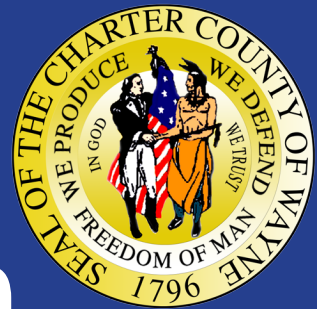




Wayne County Commissioner

Raymond E. Basham



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August

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, August 4 - Wayne County Commission Full Board Meeting, 10 a.m. Commission Chambers of Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, Detroit, MI 48226.

Saturday, August 6 - Wayne County Jazz on the River, noon-dusk at Elizabeth Park in Trenton.

Sunday, August 7 - Wayne County Jazz on the River, noon-dusk at Elizabeth Park in Trenton.

Thursday, August 18 - Wayne County Commission Full Board Meeting, 10 a.m. Commission Chambers of Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, Detroit, MI 48226.

Saturday, August 18 - Wayne County Hazardous Waste Collection Event, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Southland Shopping Center (parking lot), 23000 Eureka Road in Taylor.

Wayne County Commission takes stand against proposed 'Right to Work' law

The Wayne County Commission recently voted to approve a resolution proposed by Commissioners Ilona Varga (D-Lincoln Park) and Raymond Basham (D-Taylor) to encourage the Michigan Legislature to oppose altering the direction of Michigan into becoming a right-to-work state.

The measure was passed at the Commission's twice-monthly meeting.

Presently, 22 states across the country have adopted right-to-work laws, allowed under the Taft-Hartley Act, which prohibit agreements between labor unions and employers that make membership, payment of union dues, or fees a condition of employment, either before or after hiring, thus requiring the workplace to be an open shop.

The issue has been prevalent politically for decades and this recent attempt to place the measure back on the legislative agenda couldn't come at a more inopportune time, given the economic state Michigan is currently in, according to Basham.

According to statistics released by the Bureau of Labor, average annual pay in right-to-work states in 2009 was \$4,476 less than the average for all workers in Michigan.

Other discrepancies include health and safety risks, decreased spending in education and pensions.

Michigan's occupational injury rate was 2.7 (per 100,000 workers) in 2008, while that number doubled to 5.4 in right-to-work states. Health insurance coverage in right-to-work states was down nearly 21 percent from that of Michigan and workers are 13.8 percent less likely to receive pensions.

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Commission approves Elizabeth Park Pedestrian Bridge Restoration Project

Commissioners Joseph Palamara (D-Grosse Ile) and Raymond E. Basham (D-Taylor) announced recently that the Wayne County Commission has approved \$1.4 million in funding from the Wayne County Parks Capital Improvement Program to upgrade the condition of several concrete bridges located at Elizabeth Park in Trenton.

Elizabeth Park is recognized as the first county park established in the state of Michigan and situated along Jefferson Avenue, just north of the bridge leading to Grosse Ile.

This historic landscape has played host to a wide array of events, including family functions, celebrations and commemorations.

“There is so much history attached to Elizabeth Park,” said Basham, chairman of the Commission’s Committee on Public Services, where the measure



was first approved. “It has been the sight of so many wonderful events and has lasting memories not only for families in our down-river communities, but also for residents throughout southeast-

ern Michigan.”

The approval of the one-year contract calls for the removal and replacement of one existing concrete pedestrian bridge and restoration of two existing concrete pedestrian bridges.

In addition, three other bridges are to be removed and replaced with precast concrete bridges, along with the spanning of a canal surrounding the park on the north and west ends.

Wayne County to host Hazardous Waste Collection

The Wayne County Department of Public Services will be hosting its next Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Southland Shopping Center (parking lot), located at 23000 Eureka Road in Taylor.

The event will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open to Wayne

County residents only.

The collections are designed to accept unwanted household chemicals for proper disposal.

Items that will be accepted include household paints, stains, floor-care items, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, antifreeze, fluorescent and compact fluorescent light

bulbs, old computers and TVs.

Pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only) and medical sharps in puncture proof containers will also be accepted.

Waste must be from residential sources.

For more information, please contact Wayne County’s Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

County Contacts

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County Prosecutor	(313) 224-5777
Register of Deeds	(313) 224-5850
Sheriff	(313) 224-2222
Circuit Court	(313) 224-5260
Friend of the Court	(313) 224-5300
Probate Court	(313) 224-5709
Birth & Death Records	(313) 224-5536
Children & Family Service	(313) 833-3464
Health Department	(734) 727-7000
Library For the Blind	(734) 727-7300
Marriage Licenses	(313) 224-5520
Parks:	(734) 261-1990
Chandler Aquatic Center	(313) 822-7665
Elizabeth Park Marina	(734) 675-8051
Huron Clinton Metro Parks	(800) 477-2757
Inkster Valley Golf Course	(734) 722-8020
Warren Valley Golf Course	(313) 561-1040
Poison Control	(800) 222-1222
Potholes Hotline	(734) 955-2331
Public Services — Roads	(734) 955-9920
Senior Services	(734) 727-7373
Veterans Affairs	(313) 224-5045
West Nile Virus Hotline	(888) 668-0869
WIC Program	(313) 876-4555

Web, Facebook visitors have access to Commission news

It has become a whole lot easier to follow the happenings of the Wayne County Commission.

Thanks to a restructuring of the Commission's webpage that will provide viewers an easier navigation trail, along with regular posts to its Facebook page, visitors to both sites will now find greater accessibility to the important issues, views and events circulating throughout Wayne County.

By bookmarking the Commission's website at www.waynecounty.com/commission/, visitors will find a more user-friendly system in gaining access to all 15 Commission districts and receive updated

information released by the respective County Commissioners.

In addition, the website offers information dealing with the Commission's eight standing committees, four special committees, various departments, newsletters, news releases and resources.

The Commission's informational Facebook page is available at www.facebook.com/#!/WayneCountyCommission, or by simply searching for Wayne County Commission on Facebook. It is a great source for sharing event information, ceremonial tributes and accomplishments by Commission personnel.

Stage set at Elizabeth Park for annual Jazz on the River

Wayne County Parks will be hosting the 16th Annual Jazz on the River on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 6-7 at Elizabeth Park in Trenton.

This annual event features national and local jazz artists set at an outdoor stage with the Detroit River providing a beautiful backdrop for this music extravaganza.

The event is free to the public; however, there is a \$5 suggested donation for parking, which benefits Wayne County Parks. Free parking is available in downtown Trenton with free shuttle service provided by SMART from the corner of West Jefferson Ave. and West Road, and also West Jefferson Ave. and Elm, to the entrance of Elizabeth Park.

The park will be open to the public on both days beginning at noon, and will close after the final performance of the evening.

For more information, contact the Wayne County Parks Division at (734) 261-1990 or visit www.waynecountyparks.org.

Farmers Markets the perfect place to support local growers

The Wayne Metro Community Action Agency Farmers Market Consortium is encouraging residents to visit the growing number of local farmers markets in the area.

The Consortium is a collaborative effort with local municipalities to improve access to locally grown produce and food products.

Wayne Metro coordinates and oversees market operations in addition to providing technical assistance to the markets. Shoppers are able to use their bridge (EBT) Card, debit and credit cards to purchase items.

Farm Market Vendors must either grow their produce locally or use local ingredients in the creation of their products.

All baked goods must be prepared in a commercial, licensed kitchen and adhere to all mandated health codes. Wayne Metro is proud to support local support local farmers and local businesses.

Below is a list of Local Farmers Markets in the 15th District of the Wayne County Commission:

- **Brownstown Farmers Market, Tuesdays 12-6 p.m. through September 27, Brownstown Historical Museum Parking Lot, 23451 King Rd, Brownstown, 48183.**
- **Romulus Farmers Market, Wednesdays 12-6 p.m. through September 28, 11147 Hunt (between Bibbins & Goddard), Romulus, 48174.**
- **Flat Rock Farmers Market, Saturdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. through September 24, Huroc Park, Flat Rock, 48134.**

For more information, contact Wayne Metro Community Action Agency at (734) 284-6999 ext. 230.

COMMUNITY LINKS

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[City of Flat Rock](http://www.flatrockmi.org)

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[City of Gibraltar](http://www.cityofgibraltar.net)

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[Huron Township](http://www.hurontownship-mi.gov)

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[City of Rockwood](http://www.rockwoodmi.org)

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[City of Romulus](http://www.romulusgov.com)

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[City of Taylor](http://www.cityoftaylor.com)

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2011-2012 Committee Assignments

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Chairman, Committee on Public Services
Committee on Public Safety, Judiciary & Homeland Security
Committee on Audit

*All Wayne County Commission meetings are open to the public.
Please call 313-224-0903 for dates, times and locations.*