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state of the city

By Kurt Metzger, Pleasant Ridge Mayor

Before I review all the great city happenings that took place during 2017, I wanted to say thank you for supporting me in the recent election and allowing me to represent Pleasant Ridge for four more years as your Mayor. It is truly an honor. I also want to thank Jay Foreman for his commitment and service over the last four years – Jay, you will be missed. Finally, I would like to welcome Bret Scott back, and congratulate Amanda Wahl for a well-run, successful campaign.

Infrastructure

This summer saw the completion of Phase I of Gainsboro Park. We celebrated a grand re-opening of the park, complete with large scissors and a big red ribbon, just before the Halloween Hayride event with representatives of the CN Railroad and America in Bloom in attendance to acknowledge their contribution of \$25,000 towards the park project.

Work began on the park behind the Community Center as summer concluded. We now have a completed patio and an exciting new play structure in place. Lighting will soon be completed, and in the spring, we will add the final landscaping touches. The patio project will enhance the Community Center park by adding an outdoor gathering space for residents and users of the building. The Foundation has provided most of the funding for this project, and deserves our thanks for once again stepping up and making an exciting project a reality.

The Community Center/Pool complex also benefitted from new flooring in the fitness center and small room, new fitness center equipment, and a complete redo of the marcite lining of the entire pool. The smooth feel of the pool bottom was welcomed by all who stand in the water, practiced handstands, or searched for small trinkets to demonstrate their underwater diving prowess.

We completed the LED lighting retrofit and installed solar panels at the Community Center. This project has already generated over 5 megawatt-hours of energy since it was installed in August. Together, the solar and LED projects will reduce electricity costs by about 40 percent at 4 Ridge and will be completely repaid in about 5 years. Speaking of lighting, the Garden Club, Historical Commission, and PR Foundation have joined to sponsor a pathway lighting project for Stevenson Park. Our thanks go out to those groups for their efforts to improve our City!

We continued to work on Woodward streetscape improvements, including repairing sidewalks, expanding the tree wells to add plantings, and new trash cans.

Hanover and Norwich were completely reconstructed this year. We also engaged sewer lining contractors to clean, televise and line the sewers on West Cambridge, Oxford, Norwich and Hanover. In 2018, we will be reconstructing Ridge, Indiana and Bermuda.

There was a much-needed focus on maintaining and caring for our trees this year. After all, Pleasant Ridge is home to about 2,250 total street and park trees. Our popular tree planting program continued in 2017, with over 50 new street trees planted. In addition, over 350 trees were either trimmed, dead-wooded, or elevated, and 28 dead street trees were removed.

Events

Each year I am gratified at the continually increasing attendance at all our traditional events, as well as new traditions being created. Our Senior Day Trips continued to be big hits, with exciting adventures in Detroit visiting many of the newest restaurants. Book early because our senior trips always sell out! Senior Bingo continues to be a winner, with record numbers enjoying the last event of the year that featured a terrific Thanksgiving Dinner

with all trimmings. It was another year of record-breaking attendance at our community events – Ice Cream Social, Halloween festivities, Home and Garden Tour, Christmas Tree Lighting and more. Let me not forget to add all the events put on by our wonderful volunteer groups – the lasagna dinner and Spring Brunch (PR Woman's Club); lectures, wreath and table decorations workshops, and more (PR Garden Club); and the annual Spring Auction and party (PR Foundation).

In addition to the groups mentioned above, I want to acknowledge all the other volunteers who serve the city through membership on the **Planning Commission/DDA**, the **Historical Commission**, the **Recreation Commission**, the **Board of Review**, the **Library Board**, and **Election Inspectors**. We would not be Pleasant Ridge without all of you.

Personnel

Allow me to finish by acknowledging all those who come to work each day and make Pleasant Ridge the special place that it is. I want to start by thanking officer **Glenn Fearn** who retired this past year. Glenn served the city for decades and deserves a long and healthy retirement. We welcomed Officer **Julie Reid** to the police department in a part-time role. The overwhelming support for November's police pension millage (81 percent Yes) eliminates a significant financial uncertainty for the City and the police department that will allow us to fully replace Glenn with a full-time officer in the coming year.

Finally, I send my sincere thanks for another wonderful year to **Jim Breuckman**, **Amy Drealan**, **Scott Pietrzak**, **Darren Humphreys**, **Shawnie Stamper**, **Tim Schultz** and all the staff at the pool and community center who make it easy for me and my fellow commissioners to do our jobs. You are the best!



Congratulations 2017 Winners!

James Riggio & Curtis Edgar: 28 Maywood

Allison LaVoie: 52 Fairwood

Mark & Lori Bolach: 106 Cambridge

Scott Laslie & Jose Guerrero: 3 Poplar Park

Special mention was given to Gainsboro Park



Lovely lights adorn the Pleasant Ridge community Christmas Tree. Over 300 people were in attendance at the Dec. 4, 2017 lighting — even Santa!

Photos courtesy of Scott Pietrzak and Ann Zvibleman

Notes from City Hall

Garbage Cans

Section 58-2 of the City Code requires that garbage must be stored and placed out at the curb in water-tight containers. We have noticed that some residents are placing loose garbage bags at the curb on garbage pickup days instead of using garbage cans. This is not acceptable because loose garbage bags encourage rodents and vermin by providing an easy food source.

This coming spring the police will be enforcing the garbage can requirement. Residents who place garbage bags out without cans will be issued a warning. A second offense will be ticketed. It is important that any garbage be stored in cans during the week to not provide a food source for rodents. If you do not have watertight garbage cans, you must purchase them before this coming spring.

We understand that sometimes the number of garbage bags you may have will exceed the capacity of your cans, and that sometimes bags that contain non-food products may not fit in your cans. The police will use their best judgment in these cases where it is obvious that a resident is using cans, but may have extra bags out on an occasional basis. The intent of this effort is to reduce the number of potential food sources for rodents as best we can. Eliminating food sources is the best method to keep rats and other vermin out of our City.

Off-Leash Dogs Prohibited

We also get occasional complaints at City Hall and the Police Department about dogs being walked off-leash. Section 10-43 of the City Code requires that dogs be on-leash any time you are walking them. The police monitor this and will provide one warning before ticketing residents. If you see a dog being walked off-leash and would like to report it, please contact the police at 248-541-2900 and select option 1 to be connected to dispatch.

Pleasant Ridge Foundation Offers Scholarships

Each year the Pleasant Ridge Foundation awards several \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors, based on community service as well as academics and participation in extracurricular activities. All high school seniors (public or private school) who reside in the Ferndale School District may apply.

Applications are available online at: www.pleasantridgefoundation.org. **Applications are due March 30, 2018.** Email Karen King at: kingbaum@aol.com for more information.

PR Woman's Club college scholarships available

The **Pleasant Ridge Woman's Club** is once again offering college scholarships to graduating seniors of the Class of 2018.

Scholarships are available to students residing in the Ferndale School District, for public or private schools. **The application process will be available after Jan. 15, 2018 through the www.cityofpleasantridge.org website or at Ferndale High School.**

Deadline date for application – March 1, 2018.

Non-FHS students may return them to Kathy Snow, 35 Oakland Park. Contact Kathy Cavazos @ 248.762.1041 or kcavazos@wowway.com with any questions.

The PR Woman's Club purpose is providing recognition and scholarships to our students. Please check us out!



what's happening in 2018



Egg Hunt/Brunch

Saturday, 3/24

Brunch: 10 a.m., Egg Hunt: 11:30 a.m.
at the PR Community Center

Cost (brunch only): \$3 adults, \$1 children (ages 5-12, with a parent), 4 and under free. This is always a great time for the WHOLE family! The brunch will include: pancakes, sausage, juice, milk & coffee. The egg hunt will begin at 11:30 a.m. SHARP, (immediately following brunch). Egg Hunt Ages: 4 & under, 5-8, 9-12.

Cooperative Street Tree Program

Residents who want a street tree planted in front of their house may participate in a cooperative purchase program with the City. The cost to the resident is \$125, or about 1/3 of the total cost to purchase and plant a tree. The City will cover the rest.

Please note that residents who participate in the cooperative purchase program will not be able to choose which species of tree is planted. The tree species will be selected according to the City's adopted Street Tree Planting Manual, which can be accessed at www.cityofpleasantridge.org/documents/treemanual.pdf. Tree species are identified for each street in the manual.

The deadline to participate in this program is Thurs., February 8. In order to be included in the order, residents must have payment to City Hall by that date. The trees will be planted in the spring. Contact City Hall at 248-541-2901 with any questions about participating in this program.

Daddy/Daughter Dance

Fri., Feb. 2, 6:30-8 p.m., Cost: \$5 per person

Dads and their favorite little ladies will enjoy yummy treats and dance to the hottest tunes. Dance will be held at the PR Community Center.

Registration deadline: 1/25/18

Pleasant Ridge Garden Club: Jr. Garden Club Meetings

February 13 • March 26 • May 10

All meetings begin at 4 p.m.

Children ages 5-11 will enjoy neighborhood friends, snacks and will leave with a seasonal craft.

To register, please call 248-541-2902, ext. 0 or email: [sstamper@cityofpleasantridge.org](mailto:ssstamper@cityofpleasantridge.org)



Make & Take Pick-A-Pallet Sign

Thurs., 3/8 from 6-9 p.m.

Residents \$35 • Non Residents \$40. Registration deadline: February 20, 2018 (Space is limited!).

Reserve your spot now! To register, please call 248.541.2902, ext. 0

SOCWA presents:

An Earth-Friendly Gardening Seminar

Secrets of the Soil

Mon., 3/26, 6:30-8 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

At the Community Center, 4 Ridge Road

Featured speaker:

Jon Dahl, Director

Soil and Plant Nutrient Testing Laboratory, Michigan State University

TOPICS

- Organic matter & healthy plants
- Mulching methods and tips
- Soil health and soil nutrient testing

No charge

Registration requested: LFDean2@gmail.com

Questions? Please call 248-546-5818



50+ Club events & info

2018 Monthly Movies

Come on out to the Community Center, the popcorn & movie are FREE!

January 18 • February 15

• March 15 • April 19 (3rd Thurs. of each month)

NEW SHOWTIME ADDED: 6:15 P.M.!

Movie begins at 12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Seating begins 15 minutes before each show time. (same movie will be shown)

St. Patty's Day Bingo

March 15, 6-8 p.m. Corned beef and cabbage dinner included. Reserve your spot now!

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ADDED!**

Oxygen Tank Assistance

In the event of a power outage and a resident is running low on oxygen, they can call 248-546-2510 ext. 0. If there is no answer at the fire department, call 248-541-3650. If a resident is out of oxygen or if the resident is having difficulty breathing please call 911. We will either refill their oxygen or provide them with an oxygen tank to use until power is restored.

City of Pleasant Ridge Bus Transportation



Service Provider: Partnership with City of Pleasant Ridge and City of Royal Oak

Reservation Phone: (248) 246-3912

Return trip home: (248) 246-3900

Reservation Hours: M-F 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Service Description: Door-to-door Transportation Services.

Service Area: Bus will NOT travel south of 8 Mile, east of Dequindre, north of 15 Mile Rd or west of Southfield Rd. **Bus service will travel to:** Providence Hospital Southfield, Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak, and St. John Hospital Oakland. The bus will also travel to the Shopping Center at 15 Mile & Coolidge Hwy. (Target, Michaels, Kroger and more). For other destinations within a 5-mile radius, please call to book.

Service Hours: Thursdays ONLY 9:15 am to 3:30 pm.

Trip Reservations: 2 weeks to 24-hours advance notice.

Fees: One-Way Fare: \$3 one way and \$4 round trip.

Assistance Provided: Yes, **Wheelchair Accessible:** Yes

50+ Club Day Trips

White Horse Inn, Metamora

Fri., January 12
11:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

American comfort food is dished up in an 1850s former stagecoach stop with two levels and a fireplace.

*Joint trip with Huntington Woods Recreation.

Cost: \$14 (includes transportation/supervision. Lunch on your own).



Detroit Athletic Club Tour

Wed., February 28
9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cost \$6. Lunch cost is on your own at the DAC. Trip max. 13



Cantoro's of Plymouth



Date: Tuesday, March 20, 10:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$6 (lunch & shopping is on your own)

Spend the afternoon on a tour of Cantoro's, eating lunch at Trattoria, followed by shopping at the Cantoro's Italian Market. Space is limited to the first 13 registered.

PLEASE RSVP FOR ALL TRIPS AND EVENTS.

For more information or to register, call 248-541-2902, ext. 0 or email us at: recreation@cityofpleasantridge.org



It's a new year at the *library!*

Used Book Sale 2018

Check out our book sales! The Friends used book sales, which are open to the public, are held in the lower level of the HW library and offer a huge variety of paperback and hardcover fiction, non-fiction, young adult, children's books and media. Don't miss the best book sale around!

2018 Book Sale Dates

Sat., Feb. 3, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sat., Apr. 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sat., Jun. 2, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fri., Aug. 3, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 6, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 1, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We always have opportunities available for new and returning volunteers--please join us! If you would like to volunteer for a book sale, please contact one of our book sale chairs: Sue Hamilton (248) 298-9307, hamilton618@gmail.com, Jenn Faber (248) 444-6833, greengirl222@gmail.com

Book Donations

Quality books help make our sales

successful. Tax-deductible donations of hardcover and paperback books are accepted year-round. Please leave books in bags or boxes in the donation box or the seating area in the lobby of the library, or outside the door if the library is closed. Please note that we're unable to accept textbooks or damaged books, which can be recycled instead (paperbacks and hardcovers can be dropped off to SOCRRA). We appreciate your generous donations!

Youth Programs

Potter's Army: Mondays, Jan. 8, 22, 29 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Martin Luther King Day Celebration:

Who was Martin? With Storyteller Gwen Lewis. Mon., Jan. 15, 11 to 11:30 a.m.

MLK Day: Signs of Protest: Create a sign to share your ideas. Mon., Jan. 15 from 12 to 1 p.m.

Children's Peace March:

Mon., Jan. 15 from 1 to 1:45 p.m.

www.huntington-woods.lib.mi.us

Consumer Education Seminar Series

2nd Wed. of each month, Jan.-Jun., 2018 at 12 p.m. @ PR Community Center

Jan. 10: Identity Theft

Feb. 14: Online Safety

Mar. 14: Investment Fraud

Seminars are FREE and open to the public. Lite refreshments provided. Each seminar lasts about 45-60 mins.

• **Identity Theft** - Learn the signs of identity theft, how to protect your personal information online and off, and what to do if you become a victim.

• **Online Safety** - Learn how to protect your devices, money, and personal info while online. Information to avoid common and emerging online scams.

• **Investment Fraud** - Recognize fraudulent investments and obtain objective facts about reverse mortgages and annuities. How to investigate seller and product before investing.

Upcoming topics:

Apr. 11: Phone, Mail & e-Scams

May 9: Home Repair & Improvements

Jun. 13: In-home Care & Senior Residence

FERNDALE SCHOOLS

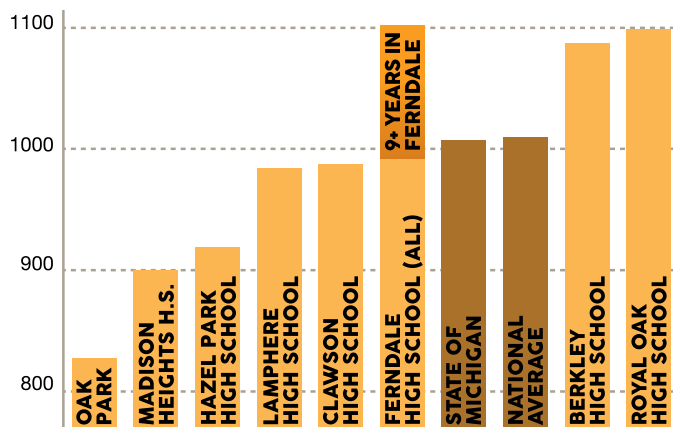
LONGTIME FERNDALE SCHOOLS STUDENTS OUTPACE NEIGHBORS STATE & NATIONAL SAT AVERAGES

Last spring the current Senior class at Ferndale High School joined students from across the state in taking the SAT. Created by the College Board, the SAT is an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to aid in admissions decisions. The goal of the SAT is to provide colleges with one common data point that can be used to compare all applicants.

For the 2017 SAT exam given last April, Ferndale High School students who have been with the district for nine years or more had an average score of 1102! For comparison, the state and national averages for the same test last April were 1007 and 1009.

Source: The College Board

"I think this goes to show the amazing things that have been going on in Ferndale Schools for a long time," said Ferndale Schools Superintendent Dania Bazzi. "Many of our Seniors have been with Ferndale Schools for a decade or more, this success didn't happen overnight. This achievement is the culmination of the hard work of an outstanding group of students, but also the entire Ferndale educational family and our amazing community. It's a great demonstration of what Ferndale Schools is all about, great students, great teachers, great community. It really goes to show that the longer you stay with Ferndale Schools the better your student will perform, even when compared to neighboring districts."



a healthier you in 2018

explore your PR wellness center



Yoga with Michele O'Brien
Yoga for All: Tue. & Thu., 2 p.m.
6 classes: \$66 12 classes: \$122

Cardio • Strength • Flexibility

with Melanie Sevald. Incorporating the components of fitness, cardio, strength and flexibility, this class will get you moving to raise your heart rate and improve cardiovascular fitness. We will use body weight and resistance tools to increase strength and combine yoga, stretching and relaxation techniques to complete your spirit, mind, body circle.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 - 10 a.m.

Winter Session 1: 6 Weeks Jan. 8 - Feb. 16

Winter Session 2: 6 Weeks Feb. 19 - Mar. 28

(No class Mar. 30) Break Apr. 2-6

1 day: \$60, 2 days: \$90, 3 days: \$120

Drop-in: \$10 (to Melanie)

Pilates

with Karen Haque
Pilates Classical Mat. Pilates is a body conditioning method designed to increase strength, flexibility, mobility, balance and body awareness. It is a safe and effective exercise method that will enable you to look – and feel – your very best. You'll achieve a strong core, develop longer, leaner muscles and improve your overall sense of well-being.

Sundays at 9 a.m., 6 weeks, classes start Jan. 7

6 weeks for \$72 or \$15 drop in.

Sit & Get Fit

with Victoria Dickinson

Wed. & Fri., 9-10 a.m.

\$20 for a 10-visit punch card

Pilates with Pam Kampf
Mon., 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.; Tue. 5 p.m.

Foam Rolling Class

Advanced registration required

Sunday, Jan. 14, 1 p.m., \$10 drop-in fee

If you have a foam roller, please bring it to class. There are a limited number of rollers to loan out.

This class will include some advanced foam-rolling techniques. Instructor: Victoria Dickinson

WELLNESS CENTER INFO

New Year, New You!

Open 5 a.m. - midnight

7 days a week, including weekends and holidays!

Stop at the front desk during open hours to get your key fob. You must be a PR resident and at least 16 years of age. Don't forget a picture ID to get fob during business hours.

What the Wellness Center has to offer:

TREADMILLS • STAIR CLIMBER • STATIONARY BIKES • ELLIPTICAL • FREE WEIGHTS • WEIGHT MACHINES • SMITH MACHINE • TOWEL SERVICE

Don't forget your headphones to plug into the TVs or stream music from your smart devices with our FREE public wi-fi.

Youth Sports *Spring 2018*

Youth Soccer

U6 Spring Soccer

(DOB 1/1/12-12/31/13) \$50

U8 Spring Soccer

(DOB 1/1/10-12/31/11) \$60

Registration deadline: 3/2/2018

First game 4/8/2018. All teams are co-ed. Non-residents, add \$10 to fee.

Soccer registration fee includes jersey (for new spring players only). We will try to accommodate coach requests, but no guarantees will be made.

Youth Baseball

T-Ball (age 5-6): \$50

Coach Pitch (age 7-8): \$60

Pony (ages 9-10): \$70

Minor (ages 11-12): \$70

Major league (ages 13/14): \$80

Non-residents, add \$10 to fee.

Resident registration:

1/2/18 - 4/6/18. Non-resident

registration opens: 3/1/18. Practices begin in early May.

Please register for your division using player's age as of 8/1/18. All teams are co-ed.



PR Piranhas Swim Team 2018 Info

Practice start: May 7 at Ferndale High.



Parent Info night: Wed., May 2
Welcome Dinner: Wed., May 23

www.pleasantridgepiranhas.com

**VOLUNTEER COACHES
NEEDED FOR THE SEASON
If interested, contact PR Rec**

Contact PR Rec for class descriptions and full schedules: 248-541-2902 or email ssstamper@cityofpleasantridge.org. Register online for activities: https://www.activityreg.com/ClientPage_t2.wcs?clientid=PLEASANT&siteid=1



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Looking for a *Summer* job?

Camp Counselor

Summer Program runs June 18 - August 10, Mon. - Thu., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Must be at least 18 years or older. Must enjoy creating memories for children ages 7-15!

Lifeguard/Swim Instructor

American Red Cross Certified (Lifeguard, CPR & First Aid thru 9/6/2018). Pool is open Memorial Day - Labor Day.

Head Lifeguard

American Red Cross Certified (Lifeguard, CPR & First Aid thru 9/6/2018). Must be at least 18 years or older. Must have a minimum of 2 years guarding experience.

*All positions will have mandatory training dates. Dates TBD.

Submit application online by Mar. 2, 2018 at www.cityofpleasantridge.org
QUESTIONS: Please contact the Community Center at 248.541.2902.

Pleasant Ridge Summer Leaders In Training Program

The LIT Program allows for our teen population to develop strong leadership skills and develop taking initiative. LITs spend the summer making new friends, gaining work experience and having fun. LIT's will receive training and "on the job" feedback, support and evaluation.

Summer LIT opportunities include Current 7th Grade & Up: Summer Camp, Special Events, Pool Side Front Desk.

There is a nominal fee for the LIT Program to help offset some of the costs incurred with the program.

The fee covers LIT training, t-shirts, supervision and field trip costs. \$25 for the summer.

LIT applications are available at the Community Center Front Desk March 1 and must be turned in by April 13.

Full payment must accompany the application as well as the availability calendar attached to the packet. Late applications will not be accepted. Every attempt is made to accommodate as many applicants as possible, but spaces are limited. Placements are based on age, previous experience and availability. This program is only open to PR residents.



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