

Joe Barone



Wayne County Commissioner

Serving Canton Township, Plymouth Township and Plymouth

Moving along on the right fiscal track

Hello Friends and Neighbors:

I hope this county update finds you well and that you had the opportunity to enjoy our beautiful and warm Michigan summer. First, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Wayne County Commissioner over the past year and a half. Since taking office in April 2015, I have been working closely with my colleagues and the county executive to right the financial ship in Wayne County.

As you may be aware, Wayne County has been operating under a consent agreement due to the declaration of a "financial emergency" in 2015. I am happy to report that our financial outlook has significantly improved since then. We have eliminated an \$82 million accumulated deficit, a \$52 million structural deficit and reduced unfunded liabilities by \$1 billion. For the first time in eight years, Wayne County actually has a budget surplus.

We are currently working with the county executive in approving a two-year budget with the goal of continuing down the path to long-term fiscal stability. Additionally, I have been very busy ensuring funding for neighborhood road projects, community park projects and the continuation of our therapeutic recreation program for disabled children.

Although I foresee an end to the state declared financial emergency in the very near future, our work to correct the wrongs of past practices continues. A fiscally responsible Wayne County assures all of us in the 10th District that we see the return on our tax investment that our community so rightfully deserves. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your commissioner. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Our Golden Community!



Commissioner Barone with his daughter, Isabelle, honored eight-time Olympic medalist and Canton resident, Allison Schmitt. Schmitt made her hometown proud by winning gold in the Women's 4x200-meter freestyle relay and silver in the 4x100 at this year's Summer Olympics.



Commissioner Barone presents Canton's very own Olympic "power couple," Jeff and Tiffany Porter, with an official Wayne County Resolution. Way to go athletes!

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County roads receive needed repairs, resurfacing

Road repairs were in full swing this season in our community. In addition to many asphalt resurfacing projects on major roads, residents saw road crews doing resurfacing and repairs in their neighborhoods as part of the township road initiative. Other major projects included the completion of Cherry Hill from Beck to Canton Center (widened, resurfaced, upgraded traffic signals), Lotz from Cherry Hill to Michigan Ave. (paved), and milling and resurfacing of Geddes from the county line to Denton.

Future projects include pavement widening for a center turn lane at Geddes and Denton, concrete reconstruction at Canton Center from Michigan Ave. to Geddes and resurfacing existing asphalt on Warren from Beck to Canton Center.

Commissioner Barone continues to advocate for the pavement of Ridge Road from Warren to Ford and enforceable speed limit reductions along that stretch. Additionally, he continues to advocate for installation of a traffic signal at Ann Arbor Rd. and McClumpha in Plymouth Township where state and county roads intersect.

"The pavement of Ridge has been a project we have

been working on since I took office," Commissioner Barone said. "Our discussions have been ongoing and I am hopeful that we will secure a commitment in the near future.

"McClumpha is a very dangerous intersection. With one of the largest high school campuses in the nation just a short distance away and many residential districts in close proximity, traversing that intersection is extremely difficult without a fully operational traffic signal, especially during rush and school hours," Barone added. "I plan to work closely with township and state officials and continue to advocate for the safety of our children and residents."

Should you have any questions regarding ongoing road projects within our district, please contact Commissioner Barone's office at (313) 224-0882 or via email: jbarone@waynecounty.com.

