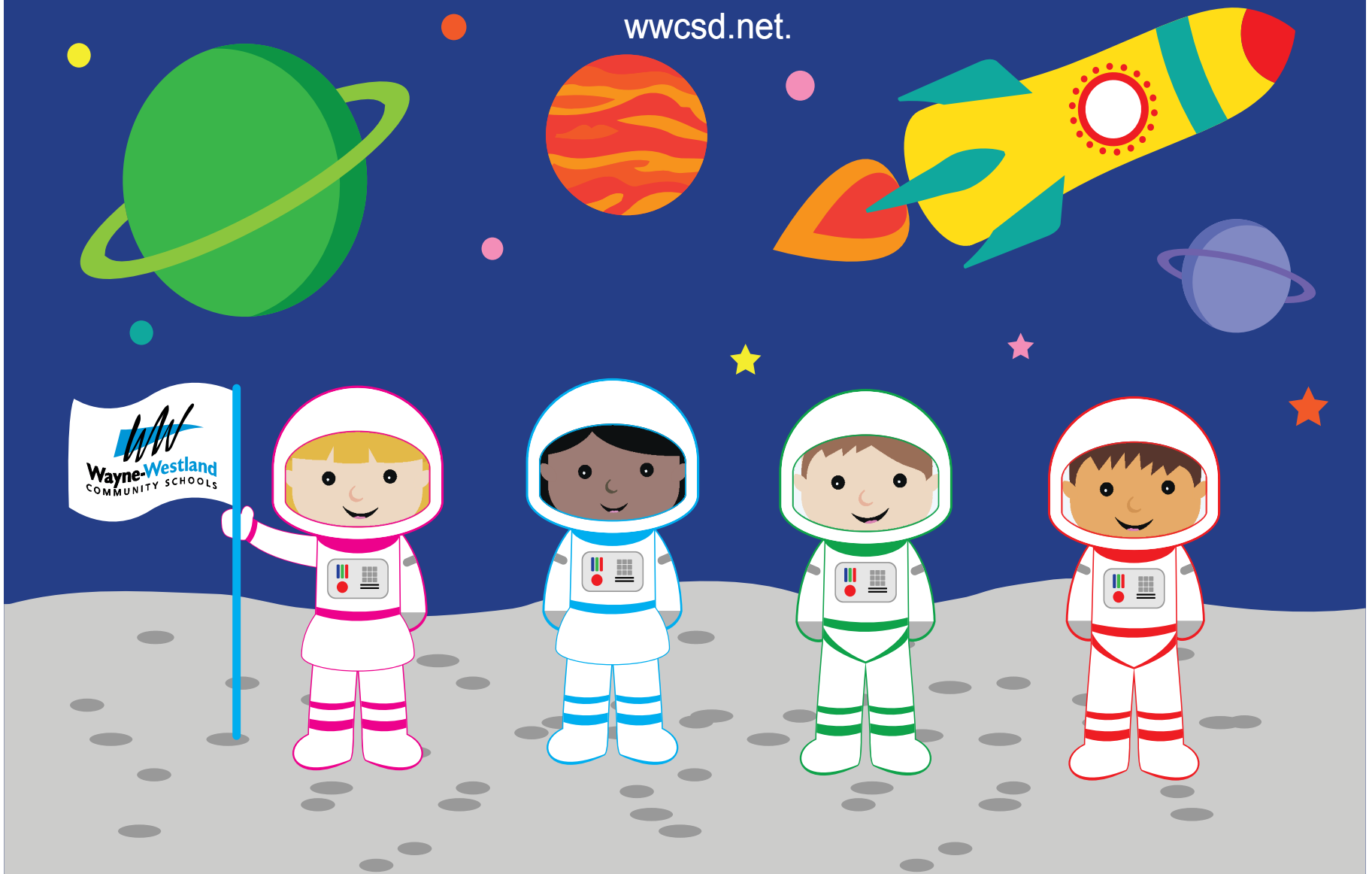


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Recall election information: know before you vote May 8

By Carolyn Marnon

The City of Wayne will be holding a special election on Tuesday, May 8 for the Recall of Ward 1 Councilman, Christopher Sanders.

According to Gregory P. Mahar, Director of Elections, Wayne County Clerk's Office, election results are unofficial until the Wayne County Board of Canvassers certifies the election which may take up to 14 days after Election Day. A candidate cannot take the oath until the election is certified by the County Board of Canvassers and certification forwarded to the local clerk. Until the certification of the recall election results, the officer whose recall is sought continues to perform the duties of the office. The candidate receiving the highest number of certified votes in the recall election is elected for the remainder of the term.

What does this mean for the City of Wayne? On May 8, citizens will go to the polls and vote to elect Jeremiah Webster as the councilman to represent Ward 1 or to keep current City Councilman Christopher Sanders in office. Mr. Webster is currently an appointed councilman at large whose term will expire this November; he wishes to represent his ward, Ward 1, as a councilman.

After the election, the Wayne County Board of Canvassers has 14 days to certify the election results. During those 14 days or until the election is certified, whichever comes first, Councilman Sanders will continue to perform the duties of the office. Once certified, the results will be sent to Wayne City Clerk Matt Miller. If Mr. Webster receives the highest number of certified votes, he will be elected to serve the remainder of the Ward 1 term which expires in November 2020. If Councilman Sanders receives the highest number of certified votes, he will continue to serve as Ward 1 councilman until 2020.

If Councilman Sanders decides to resign from office now that the call for a recall election has been issued, the recall election would be cancelled. The vacancy would then be filled in accordance with existing law. If Councilman Sanders is recalled, he cannot be appointed to fill a va-

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If you are unable to vote in person on the recall election day, you can make a request in writing to the election official responsible for administering the election. The written request may be on a preprinted application form supplied by your city/township, in a letter or on a postcard. A written request must include a statutory reason why you will be eligible to receive an absentee ballot and your signature. Call your city/township clerk and ask for an absent voter's ballot application. You may vote absentee if you are registered to vote and are 60 years of age or more, unable to vote without assistance, expect to be absent from your community for the entire time the polls are open, are in jail awaiting arraignment or trial, have been appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence or unable to attend the polls due to religious beliefs.

The City of Wayne City Clerk is Matt Miller. He can be reached at (734) 722-2204

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Absentee ballots

If you are age 60 or older or plan to be away on Tuesday, May 8, the day of the Recall Election, you may obtain an absentee ballot. The deadline to request a ballot is Saturday, May 5, at 2:00 p.m. Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller advises residents to request the ballot prior to that. You must make a written request and must include a statutory reason why you will be eligible to receive an absentee ballot and include your signature.

History of the Wayne Post Office

Learn about the history of the Wayne Post Office from its humble beginnings to today. The Wayne Historical Society presents "History of the Wayne Post Office" on Thursday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne Historical Museum.

Dueling piano party

The Wayne Rotary is presenting St. Paddy's Dueling Piano Party on Saturday, March 10. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; show starts at 7:30 p.m. The party is at HYPE, 4635 Howe Rd. There will be a cash bar, food available for purchase, 50/50 raffles and fun. Tickets are \$20 each. For more information, contact Gayle Rediske (734) 502-3202.

An evening with Dean Martin

Born in Toronto, John Morello has an amazing voice, which he has mastered to reflect the great artists that he admires. Performing as Dean



Now Open in Wayne

The Wayne Bicycle Shop is now open in Downtown Wayne. Located inside the Icon Computer Store on W. Michigan Avenue, The Wayne Bicycle Shop specializes in Cruiser bikes, parts, accessories, tune-ups and repairs. If you're in the market for a new bike or some awesome bicycle accessories then check them out!

Martin, the "King of Cool," has given John an opportunity to travel North America sharing his interpretation of this phenomenal artist - the little things that give the impression - a chin movement, a certain gesture, a cigarette, a drink glass held loosely in hand, a voice that has audiences wanting to sing along and bringing them to their feet.

John's warmth and obvious enjoyment of performing combines to create a show that is a pleasure for all in attendance.

John will be performing on Saturday, March 10, at Notre Dame Lounge, 3144 S. Wayne Rd. Tickets

are \$35 and include dinner and the show.

One-stop health screening

Beaumont's Community Health is offering One-Stop Health Screening at HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Rd, Wayne, through Wayne Senior Services. The screening, which includes blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose (diabetes), will be Wednesday, March 14, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. You must be 18 years or older. No fasting is required nor is an appointment needed. The screening is free.

Swim night for women

HYPE Recreation Center is hosting Women's Only Swim Nights on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Cost is \$6 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Girls and women must be age 13 or older. No children under 13 and no boys allowed. HYPE is located at 4635 Howe Rd. For more information, call 734-721-7400.

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Open house at Wayne Tower

Come see what living at Wayne Tower is all about during the Open House on Wednesday, March 28, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served while you tour the model apartment at this senior living residence.

Sometimes travelers club

Several trips are being planned by Wayne Senior Services. You can join in and alleviate the hassle of planning and driving. You can pick up trip flyers at City Hall or the Senior Services office located inside HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Rd, or call Nancy at (734) 721-7460.

*Gems of Detroit-Thursday, April 5

Visit the Roasting Plant, tour the iconic GM Renaissance Center, enjoy

the Motown Museum, and have lunch at Slows BBQ

*District Detroit-Wednesday, April 11

Guided tour of Little Caesars Arena, lunch at Pizza Papalis and three hours at Greektown Casino to try your luck

*Memory Lane/Grand River Avenue, Wednesday, April 25

Guided tour of the Redford Theatre which has been open since 1928 and is currently owned and operated by the Motor City Theatre Organ Society, lunch at Stillwater Grill and shopping at Heart of Michigan and Sweet Sensations

*Spring Mystery Tour-Thursday, April 26

This trip has something for everyone. Four planned stops plus lunch with travel approximately two hours away. In which direction, we cannot say. Proof of citizenship is not required.

*Holland Tulip Time-Tuesday, May 8

Lunch at the Beechwood Inn,

shopping in downtown Holland, Michigan, and a visit to Windmill Island Gardens.

Wayne bicycle club season opener

The Wayne Bicycle Club will be rolling out on their season opener Thursday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to ride. The Club meets at the State Wayne Phoenix Theater. The Club is planning some great rides for 2018 including Belle Isle, I-275 trails, Metro trails, Zukey Lake bike trail, downtown Detroit, downtown Ann Arbor, Depot Town in Ypsilanti and perhaps a few overnight trips to Lake Michigan.

Fairy garden workshop

Create your own miniature fairy or succulent garden at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Towne Square) on Saturday, April 7, at 1:00 p.m. Pot, dirt, 2 plants and some décor will be provided. Tickets are \$30 and are available at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fairy-garden-workshop-at-the-wayne-museum-tickets-43556520726>. Reserve your spot today. Ages 12 and up.

Legal consultation for seniors

On Thursday, March 15, Wayne Senior Services will have an attorney available to answer any questions you might have. Appointments are for 15 minutes and are available to senior residents of Wayne who are 50 years or older. The appointments will be at HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Rd, Wayne. Please call Nancy at Senior Services to make your appointment: (734) 721-7460.

Cooking matters-diabetes

This 6-week workshop is a commitment of fun, interactive sessions presented by a trained culinary and nutrition instructor. Hands-on presentations demonstrate the link between nutrition and health, the affordability of healthy eating, healthy meal planning and cooking tips. Free groceries and cookbooks are included to practice new skills at home. This workshop provides specialized recipes and information for adults living with diabetes and their caregivers. The class starts Tuesday, April 4, and goes until May 9; meeting time is 6:00-8:00 p.m. Class is free and open to adults who have not previously enrolled in a Cooking Matters course. Visit beaumont.org/classes-events or call 800-543-WELL (9355).

Zebra Safari coming soon

Get your tickets to the annual Zebra Safari sponsored by the Zebra Parent Advisory Council at Wayne Memorial High School. Proceeds from this event benefit the Class of 2018 for their Farewell Event and other student activities. Entertainment will be provided by WMHS students. Food will be provided by the William D. Ford Career Tech Center Culinary Arts staff and students. The event will be Friday, April 13, at the Dyer Senior Center, 36745 Marquette, Westland. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are available until March 23. You can drop by Wayne Memorial High School 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday to get your tickets or call (734) 419-2200 to make other arrangements. Sponsorship levels are also available. Please call for more information or if you have any questions.

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Watch out for leprechauns!

By Carolyn Marnon

Wearing green shirts and leprechaun costumes on St. Patrick's Day are traditions that started in the 17th century, when people wore green ribbons and shamrocks on March 17 to honor Saint Patrick, Ireland's patron saint. Pinching people who didn't wear green reminded them that leprechauns could sneak up on them at any time. Don't let the leprechauns sneak up on you as you enjoy these St. Patrick's activities around Wayne this month.

US 12 Bar and Grill 34824 Michigan Avenue (734) 722-3170

Start your day March 17 at 10:00 a.m. with 25¢ green beer. Every hour, the price goes up progressively by 25¢. Enjoy Corned Beef and Cabbage made by Mona Gocaj, the mother of US 12. Other dishes include Irish Stew and Shepherd's Pie. Irish Car Bombs (Guinness and Bailey's in a shot) will also be available. There will be a DJ and a surprise afternoon and evening visit by a bagpiper. No cover charge.

Karma Coffee and Kitchen 35634 Michigan Avenue (734) 589-0304

Soup of the Day for St. Patrick's on March 17 will be Irish beef stew. The special of the day will be Shepherd's Pie. Karma also has other specials planned for March including a selection of mini pies, full-size pies



and pie slices available all day on PI Day, March 14. You can also pre-order pies. There will be a Vincent Price-inspired 4-course dinner on March 24. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$60 for a couple. Call for more information.

The Avenue American Bistro 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne (734) 895-7300

The Avenue typically does an annual All Things Irish St. Patrick's Day Bash. Call for more information.

Benders Bar and Grill 34830 Michigan Avenue (734) 858-7090

Bender's is planning a St. Patty's Day Parade Party Bus on Sunday, March 11, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Cost is \$40 and will include a t-shirt. A \$50 ticket will get you a St. Patty's Day hoodie. Call for more information.

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Wayne's hidden gems include Karma Coffee and Kitchen, Helium Studio and the newly opened Powers Woodcrafts. "It's important to support our local businesses. If they thrive, we can get more (businesses). Wayne also needs clientele to support the businesses with offices, such as Saints, Inc which was recently approved by city council to build a new office building on the old vacant Frank's Furniture lot.

Wayne could be considered a cost-effective place to live. It is between Detroit and Ann Arbor, both of which are getting to be more expensive to live in. Wayne is close to the expressways and the airport, "but you pay half of what you pay elsewhere," says Jeremiah. He would love to see a developer come in and build a mixed-use building, one with shops and/or offices on the bottom and loft apartments above. Wayne offers bars, churches, parks, a well-known unique theater, and trails to residents. It all depends on "how creative you are and how you can make something work. Find a developer who would capitalize on that idea."

As for Jeremiah's personal life, he loves going to movies at the State Wayne, especially if they involve horror. Halloween is his favorite holiday. He enjoys reading true crime and anything by Stephen King or John Grisham. He also just likes hanging out at home with his family. He's trying to do his part to have a better community for his kids to grow up in and is keeping future generations in mind. He wants to offer a family perspective on the council since he is the only one that has young kids.

"I'm just Jeremiah. I'm a citizen, a taxpayer, a husband and a father. I will listen to anyone. This is the will of the people, and they'll have the ultimate decision. We all have one job and that is to keep the city moving forward."

Jeremiah Webster will start campaigning closer to the election in May. He plans to hold coffee hours and speak one on one with residents of Wayne about their concerns. He can be reached at jweb2005@hotmail.com, or by phone (734) 502-5289 between 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

One final statement: "It's all about serving your city."

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Distinguished Young Woman to be named March 9

The Distinguished Young Women of Wayne-Westland Scholarship Program will be holding its 51st Annual Scholarship Program on Friday, March 9, at Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne at 7:00 p.m. Fourteen contestants from Wayne, Westland and Inkster will compete for thousands of dollars in college scholarships and the chance to represent our communities at local events and at the state finals in Canton, Michigan in July 2018.

This scholarship program is based on academic scholastics, leadership, physical fitness and talent. At the local program on March 9, contestants will perform an opening number and compete in a performing arts talent routine, a physical fitness routine and self-expression. Contestants are also evaluated based on academic scholastics and interview.

"This is an amazing group of smart and talented young women, and we are excited to have them showcase their talents at our 51st annual scholarship program. We invite the public to come and support these accomplished young women" said Lauren Reed, Distinguished Young Women of Wayne-Westland Co-Director.



Distinguished Young Women Class of 2019. Photo courtesy of Marvin Soleau

Competing this year are Rebecca Foster, Kiara Steward, Leah Kennedy, Michelle Ferrell, Astou Dia, Cheyenne Herren, Kayla Myles, Shamiya Carter, Fatima Herrera, Omowunmi Ayangbayi, Alana Broadnax, Jade Elder, Alanha Rudd and Nyah Phillips.

Tickets to the event can be purchased from any participant or on the night of the show for \$10.00. All proceeds go toward scholarship awards. Come out to cheer on the contestants.

The Wayne-Westland Local Program is part of the Distinguished Young Women of America, which is the largest and oldest scholarship program for high school juniors in the country.

Since it first began in 1958, over \$106 million dollars in cash college scholarships have been awarded along with \$1.1 billion in college granted scholarships. The mission of Distinguished Young Women is to positively impact the lives of young women by providing a transformative experience that promotes and rewards scholarship, leadership and talent.

More information on this worthwhile scholarship program is available at www.distinguisheddyw.org or email waynewestland@distinguisheddyw.org.

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