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## Bucci's trial date postponed, again

The United States District Court of Eastern Michigan announced today that the trial date for former Macomb Township Trustee Dino Bucci would be pushed back until January 2020.

The most recent delay is the result of a joint request from the prosecution and the defense after Bucci agreed to cooperate with the government. His cooperation means that lawyers will need more time to go over evidence, conduct debriefings, and follow-up on information that Bucci provides.

Bucci was indicted in November 2017 on 18 counts of bribery, extortion, fraud, theft, and money laundering. Since his indictment, the trial date has been postponed more than five times.

The final pretrial conference date, which was set to begin this week, has been postponed until January 7, 2020. The trial will begin on January 21.

## Volunteers needed for July 3 Food Truck Rally

The second annual Shelby Township DDA Independence Day Food Truck Rally is set for Wednesday, July 3 from 3-9:30 p.m. at The New Rink parking lot, located at 50625 Van Dyke Ave. in Shelby Township.

The event will feature 18 food trucks and admission is free. Those who are interested in volunteering can send their information to the DDA by emailing coland@shelbytwp.org.



**STUDENT MUSICIANS** from Music Maker Studio presented Shelby Township Fire and Police departments with two checks for a total of \$6,000 raised from their June fundraiser. Music Maker owner and teacher Peter Piwonski was honored with a plaque from the board of trustees in recognition of his many contributions to the township. "Even though the plaque has my name on it, it is for everyone there who work so hard to make a difference, and make some pretty amazing music," Piwonski said. To learn more about Music Maker Studio, call 248-652-9604.

## Utica businesses say easement fee is excessive

by ANDREW NEAL

Utica city council considered a lease agreement proposal at their June meeting which would charge three businesses located at Hall & Van Dyke \$3,000 a year each for use of a city-owned driveway easement.

The parcel is immediately east and adjacent to the BP gas station on Van Dyke and Hall Road.

Three businesses use that driveway: a new car wash, the BP

gas station, and Hydro Pros, a hydroponic supply store.

The city determined a \$3,000 per entity fee was suitable for those properties to use the parcel for ingress and egress, and mayor Thom Dionne said he alerted a representative of those businesses of the terms before the council meeting.

The mayor asked if council members had any concerns with the property being used by these

three entities. Council members did not have any issue with the use, but did ask what would happen if one business didn't pay.

"We put these big concrete barricades around their driveway," Dionne said. "And you boys want to play nice, right?" Dionne asked the three representatives who were in the audience.

"I would hope you guys don't

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## Library request for \$800K in "unanticipated" costs called into question

by ELENA DURNBAUGH

Debate over the library took center stage at the Macomb Township Board of Trustees meeting on June 26 with the board unanimously voting to postpone its decision on whether to approve the Clinton-Macomb Public Library Board of Trustees' request for the township to pay \$800,000 for Broughton Road right-of-way improvements.

During public comment, residents raised concerns over the cost.

Resident Frank Cusumano called the request a "shrewd business decision" by the library board.

"You could call it a hustle, a flim-flam, a scam, but it really isn't. It's transferring expense from one public entity to another, and it apparently was known before," he said. "And \$800 thousand – the people in my neighborhood are not rich. They expect the trustees to be gatekeepers of the public trust. I've come up here repeatedly and said you should simply vote no."

In November 2018, the board voted to transfer just over 7.5 acres of township property to the Clinton-Macomb Public Library for the new north branch. The land is across the road from

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## Macomb Township board concerned over six-figure library bill

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Macomb Township Hall, located on Broughton Road just south of 25 Mile, and was valued at \$341,145. The transfer was subject to two conditions: the dumpster enclosure meet ordinance requirements and all notes from all sheets indicating that Broughton Road improvements were to be done "by others" were to be removed.

**Township engineer James Van Tiflin** explained that several improvements are required on Broughton Road to make the site of the new library match the rest of the town center. Those improvements include the addition of a center turn lane, landscaping, sidewalks, street lighting, and spaces for parking.

According to Van Tiflin, last year in a meeting with the engineering department, the library indicated that there was a district library law that prevented it from paying for any right-of-way improvements.

"At that point, they had sort of indicated that they wanted, perhaps, the township to kick in some money towards these improvements," Van Tiflin said.

In February, the library requested funds from the township for the improvement based on work done on a roundabout in Clinton Township. The request was for \$280,000.

"I was not comfortable with having that come before the township board because I figured that the first question the board was going to ask is 'How much are we talking about? Is this a good number?' And an engineer did not put that estimate together. It was just a rough idea that the library personnel, I think, put together," Van Tiflin said.

Last month, the library had

another meeting with the engineering department, and Van Tiflin said that the library told him that it could not pay for an engineer or architect to pay for an estimate on right-of-way improvements. Following that meeting, the library asked the supervisor to authorize the township to pay for an estimate. The work was done by A.W., which estimated the cost of the improvements to be \$800,000 in total.

**Trustees were concerned** about the price tag and Van Tiflin was lambasted with questions. No one from the library was present at the board meeting.

Citing a letter the library sent to the board that discussed "unanticipated costs," Trustee Tim Bussineau wondered if additional charges at the library site would be passed along to the township. Trustee Roger Krzeminski also wondered about how much costs would increase over the course of the project.

"Costs are going to be going up within a year of two or three years from now," he said. "So this 800 could be a million, 1.2 million somewhere down the line."

Referencing the library letter and minutes from previous meetings that acknowledged bond money could not be used to pay for right-of-way improvements, Clerk Kristi Pozzi questioned how the library could call the costs "unanticipated." She also questioned why the township donated the land.

**"Why didn't we consider** them using those dollars to purchase the land from the township, and then, in turn, we could use that money to go towards these "unanticipated" expenditures?" she asked.

Van Tiflin, who was not a part of the preliminary discussions

about the library, was unable to provide an answer.

**Supervisor Janet Dunn** said that the township would have to pay for right-of-way improvements no matter what it built in the area, but Van Tiflin pointed out that, in this case, the library was the developer and not the township.

Pozzi also brought up several concerns with the library's request, including that the library board asked the Macomb County Department of Roads to help pay for the improvements on behalf of Macomb Township. Supervisor Janet Dunn said that she thought that Camille Silda, vice president of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library Board of Trustees, approached the county executive's office on the library's behalf to see if the county would agree to cost-sharing.

Van Tiflin said that he was uncomfortable with allowing the library to start construction without resolving who would pay for the improvements.

**"I think this needs to be resolved** one way or another before we allow them to really start spending a lot of money."

As the discussion progressed, Krzeminski asked for clarification on who owned the land. Thomas Esordi, acting as township general counsel, said that the ownership of the land was transferred to the library as part of the agreement.

Neither Esordi nor Van Tiflin could say why bond money was not used to pay the township for the land and then used to make the improvements.

The Board of Trustees postponed making a decision on the request until the July 10 board meeting in the hopes that they will have more information from both Macomb County and library at that time.

## USPBL week in review



This week, two United Shore Professional

Baseball League (USPBL) players signed with Major League Baseball organizations and the Westside Woolly Mammoths continued their five-game winning streak.

During their five-game winning streak, the Woolly Mammoths are scoring 9.4 runs per game and are batting a league-best .276 on the season. They are led by outfielder Sonny Cortez with a league-best .403 batting average. Right behind Cortez is Warren-native Pat Adams from the Eastside Diamond Hoppers at .386.

The standings are beginning to get bunched up as the Utica Unicorns lead the way at 12-8, two games in front of the Birmingham Bloomfield Beavers at 9-9. The Diamond Hoppers are in third at 9-10 and the Westside Woolly Mammoths are 8-11.

The Unicorns' Donald Goodson leads the league with a 1.72 earned run average and is striking out over five per game. A



DYLAN COLLETT

native of Detroit, Goodson leads the USPBL by holding opposing hitters to a microscopic .155 batting average.

The Beavers' Dylan Collett pushed his consecutive scoreless innings streak to 12.2 innings last week and ranks second in the league with a 1.89 ERA. Collett is currently 2-1 on the season and is holding opponents to a .206 batting average.

USPBL games are played at Jimmy John's Field. Purchase tickets as low as \$6 (lawn seats) or \$12 (grandstand tickets) at [Uspbl.com/](http://Uspbl.com/).

### CELEBRATE FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND

### AT JIMMY JOHN'S FIELD

**THURSDAY, JULY 4** ★ First Pitch 7:05PM, Gates Open 6:00PM

**Giveaway** First 1,000 Kids in attendance will receive a FREE Utica Unicorns Jersey Replica T-Shirt

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## Businesses asked to pay \$3,000 for easement access

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put up a concrete barricade," one representative responded.

"We're going to hope that check clears," the mayor joked back.

The representatives then took to the podium to say that, collectively, they believed the fee to be excessive. Ultimately, the representatives wanted to table the discussion and return with comparables.

"We can argue about pennies and delay it, that's fine," the mayor said begrudgingly.

"I'm not trying to argue," the rep responded, "but having a third party reputable company come in and say 'hey, here's what market rates are for .08 acres...'"

"I don't think this body would be entertained by that," the mayor said.

The representatives said \$1,000 would be agreeable, but the mayor rejected that offer and other council members echoed their disapproval.

Mayor Dionne said that he would be willing to table the issue, but expressed his disappointment in what he saw as a lack of communication with the businesses.

"We've been in talks with this for the last couple weeks, and the last conversation I had was last Thursday," Dionne said. "I didn't get a call on Friday. I didn't get an email over the weekend. I didn't get a call on Monday. Here we are

at 9:30 and you're saying this isn't agreeable. You had your time to respond to this. These are the terms the city is offering you and we're agreeable to these. If you want to do it, let's do business. If you don't, then we're going to not do business with you, and those are the choices."

The representatives again asked to table the issue and bring in a third party to show the market rate for the square footage.

One council member noted that the businesses were being charged not by the space, but by the use factor.

Council ultimately tabled the issue and pushed the vote to their next meeting on Tuesday, July 9.

# Police looking for tool thief

## POLICE PATROL



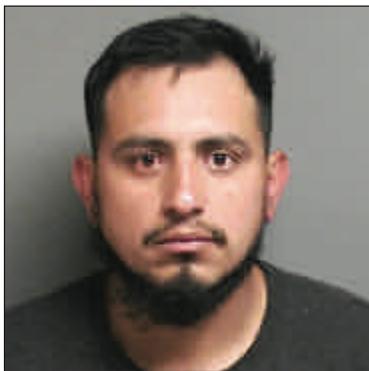
**ADDITIONAL CHARGES IN PURSUIT OUT OF CLINTON TOWNSHIP** – On June 16 at approximately 2:50 p.m., Macomb County Sheriff's deputies responded to the area of Dalcoma and 19 Mile Rd. to assist Clinton Township Police with a vehicle fleeing from officers. The vehicle had no license plate and had thrown an unknown object out of the window. The driver was later



retailer," police said in a post online. He was seen leaving in a red Ford F-150. Contact Detective Morabito at 586-731-1313 with any information.



**SHELBY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR RICK STATHAKIS** helped welcome Sweet Waters Coffee & Tea to the community at their ribbon cutting this month. The coffee shop is located at 45629 Hayes, north of Hall Road. For more information, visit [Sweetwaterscafe.com](http://Sweetwaterscafe.com) or call 586-580-2260.



**ANIANO ARREOLA-MORA**

identified as Aniano Arreola-Mora, 27, out of Ray Township.

Macomb Sheriff Deputies located the vehicle on Garfield south of Hall Rd and joined the pursuit. The pursuit continued and a deputy became the lead vehicle. As the deputy was attempting to stop the vehicle from getting heading into oncoming traffic on eastbound 26 Mile Rd in the roundabout east of M-53, the suspect vehicle collided into the deputy vehicle twice. The chase continued with speeds near 90mph into Ray Township.

The suspect pulled into an address on Ray Center in Ray Township and drove through the grass towards the rear of the property causing damage. The vehicle came to a stop in a wooded area and Arreola-Mora fled on foot. Deputies and Clinton Township Officers followed Arreola-Mora and he was apprehended. No persons were injured during this incident.

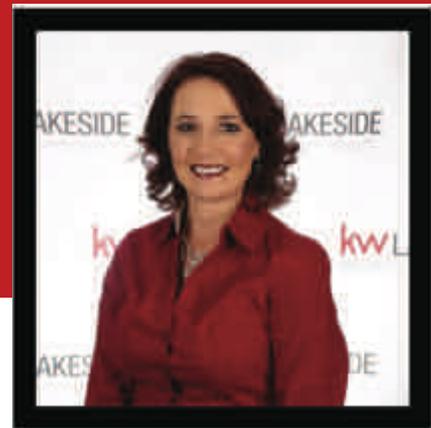
In addition to charges issued from Clinton Township, he was also charged with fleeing, assault, and malicious destruction.

■ **TOOL THIEF** – Utica Police are looking for help in identifying the man in the picture above. "He seems to have an obsession with Milwaukee Tools from our local



# 2019

## Cultural Ambassador for MI | NO Region



**Michele Hosu**



Every year Keller Williams International asks each Market Center to nominate an agent that it feels has shown true culture throughout the company to represent its Region. This year, Keller Williams Lakeside nominated agent Michele Hosu, and she was voted to be MI/NO's Cultural Ambassador.

Michele Hosu joined Keller Williams Lakeside in November 2017 and joined a team with her husband Cosmin Hosu. Married teams bring a variety of levels of production and frequency for time seen in the office. While one agent may be more "well known" than his or her spouse or perhaps "seen" by the market center, this is not the case for Michele. While her husband is a consistent capper and been an agent at Lakeside since 2007, she was a cultural advocate well

before even officially joining. Michele is a brilliant motivator for a cultural climate at Lakeside. While being the spouse of an agent, she still was a part of the cultural committee, leading market center cook outs, picnics, fundraisers, and family gatherings. Stepping into an agent role, this mother of four sets aside time to raise the KWL family even with her overfilled schedule of hockey games, volunteer work at schools, running her own jewelry business, and a myriad of church functions. Her endless energy is the backbone of Lakeside culture.

While she promotes the importance of family inside the market center, she also encompasses the belief system of Keller Williams and its importance of giving back to the community. This list of giving back includes Valentine Cards and cookies taken to the local fire station to thank them for their service, a Pink Out fundraiser to support Breast Cancer Awareness, and guidance to Lakeside's efforts in adopting families for Christmas. Michele was also instrumental in KW's Red Day last year orchestrating Lakeside's work with Mama Shu and renovating an inner city home for underprivileged youth. She also supported efforts in the Hurricane Florence clean up and led the monetary collections and preparation of 265 backpacks and school supplies for Havel Elementary.

Perhaps the most demonstrative example of this agent's dedication to supporting the community was this past March. The Cultural Committee at Lakeside led support efforts for the Saint Baldrick's Foundation Childhood Cancer Research Charity. At this event, Michele made a huge personal sacrifice and commitment by getting up on stage (covered by media) and shaving her lengthy hair. She now sports a completely shaved head and does so with pride. She is dedicated to strong values and efforts in giving back. Her compassion and her endless dedication to helping others is not only impressive, but truly the way she lives her life.

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# Arts & Entertainment



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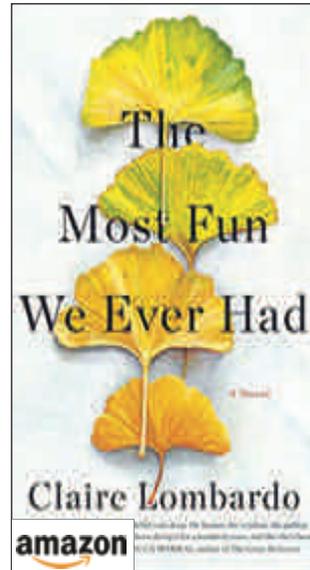
**DIANE**  
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Atlantic Records



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## MUSIC

**Grace Jones** Monday, July 1, 7 p.m. Masonic Temple, Detroit

**The Beths** Wednesday, July 3, 7 p.m. El Club, Detroit

**Built To Spill** Sunday, June 30, 7 p.m. Saint Andrew's Hall, Detroit

**Steve Miller Band** Sunday, June 30, 7:30 p.m. Michigan Lottery Amphitheatre at Freedom Hill, Sterling Heights

**Yes** Wednesday, July 3, 6:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Amphitheatre, Rochester Hills

**Jennifer Lopez** Friday, July 5, 7 p.m. Little Caesars Arena, Detroit

**Weird Al Yankovic** Friday, July 5, 7 p.m. Meadow Brook Amphitheater, Rochester Hills

## ON STAGE

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra** Friday, June 28, 8 p.m. Lorenzo Cultural Center, Clinton Township

**The Try Guys** Saturday, June 29, 7:30 p.m. The Fillmore, Detroit

**Comedy Night** Tuesday, July 2, 7:30 p.m. Buffalo's Anchor Bar, Rochester Hills

**Musical Theatre Workshop Performance** Friday, July 19, 7 p.m. Macomb Center, Clinton Township

**Game On! Event** Saturday, June 29, 2 p.m. Shelby Township Barnes and Noble

**Music Maker Studio Open Mic 20th Anniversary and Fundraiser** Sunday, June 30, 12:30-5 p.m. Hamlin Pub, Shelby Township

**Stony Creek Metropark Fireworks** Sunday, June 30, dusk Stony Creek Metropark

**Euchre Tournament in Utica** Monday, July 1, 7 p.m. Sherwood Brewing Company

**DDA Independence Day Food Truck Rally** Wednesday, July 3, 3 p.m. Ford Field Central Park

**Independence Day Fireworks** Wednesday, July 3, 10 p.m. Ford Field Central Park

**Packard Proving Grounds Fireworks Festival** Wednesday, July 3, 6 p.m. The Packard Proving Grounds

**Driven by Flavor** Wednesday, July 3, 6 p.m. The Packard Proving Grounds

**The Peach Truck Tour** Saturday, July 6, 9 a.m. Ray Wiegand's Nursery

**Vince and Joe's Gourmet Market Festa Buon Appetito 2019** Sunday, July 7, 11 a.m. Vince & Joe's Gourmet Market Shelby Township

## LIBRARY

**Soap Making** Monday, July 1, 3 p.m. CMPL South Branch

**Sidewalk Chalk** Monday, July 1, 11 a.m. Utica Public Library

**21st Century Guide to Publishing and Marketing Your Book** Monday, July 1, 6:30 p.m. CMPL Main Branch

**Flying Aces Frisbee Show** Wednesday, July 3, 1:30 p.m. Shelby Township Public Library

**The Saucer Life** Wednesday, July 3, 7 p.m. Shelby Township Public Library

**Candy Creations** Monday, July 8, 2 p.m. CMPL North Branch

**Introduction to Astronomy** Wednesday, July 10, 7 p.m. Shelby Township Public Library

## KIDS & TEENS

**Food Fundamentals** Tuesday, July 2, 2 p.m., ages 13-17 CMPL South Branch

**Take Home Craft** Tuesday, July 2, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Utica Public Library

**Volunteens** Wednesday, July 3, 6 p.m., grades 6-12 CMPL Main Branch

**Candy Science** Tuesday, July 9, 1 p.m., ages 8-12 CMPL North Branch

**DIY Slime Time** Tuesday, July 9, 1 p.m. Utica Public Library

## SAVE THE DATE

**Lauren Daigle** Wednesday, July 31, Masonic Temple Theatre, Detroit

**Phil Collins** Tuesday, October 1, Little Caesars Arena, Detroit

**Noah Gunderson** Tuesday, October 8, El Club, Detroit

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## GAZETTE RECOMMENDS...



### MO POP FESTIVAL

Detroit's annual Mo Pop Festival returns this year to West RiverFront Park July 27-28. This year's lineup includes Vampire Weekend, Tame Impala, Ella Mai, and Lizzo. Local bands include The Doozers and The Messenger Birds. The two-day festival is full of sounds, sun, art, food, and dance parties. There's even an air-conditioned arcade tent. Learn more and purchase single or two-day tickets at [Mopopfestival.com/](http://Mopopfestival.com/).

—Andrew Neal, Editor

## UCS theatre teacher inspires students

As a student, Utica Community Schools teacher Kirstin Carolin found a home in the theatre program at Henry Ford II High School and that has made a difference in her life.

**Now, her work** to create the same environment for Henry Ford II High School students has earned her the title as Michigan's top theatre teacher.

"The truth is what we do here is just magic," she said. "You get this end product that goes up in front of 3,000 people."

**Carolyn was** awarded Theatre Coach of the Year by Michigan Speech Coaches, Inc. at the Mackinac Conference and Tournament in May.

"We are proud that Mrs. Carolin has been recognized by her peers for her work and commitment to inspire students," Superintendent Dr. Christine Johns said. "Our theatre programs allow our community to enjoy professional productions right in their own backyards."

**Carolyn, who has** taught in UCS for the past 20 years, said theatre programs are critical for students by providing essential life and workforce skills, particularly teamwork and collaboration.

"It's not until you have 100 kids where everyone has to do their jobs at the exact same time that makes the magic happen," she said. "To take something from a piece of paper to a real live thing is the absolute nature of what collaborative learning is. It's all student-led and student-driven."

**Carolyn was** nominated for the award by a former student, 2013 UCS graduate Paige Caldwell. Her current students more than support the nomination, saying that it is her commitment to creating student leaders that has made a difference in their lives.

"She believes strongly in



KIRSTIN CAROLIN

educational theatre," said junior Tony Gjerka, a student director. "She taught me how to lead a group of 100 kids," Gjerka said that the skills he has learned in theatre support his other classes, particularly communication, public speaking and language arts.

**Henry Ford II** students stage three productions each year and a show for junior high school students – with this year's program promoting an anti-bullying message.

Junior Jacob Yasso said Carolin creates an inclusive program for all students.

"**She wants** everybody involved," he said. "She wants every production to be filled with kids who like to build, or kids who want to do the lights, or the ones who are interested in singing and dancing. She doesn't want theatre to be a place for just theatre kids."

– Utica12.org

## 1000 Hats improv camp at Stagecrafters

Improvisation teaches students creativity and cooperation as they build stories and scenes from their imagination. Kids interested in improv can enroll in the 1000 Hats Summer 2019 improv camp being offered July 15-26 at Stagecrafters.

**Classes are offered** for students ages 8-12 and 13-17. Younger kids will learn improv skills through games and activities designed to build confidence in a positive, supportive environment. Older students will learn improv skills as well as scene writing so that they can develop their own short and long form of comedy sketches.

Michael Lomas, a performer with more than 20 years of improv experience, will teach the classes. Lomas has taught the 1000 Hats Improv camp at Stagecrafters for more than 15 years.

**Improv for** ages 8-12 costs \$225 per student. Discounts and different packages are available. The improv and scene writing class costs \$300, and scholarships are available. The registration deadline is July 12 at 12 p.m. Stagecrafters recommends calling ahead to check on class availability.

To learn more, visit [stagecrafters.org/getinvolved/1000-hats-improv.html/](http://stagecrafters.org/getinvolved/1000-hats-improv.html/).

## DSO performs the music of Queen at Meadow Brook July 14

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) will return to Meadow Brook Amphitheatre for a one-night-only tribute to legendary rock band Queen.

**Conductor Brent Havens** leads the DSO, a full rock band, and vocalist Brody Dolyniuk for a program featuring Queen mega-hits like "Somebody to Love," "Killer Queen," "You're My Best Friend," and many more.

The concert takes place Sunday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Meadow Brook Amphitheatre on the campus of Oakland University (3554 Walton Blvd, Rochester Hills, MI 48309).

Arranger/conductor Brent Havens has written music for orchestras, feature films, and virtually every kind of television. His TV work includes movies for networks such as ABC, CBS, and ABC Family Channel Network, commercials, sports music for ESPN, and even cartoons. Havens also collaborated with the Doobie Brothers and the Milwaukee Symphony, arranging and conducting the combined group for Harley Davidson's 100th Anniversary Birthday Party Finale attended by over 150,000 fans.

**He has worked with** some of the world's greatest orchestras and in 2013 Havens conducted the Malaysian Philharmonic for the Music of Michael Jackson, and he

returned to Kuala Lumpur in 2014 with the Music of Led Zeppelin and 2015 with the Music of Queen.

**Brody Dolyniuk** remembers mimicking voices even as a child, listening to old records and tapes. He is a gifted, self-taught musician, capable of playing several instruments, with a particular knack for capturing the voices and mannerisms of classic characters from music, TV, and movies.

His first professional gigs were at piano bars in several U.S. cities,

talents by singing several tracks on the hit video games Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock and Konami's Rock Revolution. In addition to Queen, Brody provides lead vocals for The Music of Journey, The Music of The Who, The Music of The Rolling Stones, The Music of U2, and The Music of David Bowie. Now residing in Southern California, Brody continues to tour, as well as perform as a producer and session musician.



where he learned to charm audiences and expand his musical repertoire. With a longing to perform the music of the many rock bands that inspired him, Brody assembled Yellow Brick Road, unquestionably Las Vegas' most successful classic rock band.

Brody has lent his vocal

**Tickets for The Music of Queen** are on sale now exclusively through Ticketmaster. Both lawn (general admission) and pavilion (reserved) seating is available.

Please visit the Ticketmaster website or call (313) 471-7929 to learn more and purchase tickets.

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# Home & Garden



THE SHELBY GARDENERS CLUB was hard at work last week in Heritage Garden. “Thank you ladies for all of your dedication to beautify our campus,” Shelby Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said in a Facebook post with the above photo. Heritage Garden is sits just outside the Supervisor’s office on the township’s municipal grounds. For more information on the gardeners club, visit [Shelbytwp.org/gardeners/](http://Shelbytwp.org/gardeners/).

## Is it time to paint the walls in your home?

by AMY FORTUNE

If you are changing your interior décor or if you are simply tired of the current colors on your walls, then it is obviously time to grab the brushes and rollers and start painting. However, if no major changes are desired or needed, how often do you need to paint to keep your walls looking fresh and well-maintained? Experts advise that the timeframe depends largely on the room in question.

### Different Walls Require Different Maintenance Schedules

In the home, rooms that get more use require more frequent repainting. Also, walls exposed to spilled or splattered liquids or dirt and grime likely need more attention than walls in “cleaner” areas of the home.

### The Bathroom

Like walls in the kitchen, walls in the bathroom are exposed to substances that damage and weaken paint over time. Steam from the shower, hairspray, makeup products, and even certain cleaning products can discolor walls and cause them to look “grimy.” But you can fight the grime by repainting your bathroom walls every two to three years – every four years if the bathroom in question is exclusively a guest bathroom.

### Bedrooms

For bedrooms, repainting frequency really depends on whether the user of the room is an adult or a child. Granted, not all children are messy, but young children are more likely to use their rooms for more than just



### The Living Room

If your living room walls are painted with a durable formula, they may not need new paint for five to seven years. However, families with small children and/or pets and those who use their living rooms for entertaining may need to repaint more often.

### The Dining Room

If you have a formal dining room that is only used during holidays and for special occasions, you should plan to repaint it every 5 to seven years. But if your dining room is used daily for meals – and spills – you should probably plan to paint every three to four years.

### The Kitchen

Typically, walls in kitchens and bathrooms are exposed to more risks, more frequently, than walls in other rooms. In the kitchen, specifically, heat and splattered oils can wreak havoc with even the most durable paint. So, look at redoing them every two to four years (depending on how much you use your kitchen).

sleeping – they play there, they paint and color, and they may even conduct science experiments. Depending on their levels and types of activities, children may need their rooms touched up or repainted every two years. Whereas, the walls in sleeping quarters belonging to most adults may not require fresh paint for five to seven years.

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While most family members do not spend a lot of time just hanging out in hallways, these spaces are frequently used. Individuals pass through them constantly, moving from room to room. And this frequent use may result in scuff marks, dents, and unnoticed dirt tracking, which may lead to staining. Because of the accumulation of this minor damage over time, most painting professionals recommend the application of a fresh coat of paint to hallway walls every two to three years.

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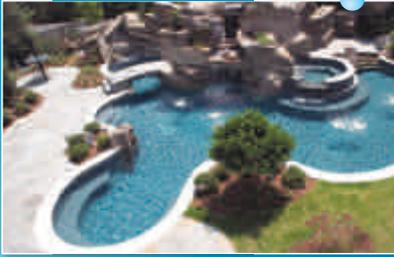
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# Are you noticing an increase in flooding?

## PERSPECTIVES



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NATHAN INKS

A number of heavy rainfall events this past spring caused flooding for many Metro Detroit communities. An increase in the frequency of heavy precipitation events combined with continued development and expansion of suburban areas has made flooding in local communities more common in recent years. Even if the region sees a decline in the frequency of heavy rainfall events, communities are likely to continue to suffer from damaging flooding if they do not take a proactive approach to water management.

Since the 1800s Michigan has lost around 40% of its wetlands; most of these losses have been along the Lower Peninsula's eastern coastline, with Macomb and Wayne counties seeing the highest losses at over 90%. Wetlands provide natural flood control and filter out pollution. When wetlands are replaced with impermeable surfaces such as concrete and asphalt, the result is an increase in flooding and polluted storm runoff.

Although Michigan has a wetland mitigation program with a goal of no net loss of wetlands, the sheer amount of urbanization that has taken place has left too much water with nowhere to go during rain events, even if the state maintains its current wetland acreage. Local governments need to start taking proactive steps to ensure that rainwater and runoff is being properly managed. Fortunately, there are a number of innovations that local governments and developers can utilize.

**Bioswales**, gently sloped troughs filled with plants and rocks, can be used to slow the flow of runoff and absorb pollutants in the process. Instead of being carried into storm sewers, polluted water is absorbed by the plants, and the pollutants are naturally broken down over time. Bioswales can be effectively used in place of or in addition to storm sewers along freeways and near residential developments.

Similarly, rain gardens can be installed in parking lots and on rooftops to absorb and filter rainwater. Rain gardens differ from bioswales; however, the two can be combined so that a bioswale leads into a rain garden.

**Vegetation is not** the only tool available. Pervious concrete and porous asphalt – although more

expensive at the outset – are increasingly popular alternatives to traditional pavement that developers are turning to. By utilizing such permeable pavement materials, stormwater is able to drain back into the ground, recharging aquifers and other groundwater stores while pollutants are filtered out in the process. In the long run these solutions save municipalities and developers money, as they allow for increased land utilization and require less ancillary work to fit in with existing infrastructure.

**As the Metro Detroit area continues to grow** – especially in Oakland and Macomb counties – developers and municipal leaders need to take a proactive approach to rainwater management. The “pave, pipe, and pump” approach has failed, resulting in flooded basements and roads, and although we cannot undo the destruction to the region's wetlands that has taken place over the past two centuries, we can change our infrastructure and land use to deal with rainwater in a manageable and environmentally friendly way. The time for municipal and county governments to take proactive steps – by utilizing bioswales, rain gardens, and permeable pavement and encouraging and assisting developers in doing the same – is now.



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