

Dear Inquirer,

Welcome to the third edition of our monthly e-newsletter!

As we head into summer, we felt it was important to share some essential extreme weather preparedness tips to keep you safe. We've also been hearing your feedback, and in response, this edition features a dedicated section with information and resources specifically for our valued Senior and Veteran communities.

Don't forget to follow our social media pages Facebook and Instagram for the latest news and updates throughout the season.

Sincerely, Commissioner Melissa Daub

Town Square at Cherry Hill Village Groundbreaking

Canton Township kicked off the next phase of Canton's Town Square at Cherry Hill Village with a celebratory groundbreaking ceremony on June 20th.

I am pleased that the Wayne County Commission voted to approve \$4.75M in ARPA funding toward this initiative. The revitalization of Cherry Hill Village aligns perfectly with our broader vision for a vibrant and sustainable Canton. By focusing on family-friendly amenities and a thriving commercial district, we can create a true town center that serves residents' needs while fostering a strong local economy. This will not only enhance Canton's appeal but also make it a more welcoming and convenient place to live, work, and play.

For additional information about the redevelopment of the Canton Town Square at Cherry Hill Village, visit the link below.

Important County Proposals on the August 6th Primary Election Ballot

Proposals affecting county property taxes and amending the county charter will be on the ballot in all Wayne County communities on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

1. Voters asked to renew county parks millage - Proposition P

Voters will be asked to consider renewing a tax commonly referred to as the parks millage. It was first authorized by county voters in 1996, and then renewed for five year periods on five occasions since. The proposal would continue the millage through 2030. The parks levy is just under one-quarter of a mill and appears on winter tax bills. In very approximate terms, the tax would cost \$24.42 per year on a home that is worth \$100,000. A mill is \$1 of tax for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value. Taxable value is listed on tax bills and on assessment notices. To determine how much one pays on the parks millage, their home's taxable value can be multiplied by .0002442. If passed, it is expected to generate about \$14.47 million in 2026. The parks millage would provide funding for park improvements in the county and local municipalities.

2. Voters asked to amend Auditor selection process in charter - Proposition A

Voters will be asked to amend the County charter to allow any qualified audit firm to be awarded the contract for independent external auditor services when the County competitively bids audit services. The current requirement that limits the services of an independent external auditor to 8 years would be eliminated. The County would be permitted to select the best qualified audit firm.

Commissioner Daub graduates from the NACo County Leadership Institute





I was incredibly honored to be chosen as one of the few county leaders to participate in the prestigious 19th Annual County Leadership Institute (CLI), a rigorous program developed by the National Association of Counties (NACo) and Cambridge Leadership Associates. This program presented a fantastic opportunity to collaborate with innovative leaders from across the country and exchange ideas on critical issues facing counties. Learning the core principles of adaptive leadership provides a framework for engaging with fraught challenges, and I am excited to use these strategies in my role as a County Commissioner.

Learn more about the program and read the news release here:

News Release

Seniors & Veterans Resources

In response to feedback from many of our constituents who shared they are interested in learning more about resources available for seniors and veterans, we're sharing a list of resources:

Senior Services

Veterans Services

The Wayne County Meals on Wheels program relies on dedicated volunteers to deliver meals and provide companionship to our senior communities. If you're interested in making a difference, we encourage you to visit the link below to learn more about volunteering.

Wayne County Meals on Wheels

Extreme Weather & Emergency Preparedness

As we head into summer, it's a crucial time to be prepared for extreme weather emergencies. June also happens to be National Pet Preparedness Month! Taking steps to ensure your family's safety in the event of a natural disaster or power outage includes planning for your furry companions as well. Be sure to check out https://www.ready.gov/ for tips on creating an emergency kit for your family, including food, water, and medications.

Remember, heat can be deadly. To find a Wayne County cooling center near you, visit:

Cooling Centers

Sincerely,

Commissioner Melissa Daub District 10 Wayne County Commission