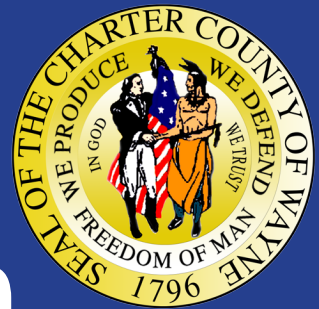


Wayne County Commissioner

Raymond E. Basham



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

June

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, June 14 - Flag Day

Saturday, June 18 - Wayne County Hazardous Waste Collection Event 8 AM-2PM at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Rd., Dearborn

Saturday, June 19 - Father's Day.

Saturday, June 25 - 2011 Senior Fun Fest, 11 AM-2 PM, Warrendale Picnic Area of Hines Park (Warren Ave. between Telegraph and Ann Arbor Trail in Dearborn Heights.)

Wednesday, June 29 - Last day for public comment on Romulus Injection Wells.

Thursday, June 30 - Last day for Michigan Tax Amnesty Program.

Commissioner Basham joins with City of Taylor to honor veterans

Commissioner Ray Basham (D – Taylor) was honored to be one of the keynote speakers at the 2011 Armed Forces Remembrance Day ceremony in the City of Taylor held Saturday, May 21.

Basham, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, joined with the City of Taylor and the Taylor Veterans Museum Commission in the city's salute to Memorial Day, held yearly on U.S. Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day is celebrated annually on the third Saturday in May. The day was created in 1949 honor Americans that have served or are currently serving in all branches of the military.

Commissioner Basham urged attendees to follow the example of our servicemen and women by being of service to your community. "Getting involved in the City of Taylor helped me to realize the importance of being active in your community, and what an honor it is to serve others," commented Basham.

The event included music by the Army Reserve Band, a solemn wreath laying ceremony, and the reading of names of Taylor residents who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.



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Deadline fast approaching to submit comments opposing hazardous injection well facility

Wayne County Commissioner Ray Basham (D – Taylor) is encouraging residents to join with other concerned citizens in the community to publicly oppose the reopening of the former EDS Hazardous Injection well facility in Romulus by submitting comments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

On May 17, the U.S. EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) held a joint public hearing to receive input from the public on the permitting of two commercial underground hazardous waste injection wells in the City of Romulus. At this meeting, Commissioner Basham joined with other community leaders and residents to voice his contin-

ued opposition to the operation of this facility.

Commissioner Basham is reminding residents that were not able to attend the meeting to please take advantage of the public comment period. Comments on the proposed permits can be submitted at any time until June 29, 2011.

Comments on the U.S. EPA draft permit can be addressed to Allan Batka, UIC Branch (WU-16J), EPA Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604-3590 or batka.allan@epa.gov.

In addition, comments can be submitted online on the EPA's website at www.epa.gov/region5/water/uic/egt. This site also contains links to draft documents and other information about this important issue.

Companies choose to invest and expand in Wayne County

The opportunity to create and maintain jobs in southeast Michigan received quite a boost recently when it was learned that the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) approved agreements to assist locally in the expansion of several major companies.

One such company is Systrand Manufacturing Corporation, which plans to spend nearly \$19.2 million to expand in Brownstown Township and Rockwood. Systrand, the maker of machined, forged, cast and powdered-metal automotive components, estimates it will retain up to 162 direct new jobs, resulting in a state tax credit valued at \$715, 615 over four years.

The city of Rockwood anticipates consideration of a property tax abatement with an expected value of up to \$340,000 in support of the project, according to the MEGA.

With production-run capabilities ranging from a few prototypes

to hundreds of thousands of parts, Systrand can supply components ranging in size from less than one pound to several hundred pounds. Its customers have included Chrysler, General Motors, Ford and Volkswagen.

In addition, the Wayne County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority said it will use state and local tax capture valued at \$3.8 million for redevelopment of an underutilized and partially vacant shopping center straddling the communities of Allen Park and Lincoln Park.

One of the shopping centers, the site of a former Farmer Jack store, contains approximately 90,000 square feet of vacant retail and office space in Allen Park. The other is located in Lincoln Park and has approximately 210,000 square feet of partially filled retail outlets.

The project is expected to generate \$10 million in new private investment and create 200 jobs.

NEW-ME initiative moving in full stride

There is no better time than now to improve your health and well-being.

The Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services has taken the initiative to help us all feel better about ourselves physically and mentally with its introduction of the NEW-ME program. The NEW-ME (Nutrition, Exercise, Weight Management Effort) initiative is a county-wide three-year campaign to encourage Wayne County residents to eat healthy and increase physical activity.

As a core component for a healthier lifestyle, NEW-ME walking clubs, pledging to walk five days a week for a total of six weeks, are being organized throughout the county.

For more information, contact the Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services at (313) 224-0810 or visit online at www.healthynewme.org.

County Contacts

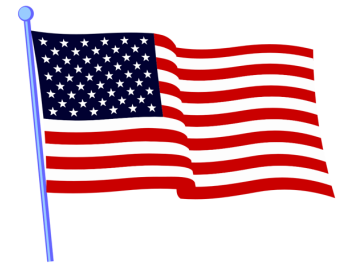
Taxpayer Assistance	(313) 224-5990
County Executive	(313) 224-0366
County Commission	(313) 224-2383
County Clerk	(313) 224-6262
County Prosecutor	(313) 224-5777
Register of Deeds	(313) 224-5850
Sheriff	(313) 224-2222
Circuit Court	(313) 224-5260
Friend of the Court	(313) 224-5300
Probate Court	(313) 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) 224-5054
West Nile Virus Hotline	(888) 668-0869
WIC Program	(313) 876-4555

Holidays are a perfect time to display and honor our Stars and Stripes

With the recent observance of Memorial Day and the upcoming celebration of Independence Day, the National Flag Foundation is encouraging citizens to take time to understand the history, symbolism, and proper etiquette for displaying and caring for the U.S. Flag.

The flag of the United States is a living symbol that calls to our spirit, reminding us of the greatness of America.

The United States Flag Code, first adopted in 1924 and amended through the present, prescribes flag etiquette for a variety of circumstances ensuring that our national symbol is treated properly.



While this code does not carry with it any penalties for noncompliance, it is simply a guide for civilians and civilian groups who wish to properly honor the United States of America's principle emblem.

Citizens interested in information about this issue are encouraged to visit the website for the National Flag Foundation at www.americanflags.org.

Treasury's tax amnesty program ongoing through end of June

The Michigan Department of Treasury announced the 2011 tax amnesty program. The 2011 Tax Amnesty Program is an opportunity for delinquent taxpayers to pay their state taxes and have their penalty charges waived. Taxpayers who qualify would also avoid criminal prosecution by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

All state taxes administered under the Revenue Act (PA 122 of 1941) are eligible for amnesty, including Income Tax, Michigan Business Tax, Sales Tax, Use Tax, Withholding Tax, and others. Tax periods covered under amnesty are limited to tax periods ending on or before December 31, 2009. Local taxes, including property taxes, are not eligible for amnesty.

The Tax Amnesty Program runs through June 30, 2011. Information on how to apply can be obtained by calling the toll-free number at 855-IOMITAX (466-4829), e-mail at amnesty@michigan.gov or the web site at www.mitaxamnesty.org.

Wayne County to host household hazardous waste collection program

The Wayne County Department of Public Services will be hosting another Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on Saturday, June 18, at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn.

The event will run from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM 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 televisions.

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

All waste must be from residential sources.

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

Senior Fun Fest is scheduled for Hines Park on June 25

The This year's Wayne County Senior Fun Fest is set to be held rain or shine on Saturday, June 25, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. This annual event will be held at the Warrendale Picnic Area of Hines Park, located off of Warren Ave, east of Telegraph Rd in Dearborn Heights.

The Senior Fun Fest is a free event for seniors, ages 60 and older, and will include lunch, health screenings, bingo, games and an information tent. Make sure to mark your calendars for this great annual event.

For tickets or for more details, contact the Wayne County Office of Senior Citizens Services at (734) 727-7357.

Feel Free To Contact My Office

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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.*

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