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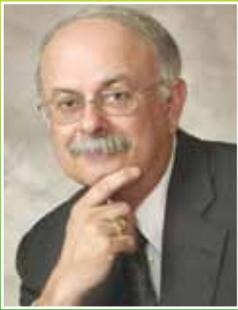
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**DANIEL PALETKO**

Mayor

**Many improvements in Dearborn Heights**

**W**elcome to the Fall/Winter 2016-17 edition of the Dearborn Heights Today newsletter. As always, the fall and winter seasons are proving to be busy once again in and around Dearborn Heights!

Thanks to some extended warm weather, our "orange barrel" season is continuing as we strive to make the community better for our residents and visitors. Drivers near Ford & Telegraph Roads have undoubtedly seen the major work in the median around this area, as Detroit Water & Sewer workers lay a new 36-inch water line from Cherry Hill to Warren Avenue. Drivers along Monroe Street are also seeing an on-going resurfacing project between Annapolis and Dartmouth Streets. Another local resurfacing project about to start is taking place on Beech Daly between Amherst and Annapolis Streets. All these projects will require periodic lane closures, so PLEASE, drive with care and slow down! We have also seen road improvement projects completed on other streets throughout the City, including Hass between Beech Daly and Silvery Lane and Monroe between Van Born and Powers Streets. This spring, construction continued on Hass between Silvery Lane and Telegraph. While these projects do cause some temporary hardships for drivers and residents alike, they are a necessary part of maintaining our streets. Additional infrastructure improvements completed this summer also include water line replacements along Appleton and Beech Daly in the City's North end, totaling about one-half mile each.

On another positive note, our local economy continues to show signs of strength, as evidenced with the number of new construction projects springing up around the City. We are experiencing a number of new home construction projects taking place (as well as several renovation projects on existing homes), along with growth in new commercial construction – particularly along Ford Road between Beech Daly and Inkster Roads. These are indeed signs of a healthy economy that bring optimism for the future!

Our Fire Department recently took delivery of two new rescue vehicles, which were put into service in October. They provided a much-needed upgrade of our emergency medical transport vehicle fleet, some of which are aging and nearing 150,000 miles. The new units provide some state-of-the-art improvements in safety and comfort for

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## Mayor's Message

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both the patients and our firefighters, and are a welcome addition to the department. It was a sizeable investment, but as Chief David Brogan states, it was a necessary one. One of these new units will be housed at the DHFD Headquarters on Beech Daly, while the other will be housed at our Telegraph Road Fire Station #1.

Our new contract waste hauler, GFL, officially began work in the city November 1. By now, all residences should have received the new blue wheeled garbage carts with blue lids and blue recycling carts with gray lids. These containers represent a major improvement in the City's waste handling. The new covered containers make a more attractive environment and a greatly reduced risk of a food source for rodents. More details regarding the new refuse and recycling program are located in this document and on the City website ([www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us](http://www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us)).

Before we know it, we'll be in the midst of our holiday season complete with all of our holiday traditions. We wish everyone a blessed, happy and safe holiday season this year and a prosperous 2017! Echoing the suggestions from our police and fire department officials, I hope everyone keeps their personal safety in mind throughout this holiday season and beyond. Please take a few moments to read their messages carefully, and keep their suggestions in mind as you are "out and about" this season.

As always, I thank you for choosing to make Dearborn Heights the place you call home. Our City is fortunate to enjoy such a cultural richness, thanks to the great diversity our residents and business owners share and contribute so much toward. I wish all of you the happiest of holidays. Have a great and safe winter, and I look forward to seeing you around town. Sincerely,

—Mayor Dan Paletko

## Remember: Non-Emergency Offices Closed Fridays

Dearborn Heights residents are reminded that all non-emergency City business offices—including City Hall, Public Works and the Canfield, Berwyn and Eton Centers—are closed Fridays until further notice.

The City's response to emergencies, including Police, Fire, EMS and Public Works will continue unaffected in spite of the Friday closures. The Police Department's central phone line, 313-277-6770 (or 9-1-1 in case of police, fire or medical emergency) will remain staffed.

The Friday closures do not affect the Caroline Kennedy library or the Richard A. Young Recreation Center, which will remain open according to published schedules.



**DAVID  
KNEZEK**

State Senator

Greetings Dearborn Heights! For those of you whom I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, my name is David Knezek and I have the honor and privilege of serving as the State Senator for my hometown of Dearborn Heights, as well as the communities of Detroit, Garden City, Inkster, and Redford Township.

Remaining accessible and accountable are two tenants of public service that I strongly believe in and it is my hope that we can continue to maintain an open line of communication through my time in office.

As the youngest Senator in Michigan, I've made it my responsibility to work hard, play by the rules, and raise the bar for government officials. As the first Iraq War Veteran to serve in the Senate, I've reaffirmed my commitment to serving others by becoming a strong voice for our community in Lansing.

In keeping with that spirit, we have been working on a mailing from my office to constituents across the 5th District that will provide a wealth of information that I hope you will find useful. Included in this mailing will be:

1. **District 5 Newsletter:** a synopsis of major legislation moving through Lansing and notable events here at home published by my office.
2. **Wayne County Resource Guide:** important contact information at the city, county, and state level for residents of District 5. With five municipalities in our district, countless resources are available to you – they are just a phone call away!
3. **Coffee Hours Schedule:** I host five coffee hours every month, one in each municipality I represent with the exception of July, August, and December. I hope you will join me to share your thoughts and concerns!
4. **Free Booklet Order Form:** Tear away this section from the Coffee Hours Schedule, complete the form, and return to my office to receive these free publications made available by my office. We're happy to send these free booklets your way!

Should you not receive a mailer from my office but wish to obtain this information, please do not hesitate to contact my office; my staff and I would be honored to serve you and send one out immediately. We hope to have these envelopes hit your mailboxes by the end of the year!

I also love attending local block clubs and civic organizations to provide legislative updates or even just to say "hello." If you are a member of such an organization, please reach out to me with more details and I would be happy to attend!

Thank you again for the honor and responsibility of serving as your voice here at home and in our state Capitol. I look forward to continuing our conversation!

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that my regularly scheduled coffee hours will be held on the second Monday of every month, with the exception of July, August, and December, from 9:00am-10:00am at Bigby Coffee on Ford Road. I look forward to seeing you there!



## DAVE BROGAN

*Fire Chief*

# Thank you to our Police Department

**T**he job of a police officer and a firefighter are very different. Ultimately, we are both working to achieve the safety of our citizens, but in very different ways. However, one common thread is the willingness to take risks to keep our citizens safe. Once again, our police department has stepped up to demonstrate this in a very dramatic way on July 29, 2016.

Our police department was called to a woman in distress, but the cause was not clear. Our PD responded, not yet knowing they were heading to an apartment fire. Just before our PD arrived, another neighbor called to report the fire. Officer Keller was one of the responding officers on this call. He arrived to find a very upset mother, reporting that her seven year old son was trapped in the fire.

Officer Keller, realizing that the FD was only just notified of this fire and would be several minutes away, made the decision to go in to save the boy. By this point, there was thick black smoke nearly to the floor, and the fire was growing rapidly. Officer Keller had to crawl on his belly under the smoke to make his way to the stairway. With near zero visibility, under extremely dangerous conditions, he located the boy and pulled him out of the house to safety.

While this is a dramatic example of the service our police provide, they perform similar tasks every day. Whether they are trying to help arguing neighbors find a peaceful resolution, or enforcing speed limits or seat belt use, they are helping to keep our community safe. When you find yourself grumbling about that ticket, remember that these officers have seen the results of a speeding motorist. They have seen people ejected from vehicles who were not wearing their seatbelts in a crash. Without police enforcement, such tragedies would happen much more frequently.

Similarly, our firefighters face many dangers in the course of their day. Some dangers are obvious, like a burning building. Some are less obvious, like working in the street at a car accident. It is good knowing our police are out there, watching over our firefighters to make sure they are safe as they perform their duties.

Police are often scrutinized for their actions and sometimes judged harshly. After nearly 25 years of working alongside the men and women of DHPD, I know we have some of the best officers in the nation. They do a great job in often difficult circumstances. While not every act they do will grab headlines, the police are serving our community in a positive manner every day. They deserve our support and appreciation.

### **The third squad**

Most of you know that we have added a much needed rescue squad at Fire Headquarters in the north end. This has had an immediate impact on the quality of service we are providing. Multiple times per day both north end squads are out on simultaneous runs. In the past, multiple runs meant the engine would have to respond along with the south end rescue. That has been eliminated, keeping the south end squad available for its district, and keeping the engine available for fire runs.

Prior to the third squad, we would have to call for mutual aid anywhere from 10-15 times per month. In July we only called for mutual aid 2 times.

During the apartment fire where the child was trapped, there were 2 rescue runs going on in the north end. This meant that both squads were tied up. The engine was free and in the station. Previously, the engine would have been on one of those rescue runs, awaiting the arrival of the south end squad. This was a huge advantage, as our engine responded with no delay. Obviously, with a child trapped in a fire, minutes and seconds count. We can't rely on an Officer Keller to always be available to save that child!

With only one squad in the north end, it was not uncommon for that squad to be going from one call to another, not making it back to the station for hours on end. This meant those firefighters were missing out on training and other station duties. This is much improved now.

The effects of the squad have been even larger than we anticipated. The results are not only a better strategically positioned department, but a safer and better trained department as well.



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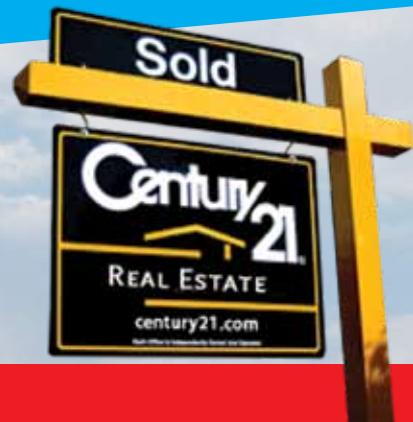
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## LEE GAVIN

*Police Chief*

# Message from the Police Chief

It was another fast-paced and busy summer around the Dearborn Heights Police Department – hard to believe it is Fall already!

Our efforts to maintain safe streets for our residents and visitors continues, with a constant focus on traffic enforcement patrols on some of our busiest roadways. Our goal behind these efforts, of course is to ensure our streets are safe for our residents, whether they are driving, cycling or walking. One particular issue that causes us great concern is the practice of texting and driving. Texting and driving represents an accident waiting to happen. And unfortunately, we are seeing more traffic mishaps that are a result of a distracted driver – most commonly due to texting. **PLEASE PUT THE PHONE DOWN WHEN YOU ARE DRIVING!** Texting while driving is not only dangerous, but it can also earn you a citation.

Speaking of safe streets, I want to remind all our residents that school is back in session –and with less daylight hours approaching, our students who walk or cycle to and from school are commuting in a progressively darker environment.

So motorists, please be particularly watchful during your morning and evening commutes for students who may be out and about. Also, if you approach a school bus with its flashers on, you **MUST** stop and wait until the flashers are off before proceeding.

Since our last issue, we welcomed 3 new officers into the department, and many more to come. These officers, some already well-experienced through employment at other police agencies, are a welcome addition to our department as we continue on with our priority of keeping Dearborn Heights safe for our residents and businesses.

It won't be long before the holidays are here, which means shopping, celebrations and family gatherings. Please exercise caution when you are out and about this holiday season. While shopping, remain aware of your surroundings, particularly in shopping center parking lots. Sadly, this is the time of year shoppers are often targeted by the "bad guys" – particularly when they are walking to their cars in dark shopping centers and mall parking lots while carrying armloads of packages. **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS!** Also don't leave packages in

plain sight in your parked car, and always keep your car doors locked!

Like always, our Department will continue to enforce its no-tolerance approach toward alcohol consumption on the roadways, particularly over the holiday season – so please, if you are getting behind the wheel of your vehicle, **AVOID THE ALCOHOL!**

With winter approaching (and it will be here sooner than we think), I'd also like to share a few more tips on cold-weather personal safety. You've heard these from me in the past, but bear with me as they are well worth repeating.

### WINTER DRIVING

**Keep your vehicles in good working order.** Winter weather brings out the worst in vehicles. Dead batteries, soft tires, fuel line freeze-up, and heater failures can make for a miserable day very quickly. Fortunately, most of these problems are avoidable with some preventative maintenance work. Good preventative maintenance checks can head off many problems like these, and make your winter driving a lot more comfortable (and safer).

**Keep your windows clean.** Driving while you're looking through one small "peep hole" in the windshield is an accident waiting to happen. This is dangerous, and can get you a ticket. Take a few minutes and clean your windows!

**Drive according to the road conditions.** Maybe you ARE a veteran driver with quick reflexes – but no matter how good you think you are, you still can't stop quickly on icy or snow-covered surfaces. Leave room for cars around

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*Dearborn Heights Police Department's*

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you in case they lose control. And don't be over-confident of your anti-lock brake or 4-wheel drive systems – they are no substitute for common sense.

**Keep an emergency kit in your car.** Include items that prepare you for the unexpected – like warm clothing, boots, a warm hat, gloves or mittens, a flashlight with fresh batteries, flares, a small shovel, sand or kitty litter, blankets, and fresh first-aid supplies.

**REMINDER to the "SNOW BIRDS" and OUR WINTER VACATIONING RESIDENTS**

Don't forget to contact the Police Department to set up home security checks by our Reserve Officers while you are gone. Once simple call to provide your name, address, contact information and the dates you'll be gone are all you need to provide.



**COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROGRAM**

**Bringing the city's neighborhoods together**



**What Is It?**

The Dearborn Heights Police Department's Community Awareness Program combines the resources of the city's Neighborhood Watch, its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and its Safe House volunteers into a single awareness team that addresses and utilizes basic Crime Prevention techniques, emergency response plans, and open communication lines between neighbors and the Police Department.



**How Does It Work?**

Program members will be notified by the police department when certain crime trends are present in their communities. Members will then pass this information to their neighbors with advice to pay particular attention to the affected area(s). Members are expected to keep a close watch in their neighborhoods – particularly during "high traffic" times (such as arrival and dismissal times at local schools etc.) and to report suspicious activities. During times of large-scale emergencies, program members will team with one of the city's Community Emergency Response Team members who will assist wherever possible.

The Police Department will also provide resource materials for program members' use, including Crime Prevention information, Child Identification kits, and other items.

**Who Can Join?**

Any city resident or business owner willing to take an active role in making their community safer by keeping their neighbors informed on upcoming community events is welcome. Members are expected to pay close attention to crime trends or patterns affecting their neighborhoods, assist Community Emergency Response Team members during large-scale emergencies, and actively observe residential areas for suspicious activities or persons.



*I'm interested in the new Community Awareness Program - please contact me with more information:*

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**DAVID D. TURFE**

*Chief Judge*

**MARK J. PLaweCKI**

*Chief Judge Pro Tem*

**T**he Dearborn Heights Justice Center is located on the southeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Beech Daly Road. Court hours are 9am to 5pm Monday-Friday; upon entering during these hours you will be required to pass through Security.

Please note: When the court is closed to the public, a drop box is available (to pay most tickets) 24 hours a day. The drop box is located below the counter windows.

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**General Information**

Created by statute in 1968, district courts in Michigan were established to help relieve the state's overcrowded circuit courts. There are 92 district courts throughout Michigan. District court is sometimes referred to as "the People's Court" since it is the legal venue with which most people have contact. The district court handles most traffic violations. It also hears both criminal and civil cases including small claims and landlord-tenant disputes. Civil disputes seeking money damages cannot exceed \$25,000 in district court.

All criminal cases for persons 17 years or older are started in the district court. The district court explains to the defendant the charges, his or her rights, and the possible consequences if convicted of the charge. The court also determines the bail (bond) amount and collects bail. If the defendant is charged with a misdemeanor that is punishable by not more than one year in jail, the district court will conduct a trial and sentence the person if found guilty. In felony cases (cases that are punishable by more than one year in prison) the district court will set the bail amount and hold a preliminary examination to determine if there's probable cause to believe 1) that a crime was committed and 2) that the defendant committed the offense. If so, the case is transferred to circuit court for trial.

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# Sights in the Heights



There's a lot of activities going on in Dearborn Heights! Community outings, fundraisers, grand openings, family fun days, volunteer city improvement days, City Council visits, and awards ceremonies, just to name a few. Put your family in the picture this coming season! Be a part of all the action in YOUR Dearborn Heights!





**TONY  
FUOCO**

Assessor

**Message from the Assessor**

**T**he Assessor's Office would like to take this opportunity to introduce the City's new Assessor Tony Fuoco. Tony, President of Anthony Fuoco Assessing Consultants, Inc. brings many years of experience to his position, having over 40 years of Assessing experience in Wayne County. Tony retired from Wayne County Assessment and Equalization, whereas he was assigned as the Property Appraiser in Dearborn Heights for 15 years.

Please be advised that appraisers will be out in the field verifying permits and reviewing property records, per state recommended guidelines. The field appraisers have I.D.'s, whereas we ask for your cooperation if you should have any contact with the appraisers during their field inspections. This information will be used to compile the 2017 assessments and it is imperative that all reviewed information be accurate. Notices of Assessment for all properties will go out at the end of February.

Business owners should also be advised that Personal Property is a self-reported tax. Small Business Exemption Forms are due by February 10. Any filings after February 10th will NOT be allowed the Exemption. Personal Property Statements are due by February 20. Assessments of late filings or unfiled Personal Property Statements will be estimated.

Finally, when buying or selling a property, there are 2 documents that must be filed with the city. It is the sole responsibility of the buyer to file these documents. A Property Transfer Affidavit must be filed within 45 days of the sale. A fine of \$5 per day, with a maximum of \$200 will be applied to late filings. Also, if the Property is going to be a Principal Residence, then a Principal Residence Exemption form MUST be filed in order to claim a Homestead Exemption. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at 313-791-3460 and someone will be happy to assist you.



Your Wayne County Commissioner

**Diane Webb**

**DISTRICT 8 OFFICE HOURS**

Keep informed about important programs and initiatives. Learn how Wayne County is working with local officials to make our community great!

**DEARBORN  
HEIGHTS**

10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**BERWYN SENIOR CENTER**

26166 Richardson

December: 1st Monday of the Month

January: by appointment

February thru June: 1st Monday of the Month

**ETON SENIOR CENTER**

4900 Pardee

All Meetings by Appointment

Residents who cannot attend scheduled office hours may contact Lisa Childs, assistant to Commissioner Webb, at (313) 224-0930 or via email at [lchilds@wayne county.com](mailto:lchilds@wayne county.com) to schedule an appointment with Commissioner Webb.

Commissioner Diane Webb • District 8  
500 Griswold, Seventh Floor • Detroit, MI 48226  
Phone: 313-224-0930 Fax: 313-967-1243  
email: [dwebb1@waynecounty.com](mailto:dwebb1@waynecounty.com)



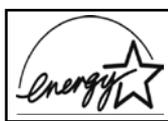
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## City of Dearborn Heights Residential Rehabilitation Program

### PROGRAM INTENT

The City of Dearborn Heights Residential Rehabilitation Program embraces the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) mission with a comprehensive program to assist low and moderate income residents based on the City of Dearborn Heights Rehabilitation Standard in compliance with HUD regulations.

### REHABILITATION PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

City of Dearborn Heights residents are eligible to apply if:

- 1) They own and occupy their home.
- 2) Meet income eligibility guidelines.
- 3) All city and county taxes, water bills and mortgage payments (if applicable) are paid to date on the property.

### INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Income Eligibility is determined by the total adjusted gross income (AGI) for all household family members age 18 and older and must not exceed the following income amounts\*:

FAMILY SIZE	INCOME	FAMILY SIZE	INCOME
1	\$37,450	5	\$57,800
2	\$42,800	6	\$62,100
3	\$48,150	7	\$66,350
4	\$53,500	8	\$70,650

\*Subject to change. Income eligibility is determined at mandatory application meeting.

### LOAN DETAILS

The loan is a 0% interest deferred loan which is payable only in full when the home is vacated, sold, rented or refinanced. A lien will be placed on the property for the amount of the loan. **No credit check or equity required.**

### REHABILITATION STANDARDS

A home inspection will be performed to determine the type of repairs that are needed. Repairs will fall into one or more of the six (6) Rehabilitation Standards listed below:

1. HUD's partnership for Home Energy Efficiency (Recommendations are based on Energy Star® specifications, where applicable).
2. Lead-based paint /Lead Hazard Test/Abatement procedures. Any rehabilitation that is not an emergency will require a lead based paint (LBP) test and possible remediation.
3. Carbon Monoxide (CO/SALT) testing on heating system.
4. ADA Accessibility Guidelines/ Michigan Barrier Free design.
5. Dearborn Heights Residential Building Codes (used as a guideline).
6. Other Rehabilitation repairs not covered under the previous five (5) standards may be approved in order to halt the physical deterioration of the property.



BEFORE



AFTER

### LOAN LIMITS

1. Loans for properties located in a designated Flood Zone are not to exceed the State Equalized Value (SEV) (**No exceptions**).
2. Loans for properties not located in a designated Flood Zone may exceed State Equalized Value (SEV) when approved on a case-by-case basis by the CEDD.
3. All Residential Rehabilitation projects are subject to availability of program funds.

### ATTENTION

**Modernization, new construction, repair/replacement of detached structures and homes requiring "reconstruction" DO NOT qualify for this program.**

### OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Community and Economic Development Department (CEDD) administers the Residential Rehabilitation Program. The CEDD's role is to assess each applicant's needs and qualifications to determine program eligibility status. The CEDD is also available to assist the applicant in understanding the step-by-step housing rehabilitation process.

**For more information about the Residential Rehabilitation Program or to request a pre-application, please contact the Community and Economic Development Department (CEDD) at:**  
 26155 Richardson • Dearborn Heights MI 48127  
 313-791-3500

**Website:** <http://www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us/ComDev.cfm>

### ATTENTION: IMPORTANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements (subject to change) at time of application and at loan closing.
- This is a voluntary loan program. The City does not mandate participation in this loan program based on the condition of the home and/or ordinance/code violations.
- This program requires a waiting list of six months or more. Emergency situations (as determined by program guidelines) such as furnace or roof replacement are considered on a case-by-case basis and subject to available funding.
- Eligible applicants are not guaranteed a loan at time of application. Loans are made based on available funding and applicant eligibility at time of loan closing.
- The City will place a lien on the property no further than third place behind first or second mortgages.
- The City reserves the right to change/update/modify the program at any time.

## FAIR HOUSING.... IT'S YOUR RIGHT!

FAIR HOUSING CENTER  
OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT  
SUITE 1020  
220 BAGLEY  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226  
(313) 963-1274

<http://www.fairhousingdetroit.org/>



## HOUSING DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

Housing discrimination based on your race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status, or disability is illegal by federal law. If you have been trying to buy or rent a home or apartment and you believe your rights have been violated, you can file a fair housing complaint.

(800) 669-9777

Office of Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity  
Department of Housing &  
Urban Development

Room 5204, 451 Seventh St. SW  
Washington, DC 20410-2000

<http://www.hud.gov/complaints/housedis-crim.cfm>

## HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV) PROGRAM (FORMERLY SECTION 8)

PLYMOUTH/DEARBORN HEIGHTS  
HOUSING COMMISSION

1160 Sheridan

Plymouth, MI 48170

734-455-3670 or 800-898-2848

<http://phchousing.net/>

### Mission Statement

*The mission of the Plymouth Housing Commission is to provide quality housing for eligible people in a professional, fiscally prudent manner and be a positive force in our community by working with others to assist these families with appropriate supportive services.*

For information regarding when the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program Waiting List for the Plymouth/Dearborn Heights Housing Commission is open, please contact the Plymouth Housing Commission.

Public notice will be given when the list re-opens.

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE PLYMOUTH HOUSING COMMISSION AT 734-455-3670 or 800-898-2848

## CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (CEDD)

LOCATED IN THE BERWYN SENIOR CENTER

26155 RICHARDSON, DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN 48127

THREE (3) BLOCKS WEST OF BEECH DALY, TWO (2) BLOCKS SOUTH OF WARREN

PHONE (313) 791-3500 • FAX (313) 791-3501

E-MAIL: [cklimchalk@ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us](mailto:cklimchalk@ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us)

WEBSITE: <http://www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us/ComDev.cfm>

OPEN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY FROM 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.—CLOSED FRIDAY



## CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION CHECKLIST

PLEASE CHECK THE BOXES BELOW INDICATING APPLICANT CAN PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION. **ALL BOXES MUST BE CHECKED TO RECEIVE THE RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION APPLICATION.**

- COPIES OF RECENT GAS/ELECTRIC BILLS SHOWING THE HOMEOWNER NAME(S).
- HOMEOWNER AND OCCUPANT OF THE PROPERTY MUST PROVIDE CURRENT COPY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS PROPERTY TAXES SHOWING 100% HOMESTEAD.
- COPY OF STATE ISSUED ID FOR DEED HOLDER(S) VERIFICATION.
- COPY OF TITLE/WARRANTY DEED OR LAND CONTRACT MUST BE IN THE APPLICANT'S NAME AND RECORDED BY THE WAYNE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF DEEDS.
- COPY OF FIRST PAGE OF MOST RECENT YEAR FEDERAL INCOME TAX, MI INCOME TAX FORMS, OR IRS INCOME FORM FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS 18 AND OLDER SHOWING ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (SELF-EMPLOYED: PROVIDE YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME STATEMENT) **INCOME ELIGIBILITY WILL BE DETERMINED AT MANDATORY MEETING**
- COPY OF CURRENT MORTGAGE STATEMENT (IF APPLICABLE)
- ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVEL (EBL) TEST FOR CHILDREN SIX (6) AND UNDER (EBL TESTS CAN BE PERFORMED BY YOUR FAMILY MEDICAL PRACTITIONER. CONTACT WAYNE COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.) IF CHILDREN SHOW AN EBL WE THEN REFER FAMILY TO WAYNE COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.
- PROPERTY TAXES BASED ON WAYNE COUNTY'S RECORDS MUST BE AT A ZERO BALANCE. Website: <http://www.waynecounty.com>
- THE PROPERTY CANNOT CURRENTLY BE CONDEMNED/CONDEMNABLE
- COPIES OF HOMEOWNERS AND FLOOD INSURANCE (WHERE APPLICABLE) DECLARATION PAGE. THE INSURANCE MUST BE MAINTAINED ON HOME FOR THE DURATION OF LOAN. (CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS NAMED AS LOSS PAYEE)

Homeowner Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address \_\_\_\_\_ DH, 4812\_

Contact Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU HAVE CHECKED ALL THE BOXES AND CAN PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOVE\*, PLEASE **MAIL** THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE ADDRESS BELOW OR APPEAR IN PERSON AT THE CEDD TO OBTAIN THE RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

*\*Failure to provide the documentation above will delay your application.*

## FOR MORE RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (313) 791-3500

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (CEDD)

26155 RICHARDSON • DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI 48127



## BOB ANKRAPP

*PEM, Emergency Manager & Public Information Officer*

# Flooding: It Can Happen Anywhere— and it HAS Happened Here!

**F**or most of us, the impact of the infamous August 2014 Southeast Michigan flood – one of the worst we had ever experienced – is well behind us. This event proved that no area, including Dearborn Heights, is immune to large-scale incidents.

The following article is a reprint of one I wrote well before that flood – which addresses several important flood-related issues for our community. While I have included it in previous issues of this newsletter, I believe it is important to keep this information on the “front burner” – particularly since before we know it, the early spring snow melt and rains/storms will be here once again which always presents an early season flood threat.

Both of Dearborn Heights' two flood plain areas, near Ecorse Creek and along Hines Drive can were significantly affected by the 2014 flood – proving it can happen anywhere.

Flash flooding is generally the type of flooding individuals in both regions experience. In this case, flooding is defined as “outside” flood waters that breach buildings through windows, doorways, etc. (basement flooding and sewer back-ups, although a significant source of local damage, is not considered “flash flooding” by FEMA definitions).

While these areas can withstand normal amounts of rainfall (moderate rainstorms or thunderstorms of a relatively short duration), more significant amounts sometimes causes an overflow of creek banks. While most of the North end flooding remains limited to stretches along Hines Drive – which is designed to collect and hold excess amounts of water in that area – significant amounts of flooding in the South end sometimes endangers both residential and business structures along Ecorse Creek.

While storms that result in widespread and severe flooding are not common, they obviously DO happen. More often, we see flooding from our seasonal storms that results in a temporary filling of the streets in our flood-prone areas.

Information on whether your property is in the 100-year floodplain can be obtained through the Building and Engineering Department at City Hall. Maps are available for review, along with other flood-related information. The City also has Elevation Certificates for new development. You can reach the City's Building and Engineering Department at (313) 791-3470 for this information.

### Flood Safety

The following common sense guidelines can help you from the dangers of flooding:

- Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in cars than anywhere else. Many residents also experienced significant and costly vehicle repairs (and in some cases, the total loss of their vehicles) last August after trying to drive through deep water. A little common sense when approaching a flooded street can save you from an expensive vehicle repair and/or replacement. Also, heed the safety barriers that are placed in streets. They are put in place for a purpose - do not drive around them.
- Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive. Six inches of water can knock you off your feet. Less than 24 inches of rapidly-moving water can move an automobile.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. If your house is about to be flooded, turn off the power at the service box. Electrical current can travel through water. Electrocutation is the 2nd leading cause of death during floods.
- Be alert to gas leaks. Turn off the gas to your house before it floods. If you smell gas, report it to a City official or your gas company. Do not use candles, lanterns or open flames if you smell gas or are unsure if your gas has been shut off.
- Keep children away from flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains. Flood waters can carry unimaginable items that have dislodged themselves (as well as raw sewage, bacteria and hazardous chemicals). Also, water traveling rapidly through culverts have the force to suck people (especially smaller people and animals) into them, rendering them helpless.

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- Clean everything that has gotten wet. Flood water will be contaminated with sewage and other chemical which pose severe health threats.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals that have been forced out of their homes may seek shelter in yours.
- Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages. Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.

## Property Protection Measures

If your property is susceptible to flooding, there are many flood damage reduction measures you can employ.

- Watertight seals can be applied to brick and block walls to protect them against absorbing water during lower-level flooding.
- Sand bags placed correctly around ground-level openings (doors, windows, etc.) can provide some degree of protection. An alternative to traditional sandbags (that require a large pile of sand to be stored nearby, take time to fill, and are heavy to move into place) are the newer “sandless” sandbags. These bags, which are commercially available in various sizes, are lightweight when dry, and are relatively flat for easy storage. Once in place and they come in contact with water, their absorbent material expands, causing the bags to swell into their full size. Many of these are re-useable – once no longer needed, they can be stored in a dry place, and as they dry out over the course of several days will gradually shrink back to their original pre-use size for storage until needed again. These can be found at some larger home improvement stores throughout the area, and can easily be found (and ordered) through the internet by typing “sandless sand bags” into the key word search box of your search engine.

Keep in mind however, that if you typically experience water coming through your floor drains during flood situations, these bags will be of little, if any help. They only protect structures from “outside” water coming in through ground-level openings, such as doors, windows, etc.

- Utilities such as heating and air conditioning systems, water heaters and other appliances can be elevated to higher floors in the structure or place on raised platforms.
- Take temporary measures such as moving furniture and other valuables to higher floors.

Storing valuables on the lower-level floor in a flood-prone area is a disaster waiting to happen.

## Floodplain Permit Requirements

All development within the 100-year floodplain (not just construction of buildings, but filling, excavation, fences, etc.) is required to obtain a City Development Permit. Applications must be made prior to doing any work in a floodplain area. Contact the City's Building Inspector to receive all the

information you need in order to properly develop in the floodplain at (313) 791-3470. You may report any illegal development activities to the above number as well.

## Substantial Improvement/Damage

The NIFP requires that if the cost of improvements to a building or the cost to repair damages (from any cause) to a building exceeds 50% of the market value of the building (excluding land value), the entire building must be brought up to current floodplain management standards. Building improvement projects include exterior and interior remodeling, rehabilitation, additions and repair and reconstruction projects. Additionally, the cost of currently planned improvements will be added to the cost of previously-made improvements and compared to the

existing market value to determine if the improvements exceed 50% of the structure's value. For more information, contact the City's Building and Engineering Department.

## Insurance

If you do not have flood and/or sewer back-up insurance, or coverage to cover the loss of your contents, talk to your insurance agent. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods, and provide only minimal (if any) protection

from sewer back-ups. Extended coverage for these types of incidents can be purchased for a relatively small price. It is particularly important for renters to purchase insurance to protect their contents, as a landlord's homeowners policy typically does not cover the (flood-related) loss of renters belongings. Flood insurance is available to communities that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NIFP). Because of our floodplain management programs that attempt to protect us from flooding hazards, Dearborn Heights is part of the NIFP and thus, residents are able to obtain flood insurance. Additionally, because the City participates in FEMA's CRS program, flood insurance premiums are discounted.

Sewer back-up coverage can usually be added as a rider to your existing homeowners' insurance policy at a relatively small cost – a price much lower than the amount of potential loss you will experience through a flooded basement. Again however (for homeowners and renters alike), make sure you have adequate coverage for your contents! Talk with your agent to find out about coverage for your contents – unless you ask, there is no guarantee they are covered. There is sometimes a 30-day waiting period before flood or sewer back-up insurance coverage becomes effective. Plan ahead – do not wait until the “flood season” begins before purchasing flood insurance!

If you are building inside the floodplain, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory if using a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan.

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## Natural & Beneficial Functions

Floodplains play a valuable role in providing natural and beneficial functions to the area around, and including Dearborn Heights. Floodplains that are relatively undisturbed provide a wide range of benefits to both human and natural systems. These benefits provide aesthetic pleasure as well as function to provide active processes such as filtering nutrients. Both of the City's floodplains (Hines Drive and Ecorse Creek) enhance waterfowl, fish and other wildlife habitats and provide feeding/breeding grounds. And lastly, both floodplains provide natural erosion control and open space so further flooding damage does not occur.

## Drainage System Maintenance

As simple as it may sound, simply keeping smaller ditches and streams free of debris can dramatically improve the run-off capacity of low-lying areas, as well as greatly reducing the occurrence blockage that significantly contributes to flooding. It is illegal to dump materials into a required waterway and violators may be fined. If you see someone in the act of dumping or see debris in one of our watercourses, please contact the City's Department of Public Works at (313) 791-6000.

## Flood Warning System

In most cases, flooding of these waterways comes as a result of large rain events, where large amounts of rainfall occur over a short period of time. During these events, you may be the first to notice the oncoming situation and have only hours to execute your plan. If so, we recommend you contact the Dearborn Heights Police Department at 313-277-6770, so the City's Ping4Alerts! cell phone notification system and its emergency alert a.m. radio transmitter (broadcasting on a.m. 1690) can be activated. In cases of water that reaches dangerous levels, you will also see regular interruption on local radio and television stations advising you of the situation.

## For Further Information

If you have questions on how the floodplain affects your residence or business, how to better protect it, or information on the latest FEMA floodplain maps, contact the Dearborn Heights Building and Engineering Department at (313) 791-3470. Additional flood-related information is available on the City of Dearborn Heights website: [www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us](http://www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us).

# The Salvation Army stands for our community

Since 1972 The Salvation Army in Dearborn Heights has been serving families, individuals, and children who struggle with life needs such as utilities, rent, food, clothing, and shelter. In the last year alone, The Salvation Army has responded to more than 6,000 requests for assistance with various life emergencies. This total represents an increase of more than 40% over last's year's totals! This same increase is also represented in the amount of dollars provided to assist families in an effort to keep children clothed, fed, and warm. The number of first time families served this year alone represents an increase of 37%.

Need does not discriminate – at some point in life, we all find ourselves in need. Perhaps you or someone you know may be in need right now, and unsure of where to turn for help.

The Salvation Army desires to continue to stand on the front-line of human need in our community – can you help us? We will have many opportunities this Christmas season in which you might be able to help us help others. The income collected in our

red kettles during the holiday season funds us for 12 months; 83% of every dollar goes to provide service to someone in need. You can help us by signing up to ring bells for us by going to

[www.ringbell.org](http://www.ringbell.org). There you can select your preferred date and location. Ringing the bell at the red kettle is a wonderful opportunity to teach your children by helping others who need our help. Our Angel Tree and Adopt –A– Family programs are also looking for sponsors for families and, in addition, new unwrapped toys for our Christmas Toy Shop.

Communities can thrive when people come together to help those who have no one else to help. That's what makes our community rich – and it can continue to thrive when we join hands and work together to

make a better life for our children and generations to come.

For more information about ringing the bell, please contact the coordinator at 313-563-4457, Ext. 107, and for helping us with toys and adopting a family, Ext. 105.



# Tax Increment Finance Authority

## TIFA Board

John C. Kellett (chairman), Tim Emery, Richard Fetzer, Eleanor Gnatek, David Hull, Lisa Korte, Rose Tripepi, Donald Willis, Peter Zachery

## What is TIFA?

Established in 1986, the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) encompasses the south-west quadrant of Dearborn Heights (South of Michigan Ave., North of Van Born Rd., East of Inkster Rd. & West of Telegraph Rd.). Its principle intention is to "prevent urban deterioration and encourage economic development and activity and to encourage neighborhood revitalization and historic preservation." Consequently, for 30 years, TIFA has shown real results for the people of its district, contributing over sixty million dollars of investment within the district.

## Where does the money come from?

First and foremost, there are absolutely no new taxes associated with the implementation of TIFA. In accordance with state law, TIFA "captures" a defined portion of the taxes from properties within its district that would have otherwise been sent elsewhere. These funds are then used by TIFA to reinvest back into the TIFA district through infrastructure improvements, economic development incentives, etc.

## Buying, selling or leasing property?

If you are interested in buying, selling or leasing commercial property in the TIFA district, then check out TIFA's Property Availability List (PAL) found on the TIFA website. This comprehensive packet advertises, at no charge, commercial and industrial properties for sale or lease in the TIFA district. Buildings and vacant parcels are available now for professional offices, machine shops, retail stores, restaurants, and more!

### TIFA Office

25637 Michigan Ave.,  
Dearborn Heights MI 48125  
Phone: (313) 791-9805  
Fax: (313) 791-9803  
Website: [www.tifadh.com](http://www.tifadh.com)

## The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

**Carmine Oliverio, Administrator**

The Dearborn Heights Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) works with owners of "brownfield" properties (commercial or industrial properties considered contaminated, blighted, or functionally obsolete by state standards) in the city to encourage and assist redevelopment projects. Owners of these types of properties, or those in the process of buying a property like this in the city, are encouraged to contact them to find out what options may be available (see TIFA Office contact info).



## New lights for Daly Park

Thanks to funding from TIFA, new LED lights have been installed in the TIFA District's only city park. The new lighting will significantly improve the security and usability of the park, contributing to the recreation options for our families and other residents. Please feel free to visit and enjoy the park located on Westlake St. between Lehigh and Hopkins.



## Justice Center bonds refunded for savings

During the Summer months of this year, TIFA and the City worked together to refund the existing bonds for the city's Justice Center (Police Station & 20th District Court). This refinancing will realize a savings of over \$2 million for TIFA, the primary payer of the bonds. Shown here (L-R) are City Treasurer John J. Riley, Mayor Dan Paletko, TIFA Chairman John C. Kellett, and TIFA Secretary Tim Emery signing the documents on behalf of the City and TIFA.



## JACK McINTYRE

Director

### What is the purpose of Ordinances in the City of Dearborn Heights

Ordinances are adopted to protect and promote the health, safety, comfort, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare of residents and businesses in the City. More specifically Ordinances ensure Dearborn Heights continues to be a clean, safe and desirable community, protecting your investment as a home or business owner in the City. As the fall and winter months move forward, we will continue to work with our residents to resolve ordinance related issues.

Residents are encouraged to report ordinance violations in their neighborhood. This can be done by calling the department staff directly at 313-791-3497. They can also register their concerns on the "Citizens Concerns and Requests" area of the city's web site ([www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us](http://www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us))

All residents are encouraged to visit the City website and navigate to "online ordinances."

### 2016 SWEEP PROGRAM A HUGE SUCCESS

Over the Spring and Summer, we conducted fourteen (14) Ordinance sweeps throughout the City. Along with our Ordinance officers, we had volunteers from several departments in the City -- including our Building, Water and Clerk's Office and as well our Police department. Our officers and volunteers inspected almost 21,000 homes and properties. We were so impressed with what we saw. Several residents were painting old fences, replacing missing deck boards, installing new roofs, organizing garages, cleaning up landscaping, and finishing old projects. Most importantly, we witnessed residents taking pride in where they live. If we missed something, please let us know by calling us at 313-791-3497.

### Current Violations that are of a Growing Concern in our City

#### Sec. 36-255. - Open storage of vehicles or materials.

- (a) No motor vehicle shall be kept, parked, or stored in any district zoned for residential use, unless the vehicle is in operating condition and properly licensed, or is kept inside a building. Vehicles must be parked on a cement pad
- (c) Machinery and building materials storage. Unusable, rusty, nonfunctional, or inoperable machinery, equipment, parts, or building supplies not suited for use on the premises shall not be kept or stored outside of a building. Building materials intended to be used to improve the premises may be stored outside during the term of any site plan or permit approval, provided that such materials are piled off the ground so as not to become a suitable environment for vermin.

#### Snow is coming

**Sec. 28-29. - Obligation to remove snow and ice.** It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or permit the accumulation of snow and/or ice on sidewalks, alleys, approaches, service walks and any other paved surfaces adjoining his or her property used for pedestrian or vehicular travel. All snow and/or ice shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of a snow and/or ice event.

**Sec. 28-61. - Placing snow in street.** No person shall plow, shovel, brush or heap up any snow, ice or other materials from private property onto the paved roadway of any street or highway in the city.

## Ordinance/Animal Control Open House

6045 Fenton • December 14, 2016— 2-4 PM

Come meet our Ordinance office staff and Ordinance / Animal Control Officers.  
Light refreshments will be served

## ANIMAL CONTROL

- All animals must be licensed with the city clerk's office.
- Residents may have up to three (3) animals over the age of four (4) months.
- Residents must clean up dog feces on a regular basis.
- Animals must be provided with adequate shelter, food and fresh water.
- It is not recommended that animals be left outside when owners are away from home.
- Animals must be on a leash and in control of the owner when outside of a fenced area.
- Residents should be mindful of the barking dog noise ordinance. Dogs bark for a reason and this should be checked on.
- Domestic fowl (i.e. chickens, ducks) are not allowed in the city as well as goats, pig and cattle.

Residents wishing to report animal-related incidents that are urgent in nature (such as injured animals, stray animals, etc.) should call the Dearborn Heights Police Department's non-emergency number, 313-277-6770 which will result in one of the Animal Control Officers being dispatched to the scene. Non emergency concerns, such as questions regarding animal licensing, or to report a violation of an animal-related ordinance (such as too many animals at a premises, noisy animals, etc.) should call one of the following numbers: General questions (licensing questions, etc.): Clerk's Office: 313-791-3430. Non-emergency issues relating to dogs: 313-791-3484 Non-emergency issues relating to cats: 313-791-3483.

## Protecting Pets This Winter, Courtesy of the Michigan Humane Society

The Michigan Humane Society strongly recommends that pets be kept inside with the rest of the family – especially during extreme weather. However, if an animal must be left outdoors for any length of time, Michigan law requires the pet owner provides them with adequate shelter, food and water to maintain them in a good state of health.

**Dogs should have a well-built, insulated, slant-roofed doghouse.** The interior should be just large enough for the dog to stand, turn around and to lie down comfortably. It should be slightly elevated from the ground for air circulation. The door should face away from prevailing winds and have a protective flap to eliminate drafts.

**Clean, dry straw** should be added to the doghouse for warm bedding rather than towels, rugs or blankets, which absorb moisture and then freeze.

## Additional Cold Weather Pet Safety Tips

**Roaming cats often seek the warmth of car engines.** Be sure to knock on the car hood or honk the horn before starting your car.

**Increase the amount of food by 15 percent** for animals living outdoors during the winter months. The extra calories are needed to help the animal stay warm.

**Regular access to clean, unfrozen water** is also critical. Check drinking water every few hours.

**If an animal is cold to the touch**, or his paws and ears are pale, he may have frostbite. Move the animal to a warmer area and contact a veterinarian immediately.

## Dearborn Heights will be partnering with the Michigan Humane Society in June 2017

Low cost vaccination and micro chip clinic. Dearborn Heights animal licensing will be available.



Ordinance Department volunteer students are from Crestwood National Honor Society.

Left Photo: left to right: Nadine, Yesha & Nagham. Middle Photo: Sandra, Dalia, Yesha, Reem, Director Jack McIntyre, Clerk Michelle Bianchi. Far Right: Mrs. Diane Johns, Head of the National Honor Society at Crestwood.



## Helpful tips from your Watershed Stewards

Your DEARBORN HEIGHTS WATERSHED STEWARDS COMMISSION is pleased to present these helpful resource ideas for reuse, recycling, and disposal of waste products. These statistics and ideas are taken from WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES "Resource Recovery Guide, 2016".

Although our citizens have made progress in reducing the amount of trash we throw away, we still can do much more.

### Here are some simple things you can do to reduce waste:

- **BUY SMART.** The next time you purchase something, look for less packaging and choose items that are reusable and durable. This saves you money because there is less to throw away and less to replace.
- **REUSE.** Donate items you no longer need.
- **RECYCLE MORE.** Look for products that can be recycled locally.
- **CLOSE THE LOOP.** Purchase goods made from recycled content.
- **COMPOST.** Composting can significantly reduce your waste.

As you give these articles your careful consideration, your WATERSHED STEWARDS COMMISSION thanks you for helping to reduce waste. It's good for the planet and helps to keep Dearborn Heights a beautiful place to live and work.

## "Close the Loop"—Start by using your blue recycling bin

Like many Americans, you collect and sort items that can be recycled. That's good, because you help your community reduce the amount of garbage going to the landfill. But putting items out for collection is only the **FIRST OF THREE STEPS** in the recycling process. It may surprise you to learn that what you buy is just as important as saving the things your recycling center takes. As an example, hard plastic containers (like in detergent) are much more difficult to recycle than cardboard containers holding granulated soap.

### TO MARKET, TO MARKET . . .

Today, only 21% of our trash is recovered annually for recycling. Where do these millions of pounds of recyclables go after collection? The **SECOND STEP**: Manufacturers use them to make new products. The **THIRD AND FINAL STEP** returns the new products to the marketplace. This step is one that you need to support if recycling is to remain part of the solution to the country's garbage issue.

### WHY SHOULD I BUY RECYCLED?

You "CLOSE THE LOOP" when you buy items or packaging made from recycled materials. They have now come full circle: **FROM BAG OR BIN, TO A MANUFACTURER, TO**

**THE STORE SHELF, AND BACK TO YOUR HOME.** And after using the item, you can start the loop again by saving it for the local recycling program. This way, manufacturers will respond by continuing to use recyclables in their prod-



ucts. Without informed consumers and a ready market for products made of recycled materials, local recycling programs will become more costly and fewer recyclables may be collected and processed. More reusable material will end up in landfills and communities will need to deal with an increased amount of garbage.

### HOW DO I FIND THEM?

Products and packaging made from recycled materials are everywhere—in grocery stores, office supplies, auto parts and everything in between. Recyclables are transformed into an amazing variety of new products. Steel food cans return to the hardware store as nails and screws. Newspapers become egg cartons. There's no limit to the things that can be made from recyclables.

### DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

For every ton of PAPER you recycle, you save 17 trees, 464 gallons of oil, 42 gallons of gasoline, 4,210 KWH of electricity, and 7,000 gallons of water.

Using recycled paper instead of virgin materials reduces air pollution by 74% and water pollution by 35%. . . and it "CLOSES THE LOOP!"

Recycling GLASS reduces water use by 50%. Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb or fours.

Recycling 40 ALUMINUM CANS saves the energy equivalent to 1 gallon of gasoline. In 2003, Americans recycled enough aluminum cans to save more than 15 million barrels of oil.

"KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL" notes: it takes the same amount of energy to make one aluminum beverage can from scratch that it does to produce 20 cans from recycled material. Recycling one TIN can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours.

## Important Thoughts on Household Hazardous Waste

Antifreeze, household cleaners, gasoline, pesticides, oil paints, solvents, and motor oil are just some of the common household products that can enter our storm drains. Help keep these out of our lakes and streams. Instead of putting these items in the trash, down the storm drain, or on the ground, take them to a local hazardous waste center on collection day. Announcements are in your local newspaper or your city website.

### What are some helpful tips?

Here are some simple steps you can take to carefully dispose of household wastes and help keep our water clean. Give them a try. A few simple changes can make a big difference!

#### Identify it.

Be aware of household products that can harm children, pets, and the environment. The words “danger,” “caution,” “warning,” or “toxic” indicate that you need to be careful in how you use and dispose of the product.

#### Life is better.

Reduce waste and save money by purchasing only the materials you need. When possible, choose less toxic alternatives. For example, try cleaning your windows with vinegar and water.

#### Store properly.

Keep used products in their original containers with labels intact. Select cool, dry storage areas that are away from children, pets and wildlife.

#### Disposal is key.

Never dump motor oil, chemicals, and other toxic materials down storm drains, sinks, or on the ground. Contact your local community for disposal locations, guidelines, and dates.

#### Important contacts.

Household Hazardous Waste Information (734) 326-3936  
 24 Hour Environmental Hotline (888) 223-23363  
 Rouge River Website [www.rouge.com](http://www.rouge.com)  
 Wayne County Website [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com)  
 Inkjet & Laser Cartridges, (Office Depot, Office Max, & Staples)



## WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Community comparison of our recycling efforts.

(All figures are shown as reported by all the communities and are in the Wayne County “RESOURCE RECOVERY GUIDE”)

Most communities in Wayne County offer a curbside recycling program. The average recycling rate (excluding composting) for MICHIGAN is 15%. The average residential recycling rate, by volume, for WAYNE COUNTY in 2015 was 6.8%, and the average composting rate, by volume, was 14.2%.

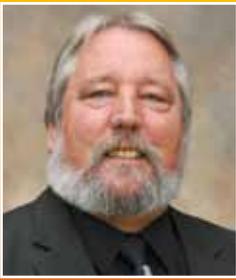
How does our community compare with neighboring ones?

CITY	RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING RATE-2015	RESIDENTIAL COMPOSTING RATE-2015
DEARBORN HEIGHTS	5.9%	20.4%
DEARBORN	17%	18.2%
LIVONIA	14.7%	28.8%
WESTLAND	12.1%	37%

The Dearborn Heights WATERSHED STEWARDS COMMISSION wishes to encourage you, our citizens, to continue to step-up recycling efforts. This will reduce the amount of household waste that ends up in our landfills. And for those of you who have not yet made that decision, remember, once you start recycling, it becomes a habit. The DHWSC hopes you'll take that first step.



Join the list of volunteers who do their part to make Dearborn Heights and our environment a cleaner and healthier place.



**WILLIAM  
ZIMMER**

*Administrator*

**New Waste/Recycling/Yard Waste Carrier**

The City of Dearborn Heights has secured the services of a new waste hauler – GFL Environmental (formerly RIZZO E.S.). The new provider began service November 1, 2016.

By now, each household has received 2 new (blue) wheeled carts for their use – one 96-gallon cart for trash, and one 64-gallon cart for recycled goods. With these carts, all residents need to do is wheel them out to the street or curb on their designated pick-up day, and GFL's specially-equipped trucks will pick them up, dump them, and return them for return to your yard. This not only eliminates the need for handling individual garbage bags, but the hinged top carts seal tightly – eliminating the problem of animals tearing into bags.

Residents have also received a flyer outlining the services GFL provides, including instructions on how to correctly place your new household waste and recycling carts on the street or curb. We suggest you review this flyer carefully to become familiar with the services offered through our new contractor.

Here is a brief list of some of the more common points regarding their service, and how it will impact residents.

**SERVICE DAYS:** Service days have not changed. Your solid waste, large bulky waste, recycling, yard waste will be picked up on the same day it always has.

**CONTAINERS (CARTS):** Each cart has a serial number that will be logged along with the residents' address. The carts are being provided at no charge to the residents. Should a cart need to be replaced due to damage or loss, replacements can be purchased through the City.

Carts should be placed in the street after 6:00 p.m. the evening prior to pick-up before 6:30 a.m. on the scheduled pick-up day.

After a couple of weeks following delivery of your new large cart, household solid waste placed outside the cart will not be collected. Hint: To keep your waste cart clean and odor-free, loose household waste should be contained in bags prior to placing them in your cart.

**BULKY ITEMS:** There is no change in the pick-up of large items, such as furniture, appliances, etc. These will be picked up as they always have.

**MEDICAL SHARPS:** Please consult with your doctor prior to using any medical sharps for their safe disposal. If you do dispose of any medical sharps in your household trash, please place them in a puncture-proof container (like a coffee can) and label it "Medical Sharps"

**SAFETY:** If you dispose of other "sharp" items, such as broken porcelain (sinks, toilets, etc.) or broken glass, please exercise care. If possible, tape cardboard over the sharp edges of broken porcelain objects. If disposing of broken glass, wrap it in several layers of newspaper, and mark "Broken Glass Enclosed" (and PLEASE – never place broken porcelain, glass or other sharp objects unprotected in plastic bags).

**HAZARDOUS ITEMS:** The following types of materials cannot be placed in your trash for collection: hazardous chemicals (that can catch fire, react or explode when mixed with other substances; corrosives, ammunition, antifreeze, fire extinguishers, gasoline, lacquers, oils, or any other product labeled dangerous, flammable, combustible, poisonous or corrosive).

**YARD WASTE/TRASH COLLECTION Yard Waste Pickup Season**

Don't be left behind! Mark your calendars with the opening and ending dates of yard waste collection. Yard waste starts April 1 of each year, and ends on Friday of the second full week in December. Please have your yard waste set out for collection by 6:30 a.m. on your assigned collection day.

Sod and, dirt/sand/gravel, large stumps, animal feces and dead animals are not acceptable.

Yard waste can be placed in lawn paper bags or cans with capacity of 35 gallons or less. In addition, yard waste cannot be placed into plastic bags, buckets, wooden crates, cardboard boxes, and plastic pumpkin bags. Maximum weight is 50 lbs. Parcels exceeding this weight limit will be left behind. Yard waste may not be placed in your wheeled carts.

Tree branches, brush, and shrubs must be less than 4 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter, bundled with rope, and less than 50 lbs. Limbs cannot exceed the diameter of 2 inches. There is a limit of 10 bundles per week.

Residents cannot dump trash, yard waste, or recycled items in the DPW yard. Anyone caught dumping is subject to a fine of up to \$500.

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**Note: New Ordinances:**

Effective

November 1, 2016, it is unlawful for any vehicle to be parked on public streets on the day that rubbish pick-up is scheduled.

Also effective

November 1, all rubbish shall be placed in and contained in the 96-gallon cart that is assigned to each address. Effective November 1, all recycling shall be placed in and contained in the 64-gallon recycling cart that is assigned to each address.

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## Solid Waste (Regular Household Trash)

Trash must be placed in the 96-gallon wheeled "carts" provided by the City. Should you find that occasionally your cart is filled to capacity, the haulers will pick up an additional bag or two if they are left near your cart.

Trash must be set out the night prior to pick-up, after 6 pm. If you wait until your pick-up day, your cart should be set out by 6:30 a.m. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DPW STAFF DOES NOT RETRIEVE TRASH IF YOU MISS YOUR SCHEDULED PICK-UP. If everyone else's trash is picked up except yours, you can call the DPW and inform them of your name, address, phone number, and the number of cans or bags. They will inform GFL, who will pick up the items within 24 hours.

Bulk items, such as appliances, furniture, etc. are allowed with trash at no charge each week. A phone call to the DPW is NOT REQUIRED for these.

Carpet and padding should be in rolls less than 4 feet long, and tied with rope, keeping weight less than 50 lbs per bundle.

## GFL DOES NOT COLLECT...

\* Building materials such as wood, lumber, paneling, drywall, roofing, tiles flooring, counter tops \*campers \*car parts \*commercial refrigerators or freezers \*concrete \*dead animals \*fencing-related \*grocery carts \*landscape-related such as timbers, railroad ties, dirt, sod, stones \*tree trunks \*welding tanks and propane tanks \*wooden-related such as sheds, dog houses, workbenches, picnic tables

## Damaged Carts (Old or Damaged Trash Cans)

Your new wheeled carts have a ten-year warranty. If you experience any issues, or have concerns, please contact GFL at 866-772-8900.

To dispose of damaged trash cans (particularly older ones), position the can upside-down and place a sign on it stating, "PLEASE TAKE CAN AS GARBAGE."

## Paint Can Disposal

GFL will collect up to 5 paint cans per week, without the lid, provided the paint is hardened inside the can. To solidify paint, simply add kitty litter, soil, or sand and mix thoroughly.

## Recycling Guidelines

Blue, wheeled (64-gallon) carts have been provided to every residence and must be used for your recyclables. Like the larger wheeled trash carts, these also have a 10-year warranty.

Refer to the GFLdisplay ad in this section for materials that are acceptable for curbside recycling.

## Freezers, Refrigerators, Air Conditioning Disposal

State Law mandates that a freon sticker (available at the Treasurer's Office - \$30 fee) must be placed on these items before they can be picked up. GFL handles the draining of freon. Once placed on the item, the resident needs to call DPW at 791-6000 and provide the sticker number at least one day prior to their regular trash day. For safety's sake, be sure to remove all doors from freezers and refrigerators.

## Alternate Disposal Sites:

You may opt to dispose items, at one of several landfills including:

- \*\* **Carlton Farms Landfill**, 28800 Clark, Sumpter Twp. (734-654-0005)
  - \*\* **Sauk Trail Hills Landfill**, 5305 Lilly Road, Canton (734-397-2790)
  - \*\* **Woodland Meadows**, 5900 Hannon Road, Van Buren Twp. (734-326-0993)
  - \*\* **Taylor Dump**, Racho & Eureka, Taylor (734-374-1373)
- Please note most landfills charge a fee for dumping materials.

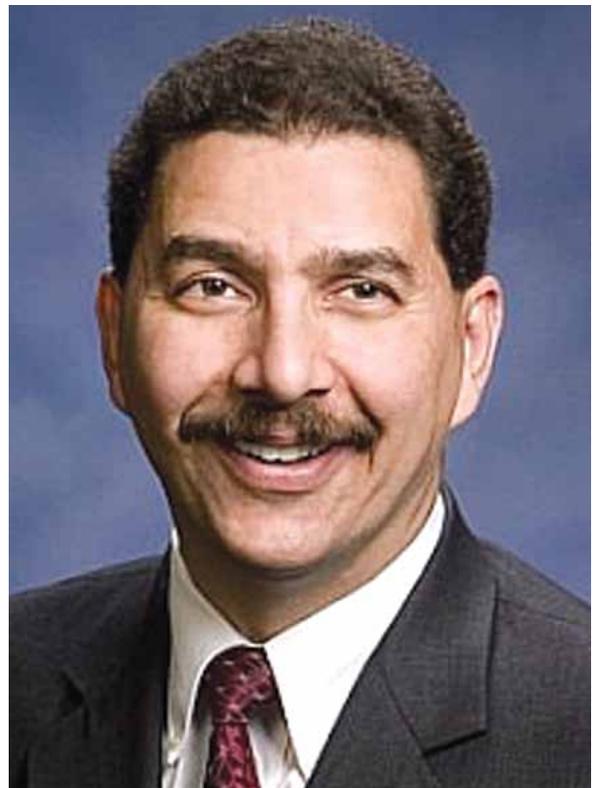
**Please contact  
me with all your  
questions and concerns.**

**BOB  
CONSTAN**

*City Council Chairman  
and Attorney-At-Law*

**313-292-6500**

**rkconstan@comcast.net**





An important message to Dearborn Heights residents from GFL Environmental Inc. Founder and CEO Patrick Dovigi

To our valued customers,

The Dearborn Heights City Council has chosen, through a competitive bid process, Rizzo Environmental Services to serve as your new waste hauler for your community.

On behalf of the entire team, we are excited to begin serving you on November 1st.

You recently received a mailer which provided specific details about the upcoming transition from your current hauler to your new one. Since that mailer was sent, there have been a few important changes to the information that was provided.

As you may have heard, GFL Environmental Inc. recently acquired Rizzo Environmental Services (RES). Given that, I would like to tell you a little bit about who we are.

GFL stands for Green For Life, a business philosophy that underscores our commitment to protecting our environment. As one of the largest waste haulers in North America, serving 2.5 million households each week, we are well positioned to take RES's existing resources and provide even better services to you at a very competitive price. We are also committed to operating our business with employees that live and work in the communities that we serve.

Going forward, we will be rebranding RES and its trucks and facilities under GFL Environmental USA Inc. I am pleased that Dearborn Heights will be the first community in Southeast Michigan to be served by GFL branded trucks.

All of the details previously mailed to you regarding your new waste service are correct. However, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us by calling our toll-free number of 844-GO-GFLUSA.

We look forward to earning your trust and providing you with years of excellent service at a competitive price.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick Dovigi".

Patrick Dovigi

## Water Main Breaks

Water main Breaks are common during winter months – but keep in mind that breaks (and subsequent emergency repairs) can occur at any time of the year. They can (and do) occur during the spring and summer months as well, although usually at a lower frequency. Dependent on the amount of main breaks we repair during the winter months, it may take until as late as September to complete restoration city wide. Concrete repairs such as drive approaches and sidewalks are usually completed prior to sod replacement. It's common for us to delay grounds restoration for at least a month after a main break repair as significant settling will occur. Please be patient.

Usually, residents only see a minimal disruption in their water service. Typically, an average-size repair takes around three hours.

Although somewhat rare, there are times when several main breaks develop simultaneously. When this happens, priority is given to the repair that has the most impact or complexity.

It is important that when residents observe water seeping or gushing from the ground, a call to the DPW to inform them of the incident is helpful (and appreciated). After normal business hours, the call should be made to the Police Department.

Shortly after the repair is made and water service is restored, some discoloration of the water coming from residents' taps is normal. The water is still safe, but residents should not launder light-colored fabrics until the water has cleared (this discoloration will stain light colored fabrics). There are stain treatment products that can release the "rust." These are

sold locally in grocery stores. The City DOES NOT reimburse for laundry mishaps.

Usually, allowing the water to run for several minutes will help clear the water more quickly, although in some cases this may have to be repeated periodically for several hours.

## Stormy, windy weather impacts trees

Trees are vulnerable to ice and snow, severe storms and high winds. During these events, they can routinely shed dead branches and/or limbs—in some extreme cases, the trees themselves could be uprooted.



If a tree on city property drops a branch or limb, call the DPW at (313) 791-6000. If the limb falls into the street, it is advisable that the resident pull the limb onto the City Boulevard so the DPW staff can retrieve it.

A limb that is called a "hanger" can be dangerous to life and property, as it dangles precariously. If you see one of these on a tree that is on city property, be sure to call the DPW for removal.

Limbs that fall from private property trees are the homeowner's responsibility. Waste Management will retrieve it with yard waste as long as it is cut in 4' foot lengths, bundled, and tied with rope or string. Each bundle cannot exceed 50 lbs.

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# REDUCING POTENTIAL LEAD EXPOSURE FROM DRINKING WATER

State of Michigan

Environmental Assistance Center

800-662-9278 | [deq-assist@michigan.gov](mailto:deq-assist@michigan.gov)

**Flush your pipes before drinking.** The longer water sits in your home's pipes, the more lead the water may contain. Anytime a faucet used for drinking or food prep has not been used for six hours or longer, you should run the water through ("flush") the tap. To do this flushing, turn on the cold water and let it run until it is as cold as possible. This should not take long (5-30 seconds) if there has been routine daily water use. If there has not been recent daily water use, it could take two minutes or longer. Your water utility can tell you if longer flushing times are needed.

**Do not boil water to remove lead.** Boiling will not remove the lead.

**Clean your faucet aerator.** The aerator on the end of your faucet is a screen that will catch debris. This debris could include particles of lead. The aerator should be removed at least monthly to rinse out any debris.

**Use a filter.** Make sure the filter is certified for lead removal. Be sure to replace a filter device as often as the manufacturer recommends. Contact NSF International at 800-NSF-8010 or visit their website at [www.nsf.org](http://www.nsf.org) for water filter performance standards.

**Consider replacing your kitchen and bathroom sink faucets.** Most existing homes have leaded brass faucets unless they have been replaced since 2013. Any new connecting plumbing and fittings should also meet the 2014 lead-free definition. If you replace your faucet, buy a new one with pieces that meet the 2014 lead-free definition. These should be certified as lead-free by an independent testing agency. Learn more from the Environmental Protection Agency's Publication Center at 800-490-9198 and ask for the document entitled *How to Identify Lead-Free Certification Marks for Drinking Water System & Plumbing Materials* (number 600F13153).

**Deep flush your cold water pipes after long periods of non-use.** If you are moving into a new home or apartment, or moving back to a place of residence that has been unoccupied for some time, you should run all faucets an extended period of five minutes or more before using any water for drinking or cooking.

**Learn about your drinking water supply.** Read your community's Consumer Confidence Report that is mailed to you each year or can be found at your local water utility's website. If you wish to get your drinking water tested, use a certified lab. To find a certified lab, go to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's home page, [www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq) and search "certified lab list."

For further assistance, contact the State of Michigan Environmental Assistance Center at **800-662-9278** or [deq-assist@michigan.gov](mailto:deq-assist@michigan.gov). Hours of operation are 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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## Wires through City trees

If your city tree needs a trim AND THERE ARE UTILITY LINES RUNNING THROUGH IT, you must call DTE for the trim. DTE is equipped to handle this hazard efficiently and safely.

If your private property tree in the backyard is trimmed by DTE, please be advised that tree debris is left in the backyard. Additionally, city crews do not enter backyards to remove the debris. These are the homeowner's responsibility.

## Tree Trimming/Removal

Many of our city's trees are mature and majestic. Their advantages include enhancing the beauty of the landscape, helping purify the air, providing a home for small animals, and helping reduce the cost of heating and cooling.

With all the benefits however, also comes the responsibility of maintaining them to keep them healthy. Dead branches or low branches bring the potential to cause harm to both people and property.

If you see a tree contractor working on a tree in your area, please help by parking your vehicles away from the immediate trimming area. It will make their job easier, and could save your vehicle from an unintended dent or scratch by falling branches.

Please be patient with us when it appears that we might be trimming trees too severely – especially when it appears we are cutting off seemingly healthy low limbs. In many cases, we need to do this to remove obstructions to vehicular and pedestrian traffic as well as enhancing tree health and appearance. Different trees require different trimming techniques because of the way they grow.

City ordinance mandates that a "live city tree" cannot be removed. The ordinance explains that a dead tree is 100% leafless.

## Private property trees

Residents with private property trees that obstruct sidewalks, street clearance or street lights are responsible for clearing these obstructions.

Homeowners should be aware of City Council Ordinance #H-08-04 which outlines the removal or transplanting of trees on private property.



Landmark trees, 6" in diameter or greater, that are removed, must be replaced with another tree. This is spelled out in Section 33-30j and Section 33-30k. Those trees with less than 6" in diameter need not be replaced.

A Tree Removal Permit is required to remove a tree. Cost of the permit is \$65. The resident must complete a permit application form at the DPW office (24600 Van Born, Dearborn Heights). Once the application is completed, a DPW Highway Supervisor will come out to inspect the tree. If approved, the resident picks up the permit and pays the permit fee via check (cash or charge is not accepted). The resident must make sure the contractor he/she hires is registered with the City at the Clerk's Office.

## Free wood chips available at DPW Yard

Residents needing wood chips are encouraged to visit the DPW Yard (on Van Born Road), where wood chips are provided at no charge.

This measure allows residents the ability to primp up their landscape, while eliminating the cost of mulch at nursery centers. Wood chips reduce the appearance of weeds, and benefit plants and flowers by retaining moisture.

Residents must bring their own bags for hauling their wood chips. The DPW does not provide bags. The DPW yard is open from 7 am to 4 pm, Monday through Thursday.



## City welcomes new residents

Over the past year, the DPW has experienced a rise in the volume of telephone calls with questions on public service-related issues. Many of these calls come from new residents who are looking to obtain information on the "rules" in order to function as part of the fabric of the community.

This issue of the Dearborn Heights Today newsletter contains much of the information residents request information on – we suggest residents keep their copy of this newsletter for future reference. The newsletter is compiled twice a year and delivered to every home and business throughout the city.

For those who are "computer savvy", all of Dearborn Heights' departments are represented on the city's website ([www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us](http://www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us)), and the information provided helps answer many common questions. A pdf file of this newsletter is also included in the "About Dearborn Heights" section of the website.

Additionally, the DPW makes every attempt to convey vital information to better serve residents. A telephone call to the DPW prompts a recording on the department's answering machine that provides up-to-the-minute news and/or rules. This efficient means of communication often eliminates what seems to be endless waiting for a "live person." Inevitably, not every topic is covered on the machine, so those cases are required to wait for a staff member's response.

Each resident's concern, issue or complaint is handled in a thorough and efficient manner. DPW Director William Zimmer explains, "while issues regarding health and safety are priority, we make every effort to resolve concerns or complaints as soon as they are received. Our personnel are dedicated, and eager to assist our residents."

## Service drops

For service drops (utility lines that connecting the pole to the home), tree branches must be trimmed to ensure a safe distance between the tree and the line(s).

The City does not work around "live" lines, so it is recommended that residents hire a professional tree service to do this trimming. Visit DTE's web site ([www.my.dteenergy.com/livclearance](http://www.my.dteenergy.com/livclearance)) to learn more about line clearance and proper tree planting.



## Street lights and downed wires

To report street lights that are not operating, call the DPW at (313) 791-6000 between 8 am – 5 pm weekdays. Provide the light's location, and if possible, the streetlight number (located on a 2" x 2" placard near the base of the pole).

Downed power lines or poles should be reported directly to DTE by calling (800) 477-4747.

## Street and sidewalk hazards

Dearborn Heights has an ordinance making it illegal to sweep, blow, or shovel any type of refuse from yards or driveways into the street. This includes leaves, snow, or grass clippings. Violators can be ticketed.

Sidewalks must be maintained to reduce the potential for accidents to pedestrians. Some areas of concern include the need to clear fallen branches, repairing or replacing cracked or raised cement, and clearing snow within 24 hours of a snowfall. The DPW does not cut down City trees because the roots invade yard and travel under sidewalk. When new sidewalk is being laid, instruct the tree service contractor to cut away the tree's roots.



## Most frequently-asked questions

**Q: Can you remove my City tree because the roots traveled under my sidewalk and raised it dangerously?**

**A:** No. The City does not remove "live trees" to save the condition of sidewalks. You have a trip hazard. This is your responsibility to correct. When the contractor replaces your sidewalk, inform him about cutting the roots out so the new cement won't be so vulnerable.

**Q: What's the limit on bags or cans of both trash and yard waste?**

**A:** Ten for each category. You may set out 2 bulk items for free, too.

**Q: Do I call you on a status of water bill?**

**A:** No, dial 791-3450 (City Hall Water)

**Q: Why were my boxes and trash just left there?**

**A:** Boxes are not permitted, unless broken down, bundled, and tied.

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## MOHAMED SOBH

Director

### Important Information on Rental Properties in the City

Rental property is any property you own but do not occupy yourself. It is defined as property that you rent to another person or family member, or allow another person to live there, it even if you do not collect rent.

All rental properties must be registered with the Building and Engineering Department. If this is not done, the owner of the property could be ticketed and be required to appear in court, which will likely result in a fine.

In accordance with City Ordinance Section 7-467 and 468, a full Certificate of Occupance (C of O) is required prior to any transfer of ownership. Under City Ordinance, the property must also be inspected every time you change tenants.

It is also mandatory that all rental properties must be inspected once every 3 years – even if there has been no change of tenants. The C of O will reflect the name of the new owner and the name of the occupant. The same document is required for changes of tenants for all rental properties. This also applies to commercial properties. If, for example, a strip mall or an apartment building is sold, a new C of O is required for each unit in order to transfer the ownership.

If you are a tenant living in a rental property, you can call the Building and Engineering Department at 313-791-3470 or you may want to stop by our office at 6045 Fenton with your rental property information.

### Residential & Commercial Building Information

Each time a residential or commercial building changes ownership, a new certificate of occupancy (called C of O) must be issued. To obtain a new C of O, the owner, purchaser, agent or representative must apply at the Building and Engineering Department. The C of O is only issued after any code violation(s) are corrected and reinspected.

If a resident desires to build a new structure within the City, three (3) copies for residential and five (5) copies for commercial, of appropriate drawings must be submitted with a permit application at the Building and Engineering Department. Appropriate drawings consist of scaled floor plans, exterior wall sections, site plans, foundation plan, building cross sections, and for commercial buildings, engineered plans for electrical, mechanical and plumbing are also required. Also for commercial construction, five (5) copies of a site survey of the property prepared by a licensed land surveyor are required. All drawings prepared for commercial buildings shall also be signed and sealed by a professional engineer or licensed architect.

Applicants for remodeling existing structures shall required three (3) copies of the same drawings required for new work. Remember, allow 2 to 3 weeks minimum for plan review as the Building and Engineering Department always has a back log of new applications.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT PROCEDURES

- If a building inspection is scheduled, the property owner, contractor owner, purchaser, agent or another individual representing the property must ensure the inspector has access to the area(s) to be inspected at the appointed date/time. If the inspector cannot gain access, the inspection will not be completed. It must be re-scheduled and an additional \$50 fee will be assessed.
- A Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) will be issued only after all inspections are completed and all work is approved. When requesting this certificate, which is available through the Building & Engineering Department, the property owner must present proof of ownership that he/she is the legal property owner – acceptable forms of verification include a copy of an executed purchase agreement or quit-claim deed.

Any questions regarding the above mentioned information may be answered by the Building Department at 313-791-3470, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

## ATTENTION

Citizens/Agents/Contractors

Please be advised of the new fees for Certificate of Occupancy Inspections, Closing Letters and Temporary Certificates of Occupancy:

- Certificate of Occupancy Inspections: \$200.
- Closing Letters: \$200.
- Temporary Certificates of Occupancy: \$100.

Note: Work begun without permits will be assessed a double permit fee or \$100, whichever is greater. Respectfully, Mohamed Sobh, Building Director



## MICHAEL McCAFFERY

Director

# Director's Notes

**H**ello, Dearborn Heights! As the days get shorter and thoughts turn to winter activities, we have made a few additions and improvements that we hope to make your experience at the libraries more enjoyable. The libraries have increased Internet speed, purchased additional wireless hotspots, and upgraded computers in the adult area. We also have added color printing at Caroline Kennedy Library and reduced color fees at both buildings. Thanks for your continued support and see you at the library!

### Food for Fines

**November 7 – December 11**

During Food for Fines, library patrons may donate non-perishable canned and dry food to help feed the hungry while clearing overdue fines. Each food item donated to the library can be used to "pay" \$2 in library overdue fines, up to a maximum of \$24 per card. All donations must be marked with a freshness date a minimum of six months prior to expiration. Donated food will be given to a local food bank. High protein items, such as peanut butter and canned meat, are greatly needed. We welcome food and cash donations even if you don't have fines.

### New Language and Culture Resource: SCOLA

SCOLA is an online database featuring authentic language resources in more than 175 languages. SCOLA features TV programming from around the world, radio broadcasts, foreign newspapers and magazines, language learning lessons, and cultural programming. Transcripts and translations are available for many of the resources.

**Download books and audiobooks for FREE using Overdrive, available 24/7 at <http://tln.lib.overdrive.com>.**

**Learn English or a foreign language for free using the online resource Mango Languages, available 24/7 from the DHCL website, [www.dhcl.michlibrary.org](http://www.dhcl.michlibrary.org).**

**Click on Electronic Library, and then on Mango Languages.**

### Library Closings

**November 11 for Veterans Day  
November 24 – 27 for Thanksgiving  
December 23 – 26 for Christmas  
December 30 – January 2 for New Year  
January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
February 3 for Library maintenance  
April 14 – 16 for Easter**

## Adult Programs

**All programs are at Caroline Kennedy Library unless noted otherwise. Attendance at Library events constitutes consent to be photographed for use in print and/or electronic publicity for the Dearborn Heights City Libraries.**

### Create-A-Card Party for our Troops

**@ John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library  
Thursdays 2:00 – 5:00 pm  
November 3, December 1,  
January 5, February 2**

People of all ages are invited to decorate and inscribe cards to send to our troops.

### Crowley's: The Friendly Store

**Tuesday, November 15 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

Crowley, Milner and Company, known as The Friendly Store, was Detroit's "other" department store, operating in the shadow of the



J.L. Hudson Co. that dominated the city's retail trade. Crowley's earned customers' appreciation with fine merchandise and good service. Architect and historian Bruce Allen Kopytek will share the things that made Crowley's a retail destination in the Motor City.

### Medicare Counseling for Medicare Open Enrollment

**Tuesday, November 22 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Do you need help and are not sure where to turn? Bring your Medicare card and a list of all your medications for FREE and unbiased consultation from MMAP counselors. MMAP counselors will be available to:

- Answer all your Medicare questions
- Enroll you in Part D or Medicare Advantage Plan
- Screen for Medicare savings

### Bow Making

**Thursday, December 1 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

Sandi Martin will teach you how to make beautiful bows to decorate your gifts and house. She'll provide step-by-step instructions, enabling you to create a bow to take home. All supplies will be provided. Registration appreciated, 313-791-3800.

### Christmas Appetizer Tree

**Monday, December 5 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

Learn how to make a beautiful, edible Christmas tree to adorn your holiday table. Sandi Martin will demonstrate how to create this appetizer, which doubles as a decoration. The recipe and instructions will be provided so you will be able to assemble your own tree at home.

### Holiday Appetizers

**Tuesday, December 6 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

Culinary instructor Mary Spencer will help you prepare for the holidays by demonstrating easy appetizers including tangerine chicken in lettuce cups, herbed ricotta bruschettas with homemade ricotta, and roasted red pepper hummus. Recipes and samples will be provided. Registration appreciated, 313-791-3800.

### Pewabic Pottery

**Tuesday, December 13 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

Pewabic Pottery was founded during the Arts and Crafts Movement and is nationally

renowned for its hand-made ceramic tiles and vases in unique glazes. Join us for a fascinating presentation covering the 113 year history of Pewabic. Our presenter will bring some ceramic pieces currently made at Pewabic and some historic pieces for the audience to view.



## Adult Programs

### Christmas Bingo

@ John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Thursday, December 15 4:00 – 6:00 pm

All ages are welcome to play bingo. We will bingo until we run out of prizes, or time, whichever comes first. Young children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Dulcimer Concert

Saturday, December 17 2:00 – 3:00 pm

The Silver Strings Dulcimer Society returns for a holiday performance playing some of your favorite yuletide tunes.



### Better Made in Michigan

Tuesday, January 10 7:00 – 8:30 pm

For many, Detroit is the crunch capital of the world. More than forty local chip companies once fed the Motor City's never-ending appetite for salty snacks, but now only Better Made remains. Karen Dybis, author of *Better Made in Michigan*, will present the flavorful history of Michigan's most iconic chip and explain how Detroit chippreneurs rose from garage-based businesses to become snack food royalty.

### Unusual Musical Instruments, Part II

Wednesday, January 25 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join David and Theresa Smith as they continue our tour into the world of unusual and obscure musical instruments. They will present information and brief performances

with an array of instruments, including the therapy monochord, tremoloa, Marxolin, Marxophone, ukelin, the Japanese taishogoto, Hungarian citera, Scandinavian psalmodicon and Tahitian ukulele.



### Publishing in the Digital Age

Tuesday, January 31 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Journalist/playwright/author Cornelius Fortune will present a workshop aimed at demystifying the publishing process. Aspiring writers and others seeking to become better communicators will be inspired to find and express their worldview with confidence.

### Hoarding

Tuesday, February 2

7:00 – 8:30 pm

How do you know the difference between mere clutter, chronic disorganization, and hoarding disorder?

Hoarding is a legitimate mental health issue characterized by distortions of thinking. Learn about this fascinating topic from Terrence Shulman, JD, LMSW, the founder and director of The Shulman Center for Compulsive Theft, Spending and Hoarding and the author of four addiction-recovery books.



### The Psychology of the Paranormal

Tuesday, February 21 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Do psychic phenomena like ESP really exist? Or are paranormal phenomena just one big hoax? What does the research show? Join us for a night of exploring the psychology of the paranormal. Bring your questions and your curious mind...you may be surprised at what you learn.

### Touch of Thai Cooking Class

Tuesday, March 7 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Geneveive Vang, co-owner and chef of Bangkok 96, will demonstrate the creation of several Thai dishes. She will make summer rolls with Vietnamese peanut sauce, Thai vegetable curry, and Thai fried rice. Each dish will be low in salt and sugar and be gluten-free.

### The Environment and Modern Agriculture

Tuesday, March 14 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Humane educator Katie Farrugia of Ethical Choices Program will explain how alternative choices can help protect our environment and our health. She will lead a discussion about how raising farmed animals and related crops affect ecosystems and our health through global warming, depletion of natural resources, pollution and world hunger.

### Terror in the City of Champions

Tuesday, March 21 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Award-winning author Tom Stanton weaves a stunning, true tale of history, crime, and sports. Richly portraying 1930s America, his book *Terror in the City of Champions* features a pageant of colorful figures: iconic athletes, sanctimonious criminals, scheming industrial titans, a bigoted radio priest, J. Edgar Hoover, and two future presidents, Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan.

### History of the English Language

Part I Tuesday, April 11

Part II Tuesday, May 9

Part III Tuesday, June 13

7:00 – 8:30 pm

The historical development of the English language is fascinating and often surprising. This series presents the history of the language from the time of the Roman occupation of Britain. Learn about historical influences including science, technology, war, politics, and social changes. Understand how the waves of explorers, soldiers, emigrants and settlers spread English around the world.

### Friends of the Library Book Sale

Thursday, April 20 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Friday, April 21 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday, April 22 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

The Friends of the Dearborn Heights Libraries will offer thousands of fiction and nonfiction books at bargain prices. Bag day is Saturday when you can fill a plastic bag for \$3 or a paper bag for \$5.

### First Impressions: Creating an Unforgettable Entrance to Your Home

Thursday, April 27 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Ever see a home where you feel a sense of welcome and delight? Big or small, contemporary or cottage, this presentation will take you on a tour of America's front doors and walkways. If you're looking for inspiration, you'll enjoy this presentation by Julia Hofley, editor of *Michigan Gardener*. We guarantee that you will get some take-home ideas to make your own unforgettable entrance.



## MOVIES

### Premiere Movie:

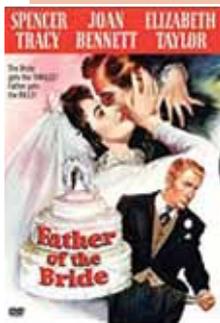
#### *In the Heart of the Sea*

**Wednesday, November 9 6:30 pm**

In the winter of 1820, the New England whaling ship *Essex* was assaulted by something no one could believe, a whale of mammoth size and will, and an almost human sense of vengeance. The real-life maritime disaster would inspire Herman Melville's *Moby-Dick*. But that told only half the story. This story reveals the encounter's harrowing aftermath, as the ship's surviving crew is pushed to their limits and forced to do the unthinkable to stay alive. Directed by Ron Howard. Stars Chris Hemsworth, Benjamin Walker, and Cillian Murphy.



PG-13, 122 Minutes. 2016.



### Matinee Movie: *Father of the Bride*

**Friday, November 18  
2:30 pm**

A heartwarming comedy classic about a man preparing for his only daughter's wedding and the grief

he must endure. Stars Spencer Tracy, Elizabeth Taylor and Joan Bennett. Black & White. 94 minutes. 1950.

### Holiday Matinee Movie: *A Christmas Story*

**Saturday, December 3 2:30 pm**

This delightfully funny holiday gem tells the story of Ralphie Parker, a nine-year-old in the 1940s who pulls out all the stops to obtain the ultimate Christmas present, a Red Rider BB-gun. Stars Darren McGavin, Melinda Dillon and Peter Billingsley as Ralphie. 93 minutes. 1983.



## Book Discussions

Everyone is welcome at the book discussions, which are held at the Caroline Kennedy Library. Copies of each book are available at the Circulation Desk one month prior to the discussion.

### General Book Discussion

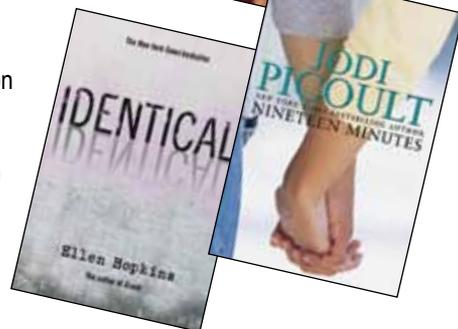
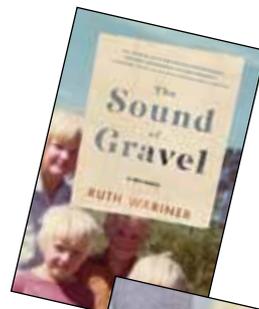
Meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of the month

- November 10** *Isadore's Secret* by Mardi Link (nonfiction)  
**December 8** *Princess* by Jean Sasson (biography)  
**January 12** *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys (fiction)  
**February 9** *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond (nonfiction)  
**March 9** *The Sound of Gravel* by Ruth Wariner (biography)  
**April 13** *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman (fiction)  
**May 11** *Grunt* by Mary Roach (nonfiction)

### Mystery Book Club

Meets at 2:30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

- November 1** *A Stolen Season* by Steve Hamilton  
**December 6** *Silent Night* by Mary Higgins Clark  
**January 6** *Identical* by Scott Turow  
**February 7** *Wake Up to Murder* by Steve Allen  
**March 7** *Mind Prey* by John Sanford  
**April 4** *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult  
**May 2** Potpourri – readers' choice



## Computer Classes

All classes are free and are at the Caroline Kennedy Library. Call 313-791-3800 to register.

### Introduction to the Internet and Email

**Saturday, November 12**

**10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Learn to efficiently search, setup email and operate a browser. There will also be a survey of interesting and useful websites.

### Microsoft Publisher

**Monday, November 14**

**6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Learn to create, customize and publish newsletters, brochures, flyers, banners, and more.

### Introduction to Computers and the Internet

**Saturday, December 10**

**10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Students will learn the very basics of computer usage. We will discuss how to turn on a computer, how to reset the computer and where to plug in the mouse, keyboard, and speakers. Also, students will learn keyboard basics, task manager, and mouse basics.

### Microsoft PowerPoint

**Monday, December 12 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Learn to create full-featured presentations and memorable slide shows with PowerPoint.

### Individual Computer Help

**Saturday, January 21**

**10:30 am - 1:00 pm**

Sign up for a specific half hour time slot for one-on-one computer instruction.

### Beginning Microsoft Excel

**Monday, January 30 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Learn the basics of a spreadsheet program to create a family or personal budget.



## Youth Programs

All programs at Caroline Kennedy Library, unless noted otherwise.

### Toddler Story Time

Every Thursday 10:30 am

These programs are intended for children aged 2 or 3 but all ages are welcome. Children and their caregivers enjoy simple stories, music, and crafts.

### Children's Story Hour

@ John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Thursdays 1:00 - 1:45 pm

November 3, 10, December 1, January 19 - April 27

These programs are meant for children aged 2 to 6, but other ages are welcome. We offer simple stories, music, crafts, and fun for little ones and their caregivers.

### Family Movie Nights

Family movies are scheduled once each month. The matinee show is at 4:00 pm and the evening show is at 6:30 pm. Movies are rated G or PG. Members of the Teen Advisory Board sell treats to benefit the library.

November 29 *Finding Dory*

December 20 *The BFG*

January 24 *The Secret Life of Pets*

February 28 March 28 April 25

### Santa Claus Visits

John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Thursday, December 15 6:30 pm

Caroline Kennedy Library

Monday, December 19 7:00 pm

Christmas is near, and Santa is coming to the libraries! He will read stories especially for the season. All ages are invited. There will be plenty of time at the end of the program for children to meet Santa.



### Fundamentals of Electricity Workshops

Mondays, January 23 - April 3 7:00 - 8:40 pm

These are hands-on workshops for children in grades 5 and up to learn about electricity and electronics. Engineers from IEEE will work with children in small groups.



Parents should accompany their children to the introductory session on January 23.

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### Valentine Crafts

Caroline Kennedy Library

Monday, February 6 3:30 - 5:00 pm

John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Tuesday, February 7 3:30 - 5:00 pm

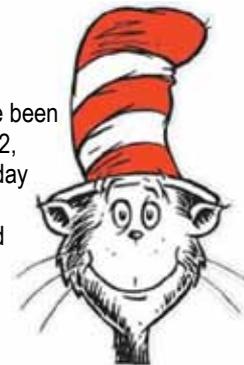
Children and teens can make a variety of crafts, including greeting cards, decorations, and simple gifts with a Valentine's theme. Participants may stop in at any time during the programs.

### Dr. Seuss Party

Tuesday, March 7

3:30 - 5:00 pm

Dr. Seuss would have been 112 years old on March 2, and we will have a birthday party in his honor. This drop-in event is intended for children ages 1 - 10.



## Teen Programs

All programs at Caroline Kennedy Library, unless noted otherwise.

### TAB: Teen Advisory Board

The Teen Advisory Board meets monthly on Thursdays from 5:00 - 6:00 pm to discuss issues pertaining to the library. Teens can make recommendations for library purchases and programs. New members ages 10 - 17 are welcome.

November 17

January 26

March 30

December 22

February 23

April 27

### Teen Movie Nights

Join us for great movies, shown once a month on Thursdays. The show starts at 6:00 pm, with the movies generally rated PG-13. Young people ages 13 and up are welcome, and 11 and 12 year-olds may attend with the permission of a parent or guardian. The Teen Advisory Board will sell treats to support the library.

November 17

December 22

January 26

February 23

March 30

April 27

*Ghostbusters*

*Star Trek Beyond*

*Suicide Squad*

TBA

TBA

TBA

### Teen Craft Nights

Join us on the first Wednesday of the month from 6:00 - 7:00 pm for fun crafts for youth ages 10 - 17.

December 7

February 1

April 5

January 4

March 1

### Oreo Truffles

Wednesday, November 16 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Truffles are small, soft chocolate candies that are fun to make and delicious to eat. Make your own Oreo truffles just in time for Thanksgiving. We will be making this treat in waves, so no worries if you are not in the first group; we will have plenty of ingredients for everyone! All ingredients are halal. Ages 10 - 17.



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## Teen Programs

### Gingerbread Houses

John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Tuesday, December 13 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Caroline Kennedy Library

Wednesday, December 14 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Children and teens will use crackers and candy to build their own houses. Everyone will receive a number and an approximate time for their turn. No worries if you are not in our first wave; there will be plenty of supplies for everyone.



### Chinese Paper Lanterns

John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Tuesday, January 24 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Caroline Kennedy Library

Wednesday, January 25 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Celebrate the beginning of the Year of the Rooster by making your own colorful paper lantern. Ages 10 - 17.

### Underground Railroad

#### Quilt Craft

John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Tuesday, February 14 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Caroline Kennedy Library

Thursday, February 16 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Celebrate Black History Month by learning about the quilting codes that helped guide slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad. Then design your own "quilt" square using colored pencils and fabric scraps to make your own piece of art.

### Delicious Science:

#### The Marshmallow Strikes Back

John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Wednesday, March 8

Two Sessions: 5:45 and 6:30 pm

Caroline Kennedy Library

Thursday, March 9

Four Sessions: 5:00, 5:45, 6:30, and 7:15 pm

Delicious Science is back! We all know that marshmallows are fun to eat, but did you know that they are also great for learning about science? We will revisit some of our favorite concepts, like Boyle's law, as we explore density and molecular shapes. We will conclude our experiments by making s'mores using halal ingredients. Registration required. Ages 10 - 17.

## Dearborn Heights City Libraries

### Caroline Kennedy Library

24590 George St., Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

Phone: 313-791-3800 • Fax: 313-791-3801

The library is located four blocks west of Telegraph and two blocks north of Ford Rd.

#### Caroline Kennedy Hours

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Friday - Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

24602 Van Born Rd., Dearborn Heights, MI 48125

Phone: 313-791-6050 • Fax: 313-791-6051

The library is located west of Telegraph and east of Beech Daly.

#### John F. Kennedy, Jr. Hours

Monday - Thursday: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday - Saturday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday - Closed

Library Website: [www.dhcl.michlibrary.org](http://www.dhcl.michlibrary.org)

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Director

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[www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us](http://www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us)

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### Park Permits

Park Permits for Parkland Park, Van Houten Park and Swapka Park will be available beginning February 1, 2017. Non-residents can book a park after March 6, 2017. Permits can be obtained from the Dearborn Heights Parks & Recreation Department, 1801 N. Beech Daly Road. Call 791-3600 for rental rates and date availability.

### Community Room Rental

The community rooms at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center and Canfield Community Center are available for public rental. Perfect for bridal and baby showers, graduation parties, anniversaries, birthdays, group meetings, etc. The cost is a \$60.00 set up fee plus:

Parquet Rooms	\$45.00 per/hr residents
or 1/2 Gym	\$50.00 per/hr non-residents
Kitchen Access	\$20.00 for the rental

For information and availability call the Canfield Community Center at 791-3600 or the Richard A. Young Center at 277-7080.

### Program Changes

Program information including dates, times, locations and fees are subject to change per the discretion of the Dearborn Heights Parks & Recreation Department due to the number of participants enrolled, instructors and room availability.

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## CLIP AND SAVE THESE PHONE NUMBERS!

#### BASEBALL, SOFTBALL & T-BALL:

District #7 Dad's Club . . . . . Gary Barkoff . . . . . 292-5909  
North Dearborn Heights Baseball League

Website . . . . . [www.ndhbl.com](http://www.ndhbl.com)

David Steines . . . . . (313) 378-9419

Email . . . . . [davidsteines@ndhbl.com](mailto:davidsteines@ndhbl.com)

#### BASKETBALL:

District #7 Dad's Club . . . . . Gary Barkoff . . . . . 292-5909

Cheerleading . . . . . Shelly Gambino . . . . . 562-0096

Website . [www.D7DADSClub.ORG](http://www.D7DADSClub.ORG)

#### INLINE SKATING:

Canfield Arena . . . . . 734-323-3254

Website . . . [www.canfieldarena.com](http://www.canfieldarena.com)

#### SOCCER:

Dearborn Heights Soccer . . . . . Website . . . . . [www.dhsoccer.com](http://www.dhsoccer.com)

687-8264 (313-Mustang)

Email . . . [dhsoccer@dhsoccer.com](mailto:dhsoccer@dhsoccer.com)

#### YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING:

Dearborn Heights Redskins

Football . . . . . Leonard Isaac . . . . . 277-8745

Cheerleading . . . . . Pat . . . . . 277-8745

Dearborn Heights Raiders

Alex Osama Fakh . . . . . [raidersjuniorfootball@yahoo.com](mailto:raidersjuniorfootball@yahoo.com)

Website . . . . . [www.dearbornheightsraiders.com](http://www.dearbornheightsraiders.com)

District #7 Dads' Club

Flag Football . . . . . Gary Barkoff . . . . . 292-5909

Rob Dibble . . . . . 562-0096

Cheerleading . . . . . Shelly Gambino . . . . . 562-0096

#### SWIMMING:

Crestwood High School . . . . . 274-3719 or 278-0900

DRD Swim Club . . . . . Website . . . . . [www.swimdrd.org](http://www.swimdrd.org)

#### WRESTLING:

Dearborn Heights Wildcats

Wrestling Club . . . . . Scott McCoy . . . . . 743-7479

[dearbornheightswildcats@yahoo.com](mailto:dearbornheightswildcats@yahoo.com)

### Seasonal Jobs

Part-time positions are available throughout the year. Part-time Computer Instructor, Softball & Basketball Scorekeepers, Field Supervisors, Custodial, Day Camp Supervisor & Leaders, Summer Recreation Playground Leaders, Floor Hockey Coaches, Officials, & Timekeepers. For more information on any of these positions please contact the Dearborn Heights Parks & Recreation Department at 791-3600.

### Wi-Fi

You have the convenience of surfing the web while you are waiting for your child/children to finish an activity. WI-FI is available at the Canfield Community Center, Richard A. Young Center, Eton Center and Berwyn Center.

## Dearborn Heights Sr. Citizen Centers

You Don't Have To Be A Member To Join!!! Just 55 & over!

### Berwyn Center

26155 Richardson  
Dearborn Heights  
Phone: 791-3550

### Eton Center

4900 Pardee  
Dearborn Heights  
Phone: 277-7765

**For a complete listing of senior citizen events and happenings in Dearborn heights, pick up our bi-monthly newsletter "News & Views" at any City building.**

**These are just some of the activities offered at the centers.  
Open Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Upholstery	Focus Hope	Ceramics
Pool Rooms	Quilting Class	Craft Clubs
Senior Citizen Clubs	Health Services	Food Commodities
Lunch Program	Woodcarving	Pinochle
Referral Services	Special Events	Quilting Club
Trips	Liquid Meals	Oil Painting
File of Life Program	Italian Club	Recreational Programs
Home-bound Lunch Program	Movies	Yoga
Free Blood Pressure Monitoring	Coffee Club	Wii & Media Rooms

## Duplicate Bridge

Bridge is held on Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m., at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center. Entry fee is \$5.00. ACBL affiliated. For more information please contact Joyce Kozma at (313) 274-5587.

## Indoor Walking Program

The gymnasium at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center is open to anyone wishing to get in an extra mile or two. Program hours are every Monday thru Friday from 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. There is no charge.

## Senior Drop-in Pickleball

It's fun, fast, exciting and a great workout! Also, easy to learn! Pickleball is a sport described as "a combination of Ping-Pong, tennis, and badminton". Open



pickleball now going on at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center. Paddles and pickleballs provided. Just show up ready to have some fun!!! Open to anyone ages 50 and up. Call 277-7080 for more details.

**When: Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$1 per visit, or unlimited play for \$12/six months or \$24/year**

## Santa's Mailbox

The City of Dearborn Heights will have its own direct access to the North Pole. For all those little nippers that would like to send Santa a personalized letter you may drop it off in Santa's own mailbox located outside of City Hall, 6045 Fenton. For an immediate response from Santa please include your name and address. (This way the elves can address the envelope while Santa writes the reply.) The mailbox will be available from November 22, 2016 through December 15, 2016. The mailbox will be open 24 hours.

## 29th Annual Mother-Child Date night

**Ford Lanes—23100 Van Born Road**

**Monday, May 15, 2017 Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Bowling starts at 7:00 p.m.**

Children ages 4-17 may participate and if mother can't come, maybe grandma, an aunt, or big sister can. If you have more than one child, great! Bring them all!!! Bowl two games (scotch doubles format) and receive punch and cookies, a special gift and lots of fun for mother and child. Prizes awarded by draw. Cost is \$15.00 per couple and \$5.00 for each additional child. Registration and tickets will be available beginning Monday, April 3, 2017 at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center and the Canfield Community Center. Bumper Bowl will be available for those who want it.

## Daddy-Daughter Date Night

Our 26th Annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night will be held on February 4, 2017 at the Richard A. Young Center at 7:00 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. for photos. Daughters age 3-17 can participate. If daddy can't come maybe grandpa, an uncle, or big brother can. There will be square dancing, punch and cookies, a long stem carnation, and a photo will be taken of the father and daughter(s) for a souvenir of the evening. Cost is \$15.00 per couple for residents, \$17.00 per couple for non-residents and \$6.00 for each additional daughter. Registration and tickets will be available beginning Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Richard A. Young Center, and the Canfield Center. Registration will be first come, first serve, space is limited.



## Mother-Son Sweetheart Ball

Join us for a special evening, Saturday, February 18, 2017, 7- 8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.), at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center. Sons ages 3-12 can participate. If mother can't come, maybe grandma, an aunt, or big sister can. If you have more than one son, great! Bring them all!!! Registration begins January 9, 2017. Entertainment is provided by a disc jockey. The cost is \$15 per couple for residents, \$17.00 per couple for non-residents and \$6.00 for each additional son. Program includes dancing, a special gift to remember the evening and refreshments. Tickets available at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center and the Canfield Community Center. Registration will be first come, first serve.

## Daddy-Daughter Sweetheart Ball

Join us for a special evening, Saturday, February 11, 2017, 7-8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.), at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center. Any father who has a daughter age 3-17 can participate. If daddy can't come maybe grandpa, an uncle, or big brother can. If you have more than one daughter, great! Bring them all!!! Registration begins January 9, 2017. Entertainment is provided by a disc jockey. The cost is \$15 per couple for residents, \$17.00 per couple for non-residents and \$6.00 for each additional daughter. Program includes dancing, a special gift to remember the evening and refreshments. Tickets available at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center and the Canfield Community Center. Registration will be first come, first serve.



## Detroit Red Wing Trip Last Year at the Joe!

The Dearborn Heights Parks & Recreation Department and SMART will be sponsoring a trip to see the Detroit Red Wings this winter. The next game will be vs. Minnesota Wild on March 26, 2017, game time is 7:00 p.m., departure from the Canfield Center is 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$65.00 resident, \$67.00 non-residents. Trips will include transportation via deluxe motorcoach from the Canfield Community Center and admission ticket. Return time will be at the completion of the games. For more information or to sign up please call the Canfield Community Center at 313-791-3600.



## Cheer America

Join the fun! Cheer America is a cheer-leading/pom pon/dance program that allows children to have fun and make friends while they learn. This program improves coordination, physical fitness, flexibility and the ability to work with others. Students will also learn popular high school cheers, work on jumps, leaps, splits, and many other skills, as well as a choreographed pom pon routine. Classes will be held at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center every Friday. Open to any youth ages 4 - 15. Cost is \$7.00 per lesson.

**Session I** Sept. 23 - Jan. 27, 2017  
(No class on Nov. 25, Dec. 23 & 30th.)

**Session II** Feb. 3 - June 2  
(No Class on Apr. 14)

**Times:** Level 1 - Ages 4-6 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.  
Level 2 - Ages 7-9 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.  
Level 3 - Ages 10-12 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.  
Level 4 - Ages 13+ 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

## Youth Basketball Clinic

The 2017 Youth Basketball Clinic will take place on Saturday mornings at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center for ten weeks. This clinic will be open for all children from 2nd grade through 8th grade. Students will learn valuable basketball fundamentals from qualified instructors. The hours will be as follows.



**Grades 2 - 4** 9:15 - 10:20 a.m.  
**Grades 5 - 8** 10:25 - 11:30 a.m.

**Dates: January 21 - March 11, 2017**  
(Registration begins Monday, December 19th)  
The cost is \$25.00 per child. Each session will be limited to 35 children.

## 2017 Dearborn Heights 3 on 3 Youth Basketball Tournament

**When:** Monday, January 23, 2017 -  
Beginning at 4:30 pm  
**Where:** Richard A. Young Recreation Center,  
5400 McKinley  
**Who:** Teams of 3 or 4 players, Grades 6-12  
Two divisions: Grades 6-8 and 9-12  
**Fee:** \$25 per team  
Pre-registration is required;  
Deadline is Monday, January 16.

## Adult Basketball Leagues

Dearborn Heights Parks and Recreation Department is offering adult basketball leagues for men. Games will be played once a week on Thursdays at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center. Team registration fee is \$300 plus additional fees for non-resident players and referee fees for each game. For additional league information please call (313) 277-7080 or stop by the Young Center. Registration begins September 26th and ends October 24th.

## Prime-Time Basketball Camp

**When:** Sat., Nov. 12, 2016 - Dec. 17, 2016  
(No class Nov. 26th.)  
**Where:** Richard A. Young Recreation Ctr.  
**Who:** Grades 1-8 12:00 P.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$49.00 per participant  
(includes free T-Shirt)

Participants will receive valuable personal one-on-one instruction in the following areas: Ball Handling, Rebounding, Shooting, Post-Play, Defense, and "Jab Step Series".

## Riverside Arena in conjunction with the Dearborn Heights Parks and Recreation

### Basic Roller Skating Class

Students will learn balance, skating forward, backward, starting, stopping and turning, on quad or inline skates. Also includes the basics of dance and figure skating. Skaters will receive a certificate or Star Program patch and graduate to the next level when achieving required skills.

**Sat. 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.**  
**\$40.00 for a 5 wk. course**  
(includes rentals).

Class starting dates as follows:

**Session III: 11/19/16**

**WINTER CLASSES BEGIN:**

**Session I: 1/14/17**

**Session II: 2/18/17**

**Session III: 3/18/17**

No experience necessary. Ages 5 & over welcome.

**ADVANCED:** An advanced class meets Sat. from 9:30 -10:15 a.m. Students will learn advanced techniques including figures, dance and free style skills. This class requires experience, basic class skill level and instructor approval.



### PRESCHOOL SKATE AND TOT CLASS

Children learn balance, coordination, Hokey Pokey, Chicken Dance and more. Every Wed. from 10 - 11:30 a.m. on a continuous basis. Drop in, no registration is necessary. Cost is \$4.00 per person includes instruction, skate rentals, open skate time and snack. Skate rentals are available starting at size six juvenile and larger. No experience is needed. Parents, strollers and children six and under welcome. For more info: [www.riversidearena.com](http://www.riversidearena.com).



## Yoga

Yoga is held 9:30-11:00 a.m., every Wed. and Tues. evening from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Canfield Community Center. No prior experience needed. \$7.00 each session attended. Bring a mat, towel, water bottle and wear loose and comfortable clothing. You reduce stress and at the same time you energize your body! Learn to breathe, stretch and relax - rejuvenate! Don't eat 2 hrs. before class. Vince Spadacini is a certified yoga instructor.

A yoga class for ages 55 & above is held at the Eton Center, 4900 Pardee St., from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Mondays and 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays. Cost is \$2.00 a class at Eton.

## Gentle Yoga

**Session 2: Thursdays, 11/17/16 - 2/9/17—8 weeks**

**No Classes: 11/24/15 and 12/29/16**

**Session 3: Thursdays, 1/26/17 - 3/16/17 - 8 weeks**

**Session 4: Thursdays, 3/23/17 - 5/25/17 - 8 weeks**

**Class time is: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

Canfield Community Center

Cost: \$60.00 Res. \$70.00 Non-Res.

For more information call (313) 791-3600

Please bring water, gripped yoga mat & towel with you. Join us for a calming, therapeutic class designed for beginners, seniors, pregnant women, those recovering from injuries and those with limited mobility. Instructor Dianna Kinashuk has been teaching Hatha Yoga for 30 years.

## Yoga Classes

Brand new yoga classes at the Richard A. Young Center!

**Chair Yoga:** Enjoy the benefits of yoga, with the assistance of a chair, for those with physical limitations. Postures help students feel connected with breath, spirit and mind. Ages 18 & above.

**Cleansing/Vinyasa Yoga:** A faster paced class with the goal for students to sweat away previous emotions and replace them with a pure and replenishing state of mind. Ages 18 & above.

**Regaining Yoga:** Offers poses on hands and knees, seated, or in recline. A perfect class to be introduced to yoga, or get reacquainted. Ages 16 and above.

You may pay a daily \$10 drop-in fee for any yoga class. Please bring your own mat, water and towel. Emily Smith is a certified yoga instructor. For more information, contact Emily at emilysmithyoga@gmail.com

## Dearborn Heights Ski/Snowboarding Club

Are you looking for a new, exciting and non-competitive challenge? Want to test your skills and learn a new sport? The Dearborn Heights Ski & Snowboard Club is ready to introduce you to skiing and snowboarding. This program is open for students 6th through the 12th grade for residents and non-residents. It is a teaching program and its purpose is to provide a safe fun environment. Trips will be on Fridays starting in January through February. There will be a special early season day trip on Wednesday, December 29, 2016 to Mt. Holly. You may register at any time. For additional information call the Dearborn Heights Parks & Recreation Department at (313) 791-3600, Mon. - Thurs., 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



## Three Day Ski Trip - Blue Mountain, Canada

A special 3 day/3 night trip will be planned to Blue Mountain, Canada on March 3, 2017 - March 5, 2017 for the members of the club, 8th grade and above. More details will follow.

## Women's Self-Defense Seminar

This one-day, three-hour seminar is designed to help women and girls 12 years and older build their self-confidence and reduce vulnerability to attack. Master Gordon Schollenberger, a retired police Sergeant and fourth degree black belt, teaches this valuable course. Learn methods to increase your awareness and protect and defend yourself. You will also learn mental preparation, targets, everyday tips, and how to use your built in weapons. Each one-day seminar will be held at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center. A minimum of 10 students are needed to run the class. Registration deadline is one week prior to each seminar. Cost is \$30.00 per student.



**April 15, 2017**

**10:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

## Karate

Learn karate and self-defense in a class that is held year round. Master Gordon Schollenberger, an accomplished fourth degree black belt, will teach you how to defend yourself in case of need. The class meets every Tuesday and Friday evening from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center. Karate is also offered on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Berwyn Senior Center. Classes at Berwyn are run by Nova Schollenberger, a second degree black belt. Men, women, and children are encouraged to participate. Children must be at least 8 years old. Cost is \$25.00 per month for residents and \$30.00 per month for non-residents. You can join anytime.



## 2017 Summer Softball Registration

Attention all adult softball players! This is the time of year to register your softball team for the summer softball program. Leagues will be offered on Monday and Wednesday nights. Registration will take place at the Canfield Community Center located at 1801 N. Beech Daly and the Richard A. Young Recreation Center located at 5400 McKinley.

## Baseball and Softball

**District #7 Dad's Club of Dearborn Heights** is offering T-Ball, Baseball, and Softball for boys and girl's 6-17 years. Also offered is a sandlot league for ages 4 and 5 years. For more information please contact Gary Barkoff at 292-5909.

**North Dearborn Heights Baseball League** is online at [www.NDHBL.com](http://www.NDHBL.com). Please check online for any updates or corrections. The league is for all children ages 5 to 18 years old. There is T-ball, baseball, softball and fastpitch. We are always looking for volunteers, sponsors, coaches and umpires. Registration can be downloaded from the web-site. Home fields are located on Inkster between Warren and Ann Arbor Trail. For additional information, please e-mail [info@NDHBL.com](mailto:info@NDHBL.com) Website: NDHBL.com.

## Dearborn Heights Soccer Club

Pee-wee division is open to all children between the ages of 4-8. Travel is open to players between the ages of 8-18. DHSC also offers tryouts for select and premier level teams.

The Club is a great place for your children to interact with others and for you to meet other soccer families. The Club puts on several social events each year to promote club spirit, good-sportsmanship and congratulate teams on their successes. The annual banquet and picnic are family oriented with good food, games, clowns and activities for the kids.

For more information about the Dearborn Heights Soccer Club please visit the website at <http://www.dhsoccer.org>. The site contains an event calendar and information concerning registration, referees, coaching, policies and soccer camps.

**For Pee Wee Soccer email**

[peeweereg@dhsoccer.org](mailto:peeweereg@dhsoccer.org)

**Phone: 313-505-1018**

**For Travel Soccer email:**

[travelreg@dhsoccer.org](mailto:travelreg@dhsoccer.org)

**Phone: 313-505-0790**

Please come and join the fun with the Dearborn Heights Soccer Club. You won't be disappointed.



## Junior Tackle Football and Cheerleading

**Raiders Junior Football Club** will be offering football and cheerleading to all youth ages 8-13. First time participants must present a birth certificate. The Raiders are part of the Downriver Jr. Football League and play their home games at Parkland Park. To register or for any information, please check the website [www.dearbornheightsraiders.com](http://www.dearbornheightsraiders.com) or email [raidersjuniorfootball@yahoo.com](mailto:raidersjuniorfootball@yahoo.com)

**The Dearborn Heights Redskins Junior Football and Cheerleading Club** will be offering tackle football and cheerleading to all youths ages 8-14 (football up to 175 lbs.) The Redskins are a part of the Western Suburban Jr. Football League and play home games at the Annapolis High School field. The practices start late July and the season goes to November and consists of 8 games and playoffs. Registration is on a first come basis. To register and for additional information, please call Leonard at 313-277-8745 and Pat at 313-277-8745 for cheerleading.

**The D7 Dads' Club offers Flag Football and Cheerleading** for ages 6-13. All games are played on Sunday at the Annapolis High School field (behind Pardee School) on Pardee Street. The season will run from September until November. For any information, please contact Gary Barkoff at 292-5909 or visit [www.d7dadsclub.org](http://www.d7dadsclub.org).



DEARBORN HEIGHTS PARKS & RECREATION WEBSITE

Visit our website at

[www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us](http://www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us)

for the latest and most current information on programs and facilities for all ages.



## DRD Swim Club

The Dearborn/Dearborn Heights Recreation Dolphins (DRD) Swim Club is a competitive swim program for boys and girls of elementary, middle school and high school ages. The primary purpose of the program is to develop the skills of swimmers for advancement through different levels of swimming competition sponsored by Michigan Swimming and USA Swimming. Practices are held Monday through Friday. Practices are held at Dearborn High School and Smith Middle School in Dearborn during the school year. Practices are held outside at Dunworth Pool located in Levagood Park in Dearborn during the summer. Information regarding registration time lines, fees and policies can be found on the Dearborn/Dearborn Heights Recreation Dolphins Swim Team web site at [www.swimdrd.org](http://www.swimdrd.org).

## Dearborn Heights Recreation 9 Hole Women's Golf League

The league is 18 weeks long and meets Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. at Warren Valley Golf Club (Warren west of Beech Daly) May 3rd - Sept. 6th. Call Warren Valley at 561-1040 or Katherine Blasier at 562-5193 for more information.

## Dearborn Heights Men's Golf League

The Senior Men's Golf League is a group of golfers age fifty years and older. The group was formed to organize a golfing program with an emphasis on fellowship and fair play.

The league meets at Fellows Creek Golf Course, near Michigan Ave. & I-275 on Wednesday mornings starting in May. This is a handicapped league in four categories (A,B,C and D). Two players randomly selected from each category will play in a foursome.

You may join as a full time member or as a substitute. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2017, 9:00 a.m., at the Canfield Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. Call 313-791-3600 for more information.

## Smart Start™ Programs

Start Smart™ programs are sports based programs that are designed to be developmentally appropriate programs for girls and boys that prepare them for organized sports in a fun, non-threatening environment. The programs are designed to assist parents in supporting their children in development of the basic motor skills necessary to achieve success and confidence in specified sports. Emphasis is placed on skill development and good sportsmanship for both parents and children. Age-appropriate equipment is used to teach proper techniques for each sport. This may be the first sports program you and your child will participate in together, so "start smart" for a lifetime of sports activity. Active participation by both parent and child is required.

## Smart Start™ Basketball Program

Program prepares children for organized basketball in a fun, non-threatening environment. Parents and children work one-on-one while children learn a variety of basketball skills including dribbling/ball handling, shooting, passing/catching, and running/agility. Drills and exercise will increase in difficulty as the class progresses and children show improvement. Parent or guardian MUST attend and participate with the child.

**When:** Thurs., from Mar. 9 - April 13, 2017

**Where:** Richard A. Young Rec. Center

**Who:** Boys and Girls, ages 4-6, with a parent

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$30.00 per parent/child couple.



## Dearborn Heights Kids Klub Spring Day Camp

Youth ages 6 - 13 can participate in this exciting program at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center. It will be held April 3, 2017 - April 7, 2017. Instructor and aide ratio will be 1 to every 12 children. Camp hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Participants are required to bring a sack lunch and a morning and afternoon snack. Drinks will be provided for snack time. Program will include 2 field trips, arts & crafts, sports, games, movies, etc. A program schedule will be available upon request. First come, first serve, there is a maximum of 60 participants. Cost is \$100.00 per resident and \$10.00 additional for non-residents. There is a sibling discount of \$10.00 off. This fee includes entry fees for trips and t-shirt, but does not include spending money for trips.

## Before Care and After Care Program

A Before Care and an After Care Program will be held for the participants registered for the Spring Day Camp. Toys, games and activities will be provided. It will be available mornings from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. and afternoons from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center. The cost for a.m. is \$15.00 and p.m. is \$15.00 per week. The weekly cost for both time blocks is \$25.00. Pre-registration is required. The daily rate is \$5.00 per hour for before and/or aftercare.

**Check us out on facebook!**

<https://www.facebook.com/DearbornHeightsParksRecreationDepartment?ref=hl>

## About Boating Safely

This beginner boating class gives you the knowledge needed to obtain a boat license or safety certification in many states, including Michigan. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete "About Boating Safely".

Taught by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and will be held at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center, 5400 McKinley. A minimum of 8 students are needed to run the class.

**When:** March 6, 13 & 20, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 – 9:30 p.m., each Monday

**Cost:** \$20 per person

Advance registration required. Contact the office for the date. Registration deadline is Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

## Quilting Classes

Will be held on Tuesday mornings, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Session I** Sept. 13th - Nov. 1, 2016

**Session II** Nov. 8th - Jan. 17, 2017

**Session III** Jan. 24th - Mar. 14, 2017

**Session IV** Mar. 21th - May 16, 2017

Each session is \$30 per senior resident (age 55 & over), \$40 Adult resident and an additional \$10 per non-resident. Classes are held at the Eton Senior Center, 4900 Pardee. Call 277-7765 for more information. You can join any time.

## Upholstery Classes

Learn how to reupholster furniture at the Eton Center on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., or 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fall session Sept. 13th until January 10, 2017 and the winter session begins in January 17 - May 1, 2017. Class fees are \$65.00 per senior citizen resident, \$145.00 for an adult resident and an additional \$15.00 per non-resident. You can join anytime, come check it out. It is held at the Eton Center. Call 277-7765 for information.

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& Recreation



### ONLINE REGISTRATION

You can now register for a program, request a rental date or purchase membership online!

Check out our new registration program art:

<https://apm.activecommunities.com/DearbornHeightsRec>

## Richard A. Young Center

### FITNESS CENTER USER FEES

#### Category . . . . . Residents . . . Non-Residents

Daily . . . . .	\$ 5.00 . . . . .	\$ 7.00
Monthly . . . . .	10.00 . . . . .	14.00
6 Months . . . . .	59.00 . . . . .	79.00
1 Year . . . . .	99.00 . . . . .	119.00

#### Family Member Add On\*

6 Months . . . . .	\$50.00 . . . . .	\$70.00
1 Year . . . . .	79.00 . . . . .	99.00

#### Family:

1 Year . . . . .	\$199.00 . . . . .	\$299.00
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#### Sr. Citizens (55+)

Monthly . . . . .	\$ 9.00 . . . . .	\$13.00
6 Months . . . . .	50.00 . . . . .	75.00
1 Year . . . . .	79.00 . . . . .	99.00

#### Sr. Citizen Spouse (55+)

6 Months . . . . .	\$ 40.00 . . . . .	\$60.00
1 Year . . . . .	60.00 . . . . .	79.00

#### Youth (12-17 yrs. old)\*\*

Monthly . . . . .	\$ 9.00 . . . . .	\$13.00
6 Months . . . . .	50.00 . . . . .	75.00
1 Year . . . . .	79.00 . . . . .	99.00

\* Family Add On must be immediate family member and must reside at same address. \*\*Youth may only use fitness center Monday thru Friday until 7:00 p.m. & all day Saturday and Sunday, 12-15 year olds must be accompanied by an adult. Registration includes the use of the fitness equipment, sauna and whirlpool. Fitness trainer available at designated times.

#### Locker Fees:

Daily -	\$0.25
6 Month Unlimited Pass -	\$12.00
Punch Card (12 punches) -	\$2.00
1 Year Unlimited Pass -	\$24.00

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## Open Gym Schedule

- \* Drop-In gym time for grades 1 - 12 is offered for basketball.  
Fee: \$3/Gr. 1-8; \$4/Gr. 9-12
- \* Sr. Citizen Drop-In Volleyball is offered for ages 55 & over on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Fees: Residents - Free;  
Non-Res - \$2.00
- \* Adult Drop-In Basketball for ages 18 & over is held on Mondays.
- \* Adult Over 30 Basketball is offered on Tuesdays.
- \* Fees for Adult Drop-In Basketball are residents \$5.00 and non-residents \$8.00
- \* This schedule is subject to change due to program changes. For more information or schedule updates call 277-7080.

## Whirlpool Hours:

Men:	Mon. & Wed.	5:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Women:	Tues. & Thurs.	5:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Co-Ed:		
	Mon. - Thurs.	7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Friday	7:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
	Sunday	11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

(Sept.-May)

Closed (Memorial Day and Labor Day)

## Fitness Center Hours:

Mon.-Thur.	7:00 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
Friday	7:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Sunday	11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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## DEARBORN HEIGHTS

# 13th Annual City-Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, August 12, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Located on the grounds of Dearborn Heights Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly Rd. "Everyone is welcome", over 100 spaces available. Sign up beginning April 1st at the Dearborn Heights Parks & Recreation Department. Call 791-3600 for more information.



# Parks & Recreation Department

## Youth Dance Classes

Instructor Laurel Alison Nadolski brings her School of Dance to Dearborn Heights! Learn basic Ballet and Lyrical dance techniques in a fun, safe environment. We even have a class for pre-schoolers. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center.



### Tuesdays

Baby Dance (ages 3-4)	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Beginning Ballet (ages 5-6)	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Beginning Ballet (ages 7-10)	7:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Musical Theatre (ages 11-16)	8:00 – 8:45 p.m.

### Wednesdays

Beginning Tap (ages 5-6)	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Beginning Tap (ages 7-10)	7:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Intermediate Ballet (ages 7-10)	8:00 – 8:45 p.m.

**Cost: \$6.00 per class for Baby Dance and Beginning Ballet & Tap**  
**\$7.50 per class for Intermediate Ballet & Musical Theatre**

Each month's tuition is due by the first night of class each month. Monthly fees are calculated based on the number of weeks that classes are scheduled each month. No refunds are issued for student absences. A \$5.00 registration fee is required at the time of registration in order to hold a spot in the class. For more information contact Laurel Alison Nadolski at 313-451-8229.

## Babysitter Training Workshop

The American Red Cross Babysitter Training course offers youth the opportunity to learn the skills that every parent looks for in a babysitter. This course provides youth with safety, basic childcare, safe play, first aid and critical emergency action skills. Other topics included are interviewing for a babysitting job, diapering and feeding techniques. Students must be at least 11 years old to receive a certificate of completion. Each one-day workshop will be held at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center. A minimum of 8 students are needed to run the class. Registration deadline is Tuesday prior to each class. Cost is \$85.00 per participant. Note: Please bring a packed lunch.



**Fall Workshop: Saturday, November 12, 2016 - 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

## Tree-Lighting Ceremony

The City of Dearborn Heights annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 7:00 p.m., at the Dearborn Heights City Hall, 6045 Fenton. The welcoming of Santa Claus to Dearborn Heights highlights this festive event. How will Santa arrive this year? No one knows except Santa and his helpers. All residents of Dearborn Heights are encouraged to be in attendance and assist in the singing of Christmas Carols. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Santa will be available for visitations. Don't forget to bring your camera to make a memory!



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**NOVEMBER 1, 2016**  
 through  
**JANUARY 31, 2017**

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Call one of the four locations below and get your questions answered:

Westland City Hall	734-679-7827
Westland Jefferson Barns Vitality Center	734-679-7788
Dearborn Heights City Hall	734-679-7645
Garden City Maplewood Community Center	734-793-1849



# Michigan Academy of Gymnastics and Dearborn Heights Parks & Recreation

**OFFER GYMNASTICS AT CANFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER, 1801 N. BEECH DALY 791-3600**

Michigan Academy of Gymnastics, Inc. (M.A.G.) is now in it's 36th season of recreational and competitive gymnastics. M.A.G. offers general gymnastics and team gymnastics for all levels and ages. Check it out at [www.michiganacademy.com](http://www.michiganacademy.com).  
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## Mondays thru January 23, 2017

#3F110	Kinder I Class	4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
#3F111	Super Kinder III	4:45 - 6:00 p.m.
#3F112	Parent & Tot	6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
#3F113	Super Kinder I	5:15 - 6:00 p.m.
#3F210	Tumbling	6:45 - 7:45 p.m.
#3F211	Red	6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

## Tuesdays thru January 24, 2017

#3F120	Kinder I	9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
#3F121	Super Kinder I	10:15 - 11:00 a.m.
#3F220	Red	4:30 - 5:45 p.m.
#3F122	Kinder I	4:45 - 5:30 p.m.
#3F123	Parent & Tot	5:45 - 6:30 p.m.
#3F124	Super Kinder II	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
#3F125	Kinder II	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
#3F126	Kinder I	6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
#3F221	Red	6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

(No Class 9/5/16, 10/31/16 makeup on Jan. 4th, 11/8/16 makeup on Jan. 3rd, January 16th class is held at Westland Facility.)

## Wednesdays thru January 25, 2017

#3F130	Kinder II	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
#3F230	White	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
#3F231	White	5:45 - 7:15 p.m.
#3F131	Kinder I	7:15 - 8:00 p.m.
#3F132	Kinder I	7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Registration fee \$50 1st child/\$25 2nd & any additional child/non-residents add a \$5.00. This is an annual fee due at the time of registration and each year after that date (non-refundable). Registration fee & 1st installment due at time of registration. Installment #2 is due by Nov.4th.

**Class fees are as follows: (Prices will be pro-rated from when you begin.)**

Class Length	Mon.-19 (19 wk) 2 Install./Discount	Tues./Wed. (20 wk) 2 Install./Discount
45 minutes	\$118.75/\$223.75	\$125.00/\$235
1 hour	\$152.00/\$285.00	\$160.00/\$300
1 1/4 hour	\$185.25/\$346.75	\$195.00/\$365
1 1/2 hour	\$213.75/\$408.50	\$225.00/\$430

10% Sibling Discount on class fees, 15% Second Class Discount.  
Registration is on-going and you can register at anytime, as long as there is an opening in the class. Winter session begins immediately following the January 25th class.



### CLASS LEVEL

#### Parent & Tot:

45 mins.	2-3 yrs.	Beg.
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#### Kinder I:

45 mins.	3-4 yrs.	Beg.
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#### Kinder II:

1 hr.	5-6 yrs.	Beg.
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#### Super Kinder I:

45 mins.	3-4yrs.	Inter/Beg.
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#### Super Kinder II:

1 hr.	4-5 yrs.	Inter.
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#### Super Kinder III:

1 1/4 hr.	5-6 yrs.	Adv.
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#### Red:

1 1/4 hr.	6+ yrs.	Beg.
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#### White:

1 1/2 hr.	6+ yrs.	Inter.
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#### Tumbling:

1 hr.	6+	Beg.
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