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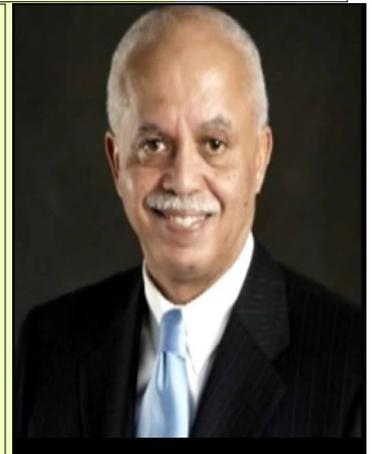
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A Message from the Wayne County Executive

The Department of Public Services is one of our most active service-delivery departments in Wayne County. There are 6 divisions within Public Services and each one is committed to deliver the best service to you, our residents and business owners. I want you to know that as we work, each day, that commitment is on the forefront of our minds. Right now, I am reminded of how our road crews worked diligently throughout the winter to ensure our roads were cleared and safe for drivers. You may recall the month of February brought us a record snowfall. Even though Wayne County has the largest and most complex road infrastructure in the state, our response to a heavy and steady snowfall was efficient and swift. I'm hoping that you took advantage of Wayne County Compass. I encourage its use. It provides real-time

tracking of road conditions and has proven to be extremely helpful in navigating travel. It can be used to track the activity of snow plow and pothole patching crews. As we move into spring, I also hope that you will enjoy the special events planned this year by the Parks & Recreation division. In just a few days, the event season begins with the annual Marshmallow Drop. We look forward to your entire family joining us in Westland. The Department of Public Services continues to seek ways to improve the quality of life for Wayne County citizens. The departments' programming and steadfast work ethic all contribute to successfully fulfilling this mission. As Wayne County Executive, I am honored to serve the 43 cities and townships in our community. Wherever you are, we hope that you will take some time to enjoy Wayne County.



Warren C. Evans
Wayne County Executive



Families anxiously gather together as thousands of marshmallows rain down from the sky!

Look Up in the Sky, It's a Bird, It's a plane, It's... Marshmallows?

On Friday, April 3, 2015, thousands of children will gather as they anxiously await the start of Wayne County's 31st Annual Marshmallow Drop. More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped from the Easter Bunny's helicopter as the eager children scramble to collect as many as they can.

After the marshmallow collection, children can trade their marshmallows in for a prize. Marshmallow Drop is the kickoff of a highly anticipated season of fun filled activities for the Wayne County Parks Division. Marshmallows will be dropped at Elizabeth Park in Trenton, at 9 a.m. and at

Nankin Mills in Westland at 11 a.m. For more information on Marshmallow Drop and/or other Wayne County Parks activities, contact (734) 261-1990.
Elizabeth Park -Jefferson, east of I-75 and south of West Rd.
Nankin Mills—33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections for County Residents

This year, the Department of Public Services will offer five countywide Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections. The collections are designed to accept unwanted household chemicals for proper disposal. Items that will be accepted include household paints, stains, floor-care items, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, antifreeze, light bulbs, old computers and TVs. Pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only) and

medical sharps in puncture-proof containers will also be accepted. All waste must be from residential sources. Each of the HHW collections will run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The HHW collections are scheduled for:

- Saturday, April 4, 2015 at Romulus Civic Center located at 11111 Wayne Rd., Romulus
- Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Flat Rock Community Fields located at 25600 Seneca

- St., Flat Rock
- Saturday, June 20, 2015 at Henry Ford College located at 5101 Evergreen Rd., Dearborn
- Saturday, August 15, 2015 at Westland Shopping Center located on Warren Rd. and Nankin Blvd. in Westland
- Saturday, October 10, 2015 at Wayne County Community College located at 21000 Northline Rd., Taylor



Wayne County Residents are committed to properly disposing of Household Hazardous Waste Products.



Wayne County Schools Work Hard to Preserve and Conserve our Environment

For more information on the Wayne County Green Schools Program contact Nancy Gregor @ 734-326-4607

The Department of Public Services has been working with Wayne RESA for six years to promote and grow the County's Green Schools Program. The purpose of this program is to encourage students to participate in activities which help them learn about preserving natural resources, protect the environment and promote energy efficiency and savings. In

2014, Wayne County proudly recognized 132 schools as Green Schools. The recognized schools implemented at least 10 environmentally friendly activities during the 2013-2014 school year. The schools are able to complete activities in a combination of four categories: Recycling, Energy Savings, Environmental Protection and Miscellaneous. Each year there is

a formal awards ceremony held in recognition of the Green Schools during which the schools have the opportunity to display their activities, participate in student-led presentations, Meet the Wayne County Executive and of course, receive their certificate of recognition. This year's ceremony is scheduled for May 6 at 8:30 a.m. Located at Wayne RESA.

Wayne County 2015 Road Construction Projects

Project Description	Limits and Communities	Expected Start	Expected Completion
Allen Rd.—Resurfacing	North Line- Goddard Southgate / Taylor/ Allen Park	April 2015	July 2015
Base Line Bridge— Bridge Railing Replace	Over CSX Railroad Northville	July 2015	August 2015
Beck Rd—Reconstruct	Warren—Ann Arbor Trail Canton Twp. / Plymouth Twp.	March 2015	November 2015
Beck Signals—Signal Installation	Saltz Intersection Canton Twp.	February 2015	April 2015
Chandler Park— Resurfacing/ Reconstruct	Cadieux—Moross Detroit	September 2015	November 2015
Cherry Hill— Widen/ Resurface	Beck—Canton Center Canton Twp.	April 2015	September 2015
Geddes—Resurfacing	County Line—Geddes/ Canton Twp.	June 2015	August 2015
Gibraltar -Resurfacing	Allen—Fort Rd. / Browns- town Twp.	April 2015	May 2015
Goddard—Resurfacing	I-75 Freeway—Toledo/ Lincoln Park	June 2015	August 2015
Greenfield— Resurfacing	I-94 Freeway—Rotunda/ Dearborn	September 2015	November 2015
Huron River Dr. Resurfacing	Elwell—Sumpter Belleville / Van Buren Twp.	April 2015	June 2015
Inkster Rd.— Resurfacing	Plymouth (OM-14) - Schoolcraft Inkster/Redford Twp.	September 2015	November 2015
Jefferson Ave.— Resurfacing	Grosse Ile Parkway- Slocum, Trenton	June 2015	August 2015

Wayne County 2015 Road Construction Projects (Continued)

Project Description	Limits and Communities	Expected Start	Expected Completion
Jefferson Bascule Bridge Repair	Over Rouge River Detroit/ River Rouge	July 2015	June 2016
Joy Rd.—Resurfacing	Evergreen—Southfield (M-39) Detroit	July 2015	November 2015
Lilley—Resurfacing	Warren—Joy, Canton Twp.	September 2015	November 2015
Mack Ave.—Surfacing	Cadieux-Moross Gr. Pte., Gr. Pte. Farms, Gr. Pt. Park, Detroit	April 2015	May 2015
Mack Signals—Signal Upgrade	Cadieux & Rivard Intersections Gr. Pte. City	February 2015	April 2015
Merriman— Concrete Patching	I-94 Freeway—900 South of Ecorse, Romulus	September 2015	November 2015
Crack Sealing	Countywide	May 2015	August 2015
Sheldon—Reconstruct	Van Born—Yost. Van Buren Township	May 2015	June 2015
Sibley—Resurfacing	Toledo— Allen Brownstown Twp.	July 2015	November 2015
Warren—Resurfacing	Telegraph –Outer Drive W. Dearborn Heights / Detroit	April 2015	July 2015
Lotz— New Concrete Road	Cherry Hill to Ford Road Canton Township	TBD	TBD
Lilley Road—Resurfacing	Ann arbor Road to Plymouth Road Plymouth	TBD	TBD

Wayne County Compass is Making Strides

Wayne County Compass is a National Association of Counties award winning website and smart phone application that allows the public to track in real-time, the location of Wayne County's snow plows. The application helps Wayne County residents and visitors better manage their commutes. The public can also receive traffic information, view dash-cam video and report road hazards directly from this application. The Compass application is the

first system of its kind in metro Detroit and one of the first in the United States. It was designed by the Wayne County Department of Technology. Visit: compass.waynecounty.com to learn more.



Terry Spryszak, Director of Public Services, gives live demonstration of Compass on Fox 2 News.

Get Involved! Adopt-A-Road

Did you know that Wayne County offers an opportunity for residents, local churches youth and community groups to help cultivate our roads.? The Adopt-A-Road program was designed by our Roads Division to help keep our County road-sides clean and attractive. Participants "adopt" at least one mile of County roadway that they would like to see kept clean and commit to cleaning both sides of the roadway for a three (3) year or more period.

Any group of six (6) or more participants is eligible to participate in the program. There is absolutely no fee assessed to take part in the program. Participants are simply asked to collect trash from their roadway at least four times a year. There are many groups who go above and beyond the requirements and ad landscaping, plant trees and flowers and really spruce up their adopted space to make it attractive for residents and visitors alike . As an added bonus for those who choose to partici-

pate in the program, the name of their group is publicized on a sign at your roadside sight for travelers to see. Contact Peggy at 734-955-2154 for additional program info.



Adopt-A-Road signage in Plymouth Township on File Mile Rd. from Beck to Sheldon; the adopted roadway of Webasto—Edscha Cabrio USA Inc.

Report a Road Hazard

Did you know that Wayne County has a 24-hour, toll free Road Hazard Hotline? Were you driving and forced to swiftly dodge a man-eating pothole? Is there an intersection that has a traffic signal that isn't functioning properly? Or maybe there's an intersection with a missing stop sign. No matter what the road hazard is we want to know about it so that we can fix it. You can help us solve Wayne County roads issues, day or night,

by contacting our 24-hour hotline. When contacting our hotline you will speak with a Wayne County road maintenance employee who will listen to your concerns, take down your information and place you in the hands of the proper crew to start taking action.

Don't worry about trying to determine which roads are under County jurisdiction because even if you contact us about a roadway that is not ours we will get the

information passed along to the appropriate city or state agency. Here's how it works, just pick up the phone and call us anytime at 1-888-ROAD-CREW. (1-888-762-3273)



Pothole patching underway to help make County commutes safer.

Did You Know...

...Woodward Avenue was the first mile of concrete road? When the Wayne County Road Commission paved Woodward Avenue from McNichols to Seven Mile in 1909, it was the first time that a road had been paved with concrete.

...Henry Ford was one of Wayne County's first Road Commissioners? He is often credited with spearheading the "Good Roads" Movement which led to the creation of Michigan's Road Commissions.

.... The first snow plow was created in 1912 in Wayne County and consisted of nothing more than a board fastened to the front bumper of a truck.

... Wayne County built the world's first below-grade superhighway, the Davison.

...The first center line painter was created in Wayne county? In its early incarnation, it was nothing more than a paint brush strapped on the back of a truck.

Wayne County Parks 2015 Special Events

April 2015

- Marshmallow Drop- Friday, April 3: Elizabeth Park in Trenton at 9:00 a.m. and Nankin Mills in Westland at 11:00 a.m.

May 2015

- Saturdays in the Park- May 2-September 26—Every Saturday six miles of Hines Drive from Outer Drive to Ann Arbor trail will be closed to traffic so the public can bike, run, walk or skate safely.

July 2015

- Mud Day—Tuesday, July 7: Nankin Mills in Westland at 10:00 a.m.
- New Country on the River—Saturday, July 25, 2015: Elizabeth Park in Trenton at 1:00 p.m.

August 2015

- Jazz on the River—Saturday, August 1-2: Elizabeth Park in Trenton at 1:00 p.m.
- Cruisin' Hines—Sunday, August 23: along Hines Drive from 9:00 a.m. —5:00 p.m.

September 2015

- Somewhere in Time—Sunday, September 20: Elizabeth Park in Trenton at 11:00 a.m.

October 2015

- Heroes on Hines—Saturday, October 3: Haggerty Park in Plymouth at 8:00 a.m.

November 2015

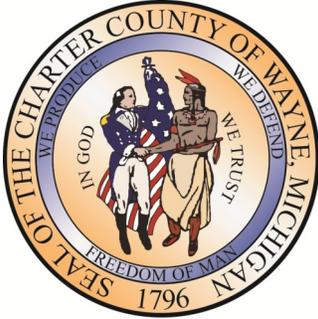
- Lightfest 8K Walk/Run—Tuesday, November 17: Merriman Hollow Park in Westland at 7:00 p.m.

For a complete list of Wayne County Parks Events visit www.waynecounty.com/DPS.

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The Department of Public Services (DPS) consists of the Public Services Group (PSG) and the Environmental Services Group (ESG). DPS is one of the largest departments in Wayne County government, employing over 700 personnel with an annual operating budget of \$300 million. DPS employees oversee, maintain and operate the county's unique assets and complex infrastructure for nearly 1.8 million residents. Whether it's reporting a pothole, seeing up-to-the-minute road conditions with Compass, applying for a soil erosion permit, learning how to care for our watersheds, or reporting an environmental issue, DPS has it all covered!



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