

Your Wayne County Commissioner...

Spring 2021

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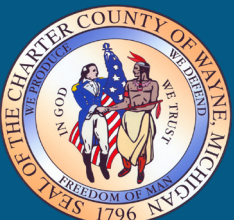


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Moving along this season, please continue to stay safe and vigilant

It is the start of my new term as your Wayne County Commissioner and I would like to thank all of you for your support in re-electing me to my sixth two-year term.

Already, this year has brought some exciting changes and I would like to share a few of them here.

To begin, the Wayne County Commission now has a full-time committee dedicated to Seniors and Veterans Affairs and I was deeply honored to have been selected to lead that committee by Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha Bell.

The committee meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. At present, meetings are being conducted via the Zoom app, which can be accessed via computer, tablet or smartphone.

Look to the agendas posted on the county webpage, www.waynecounty.com/commission, for information on how to participate in these meetings.

Also, the newly-created Wayne County Women's Commission and the Wayne County Commission Youth Council have local representatives on board who are committed to making a difference in our communities.

I want to thank you all again for your ongoing work to stop the spread of the Coronavirus in our communities and remind you it is easier than ever to schedule a vaccine. Information on how to sign up to be vaccinated at several locations is available on the county website and inside this newsletter.

If you have any questions on any other county issues, please contact my Chief of Staff, Robert Davis at (313) 224-5045.

The fight against COVID-19 continues and, together, we will beat it and become a healthier and happier society overall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Martha G. Scott'.

Martha G. Scott
Wayne County Commissioner

Wayne County has a new Sheriff

Raphael Washington, a 37-year law enforcement professional, is the new Wayne County Sheriff.

Sheriff Washington was appointed in February by a three-member panel to replace the late Sheriff Benny Napoleon, who passed away in December from complications related to COVID-19.

Commissioner Martha G. Scott, who has known Sheriff Washington for many years and supported his efforts in law enforcement, offered congratulations on his appointment and vowed to work closely to ensure safety for all Wayne County residents.

"I am confident Sheriff Washington will follow the late Sheriff Benny Napoleon in serving as a positive presence in the community," Commissioner Scott said.

"The best way to build trust and support is to reach out to residents in the community and assure them that the Wayne County Sheriff's department here is to serve everyone."

Commissioner seeks to honor late Sheriff

Commissioner Martha G. Scott requested a discussion to name a building in the new county Criminal Justice Complex for late Sheriff Benny Napoleon.

Napoleon, who passed away in December from COVID-19, served as sheriff from 2009-2020. He previously served as Detroit Police Chief from 1998-2001.

The complex, which will include a new county jail, juvenile detention facility, courthouse and administrative offices for the sheriff's department and prosecutor's staff, is currently being built at I-75 and Warren in Detroit and is expected to be completed in 2022.

A decision on building namings is expected before then.



Commissioner Scott congratulated Sheriff Raphael Washington on being appointed the county's top law enforcement official.



Commissioner Scott joined the late Sheriff Benny Napoleon and his daughter Tiffani Jackson for an event in the city of Detroit (pre-COVID-19).

Commissioner to conduct virtual town hall in June

Commissioner Martha G. Scott will hold a virtual Town Hall on Wednesday, June 16, to discuss programs and opportunities for residents of Highland Park, Hamtramck and Detroit.

Speakers from various county departments will attend and provide useful information regarding taxes, foreclosure and other resources within the County.

The virtual town hall will begin at 6 p.m. The public can participate via the Zoom app. Zoom can be accessed via computer, table or smartphone.

You can join Commissioner Scott's town hall at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2414463963?pwd=dTBwUDg1TzgwUk5Oa2ZpVDJpd0Y4UT09>.

The meeting ID number is 241 446 3963 and passcode 375sXy.

You can join by phone by dialing 1-312-626-6799 and punching in meeting ID 241-446 3963. The passcode is 590216.

For more, visit Commissioner Scott's webpage at www.waynecounty.com/commission.

It's easy for seniors to stay connected



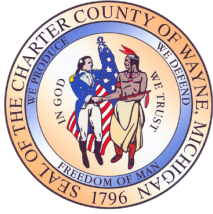
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We Are Vaccinated. Are you?

More than 260,000 vaccinations have already been given to date by the Wayne County Health Department – make sure you get yours.

Who is eligible?

Every resident 16 and older.

How can I schedule a vaccination?

Call 1-866-610-3885 to schedule a vaccine through the Wayne County Health Department. Detroit residents can call (313) 230-0505.

Vaccinations are also available at Ford Field in Detroit. To schedule an appointment, visit <https://clinic.meijer.com/register/CL2021>.

Note: You can also schedule one through your hospital provider or local CVS, Rite-Aid or Meijer pharmacy. Pick the site that works best for you.

Are walk-up vaccinations available?

Yes – Through the Wayne County Health Department.

Wayne County sites include Wayne County Community College-Taylor; Schoolcraft College, Livonia; Wayne County Community College-Belleville; the Flat Rock Community Center; Wayne County Community College District-Ted Scott Campus-Belleville; and Flat Rock Community Center.

New sites will soon open at WCCC in Harper Woods and the Lincoln Park Community Center. Check the website www.waynecounty.com for details.

Sites for Detroit residents include: TCF Center; the Farwell Rec Center, 2711 E. Outer Drive; the Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers; and Samaritan Center, 5555 Conner.

Information is updated daily. Please check the county website www.waynecounty.com for updates.

Here's how to get your COVID vaccine

With vaccinations now available to residents 16 and older, it's important for everyone to become vaccinated to stop the spread of COVID-19 and help speed the return of normal life in our communities.

Vaccinations are available for Highland Park and Hamtramck residents through the Wayne County Health Department. To schedule an appointment, call 1-866-610-3885 toll-free between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Residents of Detroit can schedule an appointment through the Detroit Health Department by calling 313-230-0505. Drop-in vaccinations without scheduling also remain available at Ford Field in Detroit.

Wayne County is also providing in-home COVID-19 vaccinations for homebound individuals 16 and older. The homebound program is the county's ongoing effort to increase vaccine access to residents who want to receive the vaccination but are unable to travel to one of the COVID vaccine clinics.

To schedule a vaccination, call the following number:

Highland Park residents – (313) 580-5539.

Hamtramck residents – (313) 800-5208.



Commissioner Scott delivers face masks to the staff of the HUDA Clinic on Woodrow Wilson in Detroit.

Women's Commission created to ensure key roles for women

Nineteen women from diverse backgrounds have been selected as members of the newly created Wayne County Women's Commission.

Members include one representative from each of the 15 Wayne County Commission districts and four members, one of whom will be a commissioner, selected by commission Chair Alisha Bell.

Commissioner Scott appointed Alma Greer to represent District 3.

"This commission will have an impact looking at issues ranging from employment and earning power to health care and child care," Commissioner Martha G. Scott said. "And I am very excited to have Alma Greer a part of this historic committee."

The commission is expected to hold its first meeting in May. Members are volunteers who will serve two-year terms without pay.

The volunteer group will be focused on studying issues, making recommendations and advocating for actions to improve the lives of women across Wayne County.

By looking at areas like employment, earning power, education, health care and child care, the Women's Commission will work collaboratively to identify and promote solutions, while making sure women play a key role in economic growth in the county.

The idea for the Wayne County Women's Commission was proposed by former State Representative and Macomb County Commissioner Sarah Roberts, who now lives in Wayne County, and was championed by Commission Chair Bell.

Commission decries hate crimes directed at Asian Americans

Wayne County Commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution decrying the rise in hate crimes directed at Asian Americans.

Physical and verbal attacks against Asian Americans have been on the rise in the past several years, including this year's killing of six Asian American women at a spa in Atlanta, Georgia.

"My district is perhaps the most diverse of all the commission districts and it's important we take a strong stand against hate in all its forms," Commissioner Martha G. Scott said.

More than 45,000 county residents are Asian American, according to the most recent U.S. Census.

The resolution encourages Asian Americans and all others who experience or witness hate crimes to report them to the local police as well as the Michigan Attorney General's Hate Crimes Unit and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

Skills training partnership helps residents find jobs

Some 179 Wayne County residents received training to obtain commercial driver's licenses, learn skilled trades and open their own businesses over the past year through a partnership program between the sheriff's department and Wayne County Community College.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Office Skills Training Program was created in December 2019. A report on the program was presented recently to members of

the Wayne County Commission Committee on Public Safety, Judiciary and Homeland Security, which Commissioner Scott serves as vice-chair.

The report showed that nearly 90 percent of those enrolled have completed their courses and are now employed. Of those, 89 are employed as commercial drivers earning an estimated \$17-22 an hour.

An additional 12 have been placed in construction industry

jobs, earning \$14-19 an hour, and 26 have found employment through entrepreneurial training.

Now complete, the one-year program was financed through \$578,609 in surplus sheriff's department funds generated through the department's contract to provide security services at WCCC campuses. Committee members expressed interest in finding other funding sources to keep the program active for the next school year and beyond.

Youth Council proposes help for young people with mental health issues

In a resolution culminating its first year of operation, the Wayne County Commission Youth Council drafted a resolution calling for greater help to be given young people experiencing mental health issues, especially as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by the commission at its Thursday, April 1 meeting.

"These young people show that the future of our county is in good hands," said Commissioner Martha G. Scott, who appointed Cordell Clyburn to represent District 3.

The resolution notes that mental health disorders are linked to dropout rates and that anxiety, depression and thoughts of suicide have increased for many young people as a result of the pandemic. It also notes that many students lack access to mental health care or face barriers in obtaining it.

It requests that educational institutions throughout the county provide increased mental health resources including group therapy and peer counseling sessions and dedicate specific days to educate the community about mental health issues and strategic methods to manage them.

The Youth Council formed this school year to bring together young people of diverse backgrounds from throughout the county to discuss and make recommendations on issues important to them and their peers.

It will continue into the future.

Tougher standards are in place to curb street racing

With warm weather returning, Wayne County officials remind the public of the county's new, tougher standards on drag racing and other forms of street racing.

"I take this personally," Commissioner Martha G. Scott said. "One of my staff was seriously injured by a street racer last year."

The revised ordinance:

- Defines an excessively high rate of speed as 15 mph over the posted speed limit.
- Specifically includes driving maneuvers such as drifting, figure eights and 'donuts' on public roads in the list of prohibited activities.
- Requires a permit from the property owner authorizing racing on private parking lots or other paved areas.
- Allows for vehicles seized in drag races to be forfeited to the police agency that seized them.

Other penalties related to dangerous driving will continue to apply.

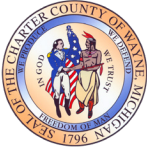
In addition, the Narcotics Unit of the Sheriff's office continues to assist in curbing drag racing and has assisted a few times already this year after answering approximately 10 calls in 2020.

Narcotics Unit
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2021-2022 Committee Assignments

Wayne County Commission

Committee of the Whole

Chair, Committee on Seniors & Veterans Affairs

Vice Chair, Committee on Public Safety
& Homeland Security

Committee on Ways and Means

Task Force on the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage

Rosa Parks Memorial Task Force

*All Wayne County Commission meetings open to the public.
Please visit waynecounty.com for dates, times and locations.*

Emergency measure keeps Commission meeting remotely

The Wayne County Commission will continue to conduct its meetings remotely through the end of June as a result of the spike in COVID-19 cases throughout the county and state.



“The goal is to keep the public safe while making sure our meetings remain accessible,” Commissioner Martha G. Scott said.

Commissioners have been conducting meetings via Zoom since the statewide emergency was enacted last year and will continue to do so under the new ordinance. Meetings will also continue to be conducted under provisions of the state Open Meetings Act.

Agendas and information on how the public can participate will continue to be posted in advance on the county website, www.waynecounty.com.

At present, Michigan remains among states with the highest COVID-19 infection rates.