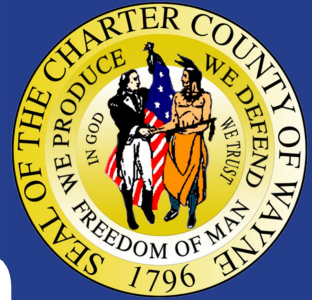


Wayne County Commissioner

Raymond E. Basham



Serving the Charter Township of Brownstown, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Huron Charter Township, Rockwood, Romulus and Taylor.

December

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Calendar of Events

Friday, December 23

- Christmas Holiday - Wayne County offices closed.

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Monday, December 26

- Christmas Holiday - Wayne County offices closed.

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Friday, December 30

- New Year's Holiday - Wayne County offices closed.

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Monday, January 2

- New Year's Holiday - Wayne County offices closed.

Commissioner Basham announces approval of \$23,000 in Huron Township park improvements

Commissioner Raymond E. Basham, chairman of the Commission's Committee on Public Services, recently announced that the committee has approved an inter-governmental agreement between Wayne County and Huron Township for \$23,000 in park improvements at Joseph Waltz Park.

Waltz Park is a 22-acre site located off of Bismark Street in Huron Township. The park currently features outdoor pavilions, a concessions building, restrooms, plenty of open space, and over 15 acres of woodlands with walking trails. The new improvements to this site include the construction of two regulation baseball fields.

The project will be funded through the Wayne County Parks Millage, which provides funding for capital improvements to Wayne County Parks and for partnering in projects improving local parks.

"Waltz Park is a great community asset, and Wayne County is pleased to partner with Huron Township to make enhancements that will benefit the entire community," Basham said.

Preliminary engineering has begun at the site and construction on the fields is expected to begin in the spring of 2012.

County's Department of Public Services secures funding to protect against stormwater discharge

The Wayne County Department of Public Services has recently secured several grants to assist with managing stormwater discharged to the county's rivers, lakes and streams. Partnering with agencies such as the Alliance of Rouge Communities, Alliance of Downriver Watersheds, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and others, grant funding under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has been secured as follows:

- \$500,000 grant for "Toxics Reduction within the Rouge and Detroit River Areas of Concern" project. Under this grant, the discharge of toxic materials to the Rouge River and Detroit River will be reduced by promoting household hazardous waste collection days, and inspecting commercial / industrial facilities to assure sanitary sewer system and outdoor material storage areas do not discharge to waterways.

- \$100,000 grant for "Restoring the Lake Erie Corridor through Green Streets" project. DPS will utilize this grant funding to construct a variety of "green infrastructure" techniques such as bioswales, grow zones and bioretention areas to reduce stormwater runoff volumes and pollutant loadings from County roads.

- \$253,750 grant for Transforming the Rouge AOC from Mowed Down to Grown Up" project. Under this grant, the County is installing 15 acres of grow zones and other green infrastructure in County

Park property along the Lower and Upper branches of the Rouge River to reduce stormwater runoff volumes and pollutant loadings to the river.

- \$170,000 grant to champion Green Infrastructure such as no mow "grow zones" for stormwater management. DPS will utilize the experience gained through prior demonstration projects to develop a comprehensive long-term strategy for implementing and promoting green infrastructure on County properties, at County facilities, within County right of ways and across its watersheds.

- \$63,048 grant to implement Tree Enhancements in Priority Urban Areas within Wayne County. Under this grant, the County will plant 350 trees along road right of ways and facility properties to manage stormwater and improve wildlife habitat.

Additionally, Wayne County is working to obtain additional funding for the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

EPA approval of the FY10 appropriation (\$485,000) is anticipated.



Commission recognizes Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month

Wayne County commissioners recently voted to approve a resolution presented by Commissioner Raymond E. Basham in recognizing November 2011 as Pancreatic Awareness Month in the Charter County of Wayne, Michigan. The motion passed unanimously, 15-0.

The resolution allows Wayne County to join other counties, local municipalities and states in raising awareness as to the escalating number of people affected by this disease. It is estimated that 43,030 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year in the United States, and that approximately 1,670 pancreatic cancer-related deaths will occur in Michigan alone in 2011.

"This resolution puts Wayne County on record as supporting those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, remembering those who have lost their lives to the disease, and joining with those who are committed to nothing less than a cure," Basham said.

Records show that pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. What makes these figures so staggering is often times when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is too late for an optimistic prognosis.

Seventy-four percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within in the first year of diagnosis, and 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die with in the first five years.

County Contacts

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County Commission	(313) 224-2383
County Clerk	(313) 224-6262
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

New technologies will help improve winter road maintenance

This winter, Wayne County Roads will implement new technologies and strategies to better serve the motoring public.

Carbide blades will be used to reduce the frequency in which blades are replaced. This will allow trucks to remain on their routes longer, thus clearing more snow. Serrated blades are also being added this winter to help break up hard packed snow on the road.

Salt brine will be more widely used this winter. Salt brine breaks the bond between pavement and ice. It increases the efficiency of snow plowing and removal, and can lower salt usage by approximately 20-25 percent.

Salt brine minimizes environmental concerns because less salt is released into the waterways. It is not only environmentally friendly, it is budget friendly. Brine reduces employee overtime costs and overall winter maintenance operation costs. In addition to salt brine, salt will be pre-wetted.

Pre-wetting salt reduces the loss of salt by approximately 20-25 percent. It helps salt react faster.

New technology will be used this winter to make winter maintenance more efficient and ensure that Wayne County continues to provide safe roads. Dashboard cameras have been installed on 18 trucks. These cameras provide continual live video feed to any access point and real time road conditions.

Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) systems are installed on all Wayne County Roads trucks. The AVL system allows for web-based visual tracking of the trucks in real time and maintains a history of where the trucks have been. The system also reports the disposition of critical factors like speed, whether the plow is up or down and salt application rate. This system will result in tremendous efficiencies, cost savings and enhanced services to the traveling public.

You can visit <http://compass.waynecounty.com> to track information provided by the AVL system.

Wayne County Lightfest to shine through holiday season

You are invited to join us at Wayne County Lightfest 2011.

From now through December 31 (closed December 25th), the Wayne County Lightfest will turn Hines Drive into the Midwest's longest drive-through holiday light display. Viewers will enter an enchanted world of colorful rainbows, snowflakes, and candy canes.

Wayne County Lightfest opens each night at 7 p.m and closes at 10 p.m. The display begins at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland and proceeds one way, exiting through the concession areas onto Warren Avenue near Telegraph in Dearborn Heights.

Food concessions, photos with Santa (through December 23) and restrooms are at the end of the Lightfest at Warrendale Picnic Area. Fee is \$5 per car.

For more information on Lightfest, please call (734) 261-1990.



Happy Holidays

COMMUNITY LINKS

[Brownstown Township](http://www.brownstown-mi.org)

www.brownstown-mi.org

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

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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2011-2012 Committee Assignments

Wayne County Commission
Committee of the Whole

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.