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What's on the May 7 special election ballot?

Community members are being reminded to make their voices heard next month for Oakland County's special election on Tuesday, May 7.

The May 7 election ballot will feature a proposal aiming to allow marijuana-related businesses in Royal Oak Township. The proposal would authorize an unlimited number of such businesses on parcels of property within Royal Oak that are larger than five acres, according to county documents, and that have been continuously unoccupied for at least five years.

Community members will also be voting on several projects in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District for a sum not to exceed \$316 million. Projects under the sum would cover the construction of a replacement elementary school, a new early childcare center facility, an addition to the Western High School building, athletic team rooms, and additions to existing school buildings and other facilities.

If approved, the proposal would also allow for the purchase of school buses, the remodeling of athletic fields, playgrounds, school buildings and other facilities, among other initiatives.

The polls will be open on Tuesday, May 7 from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. The complete list of proposals can be found online at oakgov.com under the "Elections and Voting" tab. Find your polling station at mvc.sos.state.mi.us/.



Adams student-athletes make college commitments

ROCHESTER ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL announced this week that 18 student-athletes have committed to continuing their athletic careers at the next level. Pictured here from the bottom row and left to right are: Bailey Pease, Ashley Rill, Valentina Rengifo, Lisa Lohner, Lexi Boladian, Emma Grech, Grace Antonelli, Sara Samolinski, Mary Nash, Jake Hart, Jake Schuler, Cole Mitchell, Will Ronan, Jack Bishop, Ryan Rifenberg, Connor McClellan, Preston Bowker, and Jack Chermiside.

Rochester Memorial Day Parade is officially back on

by DREW HOWARD

The City of Rochester has officially announced plans for the upcoming Memorial Day Celebration following the event's unexpected absence in 2018.

Last year marked the first time in close to 20 years that community members were not given the opportunity to participate in the Rochester Area Memorial Day Celebration, which featured a march from Mt. Avon Cemetery in Rochester to Veterans Memorial Pointe in Rochester Hills. The city released

an official docket for the 2019 celebration which will take place Friday, May 24 and Monday, May 27.

This year's celebration will begin on May 24 at Mt. Avon Cemetery where the public is invited to help place 900 flags in the cemetery.

The community will return to Mt. Avon Cemetery on May 27 for the flag ceremony and laying of the wreath at 8 a.m., followed by a 9 a.m. Memorial Day service at Veterans Memorial Pointe located at 1015 S. Livernois.

The Memorial Day Parade will take a new route this year, starting at Van Hoosen Middle School and heading north to the Veterans Tribute of Oakland Township at 5236 Adams Road.

Organizers stepped away from the parade in 2018 due to a perceived lack of interest, Mayor Rob Ray said last year, as well as issues involving the movement of people back and forth between the two locations. The event's cancellation was a surprise to city council members at the time.

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Earth Day Fest to take over Rochester Municipal Park

by DREW HOWARD

One of the largest Earth Day festivals in the state is being held right here in Rochester this weekend from April 26-28.

As many as 50,000 people are expected to attend the 14th annual MI Earth Day Fest held in the Rochester Municipal Park between Friday and Sunday. Coordinated by the MI Green Team, the festival is a celebration of all-things green featuring locally-sourced food and products, educational presentations, special programming and live entertainment.

"We have many popular vendors/activities returning including dozens of exhibits in 10 areas from Auto Alley to Wellness Way," John Batdorf, event manager with MI Green Team, said. "There will be Strawbale Studio activities for kids, extensive recycling of household items and electronics, and presentations by local educators and advocates."

Earth Day Fest attendees can learn more about sustainable programs like Oakland County Sheriff Bouchard's "RE-CYCLE" bike recycling, Batdorf said, as well as dozens of renewable energy systems that will be on display at the event.

Batdorf is particularly excited for attendees to check out

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Rochester graduate wins Wayne State University Deans' Award

Rochester High School alum and current Wayne State University student-athlete Nicholas Ang was awarded the Athletics Deans' Award in the Irvin D. Reid Honors College at Wayne State.

The award goes to the student with the highest cumulative GPA of all Wayne State student-athletes in the Honors College. Ang, a senior on the men's tennis team, is

a psychology major, and has had a perfect 4.0 term GPA all seven semesters. Ang was also named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll.

A year ago, Ang helped co-found the non-profit organization Detroit Feedback Loop, which won a \$10,000 first-place social innovation challenge award. He is a three-time ITA Scholar Athlete and will enroll in medical school this fall.

Plenty of entertainment lined up for Earth Day Fest

MI EARTH DAY FEST, From page 1

the annual electric auto and bike ride taking place throughout the weekend.

"Every year we have hybrid and electric vehicles at the event," Batdorf said. "They're upping things this year. The display we always have will be in Auto Alley, and there will also be a ride and drive throughout the weekend on site where people can drive with the owners of electric vehicles."

Earth Fest will also see a handful of special guest presentations from the likes of U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin, nationally-recognized "eco-preneurs" The Sustainable Duo and Ann Arbor

environmental author Cindy Klement.

Batdorf describes the festival as an event for the whole family with arts and crafts, face painting, a straw bale maze and a henna tattoo booth for children. Kids can also check out the festival's rock-climbing wall and blow giant bubbles at the Aurora Fairy Bubbles station.

Jennifer Kincer will reprise her role as the festival's Entertainment Director and festival emcee for a seventh year. More than 15 performers across all three days are set to take the stage at Earth Fest 2019, including the Motor City Irish Dance, Lia K.

Catalo, School of Rock House Band, the Pied Pipers of Baldwin and more.

"The event is free and fun for all ages," Batdorf added. "Free one-hour parking is available downtown and all-day shuttle parking is available at the Rochester High School northwest lot off Walton."

Attendees are invited to check out the Earth Day Fest's opening ceremony at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 26. Special events such as Saturday's walking parade and Sunday's RARA Earth Day Run will also make a return this year.

For more information about Earth Day Fest, visit miEDF.com/.

Rotary, Kiwanis to host Kentucky Derby party for charity

The Rochester Rotary and Kiwanis will throw a Kentucky Derby themed party and fundraiser on behalf of the Rochester Area Neighborhood House on Saturday, May 4, from 5-9 p.m.

The party, held at the Chapman House, will be an evening of dancing, raffles, and music. Special musical guests The Jello Shots will perform. In addition to a 50/50 raffle and a chance auction, there will be a hat contest for ladies and a bow tie and blazer contest for gentlemen. Guests will be able to watch the Kentucky Derby on TV, and, weather permitting, enjoy a game of Pétanque outside.

Individual tickets cost \$75 and include a strolling dinner, beer,

and wine. Two private rooms are available for larger groups to rent. One room seats 14 people and costs \$1,750 for the evening.



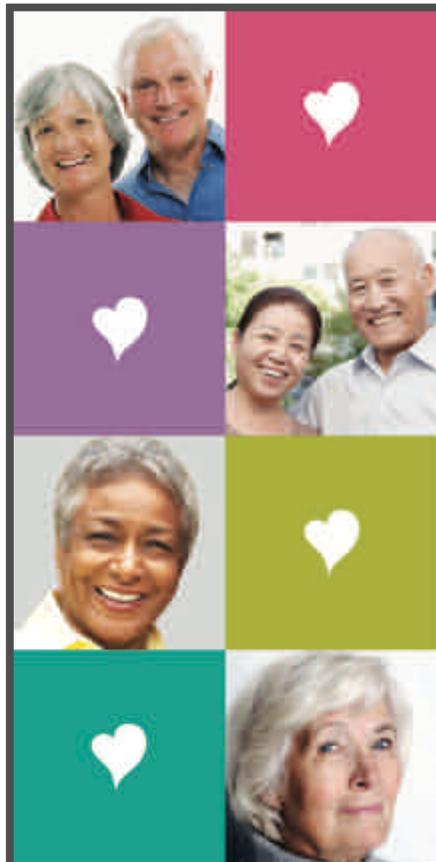
Another room seats ten people and costs \$1,250. Space is limited to 175 people, so those who are

interested should buy their tickets soon at ranh.org/events.

The Rochester Area Neighborhood House has been dedicated to helping the community since 1968. It provides services to over 3,000 households each year through its food pantry, clothes closet, counseling services, financial assistance, and transportation services. All proceeds from the Derby Day Party will directly benefit Neighborhood House.

Chapman House is located at 311 Walnut Blvd.

For more information about Rochester Area Neighborhood House or to purchase tickets for the Derby Day Party, go to ranh.org/.



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Rochester Area Memorial Day Parade returns after missed year

PARADE, From page 1

"I just found out about this, I had no idea," Mayor Pro-Tem Kim Russell said in 2018. "I know this is near and dear to many people's hearts, as well as my own, to honor all the men and women who served our country and lost their life... I had no idea because it's privately done."

Plans for a new Memorial Day parade were confirmed in January this year when City Clerk Lee Ann O'Connor announced that a small group of interested parties had met recently to begin the parade planning process.

For more information about the Rochester Area Memorial Day Celebration, visit rochestermi.org or contact Maggie Bobitz at the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce at 248-651-6700.

Closing time, you don't have to go home but you can't drive drunk down Main Street

POLICE PATROL



■ CLOSING TIME MEANS LYFT TIME

— Around 2 a.m. on Saturday night, a Rochester officer paced a vehicle on University going over the speed limit. A traffic stop was made on the vehicle and the driver was investigated. The officer smelled an odor of intoxicants coming from and asked the driver, a woman from Rochester Hills, to perform several field sobriety tasks. She did so and the officer determined she failed them. The driver was given a PBT with the result of .16% BAC. She was arrested for OWI and taken to the Rochester Police Department and was held until sober. A warrant will be sought for the charge of OWI high BAC.

■ **DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY** — Deputies were dispatched to the 800 Block of Cobblestone Dr. in Rochester Hills on a report of possible domestic assault. The 911 caller, a 38-year-old woman, reported being locked in her bedroom and her soon to be ex-wife was attempting to break down the door with a hammer to get to her. Deputies arrived on scene and located the responsible female, a 40-year-old woman from Rochester, in the back yard of the home, where she was taken into custody. The victim reported she and her wife are in the process of a divorce and no longer reside together. Her wife had gained entry and she was not supposed to have. Once inside the home, the responsible caused thousands of dollars of damage to the interior. The responsible was transported to Crittenton Hospital for injuries sustained while damaging the interior of the home. Once medically cleared, she was transported to the Oakland County Jail.

■ **COPS TIPPED OFF TO DRUNK DRIVER** — Last Wednesday, a Rochester officer responded to a call from a motorist who was following a possible OWI driver swerving "all over the road." The officer observed the vehicle on University which made several infractions. The police officer made a traffic stop on the vehicle and investigated the driver, a woman from Shelby Township. The officer conducted several field sobriety tasks on the driver and determined she failed them. She was then given a PBT and it registered a .156% BAC. She was arrested for OWI, taken to the Rochester Police Department, was booked and processed and later released on a ticket for OWI and traffic infraction.

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.

Broomfield memorial service to be held at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm will host a memorial service for retired U.S. Congressman William S. Broomfield on Sunday, April 28 at 4 p.m.

Guests are requested to RSVP to the Museum to assist with planning for seating and parking.

Broomfield, an 18-term congressman, died earlier this year on February 20. He was born on April 28, 1922 and raised in Royal Oak. After serving in the Army Air Corp. during World War II, he returned to Michigan to begin his career. He won his first election at age 26 for the Michigan State Legislature by 80 votes. He ran for two more terms and was elected speaker pro tem before his election to the Michigan State Senate in 1954. Two years later, he left Lansing to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives until his retirement in 1993.



WILLIAM S. BROOMFIELD

He served 32 years on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and was heavily involved with the nation's foreign policy throughout the Cold War. His reputation as a consensus builder was respected on both sides of the aisle and he

received numerous awards for foreign policy achievements. Despite his focus on world affairs, he felt his most important vote was for the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

He was a member of the Capitol Hill Club and several service organizations. Broomfield was also awarded the 33rd degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

He was married to his wife, Jane, for 62 years. He leaves behind two daughters, Nancy Aiken and Barbara Shaffer and four grandchildren, Case, Christina, Stephen, and Lindsay.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Broomfield Leadership Center at the Rochester Hills Museum would be appreciated. Donations can be sent to the Rochester Hills Museum or given online at rochesterhills.org/museum/.

Rep. Elissa Slotkin to give OU commencement address

U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin of Michigan's 8th District will deliver the commencement address for Oakland University's undergraduate ceremony for the School of Education and Human Services, School of Education, and School of Health Sciences.

The ceremony will be held Friday, April 26, at 3 p.m. at the O'rena.

"These are students whose studies have prepared them for careers of service to others," Slotkin said. "I'm honored to share my experiences and lessons learned with them, and I'm looking forward to meeting so many bright, motivated, dedicated young people."

Oakland University President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz said the

school was eager to hear Slotkin share her personal story with its graduates.

"Her determination, talent, and commitment to public service are defining traits that will inspire this year's graduating class as they begin their careers and lifelong journey to make their mark on the world," she said.

Rochester Hills man harasses two local mosques

On Monday, April 22, the Islamic Association of Greater Detroit in Rochester Hills called to report a suspicious person who came into the mosque, took off his shoes, sat down, and a few minutes later stood up and yelled, "You guys will go to hell, Jesus is God."

The man, later identified as a 30-year-old resident of Rochester Hills, was asked to leave the premises. He got on a bicycle and rode west on Auburn toward Livernois while continuing to repeat the same phrase, "You guys will go to hell, Jesus is God."

Police discovered that the same subject had gone to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Center in Rochester Hills the day before, where he asked to go inside to see the mosque. The man was told he would need an escort to see go inside of the mosque, so he said he would just look around the outside.

White at the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Center, the man said he was interested in becoming a member of the mosque. According to a police press release, he was "wearing a large cross necklace and was approaching children and telling them they are practicing a fake religion."

The man then entered a burgundy Mercury Sable and left the area. The mosque provided a video of both incidents and deputies were able to identify him. On Tuesday, a detective along with the subject's father sought to obtain a court order for mental health treatment. His father confirmed that his son had been diagnosed with a mental health disorder and was no longer taking his medication.

The court order was obtained and he was picked up by deputies and transported to a local mental health care facility.

New My Salon Suite opens in Rochester Hills

My Salon Suite announced this week the opening of a new location at 1320 S. Rochester Rd. in Rochester Hills. The new location spans over 6,000 square feet with 32 individual suites.

Local resident Anne Marcovecchio is opening the location and will manage daily operations.

"The community's excitement has been growing for quite some time, and I'm equally as eager to open our doors in what I know will offer great opportunities for beauty professionals," said Marcovecchio.

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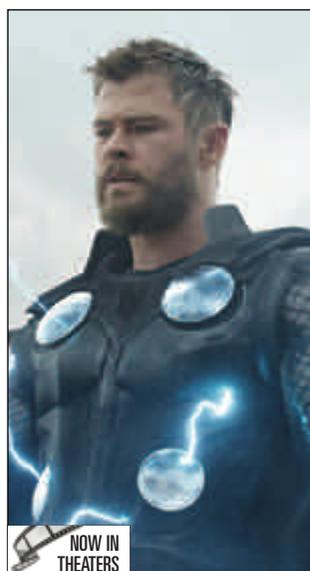


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Tokyo Police Club Saturday, April 27, 8 p.m. The Loving Touch, Ferndale

Television Saturday, May 4, 7 p.m. El Club, Detroit

The Tallest Man on Earth Monday, May 6, 7 p.m. Royal Oak Music Theatre

Honeybabe & Remnose Saturday, May 11, 8 p.m. The Loving Touch, Ferndale

Passion Pit Thursday, May 16, 7 p.m. Royal Oak Music Theatre

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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

Fight Back! Women's Empowerment Seminar Saturday, April 27, 2 p.m. Rochester Hills Krav Maga, 1050 W. Hamlin Rd.

2nd Annual Matthew's Masterpieces Charity Event Sunday, April 28, 5 p.m. 3320 S Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills - Tickets available at Bit.ly/2ndMMF/

Mortal Kombat Tournament Sunday, April 28, 6 p.m. GameStop, Rochester Hills

Acoustic Open Mic Sunday, April 28, 8 p.m. Hamlin Pub, Rochester Hills

Wine in Cans Release Party Wednesday, May 1, 12 p.m. Fieldstone Winery & Hard Cider

Fashion Show Wednesday, May 1, 6:30 p.m. Neighborhood House

St. Clair-Detroit River Sturgeon for Tomorrow Thursday, May 2, 7 p.m. Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

Derby Day Friday, May 3, 12 p.m. Meadow Brook Hall

Farmers' Market Opening Day Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m. Downtown Rochester Farmers' Market

LIBRARY

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

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

Outlaws in Concert Sunday, April 28, 2 p.m.

Grown Up Battle of the Books Monday, April 29, 7 p.m. Main Street Billiards 215 S. Main St.

Family Craft Night Tuesday, April 30, 7 p.m.

KIDS & TEENS

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

Yoga For Tweens (ages 11-14) Thursday, April 25, 4:45 p.m. Red Lotus Yoga, Rochester Hills

Spring Kids Boxing April 27 - May 18, Retro Fitness, 637 N. Main St., Rochester Hills

May the 4th be with you! The Phantom Crafter Saturday, May 4, 12:15 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Tyler Hilton Thursday, July 11, 8 p.m. 20 Front Street, Lake Orion

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Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). There's no denying her dedication - not only did she write, direct, produce, and perform in this massive concert, she pulled this all off less than a year after giving birth by emergency C-section to twins. How is that even possible?

- Jane Warunek, Graphic Designer

Mark your calendars for Greater Rochester Heritage Days

Greater Rochester Heritage Days will be a weekend of family fun on Saturday, May 18 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 19 from 11-5. Rochester Municipal Park will be abuzz with family-friendly activities and plenty of food.

A **pancake breakfast** will be served at the Community House both Saturday and Sunday and be sure to take a stroll to see the classic cars sponsored by the Rochester Lions Club. On Saturday, enjoy the Heritage Rod and Custom Car Show and on Sunday, the Annual Festival of Cars. The Motor City Irish Dance Group will perform on Saturday at noon and Rochester's own 2nd Street Dance Group will perform from 2-3 p.m. on Sunday.

As you wind your way through the park, you will see the Dinosaur Hill Children's Pioneer Playground offering all free old-time fun and games on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, Home Depot helpers will be there supplying kits for the children to construct something interesting that they can use.

The **Great Lakes Timber Log Rollers** will perform several times



both Saturday and Sunday. This is one of the more popular attractions at Heritage Days and it's back for a return engagement. The Michigan 10th Civil War Infantry will be encamped there in the park, wearing authentic uniforms and reenacting military drills both days.

In the Heritage area, visitors will see demonstrations of spinning, weaving, quilting, chair caning and other crafts of long ago. Visitors can chat with the crafters plying their historical

handiwork including caning and spinning. The Oakland Township Historical Society will be selling their beautiful plants and their prize flower bulbs carefully kept for you. There will be music to entertain and food to tempt you. All of this is presented by the tireless work of volunteers who have given their time for all to have little taste of old Rochester.

For more information on Rochester Heritage Days, email sue@dinosaurhill.org.

Farmers' Market Opening Day next Saturday

Opening Day for the Rochester Farmers' Market is Saturday, May 4. Celebrating its 20th season, the Farmers' Market is located at the corner of E. Third and Water Street, just one block east of Main Street.

The market is open every Saturday, May 4 through October 26, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Opening Day festivities include live entertainment and giveaways. For more information, visit Downtownrochestermi.com/.



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Skateboards on display: Deck Art kicks off May 9-10

This year, close to 400 artists from all over metro Detroit, as well as over 50 Downtown Rochester businesses, are participating in Deck Art 2019. In its ninth installment, Deck Art 2019 is a skateboard art competition and exhibition. Artists submit one-of-a-kind artwork using skateboard decks as a canvas. These decks will be on display in downtown Rochester businesses beginning May 9 and will be celebrated with a two-day event on May 9 and 10.

The **Thursday Night Kickoff** will take place on May 9 from 5-9 p.m. Attendees will preview Deck Art and also a professional graffiti artist, Shades Detroit, will be on Fourth Street for a live mural creation both nights. Kids can also partake in a craft activity located outside 308 Main from 5-8 p.m.

Deck Art will continue Friday, May 10 with the official Competition and Exhibition Crawl from 5-9 p.m. The Crawl will begin at any participating business where attendees and artists can pick up the official "Crawl" maps. Artists aren't informed of their artwork's placement, so they must "crawl" from business to business until their artwork is found. The kids' craft will continue outside of 308 Main as well as the mural creation from Shades Detroit on Fourth Street.

A **panel of judges** from Paint a Miracle (Rochester) will select one winner from the five

categories - elementary school, middle school, high school, college, and adult. Winning decks will be identified with a special ribbon.

"Deck Art continues to grow and evolve year after year," said Jenna O'Dell, Events Coordinator at the Rochester DDA. "It's

expanded from an event that originally took place in just two downtown businesses, and we are honored that the previous owner of Deck Art, Linda Gallaher has let the event continue with the Rochester PSD."

For more information, visit DowntownRochesterMI.com/.



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Home & Garden

Cranbrook's 47th Annual Spring Plant Sale

Cranbrook House & Gardens Auxiliary will host its 47th Annual Spring Plant Sale on Tuesday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesday, May 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. New this year, guests will have the opportunity to learn about planting fairy gardens during a demonstration led by the Herb Society of America-Southern Michigan Unit on Tuesday, May 14 at 4:30 p.m. The Spring Plant Sale and fairy garden demo are free and open to the public.

"The Herb Society has been an active member of Cranbrook Gardens since 1971. They do a spectacular job managing our Herb Garden and offering wonderful herbs during the sale," said Laura Eby, a Cranbrook House & Gardens Auxiliary member and Co-Chair of the Spring Plant Sale. "We are grateful for their ongoing support and that of our loyal shoppers. The success of our Plant Sale plays a significant factor in ensuring this local treasure can continue to be enjoyed for many generations to come."

Popular finds at Cranbrook's Spring Plant Sale include native plants such as trillium, perennials, fairy garden plants, tomatoes, gardening items, and more. The Plant Sale also gives the public the opportunity to discuss gardening with Cranbrook House & Gardens Auxiliary Master Gardeners and other experienced volunteers.

Cranbrook House & Gardens is located at 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. Plant Sale parking is available across the street at Christ Church Cranbrook, located at 470 Church Road. A complimentary volunteer-driven shuttle will take guests between Christ Church and the Plant Sale. Visitors are encouraged to bring wagons.

Proceeds from every plant purchased help support the preservation and beautification of Cranbrook House & Gardens, part of Cranbrook Educational Community, a National Historic Landmark. For more information on the Spring Plant Sale, call 248-645-3149 or visit Housegardens.cranbrook.edu/.

Transforming your backyard into a custom hardscape

HOME SHOW PREVIEW

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

Decrascape, a hardscape design company in Sterling Heights, works to provide customers with personalized and professional craftsmanship.

Owner Matt Caruso began the company in 1990. Since then, Decrascape has provided residential and commercial hardscapes throughout Metro Detroit. The team at Decrascape believes that the environment should inspire and drive the design of every project, which means every job is approached with a creative eye.

The design consultants at Decrascape use what they call their creative lifestyles process. Consultants work one-on-one with customers to help them realize their vision for their outdoor space.

"We see every project as a blank canvas," the company said



on their website.

During his nearly three decades of experience in the industry, Caruso has earned a number of certifications. He brings that knowledge to the business to inspire a culture of "innovation and dedication."

In addition to creativity, the team at Decrascape is committed to professionalism. They place a high value on craftsmanship, experience, and quality customer service. The company is insured and bondable and also offers

financing and a peace-of-mind guarantee.

Decrascape is at 40110 Mound Rd. To learn more about the company, call 586-979-4333 or visit their website at Decrascape.com/.

Decrascape is participating in the Oakland Spring Home Show, which is taking place May 4-5 at Oakland University's O'rena, produced by Gazette Media Group. Learn more at YourHomeShows.com/.

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Not only do their efforts benefit those in need in the community who need it most, they also help reduce food waste in the area by collecting large quantities of food from restaurants, wholesalers, and caterers. Forgotten Harvest is always in need of monetary donations and volunteers. Visit ForgottenHarvest.org for more information on how to donate your time, energy, and efforts to this worthy cause.

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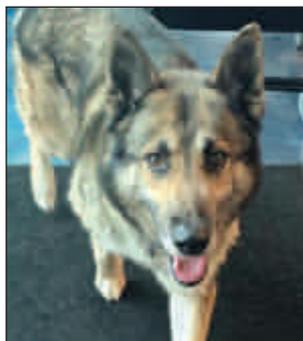
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Forgotten Harvest partners with local businesses to help fight hunger

In an effort to reduce childhood hunger, Forgotten Harvest is partnering together with the Harold and Kay Fund and Busch's Fresh Food Market to raise donations.

Through Mother's Day, May 12, the Harold and Kay Fund will match donations made to Forgotten Harvest up to \$50,000. The partnership will allow donors and the community to double their impact on the lives of families in need.

"Mothers, grandmothers, and women help change so many lives, and at this time of year, we can work together so they can continue to do just that," Forgotten Harvest CEO Kirk Mayes said in a press release.

For its annual "All About Children (ABC) Food Drive," Busch's is also partnering with Forgotten Harvest. The food drive will begin on Monday, May 6, and continue through Wednesday, May 15. Busch's customers can purchase a gift tag for a \$5 produce donation, \$10 meat donation, or a cash donation of any amount. They can also make a donation using bottle returns or by purchasing a Ready-To-Go bag.

There are eight participating Busch's locations in the area. The Rochester Hills store is at 3188 Walton Blvd.

Busch's organizes two major food drives each year. In 2018, the company raised over \$515,000, according to Doug Busch, the community development director for Busch's.

"We appreciate all our donors, volunteers, and partners," Mayes said in a press release. "Without [them]... we would not be able to help the people in the community and provide the necessary, nutritious food to those in need."

For nearly 30 years, Forgotten Harvest has been fighting hunger and waste in Metro Detroit. Nearly every day, the organization delivers 138,000 pounds of surplus food to local charities, providing people in need with fresh and nutritious food free of charge. By working with partners, Forgotten Harvest is able to provide more meals to those in needs.

Learn more about the ABC Food Drive by visiting buschs.com/abcfooddrive/.

Donate to Forgotten Harvest at forgottenharvest.org/donate/, or send an email to donate@forgottenharvest.org.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities to fight hunger, visit forgottenharvest.org, or call 248-967-1500.

Forgotten Harvest is a 501(c)3 non-profit operating out of Oak Park.

Handbell Concert at St. John Lutheran Church April 30



Bellissima Handbell Ensemble, affiliated with the Tuesday Musicale of Greater Pontiac, will perform a one-hour concert at St. John Lutheran Church in Rochester on Tuesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. The ensemble, which is comprised of 13 musicians, has performed for more than 30 years and is directed by Judy Phillips of Waterford.

"Handbell-choir music is such a beautiful and historic artform that should be heard and seen in person to fully appreciate," Phillips said. "The joy we bring to

those who hear the music is so heartwarming and special."

According to Phillips, the concert will appeal to all ages, and the ensemble will perform a variety of well-known songs. No admission fee is being charged for the concert, but there will be a free-will offering at the door. Donations will go toward the purchase of new equipment, like travel cases for the handbells, tables, and music.

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