

Citizens of District 4

Newsletter for September, 2013



Welcome from Councilman Randy Carter

In this month's newsletter I will discuss information regarding:

1. Letter from Councilman Carter
2. Issues that concern District Four
3. Upcoming Events in October

I was not seeking to get into politics after retiring, but a need arise to fill a void. My neighborhood was unhealthy and my friends were sad, because the people running our government would not do their jobs. I ask whom did you talk to? They said nobody! Then how would anyone know you need something done. That's when I decided to run for a position within the city of Pontiac with the goal that someone will give me answers, especially, while taking my hard earn money.

On the very last day to register for and elected position at around three o'clock pm, I said yes and my friends and neighbors obtain the maximum number of signature required to enter the race. We decided a platform was necessary, and we should communicate with all different types of people, many who will never talk to each other. There are nine thousand people in District Four alone, and two thousand



plus houses, but they all share the same discontent story; crime is bad, police will not show up at abandon houses, my taxes are too high, and no one will do anything about it.

This became our platform; Blight, Taxes, Apathy and Crime. Our entire city shares the same problem. We had to do something! I was going to go fight for us at city hall! The people sense of awareness has enabled our neighborhood to function as a sort of family. We are not alone as a district, and we are part of the city, county, and state. We must take responsibility on how dysfunctional we were, and how we have grown. Together we have created our own neighborhood watch programs. This was done to report what you see, and hear and not to gossip. We do not need to ask permission to clean our yards, or to help someone. This practice has earned our district's Citizen District Council (CDC) Award two years in a row.

There are many more success stories. Since being elected as councilman, the citizen's awareness has produce amazing results such as identifying street pharmacists on our streets, and how this made the crime rate drop. My position regarding the issue of whether to outsource the police department to Pontiac or the County was a matter of cost. The county was a good choice. It has been reported in the New York Times newspaper that our city crime rate has fallen from 85th in America to 15th. Many have notice the local paper doesn't report the good and positive results our city has produced before the merger of the police and sheriff's departments.

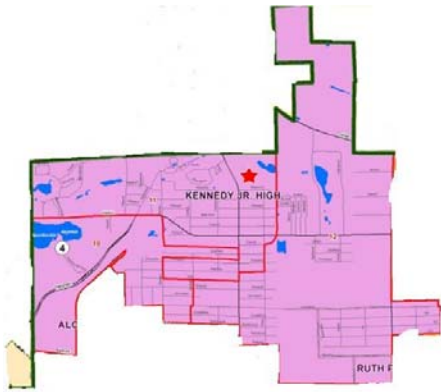
The power of the people is greatest, when they understand what "Act of Random Kindness" (ARK) stands for and why our very first Christmas parade was title "It's a Jungle Out There". These small steps, these acts, continue to expose our greatness, four years in a row. We united to clean our street, yards, lots, railroad tracks, parks and remove graffiti from business and schools. With the businesses and residents help, has enable us to feed the needy families, by working with the kids, we were able to identify the needs of other families. We have come to realize that our pride would not let us seek the assistance, and if someone in our family has needs, there is help available.

I, (like many in my district) am very humble and silent, and we do not discuss helping those whom are in need. This trend has allowed me to look out beyond our district and city to meet new friends. For decades our city was close lip, arrogant and snobbish and did I say self-serving. Since taking office I have cross many barriers to take part and visit other cities, counties, school districts, states, and countries, which welcome the ability to discuss with other groups. This was done because they have the similar issues. Like ET and other aliens, we are not alone. When people realize they can change the perception and vision, when expose to the truth is allow cutting through the fog of gossip, and miseducation which in itself took many years to developed. Recognizing the truth allow us to no longer, be deceived, the real reason truth hurts is because, we cannot admit the one fact that we are very intelligent citizens, and how could we be deceived. Maybe we should talk more.

My goal in my next term is to continue implementing ARKs throughout District Four. I will accomplish this by instituting programs to provide educational and social outlets while the Pontiac School District (PSD) is in its consent agreement. I will also work on instituting programs for our seniors. This will require close communication with our senior centers, the local, state, and federal programs that assist our seniors. Lastly, and most importantly, I will work to continue making District Four a community that we are proud to be in, a 21st century community free of graffiti, blight, and crime.

I'd like to thank you for your continued support,

Respectfully, Randy



Issues you, may not have known!

What is Headlee and did your City and County screw you over?

How would you have known about The Michigan Constitution Section 31, Art IX 1978?

The City of Pontiac Home rule charter, possesses "ALL" powers of the local resident and do not require a mother may I from the state to authorization special taxes or tax levy.

The state law requires the enactment of specific laws to authorize the levy of taxes by local governments.

The Michigan Constitution requires for many types of taxes, in addition to the authorization in State law, that voter within the local jurisdiction must approve the levy of the taxes at the ballot box.

Article IX, Section 31 of the Michigan Constitution (part of the Headlee Amendment of 1978) provides in relevant Part,

"Units of Local Government are hereby prohibited from levying any tax not authorized by law

Or charter when this section is ratified or from increasing the rate of an existing tax above that

Rate authorized by law or charter when this section is ratified, without the approval of a Majority of the qualified electors of that unit of Local Government voting thereon."

The key talking point says that the tax must be authorized. Be mindful your elected official pet project might not have inform you of their intent, example let's build a new police

station, It's won't cost you a dime in taxes! But in five year when I'm out of office and all the GM plants close and one thousand folks lose their jobs, only then will you realize your taxes will go up through the roof!!!

Local government taxes can be authorized in a couple of different ways.
Those requiring voter approvals:

Charter millage. The city of pontiac charters does provide for the levy of property taxes and limit the rate at which the taxes can be levied. Can you trust your city governments to work within those limits without going back to you the voters every time, but voter approval is obtained when the residents approve. Did the blub light up, charter commission and Adoption of a revised charter. Maximum of fifteen (15) mills, Extra voted mileages can be levied for a wide range of activities and must be of limited duration. You need to know, what it's for, when did it start and when will it end!

There are some fee's another name for taxes, should be called trickery, some are your city and some are associated with the county. These and many other types of taxes that were not authorized to be levied by the city governments. Fee's donot requiring voter approvals.

The Headlee Amendment specifies that local governments are, prohibited from levying any tax not authorized by law or charter when this section was being ratified. These taxes were authorized by law when this section was ratified and therefore do not require voter approval to be levied.

Our cities, these include are the Maximum caps.

A tax of up to 3 mills (Pontiac 2.82) for garbage collection and disposal.

A tax of up to 1 mill (Pontiac .5) for library operations. Time limited

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ELECTION INFORMATION

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, November 5, 2013, the General Election.

Offices to be elected:

- Mayor
- Council
- Library Board
- Any Proposals

Campaign Fundraiser

	
<h3>Fundraiser for Councilman Randy Carter</h3>	
<p>October 19, 2013 At 4 p.m.</p> <p>325 W. Yale Avenue Pontiac, Michigan 48340</p>	<p>Dear Randy,</p> <p>You're invited to our fundraiser/cookout for City Councilman Randy Carter. It's a festive evening of fun and dancing under the stars, with great food and exciting raffle prizes.</p> <p>Please click on the link below to register or RSVP.</p>
 <p>Driving Directions</p>	<p>Register Now!</p> <p>I can't make it</p>
<p>Please feel free to contact us at (248) 521-9632 for more information!</p> <p>Thank you for your attention and response. We look forward to seeing them at your event!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>The Committee to Re-Elect Randy Carter Committee ID # -94938 committee@randolphrcarter.com 248-521-9632</p>	

Upcoming Events

- Election Date
- Campaign Fundraiser
- CDC Meeting
- Hands 4 Detroit City of Pontiac Parks Cleanup
- Halloween Contest



The United Methodist Churches of Metropolitan Detroit have decided to make Pontiac Parks the focus of their Annual Volunteer Day, Hands 4 Detroit / Pontiac, on Saturday, October 5, 2013, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

The Church will provide lunch for the volunteers and each volunteer will bring their own gloves and tools.

I shall be Hawthorne Park Captain and we will have a dumpster. It will be delivered on the morning of the 5th.

Please come and join us, for our parks clean up teams for October 5th 2013. If you wish to assist and join our group. We provide food, paint, brushes, rakes, gloves ect.

Please contact myself if more information is needed.
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CDC Meeting Date October 16, 2013

Our CDC meetings are held at Owen-Kennedy school
 1700 Baldwin road 48340
 @ 6:00-7:30 pm every third Wednesday.

I'm sending you a copy of our monthly newsletter that emailed and snailmail for those that requested it, you may link if desired.

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Halloween Night October 31, 2013 **Our Four Annual Light On Event.**

To ensure the safety of our children, We are requesting all home in our District to leave porch or yard lamps, during the time of 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm

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If you have any questions about the events listed above, please call myself Councilman Randy Carter at [248-467-6845](tel:248-467-6845) or email me at randy@randolphrcarter.com

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