

The Three Lakes District Newsletter

City of Pontiac, District 3

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Summer is almost here, and that means a new look for North Kiwanis Park. I'd like to take the time to thank The Friends of North Kiwanis Park for all their hard work, time and due diligence, as we complete the project. The end result will change N. Kiwanis Park, adding benches, trash receptacles, and a children's playscape. **We invite all residents of District 3, to attend and participate with us as we see changes happening in our City, closer to home in our District. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month between the hours of 6:30 - 8:30. As of May, 2017 we will once again be meeting at the Community Room of Walton Park Manor – 26 Leanee Lane.**

Pontiac Farms is a business looking to purchase the former Fisher Body employee parking lots on Baldwin. Their plans are to turn that rectangle of asphalt into a greenhouse, which will grow hydroponic vegetables and edible flowers. They have already presented their plans and idea to the District 3 residents, who attended the April 10th Meeting, and to the Community Development Subcommittee on the 18th, at which time, Mayor Waterman was informed the sale from Racer Trust is contingent upon a letter of approval from her, they were already in receipt of the one from me. As of Friday April 28th, the Deputy Mayor has told me that letter has not been sent.

This is a Company based out of the Detroit area, which sells it's products to participating restaurants. When they first open, the consumers will be Chefs, who order ahead, and the growth of the produce will based upon what the consumers want. As they expand, there may be an availability for residents to purchase as well. However it plays out, Pontiac will receive, Property Taxes, income tax and employment opportunities, initially for 10 people, as they will only need 12 to run this program until they grow. I have talked with one of the managerial staff, to ensure Qualifying Pontiac residents will be given consideration for employment, year around.

2017 is an election year for the Mayor, Council and Library Board.

Mayoral Candidates Vote For Not More Than One-Four Year Term

1. Kone Bowman,
2. Mark E. Holland,
3. Craig Jefferson,
4. Al Patrick,
5. Rosie Lance Richardson,
6. Alexandria Riley,
7. Kerry Tolbert,
7. Deidre Waterman.

Library Board Candidates, Vote For Not More Than Six, a Four Year Term

1. Aleda Brisbon,
2. Vernita L Duvall,
3. Perry Earl, Jr,
4. Mattie McKinney Hatchett,
5. Rosie Lance-Richardson,
6. Holbert Maxey,
7. Malkia M. Neewman,
8. Melanie Sharee Rutherford,
9. Kiesha Jones,
10. Janiece Gage.

On August 8th there will be a primary election those that receive the highest amounts , of votes, will progress to the General Election to be held on November 7, 2017 at which time you will also vote for your Council Person. At this time District 3 only has one name on the Ballot; although that doesn't mean there will not be a write-in candidate, who for some reason or another, did not qualify to have their name on the ballot.

In closing, I'd like to say there has been an unusual amount of parking violations, which prevent safe sidewalk accessibility for little kids on bikes, residents walking, or more importantly wheelchair accessibility. With summer approaching, more kids and families will be outdoors, enjoying the weather exercise many use walking as their exercise, not all like to walk at the tracks. Parking on or over the sidewalk is prohibited by both City Ordinance (ARTICLE IV 114-56 Stopping, standing or **parking prohibited**). Some of the violations I am coming across while walking, as well as receiving complaints from constituents are: (1) Vehicles hanging out of drive-ways parked on sidewalks; (2) Within 20 feet of the crosswalk or intersections, blocking visibility for either cars or kids on bikes. (3) Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, measured from either side of the hydrant; I'm hoping these can be corrected, which is why it's in the newsletter, before tickets are issued. These are laws which each driver should be aware of before receiving a license, but is easily forgotten or ignored. **Safety is the issue here, Sidewalks are in place to keep people old or young, off the street while on foot, pushing a stroller, or in a wheelchair.**

Have a great May, Everyone!