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Official Newsletter of the City of Wixom, Jan.-March 2001

From the Mayor's Desk...

As I write this, the United State Supreme Court has put a stop to the "re-recount" in Florida. Personally, I find it hard to believe that we would have such an archaic system of voting, in this high tech age, while we contact our loved ones and business associates in seconds on the Internet, the votes of our fellow Americans are counted without a consistent and equitable standard from city to city, county to county and state to state.

Over the last three months, while attending civic events, I have become more aware of the diversity that surrounds all of us in Wixom. I feel privileged to live in a City where such diversity is as broad as you will find anywhere. While constantly being bombarded by news accounts of man's lack of civility to his fellow man, the media would have us believe that this "rage" is more commonplace than it truly is. The result is that we often get lumped into this group or that group. In reality, I believe the truly prejudice people

are in the minority. The majority of us accept our fellow man as he accepts us.

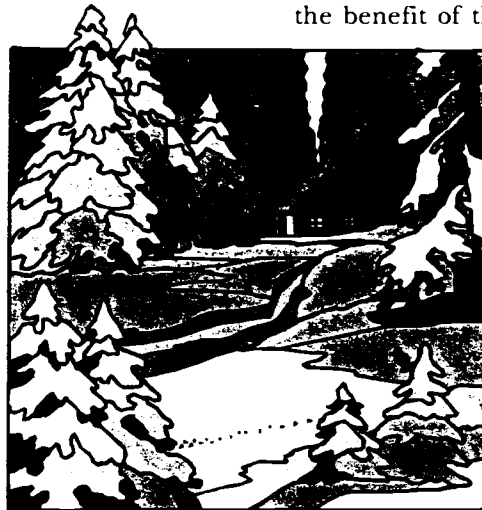
As the real millennium starts, and during this season of good will toward our fellow man, let's all remember to treat others as we would like to be treated. Being human, we all make mistakes, whether it is a bad decision while driving or a hasty comment made before careful consideration.

In the coming year, I propose we all give our fellow man the benefit of the doubt and remember that everyone makes mistakes not necessarily done in anger or "rage". Let's all practice doing random acts of kindness and start showing one another the same courtesies we hope others will show us. Who knows...we may start a trend which allows for the best century mankind has known.

—Mayor Mike McDonald

"One mustn't criticize other people on grounds where he can't stand perpendicular himself."

—Mark Twain



WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – UPDATE

The water system improvements for interconnection to the City of Detroit are in the final stages.

- **2000 (Major Road) Water Mains** - The final phase of the City water main



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system construction has been completed, with final restoration to be completed early spring. These areas include Wixom Road north of Pontiac Trail, W. Maple Road, Loon Lake Road, Charms Road and sections of Beck Road and various minor subdivision areas and private roads north of Pontiac Trail. If you have concerns or items that you feel we need to address please contact Andy Malczewski, HRC at (248) 338-9241 as we compile the punchlist for this project.

- **Detroit Water Interconnection** – The City of Detroit officials have started construction of the extension of a 42"

diameter water main which will be constructed from the east side of Walled Lake to W. Maple & Beck Roads intersection. Some road closures and detours are anticipated within the project area.

- **Questions On Connection and Use of the Water System?**

As Wixom nears interconnection to the City of Detroit's water system and you have questions on how to proceed with the connection to the City water system or for more information call either the Building Department at (248) 624-0880 or the Department of Public Services at (248) 624-4664.



Assessing News

Just a quick note to remind homeowners that the Change of Assessment Notices will be out in the mail around the end of February. The notice will show the assessed value and the taxable value for the year 2000 and the upcoming 2001 values.

The inflation rate, expressed as a multiplier, to be used in the 2001 Capped Value Formula is 1.032 (the inflation rate for 2000 calculations was 1.019).

The 2001 Capped Value Formula is as follows:

2001 CAPPED VALUE =
(2000 Taxable Value - LOSSES) X 1.032 + ADDITIONS

For Example:

Last year's True Cash Value was:	\$ 100,000
Last year's State Equalized Value was:	\$ 50,000
Last year's Taxable Value was:	\$ 49,000
The (2001) Capped Value Multiplier is:	1.032
The new True Cash Value (2001):	\$ 104,000
The new State Equalized Value (2001):	\$ 52,000
The new Taxable Value (2001):	\$ 50,568

The new approximate amount of taxes for 2001: \$1,668
(approx. taxes for 2001)

Taxable Value x .033 (Homestead Millage Rate)

Note: This example is only for those properties where there has not been a transfer of ownership in the year 2000. Properties that were transferred in 2000 will be "uncapped" for 2001 (the 2001 SEV and the 2001 taxable amount will be the same).

Information regarding the dates of the March Board of Review (in the event you may wish to appeal your assessment) will be on the notice. Please call us at 624-0880 if you have any questions or need more details on your individual property.



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**PERMITS ARE
REQUIRED
FOR FINISHING
BASEMENTS.**

—THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

ROAD & BIKEPATH IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2000



Road Maintenance

- **2000 Road Maintenance (Highgate on the Green, the Courts of Highgate and Hickory Hills Subdivision)** – Resurfacing of these streets with minor curb & gutter replacement has been completed. Minor punchlist items remain and should be completed spring of 2001. If you have concerns or items you feel we should address please contact Jennifer Nelson, HRC at (248) 338-9241.
- **2001 Loon Lake and Wixom Roads Intersection** – work is projected to start this spring 2001 on the installation of a new center left turn lane and signal at this intersection.
- **2001 Wixom Road 5th Lane** – A new center left turn lane will be constructed between West Road and Pontiac Trail.
- **2001 Charms Road** – Resurfacing of this roadway from Wixom Road to the City's western limits will be completed this spring/summer.
- **2001 Potter Road** – Resurfacing of this section of this roadway from Bell Coney to Wixom Road will be completed this spring/summer.
- **2001 Indain Trail** – Resurfacing of this roadway within the Indian Wells Subdivision will be completed this spring./summer.

Bikepaths

- **Loon Lake Road from Wixom Road to North Creek Drive (Loon Lake Woods Subdivision)** – Last phase of the City bikepath program will be constructed this spring/summer inter-connecting the subdivisions along Loon Lake road with the overall City network and parks.
- **Pontiac Trail (Gibson House)** – Inter-connection of the Gibson House park area to the bikepath network City wide.



Other Road Projects Around the Area That May Effect You!

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) plans on resurfacing W. Maple Road as part of the Detroit water extension this spring/summer 2001. Also the Grand River Avenue bridge in the City of Novi, between Novi and Beck Roads is scheduled for reconstruction this construction season (2001). Note detours will be posted. Further, Grand River Avenue between Novi and Wixom Roads will be under construction, widening from 2 to 5 lanes.

As you can see a lot of work has been completed with additional work planned for 2001.

For more information please call the Department of Public Services at (248) 624-4664.

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Library News

From the Director...

In Memory of Loreita Anderson

Loreita Anderson, long-time Library supporter, passed away in September. Her family asked that memorials be sent in her name to the Children's Department of the Library. What a fitting way for a lover of children and of books to have her memory live on, sharing books with the children of Wixom.

Policy Changes

Two of our Library policies have changed recently. Michigan Public Act 212 of 2000 took effect on October 1, 2000. This law requires Public Libraries, that offer Internet access to the public, must adopt and enforce a policy that restricts access to minors. They may do this by providing Internet use in one of the following two ways: by making available, to individuals of any age, one or more terminals that are restricted from receiving obscene matter or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors, and by reserving, to individuals 18 or older or minors accompanied by their parent or guardian, one or more terminals that are not restricted from receiving any material. Or libraries may choose to utilize a system or method that is designed to prevent a minor from viewing obscene matter or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors.

After much consideration the Library Board decided to comply with the law by requiring that any minor must be seated with a registered parent or guardian while using the Internet at the Library. The Library's Internet terminals are not filtered.

If you have any questions or concerns about this



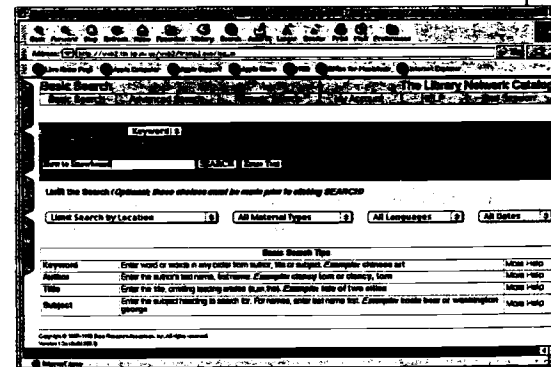
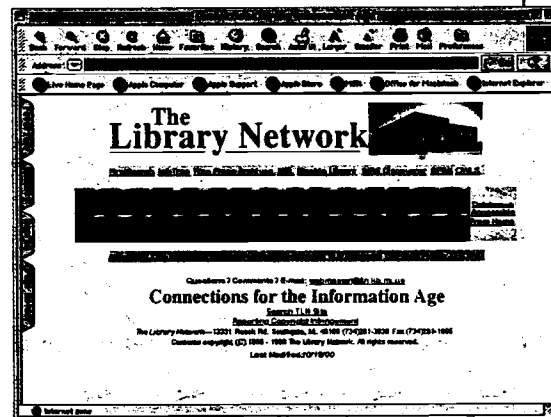
change, you may direct them to the Library Director, or write to the Library Board, c/o the Wixom Public Library. Of course if you would like to express opinions about P.A. 212 of 2000 you would want to contact the Governor or your representatives in Lansing.

The second policy change decided by the Library Board was to discontinue charging \$2.00 for reserved books not picked up. Since patrons may place reserves from home, we would no longer be able to inform them about this charge, therefore, it was decided to discontinue this practice.

Speaking of Computers

Are you online? Did you know...if you have email, you may arrange with us to have your library notices for overdue books and reserves sent to your email address. Just remember that you must let us know if the email address changes - and this address expires in one year, so if you start getting paper notices again, it's time to let us know your email address.

Also, you may now place requests from home over the Internet. This is great news for the cold winter months. Just go to <http://tlm.lib.mi.us> and click on CATALOG. Then choose the TLN WEB CATALOG. Be sure you choose Wixom as your pick-up location so the requested book comes here. Please note, your pin number is normally the last four digits of the phone number you had when you first got your library card. If you have a problem, please stop in and we can change your pin number for you.



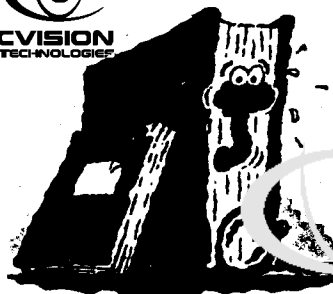
Friends of the Wixom Library

The Annual Used Book Sale in October was a huge success, thanks to all who worked so hard. As always, we couldn't have done it without the D.P.W., who moved all the books for us. Thanks Brian, Jay and Alan.

Our "Candy and Bake Shoppe" also did well and it is very rewarding for "The Friends" to provide the extras for the Library. A big "Thank You" goes to Rhoda Sheridan for donating her time and talent in creating two

Gingerbread Houses, which "The Friends" raffled off. They were lovely and very much appreciated. We are waiting for the next Big Idea from our creative thinker, NaDean Sellman. She came up with the ideas for the Aquarium and the Gingerbread House. "What's next, NaDean?"

Our next meeting is Jan. 17, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us. We need you. A Happy and Healthy New Year to All.





Let's Make A Difference Day

On behalf of the City of Wixom and the Parks & Recreation Department, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the students of Sarah Banks Middle School, parents, teachers, and the senior citizens who participated in "Let's Make A Difference Day". The eager students were bused to Gilbert Willis Park in October to prepare and clean the park for the fall. Their cheerful attitude and willingness to work were plain to see, and the park never looked better. The senior citizens served 150 hungry students a hot dog lunch following clean up. Thanks to all participants for making Gilbert Willis Park a place for all to enjoy.

Police Notes

This winter season a new seasonal parking regulation is in effect. This new ordinance prohibits parking on any street, highway, public parking lot, or alley after a snowfall and/or drifting of snow of two (2) inches or more. Vehicles found to be in violation of this regulation can be ticketed and the vehicles could be removed at the expense of their owners. The old November 1st - April 1st parking prohibition has been rescinded and it is hoped that this new parking regulation will make parking easier for many multi-car families in our community.

Just a reminder that both state law and local ordinance prohibit the use of ATVs or snowmobiles on public property or roadways. Persons are permitted to operate these vehicles on private property only with written permission of the owner.

Department Of Public Works

DPW Snow Plowing Priorities

The highest priority for the Department of Public Works (DPW) during the winter months is safe winter driving.

To ensure your safety, the DPW has set certain priorities for removing ice and snow from local roads:

1. Major road networks, school bus routes, and churches.
2. Hills and curves.
3. The balance of the local roads.



Reminder...Winter Roads

Please help the DPW in maintaining our roads within a desirable time frame this winter.

Proper control of parking and traffic will reduce both our response time and operational costs. Please cooperate in the following ways:

1. Attention parents: Please do not let your children play in the snow banks/drifts adjacent to the road. This is a very hazardous situation, as the plow truck drivers cannot see the children in the snow banks/drifts.
2. Police Traffic Control Order #88: No parking on any public street or parking lot with 2" or more of snow.
3. If you hire a private contractor for snow removal services, please ask them not to plow snow into the public roadway. This is not only disruptive to local traffic, but also illegal!
4. Please do not snowblow or plow snow into the street. This is a violation and you are liable if any injuries or accidents occur. Thank you for your cooperation.
5. **Fire hydrants:** The City of Wixom would appreciate your help in keeping the fire hydrants in front of your home visible and clear of snow. Thank you for your help in keeping our community safe! If you are aware of any hydrants that are not accessible, please call 624-6421.
6. **Maintenance of curbside or rural mailboxes:** This is a reminder that postal regulations regarding delivery of mail to rural or curbside boxes require customers to keep the approach to their mailbox cleared of snow, vehicles, and other objects.



Just A Reminder:

Effective immediately Waste Management will tag containers in excess of 32 gallons and they will no longer be emptied as employees are not required to lift containers larger than 32 gallons. Thank you for your cooperation.

Winter months solid waste & Recycling Services

To avoid damage to your containers for solid waste & recycling:

- Please do not put your containers in the streets.
- Keep containers visible on your driveway to guarantee pickup.
- The City will not be responsible for damaged containers.

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CROSS COUNTRY SKI DAY

Who: Age 7 - Adult
 When: Sat. Jan 13; 1-3 p.m.
 Where: Gilbert Willis Park
 Fee: \$5 per person
 Come join the fun and ski around Gilbert Willis Park. Refreshments will be served beside a roaring fire. Ski rental available (\$10 adults and \$6 children, payable at time of rental). Children must be accompanied by an adult. Register by Jan 10.

CITY OF WIXOM DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Who: Dads & Daughters
 When: Thurs. Feb. 8, 2000, 7-8:30 p.m.
 Where: Wixom Comm. Center
 Cost: \$20 per couple & \$5 ea. add'l

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

Who: Families
 When: Thurs., Jan. 25
 Time: 6:30 - 8 p.m.
 Where: Wixom Comm. Center
 Fee: No Charge

KIDS SUPER SATURDAYS

Who: Age 3-6
 Time: 1-2:30 p.m.
 Where: Wixom C.C.
 Fee: \$15 per couple (1 Parent, 1 child) \$3 ea. add'l. parent or child

KIDDIE CARNIVAL AND GAMES

When: Sat. Jan 20
 Play carnival and traditional games with some silly twists. Kids receive a prize at the end of the day. Snack & drink provided. gym shoes please. Must Pre-Register.

KIDDIE HUNTS AND GAMES

When: Sat., Feb. 10
 Join your youngsters as they solve the clues to a picture scavenger hunt on their way to the treasure. They'll also play active and passive mystery games. Snacks & drink provided. Must Pre-Register. Gym shoes please.

KIDDIE MUSIC AND MOTION

When: Sat., Mar. 24
 Celebrate the wonder of music as you and your kids dance, wiggle, & giggle. Includes a variety of musical activities, dances, and special games. Snack & drink provided. Must Pre-Register gym shoes please.

TEEN SPECIAL EVENTS

"broke in band" Presents WINTER BLAH BUSTER 2001

Who: Age 13-17
 When: Fri. Jan. 26; 7 - 10:30 p.m.
 Where: Wixom Comm. Center
 Fee: \$5 per person
 Parks & Rec and local band "broke-in" invite you to jam the night away with special guest band "Lifeline." Incl. pizza, snacks.

AIRBORNE SKATE PARK BUS TRIP - (MIDWINTER BREAK)

Who: Age 12-17
 When: Tues. Feb. 20; 2:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 Fee: \$15 per person
 Michigan's largest indoor street and vert skate park. X-treme in-line skate or skateboard. Cool ramps & rails. Bring own skates, board, and full safety gear. Safety gear is avail. at no additional charge. Incl. food. Check web site: www.AIRBORNESK8.COM. Sponsored by Wixom Police Dare Program and Parks & Rec. Register early.

ALPINE VALLEY SNOWBOARD & SKI TRIP (MIDWINTER BREAK)

Who: Age 12-17
 When: Thurs. Feb. 22; 9:30 - 5:30 p.m.
 Fee: \$20 with own equipment \$40 with either full ski or snowboard rental
 SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS: Cool fun - includes 25 trails, 350' half pipe, 10' verts, ramps, rails, and launches. Bring lunch. Concessions available. Register early.

SECRETARY OF STATE MOBILE UNIT

When: Thur. Feb 22, 11 a.m.- 6 p.m.
 When: Fri. Feb 23, 7 a.m. -1 p.m.
 Where: Wixom Comm. Center
 The Secretary of State comes to Wixom! Everything you can do at a branch office can be done here!

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Drop off: Lyon Oaks Park - Pontiac Tr.
 When: Dec. 26-Jan.14, 2001; 9-4 p.m.
 Remove all decorations. Call 248-858-0906 for info.

BUS TRIPS

GENITTI'S MURDER MYSTERY TRIP

Who: Adults
 When: Fri. Feb 9; 6:30-10 p.m.
 Where: Genitti's / Northville
 Fee: \$40 per person
 Enjoy a famous 7 course Italian Dinner and Comedy Murder Mystery Theater Show. Includes wine and homemade cannolis. Register Early. Wixom residents 1st priority till Jan. 10.

DETROIT RED WINGS

Who: Everyone
 When: Thurs. Feb. 14; 5:30 - 11 p.m.
 Where: Joe Louis Arena
 Fee: \$60 per person
 Join us as the Wings take on the Carolina Hurricanes. Price includes bus, admission, snack, and raffle. Wixom residents 1st priority till Jan. 10.

DISNEY JUNGLE ADVENTURES ON ICE

Who: Everyone
 When: Sat., Mar. 3; 10:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.
 Where: Joe Louis Arena; Fee: TBA
 Come enjoy the fun as your favorite characters from Disney's Jungle Book, Lion King, and Tarzan sing, dance and skate. Includes ticket, snack and bus. Wixom residents 1st priority till Jan. 10.


DETROIT PISTONS BUS TRIP

Who: Everyone
 When: Sun., Mar 4; 11a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 Where: The Palace of Auburn Hills
 Fee: \$38 per person
 Pistons host the Orlando Magic! Price includes bus, snack and raffle. Register early! Wixom residents 1st priority till Jan. 10.

MICHIGAN PRINCESS BLUES CRUISE

Who: Adults
 When: Fri., Mar 16; 5:30p.m.-12 a.m.
 Where: Michigan Princess; Lansing
 Fee: \$55 per person
 Come join in the fun as we cruise around the river to the Blues. A fun time will be had by all! Price includes dinner, bus, and ticket. Cash bar. Wixom residents 1st priority till Jan. 10.

Calendar of Events — January 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  New Year's Day	2 ■ City Offices Closed	3 ■ City Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6
7	8 ■ City Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, 7:30pm	9 ■ City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	10	11	12	13 ■ Cross Country Ski Day at Gilbert Willis Park, 1-3p.m.
14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16	17	18	19 ■ F&F Mr. Inflation, 6:30-8p.m.	20 ■ Kiddie Carnival and Games, 1-2:30 p.m.
21	22 ■ City Planning Commission Workshop Meeting, 7:30pm	23 ■ City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	24	25 ■ Family Skate Night, Wixom Community Center, 6:30-8 p.m.	26 ■ Teen Dance, 6:30 -10 p.m.	27
28	29	30 	31 ■ Greeting Card Donation deadline (see page 8 for info)			

* All meetings held at Wixom City Hall, 49045 Pontiac trail, Wixom

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 ▪ City Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	6	7	8 ▪ Daddy/Daughter Dance, Wixom Community Center, 7-8:30 p.m.	9 ▪ Gemitt's Bus Trip, 6:30-10p.m. ▪ F&F Story Teller, 6:30-8p.m.	10 ▪ Kiddie Hunts and Games, 1-2:30p.m.
11	12 ▪ City Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, 7:30pm <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13 ▪ City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	14 ▪ Red Wings Bus Trip, 5:30-11p.m.  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17
18	19	20 ▪ Teen Airborne Skate Trip, 2:30-7:30 p.m.	21	22  ▪ Alpine Valley Ski/Snowboard, 9-5 p.m. ▪ Secretary of State Mobile, 11a.m.-6 pm <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	23 ▪ Secretary of State Mobile, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.	24
25	26 ▪ City Planning Commission Workshop Meeting, 7:30pm	27 ▪ City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	28 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>			

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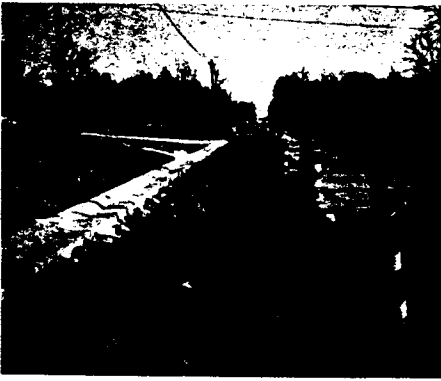
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				1	2	3 ▪ Disney Jungle on Ice, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
4 ▪ Pistons Game, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	5 ▪ City Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 ▪ City Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, 7:30pm	13 ▪ City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	14	15	16 ▪ MI Princess Blues Cruise, 5:30p.m.-12 a.m.	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 ▪ Kiddie Music and Motion, 1-2:30 p.m.
25	26 ▪ City Planning Commission Workshop Meeting, 7:30pm	27 ▪ City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	28	29	30	31

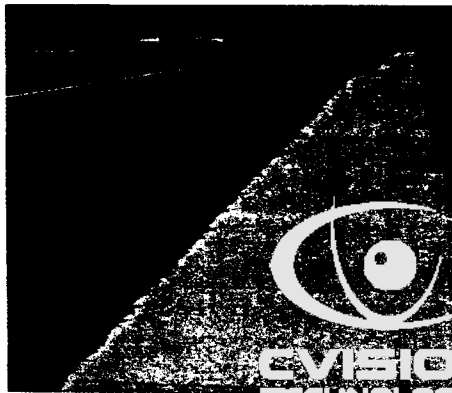
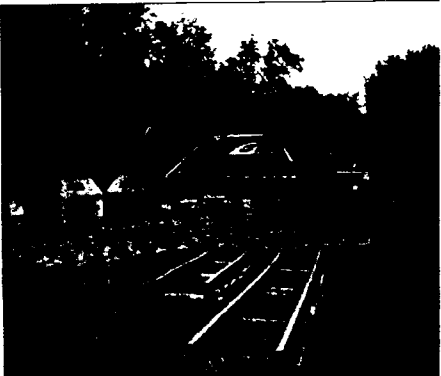
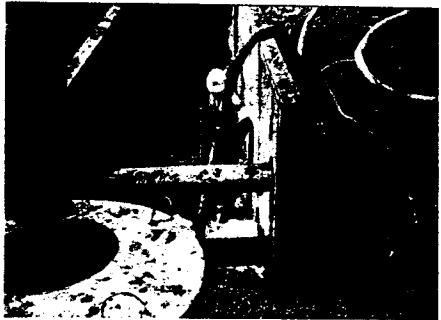
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The City of Wixom would like to extend a warm thanks to all of our residents for your patience during our very busy construction season. You can breathe a sigh of relief as the construction barrels disappear for the winter. Best Wishes to you and your family for a safe, healthy and Happy New Year.



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Banking on the Rivers

The City of Wixom has committed itself to the protection, enhancement and restoration of the Rouge and Huron Rivers. In order to do this; the City needs your help. Working together as a community, and with each other, all of our residents can do their part to help the City of Wixom become a remarkable community made up of extraordinary River-friendly stewards.

- Organizations:**
- Friends of the Rouge (313) 792-9900
 - Huron River Watershed Council (734) 763-5123
 - RRRASOC (248) 208-2270
 - Sierra Club (415) 977-5500
 - River Stewards (FOTR) (313) 792-9627
 - Wild Ones (734) 663-4047

Christmas card Donations

We put containers in City Hall, the Library and the Community Center to collect used cards (all occasions actually but greatest response is at Christmas) for the Keith Bovenchen School in Warren. They accept cards "as is" and recycle them and resell them as a fund raiser.



RRRASOC participates in the program as well and will pick up our collected cards and deliver them to the school at 12345 Frazho, Warren, MI 48089. If Citizens like, they can mail them to this address as well. Deadline for drop off is January 30, 2001.

RRRASOC will be accepting any type of greeting card (the entire card) from January 1 through 31, 2001 outside their offices, located on the northeast corner of Eight Mile Road and Evergreen in Southfield. Container will be outside the doors for 24 hour drop off seven days a week.