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Sewer repair closes Second Street

In Rochester, East Second Street is closed at the East Alley for approximately two weeks. There is no vehicle access between Main Street and the East Alley.

Crews are working to repair what officials are calling "a very large and deep sewer."

Detours around will be posted and drivers are encouraged to plan ahead to avoid delays.

Rochester Hills State of the City Address next Thursday

Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan K. Barnett will deliver his 13th State of the City address on Thursday, April 25 at Rochester Adams High School.

To celebrate the city's 35 years, this event will take guests back to the 80s through fashion, music, and style.

The Rochester Hills' State of the City has become known for not only announcing the city's future initiatives, but doing it in a light-hearted and creative fashion.

"Every year our team comes together to tell our story in a way that continues to be met with wild enthusiasm from our residents," states Mayor Bryan K. Barnett. "I'm excited to share our totally tubular story and look forward to like... celebrating with like... our residents in true 80s style."

The event is free and open to the public. To RSVP, call 248-656-4600 or email mayorsoffice@rochesterhills.org.



ROCHESTER GARDEN CLUB member Sue Dobbelstein (right) visited Stacy Smiler's 6th grade class at Van Hoosen Middle School last week with a gift for the students. Through funds raised at the Rochester Garden Walk last June, and the Gifts and Greens Market in early December, the club distributed over \$7000 to local charities this year. Three middle schools, the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, Seven Ponds Nature Center, Oakland Township Parks and Recreation, Neighborhood House, and Rochester Community House were all recipients of the club's - and the community's - generosity. Learn more about the garden club at RochesterGardenClub.org/.

Arbor Day ceremony to honor anniversary of Clinton River Trail

Rochester Hills will commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Clinton River Trail during its annual Arbor Day Ceremony on Friday, April 26.

The international holiday, Arbor Day, is a day observed in late April or early May in which communities hold public tree-plantings. Rochester Hills will host its own tree planting ceremony this year along the Clinton River Trail near the Livernois Road intersection.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony hosted by the City

of Rochester Hills and the Arbor Day Foundation - Tree City USA Community. Mayor Bryan Barnett is set to speak at the engagement before representatives from the Friends of the Clinton River Trail break ground for the new tree.

"Our healthy urban tree canopy is one of the many reasons residents love to live in Rochester Hills," Mayor Bryan Barnett said in a press release. "We're proud of our partnership with the Friends of the Clinton River Trail and look forward to 15 more years of exceptional outdoor experiences."

City team members are visiting local elementary schools in the week leading up to Arbor Day to present information on the importance of trees and hand out tree seedlings.

The event will also celebrate Rochester Hills' 29 years of partnership with Tree City USA, as well as the Clinton River Trail's impact on the five Oakland County communities it touches.

To learn more about the Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony, visit rochesterhills.org/.

359 luxury apartments coming to Hamlin & Adams

by DREW HOWARD

A former illegal dumping site in Rochester Hills will make a 180-degree turn with the development of new luxury condos on the property.

Rochester Hills City Council recently approved plans from the Goldberg Cos. to develop a 359-unit residential complex called "Legacy Rochester Hills" on the former 22-acre dumping site, located at the northeast corner of Hamlin and Adams roads. The project costs \$40 million, according to city documents, with more than \$13 million going toward environmental cleanup.

Plans for the development include seven main buildings ranging from two to four stories that feature one, two and three-bedroom apartments. The site will feature upscale amenities such as a fitness studio, resort-style pool, dog park, pet spa, a business center and a playground, among other things.

The property, located next to the future Innovation Hills park, was previously the site of Christensen Dump from the mid-1950s to the mid-1960s. Illegal dumpings have left the property vacant and contaminated ever since.

In 2016, the Rochester Hills City Council attempted to transform the brownfield property into a mixed-use

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A Mandatory Pre-Proposal conference has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at 2:00 P.M. at the Avondale School District, Administration Building, 2940 Waukegan, Auburn Hills, MI 48326.

The purpose of this mandatory meeting will be to answer any questions regarding the RFP specifications and the current custodial operations.

All Proposers submitting Proposals must provide a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or key employee of the Proposer submitting a Proposal and any member of the Avondale School District Board of Education or the Avondale School District Superintendent. The District will not accept a Proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

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1950s illegal dumping ground to be developed

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commercial and office development. Such plans were scrapped after the Goldberg Cos. purchased the land from retail developer DBB Adams upon the agreement that the land would be used for apartment complexes.

Legacy Rochester Hills will feature Tudor-style housing, according to reports, as well as a fitness center that goes beyond the average rental complex.

"The fitness center is not just some nice equipment - this is going to be as nice as any gym you can pay a monthly fee to attend," a developer told the city council on March 25. "There's something we

have called Fitness On Demand, where you go into a room and there's a video trainer with a monthly subscription. We have a golf simulator, and we have a lot of cardio equipment."

City council members praised developers for their efforts in the project, specifically their willingness to receive feedback from neighboring residents.

"I appreciate the Goldberg company and the relationship you've built with the residents, the relationship you built with the city, and the work you've done to meet the demands of cleaning up a site and repairing it for what will ultimately turn out to be an

important improvement to the residential opportunities we have in Rochester Hills," Councilmember Dale Hetrick said.

Mayor Barnett also noted his enthusiasm for the project.

"We are excited about this development - the pictures are beautiful," Barnett said. "We've spent a lot of time and money to make sure every bit of crud in the ground is taken out, every bit of cleanup is done per plan because ultimately this is a project for the residents of our community," he said.

"Tonight, I think we're in a good place."

Library unveils new exhibit featuring Taiwanese artists

The Rochester Hills Public Library will offer a new art exhibit featuring works from several talented Taiwanese artists from April 30 through May 2.

The works of art have been featured around the world in an effort to connect Taiwanese art and culture to western societies.

"It's exciting for us to share the beauty of Taiwan with the Rochester community," said International Art Curator Huan H.

Su. "I have cooperated with many art centers, museums, and non-profit organizations around the world to display paintings and sculptures. It's our mission to show the amazing talents of Taiwanese artists."

"Rochester Hills Public Library prides itself on celebrating the diversity within its community so bringing this art exhibit to the library was a natural fit," said Community Relations

Specialist Amanda H. Keighley. "Displaying the work of these incredibly talented artists will bring even more beauty to the building."

International Art Curator Huan H. Su will be at the library April 30 at 6 p.m. to discuss the artwork and the artists behind them. Registration is not required. Learn more at Rhpl.org/.

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POLICE PATROL



■ **BURNOUTS ON MAIN STREET** – Last Monday just after 5 p.m., a Rochester

police officer was patrolling in the rear of the 200 block of Main Street when the officer heard what sounded like two high-performance vehicles spinning their tires on Main Street. The officer went to the area of the sound and observed two vehicles spinning their tires again. After driving a short distance on Main Street, both vehicles began to spin their tires again. The officer initiated a traffic stop on one of the vehicles and questioned the driver, a man from Leonard. The driver was then cited for reckless driving and released at the scene.

■ **SWITCHING LANES AND SHARP TURNS** – Early Sunday morning, just after 1 a.m., an officer was traveling on University when they observed a vehicle switching lanes without signaling. The vehicle then made a sharp right turn onto Ludlow without

signaling. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and made contact with the driver, a man from Chesterfield. The officer investigated and detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the man's breath. Field sobriety tasks were conducted at that time and the subject failed them all. He was asked to take a breath test and refused. The subject was then arrested for the offense of OWI and taken to the Rochester Police Department where he was further tested. The subject was asked to take a data master breath test and refused. A search warrant for the subject's blood was requested and authorized. Blood was drawn from the subject and was booked and processed soon thereafter. He was held until sober and given several citations for the traffic offenses. A charge of OWI is pending the results of the blood test.

■ **THIS WAS A MESS** – Friday night at closing time, a Rochester officer was on patrol on Walnut Street when they observed a vehicle parked on the street with a man in it and the driver door open. The officer then saw the driver vomiting outside of the vehicle and another subject standing next to him. About five minutes later, the officer observed the vehicle traveling north on

Walnut. The officer followed and observed the vehicle make several traffic infractions, and soon after initiated a traffic stop. The driver, a man from Harrison Township, identified himself as the person who was initially standing outside of the vehicle at the time of the officer's prior observations. The officer conducted field sobriety tasks on the driver where he failed them. He was given a PBT and the meter yielded a .16% BAC and the driver was arrested. The passenger was identified as a man from Warren and the officer learned that the passenger was the owner of the vehicle. He was given a ticket for allowing a person to operate while intoxicated. The driver was taken to the Rochester Police Department where he was given a data master breath test and the result was .17 and .18% BAC. The driver was then booked and processed, held until sober, and a warrant was sought for OWI high BAC.

Note: If you have any information on the aforementioned crimes, call the Rochester Police Department at 248-651-9621 or the OCSO Rochester Hills Substation at 248-537-3530.

Mandates are not the way to encourage renewable energy use

PERSPECTIVES



by
NATHAN INKS

Under current Michigan law, electric providers in the state must generate 15% of their electricity from renewable sources by 2021. Many feel that number should be higher, and some look to the government to come up with mandates to achieve a loftier goal.

The Green New Deal proposed by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) and Sen. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) calls for 100% of the nation's energy to come from renewable sources in 10 years. At the state level, Rep. Yousef Rabhi (D-Ann Arbor) introduced a bill toward the end of the last legislative session that would require all electricity in the state to come from renewable sources by 2050.

While these proposals may have good intentions, they are, at best, incredibly lofty goals; more realistically, they are unachievable goals. The best solution for reducing carbon dioxide and airborne pollutants from

electricity generation is a mix of renewables and nuclear with an additional source capable of easily ramping up or down as needed – the cleanest of which would be natural gas. Renewable sources alone will likely never be sufficient to consistently meet the nation's – or even the state's – electricity needs, and nuclear reactors simply do not have the capability of ramping up and down as quickly as necessary coupled only with renewable sources.

While some in government are focusing on imposing mandates on utility companies, the private sector here in Michigan is leading the charge to increase power generation from renewable sources.

Michigan's two largest energy companies, Consumers Energy and DTE Energy, recently struck a deal with the state to ensure that 25% of their electricity comes from renewable sources by 2030. Additionally, Consumers Energy will reduce its carbon dioxide emissions by 90% and shut down all of its coal-fired power plants by 2040.

But it is not just utility companies who are driving the push to increase electricity generation from renewables. Utility companies are partnering with major consumers on renewable-power agreements in

order to increase the percentage of the state's electricity portfolio coming from renewable sources. A few weeks ago, the University of Michigan committed to purchasing approximately half of its energy for its Ann Arbor campus from renewable sources through DTE, and Northern Michigan University made a similar deal with Wolverine Power Cooperative, committing to purchasing half of its electricity from wind energy. General Motors and Ford Motor Co. signed similar deals with DTE earlier in the year.

In a perfect world, we could source our energy entirely from renewables, but proposals mandating a complete abolition of carbon-emitting electricity generation are simply not feasible in the foreseeable future. Instead of proposing pie-in-the-sky ambitions, lawmakers in Lansing and the nation's capital would make better use of their time by coming up with ways to help the private sector pursue the path that it is currently on – drastically cutting carbon emissions and increasing reliance on renewable energy sources. By prioritizing further research and development and educating the public, we can take meaningful steps in reducing carbon emissions and increasing the percentage of electricity generated from renewable sources.

Add your voice to the conversation – send a letter to the editor by emailing Andrew@GazetteMediaGroup.com.

Who invented the Detroit-style square pizza?

In 1946, Buddy's Rendezvous bar owner Gus Guerra and his wife Anna introduced Detroit to an old family recipe – a thick-crust, square pizza topped with a layer of cheese followed by a layer of tomato sauce.

Guerra sold Buddy's in 1953 and purchased the Cloverleaf Bar and Restaurant in East Detroit, going on to franchise out Cloverleaf pizza restaurants throughout metro Detroit, with six locations currently and more on the way.

The Detroit-style square pizza has taken on a life of its own, with a

reputation that reaches far beyond the city limits. Cloverleaf has received many awards for their pizza, including being named one of the top 10 pizzas in Detroit and taking home first place in the North American Pizza Pizzazz in 2009. In 2011, Cloverleaf also received first at the International Pizza Challenge in the non-traditional category in the region.

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RCS receives AA credit rating

The Rochester Community School District recently announced a new long-term credit rating designation of AA with a stable outlook for the remaining sale of the \$185 million unlimited-tax general obligation (GO) school bonds.

The AA rating, issued by S&P Global Ratings, indicates that obligations are "of high quality with a very low credit risk." The previous rating for the district was AA- with a positive outlook.

"A good credit rating is important because it demonstrates that we are less of a risk for our investors. This allows

us to then borrow money at a lower interest rate," said Dana Taylor, deputy superintendent of business affairs.

The district's unlimited-tax GO pledge secures the series 2019 bonds totaling \$57 million, which will be sold in April 2019.

On Dec. 7, 2015, the Board of Education authorized the sale of bonds. The district offered \$128 million in bonds in January 2016. A second series of bonds totaling \$57 million is scheduled to be sold this month, April 2019. The bond projects focus on technology and facilities, and improving safety and security.

OCC student dies in university parking lot

A 30-year-old Oakland Community College student passed away in the university's parking lot in an "isolated and unfortunate incident" on Monday night, according to OCC officials.

The death of Justin Tucker, a resident of Ortonville, is currently still under investigation. According to a press release, the preliminary cause of death is asphyxiation. A final cause of death will be determined by the

Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office.

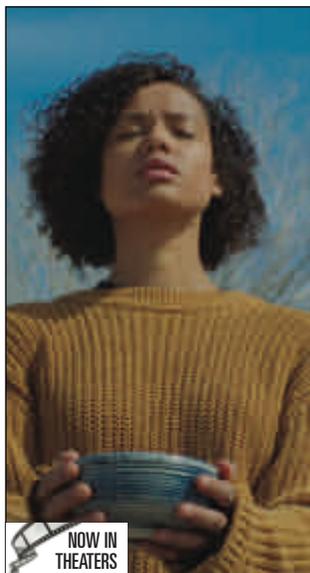
OCC Public Safety and the Auburn Hills Police Department's traffic investigation unit are also looking into the case, but say no one else was involved and there is no foul play suspected.

OCC has added extra counseling appointments and walk-in-times on all of its campuses for students, staff and faculty members.

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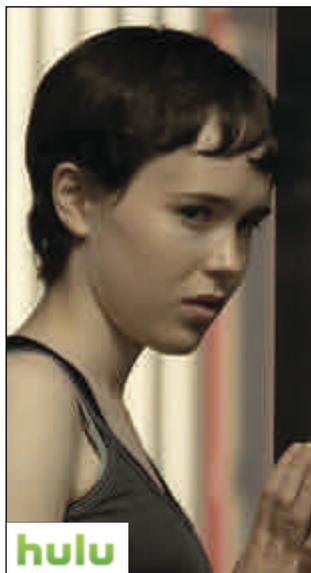
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Bob Marshall Band Saturday, April 20, 7:30 p.m. Anchor Bar, Rochester Hills

Wild Belle Saturday, April 20, 8 p.m. The Loving Touch, Ferndale

Dilly Dally Saturday, April 20, 8 p.m. El Club, Detroit

FOALS Friday, April 26, 7 p.m. St. Andrews Hall, Detroit

Rock-n-Roll in Rochester with Category 5 Friday, April 26, 9:30 p.m. Rochester Mills Beer Co.

Jam-Art Saturday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. Anchor Bar, Rochester Hills

DMX Friday, May 3, 9:39 p.m. St. Andrews Hall, Detroit

ON STAGE

Comedy Night Every Tuesday, Anchor Bar, Rochester Hills

The Marvelous Wonderettes April 24 - May 19, Meadow Brook Theatre

Shorts: Confidantes, Strangers, and Troublemakers April 25-26, Rochester College Theatre, 800 W. Avon Rd.

The Sting April 25-27, Rochester High School

Southern Comfort April 26 - May 12, Stagecrafters, Royal Oak

Madeline and the Bad Hat Saturday, April 27, 1 p.m. Meadow Brook Theatre

Company May 17 - June 1, Avon Players

AROUND TOWN

M4/20 Saturday, April 20, 12 p.m. Clubhouse BFD, Rochester Hills - Michigan beer wholesaler M4 CIC will be featuring 20 different breweries

Easter Brunch Sunday, April 21, 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Rochester Mills Beer Co.

Breweries vs. Hunger Thursday, April 25, 12 p.m. Clubhouse BFD, Rochester Hills - To benefit St. Jude's Pantry of Detroit

Support the Sensory Room Project Thursday, April 25, 3-9 p.m. Chuck E. Cheese's, 201 East Auburn, Rochester Hills

Rochester Hills State of the City Thursday, April 25, 6:30 p.m. Rochester Adams High School

Arbor Day Celebration Friday, April 26, 1 p.m. Meadow Brook Hall & Gardens

A Night At the Movies Fundraiser - Avengers: Endgame Friday, April 26, 6-9 pm. Emagine Theaters, Rochester Hills

The Big Dig Saturday, April 27, 1 p.m. Grow To Give Garden, 160 W. Hamlin Rd., Rochester Hills

LIBRARY

All events take place at Rochester Hills Public Library, 500 Olde Towne Rd in Rochester, unless stated otherwise. Register at Rhpl.org/.

Paint Along with Bob Ross Saturday, April 20, 1 p.m.

Go Fly a Kite Saturday, April 20, 2 p.m.

ELL Reading Group Wednesday, April 24, 9:30 a.m. Hampton Elementary School, 530 Hampton Circle

Marshall Fredericks' Life and Legacy Tuesday, April 23, 7 p.m. Learn about famous local sculptor Marshall M. Fredericks

Friends of RHPL Book Sale April 25-27, Rochester Hills Public Library

KIDS & TEENS

All events take place at Rochester Hills Public Library unless stated otherwise. Register at Rhpl.org/.

PAWS Wednesday, April 24, 6 p.m. Practice your reading with trained therapy dog Abbey

Game Night Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m. A casual hang-out night for teens

Sharpen Your Knife Skills Thursday, April 25, 4:30 p.m. Tonia's Victorian Rose, 118 W. 3rd St., Rochester - for ages 11+

SAVE THE DATE

Florence and the Machine Friday, May 24, 7:30 p.m. DTE Energy Music Theatre

Steve Miller Band Sunday, June 30, 7 p.m. Freedom Hill Amphitheater

The Black Keys Saturday, October 5, 7 p.m. Little Caesars Arena

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GAZETTE RECOMMENDS...



AFTER LIFE

Creator and producer Ricky Gervais stars as Tony in this new British black comedy Netflix series. Tony is a writer for a local newspaper with a cynical outlook on life after the recent death of his wife. He sets out to say and do whatever he likes regardless of the consequences, but his plan derails when his loved ones step up to try to save him from himself. *After Life* tackles tough topics in a witty way through the interesting and diverse characters introduced throughout the show.

- AJ White, Creative Director

Alicia Silverstone & Dr. Michael Greger to headline VegFest

Hollywood celebrity and plant-based advocate, Alicia Silverstone, and nutrition expert and New York Times bestselling author, Michael Greger M.D., will headline the speaker lineup at this year's VegFest which marks the 20th anniversary of the annual event hosted by VegMichigan.

Taking place Sunday, April 28, 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., the family-friendly event is expected to draw more than 8,000 to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. With the growing popularity of the event, VegMichigan has doubled the hall space from last year.

Tasty vegan cuisine will be plentiful, with more than 100 restaurants, vendors, and exhibitors offering the latest plant-based foods, free samples, products, and services. Cooking demonstrations, notable speakers, and a kids zone with face painting, craft table, carnival games, bouncy house, juggling acts, and kids yoga.

Alicia Silverstone will speak at 12:30 p.m. on "Radiant Health and Living a Kind Life," followed by Dr. Greger at 3 p.m. with his talk "How Not To Die Part 2."

Dr. Robert Breakey, who attended the University of Michigan

Medical School, will share how "Health is a Gift You Give Yourself;" Lisa McDowell, team dietitian for the Detroit

Red Wings, will discuss "Powering Pro Athletes with Plants;" Dr. Elizabeth Swenor, D.O., from Henry Ford

Hospital Systems will discuss "Healthy Gut, Healthy You;" and Dan McKernan, Founder of Barn Sanctuary, on "Understanding the Lives of Farm Animals." Additional presenters and cooking demos include Debra Walter, Culinary Institute of America in New York, and Quiana Broden from the popular "Cooking with Que" blog. Find the full schedule at VegMichigan.org/.

VegMichigan President Tom Progar shared that Forbes Magazine listed plant-based eating as one of the top five health food trends of 2019. Restaurants and grocery stores are adding more vegan options to keep up with demand.

Many pro athletes are moving toward a plant-based diet to improve performance, recovery, and longevity. A record number of Americans, especially young people, are embracing this healthy, ethical, and sustainable way of eating.

Vegan eating is no longer a

sacrifice; you can enjoy both healthy meals and vegan versions of your favorite comfort foods.

Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi. Admission is \$12.50 in advance at VegMichigan.org or \$17 at the door. VegMichigan members are admitted free.

For tickets, membership and to sponsor, exhibit or volunteer, visit VegMichigan.org or call 248-867-2155. Follow updates on Facebook and Instagram @VegMichigan.

Meadow Brook Hall invites people to experience the manor this spring. The Tudor-revival style mansion has a number of upcoming events where people can enjoy the grand hall in spring.



The Meadow Brook Garden club begins this month and continues through October. The club, which has over 150 members ranging from beginners to master gardeners, is dedicated to preserving, maintaining and enhancing the gardens at Meadow Brook Hall. Members can enjoy on-site training and programming on the beautiful grounds of Meadow Brook.

Every month, the Garden Club hosts special guest speakers. On Tuesday, April 26, Colleen Dodt will speak about herbs. The event will begin with coffee and refreshments at 9:15 a.m. and the program will start at 10 a.m. The talks are open to the public. Reservations are not required, but non-members are asked to pay \$5.

Next month, the manor will open its doors for Derby Day at Meadow Brook. On Friday, May 3, guests are invited to bring their most opulent hat for mint juleps and a Derby lunch at the hall. The event will feature live music and a short talk by the Meadow Brook curator. The talk will focus on the Dodges' triumph in the Kentucky Derby and their involvement in the equestrian world. Derby Day will conclude with a self-guided tour of the hall, a prize for best hat, and a live performance of "My Old Kentucky Home."

Tickets cost \$75 per person or \$67.50 for Meadow Brook members. To register, or to learn more about the events, visit Meadowbrookhall.org/.



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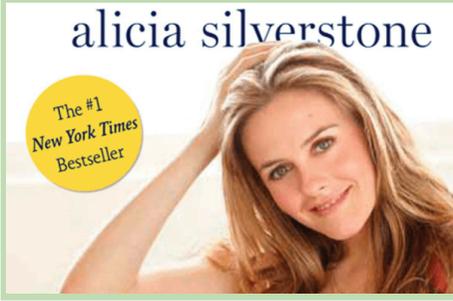
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HOME SHOW PREVIEW

OAKLAND SPRING HOME SHOW
Oakland University, May 4 & 5, 2019

He loves sketching system designs and making things fit together. The work of heating and cooling systems is hands-on and precise, but there's also room for creativity.



TECHNICIANS AT Pilot Mechanical take care to do the job right. Jared, a lead installer, putting in a furnace and air conditioning system last summer. Photo Credit: Pilot Mechanical Heating and Cooling

There's an art to installing HVAC systems, and Chris Lalama, owner of Pilot Mechanical Heating and Cooling in Rochester Hills, is passionate about his craft.

Lalama began working in the heating and air conditioning business when he was 19-years old. Right away, he knew he had found something he wanted to do for the rest of his life.

"I fell in love with the whole business," he said.

Lalama started out working for a local family-owned company. Early on, he said he came home and told his brother about his new job.

"He said, 'I think you're going to be doing this for a while,' and I said, 'Yeah, I think I am.'"

For Lalama, installing HVAC systems is rewarding. He said that being able to see the look on people's face when he's restored their heat on a cold winter day or hooked up their air conditioning in the middle of the summer is satisfying.

Now, Lalama owns his own business. Since 2010, Pilot Mechanical Heating and Cooling has installed furnaces, air conditioners, and water heaters for residential and commercial

customers. For him, doing the job right is a point of pride.

"I always thought I could do it better, and here I am today," Lalama said. "I just insist that things be right."

Pilot Mechanical Heating and Cooling is a fully licensed and insured company. It provides installation and maintenance services throughout Metro Detroit. No matter what time of day, and even on the weekend, the company has technicians available to provide 24-hour emergency services.

"Anyone can put in a furnace, but who's going to be there to service it when it's -20?" Lalama said. "We do really try to provide same day service."

In addition to their availability, the technicians and Pilot Mechanical Heating and Cooling pay attention to the details of their work.

"Our work is some of the best out there," Lalama said. "There are certain things that never get looked at and other people miss."

According to Lalama, HVAC systems can last anywhere between 15 and 20 years, but people with systems that are over 12 years old should think about having them looked at. Otherwise, they can potentially be hazardous.

Lalama works to provide customers with reasonable prices and the best service available.

"I deal directly with every single customer," he said. "We want to offer them the service they deserve with the price they deserve."

For Lalama, providing great service means making things as convenient as possible for customers. Beginning on April 15, people will be able to text the company when they need service. Lalama said he noticed that many of his customers preferred texting, so he wanted to make that an option for them. The number to text is 248-453-5432.

Pilot Mechanical Heating and Cooling continues to grow. Lalama said that his business has doubled in the last year, but being able to provide great products and great service is still his priority.

Pilot Mechanical Heating and Cooling is located at 1025 John R. Rd in Rochester Hills. To learn more, visit piloithvac.net, or call 248-453-5432.

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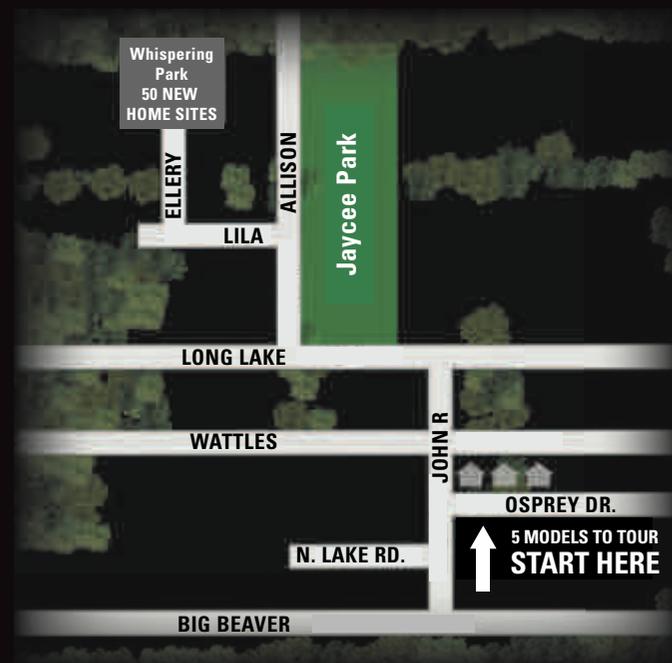
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