



Greetings!

I am pleased to send you the October edition of my bi-monthly e-newsletter update. This eNewsletter is a money-saving method of communication with those who wish to be kept up to date on what's happening in Wayne County and in the 12<sup>th</sup> Commission District. This edition is complete with some helpful resources, upcoming events, and an update on some issues involving Wayne County. Feel free to forward or pass along this e-Newsletter to others who may be interested.

The City of Westland recently announced a large-scale investment into several of its parks, including the removal and replacement of baseball field fencing systems at Jaycee and Voss Park. As part of this investment, the city is receiving \$83,399 from my commissioner discretionary portion of the Wayne County parks millage. The millage, which was renewed by voters in August, 2016, is levied for the purpose of supporting operations and improvements in the Wayne County Parks system. Since 2009, it has been policy that 15% of the funds are returned to local communities for local parks capital improvements, based on how much each county commission district raises in property taxes.

Concerns were raised by many local municipalities that County Executive Warren Evans might discontinue this practice and his administration refused to commit to honoring this past practice. In response, the Commission placed language on the millage renewal that cemented the continuation of this practice. I was pleased to make the motion to approve the resolution that placed this renewal on the ballot. Thanks to the clarified language on the millage renewal, I have been able to continue to secure funding for local parks in each community in the district.

The county is still in the process of deciding what it will do with the unfinished jail project on Gratiot Avenue. Although the County Executive has advised his staff to focus their attention on the proposal offered by Dan Gilbert's Rock Ventures, a final determination has yet to be made. There are currently two options as to how to proceed with the unfinished jail project. One option is to go with the proposal from Walsh Construction, LLC to complete the jail at the Gratiot Avenue location. The option from Rock Ventures proposes to build an entirely new justice complex at a different location.

The county has initially struck a tentative agreement for a land swap with Detroit that gives the county a portion of a Detroit Department of Transportation property near I-75 and Warren (the proposed site of Rock Ventures justice complex) in exchange for the long-vacant American Motors Corporation headquarters on Detroit's west side. However, this move is just one of many issues that must be resolved before a final deal could be placed before the Commission, which the County Executive's administration had previously indicated we would receive for consideration by the end of September. Although I am pleased to see progress on finalizing a proposal, it must be done more quickly in order to ensure that the county still has the ability to consider both proposals. I am concerned that further delays could jeopardize our ability to complete the jail at its current location, should that prove a better option. As this issue proceeds, I will be scrutinizing it with the utmost consideration for county operational needs and its potential impact on county taxpayers.

If you are aware of a community-oriented, non-commercial upcoming event that you'd like us to share with readers, please feel free to email them to my office and we'll try to include them in our next e-newsletter in December. Thank you for reading and for allowing me to serve you on the Wayne County Commission.

Best Regards,  
Glenn S. Anderson

Wayne County Commissioner – 12<sup>th</sup> District  
Serving Garden City, Inkster and Westland

## **IN THE DISTRICT**

### **Westland Senior Resource Day**



The City of Westland Senior Resource Department hosted its annual Senior Health & Resource Day on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Wayne County Public Health division joined Commissioner Anderson at the event in order to help distribute information on services and resources that residents could utilize. One of the informational pieces that the Commissioner distributed was his Wayne County Senior Resource Guide (for more information, go to the “HELPFUL RESOURCES & INFORMATION” section of this e-newsletter, below). Pictured, above, is Commissioner Anderson with his wife, Gail at the event.

### **Western Wayne NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner**



The annual Freedom Fund Dinner, hosted by the Western Wayne County Branch of the NAACP was held on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. This annual dinner helps not only to raise funds for the important work of the organization, but also helps to highlight the contributions and efforts of local groups and individuals. Amongst those that were recognized that evening were Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree and Minister Earl Truss of Wayne Road Church of Christ. Treasurer Sabree (pictured left) received the Trailblazer Award for his outreach efforts in the community aimed at reducing home

foreclosures. Minister Truss (pictured right), a former President of the branch, received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his continued efforts in support of the organization and its mission. Commissioner Anderson presented both awardees with an honorary resolution from the Wayne County Commission.

### **Garden City DDA Chili Cook Off, Hot Rod & Motorcycle Show**

The Garden City Downtown Development Authority recently held its annual Chili Cook Off, Hot Rod & Motorcycle Show on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. In spite of inclement weather, the event was a success. Commissioner Anderson attended the event as an honorary judge. When asked to pick his favorite vehicle, the Commissioner picked the 1928 Willys Overland Whippet (pictured below).



### **Pastor Velma Jean Overman Delivers Invocation at Commission Meeting**

Commissioner Anderson was joined by his guest Velma Jean Overman, Pastor of Outreach at Christ Temple City of Refuge in Inkster, who delivered the invocation at the Commission's regular meeting, held October 5th at the Guardian Building in downtown Detroit. Wayne County Commissioners are given the opportunity to invite guests to offer the invocation at the beginning of the full commission meetings.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **2017 Inkster Task Force 5k Walk/Run**

The Inkster Task force and Inkster Firefighters Local 1577 present the 2017 Healthy Living Day 5k Walk/Run at the Inkster Valley Golf Course on Saturday October 28th starting at 9:00 a.m. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. More information available [here](#).

### **Halloween Events Scheduled Throughout District**

There are plenty of spooky, fun Halloween events scheduled throughout the district in each community. For more information on each event, please click on the event name:

- [Westland Trick or Treat at City Hall](#), held October 25 at 5:30 p.m.
- [Garden City Business Alliance Trunk or Treat](#), held October 26 from 5:30 PM - 7:00 at 5805 Central Avenue in Garden City.
- [Inkster I Can-dy Mobile Trick or Treat convoy](#), held on October 31, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at St. Clements Episcopal Church.

### **Westland Senior Thanksgiving Party**

The Westland Senior Center will be hosting its annual Thanksgiving Party on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. For information, please contact the Westland Friendship Center at 734.722.7628.

### **Election Day 2017**

General elections will be held on Tuesday, November 7. For sample ballots and other election information, please visit your local City Clerk's webpage:

Garden City: <http://www.gardencitymi.org/461/Voter-Central>

Inkster: <http://cityofinkster.com/356/Election-Information>

Westland: <http://cityofwestland.com/services/elections>

### **Westland Veterans Ceremony**

The Westland Veterans Association will be hosting the Veterans Day ceremony at 2:00 p.m., Saturday November 11 at the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland, located at 6123 Central City Pkwy in Westland.

## **Changes Announced For Coffee Hours in November**

Join Commissioner Anderson and elected officials from the State of Michigan at their LAST coffee hour event of the year on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Westland coffee hour will be held 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. at Mr. Mike's Grill, located at 6047 Wayne Road. These are co-hosted with State Representatives Robert Kosowski and Jewell Jones. Coffee Hour in Garden City will be cancelled due to a conflict with the Garden City Veterans Day Ceremony. Potential attendees may wish to attend the Veterans Day Ceremony being held by the City of Garden City (see next event notice for more information).

Inkster coffee hour will begin a little later than its normally-scheduled time of noon. The likely start time will be around 12:15 – 12:30 and will be held at the Leanna Hicks Public Library, located at 2005 Inkster Road. Inkster coffee hour is co-hosted with State Senator David Knezek and State Representative Jewell Jones. Please note that no coffee hours will be held during the month of December in either community. Coffee hours will resume in January of 2018; further details on the 2018 schedule and location will be announced in the December e-Newsletter.

## **Garden City Hosts Veterans Day Ceremony**

The City of Garden City will be hosting a Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the O'Leary Auditorium at Garden City High School, located at 6500 Middlebelt Road.

## **Wayne County Light Fest**

Join Wayne County Department of Parks & Recreation as it kicks off the annual Wayne County Lightfest on Nov. 16. The ceremony begins at 6 p.m. at Hines Park – Merriman Hollow Area (near the intersection of Hines Drive and Merriman Road). The Lightfest will run through Dec. 31, Monday-Friday 7-10 PM, and Saturday-Sunday 6-10 PM (closed Dec. 25). For more information, call the Parks office at (734) 261-1990. After receiving complaints from motorists about the previous years earlier starting time on Fridays I was able to negotiate the 7 PM starting time.

## **Make a Senior Smile Day Scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>**

Join Commissioner Anderson and the Westland Area Jaycees as they host the 2017 make a Senior Smile Day. The event offers the opportunity to help rake the lawn of a local senior in need. It will be held on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Maplewood Center in Garden City. We look forward to another successful year, but we will need your help! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Make a Senior Smile event coordinators by email at [SeniorSmileDay@gmail.com](mailto:SeniorSmileDay@gmail.com) or by phone at [\(313\) 224-8855](tel:3132248855).

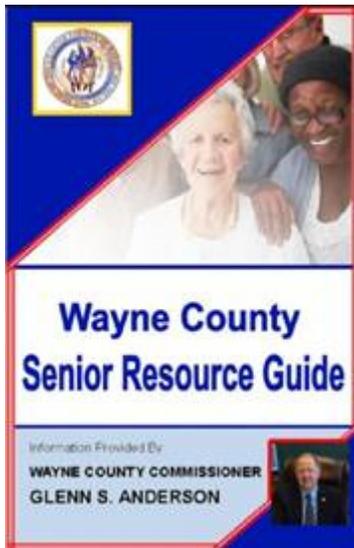
## **Santaland Parade**

The 57th Annual Garden City Downtown Development Authority Santaland Parade will be held Saturday, Nov. 25, at 10 a.m. The route begins at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, proceeding south on Middlebelt, turning left on Ford and ending at the Farmer's Market in the Garden City Town Center parking lot. Please note that participant entry forms should be submitted by Nov. 6. For more information, visit [www.santalandparade.com](http://www.santalandparade.com) .

## **HELPFUL RESOURCES & INFORMATION**

### **Commissioner Anderson's Senior Resource Guide**

Commissioner Anderson recently completed a useful guide for senior citizens. This resource guide provides information on several Wayne County services, including Meals on Wheels, a low cost dental clinic, as well as burial benefits and support for veterans. It also offers some other resources that may be helpful, such as transportation and support groups. If you are interested in receiving a copy electronically or by mail, then please contact the Commissioner's office by phone at (313) 224-8855 or by email at [District12@waynecounty.com](mailto:District12@waynecounty.com).



### **Equifax Data Breach**

Equifax, one of the major consumer credit reporting agencies responsible for providing credit reports and determining credit scores, announced September 8, 2017, that its data systems were breached and sensitive information of potentially 143 million individuals could be compromised. This includes Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, and credit card numbers. This information could be used by criminals to apply for fraudulent mortgages, auto loans, and credit cards in your name. It could also be used to apply for fraudulent tax returns in your name. As potentially serious as this issue is, you may wish to review further possible steps to protect your assets and information by reviewing suggestions from these reputable sources:

[Federal Trade Commission](#)  
[Consumer Reports](#)  
[New York Times](#)

## Happy Thanksgiving!

I'd like to extend best wishes to you and yours for a Happy Thanksgiving! May we keep in mind those that are serving in our military away from their families to protect our citizens.



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