



# Crossroads

City of WIXOM

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## From the Mayor's Desk...

Last Fall, the Wixom Beautification Committee sponsored a Scarecrow Making Project at Wixom Elementary. The Committee supplied old clothes, old ties and stuffing. The kids provided the talent and fashion design that only kids can. The Scarecrows were put up along Pontiac Trail and Wixom Road on the lampposts. When the project was finished, I heard comments from moms, dads and the kids on how much they enjoyed driving by the Downtown artwork. The best part of the project was the interaction of all the people involved and the joy and excitement of the kids helping to make their City kidified. The Committee will try to expand this fall activity in 1998 so more kids can participate. This brings me to the reason for this letter.

All of us had better start leading by our example. Interacting with young kids and adults is not hard but it is difficult to find the right venue. Over the last couple of weeks, the Beautification Committee held spring clean up and planting days. These two events allow adults to make contact with not only their own child but kids and adults from other areas of the City. The comradeship each person feels as they work together to make a difference in their city is a small reward for

the effort put forth. The quality of life of all that pass through the City is also raised by the effort to make a place nice to be visited. As the kids come through the City, they will see the evidence of their handy work and know what it means to help make a difference.

We can always use more help. As the ancient Chinese proverb says...many hands make the work easy...If we want our kids to take an active role in their home, school and greater community, we must show them how it is done. I know we all have many reasons why we can't do something or the other, but we must make time to teach our children what citizenship is. Who knows, we may at the same time learn that giving back time and elbow grease to our community will result in much bigger rewards later. We can lead by example if we will only take the time and the opportunity to do it.

As for the road work and the first city water main going in along Beck Road, stay cool, all good things take time.

—Mayor Michael L. McDonald

P.S. How about those sidewalks on Wixom Road!!!!!!

## Bikepath, Road and Water System Improvement Updates

### Bikepath

The bikepath program is again well underway, with completion of several sections scheduled for completion this spring and summer, 1998. Bikepaths will be installed along Wixom Road from Pontiac Trail to Charms Road and along Charms Road from Wixom Road to Brentwood and along Potter Road from Wixom Road to Bell Coney as part of this year's program. Other bikepath projects include extension of the path along Wixom Road from Charms Road to Loon Lake Road (in 1998/9) and along Charms Road to Wexford Mews Subdivision (in 1999), Loon Road from the Cliffs on Loon Lake Condominiums to the Highgate Subdivisions (2000), W. Maple Road from Wixom to Beck Road (2000) W. Maple Road from Wixom Road to Hampton Court (2001).

### Major Local Road Improvements

Beck Road widening from Pontiac Trail to West Road will soon be under construction with detours posted. Access to all local businesses will be provided. For through traffic alternative route is advised.

- Resurfacing within the Hidden Creek Subdivision (Loon Lake Road, Brentwood, Windingway and Barberry Circle) is underway with completion scheduled for end of June 1998.
- The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is continuing with median work on I-96, in the area of Wixom and Novi Roads this summer/spring 1998. Expect some delays in this area.
- Downtown Parking Lot — landscaping and lighting project will begin in the May/June 1998.

As you can see, a lot of work is planned and we are working to try to create as little disruption as possible during the pending construction.

Remember that the end result will be worth the inconveniences.

For more information please call the Department of Public Services at (248) 624-0880.

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### Water System Improvements:

- The first phase of the City water system is now underway with water main being installed on Beck Road
- Birch Park Subdivision is scheduled for the installation of water main throughout the subdivision this fall 1998
- Hickory Hills Subdivision is scheduled for the installation of water main throughout the subdivision spring 1999.
- Note: if you are currently serviced by a City municipal water system, the pipes for your interconnection to the City of Detroit are already in the ground and no additional mains will be

installed within your subdivision.

- Additional construction information meetings will be scheduled for each water main project. Mailers will be sent out prior to construction in order to allow you to review the planned improvements in your area.
- The overall water system is well underway with installation of the additional system network to occur over the next 18 months. Additional information on construction scheduling will be forthcoming.
- Any questions on the water improvement program contact the Department of Public Services at 624-0880.

## Wixom's 4th of July Celebration

- Amusement Rides — Noon to 9 p.m.
- Petting Farm/Pony Rides — Noon to 5 p.m.
- Caricature Artists — 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Clown — 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Disc Jockey — 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Food Vendors — All Day
- Face Painter — 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tattoo Artist — 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Firecracker Four-Mile Run/Family Fun Run**  
As part of the annual Fourth of July festival, there will be a Firecracker Four-Mile run, and a One-Mile Fun Run. The Four-Mile Run will begin at Gilbert Willis Park and progress into some of Wixom's neighborhoods. It will involve various terrains and grades throughout the race. It will be a challenging and fun course for both novices and experienced runners. Registration fee is \$15 which includes entry fee, T-shirt, and awards. The first 100 entrants will receive a special gift! Prizes will be given to 1st-3rd places in each age division. The race will begin on the Fourth at 9:15 a.m.

The Fun-Run is a non-competitive run for all ages that will be held on the Fourth at 8:30 a.m. and the run is one-mile. The race entry fee is \$6 and will include a T-shirt, pre-registration is required. Call 624-4606 for a registration flyer or for more information.

**Tennis Tournament** — Registration begins at 9:15 a.m. Cost is \$5 per person, this includes entry fee, T-shirt and prizes for winners. Singles and Doubles for all ages. Rules will be explained that day. Please call 624-2850 for more information.

**Volleyball Tournament** — Teams must consist of six and be co-ed, 3 men/3 women. The first match will begin at 12:30 p.m. registration is on-site and begins at 11:00 a.m. Entry fee is \$10 per team. Trophies and prizes to the winning team. Games will be played up to 12 points. The first team to win three games will advance to the next round of the tournament. Other rules will be explained that day.

All activities will take place at Gilbert Willis Park on July 4. For further questions please call the Community Services Department at 248-624-2850.

### Schedule of Events

Time	Event
7:30 AM	4 Mile Run & 1 Mile Fun Run (Check in and Pre-registration)
8:30 AM	One Mile Fun Run
9:15 AM	Four Mile Run
10:00 AM	Basketball tournament
10:00 AM	Tennis Tournament
11:00 AM	Penny Dig (6-10 years)
11:30 AM	Penny Dig (7-10 years)
12:00 PM	Official Opening Ceremonies
12:30 PM	Volleyball Tournament — Pre-registration required
12:30 PM	Cake Walk
2:00 PM	Kids Games •Watermelon Eating Contest •Bubble Gum Blowing Contest •Old Clothes Relay •Balloon Toss
3:00 PM	Oakland County Sport Mobile
3:00 PM	Senior Bingo
3:30 PM	Adult Games •Sack Race •Three Legged Race •Croquet Game •Horseshoes
5:30 PM	Chautauqua Express - Family Entertainment
6:00 PM	Leisure Unlimited Family Fun and Games
6:00 PM	Band — "Mass Transit"
Dusk	Fireworks

**Questions regarding code enforcement, development and Building Permits please contact Public Services at 624-0880.**

## Wixom Garden Club

The June meeting, Friday, June 12th, will be at Executive Floral, 50394-D Pontiac Trail, for a Floral Arrangement Demonstration by Pam Sedelmeier at 1:30 p.m.

The July 10th meeting will be a visit to Lansing to the Michigan State Gardens.

We welcome new members. Please phone the Community Center at (248) 624-0868 for further information.

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## Clean-Up Time Tips

Each spring we tend to get rid of items which have been lying around for some time. Although it seems like garbage to us, it may not be for others.

- Consider donating items to local schools, day care facilities, churches or charitable organizations (many will pick them up). Paint, old magazines, clothing, furniture, old appliances, toys, etc. may be useful to these organizations.
- Have a garage sale and make money from your old stuff.
- Scrap steel, copper, aluminum and stainless steel are worth money.
- Try going to a pawnshop for old electronic items which you no longer have a use for.
- Use-it-again sporting goods shops take old roller blades, bowling balls, skis, skates, and other sporting goods for trade or cash.

### PLASTIC FLOWER FLATS, VEGETABLE FLATS & POTS ARE NON RECYCLABLE

When buying your flowers and vegetables, ask your dealer if they will take them back for reuse.

### WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

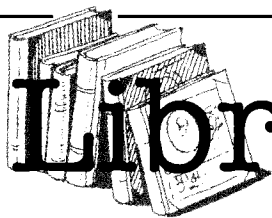
When recycling, people tend to place items that are not recyclable in the recycling bins. From toilet seats to dentures to strollers, miscellaneous items are always a problem.

### DISPOSAL OF USED MOTOR OIL:

Used motor oil contains contaminants that should NOT be placed in the regular trash bins, poured down a drain or on the ground. Call the DPW 624-0141 for drop-off locations.

### DISPOSAL OF LATEX PAINT

You can use cat litter to dry out latex paint. When dried, scrap the paint into the garbage and throw the can away.



# Library News

## New services have arrived!

- **Audio Book leasing program** to enhance the Library's audio collection
- **Best seller leasing program** to increase the number of best sellers purchased to help shorten the waiting periods for your favorite titles
- **Business Reference Collection** now located at the beginning of the non-fiction collection for access to our most requested reference sources (business magazines are also located here).

*Gifts given to the Library in March and April of 1998 include:*

- *Roses*, by Time-Life, in memory of Jeanette Buck, donated by Barb Whaley, John Sailer, Greg McCaffery, Todd Arnold, Kristin Newton, John Lipchik, Janice Cavins, and Chris Shull.
- *Salad Days*, by Marcel Desaulniers, in memory of Jeanette Buck, donated by Barb Whaley, John Sailer, Greg McCaffery, Todd Arnold, Kristin Newton, John Lipchik, Janice Cavins, and Chris Shull.

## "Friends Of The Library"

Recent gifts donated to the Library from the Friends include: the oak bench in the Library foyer, the silk tree and planter in the foyer, carry all baskets for use in the Library, and three book stack units for the fiction room. These gifts, totaling approximately \$5,700.00, are made possible through memorial donations, book sales, luncheons, and membership dues. Thanks to all our Friends for their generosity!

The Friends of the Library will be meeting on Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 pm in the Library meeting room. All are welcome!

Mark your calendar for the upcoming book-sale on October 14, 15 and 17.

## Adult Programs:

### Read Something Different

Join us at the Wixom Public Library for informal book discussions on Tuesdays, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. The book should be read before the program, copies are available at the library.

**June 9** *Tales of Burning Love*, by Louise Erdrich. The five former wives of Jack Mauser meet together to recount the love, pain and laughter of living with this man.

**July 14** *The Demon-Haunted World*, by Carl Sagan. Carl Sagan takes on aliens, channelers and UFO's and shows how these and other paranormal phenomena are proven false by science.

### Young Adult Programming

Celebrate Summer 1998. Join our young adult club for kids entering grades 5-8. Register from June 15 - 27. The club will include many fun programs and volunteer opportunities. Our first program will be held on June 22 at 6:30 p.m. where we will decorate the Library's windows (outside) using paint brushes, paint and your imagination. For more details call the Library, 624-2512.

## Children's Corner

Join "Reading is Dino-mite" Registration will begin on June 15 and runs through June 27 for the 1998 Read-to-Me and Summer Reading Clubs, for children ages 2-10. This year's theme will begin with Dinosaurs and expand into a time-travel theme. Registration is in-person only. All participants will receive an official club reading record and bookmark. Visit the Library as often as you like to record titles of Library books you have read. Everyone who reads (or is read to) 8 or more books by August 6 will be invited to our Closing Celebration on August 11th.

Summer Drop-In Story-Times are open to "Reading is Dino-mite" club members only. Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. are for children ages 2-6, accompanied by an adult.

Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. are for children ages 3-6, with an adult remaining in the building. Programs will begin June 17 and run through August 6th.

All club members are invited to attend our Tuesday Programs. Drop in on seven consecutive Tuesdays, June 23 through August 4 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. for a variety of performers, entertainers, crafts, food and fun. The Closing Celebration is by invitation only on August 11th.

Thank you to Meijer of Wixom for their generous donation for the sponsorship of the opening program on June 23; the official club reading records, bookmarks, buttons and award certificates; and the Closing Celebration on August 11th.

## Police Dept. News

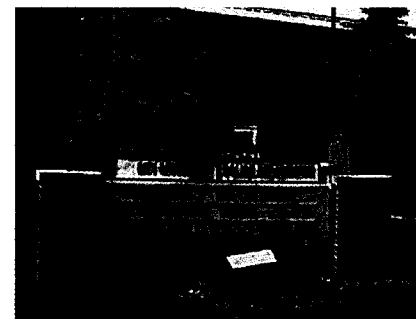
Wixom Police Will Offer Home Drug-Testing Kits to Wixom Parents Without Charge.



The Wixom Police Dept. has begun offering parents home drug-testing kits without charge. It is hoped that these kits will help parents combat their children's substance abuse. The kits — marketed as the "Drug Sensor" — include a 32-page booklet about illegal drugs and drug testing procedures, and a urine specimen package that conveys a sample to a laboratory for extensive analyses.

These kits are being offered to Wixom residents without charge. The urine analysis costs \$29.95 and is submitted with the urine sample to the laboratory.

The Wixom Police Department believes that these kits will prove to be a valuable tool for parents with children who have substance abuse problems. Any Wixom resident can obtain a test kit by requesting one at police headquarters.



## Mayor's Exchange 1988

City of Saline guests enjoyed tours of the new Total Soccer, Clover Technology, Chevy Creative Services facilities & The Wixom Municipal Complex. The purpose of the yearly exchange between cities is to exchange ideas and methodologies between different Michigan cities in honor of Michigan Week.

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## Wixom Historical Society

### History of the Wire House

Lucy and Ahijah Wixom, early settlers of Wixom, and their neighbors knew that a growing community needed two things to sustain it — a church and a school.

So, in the mid 1800's, a little house was built at the corner of Maple and Wixom Roads for Rev. Samuel Wire and his family. A small house, but by the standards of the day, quite comfortable and well situated just across the road from the plot of land that would serve as the last resting place of the early settlers. Now the old gravestones bear witness to their lives.

In time a school was built, too, down the road from the cemetery and the parsonage. It went through many transitions, and old and worn out, was torn down to become part of the modern Wixom elementary property.

But not the little house on the corner! In the early 1900's, the Tiffen family and their large brood purchased the house and its large garden plot and it continued to house Tiffen's until the deaths of brothers Charlie and Billat, 95 and 105 years of age.



It, too, was scheduled for demolition but the little house with its foundation deeply rooted in the early history of Wixom demanded restoration.

The Historical Society was formed and at their request, the City purchased the property and leased it to the Society for restoration.

You may tour and learn much more about this charming historic property and its role in the history of Wixom at the Open Houses that are scheduled this summer for Sunday June 14, July 12 and August 9, 1998 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Senior Citizens Corner

### BODY RECALL

Mon./Wed./Fri.

6/1/98 — 7/31/98

No class on: 7/15, 7/17, 7/20

COST: \$25.00 for length of session

\$2.00 — drop-in basis

This exercise class is designed to reclaim and strengthen the variety of movement. Body Recall is for everyone! It emphasizes the essential development of full range of movement in all possible joints and muscles.

### Golf Season Is Starting !!!

#### Hickory Hills Golf Course

Wednesday — Tee off time begins at 8:30 am

Starting: Wed. May 13th — 8:30 am

Ends: Wed. Sept. 30th

COST: 9 holes for \$8.00 per person

\*\* with a cart — \$13.50 per person \*\*

For more information, please give our Senior Citizen Office a call 624-2850. Hope to see you on the golf course.

### WIXOM GARDEN CLUB VISIT

WHEN: Friday June 12th, 1998

TIME: 1:30 pm

WHERE: Executive Floral 50394 — D Pontiac Trail

We will be meeting at the floral place where Pam Sedlmeyer will be demonstrating the art of floral arrangement. We will be having lunch on our own at a local restaurant.

### KELLOGG'S — CEREAL CITY

Friday July 24, 1998

Cost - \$49.00

Depart - 9:00 am

Return - 6:00 pm

Join us for a decidedly unique twist on the conventional plant tour. The displays take you back to when cereal was discovered in the 1880's. You'll see first hand how the characters you've known and grown to love came about. Please give our Senior Citizen Office a call if you have any questions. To register, come on into Community Services.

### TRAVEL SHOW

Wednesday June 17, 1998, 12:00 noon

COST: \$2.00 donation for lunch

Come on into the Senior Citizen

Lounge and find out where we're going!

Join us for lunch and the latest trip information.

### BLOOD PRESSURES

Blood pressure screening is available the 4th Thursday of each month at 11:00 am in the Senior Citizen Lounge. For more information, please give our office a call 624-2850.

### TEA AND BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday July 29, 1998, 10:00 am  
Join us and the City of Wixom Library for our first tea and Book Discussion. We are excited to offer this afternoon of enjoyment and friends! Please call our Senior Citizen Office to register.



## Fire Dept. News

### "CAMP 911"

The Fire Department is sponsoring "CAMP 911", a week-long summer camp for YOUNGSTERS ENTERING THE 5TH GRADE THIS AUGUST and RESIDENTS OF WIXOM. This year we are accepting 15 student registrations. Students will participate in "Search and Rescue", Fire Drills, Basic First Aid, Fire Hose and Extinguisher activities. The camp takes place July 20-24 from 9:11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Fire Station #1 at 1345 North Wixom Road. Bring a sack lunch. Snacks will be provided. There is NO COST for this program. Call 624-1055 for more information and to get a registration form. Registration deadline is June 29th.

### Recruiting

Are you interested in serving YOUR CITY and earning some extra money while doing so? The Fire Department is looking for additional paid-on-call fire fighters. Training is provided. Applicants must live within the City of Wixom or close proximity. Applications are available at Fire Station #2, 50430 Pontiac Trail. For more information call 624-1055.