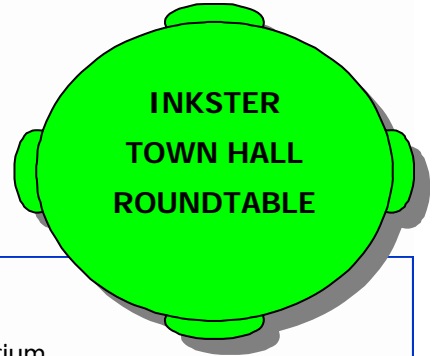


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SPRING 2011

Thursday, April 21, 2011  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



Join the City of Inkster's  
Image Committee for their 3rd  
Annual Town Hall Meeting

Booker T. Dozier  
Recreation Complex  
2025 Middlebelt Road  
Inkster, MI 48141

- Law Enforcement** – crime mapping, neighborhood watch, department updates
- Water System** – water meters, water board, CSO Basin
- Planning & Development** – development, vacant property, marijuana moratorium
- Library Board** – elections, library updates
- Elected Officials** (Mayor and City Council) – revenue sharing, census results, community concerns

Each roundtable discussion will last 30 minutes and participants will have the opportunity to participate in two roundtables. A general question and answer session will follow the roundtable discussions.

Resource information will be available and light refreshments will be served.

\*\*\*\*\*WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE\*\*\*\*\*

## HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Homeowner assistance opportunities include the following:

Community Development Block Grant Program – HUD funded program through Wayne County. Residents who qualify (income eligibility guidelines apply) may obtain assistance for emergency repairs and code violations. The cost of the repairs are placed in the form of a lien against the property which is payable upon sale or transfer of the property with zero interest.

Property Improvement Program – MSHDA funded loan program (4% - 8%). This program is available for single-family homeowners as well as landlords who rent to low-to-moderate income tenants for various repairs.

Wayne County Weatherization Program – Provides free home weatherization to low income residents. Contact the Wayne County Weatherization Program @ (734) 727-7297.

For more information on any of the above programs, call (313) 563-7709.

## WHEATLEY PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Phase I of the Wheatley Park Improvement Project is complete. Improvements include a new infield, backstop, benches, dugouts and bases for the baseball/softball field as well as a new court surface, goals and poles for the basketball court. These improvements have been a huge success. Funding for Phase I came from Wayne County, the Detroit Tigers Foundation and the City's Tax Increment Finance Authority. Phase II of the project, which includes new playground equipment and parking area improvements is dependent upon funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. A grant application has been made to MDNR and the City's Tax Increment Finance Authority has pledged to match up to \$75,000 of whatever funds might be received.



### Congratulations

"Lady Vikings"

MHSAA 2011 Class A  
Girls Basketball Champions



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# Positive Ink...Positive News



# 42ND ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



The Inkster V.F.W. and American Legion in cooperation with the Inkster Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate its 42nd Annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, 2011. The parade will begin at 12:00 noon, starting at the Cherry Hill Plaza. Groups or individuals who would like to participate or offer financial support should contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 728-7530.

## CHAT WITH THE CHIEF

### Gregory B. Gaskin, Police Chief

Join the Chief of Police and Inkster Police Officers during these quarterly meetings to voice your concerns and hear about the great things that are going on in the Police Department.

Meetings are scheduled from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm as follows:

|                |                                     |                      |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| May 19th       | Dartmouth Square Apartments         | 26382 Colgate        |
| September 15th | New Birth Baptist Church            | 27628 Avondale       |
| November 17th  | Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex | 2025 Middlebelt Road |

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year of community relations meetings. Together ***we can and will*** make a difference.

### NOTE FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

|                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Tuesday, May 3, 2011      | School Election       |
| Tuesday, August 2, 2011   | City Primary Election |
| Tuesday, November 8, 2011 | City General Election |

For more information call - City Clerk's Office at (313) 563-9770

### Census Update

The State of Michigan has finally received data from the 2010 Census Complete Count Campaign. **Inkster's** results are as follows:

| 2000   | 2010   | % change |
|--------|--------|----------|
| 30,115 | 25,369 | -15.8    |

Early in the Census Campaign, it was predicted that Inkster would lose 25% of its population. Mayor and City Council will determine if the census count will be challenged. Additional census information may be found on the SEMCOG website at [www.semco.org](http://www.semco.org) (Data and Maps).

### State of the City Address Awardees

During the Annual Mayor's State of the City Address, sponsored by the Inkster Chamber of Commerce and City of Inkster, the following awards were presented:

#### **Business Improvement**

- Dairy Queen – 26706 Michigan Ave
- L.A. Insurance – 27360 Michigan Ave



Dairy Queen

#### **Community Involvement**

- Princeton Street Block Club
- Jan Gay – former resident



Princeton Street Block Club

#### **2010 Inkster Spring Clean Group Challenge Winner**

- Princeton Street Block Club

**C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !**

### View City Council Meetings

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays  
2:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.



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## Partners in Family Caregiving Conferences 2011

Free & Helpful Information for Families and Individuals Caring for Others

### Are you providing care to an older adult or person with a disability?

The Partners in Family Caregiving Conferences are a "one-stop-shop" that Provides valuable information and resources for caregivers.

Speakers will also discuss and facilitate workshops during the Conferences. Workshops may include, but are not limited to: Understanding How to Navigate the Health Care System, Older Adult Living Arrangements, Alzheimer's Disease and Various Dementias, and Legal topics.

Health screenings will be offered during each Conference.

Caregivers and their adult care recipient are welcome to attend!

**Saturday, May 7, 2011**

12:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**Booker Dozier Recreation Center**

2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster, 48141

### Get Valuable Information and Guidance On:

- Legal and Financial Issues
- Elder Abuse
- Financial Exploitation
- Handling Stress
- Home Health Care
- Hospice
- In-Home Help
- VA Benefits
- Medicaid/Medicare
- Senior Housing/Assisted Living/Nursing Homes
- Respite & Adult Day Services
- Prescription Assistance
- Support Groups for Caregivers

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**To Pre-Register or for more information: (734) 246-2280 ext. 156**

Caregiver Conferences Provided By:



City of Inkster, CSSWC/Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Redford Township, Community Living Services

## City – Wide Demolition

The City was awarded a \$730,000 Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grant for demolition. Demolition efforts began December 8, 2010 after hazardous material abatement and environmental clearances were received. Eleven properties were demolished prior to "frost laws" going into affect in early February which halted all demolition until the weather improved. Demolitions have included commercial sites, Allen Lumber and Andy's Town Lounge on Michigan Ave, as well as residential structures. Twenty-two more structures are scheduled to be torn down, including Parkwood School, this spring and summer. For more information, visit the City of Inkster website @ [www.cityofinkster.com](http://www.cityofinkster.com) or call (313) 563-7709.

## Inkster Greenway Project

The Inkster Greenways Initiative project is a 4-1/2 mile long, ten (10) foot wide paved path-way running along the Lower Rouge River basin from Beech Daly to Henry Ruff. Cost for the overall project is approximately \$2.5 million and is broken down into four (4) phases. Phase I – Beech Daly to John Daly, Phase II – John Daly to Inkster, Phase III – Inkster to Middlebelt, Phase IV – Middlebelt to Henry Ruff. Grant funding for Phase I in the amount of \$408,000 has been secured through the Michigan Department of Natural Resource Trust Fund. Construction on this phase of the project will begin later this summer.

As part of the City's on-going effort to leverage grant funds and minimize costs to the City, the City has applied for a Transportation Enhancement grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation. The application is requesting funding for Phases I and II of this project in the amount of \$800,000.00. If the MDOT grant is awarded, either wholly or partially, those funds would be utilized first and would eliminate any local participation funds. The entirety of this project will likely take three (3) years to complete.

## Sidewalk Repair Program

The City of Inkster is pleased to announce the continuation of the sidewalk repair program for homeowners. As a result of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, we are able to offer grant assistance up to \$1,000 to residents who qualify for the program. An application is required to determine eligibility.

The goal of the program is to repair and replace dangerous sidewalks to secure pedestrian safety throughout the city. For more information, visit the City of Inkster website @ [www.cityofinkster.com](http://www.cityofinkster.com) or call (313) 563-7709.

**Inkster City Hall 26215 Trowbridge**  
(Between John Daly and Beech Daly - South of Michigan Avenue)

### Business Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

~ (313) 563-4232 ~

### SPRING CLEAN INKSTER

Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex  
2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster

May 21, 2011

Rally: 9:00 a.m. ~ Clean-up: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Dumpster locations:

Westwood Park (Stollman & Biltmore), Kennedy Park (Henry Ruff Road, South of Cherry Hill), LeMoyné Park (Middlebelt Road & Pine Street), and Wheatley Park (Penn & Beech Daly)

**~Volunteers are needed and appreciated~**

All groups are encouraged to sign up for the group challenge!

For additional information, please call (313) 563-9773

Put your talents to work to design the front cover of the Inkster Music Fest Program Booklet  
Open to High School Students From:

**Inkster High School**

**Robichaud High School**

Entries must have a musical theme

Prizes will be awarded

**DEADLINE: May 1, 2011**

~ Please send entries to ~

**INKSTER SUMMER MUSIC FEST**

2025 Middlebelt Road

Inkster, MI 48141

For More Information call

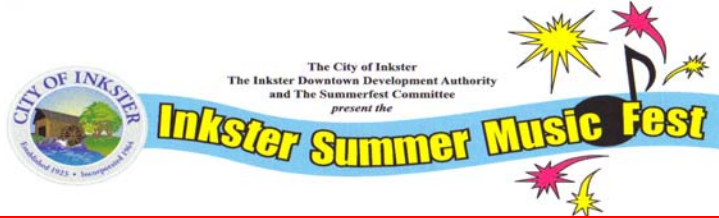
(734) 728-7530

## CERT

City of Inkster - Department of Emergency Management  
**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

The City of Inkster will be starting a new CERT class on Thursday, April 28th. The class will meet once a week for nine (9) weeks. The Inkster CERT Program recruits and educates volunteers about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills.

Applications can be obtained at the Inkster Fire Station, 27717 Michigan Avenue, at City Hall, 26215 Trowbridge, or on the City's website at [www.cityofinkster.com](http://www.cityofinkster.com) under the Fire Services Section. For additional information call the CERT Program Coordinator at (313) 563-9875.



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