

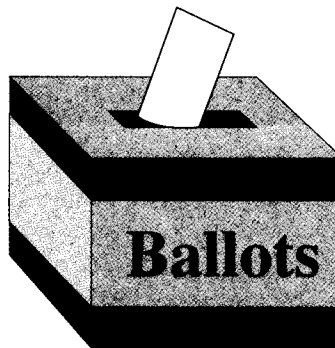


Crossroads

Official Newsletter of the City of Wixom, Aug./Sept. 1998

From the Mayor's Desk...

Early in August, the 4th to be exact, the voters of Michigan will be asked to go to the polls to choose the participants in the November elections. While the primary season is well underway, many of the candidate's positions are not well defined to allow the voter to make a clear, rational choice, based on the governing philosophy of the people asking us to support them. Make no mistake, the vote in the primary is as, or more, important than November's. We will be stuck again voting for the least objectionable, if we as voters, fail to allow the best thinkers (the more rational policy makers) to advance. For the sake of our children, and ourselves, we must get involved and educated as to how these people think they are going to make government work better for everyone. Don't be fooled by sound bites and glitzy advertisements. Look to candidates, or their representatives, that are willing or able to give you a short, concise definition of their philosophy on how they are going to make our government smaller, more effective and less intrusive. Thomas Jefferson, one of the people credited with framing the principles of the Constitution, said it best: "That which governs least governs best". Simple enough to get across the point that as government gets more and more involved with the issues that are not the business of government, we all lose freedoms granted by God and not some politician. If we are to remain free, we must remain vigilant. Get educated – you may spend more time choosing a new dress or suit than you will selecting people who will represent us into the next millennium.



The dog days of summer are once again here. These lazy, hazy days of summer are a good time to reacquaint ourselves with activities close to home. The Community Services Department recently held a "Brunch with the Birds" at the Proud Lake Recreation Area. We not only learned how the lake got it's name but had a very enjoyable, brief education of the flora and fauna in the area. The canoe trip down or up the Huron River is always fun and relaxing. Don't miss the next opportunity to get together with old friends or to make new ones and learn about the Best Place to Live in Michigan.

—Mayor Michael L. McDonald

"To get through life you need a little bit of luck and a little bit of government. But only a fool would trust either". —I. J. O'Rourke

CVISION
TECHNOLOGIES

Reminders...

- DPS public meeting for water project, see page 2 for details.
- Vote August 4
- Free concert in the park, August 16. See page 4 for details.
- Citizens Police Academy Begins September 9, see page 3.

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PAYMENT DROP BOX

If you haven't been by City Hall lately you haven't seen the new City of Wixom Drop Box. This box has been provided for your convenience for payment of any City of Wixom bills (i.e. tax bills, water bills, solid waste bills, etc.)

DPS News...

■ The Beck Road Reconstruction is well underway. Your patience is appreciated. Note the road is open to all businesses during construction and detours are posted. The road should be open to two way traffic by the end of August/First part of September 1998.

■ An addition to the bikepath program for this year will be the installation of a path along Charms Road from Brentwood to Weyhill. This will be an added safety improvement for the homeowners in Wexford Mews and Hidden Creek Subdivisions with the opening of the new middle school this fall. Also pedestrian signal crossings will be installed at Charms and Wixom Roads and at Potter and Wixom Road in the next several months.

■ Asphalt resurfacing has been completed within the Hidden Creek Subdivision (Loon Lake Road, Brentwood, Windingway and Barberry Circle); final restoration will be completed shortly.

Water System Improvements:

■ Administratively the system is starting to take place. The City of Detroit has approved the City of Wixom water use contract. The State of Michigan has approved the City's funding application of the low interest loan.

■ Water Pipe In the Ground Water main is being installed on Beck Road as part of the Beck Road program. This is resulting in a saving of several thousands of dollars by combining the projects.

Beautification Awards

Local Businesses within Wixom have received Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Beautification Awards. These include; First Place Awards for Hennessey's Pub on Grand River and Progressive Tool on Oak Creek Drive; Honorable Mention to Industrial Belt-ing, Import Enterprize, Exatec, Wixom Plaza Shopping Center, Automation Software, Equipment Trading Company National Computer Resources, Brown Jig Grinding Company, Axsys, Inc., USA Today, Hematite manufacturing, Klebber Agency, and many more. Congratulations to all!

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

The Dept. of Public Services will be holding informational meetings to inform the public in regards to the water project for Birch Park and Potter Road on August 26th between 2-5pm and 6-8pm. These meetings will be held at City Hall.

Newcomers to the Wixom Business Community

Please Welcome the following businesses to Wixom:

- Clover Technologies and Atmosphere Heat Treating
- Other new businesses coming to Wixom include: Arbor Drugs, Exatec, Progressive Tool, Adept Plastic, Panther Business Machine, Hungry Howie's, Papa Romano's and NBD Bank. Welcome to Wixom!!!!
- Several new industrial parks have started construction, these include: Wixom Research Center (at Wixom and I-96) and Century Industrial Park, Phase II at Pontiac Trail west of Wixom Road.

GIS is now within Wixom

The City is moving towards implementation of a GIS (Geographic Information System) data base system.

This GIS system is a computer-based informational system that captures, stores, analyzes and displays information about the City's geographic surface. Information includes property lines, rights-of-way, water boundaries, utilities, SEV, ownership, road systems, traffic volumes & accident data, etc. The base map system of 42 layers of data has been developed by Oakland County as a Database Design Document for the City. City staff is working on developing additional layers in the near future. This system will assist the City in utility management, analysis of several data layer to solve problems and concerns and for record management.

Have you seen a development activity in the City yet want additional information or have questions on code enforcement, development and Building Permits? Please contact Public Services at 624-0880.

Police Dept. News



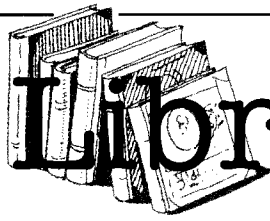
Citizens Police Academy Begins September 9th

The Wixom, Novi, and Walled Lake Police Departments will again sponsor the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy beginning September 9, 1998. The purpose of this academy is to explain the operations of our community's police agency and to describe the complexity of the criminal justice system. Its goal is to enhance each student's understanding of police practices and procedures.

The communities of Wixom, Walled Lake, and Novi collaborated and formed this academy (Michigan's first citizens police academy) in the spring of 1994. The Lakes Area Citizens' Police Academy is held semiannually and is a thirty-hour block of instruction that culminates in a graduation and banquet ceremony for participants and their spouses. Each academy consists of ten three-hour units of instruction that cover such diverse topics as police training, criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, juvenile law, and the manner by which police typically interact with courts and prosecutors' offices. Instruction in these and other topics consists of lectures, demonstrations, tours, and hands-on experiences. It provides opportunities for academy students to ride with patrol officers and participate in police training. Police personnel from each police agency and representatives of other criminal justice agencies (e.g. County Prosecutor's and Medical Examiner's Office, District Court, MSP Scientific Analysis Unit, and etc.) furnish academy instruction. There is no cost to participate as a student.

Academy students are selected from applications filed by residents or business-owners of each community. Applicants are required to be +21 years-of-age and to pass a criminal background check.

Applications are available at police offices between 9 AM & 5 PM weekdays, or by mail. We encourage residents to consider attending this academy and getting-to-know their police department better.



Library News

Children's Programs:

"Raising Careful, Confident Kids in a Crazy World" — Registration begins August 24; program beginning Monday, Sept. 14 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Presented by Rosemary Spatafora, M. A. certified KIDWISE instructor. \$5 materials fee, payable to the instructor during the workshop. Parents of children ages 3-12 are welcome to attend.

Kindergarten

2nd Grade After-School Special — "Meet Stellaluna." Registration begins Sept. 28; program begins Monday, October 12 at 4:00 p.m. You will meet real bats at this program put on by an expert from the Organization for Bat Conservation.

Annual Halloween Happening

Register Monday, September 28 — program begins Saturday, October 24 at 10:30 a.m. The Spoon Man will entertain, refreshments will be served and an informal costume parade will follow the show. Join us in the Community Services portion of the building for this wonderful annual event.

Mother-Daughter Book Club

Girls grades 4 & 5 and their mothers are welcome to sign up for the book club. Wixom Public Library will join the Highland Public Library for this activity. The program meets monthly at 7:00 p.m. on the following Thursdays: September 17 at Highland, and October 8 at Wixom. Contact Jane Kahan at 624-2512 to register and obtain a list of book titles to be read and discussed, September through December.

Mommy and Me

Registration is August 24 for Mommy and Me, a four week program for two-year olds accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Our theme for this season is "The Colors of Fall." The program will meet in the craft room on Thursdays from 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. beginning September 24 and ending October 15.

Start With Art

Registration is August 24 for this new program for children 3-5 years old, who are not yet in Kindergarten. Meeting in the craft room on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. for 45 minutes of stories and art activities. Program dates are September 8 or 9, September 15 or 16, and September 22 or 23. One registration for all 3 dates. 1st day of registration, no phone registrations will be taken. The program is limited to 24 children per day.

Story Stew

Registration is September 28 for this new program for children 3-5 years old, who are not yet in Kindergarten. Meeting in the craft room on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. or Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. for 45 minutes of stories and fun "cooking" activities. Program dates are September 20 or 21, October 27 or 28, and November 3 or 4. One registration for all 3 dates. 1st day of registration, no phone registrations will be taken. The program is limited to 24 children per day.

Library Calendar

Aug 24 — Begin Registering for "Raising Careful, Confident Kids," Mommy and Me, and Start With Art

Sept 8, 9 — Start With Art (Children's Program)

Sept 14 — "Raising Careful, Confident Kids in a Crazy World"

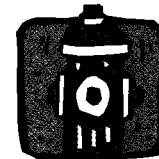
Sept 15, 16 — Start With Art (Children's Program)

Sept 17 — Mother-Daughter Book Club at Highland Public Library

Sept 22, 23 — Start With Art (Children's Program)

Sept 24 — Mommy and Me (Children's Program)

Sept 28 — Register for After School Special "Meet Stellaluna, Halloween Happening, and Story Stew



Fire Dept. News

**National Fire Prevention Week
October 4 - 10**

FIRE DRILLS: The Great Escape

The Fire Department will host their 19th annual Fire Prevention Week Open House on Saturday, October 10th. A pancake breakfast will be served free of charge from 8:00 - 11:00. This event will be held at Fire Station #1 on Wixom Road.

CARDBOARD IS NOT "BOXBOARD"

Cardboard boxes are boxes that contain new stoves, dryers, microwaves and television sets. Cardboard boxes are usually brown, quite plain and are NOT boxboard. The "wavy" corrugation in the middle distinguishes corrugated cardboard from boxboard.

Boxboard and paperboard are any material that looks and feels like cereal boxes. For example, the backing on most toy packages is boxboard (plastic wrapping still goes in the trash). Cereal boxes, shoe boxes, tissue boxes, and nearly every box from your kitchen and bath may go in your curbside recycling bin. NOT included in the definition of boxboard are frozen food boxes.

To recycle **cardboard boxes** at your curb, please flatten or cut them into pieces not larger than two feet by two feet square, stack them no deeper than one foot and bundle them with twine so they will fit in the truck.

To recycle **boxboard and paperboard** at your curb, flatten boxes and tightly stuff them into the largest box you are recycling. Or, flatten boxes and tightly pack them in a brown paper grocery bag.

LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

Residents participating in the Fall Leaf Removal Program are asked to rake their leaves to the road surface or the curb area adjoining the street in front of their home. Place leaves in this area no sooner than 48 hours prior to pick-up. Please note this program does not include condominium owners. Leaves will NOT be vacuumed from ditches or inside of cul-de-sacs. Leaf piles should be no more than 3' wide & 2' high. Piles MUST BE free of grass clippings, animal waste, vine & wood material, etc. **ONLY LEAVES WILL BE PICKED UP!**

Detailed flyers on the program are available at City Hall, DPW, Community Center & the Library. Call 624-0141 for more details.



FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK

WHO: *Bobby Lewis
& the Cracker Jack Band*
WHEN: *August 16th 1998 - 6:30 p.m.*
WHERE: *Gilbert Willis Park Gazebo*
COST: **FREE OF CHARGE!!!!**
Please call 624-2850 for more details!
Hope to see you there.

FALL AEROBICS - FITNESS FACTORY

The following classes will be held at the Wixom Community Center:

- CLASS: Aerobics:
MON/WED/FRI - 9:30 A.M.
- CLASS: Aerobics:
MON/WED - 6:30 P.M.
- CLASS: Step Aerobics:
TUES/THUR - 9:30 a.m.
- Classes begin September 14th and run for ten weeks.
 - There will no longer be a \$3 administration Fee
 - Babysitting available in A.M. Classes
Cost: \$48 Once a week
\$62 Twice a week
\$78 Unlimited Classes

Senior Citizens Corner

Attention Wixom Seniors:
As we enter those hot summer days all of us are looking for cool indoor activities. In August the Wixom Senior Center is offering a Day trip to see *The Prisoner of Second Avenue*. Before the Play we will enjoy a boxed picnic lunch by Aunt Gussie's at Pinery Provincial Park. (Motorcoach seating will be by luck of the draw)

Who: All Wixom Seniors
When: August 5, 1998
Where: Huron Country Playhouse, Grand Bend, Ontario.
Fee: \$69.00 (please make checks payable to: Escapades Tours)
Pick-up: Wixom Senior enter at 7:45 a.m.
Return: 7:30-8:00 p.m.

The Garden Club

After starting the season in April, viewing tapes on planting, pruning and propagating, the Garden Club visited the Eastern Market. In June a visit was made to "The Executive Floral & Copper Garden" where Pam demonstrated floral arrangements and the members were able to create their own. A sequel to this is an undertaking by the Garden Club members, in liaison with Pam, to provide a floral arrangement for the Seniors Lounge starting in October.

In July, a member's garden was toured which provided a delightful mixture of social and learning experiences.

Future Meetings: August: A visit to a member's new home to help with suggestions for planning a new garden. September: A visit to another member's home for a garden tour.

The next season will start in April '99 with a Garden Forum exchanging questions and literature.

The Garden Club meets every second Friday of the month at 1:30 p.m. There are no fees & all are welcome. Further Info: 669-2357.

