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House Burns for a Second Time



Stockbridge Area Emergency Services Authority personnel responded to a fire at 5313 North M-52 Friday night after receiving a 911 call from a neighbor. Having already set fire in January, the previous home of Shawn and Tristin Resinger was once again consumed in flames when firefighters approached the building at approximately 8:30 p.m. Ten firefighters from SAESA and seven from Unadilla spent about two and half hours extinguishing the fire and securing the scene. SAESA Deputy Chief Russ Stowe said the fire was caused by "suspicious origins."

Photo and information by Melinda Baird

Solar Powered Cars Travel Through the Area

By Michael Stavola

The 2012 American Solar Challenge drove through the area on Tuesday as the parade of solar powered cars made its way to Minnesota.

Every two years collegiate teams from around the globe build and race solar powered vehicles across the United States. The course this year takes teams from Rochester, NY to St Paul - a total of over 1,650 miles.

Students have the goal of creating the most efficient vehicles in the world and they are responsible for all designing, building, financing and racing.

After Monday, the three time defending champs, U of M, with their \$1.5 million car held a 3 hour lead.

The top cars are capable of cruising at highway speeds for almost the entire race.

Some cars have been tested to top speeds over 105 mph on NASCAR race tracks.

The 2012 American Solar Challenge peeled-off from New York on June 14. Tuesday the teams charged their cars from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the U of M

using only solar panels before departing. The race is similar to the Tour de France, where the combined times of every leg will be calculated, and the shortest time wins.

The teams traveled along M-52 through Chelsea and Lyndon Township.



The U of M team takes advantage of the brilliant sun to charge their car before getting back into the race on Tuesday.

Photo by Michael Stavola

Will A Multi-Million Dollar Investor Walk Away?

Chelsea City Officials Consider Pros and Cons

By Melinda Baird

With the hope of reigniting a \$3.7 million purchase proposal from the Kadushin/Beal Development group led by Abe Kadushin, representatives of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network and Preservation Chelsea urged Chelsea City Council members to reach out to the development team after they withdrew their proposal June 19.

The Kadushin/Beal team set out to acquire the property on North Main Street known locally as the 110 Longworth Building by submitting a proposal, to a request for proposals, by the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority (CDDA). Kadushin/Beal then withdrew their offer after further negotiations clarified details, in the form of resolution, that placed city officials and CDDA members in conflict with the Kadushin/Beal group.

The barriers to close the sale included a \$1 million bank letter of credit and request for a tax abatement.

This was a second attempt by historic preservation representatives, the first public appeal was during the June 21 CDDA meeting, to sway officials to reach out to the development team and continue negotiations.

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Simply You Salon Open for Business

Staff of newly-opened Simply You Salon and Spa in downtown Stockbridge enthusiastically welcomes you to be their guest in their family-oriented salon. Offering hair care, massage, reflexology, skin care—including facials, waxing and body scrubs—manicures, pedicures and sauna, the salon is nestled in a one hundred year-old building that has been recently renovated to maintain much of its historic character. Robin Lowe-Fletcher owns the salon with her husband Jeff and credits him, her two sons Evan and Brendon, and their extended family with helping restore the building and launch the business. Robin and Jeff are proud of their team and encourages patrons to try all the stylists. "We've had a great start, and now it is time for a new beginning," said Fletcher. Pictured from left to right is receptionist Linda Petsch, stylist Veronica Lozon, stylist Nicole Wiley, owner and stylist Robin Lowe-Fletcher, massage therapist and esthetician Dawne Batoff-Salow, stylist LeAnn Jackson and stylist Laura Cole-Christinske. Photo and story by Melinda Baird

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Obituaries

Geraldine Marie (Mast) Gleske Napoleon, Michigan Formerly of Chelsea

Passed away at age 95, Friday, July 13, 2012 at Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born January 6, 1917, the daughter of Jacob and Ella Mae Mast.

Gerry graduated from Chelsea High School in 1935 and married the love of her life, Alton Gleske, on July 3, 1937. She was a homemaker and held various jobs through the years at Hoover Ball & Bearing, the Chelsea Standard, and Village Motors.

She is survived by her three children: Carol (Gene) Ledford, Robert (Dianne) Gleske, and Sandra (Richard) Neff; seven grandchildren: Teri (Tom) Bareis, Mark (Kristin) Neff, Jennifer (Charlie) Wolfe, Susan (Joey) Long, Amy Ledford, Aaron Ledford, Brad (Winnie) Gleske, and seven great-grandchildren: Kailani and Gianna Wolfe, Addison, Hunter and Jessica Neff, and Emma and Hayden Long; as well as her brother-in-law, Bill Gleske. She was preceded in death by her Father, Mother, a twin sibling Gerald, and her husband Alton.

Some enjoyments throughout her life were reading,



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crossword puzzles, crocheting, canning, shopping, and good conversation. Geraldine Marie Gleske will be remembered for the unconditional love she gave to her family, her joyous laugh, many friendships, the open arms to all she welcomed into her home and fed, and her beauty and grace.

A funeral service took place Monday, July 16, 2012 from the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea with Rev. Joy Barrett officiating.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Cascades Humane Society.

Terrence "Terry" A. Thompson Grass Lake Michigan

Passed away at age 74, Saturday morning July 14, 2012 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was born October 6, 1937 in Grayling, Michigan the son of Archel and Mildred (Webber) Thompson.

Terry had worked in the printing industry for over 30 years, then became a self employed excavator.

June 14, 1980 he married Lois A. Crowe, and she survives; also surviving are his mother, six children: Terry Thompson of Alabama, Theresa (James) Motsinger of Dexter, Marlene (Steve) Alexander of Cheboygan, and Mike Thompson of Alabama, Kim (Jeff) Blanchard of Jackson, and Jack (Heather) Rathburn of Manchester; three brothers and one sister: Gerry (Anita) Thompson of Florida, Larry (Elaine) Thompson, of St. Helen, Mayree (Jim) Payne of Gaylord, and Butch (Lisa) Thompson of Houghton Lake; also one sister-in-law Lena



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Thompson from Texas. He was preceded in death by his father, and one brother, Jay Thompson.

A Memorial Service will take place Saturday, July 21, 2012 at 3pm from the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea with Rev. Kathy Schell officiating.

Expressions of sympathy can be made to the Chelsea Community Hospital Cancer Center. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 6-8 p.m.

Diann Beth Earl Jackson, Michigan

Passed away at age 75, Monday, July 2, 2012 at CareLink of Jackson. She was born on May 23, 1937 in Stockbridge, Michigan, the daughter of Emit and Alice (Fizer) Hurdlebrink.

Diann had lived in the Jackson area since 1977, coming from Florida. She was a former member of the Munith United Methodist Church; she loved to read and was a member of the Jackson Public Library Eastern Branch Book Club. Diann was also an avid Tigers Baseball fan.

Surviving are her children: Julie Earl of Jackson, Jill (Mike) Maurer of Denver, Sarah (Mike) Bowditch of Chelsea, and John (Colleen) Earl of Grass Lake; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Iris Oakley of Jackson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Earl, and three siblings: Marion Burmis, John Hurdlebrink, and Myron Hurdlebrink.



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A Memorial Service will take place Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 11am from the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge with Pastor Jeanne Laimon officiating. Interment will take place at Munith Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Allegiance Health Cancer Center or to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge.

JANET TEALL

Born April 11, 1941 passed away July 13, 2012. She is survived by husband her husband James Teall, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and extended family and friends.

A memorial service will take place July 21, 2012 at 1pm from the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses located at 17690 Old US 12 in Chelsea Michigan 48118.

FYI

MME & ACT Important Tests

By Bruce Wm Brown
Superintendent of Schools
The Michigan Merit Exam (MME) is a series of academic tests taken by high school juniors each spring. Staff and students are very serious about test preparation for the MME because it includes the ACT college admission test. MME scores are now available and they show the average ACT score for Stockbridge this year was 20.3. The Stockbridge ACT score has increased every year since the test began in 2008. Additional test score information is available for all schools in Michigan at <https://www.mischooldata.org>.

POLICE BEAT

Stockbridge Village Police

6/25/12 11:15am, property damage crash in the 200 block of W. Elizabeth. A driver backed into a parked car. Minor damage; no injuries.

12:45pm, assisted Ingham County Sheriff with a warrant arrest in the 4900 block of S. M-52. A 35 yr old Stockbridge man was briefly detained for a child support warrant. He later posted bond and was released.

8:35pm, medical assist in the 200 block of S. Williams. A 49 yr old Stockbridge woman reportedly had a seizure. She was transported to an area hospital.

6/26 10am, a 51 yr old Williamston man was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant stemming from larceny charges in Stockbridge in 2006. He was lodged in the Ingham Co. Jail.

7:35pm, trouble with subjects complaint in the 500 block of Wood Street. Teenagers were threatening other teenagers. All subjects identified and warned.

7/1 3:35pm, traffic stop in the 200 block of S. Clinton for suspected operating under the influence. A 34 yr old Swartz Creek man arrested after he was found to be in possession of Marijuana. He was later released pending lab analysis.

7/3 7:10pm, animal complaint in the 200 block of S. Water. A man was walking his dog when another man's dog attacked his. The case was later turned over to Ingham Co. Animal Control.

10:19pm, larceny of fireworks in the 200 block of S. Clinton. A suspect has been identified and charges are being sought.

7/6 2:50pm, misdemeanor warrant arrest in the 600 block of S. Clinton. A 26 year old Stockbridge man was arrested for two outstanding warrants after being questioned about a larceny of fireworks. He was lodged in the Ingham Co. Jail.

7/7 4:30pm, recovered a stolen bike in the 200 block of West Street. The bike was turned over to its owner.

7/8 8pm, breaking and entering in the 100 block of S. Clinton. This case is under investigation.

7/9 5:40pm, responded to an overdose complaint in the 400 block of S. Clinton. A 42 year old Stockbridge man was transported to U of M Hospital in serious condition.

7/10 12pm, misdemeanor warrant arrest of a 49 year old Munith man in the 200 block of S. Williams. He was turned over to Ingham Co. Sheriff's Deputy.

7/11 10:15am, three-car personal injury accident on S. M-52 near Morton. Three area women were taken to Sparrow Hospital. Geese crossing the road were a factor.

7/12 1am, report of an intoxicated driver in the 200 block of S. Clinton. Officers made contact with Michael Holbrook, 22 of Munith, and later arrested him for Operating While Intoxicated. He was lodged in the Ingham Co. Jail and arraigned later that morning.

Unadilla Township Police

7/8 Assisted Unadilla Township Fire Department with tree blocking roadway, Unadilla Road

Assist to EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department with medical emergency, Main Street

Malicious destruction of property, houses shot with paintballs, Wasson Road

Neighbor dispute, Roepke Road

Provided traffic safety for triathlon by Ann Arbor Touring Society, Kaiser Road

Criminal sexual assault reported to police, determined to have occurred in Ann Arbor, turned over to Michigan State Police

7/9 Trespass complaint, Bowditch Road

7/10 Barking dog disturbance, Pleasant Drive

Assisted Unadilla Township Fire Department with open burn complaint, determined unfounded, Orlando Drive

Hit and run property damage accident, driver later arrested by Pinckney Police for driving while intoxicated, W. M-36

Malicious destruction of property, gas line of motor vehicle cut while parked at residence, Roepke Road

7/11 Reckless driver complaint, Kathryn Court

Charges authorized against 84-year-old Unadilla Township man for moving violation causing death from May 6th accident, M-36 at Dexter Trail

7/12 Welfare check, San Marino Drive

Assist to EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department for medical emergency, Dutcher Road

7/13 Disturbing the peace, Lakeview Drive

Neighbor disturbance, Woodside Drive

Suspicious men in white van walking around back of residence, Dutton Road

7/14 Loud music disturbance, Barton Road

Provided traffic safety for Helluva ride bicycle tour, Hadley Road and Church Street

Pinckney Village Police

7/8 Two-car private property accident at McDonald's Restaurant, E. M-36

7/9 Hit and run accident at Busch's, E. M-36

Noise disturbance, Cricket Crossing

Assisted Hamburg Township Police Department with fleeing B&E suspect and accident investigation, Chilson Commons Circle

7/10 62-year-old Fenton man arrested for driving while intoxicated after driver fled hit and run crash in Unadilla Township, W. Main Street

Welfare check, W. Main Street

7/11 Homeowner reported air conditioner unit being tampered with, Cricket Crossing

Assist to EMS and Putnam Township Fire Department with medical emergency, Pearl Street

7/12 Assisted Putnam Township Fire Department with traffic control at scene of downed power line, S. Howell Street

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7/13 22-year-old Pinckney man and 21-year-old Clinton man arrested for assault and battery, possession of marijuana and open container of intoxicants following assault incident that occurred at PB, E. Main Street

Chelsea City Police

7/14 100 Block Park Street, at approximately 12pm Chelsea Police responded to the listed location for the report of a parking complaint. The caller stated that the vehicle was blocking his vehicle in. Upon arrival the officer determined that the vehicle was improperly plated and not registered. The officer confiscated the plate and it will be destroyed. The vehicle owner was notified and ticketed for the violation.

7/9 500 Block Madison Street at approximately 8am Chelsea Police responded to the listed location for the report of a trouble with subject complaint. The officer responded and met with both individuals; the officer stoodby while the callers possessions were moved off of the property.

Waterloo Township Police

7/9 Issued a misdemeanor violation to a homeowner on Huttenlocher Road for an ordinance violation.

7/10 Responded to an unknown trouble call at a business in Munith caused by a faulty phone connection at 11:27 am.

Issued an appearance ticket to a Stockbridge man with a suspended license from a traffic stop on M-52 at 2:20 pm.

Responded to a call for service at a home in Coachman's Cove MHP and assisted the ambulance in transporting a woman to Allegiance Hospital.

7/11 Assisted a Michigan Department of Corrections fugitive agent on a home search for a parole violator on Coon Hill Road at 11:45 am.

Assisted Stockbridge PD on a search for a parole absconder last seen at a house on M-52 in Stockbridge.

Arrested a Jackson man for drunk driving from a traffic stop on Territorial Road at 11:53 pm.

7/12 Executed a search warrant on a camper trailer at a campground on Dunn Road after an arrest of a parole violator.

Assisted a Sheriff unit on a domestic disturbance call in Munith on 7th Street at 8:49 pm.

7/13 Assisted a woman on a transfer of personal property from a residence in Coachman's Cove MHP at 6:45 pm.

7/14 Provided traffic safety and event security at a bicycle ride event around the State Park on Seymour Road

7/15 Arrested an Inkster man for a civil warrant from a traffic stop on Portage Lake Road at 7:48 pm.

Assisted Chelsea Fire on a call to Camp Waterloo at 9:23 pm.

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Should You Take a Pension Buyout?
Submitted by Edward Jones

If you've received an offer from your employer to buy out your pension, you're facing a big decision: Should you accept the lump sum or continue taking your monthly pension payments?

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a traditional IRA, you may be able to avoid paying taxes on those funds until you start your withdrawals.

Consider your estate plans. Pension payments generally end when you and your spouse are gone, but with an IRA, you may still end up with something you can leave behind.

Don't forget about inflation. If your pension payments aren't indexed for inflation, they'll lose purchasing power over time. Within your IRA, you can invest for growth potential, but remember that all investments are subject to some level of risk.

You're facing a big choice. Get all the facts, and then get some professional help from your financial and tax advisors.

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Chelsea Schools Promote from Within

By Lucy Silverio

When Julie Deppner, the new Executive Director of Instruction for the Chelsea School District (CSD) looks out the window of her new office at The Washington Street Education Center she sees the classroom where 18 years ago she began her career in Chelsea. Deppner came to the district as a math teacher moving from the Holly District.

Deppner took over the position vacated by Andrew Ingall who became the district superintendent upon the retirement of David Killips.

The Executive Director of Instruction oversees the curriculum for every student in the district. It is a fundamental, but mostly behind the scenes job: choosing textbooks, methodologies, and studying the psychology of learning. The position requires a strong educator who is a good administrator and skillful in working with parents, teachers, and other administrators.

Ingall and former Superintendent Killips both felt that Deppner, who was the Principal of Chelsea High School, would be an excellent choice for the job.

Deppner has been in education for 23 years beginning in Holly where she taught math for five years before coming to CSD to continue as a math teacher. She became Principal of Chelsea High School in 2008.

According to Deppner, being asked to take on the role of Executive Director of Instruction was extremely bitter sweet, "I had only been principal of Chelsea High School for four years and there was more that I wanted to do."

Deppner earned a BS in Mathematics with a minor in Spanish. She went on to earn a Masters in Educational Leadership and has also completed a Specialist Degree in that field.

Along with the opportunities to focus on the curriculum,

she said she is interested in administration. "I will be overseeing all instructional aspects in the district, including staff evaluations, hiring of professional staff, and curriculum reviews and updates, as well as Community Education," she explained. "I am looking forward to continuing the level of excellence we have been accustomed to at the CSD. Expanding our use of technology with iPads in every classroom at the K-2 building and in several classrooms at the high school, along with our one-to-one laptop program in grades 6-12 will be a major focus for me in my new position."

Mike Kapolka, former assistant principal and athletic director at the high school, has replaced Deppner as principal of Chelsea High School beginning with the 2012/2013 academic year.

Kapolka started his career in education in 2001 as an English and history teacher at Warren Fitzgerald High School. He has been in the CSD since 2007 and became athletic director as well as assistant principal in 2011.

Two new Assistant Principals, Jeremy Barkey and Dr. Luman Strong will be joining Kapolka at the high school. Strong was formerly a third grade teacher at South Meadows Elementary.

Jeremy Barkey, the only administrative hire from outside the district, was a history teacher and assistant football coach in Holly.

With a decrease in enrollment and funding over the past year, the decision was made to eliminate the assistant superintendent position upon the retirement of Lynn Bollman. Those duties will be performed by the superintendent, executive director of finance, and executive director of instruction.



Former Chelsea High School Principal Julie Deppner stepped into the role of Executive Director of Instruction replacing Andrew Ingall.

Stockbridge, Gregory and Munith Chamber Elects Officers

The Stockbridge Area Chamber of Commerce, which serves the Stockbridge, Gregory and Munith communities, is pleased to announce the 2012-2013 Officers and Board of Directors. Officers are President Donna Lippens (SSBBank), Vice President Suzin Greenway (Stockbridge Open Air Market), Secretary Linda Inman (Creative Learning), and Treasurer Kristi Brewster (SSBBank). Directors Blair Tuckey (Theresa's Angels), Mike Klimkiewicz (Stockbridge Bowl), and Dr. Erin Clifton (Positively Chiropractic).

The Stockbridge Area Chamber of Commerce was established in 1994 to help our businesses and residents succeed by making our community a better place in which to live. The Chamber hosts the annual "A Day in the Village" festival which takes place on Father's Day weekend helps to sponsor the Gregory 4th of July celebration and the Munith Halloween Parade.

The Chamber also co-sponsors Make a Difference Day celebrating volunteerism, and Small Business Saturday promoting local businesses, in addition to helping organize the annual Stockbridge Harvest Festival in October. Donations are made by the Chamber each year to help support local organizations such as the Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation and SAESA Explorers.

The Chamber selects a deserving high school senior for a scholarship each spring and provides volunteer

opportunities for National Honor Society students. See the website, stockbridge.net, for more information about the Chamber.

Unadilla Township Man Charged In Fatal Motorcycle Accident

Submitted by Police Chief William Cook

Charges have been authorized by the Livingston County Prosecutor's Office against a Unadilla Township man for his actions causing a fatal motorcycle accident. The crash occurred on May 6 at 12:14 pm.

According to Unadilla Township Police, an 84 year-old driver was operating his 2003 Ford minivan northbound on M-36 when he attempted to turn left onto Dexter Trail. The driver pulled into the path of

a 1967 Triumph motorcycle operated by Thomas Gonzales, a 64-year-old Pittsfield Township man. Gonzales struck the front of the van and was pronounced dead at the scene by EMS officials.

The driver of the minivan was charged with a moving violation causing death, a 1 year misdemeanor. The driver of the van's name has not been released by police pending his arraignment in the 53rd District Court.

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Police Warn of Phone Scam, Consider Neighborhood Watch

According to Stockbridge Village Police Chief Johnnie Torres, a phone scam is currently taking place in the area. A subject has been calling potential victims and Torres reports it is a foreign-speaking subject with broken English. The subject informs the victim that they have won a U.S. Mega Millions Sweepstakes and to get the prize they have to pay a fee of \$300.

Once this fee is paid, they receive a prize of \$800,000. The person calling tells the victim that they will come to the house in a couple hours to get the money and will then produce the \$800,000 prize.

This scam should be reported and the police should be called immediately if someone

suspicious approaches a home. Torres added that due to this and other area crimes he is starting a neighborhood watch program for the village. All interested individuals who live in the village and are at least 21 yrs of age should contact Stockbridge Village Police at (517)851-7435.

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Believes Characterization Is Unfair

Arlene Grau and LuAnn Koch are unfairly and incorrectly being characterized as the culprits behind Sylvan Township's financial difficulties. Eleven years ago the Township Board entered into a financial agreement with developers and Washtenaw County to build a water and sewer system. The Township hired a Lansing legal firm to protect its interests and the county had its staff and analysts.

When the Township decided to build a pipeline to the Leoni waste water plant instead of building a Sylvan waste water plant no red flags were raised by Township counsel or Washtenaw County. Fast forward to 2007, the economy has collapsed and the pipeline is more expensive than anticipated. The developers sued over this and the circuit

court allowed them to vacate their debt. Bad legal advice and the county's failure to do their due diligence have left us all with bond debt.

Arlene Grau and LuAnn Koch are lifelong residents of Sylvan Township and have raised their families here. They are both dedicated and hard working public officials who would never do anything to harm the community they love. It is untrue and unfair election rhetoric to blame them for our difficulties.

Their opponents are decent, well meaning men who lack the experience to be the Township's Clerk and Treasurer. To replace these exceptional women who have years of experience and dedicated service would be a disservice to the community. Bob Lange Supervisor, Sylvan Township

Wondering What He Is Talking About

In your article on July 11, 2012 regarding Sylvan Township Supervisor Candidate Scott Cooper Faces Off With Angry Vets, it was stated, Cooper blames Sylvan's debt of nearly \$14 million on 2 board members and their failure to uphold ordinances. What ordinances is he talking about?

He doesn't say or recite them and has yet to bring forward any such issues of violation to

the township board. Cooper, a Trustee since 2008, lays blame through the "Heroes On The Water" event for disabled vets, for the sole purpose of distracting the attention on his unacceptable and bullish behavior which resulted in what Cooper referred to as a public lynching. It was a public lynching created by his own actions.

LuAnn S. Koch, Sylvan Township Clerk

People Post

In Our Shoes

I would like to ask Mr. Cooper what laws and ordinances the Township Board broke when we put in water and sewer? I need to remind you that the sewer started at Cavanaugh Lake with their petitions. Would they have wanted the whole Township to vote on that? I don't think so. And now they want water.

If these people would have been in our shoes when the water/sewer started and the economy was doing great, would they have voted the same way? One of the

candidates said we don't notify the constituents when a zoning takes place. There are notices in two papers, 300 ft notices are sent out and a notice is posted on the door.

If most of these people would have come to township meetings before the summer and fall of 2011 they would know the board is transparent and doing the very best we can. I certainly don't like putting more taxes on the people of Sylvan Township the board included, but it will happen. Arlene J. Grau Sylvan Township Treasurer

Taking Issue With Comments on the Record

I would like to address LuAnn Koch, Arlene Grau and Reuben Lesser with their mailing on July 11th to the taxpayers of Sylvan Township. First off, never ever has anyone in the clean slate of candidates (www.sylvancleanstate.com) said that we could or would be able to eliminate the debt from the Water and Sewer. That simply did not happen.

We never said that we would eliminate the Township consultants. What we said was that we would utilize our township people with the expertise that has been previously offered to the current board. The volunteer offers were turned down. Instead our tax dollars were used in a reckless manner.

We have also said right from the start that this election is NOT about political parties. It is indeed about the issues. Why would an election not be about the issues? Why do LuAnn, Arlene and Reuben want to make it about political parties? We never hid the fact that we all ran Republican to REMOVE the party cloud. We are a mixture of political parties. Roy has never hid the fact that he was a Democrat. In fact, plain statements about this were made on our candidate web site. The Sun Times and The Chelsea Standard publications per their questionnaires.

LuAnn Koch and I went to school together and graduated one year apart. I also grew up at Cedar Lake so I am not sure where information was found that I have only lived in Sylvan Township for three years. I have lived in Sylvan and Lima Townships for 47 of my 57 years. At no time did I pretend to know what went on in 2001. I have tried to educate myself by reading the documents that the www.freelysylvan.org site has dug deep to find and post for everyone in the township to read.

As for my used record business, Rerun Records, LuAnn, Arlene and Reuben certainly failed to check her facts before publishing "untruths" as I have owned the registered name (please check the county register of deeds office) for about 34 years. My business is indeed an e-commerce business with a web site (www.rerunrecords.com) but eBay sales are only a small part of my business. I also travel to record shows around Michigan. I have also promoted record shows for about 20 years now. Please remember that many Sylvan Township taxpayers are self employed.

As for Doug Smith, their letter failed to tell you that LuAnn sent his document into the county and that she missed his signature as well. I wonder how LuAnn, with all of her experience missed that?

As for my coming to board meetings, ever since I found out what was going on and how the taxpayers were getting stuck with a \$13 million bill for something that over 90% of the taxpayers will never be able to utilize, I have been at every board meeting. Has someone been peeking at my voter record? A high percentage of Sylvan Township taxpayers have not travelled to the polls for every election. Why didn't I (and most other residents) know how serious the situation was, until recently? Good

Hopes To Work Together for Success

Thank you for your coverage of the recent Village Council meeting. The media plays an important role in keeping citizens informed of local government proceedings, procedures, and decisions.

There are a few things I would like to clear up. My words were not that the Market is failing, but that "I fear that the Market will fail without more support." The small signs help us get the word out, but I think a permanent sign would help in advertising and be an attractive welcoming to the many passers-by of Stockbridge. (In fact, I am missing two of the small signs and would appreciate any help in getting them back!)

As to the police assistance in the All Clubs Day motorcycle show, I was aware of the earlier


decision, and only intended to voice my concern for the well-being of the two on-duty, overtime-paid police officers. They would be doing the work that took 10 volunteer Christian Motorcyclists to do in shifts. The volunteers we have used in the past have been trained in traffic safety as former police officers, firefighters, and military personnel. If Chief Torres determines that the assistance of trained volunteers would be useful, we have volunteers ready to step up and help.

Lastly I want to thank everyone for all the calls and e-mails of support for the Open Air Market and All Clubs Day and the recognition of their benefits to the Stockbridge area and community. Suzin Greenway Stockbridge Township

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question, LuAnn, Arlene and Reuben. You all knew but certainly didn't say much.

Now let's address credibility here. My opinion is that the current board hides so much information from the taxpayers that it should be illegal. The only authority that they have is all the secretive authority that they have given themselves. Many taxpayers in Sylvan Township feel this way.

When Doug Smith, Roy Schmidt, Kurt Koseck and myself stood up to run for these offices, we did so because a change needed to be made. Pure and simple. We need to have Honesty, Integrity and Transparency for the taxpayers of Sylvan. The taxpayers deserve to see where and how, in great detail their tax dollars are being spent. That is what the Clean Slate is all about, cleaning the slate of people that have been in there way too long and do not have the best interests of the taxpayers but rather have their own agendas.

Lastly, I would like to ask LuAnn, Arlene and Reuben to please tell us exactly how much experience you had when you ran for your first term on the board? There is plenty of help to be had from the State of Michigan to assist newly elected township officials learn their positions so we can properly do our elected duties. Rodney Branham Sylvan Township Treasurer Candidate

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"We are in the third year of a three-year period of stabilized regulations that were developed by working with turkey hunting groups," explained DNR upland game bird specialist Al Stewart. "Regulations are exactly the same as last year. These regulations provide fall wild turkey hunters with increased

opportunities and flexibility. Fall turkey seasons are initiated to help stabilize or reduce wild turkey numbers in certain areas of the state to meet local goals based on habitat conditions and public attitudes."

Hunters may apply for a turkey hunting license at any authorized license agent, at DNR operations service centers or online at www.michigan.gov/hunt/drawings. The application fee is \$4. Drawing results will be posted online beginning August 15.

If any licenses remain after the drawing, unsuccessful applicants may purchase one leftover license in person at any license agent on a first-come, first-served basis for a one-week period beginning August 20 at 10 a.m. (EDT). Any licenses that remain as of August 27 at 10 a.m. (EDT) will be available for purchase over the counter by any hunter. The licenses will be sold until the quotas are met.

"The fall wild turkey season offers the perfect setting for experienced turkey hunters to share their knowledge and skills with other hunters or introduce the sport to new hunters," Stewart said. "Turkey hunting is a challenging, interactive activity, which is best shared with others. In addition to passing on the great tradition of our hunting heritage, turkey hunting in the fall also is a good opportunity to bring home a bird for a Thanksgiving Day feast."

The new Mentored Youth Hunting Program allows youth hunters nine years old and younger to hunt turkey, deer and small game, trap furbearers and fish for all species with a qualified youth mentor who is 21 years old. The mentored youth license is a package license that entitles the youth to hunt, trap and fish for the species listed above during all open seasons for the species.

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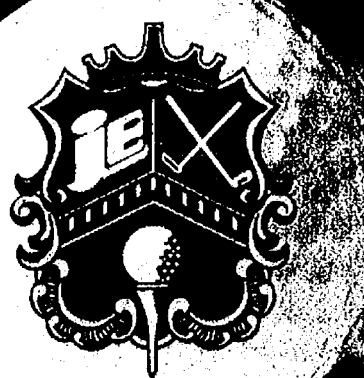
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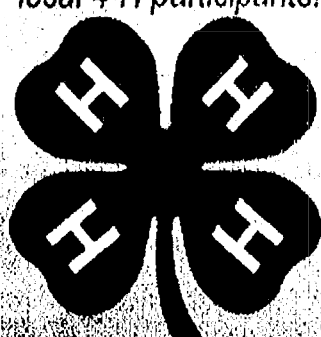
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VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE ZONING DISTRICT MAP, ZONING AND LAND USE AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING - The Stockbridge Village Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 7:00 pm, Village Hall, 210 Wood Street, Suite 101, Room #3, Stockbridge, Michigan 49285. The nature of the request for amendment to the Stockbridge Municipal Code Chapter 6 Zoning and Land Use is to amend Article IV Zoning District Regulations and the Official Zoning District Map. Property subject to the request is all properties within the corporate limits of the Village of Stockbridge. Written comments will be received at Village Hall or by United States Postal Service to Village of Stockbridge, PO Box 155, Stockbridge, Michigan 49285 until Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 3:00 pm. Copies of the proposed text and map amendments are available at Village Hall and can be examined Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm or online at www.vil.stockbridge.mi.us. This notice is published under the requirements of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006 as amended. Questions can be directed to the Village Office at (517) 851-7435.

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SYLVAN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ELECTION NOTICE

ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SYLVAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN SAID GOVERNMENT UNIT ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012 FROM 7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING OFFICES: United States Senator, Representative in Congress, Representative in State Legislature, United State Senator, County Prosecuting Attorney, County Sheriff, County Clerk & Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, County Water Resources Commissioner, County Commissioner, Judge of Circuit Court, Township Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees, Delegate to County Convention, Proposal for New Millage Increase for the Township of Sylvan. POLLING PLACE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS and all are accessible by handicapped: 18027 OLD US 12, CHELSEA, MI
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Catherine McClary
Treasurer
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Dated: Wednesday, June 20, 2012
Catherine McClary, Washtenaw County Treasurer

LIMA TOWNSHIP OPEN POSITIONS FOR ZONING ADMIN & ORDINANCE OFFICER

The Lima Township Board of Trustees is taking applications for the position of Zoning Administrator and Ordinance Enforcement Officer. The job description is posted on the Lima Township Website, or is available at the Lima Township Office. The position is part time, with office hours of six hours minimum, and other hours as required. Submit resume with qualifications and salary requirements by August 30, 2012, to Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk, Lima Township, PO Box 59, Chelsea, MI 48118.

WATERLOO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST JULY 24 2012

Attention Waterloo Township Residents - Our public accuracy test for the August 7, 2012 Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Waterloo Township Clerk's office, 11120 Musbach Road, Munith, MI 49259. The Public Accuracy Tests are conducted to demonstrate that the programs and tabulators being used to tabulate the ballots of the election have been prepared and tested in accordance with the law.
Janice Kitley, Waterloo Township Clerk

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JULY 5 2012


July 3, 2012 - The regular meeting of the Sylvan Township Board was held July 5, 2012 at the Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118. Members present: Supervisor Lange, Clerk Koch, Treasurer Grau, Trustee Cooper and Lesser. Also present: Attorney Flintoft, Commissioner Turner and several residents. The meeting was called to order and the pledge recited. Motion by Cooper, seconded by Lesser to approve regular and special minutes as presented. Carried unanimously. Motion by Grau, seconded by Koch to pay bills as presented. Carried unanimously. Public Participation: Tom Zatkovich, Commander of the American Legion on Ridge Road presented the Board with a handout describing the Legion's Community Projects and Veterans Projects and noted the American Legion has been at this site, 1700 Ridge Road, for 93 years. The issue tonight is the Heroes on the Water event that took place June 10th. The Legion cannot fix what they don't know is a problem and wish to obey all rules, laws and ordinances. Zatkovich stated that Scott Cooper attempted to stop the event stating ordinances are not being followed and no notice had been given to lake residents. The disabled veterans and the kayakers were already at the Legion and the event was underway. Cooper relentlessly tried to stop the kayakers from launching onto the lake. Confrontation took place between Cooper and American Legion representatives and eventually a police report was filed. Rob Stofer, coordinator for the Heroes on the Water read a prepared speech and expressed his concern for Cooper's behavior and ask that he resign from the Board. Zatkovich said the American Legion is extending an olive branch to resolve this issue for the future. A resident of the lake offered to get together and talk - the Legion accepted the challenge. Other Legion members spoke challenging the authority of Cooper and the disappointment of his actions. Attorney Flintoft reported to the board on the Resolution between Washtenaw County and Sylvan Township on the Millage issue. This is only a Draft and will be presented to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners on July 11, 2012 for approval. Commissioner Turner also spoke on the Resolution. A signed copy will be forwarded to the Township after the July 11, 2012 meeting. The Township Board will hold a special meeting to approve once the signed copy has been received. The report from Zoning Inspector Caplis showed 1 approved zoning compliance permit, 5 enforcement actions and 0 Certificate of Occupancy for June 2012. Mike Jurosek reported on the Sylvan Township Water & Sewer Authority with business as usual. Treasurer Grau reported that CACA has paid Porath Construction extra principal on the debt. Trustee Lesser report on CAFA. Board is working on a renewal of the millage and also approved new signage for the front of the building. Supervisor Lange reported on Washtenaw County Siren Testing. Clerk Koch reported that the Clean State website stated that this election August 7, 2012 is a Republican Primary and you must ask for a Republican Ballot. This information is incorrect as there is one ballot with both Republicans and Democrats on it. Koch stressed again, as this has happened in the past, that if information is going to be posted that is must be correct. No Old Business. New Business: Motion by Lesser seconded by Grau to approve the Flood Plain Ordinance as presented. Roll call vote - all ayes - Carried. Motion by Koch, seconded by Grau to ask Warner Norcross to write an opinion on water and sewer debt liability on properties annexed by the Boundary Commission when the Village became a City in 2004. Roll call vote - all ayes, Carried unanimously. Motion by Koch, seconded by Grau to adjourn. Carried unanimously.
LuAnn S. Koch, Sylvan Township Clerk

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STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Board of Education Organizational Meeting - July 9, 2012 Minutes - Superintendent Bruce Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Action/Discussion Items. Suspended the one-year term provision of Board Policy #1152, for this year and, instead, elect Board officers for a six-month period, until December 31, 2012, to align with PA 233 of 2011, which extends the terms of Board members and establishes that the annual Board Organizational meeting take place each January, beginning in 2013. Approved the calendar of the regular Board Meetings for the 2012-2013 school year. Maintained membership with the Michigan High School Athletic Association effective August 1, 2012, through July 31, 2013. Maintained membership with the Michigan Association of School Boards for the 2012-2013 school year. Appointed Trustee Graham as the Board representative on the Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation for the 2012-2013 term. An employee of the Stockbridge Community School District will be appointed at a later date. Appointed Michelle Ruh and Bruce Brown as the Title IX and Civil Rights Coordinators for the 2012 - 2013 school year. Appointed the District Special Education Director as the Title II, Americans with Disabilities Coordinator and the Section 504 Rehabilitation Act Coordinator for the 2012 - 2013 school year. Appointed Bruce Brown and Karl Heidrich as the district's HIV and Sex Education Committee Co-chairpersons for the 2012 - 2013 school year. Approved compensation for meetings and committee meetings for the elected trustees according to Policy #1167 at \$40 per meeting. Approved the following financial institutions as depositories for the school district funds: SSB Bank, Farmers State Bank, Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund and County National Bank in Hillsdale, Michigan. President Goodlock abstained. The Superintendent and Board Treasurer were authorized to sign checks for all accounts. Tracey Wooden, Business Manager, was authorized to transfer funds between district accounts. Authorized the Superintendent to sign the necessary forms and other official documents to represent the Stockbridge Community School District. Authorized the Superintendent as the official representative of the school district if and when a member of the Board of Education is not available, through January 2013. Retained Thrun Law Firm, P.C. as the district's legal counsel. Continued the 3rd of a three-year contract with Abraham & Gaffney as the district's auditors. Authorized and designated Connie Risner, Superintendent's Secretary, to post all public notices on behalf of the Board of Education and as the district's representative for school elections. Approved the second reading of Board Policies #1152 - Election of Officers and Length of Term; #1030 - Membership; #1300 - Meetings; and #1170 - Board Position Vacancies. The annual School Safety Hearing, was held and conducted by Mr. Brown. The Michigan Merit Examination (MME) and ACT scores were reviewed. The scores were among the highest in the area and showed continuous improvement since the test started. Continued the probationary period of Shannon Stolle, elementary teacher, as required by law until tenure status is granted. Tenure status was granted Julie Nosek, middle school teacher. The meeting convened into closed session at 7:54 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 8:20 p.m. The Board discussed the Stockbridge Wellness Coalition Plan and briefly discussed the Township and Village lease documents. President Goodlock adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.
Connie Risner, Recording Secretary
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All But the Clerk to be Challenged in Stockbridge Township Elections

By Melinda Baird

Incumbent Stockbridge Township Supervisor Paul Risner will run against John Salyer at the State Primary August 7. Both candidates are running as Democrats.

Risner, in choosing to run after serving a four-year term, emphasized the importance of keeping the township financially stable as reason for putting his name on the ballot once again. He also identified continued road improvement and the maintenance of the current emergency services program as primary motivation. Finally, Risner stressed the need to respectfully listen to the very residents who elected him to office, vowing to continue open communication and resident involvement if re-elected.

Risner has been on the board since 2003 serving as a trustee prior to winning the supervisor seat and in that time he said he has developed a good working relationship with Ingham County Road Commission. According to Risner this relationship bore fruit in the form of two replaced bridges, major road repairs on north Main Street, and the paving of Baseline Road to be completed in mid-September.

Additionally, since serving on the Stockbridge Area Emergency Services Authority (SAESA) since 2006, currently as President, two

new ambulances have been purchased. "This entity is a true success and working with the fire and ambulance personnel has been a real pleasure," said Risner.

When questioned about the current strengths of the township, Risner commended township clerk Mary Wilson and treasurer Kris Lauckner for their work, commenting that planning and budgeting of township funds has thrived under their care. He also pointed to the strong working relationship with Ingham County Board of Commissioners as well as the relationships with surrounding townships. "By representing the community at the county level, our community services are insured," added Risner.

Opponent John Salyer, after volunteering for over 20 years on the local fire department and ambulance service board, felt the time was right to take an active role in local government. "I plan to implement best practices to bring a more organized, transparent and standardized governing approach if elected," said Salyer. "This should help reduce the number of lawsuits the township becomes involved in and make Stockbridge more attractive to people looking for a community to relocate to."

Salyer said he intends to help agri-business gain

opportunities for success and develop community services to appeal to young families who have relocated to the rural setting.

Salyer's position as President and Training Director of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 252 he said has allowed him the opportunity to meet with state and federal representatives and senators to discuss how legislation affects working families in our communities.

Further, Salyer said the position allowed him to oversee budgets and trusts that cover over 800 electrical workers, and make relationships with representatives that can help keep him informed on grants and funds that are available for community improvements.

When asked what he believe is currently working in township government, Salyer replied, "our property assessments and taxes seem to arrive right on time," he said.

Township Treasurer Kris Lauckner who filed as a Democrat will run against Republican Taylor Gary Allen at the November 6 general election. "I believe the people of the Stockbridge community deserve a fair and honest treasurer who believes in serving the citizens and helping them to understand what and to whom millages are being paid," said Lauckner.

"I also think they need a treasurer who works well with the other entities within the township, such as the village and SAESA."

Previously the building department clerk, Lauckner reflected on the vast amount of work required after taking office in 2008. The work included completion of 2006 and 2007 audits as well as extensive paperwork involved in upholding a tribunal judgment in favor of Enbridge. The creation of a township website, allowing for more easily attainable assessing information, including on-line taxes and assessments, was another crucial project in which Lauckner was directly involved. "To be clear, I did not create the website, but with the support of the current board and a huge effort on the part of clerk Mary Wilson and her deputies, it is up and running," said Lauckner.

If re-elected, Lauckner said she plans to continue to move the township forward technologically and serve the community's needs while finding ways to cut costs. Lauckner would also continue implementing her Student Internship Program project which gives select Stockbridge High School students opportunities to volunteer in local government business.

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Lyndon Township Officials Approve Mining Ordinance

By Lynne Beauchamp

After receiving a request several months ago for a gravel pit operation in the vicinity of the M-52 and Green Lake area, Lyndon Township Officials realized the current ordinance regulating the extraction of sand, gravel and other earthen materials did not meet new state statutes.

With public comments and advice from the township's planning firm of Carlisle-Wortman & Associates, the Lyndon Township Planning Commission and board members updated the township's ordinance.

Resident Susan Morse, like many Lyndon Township residents, voiced concerns over noise, domestic water wells, and plantings.

Morse sought advice from the Huron River Watershed Council to address those concerns. Based on the watershed council member

Kris Olsson's advice, Morse suggested that section 9 of the new ordinance "Reclamation and Rehabilitation Requirements" more thoroughly address invasive species plantings and fertilizer requirements.

Board members fine tuned wording in that section of the ordinance as well as other sections which proved to be redundant or needed more clarification to address those concerns expressed by residents.

The board adopted the resolution unanimously during its regular meeting last week.

"I think we have done our due diligence with involving our planner, engineer and hydrogeologist in the process, along with public input," said township trustee Marc Keezer. "I think we have come up with something that is livable at this point."

A Message of Faith Getting the Idea Is the Easy Part Bringing It to Life Takes Labor

By Brian Johnson

When I was a child I talked like a child - I thought like a child and I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.

1 Corinthians 13:11

If you ask a little kid how babies are born, and then ask a mom of three kids the same question, the responses will differ considerably. Your viewpoint of a process is based on your experience.

For example: I used to think brilliant creative inspiration flowed in calm settings of tranquility.

Now I would tell you that my best creative ideas are hewn out of hard conversations, migraine level multitasking, and nearly neurotic obsession about details that seem silly and tedious.

I used to think that the most difficult part of the creative process was getting a good idea.

Ha! Conception is the fun part! Labor and delivery is the heroic stuff. Lots of people can make a kid, or hatch a concept. But to nurture, refine, and sustain that idea takes tenacity.

I used to think that when you had a killer idea, you'd just know it. Now I think the better an idea is, the more prone

you'll be to second guessing, and the greater the temptation will be to quit before you get started good. Growing in creativity means coming to terms with this reality and the most beautiful ideas are often the product of an ugly, messy process.

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Will A Multi-Million Dollar Investor Walk Away?

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"These buildings were purchased by the city and these buildings are city assets," stressed Ellen Thackery, Southeast Michigan Field representative of both the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "Emphasizing the issue has become urgent and should not wait until the next DDA meeting July 19," she urged. She asked council members to rethink the timeline given to developers to secure bank support. Thackery said the network itself is currently developing historic property in Old Time Lansing, a process that has taken eight months of environmental and financial investments before obtaining a permanent loan commitment from their bank. "I don't know how it would be possible to obtain that kind of commitment from a bank within two weeks or even 90 days of a project's start," she said referring to limits perceived by Kadushin/Beal by Chelsea City officials.

Thackery explained that a State Historic Preservation office review will be necessary before any changes are made to the exterior of the Longworth building, including demolition, due to it being city-owned and on the National Register.

Janet Kreger, President of the MHPN read a letter on behalf of Scott Lowell, owner of Detroit's Traffic Jam restaurant as well as Detroit's Forest Arms Apartment Complex near Wayne State University who are the historic preservation project developers, and Gregory Saxton, Director of Development at J.E. Johnson, Inc. in Midland with a belief the Kadushin/Beal team was criticized by the CDDA for not putting enough financial "skin in the game." Lowell and Saxton insisted the team was reasonable in their proposal given the disadvantages unique to rehabilitation of this particular historic building.

"The Kadushin/Beal group has been skillful in suggesting a financial package that can revitalize the Longworth property - a large, complicated, deteriorated complex of buildings that only a seasoned preservation group would even consider taking on," they wrote.

Lowell and Saxton went on to express the merit of financial tools proposed by the team, including the Federal Historic Tax Credit, the Community Revitalization Program created by Governor Rick Snyder last year, and Michigan's Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act.

"These tools are specifically made available for historic preservation to help level the profoundly lopsided playing field involved in the rehabilitation of these buildings," they wrote, encouraging council members to accept the use of all tools available for the benefit of the community.

Finally, President of Preservation Chelsea John Frank strongly requested that council members appoint a committee to meet with the development team in order to resolve misunderstandings sprouting from the CDDA's terms of agreement for purchase, presented as resolution six.

"Since the name on the deed for the Longworth property has the city as the owner, it is time the city council exercise leadership on the matter," said Frank. He added that in personally speaking with Abe Kadushin, he was stunned to learn city manager John Hanifan refused to meet with developers to clarify confusion over resolution six. "This was the straw that broke the camel's back," said Frank. "Abe then took the advice of his attorney and withdrew their offer, and told me trying to work with Chelsea was 'too much hassle'," said Frank.

Hanifan interjected that he did not refuse to meet with Kadushin during Frank's statement. In a later interview, Hanifan offered no opinion on the language of resolution six nor did he comment on the potential appointment of a sub-committee, but did provide his email response to Kadushin's request to meet. "The officers of the CDDA or city staff don't have the authority to meet or negotiate apart from the full board unless appointed to a sub-committee. My recommendation is to send a formal communication to the DDA Chair (Peter Flintoft) and he can share with the full board. We will be discussing this at length at the regular DDA meeting June 21," Hanifan wrote to Kadushin June 13.

Kadushin was not present at the June 21 meeting, it was then that Flintoft admitted resolution six provided to Kadushin was unclear in that secured bank support was expected by September 7, not June 21, allowing developers ninety days rather than two weeks. Still, several DDA board members were focused on upholding the disallowance of tax abatement, indicating the creation of a tax revenue source was a primary reason

for requesting proposals in the first place.

Discussion about the Longworth property at the July 10 Council meeting concluded with Trustee Rod Anderson outlining council authority over the DDA. Agreeing with Anderson, Hanifan outlined council's authority as restricted to appointment of CDDA members, establishment of a budget and approval of a development plan.

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Submitted by the Ed McClellan Office of Edward Jones

Ed McClellan and Renee Keister of the financial services firm Edward Jones in Chelsea recently received the firm's Client Service Excellence award for being the No. 1 client service provider in their region and in the top 25 percent of client service providers in the country. "We are honored to receive this award," McClellan said. "The Client Service Excellence award is special because it is a direct reflection of the relationships we have with our clients."

"Ed and Renee are outstanding members of the Edward Jones team. While all of our associates understand the value of client service, it's obvious that they have been striving to provide the best service for their clients," added Jim Weddle, Edward Jones' managing partner. This award is based on the results of a survey in which random clients were asked to rank the service they received from the teams of their local Edward Jones branch offices. Edward Jones provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada. Edwards Jones focuses on types of investment options offered to the location of branch offices and is designed to cater to individual investors in the communities in which they live and work.

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Stockbridge Candidates

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She is also pursuing a secure drop box to be located outside the township hall so that residents can more easily leave paperwork after-hours, and is exploring becoming a notary.

"I care a lot about this community and my responsibilities; therefore, I've worked hard to decrease our costs to stay within our decreasing budget. I also believe people have come to know that I am at the office and am able and willing to access information for them or help them," summarized Lauckner.

Opponent Taylor Gary Allen did not respond to the request for information.

Three trustee candidates will vie for two trustee positions: incumbent Terry Sommer, filed as Republican and incumbent Ed Wetherell and Sandra Kay, both filed as Democrats.

Wetherell did not respond to the request for information.

Sommer said her motivation for seeking another term as trustee is the deep, celebrated family history of investment in the community. "The Sommer family owned the first stick-built house in Stockbridge. Since that time, my relatives helped build what is now M-52, ran for county treasurer, and worked in and around Stockbridge," said Sommer. She added that she, too, has a long-time record of community involvement, including volunteerism within the Stockbridge ambulance service, service as a Stockbridge Fire Ladies Auxiliary officer, PTO member, Planning Commission Zoning Board of Appeals board member, and township trustee. "I feel that talking and listening to the public is the most important thing to do," said Sommer, indicating her primary goal as trustee is to encourage open communication between

residents and their elected officials.

Kay, a resident for over twenty years, stays attuned to the needs of her community by actively participating in a number of roles. Kay is an employee of both Stockbridge Community Schools and SAESA. She is a member of the Stockbridge Village Planning Commission and a regular volunteer for Stockbridge Outreach, Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce, and the Stockbridge-area Wellness Coalition. Additionally, she is instrumental in the implementation of Summer Food-Summer Fun program that offers free meals to children during summer and regularly attends Stockbridge Township Board meetings.

Kay is running for the trustee position because she believes it is the elected officials' responsibility to respond to the requests, needs and desires of the residents regardless of the officials' personal opinion. Kay believes the majority of the current board serves the residents with integrity and is actively involved in area activities that serve the township and its residents.

"The major change I seek is to help ensure that all board members keep the known concerns of township residents first and foremost in their mind when making board decisions or when participating in community activities," said Kay.

She added her main goal, if elected, is to serve the residents of the township according to what residents themselves support, "which includes ensuring that all services that keep this township safe and secure remain in full operation."

Township Clerk Mary Wilson will run unopposed for her seat.

"Thanks, Joint Camp"

Dick Dalton loves playing ball with his nine-year-old grandson, Brody. After two successful knee replacements by **Paul Kenyon, MD**, Dick is back in the game.

"My second knee surgery was pretty complex and what Dr. Kenyon did was real artistry," Dick said. He also appreciated the "outstanding" care he received. Dick is grateful that he now is able to play with Brody any chance they get.

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By Greg Rave

This year's theme is "Outer Space." The parade board chose this theme in part because it would be open to many fun interpretations. "We're expecting some colorful costumes this year and are anticipating some very interesting interpretations."

Pet Parade 2011 pooches dressed for the day. Photo by Wendy Wood

By Michael Stavola

After 25 years with the Michigan State Police, Maier

Originally born in Ann Arbor, Maier attended college at Ferris State where he received a degree in science and criminal justice. Opting to run after hearing of internal issues in the LCSO, Maier believes his leadership, professional background and integrity will give Livingston County the best results.

As sheriff, he said he will seek out local agencies to help staff a tactical team. Ash would like to re-establish a partnership with the county schools - he believes deputies in school act as a deterrent, mentor and will help gain valuable information that can help reduce criminal activity.

Ash received a degree from Eastern Michigan in criminal justice.

The office is currently under the administration of 3x Sheriff Robert J. Bezotte. On August 7, Ash, Bezotte or Maier will be appointed or re-appointed sheriff through 2016.

In addition, Darwin's antique slot machines were featured in a recent episode of "Destination Michigan" on public television, produced by WCMU. Bob Garner, longtime host of the "Michigan Outdoors" TV show. A friend and customer of Darwin's suggested a show on his businesses to producer Courtney Brooks. She liked the idea, and came back this spring to film Darwin's Waterloo Croquet Club.

Winter play indoors. After a couple of rocky years, the stained glass business is back up again, too. Our Lady of Fatima Church in Michigan Center just dedicated their new building, in which Darwin's large round window of a dove radiating light is a centerpiece of the church. He created three windows for the new Dexter Library and has been commissioned to design and build windows for churches in Chelsea, Eaton Rapids, and Grass Lake. Diversification can equal productivity and fun.

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