

GOALS

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noting legislators appreciate hearing from local elected officials.

Work force smaller

The city has 41 employ-

ees as of 2011, down from 58 in 2006. The city also undertook an HVAC upgrade designed to improve energy efficiency.

Fire Chief Jim Allen described the Jan. 1 merger with the City of Plymouth for fire serv-

ices as smooth. "It's run about what we're figuring on," said Allen, with 54 Plymouth runs and 42 Northville runs as of Monday.

The fire department plans to do some hiring from the academy, "having our numbers up

where we want to be," Allen said.

The city of Northville ended the last fiscal year with positive financial results and another GFOA Distinguished Budget Award.

Among medium-priority projects are:

- Water and sewer system improvements -- A leak detection survey will be done early this year to identify possible leaks. Replacement of a watermain on South Rogers from Main to Seven Mile will begin this spring. Its larger size

will provide better fire-fighting ability.

- Implementation of Downtown Strategic Plan -- The East Main Street Walkway Project is under way, with completion anticipated in June.

- Street, sidewalk and bike path improvements -- The city was successful in having funding programmed for 2013 to resurface portions of Center Street, Seven Mile and Eight Mile, including the Center Street intersection with those two roads.

The city also completed another \$35,000 worth of sidewalk repair in 2011. The city and Northville Township participated in the completion of a new pathway along Sheldon to help connect the Northville Township non-motorized path system to the city.

Police

City Police Chief Gary Goss told the council his department has used technology for records management through Oakland County. Maintenance fees are an issue, he said.

The system has been used by a number of agencies and officers say it's user-friendly, Goss said. Administrations for police agencies have had trouble getting data, however.

"We don't have to get a Motorola team coming in at rather high expense," Goss said of working out the bugs, which should be done by the end of the fiscal year.

His department is replacing one retiring policeman, with Goss noting all candidates have bachelor's degrees, a standard Northville is able to set. The successful candidate will go through three and a half months of additional local training.

Goss also praised use of social media as an "electronic neighborhood watch," helpful in a case of a missing suicidal teen.

"I just can't get my head around police officers tweeting," said Councilwoman Nancy Darga.

Sue Campbell, director of Northville Youth Assistance, said the program will look at recidivism among young people as well as camp opportunities and adequate funding.

"We're working on our communication tools this year," including the website, Campbell said.

Annual process

The council and staff also discussed redevelopment of Mill Pond, noting a lack of current funds but possibility of grants. That was reworded to Mill Pond and watershed enhancements.

The City Council took no formal action Monday but agreed on the goals for the coming year, as members do each January. The council moved to low priority the post office property, with a recent five-year lease extension signed.

Council members also agreed the board/commission followup process is largely completed.

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CAMPBELL, AUDREY H.

Age 85, longtime resident of South Lyon, passed away January 3, 2012 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was born April 17, 1926 in Wimbledon, England to Arthur and Mabel Daisy (nee Revell) Latchford. Audrey was united in marriage to George W. Campbell on July 23, 1943, and they spent 57 loving years together until his death in 2000. Audrey, a homemaker, also worked at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville as the church secretary. She was a member of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and Daughter's of the British Empire. Her love of teaching children made her a wonderful church preschool and kindergarten teacher. She was an avid reader, who also enjoyed knitting and making decorative eggs with her friends. Audrey is survived by her loving daughter, Wendy Butler; her granddaughter, Rachel (John) Gray; her great grandchildren, John and Madelyn; and her brother, Kenneth Latchford, PhD. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her brothers Maurice Latchford, Ronald Latchford, and Dennis Latchford. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 3 p.m. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold, South Lyon. Pastor Terry Nelson will officiate the service. Mrs. Campbell will be laid to rest at South Lyon Cemetery. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon.



LANNING, LOUIS W.

Age 86, passed away January 21, 2012, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on May 1, 1925, son of the late Louis and Dora Lanning. He was a proud Army veteran serving in the Pacific theater on Okinawa during WWII. He was a past commander and life member of the Northville VFW Post 4012. He is survived by his beloved wife Margaret; his loving children: Chuck Lanning, Vicki (George) Daubresse, Bob Lanning, Kay (Mike) Cichon, Peggy (Marvin) Van Gorden, George Williams, Judy (Ken) Sweat, Mike (Dawn) Williams, Chris (JoAnn) Williams, Becky (John) Hall and Shawn (Suzette) Williams. He is also survived by his only surviving sibling, his sister, Ginny Lach and many loving grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother Don and his four sisters: Hazel, Loretta, Dorothy and Pauline. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 24 from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. A Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 25 at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. He was laid to rest in Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville where military honors were rendered. Memorial contributions may be made to South Lyon Special Stars, P.O. Box 804, South Lyon. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

LUDWIG, BRENDAN JOHN

Age 30, June 12, 1981-January 18, 2012 Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

LYKE, VIRENA F.

Age 98, of South Lyon, passed away January 20, 2012. A funeral service was held Jan. 24 at Casterline Funeral Home.



MESSNER, EDITH L.

Age 95, passed away January 17, 2012. She was born on May 29, 1916, in Detroit, to the late Henry and Gertrude (Wesselhof) Cziske. Edith is survived by her sons: Jon (Judy) Messner, Ronald (Sue) Messner; 2 grandchildren: Kathryn Messner and Mike (Kristen) Messner; 2 great grandchildren: Ryan Messner and Melana Messner. Visitation will be held on February 8, Wednesday, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held on February 9, Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

MYERS, LINDA J.

Memorial Service January 28, 2012 11am at Commerce United Methodist Church www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



MYERS, STEVEN D.

Age 70, January 17, 2012, passed away from an aneurysm. Beloved husband of Izumi Suzuki Myers. Proud father of Ken (Ting) Myers and Jun Myers. Brother of Duncan and Andrew Myers, and Elizabeth Charron. A visitation with friends and family took place at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home on Saturday, January 21, 2012. Mr. Myers was a graduate of Grand Haven High School ('59), Lawrence University B.A. - Physics ('63) and Wayne State Law School (J.D. '70). He was an active and happily contributing member of many organizations, including the Novi Rotary Club, the Greater Detroit/Windsor Japan-America Society, the White Pine Glee Club (where he sang bass) and the Board of Hinoki International School in Livonia, MI. Mr. Myers had varied and interesting occupations over his life, including as a teacher at the American School in Japan (ASIJ) High School in Tokyo, as the Deputy Executive Director of American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ), as an Attorney/Manager of International Public Affairs for Amway Corporation, as the Chief Executive Officer of Amway (Japan) Ltd, and as the founder and principal associate of Suzuki, Myers and Associates, Ltd.

Online condolences at: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com, or send an email to the family at: rememberingsteve2012@gmail.com



NAZIMEK, PAULINE M.

Age 89, passed away January 23, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Walter; cherished mother of Gloria Nazimek and Sharon (Leonard) Brannun; dearest grandmother of: Scott (Melissa) Nazimek, Amanda (Jason) Bobrovski and Erica (Roger) Minton; loving great-grandmother of Houdini, Phoenix, Addison and Braden; also by her sister-in-law Bertha Luszczakowski; loving sister of the late Frank Luszczakowski and Genevive Butler. Pauline will also be forever remembered by her nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. Visitation will be held on January 26, Thursday, from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. A funeral mass will be held on Friday, January 27, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

PAULEN, MARELYN P.

Age 84, September 17, 1927-January 19, 2012. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



RENGA, MILDA

A long time resident of Roselle, New Jersey, and a resident of Milford, Michigan for the past eleven years, died on January 19, 2012, at the age of 100. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arturs Renga in 1965, and is survived by her son, Ivy (Pamela) Renga of Milford; grandchildren, Brian (Cindy Gray) Renga, Suzanne (Gordon) Cloudman and great grandchildren, Baylee and Thomas. During WWII, Milda and her family emigrated from Latvia to the United States, living first in Ohio, and later New Jersey where she made her home for many years. In 2000 she moved to Milford Park Place in Milford, Michigan to be near her son. She was ever independent, self-sufficient, and would tell you that her love of walking kept her healthy and happy. Services will be held privately with interment in Rahway Cemetery in Rahway, New Jersey. Memorials may be made in her name to the Make-a-Wish Foundation. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



SPERANDEO, UMBERTO "ROBERT"

Of Pony Montana died in Bozeman Montana on December 22nd, 2011. Robert was born in San Sabino, Italy in 1935, the eldest son of Generoso and Elvira Sperandeo. Robert is survived by his loving wife Nina; daughter Jennifer, her husband Gerald and their son Vincent of Venice CA; son Joseph of Santa Monica CA; son Justin, his wife Diana and their son Christian of Sewickley PA; brother Giuseppe, his wife Emanuela and their children Valeria and Riccardo of Rome, Italy; brother Domenico, his wife Adrianna and their children Federica and Francesca of Rome Italy, along with cousins, godchildren and hunting buddies across the country. Robert came to the United States in 1952 and lived with his dear Uncle Fred Federici in Detroit, Michigan. Bob spent his working years in machinery moving and rigging, rising through the union ranks with the help of his beloved Uncle Walter Yest, achieving the rank of Master Rigger and subsequently running 2 rigging companies of his own. Bob retired to farm life in 1984, raising Morgan Horses in South Lyon, Michigan. An avid, life-long outdoorsman, Robert's love of the mountains brought him to the Gallatin Valley in 1993 and he settled in Pony, Montana in 1997. Services will be held April 21st at 11AM at Holy Family Parish Catholic Church in Three Forks MT with interment in the Pony Cemetery in Pony, Montana.



SULLIVAN, DONALD D.

41, of South Lyon, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, December 30, 2011, from injuries sustained as a result of a snowmobile accident on Clear Lake. Donald was a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Engineering and a graduate of the University of Detroit School of Law. He practiced law in New Mexico and in Michigan where, most recently, he was employed at Skupin & Lucas Law Firm, Detroit. He was an outdoor enthusiast who enjoyed golfing, hunting, boating, and snowmobiling. More than anything, he loved his two daughters. Donald is survived by his daughters, Mariah Destiny Sullivan and Makayla Christina Sullivan, both of South Lyon; the mother of his daughters, Crystal Shuttleworth, of South Lyon; and his parents, Donald and Shirley Sullivan of West Branch. Also surviving are his sisters, Corinne (Nelson) Williams of Saline, Cathy (Tom) Wierzbicki of Redmond, WA and Tina Kitts-Broderick of Detroit, and his brothers, James (Sandra) Kitts of Flushing, and Jon Paul (Sally) Kitts of Norfolk, VA. He was preceded in death by his aunt, Dr. Donita B. Sullivan. Visitation was at the Steuerner & McLaren Funeral Home in West Branch January 4, 2012. The Celebration of Life Mass was held on Thursday, January 5th at St. Joseph Catholic Church in West Branch. Burial took place at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, West Branch. Memorial Contributions may be made to the family for the benefit of his children.

VALLETTE, EVA A.

Age 77 of St. Helen passed away Monday, January 16, 2012 at West Branch Regional Medical Center. Eva was born in Milford on September 1, 1934 and had lived in St. Helen since 2002, formerly of Reed City. She enjoyed spending time with her family. Eva is survived by her husband Charles Vallette of St. Helen, her children, Paul (Janice) Vallette of Highland, Tim (Kerry) Vallette of Milford and Mark Vallette (Sandra McLennan) of Sylvan Lake. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Jacob, Lisa and Wesley, great-grandchildren, Calvin, Sidney, Clair and Callum and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Susan Vallette. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, January 25th at the Elton Black & Sons Funeral Home.

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