



FEBRUARY



NEWSLETTER

Message From The Chief

Dear Inkster Residents,

February is a time to reflect on community, safety, and care for one another. With the colder weather still lingering, we must stay vigilant and look out for our neighbors. This month, our department is focused on building stronger relationships and ensuring everyone feels safe and supported.

Thank you for your continued trust in us. We are here for you.

Stay safe,
Chief Jenkins

IPD UPCOMING EVENTS



February 21st
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Booker T. Dozier Rec Complex

COFFEE WITH A COP

February 13th
11 AM - 1 PM
Cherry Hill Square

CHAT WITH THE CHIEF

February 26th
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Booker T. Dozier Rec Complex



313-563-9850



26279 Michigan Ave.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Inkster, Michigan, holds a rich and significant history tied to African American heritage. The city, part of the Detroit metropolitan area, became a hub for Black families and culture during the 20th century, shaped by migration, industry, and resilience. Here's an overview of Inkster's Black history:

The Great Migration and Settlement

- Inkster became a hub for African Americans during the Great Migration (1916-1970) as many Black families moved north to escape racial oppression in the South and seek job opportunities in Detroit's booming automotive industry.
- The city's location near Detroit made it an attractive place for Black families to settle, especially as housing discrimination limited where they could live.

Ford's Willow Run Plant and Black Workers

- Henry Ford played a significant role in shaping Inkster's Black community. In the 1940s, during World War II, Ford's Willow Run Bomber Plant employed thousands of Black workers. Due to restrictive housing policies in surrounding areas, many Black workers lived in Inkster, which became a thriving community for those involved in the war effort.

Civil Rights and Racial Segregation

- In the mid-20th century, Inkster became a center of resistance against racial segregation and discrimination.
- The city experienced racial tensions as Black residents fought for equal access to jobs, housing, and education.

Cultural and Educational Contributions

- Inkster High School, before its closure, was a source of pride in the community, nurturing generations of students and producing notable alumni, including prominent athletes and leaders.
- Local churches played a critical role in community organizing, civil rights advocacy, and cultural preservation.

NOTABLE FIGURES

OF INKSTER, MICHIGAN

Malcolm X (El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz) - Civil Right Activist



- Connection to Inkster: Malcolm X lived briefly in Inkster during the early 1940s. He worked at Ford Motor Company and was involved in the local community before becoming one of the most influential civil rights leaders of the 20th century.
- Legacy: His work in advocating for Black empowerment and human rights continues to inspire social justice movements worldwide.

The Marvelettes - Singing Group



- Connection to Inkster: The Marvelettes, one of Motown's first successful girl groups, were formed by students from Inkster High School.
- Hits: Their 1961 single “Please Mr. Postman” became Motown’s first No. 1 hit on the Billboard Hot 100.
- Legacy: The group paved the way for future Motown artists and left an indelible mark on the music industry.

Tyrone Wheatley - Professional Football Player



- Connection to Inkster: Wheatley was born and raised in Inkster and became a standout athlete at Inkster High School.
- Career: He played college football at the University of Michigan and went on to have a successful NFL career with the New York Giants and the Oakland Raiders.
- Legacy: After retiring from playing, Wheatley transitioned to coaching, including serving as the head coach for Morgan State University and currently the head coach at Wayne State University

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, a time to bring attention to a serious issue affecting many young people in our community. According to the CDC, approximately 1 in 12 high school students experience physical or sexual dating violence each year. The Inkster Police Department is committed to raising awareness and providing resources to prevent teen dating violence and support victims.

What Is Teen Dating Violence?

Teen dating violence includes physical, emotional, and sexual abuse within a dating relationship. It can also involve stalking, manipulation, and controlling behaviors. These harmful actions can happen in person, over the phone, or through social media platforms.

Unfortunately, many teens who experience dating violence don't report it out of fear, shame, or confusion, which makes it vital for parents, educators, and community leaders to be aware of the warning signs.

Warning Signs of an Abusive Relationship

Here are some common signs that a teen may be in an unhealthy relationship:

- Their partner constantly checks their phone, social media, or texts.
- They become isolated from friends and family.
- They exhibit low self-esteem or anxiety.
- Their partner exhibits controlling behaviors, like dictating what they wear or who they can talk to.
- They have unexplained bruises or injuries.

If you notice these signs, it's important to talk to your teen and seek help if needed.

How the Police Department Is Helping

- Providing tips on social media about protecting personal information and recognizing online abuse.
- Connecting families with support services and counseling resources.



How to Get Help

If you or someone you know is experiencing teen dating violence, you're not alone. There are many resources available:

- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- Love is Respect Text Line: Text LOVEIS to 22522
- Local Police Department Non-Emergency Line: [Insert Number]

Together, we can help teens build healthy, respectful relationships and ensure they know help is always available.

POLICE OFFICERS WITH HEART"



Life Saving

On December 14, 2024 officers G. Monroe, S. Smith along with AUX H. Hacham and Sgt. W. Long displayed extraordinary dedication and remarkable composure in the face of a life-threatening emergency. Responding to a call, Sgt. William Long and Officer Stephon Smith encountered a dire situation. A 1-year-old child was found unresponsive, with no pulse and not breathing. Without hesitation, Sgt. Long, alongside Officer Smith, took immediate action. Thanks to Sgt. Longs swift and effective response, the child regained consciousness and was listed in stable condition a testament to his exceptional skill, training, and unwavering commitment to preserving life.

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ABOVE
& Beyond



COMMUNITY

REMINDERS



VALENTINE'S DAY SCAM AWARENESS:

Be cautious of online scams, especially those involving online dating and gift purchases. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is!

DRIVE SAFE CAMPAIGN

Please scan the QR code to complete a brief anonymous survey for the National Sheriffs Association (NSA). Thank you for your participation and please engage online with Inkster's social media campaign to save lives!.



HOME SAFETY TIP:

If you're planning to be away for a winter getaway, make sure your home looks lived in by setting timers for lights and asking a neighbor to collect your mail.



INKSTER COMMUNITY EVENTS

There's always something exciting happening in Inkster! This month, we're bringing you a lineup of events and activities designed to connect, inspire, and celebrate our community. Whether you're looking for family fun, opportunities to give back, or a chance to meet your neighbors, there's something for everyone. Check out what's happening around town and join us in making Inkster an even stronger, more vibrant place to call home. We can't wait to see you there!

State of the City

February 6, 2025

6:30 PM

Booker T. Dozier Rec Complex

Black Business Bazaar

Date: February 15, 2025

Time: 10 am - 6 pm

Location: Booker T. Dozier Rec Center

Mobile Secretary of State

Date: February 27, 2025

Time: 10 am - 3 pm

Location: 1900 Inkster Rd

For more info:

terrellcooperw@inksterhousing.org

Black History Movie Night

Every Wednesday in February

Contact the Inkster Task Force

27066 Eton

Inkster Restaurant Crawl

Date: February 20, 2025

Demeko's @ 4pm | Mr. B's @ 6pm

Brothers @ 7pm | Stardust @ 7p

Forgotten Harvest On The Go

2nd Tuesday of the Month

2 pm - 4 pm

Envision Center

4360 Hickory St.

Ink Town Sneaker Ball

Hosted by: Inkster Task Force

February 14, 2025

7 pm - 12 am

Heights Event Center

4945 Beech Daly

Heritage Sunday

Date: February 23, 2025

Time: 5pm

Location: Smith Chapel | 3655 Springhill

Forgotten Harvest On The Go

4th Tuesday of the Month

2 pm - 4 pm

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29999 Pine St.

INKSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

PROJECT PROM



WHAT WE NEED:

GENTLY USED PROM DRESSES (ALL SIZES)
SHOES, CLUTCHES, JEWELRY, AND OTHER ACCESSORIES

DROP-OFF LOCATION:

INKSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT
27269 MICHIGAN AVE
INKSTER, MI 48141

DROP-OFF DATES:

JANUARY 27TH - MARCH 1ST

For more information, contact:

Director Lisa B. - 313-563-9850 or lburney@cityofinkster.com

Thank you for your support! ♥



FEBRUARY 21, 2025

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

BOOKER T. DOZIER COMPLEX

TICKETS \$10

For more information, contact:

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Thank you for your support! ♥



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- Personal Protection Order.....313-224-6291
- Domestic Violence Shelters.....1-888-453-5900
- National Domestic Violence Hotline... 800-799-7233
- Child Protective Services:.....1-877-716-2234
- Adult Protective Services..... 1-877-963-6066
- Rape Counseling Center.....313-833-1660
- First Step (DV Assistance)..... 734-722-6800
- DTE Street Lights Out.....1-800-548-4655
- Suicide Prevention Hotline.....1-800-273-8255
- Poison Control Center.....1-800-222-1222
- Michigan State Police.....734-287-5000
- Wayne County Sheriff.....734-721-2222
- Inkster Fire Department.....313-563-9874
- Water Department..... 313-563-4232
- Ordinance313-563-9850
- DHWIN800-241-4949
- Face Addiction Now833.202.4673

- Inkster Police Department.....313-563-9850
- City Hall313-563-4232
- 22nd District Court.....313-277-8200

LOBBY HOURS

- Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Tuesday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Wednesday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Thursday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Located inside the
 Booker T. Dozier Rec Center
 2025 Middlebelt Rd.
 Inkster, MI 48141