

Crossroads



January-March 2011

Official Newsletter of the City of Wixom

FROM THE MAYOR...

Happy New Year Wixom, let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! The Holidays have once again come and gone. However, the Holiday spirit continues all year long with many of us. For example, many of our local businesses supported our functions and events this past year. We thank them for improving the quality of life for our residents in Wixom. Also, I would like to thank all those who volunteered this past year for functions like Rebuild Together Oakland County and all those who donated gifts to Operation Solider. These outstanding fine men and women have made the decision to protect us and our freedom so that we all can live in a free country. Again, many thanks to all of you who donated your time and gifts.

Speaking of a free country, wasn't this past election something? Thanks to our City Clerk Linda Kirby and her staff, as well as the election workers who facilitated our election without any noticeable glitch. We are very fortunate to have such great employees here in Wixom. Our entire staff including the Police, Fire and Safety, DPW, Finance, Community Services, Building Department, Library and City Administration does a terrific job. This is evident in our recent award, the "University of Michigan Entrepreneurial Award". This is Wixom's third receipt of this recognition from a study of 112 communities. Congratulations to all of our employees and volunteers, this is your well deserved award!

Have you had a chance to come downtown and ice skate on our pond? Give it a try! You will find the official opening of the pond on **Skate Night** January 13th on our City's website: www.wixomgov.org. The website is new and improved. If you haven't utilized it in some time, get online and take a ride. Also, I'm sure many of you have traveled along Potter Road, Wixom Road and Pontiac Trail recently. The new bike path and road paving enhance the quality of life we have all come to enjoy in this town we call home.

We continue to work on the reappropriation of the closed Wixom Ford Plant. The interior demolition has pretty much been completed. The two companies looking to locate here are seeking to secure D.O.E. (Department of Energy) loan guarantees, along with Recovery Zone Bonds in order to finance their equipment. We know this go around with the federal government will be tough; however, we are optimistic they will be successful. Xtreme Power, the battery manufacturer has purchase orders of over \$800 million, for which they are committed to start manufacturing by the second quarter of 2012. Many other businesses have come into our community this past year. A total of over 45 businesses to be exact. They include: restaurants, manufacturing and service industries along with some existing companies expanding their facilities. All this is exciting for our community as we continue to redevelop our manufacturing in this state from grease to green. Manufacturing will always be a part of our footprint and will continue to generate many jobs.

We have a new Governor that we look forward to working together with. Let's hope Governor Rick Snyder can use his business background to turn our State back to a robust, business friendly State, along with the elected officials working for the people who have elected them and hold true to "for the people by the people". Don't forget to come join me and some of your fellow council members at the "Coffee with the Mayor" on January 24th at the Coffee Beanery for stimulating conversation, along with a great cup of coffee.

Let me finish by asking each of you a question: When was the last time you volunteered for something for one hour, half a day, or even a full day or more? If you haven't, give it try, it will make you feel good! Go ahead and make a difference, do something for someone else today!

Best Wishes for a Healthy & Happy New Year!

Your Mayor,

Kevin W. Hinkley

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

The Clerk's Office says "Hats off" to our wonderful election workers who persevered through quite an election on November 2nd.

We also have to give credit and many thanks to the 4,034 Wixom voters who showed up at the polls that day to cast their ballots, as well as the slew of voters who



showed up here to vote and had to be sent off to other municipalities where they were registered. Election inspectors and Clerk's Office staff alike very much appreciate

the patience and the understanding that voters displayed that day as they waited in line while precinct workers dealt with tabulators that timed out, ballots that jammed, unregistered voters, name and address changes and many other issues. Our cooperative voters helped to make the day run more smoothly which is another example of why Wixom is such a wonderful community to live in.

This election we had a young lady and two young gentlemen who joined us on Election Day and were like a bright spot of sunshine in the polling places.



Our seasoned precinct workers enjoyed sharing their space with these young workers, and we'd like to encourage other young folks out there (at least 16 years of age) who are interested in learning more about the election process to contact us if they'd be interested in joining our election work force.

From our Clerk's Office "home" to yours, all the best in 2011.



DPW/ DPS NEWS

Compost is the miscellaneous organic waste material resulting from landscaping and/or maintenance of a home or property, including grass, weeds, fallen leaves, shrub and plant clippings, plant materials, twigs and small limbs (not to exceed 2 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length). Each year, compost service is provided from early spring to late fall. Compostable materials will be collected if placed in a metal or plastic (35-gallon) container with a yard waste label or in a brown paper compost bag. Grocery or other plastic bags are **NOT** acceptable. Total weight of bag and contents must not exceed 40 pounds. Total weight of metal or plastic containers and contents must not exceed 50 pounds. Bundles of small branches must not exceed 4 feet in length, 2 inches in diameter and 40 pounds in weight.

For additional information about backyard composting, please call the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of South Oakland County (RRRASOC) at (248) 208-2270 or visit RRRASOC's website www.rrrasoc.org. Also, under the Adopt-A-Box Program, the DPW offers the use of a 9-cubic yard box container to assist Wixom residents and Homeowner Associations in disposing large quantities of compostable yard waste. The cost is only \$25 per drop. Under this program, City staff will locate one of four container boxes on the requesting resident's property. Yard waste is then placed in the container by the resident for eventual pick-up and disposal by the DPW.

For program rules, please visit the City of Wixom website www.wixomgov.org or contact the Department of Public Works at (248) 624-0141.

Compost and mulch is made available to residents of the City of Wixom free of charge from April through December at the Department of Public Works, 2041 Charms Road. Compost and mulch may be picked up from 7 am to 5 pm, Monday – Friday. There is a limit of 5-cubic yards (one truckload) per person and compost/mulch is for private residential use only. This is a do-it-yourself task. Residents must bring their own shovels and containers and may be asked for proof of residency.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY REMINDER

The City of Wixom's annual Household Hazardous Waste Day (HHWD) is scheduled on Saturday, April 9, 2011 (10 am - 1 pm) at the Department of Public Works located at 2041 Charms Road. This is a free event available to homeowners residing in Wixom, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, Southfield, South Lyon and Walled Lake.

In addition to this year's household hazardous waste drop-off, the City is also providing the following services at the April 9th HHWD:

- Paper and document shredder service. This is an excellent way to prevent critical personal information from falling into the wrong hands. RRRASOC will accept up to 100 pounds of documents for shredding.
- Wixom residents (only) can drop off scrap metal and old tires. There is a limit of four (4) tires per resident.

Wixom Residents can also participate in additional HHWD at other locations. Tentative upcoming dates and locations will be as follows:

Southfield: April 16 and October 15, 9 am to 2 pm

Farmington Hills: May 7 (held at OCC Orchard Lake campus), 9 am to 2 pm

Novi: Oct 8, 9 am to 2 pm

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Department of Public Works at (248) 624-0141.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The 2011 Wixom March Board of Review is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 8th and Monday, March 14th. On Tuesday the Board will meet from 10 am to 12 noon and again from 1 pm to 5 pm. On Monday the Board will meet from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm and in the evening from 6:30 pm to 9 pm.

Check the date and times printed on your Assessment Change notice, which will be mailed out in February, for any changes to the tentative schedule.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION OFFERS CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Oakland County Parks and Recreation makes holiday cleanup easy and "green" with **Christmas Tree Recycling** at 11 park locations.

The recycling program runs until January 16, 2011, from 9 am – 4 pm, seven days a week. Two locations, Independence Oaks and Orion Oaks, will accept trees through January 30.

Self-serve recycling sites include **Lyon Oaks** in Wixom. There is no charge to drop off trees. All decorations, plastic, tinsel and wire must be removed. Large quantities from commercial lots will not be accepted.

The parks system processes the trees to make compost and wood chips which will be available to the public in 2011 free of charge.

For more information, contact (248) 858-0906 or visit **DestinationOakland.com**.

FIRE NEWS

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Every home should have a carbon monoxide detector on each floor. CO detectors save lives. Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and it kills. Warning signs of carbon monoxide poisoning are headache, nausea and/or vomiting and fatigue. Severity of symptoms varies with age, existing medical conditions and physical size. If your detector activates, leave the house immediately, then call **911. Do not open doors or windows to air out the house.** Fire Department personnel will test your home for the presence of carbon monoxide and evaluate your family for symptoms of CO poisoning.

FIRE HYDRANTS

Fire hydrants on your property must be clear of snow. Hydrants must be visible and readily accessible to the Fire Department. Residents in need of assistance in removing snow from hydrants should call the Fire Department administrative office at (248) 624-1055.

SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

Did you change your detector battery when you changed your clock on November 7th? If not, change the battery now. Test your smoke detector monthly.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Casting Call: All Ages!

Visit the Library this season to celebrate all things theatrical. There's something for everyone!

Adults, join us to sample **Award-Winning Appetizers**, Thursday, January 20, at 6:30 pm. We're also hosting three **Academy Award Film & Pizza Nights**. We will be showing Oscar winners *It Happened One Night* (January 18) and *A Fish Called Wanda* (March 15), as well as one of the 2010 Oscar Nominees (February 15, title to be announced). Be sure to guess this year's big Oscar winners in our annual contest. You could win, too!



During **Teen Tech Week**, we're hosting a special **Anime Dub** event at 5:30 pm on March 7. Teens will get to dub their voices over those of their favorite anime or other movies. Teens can also attend our **Glee-a-thon** at 1 pm on March 12!

On February 12 at 10:30 am, Children ages 2-10 will applaud **The Merry Music Maker**. She will share Valentine-themed stories accompanied by movement, music and sign language. March 5 at 10:30 am we feature **Rocky the Dinosaur in Oz** – a wonderful, large-scale puppet adventure no one will want to miss!

Help for Job Seekers

Looking for work or filing for unemployment? Need help formatting a resume? Wondering where to find job postings or how to complete online applications? Come to a Job Seeker's Lab session for help. Thanks to Federal ARRA grant dollars, the Library now has 10 laptops with Internet access and Office 2007. These computers will be set up for open use in the Meeting Room, and our friendly, professional staff will be on hand to assist you on the following dates:

Thursday, January 13, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Tuesday, February 22, 2:30-4:30 pm
Thursday, March 24, 5:30-7:30 pm

Also visit the City's website at www.wixomgov.org for additional job listings.

Friends Year-end Wrap-up and 2011 Planning Events

The Friends of the Wixom Public Library had a very successful year raising nearly \$10,000, which funded nearly all the programming materials for children, young adults and adults. In addition, multi-media equipment was purchased for the meeting room along with the information monitor at the check-out desk. Also being replaced is the carpeting in the children's activity room so toddlers will have a clean and comfy place to sit for story times.

And because of its expanding activities, the Friends filed paperwork to become an official charitable organization with the Federal Government. Thank you volunteer Friends for all your hard work and camaraderie.

While you're organizing your 2011 calendar, please mark down these upcoming events:

One-day Fiction Book Sale, Tuesday, Feb 8, 10 am-8 pm
Four-day Spring Book Sale, Wednesday, May 4-Saturday, May 7
One-day Fiction Book Sale, Tuesday, Aug 2, 10 am-5 pm
Four-day Fall Book Sale, Wednesday, Oct 12-Saturday, Oct 15

The next quarterly meeting is Tuesday, January 11, 2011 from 11 am-12:30 pm in the Library meeting room.

Anyone is welcome to join the Friends. Stop by the front desk for an application.

ACTIVE ADULT 50+ ACTIVITIES

Active Adults 50 years or older are welcome to participate in upcoming activities at the Wixom Community Center! We have lots of activities and trips to choose from. There are things like exercise, glass etching, digital scrapbooking, lunches and more. In addition, there will be some fun special events like the "Beat the Winter Blahs" Beach party on January 20 or the "That's Amore!" Valentine's Celebration on February 17 or the Annual St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17. Programs are open to everyone 50 years or better. Please call (248) 624-0870 for more information or to register for an event.

WIXOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Wixom Historical Society welcomes the beginning of the New Year with three outstanding programs sure to be of interest to the public. All will be entertaining, perhaps even nostalgic as we wander through yesteryear. All programs are free of charge and unless otherwise noted, are held at Wixom City Hall beginning with a short business meeting at 7 pm. Programs begin at 7:30 pm. Refreshments are always served.



We begin with the Vernors Ginger Ale Story on **Monday, January 17** with Keith Wunderlich, aficionado of all things Vernors, including the famed trademark and the bearded gnome. He'll take us back to the day when there were bottling plant tours or maybe remembering a glass of Vernors in downtown Detroit before boarding the Bob-Lo boat. Wunderlich has even launched an internet newsletter and formed the Vernor's Ginger Ale Collectors Club. Sure to be a fun evening with lots of memories. And to be sure, Vernor's, warmed or even Vernor's floats, will be served.



The month of the Presidents will be celebrated on **Monday, February 21** with Jerry Maxwell in his first appearance with the Historical Society in Wixom. A colleague of our dear friend, Dr. Weldon Petz, Maxwell will introduce us to and enlighten us with his studies of Abraham Lincoln and Lincoln's buddies.

We welcome the Detroit Historical Society on **Monday, March 21** in their presentation of *The Beginning and the Present...* our historical journey. Every day that passes is a piece of history, no matter how trivial that, in one way or another should be preserved. It's another program that will be intriguing, interesting and educational. Join us.



The Parks & Recreation Department is now located in the City Offices Building.
Phone: (248) 624-2850
Fax: (248) 624-3090



Spring Soccer 2011 Early Bird

Registration Ends Tuesday, March 1


Register
 Online, Mail
 Walk-In, Phone, Fax
 Parent Tot Soccer &
 Divisions U6-U13

Register now for the Spring Youth Soccer Program! Sponsored by Wixom Parks & Recreation. Stay Local! Kids will have fun, learn & improve their soccer skills in a recreational atmosphere.

PARENT & TOT LITTLE KICKERS— 8 weeks

Fun way to learn a lifetime sport! Starts Mon. April 18, 6-6:45 pm

DIVISIONS: Little Kickers, U6, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13

(Register Early— Space Limited)

- Convenient registration: Online, mail, walk-in, fax, phone
- 8 week season starts Sat April 16 (No jewelry-for safety)
- U6 & U8- All games on Sat on Wixom fields
- U9 - U13 games on Sat & Sun & weeknights
- Returning Fall 2010 players will be placed on the same team
- New Player Fee includes: jersey, short and socks
- Teams formed by geographic location and coach availability
- Register online: www.wixomgov.org or by phone (248) 624-2850

Circle Division	Birth Date Ranges	Fee	Returning or New Player
Little Kickers Parent / Tot -Age 3/4	8-1-2006 To 7-31-2007	___\$80	Learn to play. All kids receive t-shirt. Starts Mon April 18, 6:00-6:45 pm
U6 Coed Returning Player	8-1-2004 To 7-31-2006	___\$75	Will wear Fall 10 uniform. Name of Fall 10 coach _____
U6 Coed New Player	8-1-2004 To 7-31-2006	___\$90	Fee includes jersey, socks, short. Games in Wixom
U8 Coed Returning Player	8-1-2002 To 7-31-2004	___\$75	Will wear Fall 10 uniform. Name of Fall 10 coach _____
U8 Coed New Player	8-1-2002 To 7-31-2004	___\$90	Fee includes jersey, socks, short. Games in Wixom
Divisions Below- U9 & Up (limited teams, placement not guaranteed— register early)			
U9 Girl or Boy Returning Player	8-1-2001 To 7-31-2002	___\$80	Will wear Fall 10 uniform Name of Fall 10 coach _____
U9 Girl or Boy New Player	8-1-2001 To 7-31-2002	___\$95	Fee includes jersey, socks, short. Games in Wixom & 15 mile radius
U10 Girl or Boy Returning Player	8-1-2000 To 7-31-2001	___\$80	Will wear Fall 10 uniform. Name of Fall 10 coach _____
U10 Girl or Boy New Player	8-1-2000 To 7-31-2001	___\$95	Fee includes jersey, socks, short. Games in Wixom & 15 mile radius
U11 Girl or Boy Returning Player	8-1-1999 To 7-31-2000	___\$80	Will wear Fall 10 uniform. Name of Fall 10 coach _____
U11 Girl or Boy New Player	8-1-1999 To 7-31-2000	___\$95	Fee includes jersey, socks, short. Games in Wixom & 15 mile radius
U12 Boy Returning Player	8-1-1998 To 7-31-1999	___\$80	Will wear Fall 10 uniform. Name of Fall 10 coach _____
U12 Girl or Boy New Player	8-1-1998 To 7-31-1999	___\$95	Fee includes jersey, socks, short. Games in Wixom & 15 mile radius
U13 Girl Returning Player	8-1-1997 To 7-31-1998	___\$80	Will wear Fall 10 uniform. Name of Fall 10 coach _____
U13 Girl or Boy New Player	8-1-1997 To 7-31-1998	___\$95	Fee includes jersey, socks, short. Games in Wixom & 15 mile radius
Late Fee		___\$25	Late Fee: From Wednesday, March 2 –Thursday, March 3. Wait list after March 3.

I AM WILLING TO (Circle One): **TEAM COACH** **ASSISTANT COACH** **TEAM MANAGE**
IF SO, YOUR NAME _____ **EMAIL** _____

Player Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ Today's Date _____

Parent Email Address— Please Print Clearly: _____
 (We will use this to send game schedules, soccer updates, etc. by email)

Zip: _____ Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ B-date: _____ Sex: M F (Circle One)

School Player Attends: _____ Nearest Elementary School: _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Please note any medical conditions that you feel the coach should be made aware of: _____
 I authorize the City of Wixom staff or volunteer representative to secure emergency medical attention for my child while in their care. By accepting my registration for soccer, I hereby understand that I release my rights or claims for damage I may have against the City of Wixom, Wixom Soccer Rep. or City staff through which this program is conducted. Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

REFUND POLICY- No Refunds after March 3, 2011 due to placement of uniform order.

Cash Amount: _____ Check # and Amount (Payable to City of Wixom): _____

Visa/MasterCard # _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. Date: _____ Authorization Signature: _____
 Security 3 Digit ID on back of card _____

MAIL TO: City of Wixom Parks & Recreation Soccer, 49045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, MI 48393 **OR FAX TO:** (248) 624-3090

JANUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Check website for full listing of classes & activities at www.wixomgov.org</i>		Christmas Tree Recycling is available at Lyon Oaks 9 am-4 pm, until Jan 16. Call 248-858-0906 for more info or visit www.destinationoakland.com . You can always recycle your tree or yard waste at DPW, M-Th, 7 am- 5 pm. Call 248-624-0141 for more info.				1 Library Closed New Year's Day
2 Library Closed	3 Planning Commission 7:30 pm	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Parks & Rec Commission 6 pm ZBA 7:30 pm	11 Sr. Comm. 10 am Friends of the Library 11 am City Council 7:30pm	12	13 Skate Night 6 pm 	Open Skating on the pond is available beginning Friday, Jan 14- weather & maintenance permitting.	
16	17	18	19	20 Community Foundation 7:30 am	21	22 Red Wings- Sold Out! Cabin Fever Cure 10 am
23 New Session of Parks & Rec Classes Begin	24 Planning Workshop 7:30 pm Library Board Mtg 7 pm	25 DDA 7:30 am City Council 7:30 pm	26	27	28	29
30	31					

FEBRUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Pistons Bus Trip 5:30 pm	5 Snowmobile Safety 9 am- 1pm
6	7 Planning Commission 7:30 pm	8 City Council 7:30 pm	9	10 Daddy Daughter Dance 5:30 pm	11 Wine Tasting 7-9 pm	12
13	14 ZBA 7:30 pm  Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19 Cirque du Soleil Dralion Bus Trip 2 pm 
20	21 City Offices Closed, Library Closed  President's Day	22 City Council 7:30 pm	23	24	25	26
27	28 Planning Workshop 7:30 pm Library Board Mtg 7 pm	<i>Check website for full listing of classes & activities at www.wixomgov.org</i>				

MARCH 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7 Planning Commission 7:30 pm	8 City Council 7:30 pm	9	10	11	12 Disney on Ice- Toy Story 3 10 am 
13	14 ZBA 7:30 pm	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Red Cross  Blood Drive 2-8 pm City Council 7:30 pm	23	24	25	26
27	28 Planning Workshop 7:30 pm Library Board Mtg 7 pm	29	30	31		

COMMUNITY SERVICES— Recreation, Rentals & More!

The Community Services Department has many facilities and properties available for use. 2011 reservation dates are available for the Community Center facility.



The Community Center is available to rent with a capacity range of 30 to 250 people. Information is available online at our City website, www.wixomgov.org or by calling (248) 624-2850. Seasonally, there are also park pavillions available to rent for your company picnic or graduation party!

Parks & Recreation has classes available for children and adults! Offices are now located in the City Hall Building— 49045 Pontiac Trail to better serve you. Registrations will be accepted here, while classes will remain at the Community Center.

Contact Tracy if you have any specific questions pertaining to Senior Citizens at (248) 624-0870 or (248) 624-2850 for Parks & Recreation or rentals. Please give us a call or stop by. We are happy to help you!

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION- WIXOM YOUTH SOCCER

Who: Ages 3-13
 Season: Starts Sat Apr 16
 Where: Gilbert Willis Park
 Sign up today. Play soccer right here in the Wixom Parks with your neighbors and friends. 8 week season. Deadline to register is Tues. Mar. 1.



OPERATION SOLDIER COLLECTION- THANK YOU

The City of Wixom and the Walled Lake Eagles would like to express our sincere gratitude for your support in making the Holidays a little brighter for our troops. The good cheer boxes were sent to over 220 eagerly awaiting troops in Afghanistan who make remarkable sacrifices every day to protect us from harm and to ensure our freedom. We thank you!

IT'S THE LAW - MAINTAINING CONTROL OF YOUR DOG

Remember that **It's the Law** to maintain control of your dog. City Ordinance § 6.04.030 & § 6.04.080 requires that dog owners have their animals under reasonable control at all times.

Under City Ordinance, "reasonable control" means having an animal on a

suitable leash, confined in a suitable cage or location, confined to your property by radio collar or similar device, or under the oral control of the owner or a responsible person designated by the owner at all times when the owner is on private property with the permission of the person or persons with the right of occupancy of that private property. Additionally, state law requires that all dogs be leashed when they are on public property (MCL 287.262).

Remember that our furry friends are sometimes not as sophisticated as we would like to believe. Many dogs' prey instincts are activated by runners or other pedestrians and bicyclists, and many are territorial and protective of where they live. Therefore, it is important that you be certain that you dog is somehow confined or tethered when you put her or him outside and that your dog is leashed when you walk her or him in your neighborhoods. Your efforts will reduce the risk of dog bites and will certainly help make your neighborhoods a little safer.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Police Department at (248) 624-6114.



PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

You can now register for classes at www.wixomgov.org, by phone (248-624-2850), fax (248-624-3090) or mail! Also, visit our web site www.wixomgov.org for full listing of classes, summer camps, trips & events! All classes occur and trips leave from Wixom Community Center unless otherwise noted.

OPEN ICE SKATE

Where: Community Center Pond
49015 Pontiac Trail

Starts: Fri Jan 14

Get outside and enjoy the winter weather. Put on your chilly willy clothes and lace up your skates for frosty fun. You might even want to bring a thermos of hot chocolate! Skating will be available weather permitting and per pond maintenance.

REBUILD TOGETHER OAKLAND COUNTY DO YOU NEED HOME REPAIR ASSISTANCE?

Do you or know of someone who needs home repair assistance? Our local chapter "Commerce, Walled Lake, Wixom, Wolverine Lake" is accepting applications for 2011. Our vision is to provide a safe and healthy home for every person. The non-profit organization provides free home repairs to low-income, especially elderly, disabled, military veterans and families with children who often have no place to turn when they need help. Repair items include insulation, windows, handicap ramps, plumbing, electrical, etc. Call (248) 889-5450 for more info. or check website www.rebuildingtogether-oaklandcounty.org. Applications due Jan 14.

CABIN FEVER CURE

Who: Age 5-Adult
When: Sat Jan 22
Time: 10 am- 12 pm
Where: Lyon Oaks Park, 52251 Pontiac Trl
Fee: \$6 per person

Nature is calling you! Oakland County and Wixom Parks & Rec invite you to enjoy the great OUTDOORS with family & friends. Take a hike on the trails, snowshoe or cache for ages 5 & up, make some tasty campfire treats and join our fireside storytellers on a magical journey under the chilly winter sky. All equipment supplied. Must pre-register with Wixom Parks & Rec by Wed Jan 19. 40 max.

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Who: Age 3-10
When: Thur Feb 10
Time: 5:30-7:30 pm
Fee: \$25/couple or \$5 ea addtl girl
Enjoy a night of dancing- making a lifetime of memories! Includes pizza dinner, photo & corsage. Must pre-register by 3 pm Feb 7.

ENTER THE WIXOM ROUNDUP CHILI COOK-OFF

When: Sun May 22

Where: Gibson Park on Pontiac Trail

Roundup your friends & families and enter the 10th Annual Wixom Roundup Chili Cook-off held during the Founders



Day Festival on Sun. May 22! Slice & dice and cook onsite. Rip Roarin Good Time! The public will judge your samplings. Goldmine of prizes for the best chili, best dressed and best presentation. Entry fee is \$20 per team. Call Parks & Rec. 248-624-2850 or check online www.wixomgov.org for a Registration & Rules form. You may also register your team online.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Who: Age 17+/ 110 lbs & more
When: Tue Mar 22
Time: 2 pm- 8 pm
Fee: One pint of blood

Our area continues to remain in crisis mode as blood levels are minimal! Please call Jodi at 248-624-2850 or visit www.givelife.org to make an appointment.

DETROIT PISTONS VS. NEW JERSEY NETS

When: Fri Feb 4
Time: 5:30-11 pm
Fee: \$30 Section 228/ \$42 Section 119
"Deee-Troit Basket-Ball!" Let's support the Red, White & Blue! Venue: The Palace. Fee includes ticket, bus & snack. Concessions on your own. Must pre-register by 3 pm, Jan 24.

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL DRALION

When: Sat Feb 19
Time: 2 pm- 7 pm
Fee: \$75 Section 228/ \$95 Section 123
Features 52 world-class acrobats, gymnasts, musicians, singers and comedic characters. Venue: Joe Louis Arena Fee includes ticket, bus & snack. Must pre-register by 3 pm, Feb 9.

DISNEY ON ICE- TOY STORY 3

When: Sat Mar 12
Time: 10 am- 3 pm (Tentatively)
Fee: TBA- Upper & Lower seats will be available
Woodie, Jessie & Buzz and all of their new friends are going to take us to infinity and beyond! Venue: The Palace. Fee includes ticket, bus & snack. Must pre-register by 3 pm, Feb 28.

DISPLAY YOUR PRIDE & JOY! 10th ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR, TRUCK & TRACTOR DISPLAY

When: Sun May 22

Time: 1-4 pm

Where: Gibson Park on Pontiac Trail

Fee: Free

It's time to put the finishing touches on your most prized & cherished car, truck or tractor. Display your pride and joy at the Founders Day Event on Sun. May 22 from 1-4 pm at Gibson Park on Pontiac Trail. All participants will receive an event ribbon, pin and more. To register, call (248) 624-2850 or register online at www.wixomgov.org.

9th ANNUAL WINE TASTING

Who: Age 21+

When: Fri Feb 11

Time: 7-9 pm

Fee: \$15 per person

Attend our 9th Wine Tasting! Partnering for the first time with Volare' of Wixom, we will have a selection of red & white wines from the U.S., complemented by an assortment of cheese & crackers, fruit & desserts. Must pre-register by 2 pm Mon Feb 7.

NATURE WALK & MEMORY JOURNAL

When: Sat A. Jan 8 B. Feb 5 C. Mar 5
Time: 1-3 pm
Where: Proud Lake Café, 3500 Wixom Rd
Fee: \$5 per person

One of the best experiences you can have with your child is to take a walk through the woods and enjoy nature. Leaves falling from the trees, walking through the snow and looking for wildlife in the woods are more reasons to come out to Proud Lake ready to explore, because we believe in "No Child Left Inside" (regardless of age). We will walk through the trails at Proud Lake looking for treasures, then walk back to the facility to make a memory journal. A \$5 material fee is due on the day of class. Class is limited to 20 so register early/ 5 students minimum. Inst: Heavner Canoe & Nature Connection. A state park recreation passport for \$10 (yearly) is required and is available onsite. Must pre-register by 2 pm Wed before class.

PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

You can now register for classes at www.wixomgov.org, by phone (248-624-2850), fax (248-624-3090) or mail! Also, visit our web site www.wixomgov.org for full listing of classes, summer camps, trips & events! All classes occur and trips leave from Wixom Community Center unless otherwise noted.

PAINT WITH NATURE

When: Sat A. Jan 8 B. Feb 5 C. Mar 5
 Time: 3-5 pm
 Where: Proud Lake Café, 3500 Wixom Rd
 Fee: \$5 per person

Let the trees, pine cones, leaves and the abundance of wildlife in the woods inspire you while you take a journey through the wilderness at Proud Lake, because we believe "No Child Left Inside". We will walk through the woods and not only enjoy nature, but look for leaves and other treasures. After our walk, we will come back to the facility and paint a picture with some of our Found Art. Please bring a paint shirt. This will be an opportunity to make your walk a wonderful memory. A \$5 material fee is due on the day of class. Class is limited to 20 so register early/ 5 students minimum. Inst: Heavner Canoe & Nature Connection. A state park recreation passport for \$10 (yearly) is required and is available onsite. (If you register your family- you may get refund- \$20 for family up to 5. Must be in the same household.) Must pre-register by 2 pm Wed before class.

HEALTHY PET & PARTNER WOODSY WALK

When: Sat Jan 29
 Time: 1-3 pm
 Where: Proud Lake Café, 3500 Wixom Rd
 Fee: \$15 per person
 Nature Connections-Heavner Canoe and Veterinary Care Specialists-VCS Pets First will be hosting a dog walk. Take your best friend on a walk in the wintry woods and enjoy nature! There will be home-made treats, canine health tips and giveaways for your four-legged friends. Learn Pet CPR and First Aid with Dr. Julie Haas and receive a booklet along with your certificate. Hot coffee, cocoa and snacks will be made available for the owners. Class is limited to 20 so register early/ 5 students minimum. Take a tour of the beautiful outdoor wonders with Lori Grigg from Paradise Dog Training at Proud Lake, and spend some time with your dog, the way nature intended you to, because no Pet should be left inside, either. A state park recreation passport for \$10 (yearly) is required and is available on site. Must pre-register by 2 pm Wed Jan 26.

INTRO TO TRACKING & AWARENESS

When: Sat Feb 5
 Time: A. 10 am- 12 pm B. 1-3 pm
 Where: Proud Lake Café, 3500 Wixom Rd
 Fee: \$10 per person

Tracking animals helps us unlock the secrets of the animals we follow. In turn, we become more aware of our own place in nature and the world. Come join us for an adventure into the landscape of the woods and begin to learn the language of signs and tracks that are written upon the Earth. We will introduce you to using a new set of eyes in the woods. We will walk in the woods and begin looking at sign tracking, transition areas, runs and trails. Also, touching on gait patterns and track identification. This class is good for all ages and walks of life. From the child who loves to solve mysteries to the hunter to the average nature lover that would like the freedom to venture a bit further off the trail. Dress for being outdoors. Class is limited to 15 so register early/ 5 students minimum. Instructors: Mary & Dave Vance from Walk Softly. A state park recreation passport for \$10 (yearly) is required and is available onsite. Must pre-register by 2 pm Wed Feb 2.

PROUD LAKE HAYRIDE AND WILDLIFE WATCH

When: A. Sun Feb 27 B. Sat Mar 12
 Time: 1-2 pm
 Where: Proud Lake Café, 3500 Wixom Rd
 Fee: \$5 per person

Meet at Proud Lake Recreation Area and enjoy a hayride into the woods looking for birds and animals in the winter wonderland. Return to the café for a cup of hot chocolate and cookies. Class is limited to 20 so register early/ 5 students minimum. Inst: Heavner Canoe & Nature Connection. A state park recreation passport for \$10 (yearly) is required and is available onsite. (If you register your family- you may get refund- \$20 for family up to 5. Must be in the same household.) Must pre-register by 2 pm Wed before class.

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