



Wayne County Commissioner

Glenn S. Anderson

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Commission Continues Its Due Diligence

On August 2, 2016, voters not only approved the renewal of the Wayne County parks millage, but by the largest margin ever. The millage 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 millage funds are returned to local communities based on how much each county commission district raises in property taxes.

After concerns were raised that this policy might be discontinued by the Executive, the Conference of Western Wayne (a consortium of 18 communities throughout western Wayne County) passed a resolution in December 2015 urging the County Executive and the County Commission to continue the practice.

The Commission voted 11-4 on May 5 to approve a resolution that placed the parks millage continuation on the primary ballot, but with language that ensures the 15% return to communities, or a minimum of \$50,000 per commission district. Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson, who made the motion to approve the resolution, said "I believe the continuation language that we passed helps clarify how these funds will be distributed and also guarantees that our local community parks benefit from these funds as well."

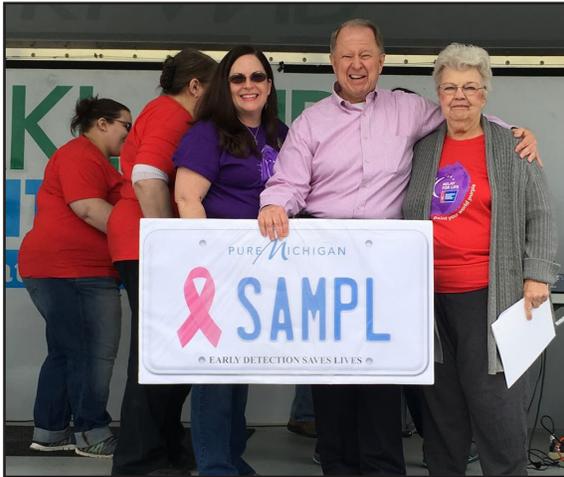
Since taking office in January, Commissioner Anderson has been busy doing the challenging work of making Wayne County responsive, accountable, and transparent. In addition to securing local parks monies, he has also voted to provide \$1,000,000 to address the rape kit backlog, opposed no-bid retroactive contracts, and worked with constituents who needed help navigating their way through Wayne County government.

This tough work continues as the commission deliberates the County's budget. Anderson, who is a member of the Ways & Means committee - and a former member of the State Senate's Appropriations committee - has an extensive background in government budgeting processes. This background has proven invaluable as the County works toward approving its first 2-year budget.

At the time of this writing, the budget has not yet been passed, but is to be completed before the start of the County's next fiscal year on October 1.

In the District

Garden City



Commissioner Anderson joined a large and enthusiastic crowd for the opening ceremony of the Garden City - Dearborn Heights Relay for Life. The Commissioner is pictured (above) with a sample of the “Breast Cancer Awareness Plate” specialty license plate that helps to raise funds for breast and cervical cancer screening and treatment. During his tenure in the State Senate, Anderson sponsored the legislation that established the specialty plate which has been available for 2 years. At the event, it was announced that Garden City had raised over \$1,000,000 since its first Relay!



Inkster



Starfish Family Services recently opened its new Behavioral Health Clinic in Inkster. The beautiful facility is located within the new state-of-the-art Western Wayne Family Health Center facility on Michigan Avenue. With this new clinic, Starfish will now be able to provide increased access to high quality child and family mental health services to the City of Inkster and surrounding communities. A large crowd attended the grand opening ceremony on June 24th. Pictured (above) are several attendees, including Senator David Knezek, Commissioner Anderson, Dr. Mouhanad Hammami (Director of Wayne Co. Health, Veterans & Community Wellness Dept.) and Tom Watkins (Director of Detroit-Wayne Co. Mental Health Authority).

Westland

Members of American Legion Post 251 of Westland were joined by Commissioner Anderson during the Wayne-Westland Memorial Day Parade. The parade was held on May 29th and boasted a large number of participants, hundreds of spectators and concluded with a solemn, respectful ceremony. Memorial Day ceremonies were also held in Garden City and Inkster. Anderson, whose longstanding support of our Veterans is well known, attended all three events to join those honoring the sacrifice of our fallen soldiers.



Mark Your Calendar!

Wayne County Lightfest sure to brighten up holiday skies

Join the Wayne County Department of Parks & Recreation as it kicks off the annual Wayne County Lightfest on November 17. 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 December 31st, 7-10 p.m., Monday – Thursday, and 6-10 p.m. Friday - Sunday (with the event closed December 25). Visit the Midwest's longest drive-through holiday light display for an expanded five miles of colorful lights with a fee of \$5/car. Enter off Merriman Road, between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren Avenue in Westland. For more information on this holiday spectacular, call the Parks office at (734) 261-1990.



Nankin Mills will serve up celebrations for everyone



The Wayne County Family Holiday Fest and Mill Lighting will take place on Saturday, December 10 from 4-6 p.m. at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland. Stop in for an old-fashioned celebration of the season at historic Nankin Mills. From 4-5:15 p.m. families can participate in unique holiday games and make several seasonal crafts to take home. Prizes are awarded for game participation. The cost is \$6 for children and \$2 for adults for Wayne County residents. There is no charge for children ages three and younger. The second part of the program is sponsored by the Friends of Nankin Mills and features a community sing-a-long, Mill Lighting and special visit from St. Nick! There is no cost for this portion of the program. For registration information or more information, please call (734) 261-1990.

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Middlebelt Road bridge is fixed

Shortly after taking office, Commissioner Anderson began receiving complaints about the hazardous road condition on the Middlebelt Road Bridge over Hines Drive.

After pressing the Wayne County Department of Public Service repeatedly for a work order to get this hazardous stretch of road replaced, that work is finally done.

If you have been on Middlebelt Road recently, then you have noticed the difference. There are still other areas of concern throughout the 12th District.

Although it will take time to address the road issues, Commissioner Anderson and his staff will continue to advocate for the residents, businesses and commuters of the 12th District.

Rev. Combs delivers invocation



Commissioner Anderson was joined by Reverend Jonathan Combs (right) of First United Methodist Church of Garden City, who delivered the invocation at the Commission's regular meeting held June 23 at the Guardian Building. Reverend Combs also ministers at the Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church-Brightmoor Campus in Detroit.