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summer

fun in the Ridge

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FROM CITY HALL *State of the City*

Happy Spring, neighbors! I'll start the 2022 State of the City where my predecessor Mayor Kurt Metzger left off. Our City is in a very good place, but oh my, it's been a year.

Over the past year we've seen tremendous progress in the fight against the coronavirus. Our national rate of hospitalizations and fatalities have dropped dramatically. As I write this, nearly 800,000 people or 73% of our total population in Oakland County have been vaccinated. However, more contagious waves of this highly communicable virus continue to happen. I encourage everyone to visit www.oakgov.com to study the current statistics and decide what actions are best for your household. One of the best things about Pleasant Ridge is our sense of community, and I'm sure that we'll help each other through whatever remains of this moment.

I'm happy to report that all of our City's amenities are back without COVID restrictions, and few new ones have been added over the last year. If you've not had the opportunity to experience the new pavilions at our pool and in Gainsboro Park, I encourage you to do so. They'll be fantastic places to host family and community events. We continue to attend to all of our City assets, but we are still experiencing challenges getting things done in normal time. Please be patient as we repair roads, trim trees and tidy the City.

The City remains financially sound, despite the delays, increasing costs and fluctuating weather patterns (yes, even rain effects our budget) that all cities are facing. Our budget is balanced, and we don't foresee any curve balls that might challenge this. As most of you know, the community voted on measures to fund the replacement of our aging water supply infrastructure, and from the advice of our Citizens Advisory Committee, a method to pay for the work has been accepted by the City Commission. You can find their recommendation and our budget on the home page of our city website. I am very grateful for their volunteerism and for the thoughtful way they approached the issue.



MAYOR BRET SCOTT

One fantastic outcome of the last year is that more residents have taken to the streets, by foot! So many of us have used this period to change our daily routines, and a lot of us are regularly out walking our dogs, or our children, or with earbuds and Microsoft Teams. If you see a neighbor talking to themselves, they haven't gone mad, they're probably getting 2,000 steps in during a meeting. With the extra fresh air, you're spotting things you haven't noticed before, and we're seeing an uptick on calls to City Hall about them.

As we shift our focus from where we've been to where we are going, you may be wondering what's in store for the next year? In a word... construction. This will cause short term disruption to our daily lives as we and others work to make improvements and progress. We appreciate your patience with the process. Here's what's coming over the next year:

- Work is scheduled to begin in Spring of 2023 on northbound Woodward in support of our streetscape project, which includes new trees, improved walking paths, bicycle lanes, all in an updated and attractive arrangement.
- You will also see the start of the more expansive bike lane project in Ferndale in the Spring of 2023.
- Our water infrastructure project will begin next winter, or spring with the replacement of the water main and all lead service lines on Kensington.
- City Hall and the Recreation Center will be seeing some maintenance over the remainder of Spring and through Summer. We will be installing a back-up electrical power supply system so that the community center can serve as a landing spot in the event that there is a major outage in the city.
- We're also updating pool mechanical equipment.
- Our traffic management study for Woodward Heights has begun. The recommendations of this study will most likely be implemented this fall or next spring, depending on how much concrete work is required.

In all of these instances we will keep everyone informed about the project and what to expect. Projects with a

specific area of impact, like the Kensington water main, will be preceded by a dedicated meeting for the impacted residents.

There's lots of fun things in store this year too! This issue of the Ridger is packed with activities for practically every possible age and interest, and it never ceases to amaze me how wonderful our Recreation department is. Please visit our Recreation Center to hear about things that may get scheduled after the publishing of this Ridger.

Thanks to everyone for making my first several months as Mayor rewarding, and for doing what we always do... we make good stuff happen together. I am committed to keeping you informed, and part of the process as good stuff happens. ***If you have any questions, thoughts, or feedback, please reach out to me directly at bscott@cityofpleasantridge.org.***



Summer Updates *from* City Hall

Woodward Projects

The Woodward streetscape and road diet projects will now begin in 2023. Bids came back very high, but we have received an increased grant from SEMCOG and MDOT to cover the increased costs. We will re-bid the project this fall for Spring 2023 construction. More information about these projects will be shared in the future.

Woodward Heights Study

The City has retained Toole Design to work with residents on traffic issues on Woodward Heights. Toole has collected and is analyzing background data. The next step in the process is to engage the community on this issue to hear your concerns and ideas. There will be multiple opportunities for residents to participate:

- A community survey will be open to all residents to complete regarding traffic issues in the community, with a focus on Woodward Heights-specific issues.
- Wed., July 13 – Toole will lead a stakeholder walk

on Woodward Heights. This is intended for Woodward Heights residents. The stakeholder walks will be at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Jul. 13.

- Thu., July 14 – A community meeting to discuss traffic issues with the consultant team. This meeting is open to all residents, but it will be focused on Woodward Heights traffic issues. The meeting will be held at the breezeway at Iron Ridge, 660 E. 10 Mile Road.
- Sep. (date TBD) – Toole will present and collect community feedback on their ideas for actions we can take to address traffic issues at an online videoconference meeting.
- Toole will take the community feedback from the September meeting and prepare their final report and recommendations. We expect this to be delivered in October.

Project information and updates will be posted on the City's website at www.cityofpleasantridge.org/WoodwardHeights.

What's New from the PR Historical Commission



Pewabic tile ornaments are now available at city hall for \$35, which is the cost to the commission. We will also sell them at the museum when it is open (third Saturday of the month and one hour before the city commission meets) and at other events held within the city as supplies last.

Longtime resident artist Ellen Bailey has left copies of her drawings of PR homes in the historical museum. Please stop by to see if your home is one of them. We are happy to provide a copy for you.

Welcome Nick Ziems from Fairwood as our newest member. See our signs and Facebook for Commission news and updates!

HUNTINGTON WOODS FIREWORKS

**Fri., Jul. 1, 10 p.m.
Rackham Golf Course**

DPW NEWS

**Street sweeping is the 4th
Wednesday and Thursday
of the month. Please DON'T
park in the STREET!**



Summer Fun

Adult Swim Meet

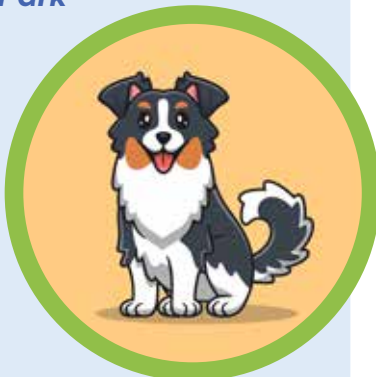
Wed., Jul. 20, 7:30 p.m. \$10 Residents, \$20 Non-Residents. This FUN event is for ADULTS ONLY! Practices: 8 p.m. July 12, 18 and 19. More info to come! 100 FREE RELAY, 100 MEDLEY RELAY, WATER RELAY, CHEATER RELAY, PLUNGE, WET T-SHIRT RELAY, FLIP CUP RELAY, DECADE RELAY ...AND MANY MORE! Once registration is complete, events may be added or eliminated based on the number of participants. Event t-shirt included!

Mother/Son Fun Night

Thu., Jul. 21, 7-8:30 p.m. \$10 per person. Join in the Fun! Oakland County will be bringing indoor Glow Putt-Putt, Nerf games, and other fun glow in the dark activities. AND The Video game package—including Nintendo, Sega, and Play Station.

Oakland County Dog Park Field Trip

Fri., Jul. 29, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Bring your own bag lunch. \$5
Limited to the first 20 PR (resident) Dog Park Pass holders. Come and visit Orion Oaks with your dog. Dogs will be able to ride the bus!



Movie of the Month

Sep. 15, 12 p.m. Movie TBD

Save the date:

Oct. 7: Halloween Movie at the Community Center

Oct. 9: Fall Fest & Hayride at Gainsboro Park



It's EASY to register online for activities and Wellness Center time slots!

Visit www.cityofpleasantridge.org and click on "Recreation Program Registration" under QUICK LINKS or scan the QR code with your device!

All events and activities are subject to change and cancellation. Please check with PR Recreation for the latest dates and times.

Refund Policy: No refunds will be issued for any programs or activities unless canceled by the Recreation Department.

Teen Trip to Cedar Point

Fri., Aug. 12, 7 a.m. – midnight.

Residents: \$90,

Non-Residents: \$100.

Fee includes transportation, admission and chaperone.

Ages 13 and up may attend.

Cedar Point



Movie in the Park

Sing 2

Wed., Jul. 27, 9:15 p.m.

Join us for fun for the whole family! Meet in the park behind the Community Center at 9:15 p.m. for Sing 2 (Rated PG). Sponsored by Oakland County Parks and Recreation

Flu Shot Clinic

Thu., Sep. 29, 1-5 p.m., PR Community Center

Walgreens will be on site providing flu shots, as well as blood pressure checks. *Vaccines are subject to availability. State, age, and health-related restrictions may apply. Most insurance coverage is accepted, including Medicare Part B, Blue Cross, HAP & AARP. Check with your insurance company for coverage details.

Walgreens

Pleasant Ridge Garden Club News

Garden Club members will be working in our city gardens, Wildflower, Memorial Fountain, Armillary and Stevenson Corner, planting and weeding throughout the summer. If you see us, stop by and say hello.

Our monthly programs will resume in September and will be advertised in the Ridger and the PR Garden Club Facebook page. Please suggest topics you would be interested in. The Club wants to extend information and gardening support to all Pleasant Ridge residents. Enjoy the summer and happy gardening!

If you are interested in joining or want more information, contact Mary Anne Stella at 248 979 5917 or stellamary@sbcglobal.net





PLEASANT RIDGE FOUNDATION FALL HARVEST EVENT

A fundraising event to support renovations at the Community Center

Fri., Sep. 23, 6 p.m., 4 Ridge Rd. Tickets \$50 per person

A social fall evening with music, delicious appetizers, beer, and wine in the Community Center.

Fundraising will include a 50/50 raffle and the popular "Wall of Wine" with 100+ bottles of wine for purchase of \$25. All bottles are under wraps, and each one is worth at least \$20, some worth much, much more!

A special VIP Ticket is also available and includes special wines to taste and other goodies, \$75 per person. Capacity limited to first 150 people!

Advance purchase: www.pleasantridgefoundation.org.

Tickets will also be available at City Hall or the Community Center after July 1.

From the OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTH DIVISION

The Best way to avoid West Nile Virus (WNV) infection is to prevent mosquito bites:

- Use insect repellent. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the use of insect repellents containing active ingredients registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Always follow the manufacturer's directions carefully.
- Be careful using repellent on children's hands because repellents may irritate the eyes and mouth.
- Wear protective clothing such as long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Limit outdoor activity from dusk to dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- Avoid areas where mosquitoes may be present (i.e. shaded and wooded areas).
- Maintain window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out of buildings.
- Eliminate mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water that collects in birdbaths, boats, buckets, tires, unused pools, roof gutters and other containers.



50+ Club Trips & Events
Stay tuned in September for more information!

Huntington Woods Public Library Events

Children's Activities

Summer Sensory Time!

Tuesdays, July 12, 19, and 26, 11-11:30 a.m. or 3-3:30 p.m. Babies, toddlers, and preschoolers will explore their surroundings and stimulate their five senses in this outdoor program series. Registration is required for each week you wish to attend.

Create a Paper Aquarium!

Drop in any time between 5:30-7:30 on Thursday, July 14. We'll be cutting, gluing, and folding paper to create a 3D aquarium to go along with our Summer Reading Program theme, *Oceans of Possibilities*. Registration required.

Oceans of Creativity: Tie Dye Shells

Drop in any time between 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 18 in the Knox Room at the library. Using sharpies and rubbing alcohol you'll create a beautiful tie-dye effect on beach shells. Registration required.

Woods Gallery Exhibitions

Deborah Hecht – "Waste Not Want Not"

– Now through – Aug. 31. An exhibition of found-object assemblage including a series made from Lake Michigan beach trash. Also shown are figurative sculptures combining ceramic heads and found objects. Deborah is a local artist, also known for her mosaic wall pieces.

"Voyage" – Watercolors by Tony Warren –

Sep. 18 – Oct. 27. This exhibit features watercolors of local Michigan scenery, especially water and harbor scenes.

Mid-Exhibit Artist Reception: Thu, Sep. 29 6-8 p.m.

All exhibitions on lower level of HW Library.

**www.huntingtonwoodslib.org 248-543-9720
26415 Scotia Rd. Huntington Woods, MI 48070**

MONDAY 10:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

TUESDAY 10:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY 10:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

THURSDAY 10:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

FRIDAY CLOSED

SATURDAY 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Stay Busy This *Summer!*

TRAVEL CAMP: Aug. 8-11, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. \$250

Every day is a NEW Adventure!

Register for the week or per day.
(Please note: you must register in person
if you are registering per day)

Enjoy Gymnastics, Bowling, Ice Skating,
Arcade, Inflatables, Laser Tag and more!



Fall Youth Soccer

Registration begins July 11.
U6: DOB 1/1/16-12/31/17 • U8: DOB 1/1/14-12/31/15
U10: DOB 1/1/12-12/31/13 • U12: DOB 1/1/10-12/31/11
Registration fee includes jersey and socks.

Challenger Soccer Camp

Mon.-Fri., Aug. 15-19
Gainsboro Park. Register online:
www.challengersports.com



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					7/1 1-8pm	7/2 12-8pm
7/3 12-8pm	7/4 11-8pm <i>*Independence Day</i>	7/5 1-8pm 11-12pm WA	7/6 1-8pm 8-9pm Adult Swim	7/7 1-3:30pm 11-12pm WA Home Swim Meet	7/8 1-8pm	7/9 12-8pm
7/10 12-8pm	7/11 1-8pm 8-9pm Teen Swim	7/12 1-8pm 11-12pm WA 8-9pm <i>*Adult Swim Meet Practice</i>	7/13 1-5pm 6-8pm <i>Ice Cream Social</i>	7/14 1-3:30pm 11-12pm WA Home Swim Meet	7/15 1-8pm	7/16 12-8pm
7/17 12-8pm	7/18 1-8pm 8-9pm <i>*Adult Swim Meet Practice</i>	7/19 1-8pm 11-12pm WA	7/20 1-6:30pm 7-9pm <i>*Adult Swim Meet</i>	7/21 1-6:30pm 11-12pm WA <i>*7-8:30pm Mother/Son</i>	7/22 1-8pm	7/23 12-8pm
7/24 12-8pm	7/25 1-8pm	7/26 1-8pm 11:30-12:30pm WA 8-9pm Adult Swim	7/27 1-8pm	7/28 1-8pm 11:30-12:30pm WA 8-9pm Teen Swim	7/29 1-8pm	7/30 12-8pm
7/31 12-5pm 5:30-8:30pm Swim Team Banquet	POOL SCHEDULE: JULY, 2022					

Adult Swim Dates 8-9 p.m.: Jul. 6, 26 Aug. 10 and 25

Teen Nights Swim 8-9 p.m.: Jul. 11, 28, Aug. 8 and 23

For more pool info, please call 248.541.2902. Weather closures? Please check our Facebook page or call!
Visit www.cityofpleasantridge.com for August/September pool schedule!

Adult Water Aerobics Classes Instructor: Victoria Dickinson (AEA Certified)

Water aerobics sessions: Tuesdays & Thursdays NON-RESIDENTS, PLEASE ADD \$10 TO EACH REGISTRATION FEE

Fee: Register for once a week for \$60 or twice a week for \$115
Session II: Jul. 28-Aug. 25 (5 weeks) 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO 15 PARTICIPANTS
No Saturday classes.

Drop-ins permitted if class size allows. Students are asked to bring 2 "sturdy" pool noodles.



Fitness & Fun

at the Wellness Center

Yoga Blend Instructor: Mike Christy

Mondays at 6:30-7:30 p.m. Jul. 11-Aug. 15
\$10/week (with pkg.) or \$12 for drop-in

Class Description: This class will blend flowing sequences of yoga postures with longer holds to refine alignment within the postures. All levels are welcome. Modifications and intensifications will be offered so that every student can feel challenged at a level that is appropriate for them. Alignment, breathing, and meditation will be emphasized to access the benefits of yoga for physical and mental well-being.

Slow-Flow Yoga Instructor: Julie Brazen

Tuesdays: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Jul. 11-Aug. 15
\$10/week (with package) or \$12 for a drop-in

Class description: This class will move at a slower, meditative pace with longer holds. Emphasis is placed on breath, alignment, and meditation to balance and calm the body and mind. All levels are welcome. Recommended equipment: mat, 2 yoga blocks.

Yoga 1 Instructor: Lynna Kaucke

Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.: Jul. 11-Aug. 15
\$10/week (with package) or \$12 for a drop-in

Class description: Have you always wanted to try yoga, but don't know where to start? Start here! In Yoga for Beginners you will learn all about the foundations of yoga. The class will focus on

ALL CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF JULY 11

alignment and breath while working to deepen the connection between mind, body and spirit. No prior experience required. Class will be taught to all ability levels and body types. Recommended equipment: mat, yoga blocks, yoga strap

Zumba Instructor: Katie McGowan

Wednesdays 6-7 p.m., Jul. 11-Aug. 15
\$8/week (with package) or \$10 drop-in

Class Description: Perfect For Everybody and every body! Each Zumba® class is designed to bring people together. We take the "work" out of workout, by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. A total workout, combining all elements of fitness. Pretty much the most awesome workout ever. Dance to great music, with great people, and burn a ton of calories!

YinYasa Instructor: Lynna Kaucke

Thursdays 8:30 a.m.: Jul. 11-Aug. 15
\$10/week (with package) or \$12 for a drop-in

Class description: YinYasa is the perfect blend of long holds aimed at stretching your deeper tissues and gentle flows to build heat and stretch your muscles. Classes are structured to move energy in the body to create balance in breath, body and mind. No prior experience required. Class will be taught to all levels and body types. Recommended equipment: mat, yoga blocks, yoga strap



Sales & Donations

Summer Saturdays

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Jul. 9 & Aug. 13

All Ridge Resale proceeds benefit the Pleasant Ridge Foundation. Call **Sharon Barrett 248.548.6097** to arrange a different drop-off time.

Pleasant Ridge Social Club

Founded in 1911, the Pleasant Ridge Social Club has been bringing friends and neighbors together for fun and socializing for over 110 years! So if you are new to Pleasant Ridge, or just looking for a way to ease back into being more social, become a member. Annual Dues: \$20 pp.



Upcoming Events: Summer Tiki

Party: Aug. 6. Dig out your favorite Hawaiian shirt and come join us for our members-exclusive Summer Tiki Bar Party, hosted by Doug & Lisa at their house on Oakland Park Blvd. This promises to be a fun evening of tiki cocktails, great Caribbean food, and cool lounge music from the 50s and 60s.

For membership info, contact Mark Kueber (markkueber@gmail), Jeff Husby, or Susie Sherman-Hall via Facebook Messenger.



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—From the Ferndale Public Schools:—

Tour the NEW Ferndale Lower Elementary



The all new Ferndale Lower Elementary is under construction in Jackson Park. These new facilities are 50% larger and will expand classroom space while integrating more natural light and other new architectural insights from learning environment research. High-efficiency heating, cooling, and infrastructure will accompany advanced classroom technology for every student. This community asset is made possible by your overwhelming support of the 2020 bond at no tax rate increase.

Construction will continue until 2023, but you can take a virtual "fly through" of the building and outdoor spaces right now:

FerndaleSchools.org/bond »



FERNDALE
SCHOOLS

2022 Pleasant Ridge Ice Cream Social

July 13, 6-8 p.m. at the PR Pool

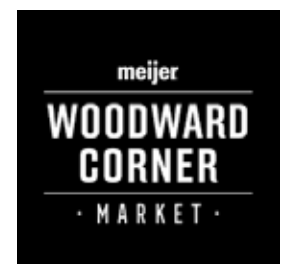


Bring shoes for the climbing tower!

Free for all to attend, but you must be pre-registered by 7/6. *No guest passes allowed.*

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