

District 3, The Three Lakes District

July 2017 Newsletter

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A reminder, The Friends of District 3 meet for a monthly meeting, the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 26 Leanee Lane, (Walton Park Manor Co-Operative Clubhouse) beginning at 6:30 P.M. all residents of District 3 are considered our friends, and are invited to join us, bring your complaints or concerns to be addressed. Deputy Fransisco is our Community Policing officer and does attend our meetings, if you haven't met her yet, now is a good time to do so.

Invitations to all Eight Mayoral Candidates were mailed out on May 24th with an RSVP date of July 1, 2017. Three Candidates responded, they are in order, Kerry Tolbert, Al Patrick and Rosie Lance Richardson. There will also be an update on the Ribbon cutting which takes place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday the 12th for the Playscape at N. Kiwanis Park.

West Manor Apartments the senior apartment building @ 245 Paddock, suffered a fire which displaced the 45 residents, it was a complete structural damaged building on Saturday July 1' 2017. If anyone would like to donate, you can bring those items to the Ruth Peterson Senior Center at 909 Joslyn or if you would like to donate case, that money is being held in an account at the Lighthouse on Woodward. Please make sure to put West Manor Seniors in the memo if a check or money order. There was a fundraiser on Saturday the 8th, but th2 \$22,000.00 raised is just a drop in the Bucket Thank you to all who participated, but especially to the Waterford Regional Fire Department, who donated \$7,500.00. I as well as others sent out a request on Thursday, and a check was presented on Saturday.... It was a unanimous decision by the executive board.

Riding through the neighborhoods, for Pride and Beautification, this past month, I've noticed our neighborhoods are losing their aesthetic looks. Therefore let me give you a reminder.... Weekly trash, including yard waste and special pickup items shall not be set out for collection at the curb in front of residents address later than 7:00 a.m. the day of, but not before 7:00 p.m. the night before collection day. **Bulk pickup is done every other week in the City of Pontiac, with only 2 large items per pick up. Wednesday Trash pickup which District 3 is has bulk pick up occurring on July 12th and 26th. August will occur on the 9th and 23rd, September the 6th, and 20th, October the 4th and 18th, November the 1st and 15th and 29th, December the 13th, and 27th keeping in mind Christmas is the 25th trash pickup will possibly be behind one day.**

Yard Waste Guidelines:

Never rake or dump yard waste or other debris into the street, this includes blowing them once the lawn is cut and the sidewalks are being cleaned of clippings. This is a violation of City Ordinance #2294. Violators and or adjacent property owners will be billed for the cost of abatement for this type of violation.

Resident's Concerns: I have been receiving calls from residents regarding placement of trash containers, some are leaving smelly trash containers near their neighbor's front porches, and the smell is very nauseating. Ordinance 2294 was amended to state the owner/occupant does have to remove the trash container from the Curbside by 7:00 p.m. the night of trash removal, and do have to store it behind the building line, of the main structure on the Property, not the back yard. I'll suggest we all be considerate of the neighbors who use the front porch, if that's where you store your's, please rinse it with a hose and some bleach or cleaning soap if the plastic bags leak? Let's all be considerate of our neighbors...I'm sure all would appreciate it.

Fireworks, are still being heard up through 11:00 p.m. on July 9th, please be reminded there is a State Law and City Ordinance that allows for Fireworks to be sent off the Day Before, Day of and Day After a National Holiday, not a Hallmark Holiday. The National Holidays are, New Year's, Presidents Day, Easter, Memorial, 4th of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The latest amendment was in 2012. The City's Ordinance does state (1) "the fine for any offense, which is the first repeat offense, shall be no less than \$300.00, plus costs." (2) "The fine for any offense, which is the second repeat offense or any subsequent repeat offense, shall be \$500.00 plus costs." Being most won't own up to it, yet the homeowner is responsible for the actions which occur on their property, the Property owner would be the individual to get that ticket. Please be mindful, Court costs are \$125.00 in addition to the ticket.

Parks Updates:2017

Lakeside Park

Recently we lost one of our watchers of the District, it is with sadness that I share Mr. Gene Ryden from the former Parkdale/Dresden Neighborhood watch has passed away, as of June 9, 2017. There has been no funeral, but the KayJay's from Big Daddy's Party Store are paying for and having a sign for the park installed at the Lakeside Park, (we often refer to it as the Terry Lake Park) Jason has permitted me to have that sign mention Gene and Leon the original keepers of the park, engraved on it. The date and time of a ribbon cutting and small memorial are to be determined, depending upon the sign completion installation. Please keep your ears open as all will be welcome to attend, timing will be posted on Facebook, the City webpage under District 3 and at Big Daddy's Party Store, as well as announced at the Council meetings.

... If it wasn't for Gene and Leon Melton who passed on April 2016, I wouldn't be your Councilperson, as those two kept after me in 2009 to run for office then and in April Gene mentioned it again, the last time we talked.

N. Kiwanis

Is currently undergoing some major changes, the rockets are gone, and a new Play Scape has been installed, it is a 50 X 70 foot structure. Benches, and tables will be installed shortly if not already, as well as trash cans and signage, vehicles are not permitted on the grounds of the park, which closes at dusk like any other park in our City. It does have the docks for great fishing, and we encourage you to walkout and enjoy your time there. I hear it has some great bass....

Optimist Park

Was also a part of the neighborhood empowerment program this year and will be receiving two playscapes on for the toddlers and one for older kids.... Look for that upcoming exciting happening. Those items are still en-route and are not expected to arrive and be installed until the end of July when I last talked to the Contractor who will be installing them.

As always, thank you for bringing your questions and concerns to my attention, it is my pleasure to serve you.