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Fourth of July Hours

Many municipal buildings will be closed for the Fourth of July holiday. City Hall, the library, historic village, and nature center will reopen on Friday, July 5.

The Troy Community Center will have different holiday hours for Independence Day. The Admin desk will be closed, and there will be no open swim.

The fitness room and gym will be open 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. and the adult lap and therapy pools will be open 7:15-11:15 a.m.

The Troy Family Aquatic Center will have lap swim from 9-10 a.m. and open swim from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The Aquatic Center will be celebrating the Fourth of July with Heroes Week, July 1-5, providing first responders with free admission.

Police, fire, emergency responders, and active military members will receive one free admission when accompanied by a paying child over the age of 3. Other regular fees apply.

For more on the Community Center, visit rec.troymi.gov/.

Mark Your Calendars for Traffic Jam

The annual Troy Traffic Jam Classic Car Show returns this year on Sunday, August 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Columbia Center, 201 W. Big Beaver Road.

See over 250 classic cars, hot rods, muscle cars, and specialty vehicles. Proceeds benefit Troy Historic Village. Learn more at Troyhistoricvillage.org/events/troy-traffic-jam/.



A LOVE OF PEONIES in different colors is evident with Dr. Liberata Pantig-Felix, whose large garden will be part of the 45th Troy Garden Walk on Wednesday, July 10. Featured will be seven lush gardens all across the city, and just a bit into Bloomfield Hills. Come enjoy and get some new ideas for your own yard.

Troy's in Bloom for the Troy Garden Walk

by CYNTHIA KMETT

Gardening wasn't always part of Dr. Liberata Pantig-Felix's life. As a child, she didn't have to work in the yard because she was a good student. But she always liked the flowers. She was fond of the art in Monet's gardens.

Dr. Lib moved to Troy's Hills of Charnwood in 1978, and her sons were lobbying for a swimming pool in their new yard. Luckily for her, she related with a smile, they decided they'd rather

go to camp.

As a busy practitioner of internal medicine, it wasn't until after she remodeled her house that she started some serious gardening. That was in 2008.

Today, Dr. Lib has created a natural space that is listed as an Arabesque Garden in Troy Garden Club's 45th Annual Garden Walk. The walk will take place on Wednesday, July 10—rain or shine.

She is one of three homes on Parkview Court, a cul-de-sac with

large, pie-shaped lots that are perfect for planting. There are a variety of plants, beautiful colors, and garden art for this year's Garden Walk.

"Since my retirement in 2011 I've gardened every day," Dr. Lib said, explaining that she does it in sessions so that she can rest her knee, which needs a replacement. Despite some physical pain, she's not ready to stop gardening.

"I'm not ready to give up

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Mayor Proves He Paid for His New Driveway

by CYNTHIA KMETT

The implication seemed to be that if former city manager Brian Kischnick (now in federal prison) didn't pay for his driveway and there was no record of a building permit for Mayor Dane Slater's driveway, perhaps the mayor's had been free, too.

Turns out to be not true. Even before the driveway was poured, Mayor Slater had checked with City Attorney Lori Grigg Bluhm to be sure that it wasn't a conflict of interest to buy a driveway from a city contractor.

When this question came up June 3 at the city council meeting, Councilman David Hamilton indicated he wanted an investigation into both the driveway and who attended Kischnick's holiday party. (The FBI didn't even tell Attorney Bluhm who attended the party.)

Before last week's council meeting the city sent out the following statement:

In April 2016, the Troy City Council approved a two-year extension of its contract with DiLisio Contracting, Inc. of Clinton Township (Contractor) for Concrete Slab Replacement Program for Local and Major Roads.

The Contractor performed work by private agreement with property owners adjacent to the

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Troy Farmers Market Opens

Get fresh, local, and seasonal foods all summer at the Troy Farmers Market, which opened Friday, June 21.

The market is open every Friday from 2-6 p.m., June through September, in the Troy Public Library parking lot off of Big

Community Affairs Director and Farmers Market Manager said in a statement. "Our market will provide local Michigan grown produce and food products to residents and visitors. It's the perfect gathering place to bring the community together for live



Beaver and Civic Center Roads.

Vendors sell local fruits and vegetables, flowers, meats, and honey, plus baked goods, jams, jellies, spices, pasta, and ready-to-eat foods made with local ingredients. Food trucks will also be on site. There's something for everyone, including people who are gluten-free, vegan, and vegetarian.

"This is the second year for the Troy Farmers Market, and we are so excited to welcome our farmers and local food vendors and thank our sponsor Genisys Credit Union," Cindy Stewart,

entertainment and kid's activities while shopping for healthy food."

The Farmers Market offers weekly musical entertainment, sponsored by J-Ro School of Music, kids' activities, and giveaways. For more information, call 248-524-1147 or email farmersmarket@troymi.gov/.

People can also visit the market website at troymi.gov/farmersmarket for the latest information on weekly farmers and food vendors, special events, and the entertainment line-up.

Officials to Look for New Trail Routes and Pathways

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project, including Mayor Dane Slater. The Contractor, not the Mayor, should have applied for and received a permit before performing the work. The Mayor brought this matter to the City's attention more than one year ago.

However, City staff subsequently inspected the driveway and found it complies with City codes. Mayor Dane Slater showed the City Manager and City Attorney a copy of the invoice and proof of payment, so the City considers the matter closed.

Now why didn't the mayor just speak up and say, I'll show you the check I used to make a payment for the driveway? Perhaps he, and Councilman Dave Henderson, just felt blindsided and felt this as an attempt to damage their reputations.

Both the mayor and the councilman said such questions should have been asked in a more private setting, not in a public meeting.

Councilwoman Ellen Hodorek defended Hamilton and said that they needed to be transparent and that such questions were being asked by the public.

Should the local roads contractor, DeLisio, be paving the

streets in your subdivision and you need a new drive, feel free to take advantage of the offer. Dozens of homeowners do every summer and it's perfectly fine to do so and you'll probably get a discount since the cement truck is already on your street. Just remember to pay the bill. And, you do not have to pull the building permit as that is the contractor's job. That means the job will be inspected and you won't get carbon monoxide poisoning from a new furnace or a leaky new roof. Don't be afraid to ask to see the permit.

Trails and Pathways to Get Another Look

It's no secret that many people think bike trails and walking paths through the city would be an excellent idea. They've voted for them several times in Recreation Department surveys.

It's also no secret that the city is now about 97 percent built out and there are no old railroad lines to use for the basis of a trail

system, as the Paint Creek system does.

It's also no secret that when residents are asked if such pathways can go near their home or even neighborhood, the answer is a resounding "No, not in my backyard."

What is a city to do?

Well, Department of Public Works Director Kurt Bovensiepe will be looking for new routes to consider this summer, including some around Sylvan Glen Park and the golf course. We'll see if they bring new answers to a complicated problem.

Remember, the State of Michigan twice turned down grants for proposed routes in the past because they used major mile roads for part of the trail system. So grants to pay for any projects will probably have to be done with city money. The new city budget only put aside \$75,000 for trails and pathways in the coming year, so building is definitely not on the agenda just yet.

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HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY JEANNE STINE. The former city council member and Troy Mayor celebrated her 90th birthday last week. The city read a long list of her accomplishments, including the fact that she was proclaimed the city's Distinguished Citizen in 1985. Mayor Stine posed with members of her family for a picture at the Monday meeting. On hand to acknowledge her many contributions to the city were (left to right) niece Tamara Warburton, and siblings Bill Goodwin, Mayor Jeanne Stine, Monica Hein, Loretta Pletcher, and Celia Rasico.

Guided Photo Walk at the Nature Center

Appreciate the outdoors and indulge your creative side with a guided photo walk at Stage Nature Center on Saturday, July 6, from 8-10 a.m.

Troy Nature Society Photo Club volunteers will lead a guided tour through Stage Nature Center. Photographers of all ages and experience levels are invited. Participants should meet in the nature center parking lot by 8 a.m. with their camera. Dress for the weather, as the walk takes place

entirely outdoors. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

The cost is \$2 per person. The tour is free from Troy Nature Society members, use the promo code MEMBER19 for discount pricing online. To register or to learn more, go to troynaturesociety.org/. Call 248-688-9703 with questions. The Stage Nature Center is at 6685 Coolidge Hwy.

See Some of the City's Best Private Gardens

GARDEN WALK, From page 1

kneeling in my gardens," she said.

Dr. Lib is always on the lookout for unique flowers and garden art. One of her favorite places to look for art is at Waller's Garden on QVC. She's visited their greenhouse in Zeeland and looks to George at Telly's Greenhouse on John R for the newest plants. She enjoys looking for new things the most.

"I'll try new plants and see if they grow. If they do I keep them. If not, it's on to the next," she said.

One of her best finds was a plum tree, planted near her front drive, that is now 25 years old. There's a beech, too.

"It's very pretty with the tricolor leaves," Dr. Lib pointed out.

She really likes hydrangeas and warns that you have to know when to cut them to be successful with this plant. Her yard is laden with color and variety, with annuals and perennials all connected by pathways of earth-toned brick pavers. Flowers abound—zinnias, impatiens, begonias, coleus, roses, coneflowers, and daylilies, to name a few. There's even a fountain to provide the soothing sound of water as you sit on the deck and enjoy the view of this beautiful yard.

Every garden on the walk will have Plein Air Artists painting in the gardens. There will be a student art show on the Village Green, too

Tickets to the 45th Annual Garden Walk are \$10 in advance and can be purchased at Auburn Oaks Garden Center, Telly's Greenhouse, the Troy Historic Village, and Uncle Luke's. Tickets will also be on sale at English Gardens in Royal Oak on Saturday, June 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Sunday, June 30 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. On walk day, tickets are \$15

Costello PTO Gets Help for Upgrading Baseball Fields

The Troy Community Foundation presented a check to the Costello Elementary PTO to support its efforts to renovate the Costello baseball fields. The \$400 Community Grant will go to help improve field conditions.

The community has also raised money for the fields through a Go Fund Me campaign, which was started by Dave Henderson Jr. Over \$3,000 have been raised since April. To donate to the project, visit gofundme.com/Costello-Baseball-Fields/.



THE CUL DU SAC on Parkview Court is in bloom for the Wednesday, July 10 Troy Garden Walk. Dr. Liberata Pantig-Felix is pictured at the garden on the road, which is maintained by all three gardeners – Dr. Lib, John Siak and Harvey Whitehead – who are on this year's Garden Walk on Parkview Court.

each and can only be purchased at the Troy Historic Village.

Walk hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5-8:30 p.m. If you take a lunch break, your ticket will get you a discount at Breakaway Deli, Camp Ticonderoga, Crispelli's of Troy, and The Hills City Grille.

Everyone, even those not

going on the walk, will want to stop at the Village Green, 60 W., Wattles, just west of Livernois. It's free, and they have lots of things to enchant you, from an arts and crafts boutique, to a plant sale, and a fabulous finds sale. It's open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Come and explore this city treasure.

Heroes Week at the Aquatic Center

Celebrate heroes with the Troy Family Aquatic Center July 1-5. Everyday heroes including police, fire, emergency responders, and active military members will receive one free admission when accompanied by a paying child

over the age of 3. Regular fees apply for children.

To receive the discount, be sure to bring a badge or ID for proof of service.

The Troy Family Aquatic Center is at 3425 Civic Center Dr.

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The National Tuesday, June 25, 7 p.m. Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor

Willie Nelson Tuesday, June 25, 7:30 p.m. Freedom Hill Amphitheatre, Sterling Heights

The Lonely Island Wednesday, June 26, 8 p.m. Fox Theatre, Detroit

The Reefermen Duo Thursday, June 27, 7:30 p.m. Shield's Pizza, Troy

Dierks Bentley Friday, June 28, 7 p.m. DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston

Open Mic and Karaoke Friday, June 28, 9 p.m. Eats and Crafts, Troy

ON STAGE

Hugh Jackman Monday, June 24, 7 p.m. Little Caesars Arena, Detroit

The Odd Couple June 24-25, Jewish Ensemble Theatre, Walled Lake

Detroit to LA Comedy Challenge Tuesday, June 29, 7:30 p.m. Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, Royal Oak

Rhett & Link Thursday, June 27, 7 p.m. The Fillmore, Detroit

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

Madagascar: A Musical Adventure July 18-21, Stagecrafters Youth Theatre, Royal Oak

AROUND TOWN

Brewery Vivant Tap Takeover Tuesday, June 25, 4 p.m. Sedona Taphouse, Troy

Yoga at the Village Tuesday, June 25, 6:30 p.m. Troy Historic Village

President's Dinner Tuesday, June 26, 6 p.m. Eats and Crafts, Troy

Unlimited Bowling Thursdays June 27, 9 p.m. Escape, Troy

Final Cut Pro X Workshop Saturday, June 29, 5 p.m. CMNtv, Troy

Michigan Guitar Show June 29-30, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Emerald Theatre, Mount Clemens

Euchre Tournament Monday, July 1, 7 p.m. Sherwood Brewing Co., Shelby Township

Quizzo Saturdays, 8:30 p.m. Shield's Pizza, Troy

LIBRARY

All events take place at the Troy Public Library, 510 W Big Beaver Rd, unless stated otherwise. To register, visit Troypl.org

The Story of a \$500 House in Detroit Monday, June 24, 7 p.m.

Sister Pie: The Story of a Big Hearted Bakery in Detroit Tuesday, June 25, 7 p.m.

Descendants Movie Party Thursday, June 27, 1 p.m.

Clothes Art Saturday, June 29, 11 a.m.

Stories of the Wicked Women of Detroit Monday, July 8, 7 p.m.

The Story of Michigan Wildlife Tuesday, July 9, 7 p.m.

KIDS & TEENS

All events take place at the Troy Public Library, unless stated otherwise.

Family Night Saturday, June 29, 5 p.m. Troy Aquatic Center - Families up to four \$10

Kid's Night Out Saturday, June 29, 6:30 p.m. Troy Gymnastics

Silhouette Artist Chris Casey Sunday, June 30, 2 p.m. Pottery Barn Kids, Troy - Hand-cut Classic Silhouettes \$25

Baby & Me Storytime Sunday, June 30, 11 a.m. Barnes & Noble, Troy

Lego Play Day Wednesday, July 3, 11 a.m.

Comedy Magic with Cameron Zvara Monday, July 1, 1 p.m.

Galaxy Stones Tuesday, July 9, 7 pm. Kids 7-13 paint galaxy stones

SAVE THE DATE

We Were Promised Jetpacks July 12, The Loving Touch, Ferndale

Belle & Sebastian July 21, Royal Oak Music Theatre

Rancid September 18, Masonic Temple, Detroit

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GAZETTE RECOMMENDS...



AMERICAN GODS

It's heavy, twisted, and dark, but Neil Gaiman's classic "American Gods" is a thought-provoking look at American belief and the immigrant experience. The book is one of those works that everyone talks about but I just got around to reading. If, like me, you haven't read it yet and are looking for a piece of literature to sink your teeth into, check it out.

- Elena Durnbaugh, Editor

Conductor Ankush Kumar Bahl to Lead DSO at Neighborhood Concerts

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) this week announced that conductor Ankush Kumar Bahl will step in for Gábor Takács-Nagy in a program on the William Davidson Neighborhood Concert Series next week.

Bahl will conduct the DSO and featured soloist Shai Wosner in "Mozart's 'Little' G Minor," a program including Mozart's Symphony No. 25 and Piano Concerto No. 21 as well as

Schumann's Symphony No. 4.

The first performance is on Thursday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield.

On Friday, June 28 at 8 p.m., the DSO will perform at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts in Clinton Township.

And on Sunday, June 30 at 3 p.m., a matinee performance will be held at Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills.

Ankush Kumar Bahl previously

served as assistant conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra and is a frequent cover conductor for the New York Philharmonic and Jaap van Zweden. In recent years, Bahl has been a frequent collaborator with jazz legend Wayne Shorter, leading Shorter's quartet in concerts of his orchestral music at both the Kennedy Center and the Detroit Free Jazz Festival.

Learn more about the William Davidson Neighborhood Concert Series and purchase tickets at dso.org/neighborhood.



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Troy Community Foundation Like Notable Youth's Music

The NoteABLE Youth Ensemble received a \$300 Community Grant to support their work in the area from the Troy Community Foundation. The performing ensemble is tailored to middle school and high school students with developmental issues, autism spectrum

disorders, learning disabilities, and ADHD. They practice and perform throughout the year.

The Troy Community Foundation has handed out over \$46,000 in grants in the last two years. To learn more about the foundation visit troycf.org/.

Mozart in the Summer June 26

Enjoy a little music on Wednesday, June 26 from 7-9 p.m. at the Troy Community Center. The cost to attend is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents.

Sit back and relax to Mozart's "Gran Partita" performed by community musicians DMO Winds. It is a 50-minute piece

scored for two oboes, two clarinets, two basset horns, two bassoons, four French horns, and one string bass.

Meet the musicians during the reception with light refreshments to follow.

Register online at rec.troycommunityfoundation.org/registration or in person at Troy Community Center.

Thursday Tea at Two: Italian Hall Disaster

Take tea with a slice of history inside the 1837 Old Troy Church at the Troy Historic Village for the next installment of "Thursday Tea at Two."

The next tea will be on Thursday, June 27. This month's topic is the Italian Hall Disaster, a tragedy that took place when someone yelled "Fire!" in the crowded Calumet Italian Hall in

1913. Author Steve Lehto will explain what happened and why the perpetrator was never caught.

The cost is \$7 for Troy Historical Society members and \$8 for non-members. The event begins at 2 p.m. and runs until 3 p.m.

For details, call 248-524-3570 or visit TroyHistoricVillage.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/.

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So Long to the Big Beaver Shuttle Bus

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local businesses to host Heartsaver AED/CPR certification training sessions at the Medright office, located at 850 Stephenson Hwy.

“For us the class is important because with the skills taught in the program, everyone has the

13 & 27, and August 10 & 24. Because of the generous sponsorships, participants pay only \$10 for this certification and will receive their AED/CPR card through the American Heart Association, a free t-shirt, and a face shield keychain on the day of



THE KIDS ARE LEARNING TO SAVE A LIFE – These folks stepped up to support the effort to teach CPR in the community and learned life-saving emergency skills. From left: Rene Pothetes (Troy Rotary), Gail Lucas (Medright, Inc.), Nermin Eminovic (Health Markets), Alfred Shala (Health Markets), Edis Karajic (Health Markets), Eric Zawicki (Health Markets), Dan Zawicki (Health Market, Wyatt Lucas, Amir Ribic (Health Markets), Tessa Lucas and Michael Angelo Caruso (Troy Rotary).

Recent Michigan Academy grad Tessa Lucas and her brother Wyatt, a current student at the academy, are providing a very important community service this summer. The siblings are partnering with

ability to save the life of the people they care about,” Wyatt said.

The classes are open to anyone over the age of 12, and will be held from 9 am – 1 pm on the following Saturdays: June 29, July

the class. To register, visit signupgenius.com/go/10C084caba92Ca75-cprsaves.

To learn more, email Tessa and Wyatt Lucas at Wyattwilliamlucas@aol.com.

American Red Cross Blood Donation Opportunities



Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. According to the American Red Cross, supply doesn't always meet demand because only about 3% of age-eligible people donate blood yearly.

The Red Cross and the City of Troy ask people to consider making a lifesaving donation this summer. Blood drives will be held

Monday, July 22, through Friday, July 26, at different locations throughout the city:

Monday, July 22, Fire-Police Training Center, 4850 John R, 9 am-6 pm;

Tuesday, July 23, Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, 9 am-9 pm;

Wednesday, July 24, Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, 9 am-9 pm;

Thursday, July 25, First Presbyterian Church, 4328 Livernois, 11am-5 pm;

Friday, July 26, Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, 9 am-8 pm

“The blood needs of our community can only be met by support from volunteer blood donors,” City of Troy Community Affairs Director City Stewart said.

“Donations are critical for burn victims, open-heart surgeries, some chemotherapy and leukemia patients, and disaster relief. One donation can help save the lives of up to three people.”

To schedule a donation, call 313-300-9617 or 248-524-1147. Appointments can also be made online at redcrossblood.org or by using the free Blood Donor App. Walk-ins are welcome, but a photo ID or Red Cross Donor Card will be required at the time of donation.

Donors must be at least 17-years-old, weigh more than 110 pounds, and be in good general health.

Learn more about donating blood or volunteering for the Red Cross at Redcross.org/.

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POLICE PATROL



by
CYNTHIA KMETT

REMEMBER: LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

A Renshaw Drive resident reported unknown suspects entered her 2014 Dodge Caravan, stealing her iPhone Charger, seven DVDs, a football, and an unknown amount of coins. The victim is unsure if the vehicle was locked as there were no signs of forced-entry into it.

JUST LOOKING FOR THE GOOD STUFF – Morningdale Drive residents discovered an unknown suspect entered their vehicles, rifling through the contents. Nothing of any value appears to be missing from the vehicles and there were no signs of damage. Vehicles entered were a red 2002 Mercury Sable and a beige 2008 Chevrolet Silverado Pick-up Truck. The vehicles were parked in a driveway and on the street respectively.

THIS PERSON WASN'T AS LUCKY – It was a bigger loss for a Brightwood Drive resident who reported an unknown suspect entered her white 2018 Chevrolet Suburban, stealing her two wallets from the center console which contained her license, passport, four credit cards, one debit card, her health insurance card, and other cards. The victim said the vehicle was parked in her driveway and is unsure if it was locked.

DRUNK DRIVING IN TROY IS NEVER A GOOD IDEA – A Troy officer initiated a traffic stop on the driver of a silver 2005 Ford Focus who was driving erratically on Big Beaver at 12:50 a.m. The officer spoke with the driver, a 24-year-old woman from Troy, and when asked, she admitted to having consumed four drinks that contained alcohol. She was asked to perform several sobriety evaluations to which she did but the officer noted that she performed poorly. She submitted to a Preliminary Breath Test with a result of .119% BAC. She was arrested and while searching her vehicle, two open containers containing alcohol were found on the back left passenger seat and in the right passenger seat compartment. One container was ¾ full of alcohol while the second was half-full of alcohol. The driver was charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the

Influence of Alcohol – 1st Offense and Transporting an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle.

DON'T LIE – An officer initiated a traffic stop on the driver of a gray 2018 Dodge Charger who was driving erratically on southbound Rochester Road at 2:38 a.m. and for several traffic violations. The officer spoke with the driver, a 28-year-old woman from Sterling Heights, and noted an odor of alcohol emanating from inside the vehicle. When asked, she denied having consumed any drinks that contained alcohol. She was asked to perform several sobriety evaluations to which she did but the officer noted that she performed poorly. She submitted to a Preliminary Breath Test with a result of .093% BAC. She was arrested and charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of Alcohol.

NEVER SEND MONEY BACK FROM A CHECK – A Lovington Drive resident was selling his vehicle and furniture and was contacted by an unknown subject who wished to purchase

the property and sent the victim a check for \$1,600. The victim put the check into his bank account but was later contacted by the subject who no longer wished to purchase the furniture and requested \$500 of his check back. The victim sent the subject a \$500 check but was later informed by his bank that the original check for \$1,600 came back as having insufficient funds in the subject's account to cover it. The subject who sent the victim the check resides in Edinburg, Texas.

Note: If you have any information on the crimes above, call the Troy Police Department at 248-524-3477. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may call 524-0777.



CITY OF TROY PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held by and before the Planning Commission of the City of Troy at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver, Troy, Michigan, on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the agenda will permit, to consider a proposed one-family cluster development currently known as Ashton Parc Condos, in Section 11, at which time the Planning Commission will consider the Preliminary Site Plan in accordance with Article 10, Section 10.04, of the City of Troy Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed one-family cluster development (31 units) is located on the southeast corner of East Square Lake and Willow Grove (parcel 88-20-11-201-001). The Planning Commission is a recommending body for this application. City Council has the approval authority.

Comments can be expressed at the Public Hearing, or written comments can be directed to the attention of the Planning Department, City of Troy, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, Michigan 48084, or by e-mail to planning@troymi.gov no later than 3:00 p.m. one day prior to the date of the meeting. If you have questions you may contact the Planning Department by e-mail or by phone at (248) 524-3364.

The application on file can be viewed and/or copies can be purchased at the Planning Department, City of Troy, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, Michigan 48084.

Notices and information for public hearings will also be posted on the City website at <https://o.troymi.gov/PublicNotices/>.

Aileen Dickson, MMC, CMMC
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The subject property is located on the North side of Big Beaver, West of John R Road. The applicant is proposing a stand-alone Starbucks restaurant (with drive through) on the Troy Sports Center property.

The subject property parcel number is 88-20-23-476-015. The address is 1819 E Big Beaver.

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Sticker Shock Reminds Not to Serve to Minors

IT'S PARTY TIME – Graduation parties, swim parties, 4th of July cookouts. These are all an opportunity for kids under 21 to party and to indulge in adult beverages. To remind us all that it is against the law to serve alcohol to minors or to buy it for them, it's Sticker Shock time. You can be in serious trouble, not just with fines, but with jail time. At Lucky's Market on John R, owner Mike Konja and Danielle Buser, youth program director for the Troy Community Coalition, but Sticker Shock reminders on alcoholic beverages urging adults not to buy for or serve young people alcohol this season.

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Kids will also get to look for signs of wildlife along the trail and experience the darkness of being underground or the night sky.

Campers should bring a sack lunch for each day they attend. Beverages and an afternoon snack will be provided.

Ecology Days runs Tuesday, June 25, through Friday, June 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camp fee is \$175 or \$160 for Troy Nature Society Members. Single day fees are also available for \$47 or \$42 for members.

To learn more or to register for the camp, visit troynaturesociety.org/summer-camp-2019. Call 248-688-9703 with questions.

Forgotten Harvest to Feed Nearly 200,000 Metro Detroit Children this Summer

In a continuous effort to address food insecurity during the summer months for children in metro Detroit, Forgotten Harvest's "Healthy Foods - Healthy Kids" initiative will look to provide access to nutritious food for nearly 200,000 children in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties.

This initiative combats hunger with three different programs: Summer Lunch Program, Detroit Public Library Healthy Kids Partnership, and

School Pantry Program.

These programs are vital to ensuring that metro Detroit children receive healthy foods so they can grow, learn and thrive in and out of the classroom.

To learn more about Forgotten Harvest's youth food programs or mobile pantries, visit Forgottenharvest.org/programs/. Those interested in volunteering to help pack lunches can learn more at Forgottenharvest.org/volunteer/.

Troy Fencing Club Places Third in National Medal Count

Renaissance Fencing Club will head into the US National Championships next week with 16 fencers who are nationally ranked and three top seed competitors. The Troy-based club has more than 50 entries into the competition and hopes to win at least one national title.

Head foil coach Anatolie Senic is looking forward to the event but admits it will be a strong competition.

"Renaissance Fencing is growing every month. We have won medals all season, and we are preparing every day to be ready to take on the top fencers in the country," he said. "It will be a fight".

Renaissance Fencing Club dominated the region this year by winning 18 youth event regional patches, including 10 gold patches, which is more than any other club in the country. They won 32 medals in super youth and national events in foil, which was the third highest of any club in the United States, though they had far fewer entries on average than the other top 8 clubs

Jeidus Deseranno, an 11-year-old from Grosse Pointe, is the favorite in the Y10 men's foil

event. He won every Y10 event that he entered this season. Deseranno won gold in Y10 and Y12 at the North American Cup in March, which is one of the only two National Youth Events held annually. His teammate Luao Yang, from Bloomfield Township, is

the cadet event. Her brother Michael Upton (Bloomfield Hills) is ranked 87th in the men's cadet point standings. All three will also compete in the Junior competition for fencers under 20-years-old.

In the youth sabre events, two Renaissance fencers have



RENAISSANCE FENCING CLUB in Troy has over a dozen nationally ranked fencers. The club is looking forward to competing in the US National Championships next week. Photo via Renaissance Fencing Club Facebook page.

ranked fourth in the Y10 event and won the final Super Youth Event of the season, which took place in New York in May. Yang finished in the top eight at the North American Cup. This duo is joined by teammates Bailey Beckford (Detroit) and Ethan Liu (Ann Arbor), who are ranked 33rd and 40th respectively.

In Y12 men's foil, Deseranno holds the top rank. He is joined by teammates Liam Reeves (Grosse Pointe Park - 55th) and Yang (42nd) in the 280 plus field.

Over 300 athletes will compete in the Y14 men's foil. The event will feature seven competitors from Renaissance, including four with national rankings: Deseranno (19th), Samuel Freedman (104th), Reeves (135th), and Yang (162nd).

On the ladies side, the Y12 event will include Adeline Senic, (Royal Oak), who is ranked 20th in the Nation. Senic won the recent Super Youth event in St. Louis in late April. She will also compete in the Y14 event where she is ranked 79th.

In the cadet category for under-17 women's foil, Renaissance will have two ranked fencers including number 17 in the country Miranda Freedman (Grosse Pointe). She will also compete in the Division 1 women's foil where she is ranked 79th. Elizabeth Upton (Bloomfield Hills) is ranked 92nd going into

National Pointe including Nicolas Wang (Rochester Hills - 75th) in the Y12 men's sabre and Aeres Zhou (Troy - 92nd) in the Y14 men's sabre event.

Renaissance also boasts several veteran fencers with strong chances of winning a medal. Michael Cho (Farmington Hills) is ranked first in the veteran 40 men's foil and is the defending national champion. He is joined by teammate Nathan Ritter (Troy) ranked 16th in the field. In the veteran 50 men's sabre, Renaissance is represented by Vitaly Neverovich, (Rochester), who is ranked 16th in the nation.

Three-time Olympian Ann Marsh-Senic, who helps run Renaissance Fencing, is excited about the growth and success of the fencers.

"We are becoming one of the strongest youth clubs in the nation. Our kids work really hard and the parents travel to many competitions to allow the kids to fence other strong opponents," she said. "It's been a fantastic team effort and I can't wait to see all our kids perform at the national championships."

Renaissance was founded in 1999 and offers classes and private lessons to kids and adults. Learn more at Renaissancefencing.com/.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The year, 2019, marks a special milestone in the course of Michigan history. It is the 100th anniversary of Michigan's passing of the Nineteenth Amendment which would give women the right to vote in all elections as a right of full citizenship.

Previously, women could only vote for president and governor in some states. You can imagine the change in history it caused – historically, culturally, socially. The book "Woman's Hour" by Elaine Weiss enunciates the dipole that women had, whether to be a Suff (suffragette who thought it right for women to vote and hold

office) or an Anti (women shouldn't sacrifice their delicacy by getting into the political arena).

Here it is 100 years later and we take it for granted that the politicians, male and female, are talking to women as well as men when they campaign and/or take people into account when they consider legislation.

I invite you to take a moment to reflect upon what rights we are entitled to and take them very seriously because they are also responsibilities. This is our country and we are equally responsible for its success.

Democracy is not a spectator sport. As the t-shirt says: Get informed. Get engaged. Vote.

Thank you,

Pam Brady
President, League of Women Voters of Troy Area

OU's Summer Carillon Series Returns July 5

Oakland University's summer carillon concert series, which features carillonneurs from around the world, will return on July 5 and continue for six Fridays.

The free concerts will take

include Bernard Winsemius of Amsterdam on July 5, Gijsbert Kok of The Hague on July 12, Carlo Van Ulft of Springfield on July 19, and Alex Johnson of the University of Rochester on July 26.



Dennis Curry, OU's resident carillonneur. Photo courtesy of Oakland University

place at 6 p.m. on Fridays next to the Elliott Tower on OU's campus. The tower features a fully chromatic 49-bell carillon, which was the last carillon to have its bells and keyboard cast by the Petit and Fritsen Royal Bellfoundry in the Netherlands.

"Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, picnics and friends and enjoy a relaxing evening listening to the sounds of the bells," said Dennis Curry, OU's resident carillonneur.

Guest performers are recognized international carillonneurs who will provide a wide variety of music. Performers

In August, The Verheyen Carillon & Guitar Duo of Hasselt perform on the 2nd, and Dennis Curry of Kirk in the Hills & Oakland University performs on August 9.

Tours of the tower will follow each recital.

To learn more about Oakland University's Elliott Tower, visit Oakland.edu/elliott-tower/.

For more information about the Fridays @ 6 Summer Carillon Series, contact Dennis Curry at dncurry@oakland.edu.

Oakland County to Replace Public Safety Communications System

Oakland County is investing in enhancing the ability of first responders to communicate with each other during emergencies, including communications with neighboring counties as well as state and federal agencies, County Executive L. Brooks Patterson announced this week.

The county has entered into a contract with Motorola Solutions to replace its current public safety radio system with the ASTRO 25 land-mobile radio (LMR) network which will interface with the statewide Michigan Public Safety Communication System (MPSCS).

Oakland County will be the first user in Michigan to utilize Motorola Solutions' "Phase 2" technology that will more than double the number of users on one system.

"Oakland County always pursues innovation to provide outstanding services to our residents and businesses," Patterson said. "That's why we collaborated with our cities, villages, and townships to identify and implement leading-edge communications technology that will improve public safety for years to come."

Motorola Solutions Regional Vice President Chris Lonnett said his company will be working with Oakland County to take the county's public safety communications to the next level.

"We're ecstatic to work with Oakland County to provide them with mission-critical communication solutions for their first responders," Lonnett said. "Oakland County has long been a role model for agencies working together to improve public safety. This will be a great step forward to improve regional communications interoperability."

In addition to interoperability, the ASTRO 25 land-mobile radio (LMR) network will provide Oakland County's public safety departments countywide paging of firefighters with new 700/800 MHz pagers.

"This new partnership with Motorola Solutions will launch Oakland County into a whole new level of emergency communications," said Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard. "Technology is constantly changing and this investment will give our first responders the tools they need to serve our residents."

Oakland County's contract with Motorola Solutions requires one percent grade of service which means 99 out of 100 times the two-way radio system will be fully available to a first responder. Also, the contract requires the new radio system to cover 97 percent of the county outdoors and 95 percent of the county while in buildings.

The \$46.9 million project will replace more than 3,500 portable radios and about 2,000 radios in emergency vehicles with Motorola Solutions APX mobile and portable two-way radios for communications for public safety officers.

The system will be built with multiple layers of redundancy to withstand large-scale emergencies such as tornadoes or floods. The design includes 31 sites, 12 channels on the 700/800MHz, and will be built to Project 25 "Phase 1" and "Phase 2" compliance standards.

Implementing the complete network will take up to three years. Over the next six months, Oakland County and Motorola will work to design the 31-site system to submit to MPSCS for review.



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TFEE Golf Classic Fundraiser Another Success

Troy Foundation for Education Excellence hosted its 17th annual TFEE Tony Spagnola Golf Classic on Friday, June 21.

Nearly 150 golfers took to the course at Sanctuary Lake Golf Course to help raise money for the Troy School District. The weather took a break from the rain to provide a perfectly sunny day for golfers to tee up for a good cause. In addition to their time on the green, participants competed to

win prizes and bid on the 43 silent auction baskets.

The Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence works to provide resources to enrich the education experience of Troy students. They also help the community partner together with district staff to preserve education excellence.

To learn more about the foundation, visit troyfoundation.org/.

Avondale Student Awarded Huntington Ford Scholarship

Allison Drabek is determined to become a nurse. And for her, it is personal.

The Avondale High School senior developed lupus a few years ago. She credits her nurses for helping her through that difficult time.

tuition support for four years.

"When I got the call from my high school counselor, I was just in shock," says Drabek. "I was at a restaurant with my family. When I told them, we all cried happy tears. I feel so lucky and grateful."

Drabek is the eighth recipient

continues to demonstrate financial need, completes full-time credits during each fall and winter semester, and maintains a minimum 3.0 GPA.

For the Scoggins, recipients of the Huntington Ford Scholarship are like a second family. They stay in touch over the years and proudly recount the students' many successes.

"This is not just about giving a scholarship," says Christie Scoggin. "We want to hear from the students throughout their journey. When they achieve, when they struggle, we are here for them. All of these students matter to us."

The Scoggins met Drabek and her family at Avondale High School on May 20, 2019 for the first time. Laughter and hugs were part of that first gathering. The Scoggins told Drabek she will love OU, and that other Huntington Ford scholars will be there to help her adjust to college life. They also encouraged Drabek to "do great things, and down the road when someone needs help, then pay it forward any way you can."

Funding the Huntington Ford Scholarship is how the Scoggins live out their lifelong goal of helping others.

"We wanted to do something positive and meaningful for the community we love," says Pat Scoggin. "Creating this scholarship and reading about these amazing young people has been a joy for us. We are so proud of them and all they have accomplished. They are extended members of our family."



A FAMILY EXPANDED: Allison Drabek pictured with her family and her new "scholarship family" donors (left to right): Jeff Drabek, Christie Scoggin, Tyler Drabek, Allison Drabek, Pat Scoggin and Bridget Drabek. Photo courtesy of Oakland University

"It was a life-changing experience," recalls Drabek. "I never forgot how kind they were to me when I was so sick. Now I want to get my degree in nursing from Oakland University so I can help others."

This spring, Drabek's dream of becoming a nurse took a major leap closer to realization when she was named the 2019 recipient of the Huntington Ford Scholarship. The scholarship will provide full-

of the Huntington Ford Scholarship, which is awarded annually to an incoming OU freshman from Avondale, Rochester, Rochester Adams or Stoney Creek high schools.

Established by donors Pat and Christie Scoggin, applicants are evaluated based on financial need, academic performance and extracurricular involvement. The full-tuition scholarship is renewable for a student who

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The deadline is August 10. To learn more about the Adult Summer Library Program, visit troypl.org/.

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To sign up and learn more, visit familiesagainstnarcotics.org/volunteer

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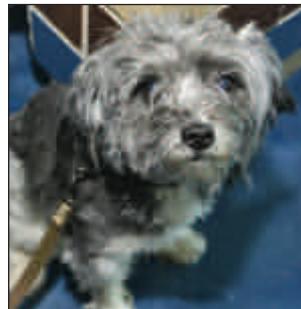


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Medical Main Street Cybersecurity Event June 26

Oakland County Medical Main Street is hosting "Cyber Security Hacks in Health Care: Protecting Your Health Data" on June 26 at the Velocity Collaboration Center in Sterling Heights.

"There is an enormous need to protect business data, particularly health care data," said Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. "We have cyber attacks from malware and ransomware,

phishing attacks, misleading websites, cloud threats, and there are new ones every day. I urge you to attend this important Medical Main Street event."

Keynote speakers are FBI Special Agent Benjamin Simon and FBI Intelligence Analyst Matthew Schwieger, who will discuss the various threats and provide possible solutions.

After the keynote speakers, a

panel of experts will lead a discussion on how to protect data and information systems.

The presentation takes place Wednesday, June 26 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Velocity Collaboration Center, 6633 18 Mile Road in Sterling Heights. The event is free, but registration is required. Register at Eventbrite.com and search for the event.



THE TROY FIRE DEPARTMENT has been training at the Combined Regional Emergency Service Training (CREST) facility this month. Each of the city's six stations will participate in training. CREST is located at Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills Campus. At the facility, firefighters are able to train in live fire conditions so that they can gain valuable experience in a controlled environment. See more photos at [Facebook.com/TroyMIFireDept/](https://www.facebook.com/TroyMIFireDept/).

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The Rainbow Connection and Sterling Heights firefighters are hosting 400 wish family members at their annual summer picnic to celebrate the wish children and their families. You won't have to look far to see Harley rides, ponies, face painting, inflatables, games, Guernsey ice cream, and firemen cooking burgers. The picnic will take place on Wednesday, June 26 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights.

The Rainbow Connection will be introducing its new partner Guernsey Farms Dairy. The Peardon Group and East Metro Credit Union will be making check presentations to help more wishes come true.

The Rainbow Connection grants wishes to children in Michigan with life-threatening medical conditions. Learn more at Rainbowconnection.org/.

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