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## ANTI-DRAG RACING



**Attention: Drag racers**  
Wayne County is coming for you!

Wayne County commissioners take steps to  
prevent dangerous street races



New, tougher county ordinance targets those who  
organize races, block roadways, livestream events  
as well as drivers

Violators face jail, fines, loss of vehicles

***Let's keep our streets safe***



## Commissioners approve expanding scope of anti- drag racing ordinance

Wayne County Commissioners have expanded the scope of the county's anti-drag racing ordinance by adding penalties for those who promote the prohibited, and dangerous, street races.

"People are not only promoting races through social media but even selling tickets to them," Commissioner Irma Clark-Coleman said. "This ordinance revision now makes them as responsible as the racers themselves."

The revision adds liability for those who assist street races, including blocking traffic, filming or live-streaming races and promoting races, including receiving money for their efforts, as well as participating in any other activity allowing illegal street races to occur.

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## Commissioners "Go Red" in support of Heart Health Month

Wayne County Commissioners declared February as Women's Heart Health Month to support women's heart health programs and boost awareness of heart issues women face.

"While Heart Health Month is now over, those issues continue and I urge all women to take note of all the ways they can protect their heart and their health," Commissioner Irma Clark-Coleman said. "Take time to take care of yourself, including eating a proper diet and exercising."

Health officials also ask individuals to become trained in CPR, noting that survival rates dramatically improve for those who receive it.

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***Commissioner Irma Clark-Coleman joined her colleagues Feb. 15 by wearing red and showing support for February as Heart Health Month.***

# Wayne County News

## Black History Month Celebration



Wayne County Commissioners celebrated Black History Month on Feb. 1 with a program created by Commissioner Irma Clark-Coleman. Speaker Angela McKinney (left), singers Tonya and Marcus Adair (below), all of Living Waters Church, and musician Johnathan Adair (bottom, left) participated. Drums and libations were performed by Roland Matthews from the Barack Obama Leadership Academy.



## Ordinance approved expanding scope of anti-drag racing

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Those involved will face civil penalties in the Third Circuit Court. Penalties will only be applied to those involved in organizing such races. Onlookers won't face penalties. An additional change requires police agencies to notify the Wayne County Prosecutor's office of any vehicles seized in relation to street races, though police agencies retain jurisdiction over seized vehicles.

Commissioners initially adopted the anti-drag racing ordinance 25 years ago. It was revised in 2020 to toughen any penalties handed down for those caught racing.

## Commissioners 'Go Red' for Heart Health Month

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The American Heart Association reports that heart disease remains the leading cause of death for women in our country, though women too often ignore warning signs and symptoms.

Chest pain is the most common symptom for heart disease in women and men.

In another show of support, commissioners dressed in red for their Feb. 15 full commission meeting. For more information, visit the campaign website: [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org).



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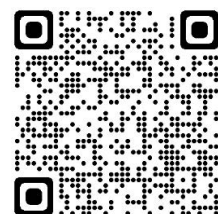
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# *Around the District 5 community*

*Commissioner Irma Clark-Coleman held her 17th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway with eager constituents lining up four hours before the event was scheduled to start. More than 500 needy families enjoyed a complete Thanksgiving turkey dinner. Many thanks go out to partners J & Melanie Moss, pastors of Living Waters Church, and a host of dedicated donors, volunteers and staff members who braced inclement weather conditions to make it all happen.*





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## Commissioners support bill aimed at easing water shutoffs

Wayne County Commissioners have issued support for a bill package pending in the Michigan Senate aimed at ending the state's water shutoff crisis.

Stating that lack of access to safe drinking water is a major health issue, commissioners supported a bill package sponsored by state Sen. Stephanie Chang (D-3rd District) and others that would offer financial support to those facing shutoffs while also addressing water affordability.

"These bills set specific guidelines for who is eligible to receive help and penalties for

those who can afford to pay but don't," Commissioner Irma Clark-Coleman said.

The six-bill package includes:

S.B. 549, which would authorize the state Department of Health and Human Services to ensure eligible customers do not pay more than 3 percent of their household income for water.

S.B. 550, which would create a mandatory \$2 fee on each water meter to create a fund within the Michigan Treasury to assist those facing water shutoffs.

S.B. 551, which would prohibit providers from shutting off water

service to residential customers who qualify under additional provisions of S.B. 549

S.B. 552, which would revise penalties for individuals who illegally restore their water service, if it was shutoff due to an inability to pay.

S.B. 553, which would add sentencing guidelines for those who violate provisions contained in S.B. 552.

S.B. 554, which would allow renters to request a copy of their water bills from landlords or have the bills transferred to them.



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### Wayne County Commission meetings

Wayne County Commission meetings are scheduled at 10 a.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month and are open to the public. This April, however, both commission meetings will be held on Tuesdays - April 9 and April 23. Meetings are held in the commission chambers at the mezzanine level of the Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, Detroit. They are also available via Zoom and be live-streamed on the Wayne County Commission's YouTube channel.



*Members of IBEW Local 58, electrical workers, recently announced they are investing in the expansion of Zero Net Energy Center to create the largest facility in the midwest in Detroit. By coordinating energy production from solar and battery energy, this expansion creates an energy independent micro-grid on the Corktown campus.*

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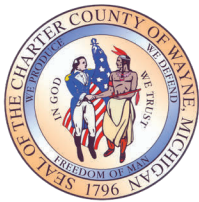
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