

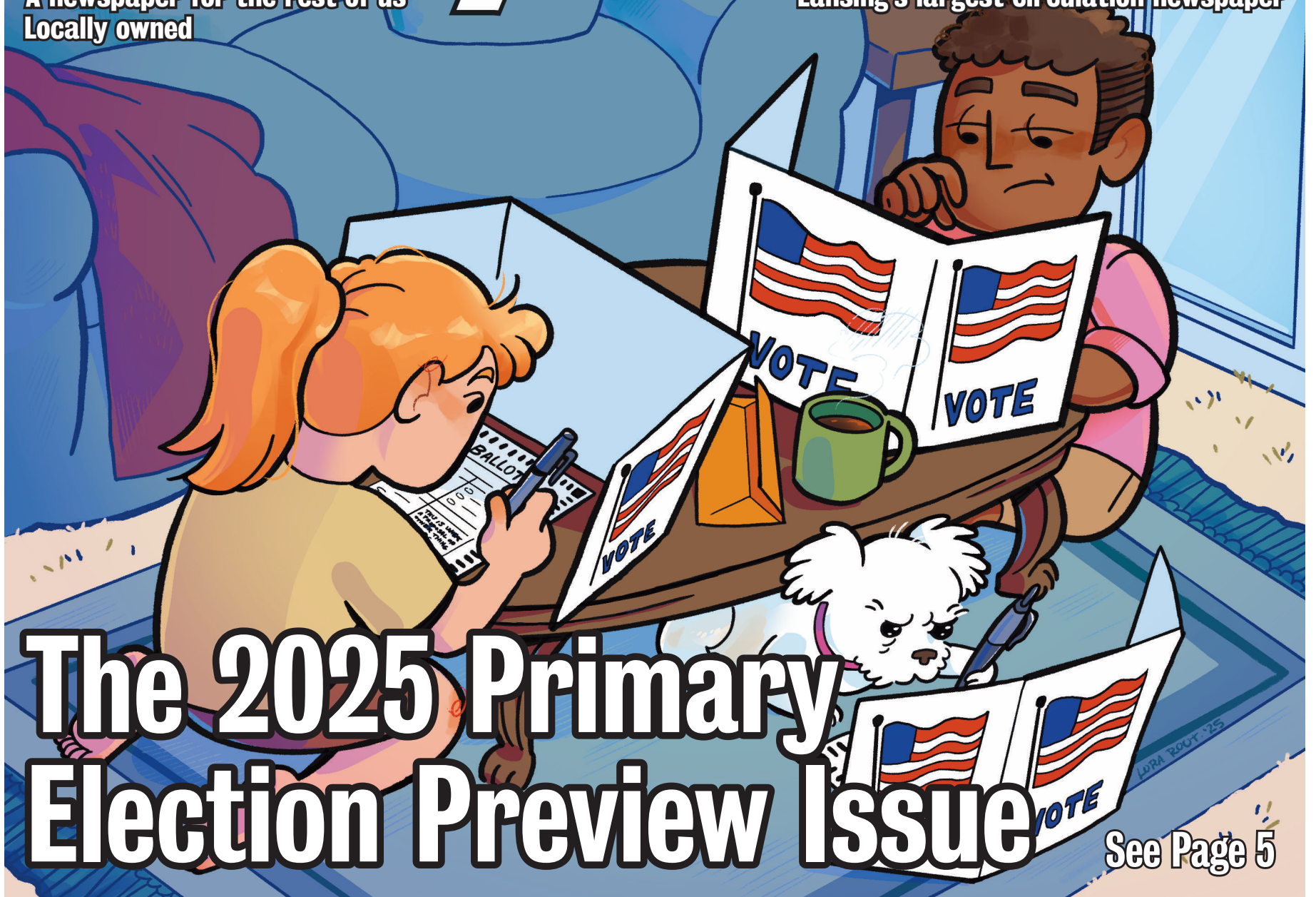
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This 'big, beautiful bill' will leave devastation in its wake

In a time when people are drowning in debt, distractions, and despair, it's no wonder that complexity has become the enemy. We're tired. We're angry. We want quick answers. And that's exactly how we arrived where we are now – with many cheering on a political performance dressed up as legislation. The so-called "big, beautiful bill" that's being paraded through press conferences and shoved down our throats is not a solution. It's a smokescreen. And when it clears, it will leave devastation in its wake, starting with the most marginalized folks and ending with the very people cheering for it.

Let's stop pretending this bill was ever about helping people. It's about optics. The administration has designed it to look bold, decisive, and populist enough to seduce the angry and overwhelm the indifferent. Its supporters don't need to know what's in it – they just need to believe it's "for them." But here's the truth: if you're poor, disabled, undocumented, Black, brown, queer, a worker, a renter, or a student – this bill is not for you. It's about you. It's about controlling, excluding, or abandoning you in the name of a return to "order."

The cruel irony is that this bill is also not for the people cheering it on.

They think they're in on the joke. They think they've finally "won" something. But this kind of legislation doesn't distinguish between those it deems disposable and those it merely deceives. Cuts to services, deregulated industries, crushed labor protections, mass surveillance, poisoned air – those aren't problems reserved for the "other side." They're coming for all of us. But by the time people realize it, the damage will be too vast, the machinery too entrenched.

Why are so many people falling for this? Because our collective attention span is a casualty of the very chaos this bill exploits. In a world where survival takes precedence over politics, people don't have time to read the fine print. They want easy villains and easier victories. Populists understand this. That's why they trade in symbols, not solutions. They don't need to govern well – they just need to perform power convincingly.

And let's be honest: intellect has become suspect. Experts are dismissed. Thoughtfulness is framed as elitism. In the age of constant crisis, critical thinking feels like a luxury, while outrage is always free and easy to consume.

But we can no longer afford this kind of passive allegiance. We can't let political theater replace actual governance. Because when the smoke clears and the promises evaporate, what's left will be more suffering, more inequality and more disillusionment. And this time, there may not be anything left to rebuild from.

The big, beautiful bill is not a turning point. It's a tipping point. And the fall will be hardest for those who didn't see it coming, because they chose not to look. This is not a drill. This is the final scene in a tragic farce: a once-enlightened nation now standing

knee-deep in conspiracy slop, insisting it smells like liberty.

And leading the parade of willful delusion are men like Donald Trump, who is the sun around which lesser grifters orbit, each one more hollow than the last. JD Vance now speaks like a MAGA chatbot trained on coal dust and Q drops. RFK Jr. spends his days trying to sneeze out science like it's a demonic possession. Marco Rubio's spine was last seen on a milk carton. Stephen Miller continues his efforts to ghostwrite a white ethnostate, and Russell Vought, bless his heart, is trying to turn America into a Jesus-flavored Hungary with some lightly fascist window dressing and a tax write-off.

Their followers cheer not for policy but for punishment. Not for reform but revenge. They want to own the libs, even if it means mortgaging their children's future, banning libraries, and burning what's left of public education to keep warm.

Meanwhile, the real elite – the billionaires with yachts the size of Rhode Island – watch from afar, sipping brandy, knowing full well that once the truth is gone and education is hollowed out, the public becomes nothing more than a harvestable population. Serfs with smartphones. Peasants who can Venmo but not vote.

So let me say it plainly: If this goes on much longer, the truth won't matter at all. They will have buried it under a landfill of memes, vibes, and vibes about memes. And if you survive that – if the sea levels, the fascists, and the next pandemic don't take you – your children won't be citizens.

They'll be content.

They will never know what it meant to live in a republic, only that it was once a thing, before it got canceled by an angry TikTok preacher from Florida who believed books caused gayness.

I'm so tired of hoping. Tired of wishing. It's starting to feel like an exercise in futility. I've spent far too much time believing that eventually people would stop supporting this absurdity – that the next scandal, the next cruelty, would finally wake them up. But each "next thing" just becomes the new normal, and they dig in deeper. At this point, I honestly believe he could shoot someone on Fifth Avenue, and not only would they excuse it, they'd celebrate it.

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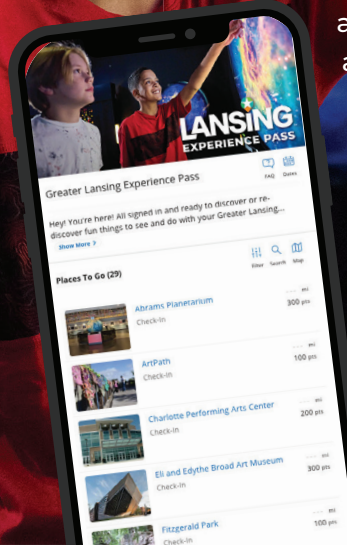
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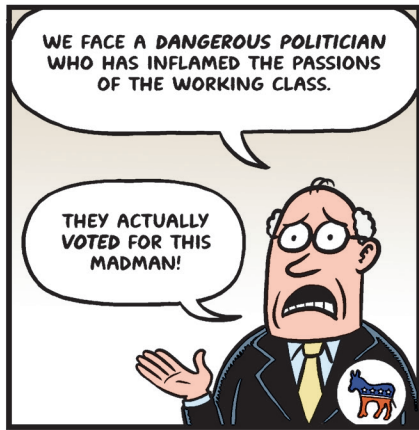
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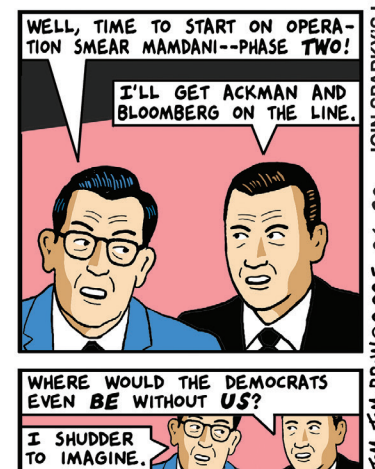
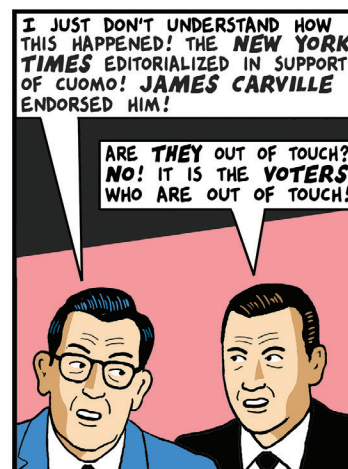
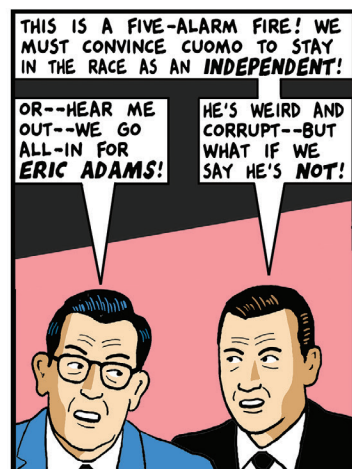
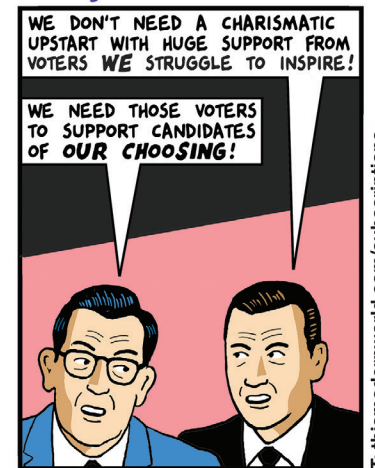
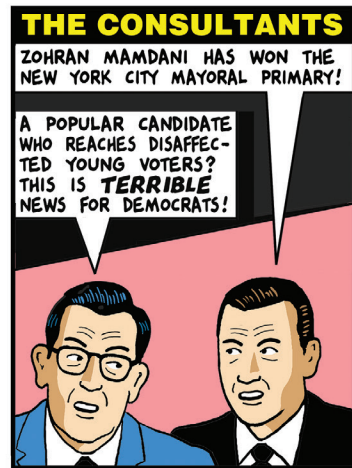
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A primary election mystery: Who attacked Aurelius Christian?

Aurelius Christian's campaign for City Council seemed to be going well.

Out of 10 at-large candidates in the Aug. 5 primary election, Christian, 27, was one of three endorsed by the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee.

But then, a dark money-funded mailer brought attention to his role in the Ingham Community Health Centers' budget crisis last year. It encouraged voters to call Christian "and tell him we don't need him on Lansing City Council."

Who attacked Aurelius Christian?

Someone who cared enough to spend \$5,000 or more, sources estimated.

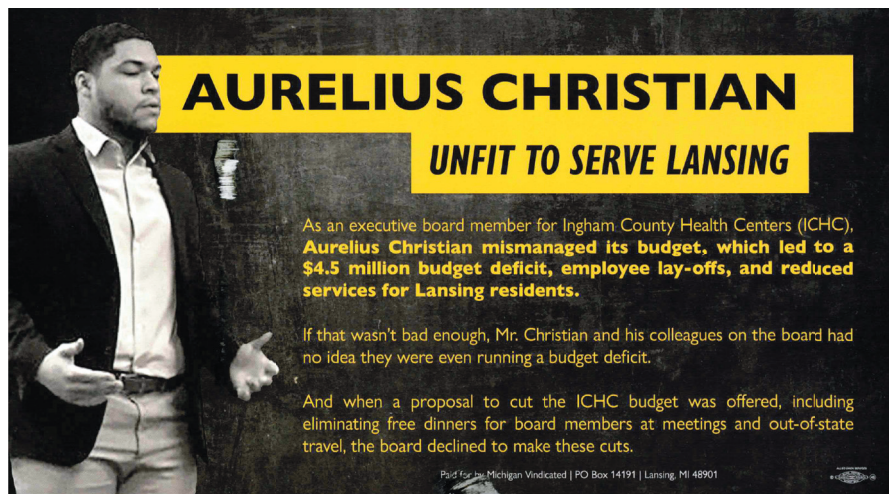
Michigan Vindicated paid for the mailer. As a 501(c)(4) nonprofit, however, it is not required to disclose its donors, so it is impossible to know who funded the expenditure, Neil Thanedar, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, said. The group also paid for mailers in Detroit attacking Detroit Councilmember Angela Calloway, who has no clear connection with Christian.

Michigan Vindicated was set up by Lansing-based attorney Reid Felsing, who was appointed an Eaton County District judge last year. Felsing said he was no longer involved with Michigan Vindicated and that his former law firm is its registered agent, not him. The firm, now Nova Law PLC, is on the board of Michigan Vindicated, according to Nova government relations consultant Jenna Le.

Given that Michigan Vindicated may just be a mechanism for attacking Christian, who would care enough to spend money to do so?

One source pointed a finger at Ingham County Commissioner Thomas Morgan.

That's because Morgan publicly lambasted Christian's campaign announcement in an April 16 Facebook post. He accused the ICHC board of "attempting a bizarre power play while ignoring a growing budget deficit," adding that he was thankful most of the committee resigned and Christian was not reappointed.



This dark-money mailer was sent to Lansing households as voters gear up to select primary election candidates. Aurelius Christian is among 10 who are running at-large.

But Morgan said last week he had not paid for the mailer — "Sheeeeeeit," he texted, "my wife would kill me. Trying to save for a basement and a new car" — and did not know who had — though he added if he did, he'd buy them a beer.

Todd Tennis, a fellow county commissioner and an ICHC board member, said he did not know about the mailer before City Pulse asked about it. He said he had been "frustrated" with Christian during Christian's time on the board but that the mailer was only partially accurate. It misstated the Health Centers' deficit.

"The budget deficit turned out not to be \$4.5 million," he said. "The finance folks had inadvertently not logged some revenue we got from the state, and it went into the wrong place."

He said the deficit was still over a million and significant enough to cause lay-offs, though.

Tennis said there is "a lot of blame to go around" for the budget deficit, some of which he aimed at paid leadership at the health centers for "not adequately informing the board of our financial situation."

"If we're not getting good information from them, then it's hard for us to make proper decisions," he said.

"I disagreed with Aurelius on some of the priorities that the board had while he was there, but I don't think the mail-

er accurately characterizes his efforts."

Another theory about who attacked Christian is that he is the victim of guilt by association — in this case, with Councilmember Jeffrey Brown.

Tennis also said that Christian, during his time on the board, seemed to be part of a "caucus" loyal to Brown, a former ICHC board member and one of four challengers to incumbent Mayor Andy Schor in next month's primary election.

Brown has seen his share of controversies. Last year, he was the target of a dark-money effort himself.

That came after the enigmatic Councilmember switched sides unexpectedly to oppose Schor's plan to convert the old Masonic Temple into the new City Hall. Multiple sources said he had previously promised developer Ron Boji, local union leaders and the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce he would back the plan.

Shortly thereafter, a full-page ad paid for by a dark money group calling him a "grifter" appeared in the City Pulse. The ad bears a resemblance to the mailer. Michigan Deserves Better, which funded the ad opposing Brown, was also set up by Felsing.

Could the mailer and the ad be paid for by the same person or group?

Tennis said Brown earned his seat on the ICHC board after a failed bid for the county Commission 10 years ago.

"He eventually used that as a springboard to run for office," Tennis said, "and I think he spoke to folks in his circle and said, 'Hey, this health center board is a good springboard to run for other things.'"

Tennis believes Christian to be one of those people.

The two remain connected. An elected Lansing official said they were frequently seen together at events. In November, they were co-speakers at the graduation ceremony for a Nigerian technical program, where Christian said Brown had "shared gifts" with him, including "mentorship."

It is unclear why the two spoke at this graduation. Neither Brown nor Christian responded to requests for comment, and Brown's day job — if he has one — remains a mystery. The co-founder of DaHel Consultants & Techies, whose graduating class Brown and Christian spoke to, called Brown a "great man who can command thousands of dollars from high level individuals" in a LinkedIn post after the ceremony.

An ally on the Council could be a boon to Brown, who is giving up his at-large seat to run for mayor. For someone still licking one's wounds after the Masonic Temple switch-up, keeping a Brown ally off the Council could justify the expense.

The Lansing Chamber PAC endorsed Christian, who was one of the Chamber's "10 Over the Next Ten" award recipients in 2022, despite its conflict with Brown. Assuming he was targeted for his affiliation with Brown, Boji and union leaders are likely suspects.

But that's a big assumption, since dark money leaves no trail. Nick Pigeon, Thanedar's predecessor at the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, is also running for Council at-large. He said campaigns like this were on the rise in local races, and that "there is absolutely no way" to see behind the curtain.

"I think that's something that people should know — they received that message, but who is spending that money?" he said. "We're seeing negative mailers against local candidates, and there's nothing that you can do."

— LEO V. KAPLAN

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Large demand for absentee ballots kicks off primary voting

Ballots are out and the votes are already trickling in — even though the election is still a month away.

Over 22,000 ballots were sent out on Friday for Lansing's Aug. 5 primary election, when voters will narrow the field for the Nov. 4 General Election.

The races seem to be generating more interest than usual.

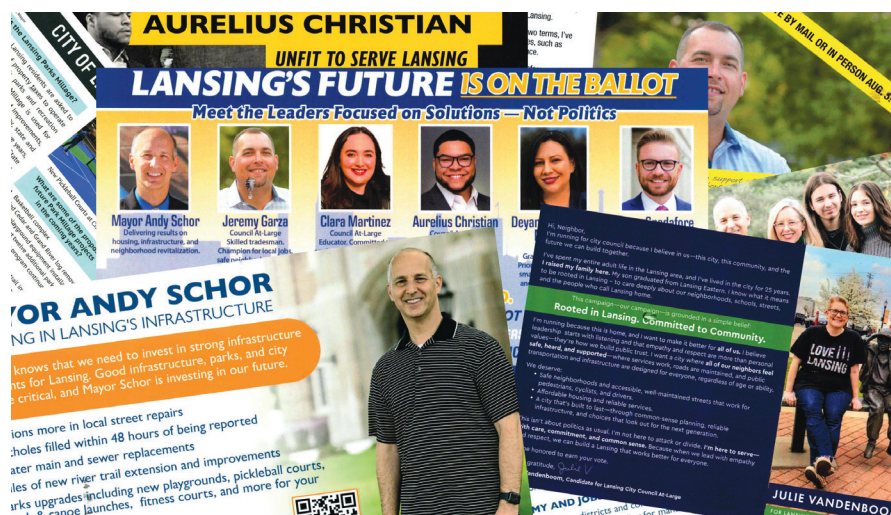
"It's really hard to predict" turnout, City Clerk Chris Swope said, "since I sent out almost 23,000 ballots and the normal turnout for this election is 11,000 to 13,000."

How many will come back, he couldn't say — but he expects to have "almost no one voting in person."

At the top of the ballot this year is the mayoral race, with incumbent Andy Schor running for a third term. The former Democratic state representative achieved widespread support and easy victories in his first two elections. Has that support held fast? Four challengers are vying to find out. The top two vote-getters in the nonpartisan primary will face each other in November.

The Schor administration's controversial choice to hike retired firefighters' insurance premiums based on its interpretation of a 2013 collective bargaining agreement generated widespread controversy and lost him an endorsement from the city's firefighters union. An opportunist could use it as a chance to turn the tides against him.

Brett Brockschmidt, David Ellis and Kelsea Hector are grassroots candidates championing different solutions to Lansing's struggles. For Brockschmidt, it's revising the city's budget through an accountant's eye. Ellis is focused on pedestrian safety and urban infrastructure. Hector wants to put people first and be a voice for the common man.



Some of the campaign fliers from candidates for Lansing mayor and City Council. Voting has started for the Aug. 5 primary election.

But then there's Jeffrey Brown, the ever-enigmatic one-term city Councilmember, who seems to be putting name recognition over a rallying cry.

With no single, coherent vision, the anti-Schor crowd has a tough task ahead in choosing its candidate. Only two can advance to the general election. Schor will almost certainly be one. For the combined four opponents' vote totals even to equal Schor's would be something of a victory.

Then there's the race for two City Council at-large seats as the result of decisions by incumbents Brown to run for mayor and Peter Spadafore to seek the 4th Ward seat (after announcing he was not running again).

Ten candidates are running for four spots on the November ballot. They come from a range of backgrounds and varying levels of experience. Current 2nd Ward Councilmember Jeremy Garza — who wants to relocate his family outside of the ward — has name recognition and was one of three endorsed by the Lansing Regional Chamber

of Commerce Political Action Committee.

Also notable are Clara Martinez, who has remained quiet so far about receiving Schor's endorsement, and Aurelius Christian, who was recently targeted by an attack mailer paid for by a dark money group. (See Page 5.)

In the 4th Ward, Spadafore is likely to move on, with Zacharie Spurlock and Heath Lowry competing for the second spot in November. Incumbent Brian Jackson is not seeking another term.

A millage that has been funding parks and recreation since 1990 is also up for renewal. The millage, or a \$1 tax per \$1,000 of taxable property, must be renewed every five years. The city sent out a mailer showcasing recent millage-funded projects, including new pickleball courts at Clifford Park.

Not on the ballot just yet are the city clerk and 2nd Ward races. No one is running against current clerk Chris Swope, who has held the position nearly 20 years. In the 2nd Ward, a lack of opposition earned Deyanira Nevárez Martínez and

Erik Almquist the two November ballot spots by default.

"There's a lot of excitement about this election," said Steve Japinga, senior vice president for public affairs at the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce. "You have a lot of different Councilmembers either not running for re-election or running for different seats."

But what about the voters themselves? The regional chamber conducted a poll on the priorities of 214 registered voters into this election.

Fixing the roads was the top priority of 26.7% of those polled. Affordable housing came in second, with 23%, and public safety came in third at 18.9%.

In terms of issues needing the most immediate attention, 57.6% said "improving road conditions" was a priority. Nearly 50% made expanding affordable housing a priority; 43.1% said investing in youth programs, and 37.2% said enhancing public safety measures.

Japinga called the results "a confirmation" of what the LRC-PAC expected. It says its endorsed candidates are the best for the job.

Most everything voters need to know about getting a ballot is at lansingvotes.gov. You can also call the Clerk's Office at (517) 483-4131.

Those wanting to vote in-person have their choice of options this year, with three days of early voting at the Lansing Elections Office on Wednesday, July 30 from 1-7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, August 2-3, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Of course, traditionalists can still have their way and vote on election day itself from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Polling locations by precinct can be found on lansingvotes.gov, alongside other pertinent information.

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Mayoral candidates differ on firefighters, vacancies and old Eastern

A controversial choice to hike retired firefighters' insurance premiums according to the Schor administration's reading of a 2013 collective bargaining agreement, unfunded vacancies that never seem to get filled and the demolition of historic old Eastern High School hang over this year's mayoral race. City Pulse asked all five candidates about each topic.

IAFF Local 421, the local firefighters' union that pulled its endorsement for Mayor **Andy Schor**, said May 24 that premiums increased by over 600%. The new interpretation increases cost-sharing for some retirees from \$0 monthly to around \$500, and others from \$200 to around \$900. The Schor administration has argued the hike represents what retirees should have been paying all along.

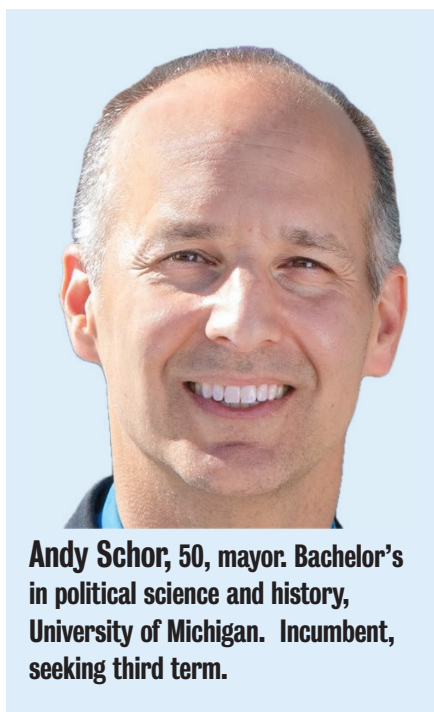
the contract as written.

IAFF Local 421 has refused to accept an offer that requires it concede the city's interpretation is valid.

For a candidate whose campaign is built on opposition to Schor, **Brett Brockschmidt's** response was surprisingly similar.



Brett Brockschmidt, 63, mayor. Bachelor's in financial administration, MSU. Retired duplex owner.



Andy Schor, 50, mayor. Bachelor's in political science and history, University of Michigan. Incumbent, seeking third term.

Schor, who is seeking a third term, defended his choice to hike the firefighters' premiums, arguing that "several attorneys" support his interpretation of the contract. He said he wants to find a "legal solution" to help the retired firefighters. But for now, he said, he must follow

"These premiums were clearly spelled out in the contract," he wrote. "They should be upset with their union, rather than the city, for not doing a better job of bargaining on their behalf, and for not adequately explaining the contract to membership."

While he said he understands the struggle of living on a fixed income and empathizes with the retirees, he champions a solution through arbitration and hopes the city and the union will "negotiate an amicable compromise that more closely mirrors other city union contracts' terms."

David Ellis had choice words. He called the city's choice "disgusting."

"It might be 100% legal to do what's being done, but this is what happens when an administration is more interested in wringing the



David Ellis, 26, mayor. Home improvement retail specialist and urban advocate.

words of law to get what they want instead of actually doing what the intent is," he wrote. He argued that the precedent the city set for 13 years should be upheld and that "the right thing to do is follow what the bargaining agreement meant" as supported by that precedent, not what it technically said.

Jeffrey Brown and **Kelsea Hector** walked a finer line. Brown invoked



Kelsea Hector, 33, mayor. Bachelor's in K-8 teaching, Ferris State University. Founder, ACS Consulting, Co-Chair, Inclusive Justice of Michigan.

his uncle Bob Brown, who he said was the city's longest-serving fire commissioner, and said "promises made must be promises kept," but stopped short of taking sides on the bargaining agreement. He said that "if there has been an error," then "the city must thoroughly investigate and correct it transparently and fairly."

Hector said, "No one who spent their life keeping our community safe should be left struggling to afford healthcare in retirement," but she did not provide an immediate opinion beyond a commitment to "engaging retired firefighters and their union in good faith" and "exploring remedies that do not cause harm or hardship."

The Eastern question was less divisive. All five candidates said they were sad to see old Eastern High School go, though they varied on whether its preservation was possible or realistic.

Ellis said it was obvious University of Michigan Health-Sparrow had no concern about salvaging items and simply wanted the building leveled, but that "the time for preser-



Jeffrey Brown, 41, mayor. Doctor of ministry in Christian leadership, Kingdom University International. Current at-large Councilmember.

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Council candidates sound off about funded vacant jobs

City Pulse asked all 13 candidates who will appear on the August ballot — 10 at-large and three 4th Ward candidates — about the vacancy factor in Lansing’s budget.

Mayoral candidate Brett Brockschmidt has alleged the city government is intentionally leaving funded jobs vacant to reallocate \$1.5 million elsewhere. Would the candidates approve a budget with the current vacancy factor?

Miles Biel, Jonah Stone, Clara Martinez, Aurelius Christian and Julie Vandenoorn (all at-large) all said they would scrutinize vacancies to ensure they were justified, but they stopped short of saying they would vote no.

“If the current vacancy factor doesn’t reflect our real staffing needs, I would push for adjustments so that every tax dollar is working as hard as possible,” Biel said.

Stone, a forensic scientist with the Michigan State Police, offered a plan for Lansing Police Department vacancies. He said vacant LPD positions could be transferred to non-enforcement crisis response teams, freeing the LPD up to focus on policing.

Martinez said she would evaluate “whether vacant positions reflect

true staffing needs” before approving a budget and push for greater transparency around the vacancy factor.

Christian said there is “a need to clearly understand which positions have been held vacant, for how long, and the importance of each job function,” and that any decision should be carefully assessed to ensure effective resource allocation. He did not offer any criteria.

Vandenoorn said she “would hesitate to approve a budget that treats vacancies as a slush fund,” She said she would want to see “a clear plan for filling those roles or reallocating the funds” and that positions that could not realistically be filled within the fiscal year should be budgeted accordingly.

Gloria Denning (at-large) said the inverse. She said that, if the city plans to hire someone, that money should be in the budget, lest the funds for filling a vacant position be drawn from elsewhere in the budget after a successful hire.

Tirstan Walters (at-large) joined current Councilmembers **Jeremy Garza** (at-large) and **Peter Spadafore** (4th Ward) in saying the primary issue was attracting qualified candidates. Walters said he under-

stood the concern but redirected focus to ensuring the city has competitive wages and benefits, which he said would be more beneficial in the long-run than simply cutting the roles.

“I am very supportive of the budget

ing, “We shouldn’t have to choose between honoring the past and meeting present needs.” She and Ellis said they would take stock of historic sites in need of preservation. Schor said he supports reviewing buildings to preserve history. Brockschmidt said he would make preservation a priority.

Brown toed the line, saying that seeing the building demolished was “a sad moment” but that “sometimes difficult decisions are necessary to meet the city’s current and future needs.” He said he would “support adaptive reuse where possible” but did not elaborate on criteria.

The vacancy question was the most divisive. Ellis’ response was simple: fill them. He said the topic lacked nuance, that vacancies



Miles Biel, 36, at-large. Senior product manager, Consumers Energy. Former community programs coordinator for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.



Aurelius Christian, 27, at-large. Bachelor’s in advertising management, MSU. Development programs coordinator, Lansing Economic Development Corp. Board member, Allen Neighborhood Center.

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vation talks was a decade ago.”

Schor said he had shared a hope for preservation with UM-Sparrow leadership, who told him “that rehabilitating or keeping the shell would cost millions that instead would be used for health care,” which he recognized an urgent need for.

Brockschmidt echoed Ellis’ sentiment about destroyed items and called the demolition “a travesty” and “a terrible waste,” suggesting it could have been used as a home for low-income seniors.

Hector did not express a direct opinion about whether Eastern’s loss was necessary, instead say-

ing, “We shouldn’t have to choose between honoring the past and meeting present needs.” She and Ellis said they would take stock of historic sites in need of preservation. Schor said he supports reviewing buildings to preserve history. Brockschmidt said he would make preservation a priority.

Brown toed the line, saying that seeing the building demolished was “a sad moment” but that “sometimes difficult decisions are necessary to meet the city’s current and future needs.” He said he would “support adaptive reuse where possible” but did not elaborate on criteria.

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should be filled or the ante upped for applicants, and that the money should not be spent “on reallocated pet projects or slush.”

“When your parents give you lunch money, you use it for lunch,” he said.

Hector said she would conduct a vacancy audit, identifying unnecessary positions and asking why some are sitting open. She added she would create a public staffing dashboard.

Brown also said he would prioritize evaluating vacancies but did not offer a plan.

But Brockschmidt took the opportunity to double down on his opinion that the Schor administration has intentionally kept the positions vacant, using “the infa-

mous ‘Vacancy Factor’ budget line item” to “add the \$1.5M back to the budget to use on things the voters didn’t ask for, don’t need, and can’t afford.” He said filling the vacancies would be his first priority as mayor, but that it would mandate cutting the budget elsewhere.

For his part, Schor called funding qualified candidates “challenging,” adding that the city’s Human Resources Department has “improved efficiencies in recruiting and hiring” and will continue to make the process quicker. He also said new facilities and updated equipment would attract employees, and that “directors prioritize positions and front load when possible to ensure we have enough employees and factor in retirements.”

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How Council candidates propose to fix the damn roads and sidewalks

Even as the city has prioritized funding for roads and sidewalks, the budget has remained slim compared to the number of in-need areas. City Pulse asked all Council candidates on the August ballot what criteria they would use for deciding where to focus infrastructure repairs, particularly roads and sidewalks.

Miles Biel (at-large) advocated for a statistical approach. He said he would prioritize repairs with “the greatest impact on safety, accessibility, and economic activity” using factors such as “traffic volume, accident data, proximity to schools and businesses and input from residents” to benefit as many as possible. He also advocated for a focus on underserved neighborhoods.

Such neighborhoods were a common thread. Current Councilmember **Jeremy Garza** (at-large) said he has pushed for increased road and sidewalk repair funding, “particularly in underserved areas.” He said addressing “bread-and-butter priorities” would keep people living and working in Lansing.

Zacharie Spurlock (4th Ward) said he would focus on “neglected residential” areas alongside emergency repairs, such as after a severe storm. He stressed the importance of “vigilance” with tax dollars given uncertain federal funding.

Julie Vandemboom (at large) also stressed a focus on equity and underserved neighborhoods, adding that preventative maintenance would be a priority as it saves mon-



Gloria Denning, 67, at-large.
Retired following career in Michigan legislature and in U.S. Senate constituent services.

ey compared to full replacements. She also said she would prioritize “routes used by pedestrians, cyclists, and public transit riders.”

Aurelius Christian, Gloria Denning, Jonah Stone (all at-large) and **Peter Spadafore** (4th Ward) also focused on pedestrian infrastructure.

Christian said he would prioritize “roads and sidewalks and areas with heavy traffic, school zones, and neighborhoods lacking safe pedestrian access.” He said safety, usage, and impact on daily life would be his criteria.

Denning said she would prioritize areas where “vulnerable populations” cannot freely walk and have



Jeremy Garza, 49, at-large.
Current 2nd Ward councilmember. Journeyman plumber and pipefitter. Vice president, United Association Local 333.

no alternative route, such as damaged sidewalks with no alternative routes except walking in the road.

While Stone said he would prioritize roads with numerous potholes, such as Pennsylvania Avenue and St. Joseph Street, he said he would also prioritize medians for pedestrians in crossings with high foot traffic, such as near restaurants and bars. He called it “unfortunate” that funding for roads cannot be directed toward sidewalks and advocated for more funding for sidewalks.

Spadafore highlighted the importance of accessibility for cyclists and those traveling by foot or with a mobility device. He said his three main concerns were “safety, current



Heath Lowry, 32, 4th Ward.
Doctor of law, MSU College of Law. Staff attorney and policy specialist, Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence.

conditions, and equity.”

Clara Martinez (at-large) also highlighted pedestrian safety and a focus on underserved neighborhoods, but added that it was important to include residents in the conversation.

“Residents should also be engaged early in the planning process so their feedback helps shape how and where infrastructure investments are made,” she said.

Nick Pigeon (at-large) said multiple residents had told him while he was canvassing that road repairs “quickly become undone” and that

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didates for the continued vacancies.

“The city of Lansing is not alone in its difficulties in attracting qualified candidates for many roles,” he said. “That’s why I’ve also been a proponent for increasing the pay we offer so the city can attract and retain high-quality employees.”

Spadafore said positions should be

eliminated if they are not intended to be filled, but that “when you look at the vacancy factor reports from HR, it’s not as simple as ‘funding vacant positions.’” He said it was realistic to expect some vacancies but that the city should ensure contracts are attractive to candidates.

Heath Lowry (4th Ward) said a budget “that maintains a high vacancy factor” would not get his support without two things: a clear justification for the role’s necessity and a credible plan to fill it. He add-

ed that some of the oldest vacancies may not be essential and should be reassessed.

Nick Pigeon (at-large) took it a step further, criticizing Schor and the City’s HR department for providing only “general answers” on why positions remain unfilled. He added that “only a handful” of positions have been posted online. He said he would not approve a budget with the current vacancy factor.

“We need to audit the city hiring process to find out why we can’t

staff these positions before we throw more money at them,” Pigeon said.

Zacharie Spurlock (4th Ward) went a step beyond that, saying he would vote no on “a budget with a vacancy factor.”

“Does it make sense to fund vacant positions, some for over a decade, while your taxes and service prices go up constantly?” he asked.

Olivia Vaden, who is running at-large, did not return City Pulse’s questionnaire.

— LEO V. KAPLAN

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When University of Michigan Health-Sparrow demolished the historic Eastern High School as part of a plan to build a mental health facility on its grounds, some bemoaned a lack of preservation ethic in Lansing. City Pulse asked all 13 council candidates how they felt about the demolition, whether they would prioritize preservation and how they would prevent a similar situation.

Julie Vandenboom (at-large) was outspoken against the demolition. She said the building held “deep history, community meaning and architectural significance.” As a Councilmember, she said she would prioritize earlier intervention for at-risk structures, including stronger preservation policies and clearer communication. She called the conversion of the Walter French school into affordable housing “a great example of how we can honor our past while adapting for the future.”

Heath Lowry (4th Ward) said he will support “proactive engagement, early intervention in the deterioration, collaboration with preservation groups, and stronger policy tools” to ensure Eastern’s demolition does not repeat itself. He called the demolition “a painful loss to Lansing’s history and identity.”

Miles Biel (at-large) said he would prioritize preservation by advocat-



Clara Martinez, 33, at-large. Master’s in social work, MSU. Dance director; Everett High School. Board member; All of the Above Hip Hop Academy; Lansing Arts & Culture commissioner.



Nick Pigeon, 29, at-large. Master’s in public policy, MSU. Former executive director, Michigan Campaign Finance Network.



Peter Spadafore, 40, 4th Ward. Bachelor’s in social relations and policy, MSU. Current at-large councilmember. Executive director, Michigan Alliance for Student Opportunity.

ing for “early identification of at-risk structures, stronger incentives for adaptive reuse, and more public input before major demolition decisions.” He added he would work “to ensure Lansing’s unique character isn’t lost to short-term decisions.”

Nick Pigeon (at-large) expressed frustration with a lack of transparency from UM-Sparrow, which he said did not adequately explain the necessity of demolishing the building’s historic west wing and auditorium. While he places “a high priority” mental health services and UM-Sparrow’s “substantial cash investment” in the area, he said there was too little transparency, not enough community involvement and “no independent assessment of renovation costs.” He said the community should have more input in preservation talks.

Tristan Walters (at-large) said he was excited about the new facility, but that “the lack of dialogue and communication regarding the demolition of old Eastern High School did not help our community on the east side feel engaged with the new management at UM-Sparrow.” He advocates for a Historic District Commission empowered to put together “possible sites for preserva-



Jonah Stone, 31, at-large. Master’s in human biology, University of Indianapolis. Forensic scientist, Michigan State Police.



Olivia Vaden, 29, at-large. Master’s in public policy, University of Michigan. Prosperity analyst, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity.

tion in Lansing to keep our historically significant buildings.”

Clara Martinez (at-large) also said she would empower the Historic District Commission and that preservation should be a priority moving forward, but that she supports UM-Sparrow’s “critical investment in expanded mental health care for our residents.”

Peter Spadafore (4th Ward), who penned an op-ed in the Lansing State Journal opposing efforts to preserve Eastern in 2024, called the demolition “an unfortunate outcome of decades of neglect.” He said the mental health facility was nec-

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Zacharie Spurlock, 31, 4th Ward. Bartender, American Fifth Spirits.

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essary. He called himself a “strong supporter of historic preservation,” expressing gratitude that the Oliver Towers, the Masonic Temple in Old Town and the Walter French school were being redeveloped. He said he also supported the failed attempt to



Julie Vandenoorn, 50, at-large. Master’s in music performance, MSU. Departmental specialist, State of Michigan. Board member, Capital Area District Library, Eastside Neighborhood Organization, Friends of Bancroft Park.

move City Hall to the Masonic Temple downtown last year.

Zacharie Spurlock (4th Ward) said he was grateful to see old Eastern demolished “with purpose,” but that “it’s important to recognize the emotional impact demolishing history has.” He added he would fight for historic preservation when possible as well as advocating for developments that “benefit all of Lansing’s citizens” when preservation is out of the council’s hands.

Aurelius Christian (at-large), an Eastern graduate, said the loss “weighs heavily” but that mental



Tirstan Walters, 25, at-large. Bachelor’s in environmental geography, MSU. ARP projects coordinator, Michigan State Police.

health services are “critical for Lansing’s future.”

Jeremy Garza (at-large) said he supports historic preservation when feasible, but that Eastern was “not a realistic candidate for restoration.” He said he fully supports the UM-Sparrow facility.

Jonah Stone (at-large) took it a step further, saying he was “all for the demolition and replacement of the building” due to the necessity of the mental health facility, but that

“the replacement of historic buildings is case-by-case.”

For herself, **Gloria Denning** (at-large) just said that “some might say ‘out with the old and in with the new,’” but that her husband, an Eastern graduate, called it a “tragedy” and a broken promise.

At-large candidate **Olivia Vaden** did not respond.

— LEO V. KAPLAN

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“multiple flatbed trucks come to fill one pothole with one piece of equipment.” He said he was concerned about the efficiency of road repairs and would prioritize filling the vacant street supervisor position to address this. He also championed underserved areas and specified that conversations with residents should inform what areas are considered underserved.

Heath Lowry (4th Ward) set a broad range of priorities, saying his strategy would be “equity-focused”

and “data-informed.” He would consider road conditions, neighborhood demographics, traffic volume, proximity to schools, transit stops and emergency routes alongside funding underserved areas.

Tirstan Walters (at-large) said repairs should simply be based around where issues are most prevalent. He said citizens should be included in determining where those areas are. He added the council “should advocate to our state legislature to update the road funding formula to more equitably fund local roads.”

At-large candidate Olivia Vaden did not respond.

— LEO V. KAPLAN

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Lansing's new charter will be on Nov. 4 ballot

Lansing voters will decide in November whether to approve a new city charter.

It contains several major changes — such as expanding the City Council's size and its election schedule — from the 1978 charter, which essentially sets the city's operating rules.

City Clerk Chris Swope confirmed that the new charter is scheduled to be on the Nov. 4 General Election ballot.

Brian Jeffries, the commission's chair, said the panel approved the new charter proposal June 3 and sent it to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Attorney General Dana Nessel for legal review, as required by state law. Jeffries expressed confidence it would pass muster.

One major change is that the new charter would expand the Council to nine seats by adding a fifth ward. Right now, there are four ward members and four at-large members.

Also, voters would decide on choosing all Council members in one election every four years, beginning in 2029. Currently, voters elect two ward and two at-large positions every other year.

Another significant charter revision would give the City Council equal authority to remove or suspend the city attorney. That power resides entirely in the mayor's control under the current charter.

The city's internal auditor would become an independent post. Currently, the auditor reports to the mayor and the Council.

The proposed charter calls for a "Tax and Debit Dashboard for financial transparency."

The city has posted an online docu-

ment outlining the proposed changes. It is available at <https://www.lansing-mi.gov/1233/Charter-Commission>.

Voters will have to decide whether to approve the proposed charter, which would replace the charter that has been in effect since 1978. It has been amended multiple times, but this is the first complete revision, which Lansing residents voted in 2023 to undertake.

They elected the paid nine-member commission in May 2024, which began working the same month. The city allocated a \$500,000 budget for it. Jeffries estimated that it has spent about half.

The online site defines the city charter as "founding document that outlines the structure and operations of the City of Lansing, establishing the framework for its government including Powers of the City, Structure of government, the Election Process, Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens, Fiscal Management, and the Amendment Process."

Other revisions affect the Lansing Board of Water & Light. The charter commission approved removing the three nonvoting members from suburban Lansing as BWL commissioners. Lansing residents amended the charter to add them over a decade ago, following complaints from suburban BWL customers about poor communications during the massive ice storm in December 2013.

The new charter would also require the BWL to hold two hearings instead of one before implementing a proposed rate change and mandate that the general manager or a designee meet with



Photo by Raymond Holt

The Lansing Charter Commission completed a revised charter in less than 13 months. From left in this 2024 photo are Chair Brian Jeffries, Vice Chair Lori Ann Simon, Jody Washington and Ben Dowd, four of the commission's nine members.

the public four times a year. Right now, there is no such requirement.

Other changes of note deal with candidates for elected office. One would require them to have been a city resident for a year before filing for office, as opposed to a year before taking office if elected. Another would reform a provision that bars candidates for city office with any felony conviction in the preceding 20 years. Instead, they'd be banned for felony convictions "relating to dishonesty, deceit, or fraud while holding elective office in local, state, or federal government."

The charter proposal would also reform the charter process. Right now, the charter requires voters to decide whether to approve undertaking a complete charter review every 12 years. The new charter would ask voters every 16 years. And charter commissioners would be elected at the same time, not

in a subsequent election.

Perhaps the most controversial issue the charter commission considered was whether to stick with a strong mayor or form of government or adopt some version of a city manager system. After considerable discussion, it voted unanimously to retain the current system.

Plans to have the new charter on the ballot in November could still go awry. But Jeffries said he does not foresee any serious bumps.

Swope said the General Election ballot deadline is mid-August. Jeffries said he expected the state will complete its review in time for the commission to make any necessary technical changes before the ballot must be locked in.

Jeffries also said he was unaware of any significant concerns of Mayor Andy Schor over proposed changes.

The Mayor's Office issued a statement that said:

"Mayor Schor is carefully reading the draft Charter and looking at all of the proposed changes. He hasn't seen anything that would make him opposed, so at this point he is undecided on whether to support or remain neutral until he has a chance to study it further."

If voters reject the new charter, the commission would have a second opportunity to revise it. Technically, it gets three chances to submit it to voters, but Jeffries said just one more was realistic, given the 30-month timeline it has under state law to complete its work.

Jeffries said the commission plans four community meetings between now and the Nov. 4 election to answer questions on its proposal.

— BERL SCHWARTZ



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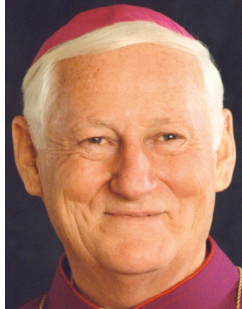
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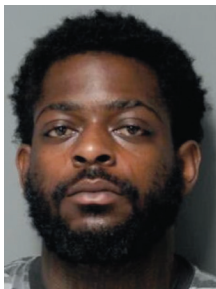


MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz told faculty and staff some will lose their jobs as the university reduces its budget 9% over the next two years. MSU “faces external pressures such as rising employee health care costs and increased operating costs due to inflation” and “expects to receive less money from the federal government due to research cuts and restrictions on international enrollments,” he wrote them Monday. The university may also be affected by state funding cuts as the Legislature works to finalize its budget. Guskiewicz said many units initially looked to identify existing vacancies that they couldn’t fill, but there will be some direct reductions in currently filled positions. MSU will work with employee unions and potentially offer voluntary retirement incentive plans for tenure-stream faculty.



Carl Frederick Mengeling, the former bishop of the Diocese of Lansing, died Tuesday at 94 at the Mother Teresa House for the Care of the Terminally Ill in Lansing. “Bishop Mengeling was just an incredible blessing to this diocese, especially because of the joy that he brought and his incredible enthusiasm,” said Bishop Earl Boyea in a Facebook post. Mengeling was ordained a priest by Bishop Andrew G. Grutka in 1957 in Gary, Indiana. Pope John Paul appointed him as Lansing’s the fourth bishop in 1995, serving until his retirement in 2008. The diocese has posted funeral arrangements on its Facebook page, including his requiem mass at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing July 10. Dioceseoflansing.org has published his obituary.

Elijah Larkins of Delta Township, 22, faces charges of open murder and felony firearm possession in Thursday’s shooting of Timothy McGovern, 26. Lansing police found McGovern with multiple gunshot wounds in an apartment in the 3400 block of Beau Jardin Drive. Hospital personnel pronounced him dead. Investigators said that the shooting stemmed from a verbal altercation inside the apartment. Police said Larkins told them he shot McGovern in the chest in self-defense after McGovern charged at him. Larkins fled the scene, but police located and arrested him at his parents’ home later that day. Police recovered a firearm they believed was used in the shooting from a silver Chevrolet Impala associated with him.



An escaped adult emu ran free in a south Lansing neighborhood Thursday, chasing cars and running at people, before animal control officers and police corralled it in a backyard. The emu died while officers were grabbing it and trying to set it down, despite attempts to resuscitate it. Emus are flightless birds that can stand as tall as 6 feet and weigh more than 100 pounds. Dan Verhougstraete, deputy director of Ingham County Animal Control, said the bird’s owner, whom he did not identify, came to pick it up and said he was going to eat it. He added that the man has faced criminal charges for incidents involving loose animals, including dogs, chickens and goats.



The Lansing School District Board of Education has approved a \$263 million budget that will require it to spend \$11.5 million from its \$57.5

million fund balance (about 20%) to operate in 2025-’26. The board expects approximately \$97.7 million, or nearly 40% of the budget, to come from state, federal and local grants, almost \$20 million more than it expected last year. The extent to which it will receive those grants depends on the outcome of state and federal budgets yet to be approved.

Styla Denton, an Eaton County teenager who Michigan State Police reported missing on June 19, is safe and unharmed after troopers found her Monday. An unidentified caller tipped MSP that she was in Lansing near U-M Health Sparrow. MSP reported Monday that Denton’s family was offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to her location and return. When the 14-year-old disappeared, she did not have her cellphone or medication that doctors had prescribed to her.



K-9 Ares, the retired canine partner of East Lansing Police Sgt. Justan Horst died Tuesday at his home. The dog came from the Czech Republic and specialized in explosive detection, article searches, building searches, tracking (including suspects, missing children and elderly people), area searches and officer protection. “Sgt. Horst and K-9 Ares started their career in May 2015 and retired in October 2022,” an ELPD Facebook post stated. “K-9 Ares served with dedication for over seven years, apprehending several felons, locating missing persons, completing numerous explosive sweeps, and performing countless demonstrations for children.”

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There's no real oversight for lawmaker-lobbyist marriages

Here's a statistic you probably didn't know before you started reading this column: Among Michigan's 147 state legislators, four are married to registered lobbyists. That means in four households, one person works for the state to write the laws we all live by. The other person works to tell lawmakers what those policies should be.

None of the four represents part of Greater Lansing.

- Harvey Santana, the husband of Sen. Sylvia Santana, D-Detroit, works for the Alliance for Safety and Justice, a national nonprofit organization focused

on criminal justice reform.

- Autumn Outman, the spouse of Rep. Pat Outman, R-Six Lakes, has been a lobbyist since 2017 and works for Trinity Health, a nonprofit entity that operates several Catholic hospitals across the country.

- Nathan Triplett, husband of Rep. Laurie Pohutsky, D-Livonia, you may know as the former mayor of East Lansing. He advocates for the State Bar of Michigan.

- Kate Skaggs, whose husband is State Rep. Phil Skaggs, D-Grand Rapids, works for a multient client firm, WinMatt, founded by former Michigan Democratic Party Chair Brandon Dillon.

If this seems unusual, it's because it is. The oldtimers tell me that 25 years

ago, the number of legislators married to lobbyists was zero.

There's no way to know for sure because the law didn't require lawmakers to disclose certain personal information on a form every year. It does now.

Along with their assets and side income, all state-level public officials must now check a "yes" or "no" box that follows the question, "Was your spouse a registered lobbyist in the State of Michigan during the reporting period?"

We shouldn't be naive. Relations between legislators and staff, legislators and lobbyists, and legislators and other legislators aren't new.

People are people after all. Grown adults will be with whomever they want. It would also be foolish not to ac-

knowledge that husbands and wives have varying degrees of influence over their spouses. Whether they work for a special interest or not, spouses obviously share opinions.

The difference is that the relationships are formalized under the same roof.

As former Public Citizen's Congress Watch director Frank Clemente once said, "How can a member of Congress possibly share a bed and a bank account with a member of a persuasion industry without a life laced by conflicts of interest?"

The conflict seemed obvious to former U.S. Rep. Joe Schwarz when I mentioned the subject to him.

"Having a spouse who's a lobbyist from the same state and same jurisdiction is not very smart, bordering on dumb," he told me. "You're opening yourself up to inquiries and suspicions. But I suppose this is a different era. This is not something I can imagine happening in my generation."

The rules are different. Public officials are bolder in testing the unwritten rules of the game. A few terms ago, former Rep. Rebekah Warren worked for National Popular Vote to lobby lawmakers in other states, for example.

A Washington University Journal of Law and Policy report called lawmakers marrying lobbyists a "blossoming phenomenon."

It's something public officials in Michigan have obviously considered. They included the are-you-married-to-a-lobbyist question on the new public disclosure statements, after all.

They had to. Outside of that question on a form, there are no laws or rules governing the union.

We can't tell two adults they can't marry. Under Michigan's lobbying law, legislators married to lobbyists don't report the gifts or meals they exchange with each other. That's not realistic or enforceable.

House rules allow members to abstain from voting on bills or amendments due to conflicts of interest, but the rules leave it up to the lawmakers to determine what those might be.

Other legislators, the press, staff, really anybody could tell a lawmaker that voting on a particular bill is a conflict of interest. Still, nothing legally compels that lawmaker to withhold a vote.

Ultimately, the only people who can hold our legislators accountable for conflicts of interest, such as marrying a paid advocate, are voters.

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‘There’s always room for more’ J.Plantana carves out a niche in hip-hop, event scenes

By NICOLE NOECHEL

Local rapper and event planner J.Plantana is well-versed in being the change she wants to see in the world. From center stage to behind the scenes, she’s making waves in the area’s entertainment scene.

Plantana, 23, grew up in a musical family, with a grandmother who performed in a pit orchestra at a movie theater and a cousin who competed on the Netflix rap reality show “Rhythm + Flow.” However, though she took drum lessons and choir, her interest in making music didn’t blossom until high school.

“I was listening to the album ‘Amen,’ by Rich Brian. That was one of the first hip-hop albums I listened to,” she said. “I remember listening to it and being like, ‘I feel like I could do this.’ It was a weird epiphany moment because I was searching for a creative outlet and really couldn’t find one, and something just clicked. Music didn’t really do much for me until I kind of discovered that it can be more than just playing an instrument and learning how to sing classical choir songs.”

She draws musical inspiration from a diversity of genres, including rappers like Kendrick Lamar, Lupe Fiasco and Aesop Rock to pop musicians like Charli XCX and Remi Wolf.

“I’m also a really big K-pop fan,” she said. “Got7 is my favorite group — they’re really, really talented. They have really unique instrumentals, and they’re all self produced, so that’s really inspirational for me.”

In 2021, shortly after moving from her hometown of Plymouth, Michigan, to East Lansing to study organizational communication at Michigan State University, Plantana began performing her music live for the first time at venues like Mac’s Bar, the Fledge, the Avenue and the Robin Theatre. Of the local music scene, she said she enjoys “how alternative and experimental it is at times.”

“I’ve heard so many interesting, unique sounds from people that I probably wouldn’t have heard on songs that I usually listen to. Even within hip-hop, I’ve heard so many different, diverse sounds from so many different people,” she said. “I’m always looking for more female- and queer-oriented events, but I think overall, I’ve found my place.”

That desire for more diverse and in-



Raymond Holt for City Pulse

J.Plantana can often be found on stage, whether performing her original songs or hosting an event she planned.

clusive events pushed Plantana to found an event planning company, Night Alliance, in September 2024.

“I’m pretty passionate about social justice, equity and especially diversity. Having a diverse life with tons of different people from different identities, in my opinion, is one of the best things you can do for yourself for tons of reasons. So, I’m very passionate about bringing people together, personal or professional,” she said.

Her bread and butter is “home-grown, community-based shows.” In the past year, she’s hosted a Charli XCX dance party at Lansing Shuffle, karaoke nights and live music at Altu’s Ethiopian Cuisine, a Halloween drag show at the Fledge and an alternative

rap showcase at the Robin Theatre, to name just a few events. On July 11, she’ll host a drag show and hyperpop dance party at the Allen Neighborhood Center. More information can be found on Night Alliance’s Facebook or Instagram pages.

“I was doing so many events, performing in so many, that I kept looking at them and thinking, ‘Here’s what I would do better.’ So, why not just do it?” she said. “I wanted to put on cool shows because I knew so many good artists here and I just had a lot of ideas, and I still do. I’m still building it up.”

She said both the local music and event scenes have some growing to do, but she’s happy to be part of the process.

“I don’t know for sure if I’ll be in Lan-



Courtesy Night Alliance

Attendees learn how to make a simple guitar at a Night Alliance event at Lansing Makers Network.

sing forever, I don’t know where my life is going to take me, but I do want to develop the scene here as much as I can. One of my long-term goals is to establish a recurring artist showcase at a venue where you could go and check out cool artists in your area for five bucks. I think something that’s sustainable and ongoing would be really neat.

“There’s always room for more, and I think people recognize that,” she continued. “I think there needs to be more venues that are willing to gamble on local acts and help with marketing to get the wider public aware. And I think we need more options. It’s hard to be picky and choosy. Obviously, you can just not perform, but when you’re passionate, it’s something you’re really hungry for.”

When all is said and done, Plantana is thankful to be where she is.

“I kind of fell in love with the Lansing music scene. The house shows and stuff, those are always so much fun, and places like the Avenue and certain shows the Fledge puts on,” she said. “I mean, I find myself having to choose between things on a weekend. That makes me very happy. That’s a great problem to have.”

Downtown Lansing Inc. launches its fifth Middle Village cohort

By LEO V. KAPLAN

Ten years ago, Britt Houze designed a tattoo he never ended up getting.

“I chickened out,” he said. But he liked the design — the words “I am me” styled as a vision test — too much to let it go. So, he decided to have it printed on a few shirts instead.

Last week, he was one of three business owners welcomed into the fifth Middle Village cohort, with the “I am me” design as the flagship item of his urbanwear shop, BHouseOriginals. The market, run by Downtown Lansing Inc., is kicking off its second year in the city’s historic Atrium building.

The cohort also includes Simone Gaines of BeBe’s Boutique and Ashia Williams of Blueprint of Beauty Boutique. While their offerings differ, the three shopkeepers share a vision for a Middle Village with more activities to draw in community members.

“I want this to be a place where women can come and elevate not only their style, but their mood and pur-



Courtesy Downtown Lansing Inc.

From left: Downtown Lansing Inc. executive director Cathleen Edgerly, Lake Trust Credit Union business development manager Marcus Martin, Lansing Mayor Andy Schor, BeBe’s Boutique owner Simone Gaines, BHouseOriginals owner Britt Houze, Blueprint of Beauty Boutique owner Ashia Williams and DLI community development director Kate Litwin celebrate the opening of Middle Village’s fifth cohort on June 25.

pose,” Gaines said of her shop.

BeBe’s Boutique is intended to be “somewhere where women can come and feel like this is an extension of their closet, but we’re just here to help them put the pieces together,” she said. With a focus on comfort, many of the shop’s offerings feature pockets

— even the dresses.

The Middle Village storefront is one of two BeBe’s locations; the other opened last year in Flint.

Blueprint of Beauty Boutique sells natural wellness products. Williams said she wants the shop to serve as a gathering place for wellness-minded locals.

“I want to have events like a tea-talk Tuesday, where people can come in

and talk about herbal or home remedies, and stuff like that,” she said. “I want to have a wellness community space.”

Houze comes to Middle Village from the Meridian Mall, which he said was more hectic and less business focused. He likes the new environment, but he thinks it could do with a few more events.

“I want to get to where we can do social or community programs, like a card night or a euchre night, to get people out and more active,” he said.

He added that Downtown Lansing Inc. has been receptive to his vision for the market.

The cohort will last one year, but don’t expect this to be the last you’ll see of these shopkeepers. Previous Middle Village graduates went on to open downtown shops like Capital Hippie, A Novel Concept, Nubian and Sylvia’s Sudsery, DLI community development director Kate Litwin said.

Litwin added that forthcoming developments in the Atrium building, including a Craig Ryan Fine Clothing location and a walkway over Grand Avenue to the Tower on Grand skyscraper, will make it even more fundamental to the downtown landscape.

“This space is really invigorating some new life into this building,” she said of Middle Village.

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MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: NOTICE OF REGISTRATION
FOR THE AUGUST 5, 2025, SPECIAL ELECTION

To the qualified electors of the Meridian Township:

Please take notice that the Meridian Township will hold the Special Election on August 5, 2025

For the purpose of voting on the following proposals:

- Community and Senior Center Operating Millage
- Community and Senior Center Project Bond

The full text of Ballot Proposals and sample ballots can be found at www.mi.gov/vote or can be viewed at the Meridian Township Clerk’s Office, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864.

Any qualified elector who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Meridian Township Clerk; the office of their County Clerk; a Secretary of State Branch Office, or other designated state agency. Qualified electors who have a valid Michigan driver’s license or state ID, may register online at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/>. Registration forms may be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed or dropped off at the office of the Meridian Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the Meridian Township Clerk’s Office is July 21, 2025. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector must register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following locations and times:

Meridian Township Clerk’s Office - 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Additional Hours: August 2nd and 3rd from 9am-4pm
Regular Business Hours: Monday-Friday from 8 am-5 pm

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS:
Any registered voter may request an Absent Voter Ballot. The Meridian Township Clerk’s Office must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. You may apply online at www.mi.gov/vote or at the Meridian Township Clerk’s Office.

Monday, August 4, 2025, at 4 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot in person, except for those who register to vote on Election Day. Ballots issued on August 4, 2025, must be requested and voted in person at the Meridian Township Clerk’s Office. Those registering to vote on Election Day, August 5, 2025, are eligible to receive an Absent Voter Ballot at the Meridian Township Clerk’s Office.

EARLY VOTING CENTER
All qualified electors in the Meridian Township Clerk’s Office have the option to vote early in person, beginning Friday, August 1st through Sunday, August 3rd, 2025. The Early Voting Center will be held at the Meridian Township Municipal Building – 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864, and is open 9:00am – 4:00pm.

Angela Demas
Meridian Township Clerk

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Eagle Township, Clinton County
Board Meeting Synopsis

June 19, 2025, at 6:00 pm - Present: Supervisor Stroud, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer C. Hoppes, Trustee Currie, Trustee M. Hoppes and 10 citizens.

Board Actions:

- 1) Approved bills for June, 2025.
- 2) Approved funds to repair the piers at Niles Cemetery.
- 3) Approved Metro Right of Way Act extension with Frontier.
- 4) Approved replacement of the Treasurer laptop.
- 5) Approved budget amendments for FY 25-26.

A complete copy of the minutes is available by contacting Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Clerk. Next regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board is July 17, 2025, at 6 pm at Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan St, Eagle, MI. See www.eagletownshipmi.gov for latest updates.

Prepared by: Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Eagle Township Clerk
Approved by: Troy Stroud, Eagle Township Supervisor

CP#25-202

CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan for the purpose of considering:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances, Chapter 1460, to renumber 1460.51 to 1460.52; to add a new section 1460.51 to create a tenant relocation fee; to provide that the fee only be assessed when the City pays for a tenant’s relocation resulting from a required vacation from residential premises because of a condition making the premises unsafe to occupy; to provide for fee waiver when the relocation costs are otherwise covered by insurance; and to provide for calculation, billing, and collection of the fee.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to fully participate in these meetings should contact the City Council Office at 517-483-4177 (TDD (517) 483-4479) 24 hour notice may be needed for certain accommodations. An attempt will be made to grant all reasonable accommodation requests.

For more information, please call Lansing City Council at 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk’s Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

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CP#25-206

**CITY OF LANSING
SUMMARY OF
ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1335**

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by amending Section 1060.08 to clarify the procedures for nuisance abatement by adding the Code Official as authorized to abate.

Effective date: Upon publication

Notice: The full text of this Ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan. A copy of the full text of this Ordinance may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan at a fee determined by City Council.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MiPMC
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CP#25-207

RFP/25/118 Public Relations for Charter Commission per the specifications provided by the City of Lansing. The City of Lansing will accept proposals at The City of Lansing, Purchasing Office, 124 W. Michigan Ave. 3rd Floor, Lansing, Michigan 48933 or electronically submitted thru MITN Site (www.Mitn.Info) until 2PM local time in effect on July 14, 2025. Complete specifications and forms required to submit proposals are available by contacting at stephanie.robinson@lansingmi.gov or go to www.mitn.info. The City of Lansing encourages proposals from All Vendors Including MBE/WBE Vendors and Lansing-Based Businesses.

CP#25-212

NOTICE TO KNOWN AND UNKNOWN CREDITORS, Decedent's Trust. Patrick Anthony Ozanich - Date of Birth: 06/02/1954. The decedent, Patrick Anthony Ozanich, died on 05/29/2025. There is no probate estate. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Patrick Anthony Ozanich Revocable Living Trust, dated May 31, 2024, will be forever barred unless presented to: Shannon Ozanich, Trustee, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice: July 2, 2025. Trustee: Shannon Ozanich, 1302 Elmwood Rd., Lansing, MI 48917.

CP#25-215

**CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides City of Lansing Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of Brownfield Plan #86 – 820 W. Miller Road Redevelopment pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, for properties commonly referred to as 820 W. Miller Road located in the City of Lansing, but more particularly described as:

820 W. Miller Road, Lansing, Michigan 48911 (Tax Parcel No. #33-01-05-05-431-321):

COM 150 FT W OF SE COR SEC 5, TH W 316.5 FT, N 466.5 FT, E 466.5 FT, S 316.5 FT, W 150 FT, S 150 FT TO BEG; SEC 5 T3N R2W

Approval of this Brownfield Plan will enable the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to capture incremental tax increases which result from the redevelopment of the property to pay for costs associated therewith. Further information regarding this issue, including maps, plats, and a description of the brownfield plan will be available for public inspection and may be obtained from Kris Klein, Vice President, Lansing Economic Development Corporation, 401 S. Washington Sq, Suite. 101, Lansing, MI 48933, (517) 599-1136.

For more information, please call 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

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CP#25-203

**CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances, Chapter 1460, section 1460.49(a), to add a requirement that rental dwellings have insurance covering tenant relocation costs prior to issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to fully participate in these meetings should contact the City Council Office at 517-483-4177 (TDD (517) 483-4479) 24 hour notice may be needed for certain accommodations. An attempt will be made to grant all reasonable accommodation requests.

For more information, please call Lansing City Council at 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

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CP#25-204

**CITY OF EAST LANSING
Precinct 17 BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF REGISTRATION
FOR THE AUGUST 5, 2025 ELECTION**

To the qualified electors of City of East Lansing:

Please take notice that the City of East Lansing Precinct 17 Voters located in Clinton County will have an election on August 5, 2025.

To vote on the following Bath Community Schools Proposal:

Bath Community Schools Bond Proposal

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office, 410 Abbot Road, Room 100, East Lansing, MI 48823. Or the Bath Township Clerk's Office at 14480 Webster Road, Bath, MI 48823

Sample ballots can also be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

Any qualified elector who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the East Lansing City Clerk; the office of their County Clerk; a Secretary of State Branch Office, or other designated state agency. Qualified electors who have a valid Michigan driver's license or state ID, may register online at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/>. Registration forms may be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed or dropped off at the office of the East Lansing City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the East Lansing City Clerk's Office is July 21, 2025. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector must register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following location and times:

East Lansing City Clerk – City Hall Regular Business Hours: Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm
410 Abbot Road, Room 100 Additional Hours: August 2 from 8 am-4 pm
East Lansing, MI 48823

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS:

Any registered voter may request an Absent Voter Ballot. No reason required.

August 4, 2025 at 4:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot except for those who register to vote on Election Day.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, August 5, 2025, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office.

Amy Gordon
Office of the City Clerk

CP#25-213

**CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides City of Lansing Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of Brownfield Plan #88 – 603, 605, 607 E. Michigan Avenue Redevelopment pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, for properties commonly referred to as 603, 605, 607 E. Michigan Avenue located in the City of Lansing, but more particularly described as:

603 E. Michigan Avenue (Tax Parcel No. 33-01-01-16-277-181):

LOT 21 ASSESSORS PLAT NO 36 OF BLOCK 243 ORIG PLAT;

605 E. Michigan Avenue (Tax Parcel No. 33-01-01-16-277-191):

LOT 22 ASSESSORS PLAT NO 36 OF BLOCK 243 ORIG PLAT;

607 E. Michigan Avenue (Tax Parcel No. 33-01-01-16-277-222):

LOTS 23, 24, 25 & 26 ASSESSORS PLAT NO 36 OF BLOCK 243 ORIG PLAT

Approval of this Brownfield Plan will enable the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to capture incremental tax increases which result from the redevelopment of the property to pay for costs associated therewith. Further information regarding this issue, including maps, plats, and a description of the brownfield plan will be available for public inspection and may be obtained from Chelsea Dowler, Project Coordinator, Lansing Economic Development Corporation, 401 S. Washington Sq, Suite. 101, Lansing, MI 48933, 517-898-1709.

For more information, please call 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

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NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Ingham County Drain Commissioner
Patrick E. Lindemann

RAYNER CREEK DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, July 15, 2025**, the apportionments for benefits to the lands comprised within the "Rayner Creek Drain Special Assessment District" will be subject to review for one day from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, located at 707 Buhl, Mason, Michigan 48854, or at such other time and place to which I may adjourn. At the Day of Review, I will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the drainage district available to review. I will consider proofs and allegations, and I will carefully reconsider and review the apportionment of benefits. I will define and equalize the apportionments as is just and equitable. At said Review, the computation of costs for construction, maintenance and improvement of the Drain will also be open for inspection by any interested parties.

Comments on the apportionment of benefits may be submitted to the Drain Commissioner in writing before the Day of Review at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl, Mason, Michigan 48854 or drainoffice@ingham.org, or comments may be submitted in writing or verbally at the Day of Review. Comments submitted in advance must be received by the Drain Commissioner prior to the Day of Review to ensure consideration.

Additional information, including a map of the Drainage District and the Notice of Letting (containing the number and length of sections, the average width of each section, and if the drain will be closed, the amount and specifications of all tile or pipe required; the location, number, type, and size of culverts or bridges to be installed, if any; and conditions upon which the contract will be awarded), can be found at: <http://dr.ingham.org>

Pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, any owner of land within the "Rayner Creek Drain Special Assessment District" or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the day of review of apportionment by making an application to the Ingham County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review.

Any drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the landowner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to-date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

The area served by the Rayner Creek Drain consists of lands situated in the City of Mason and Vevay Township, in Ingham County, Michigan. The following is a description of the parcels of land constituting the "Rayner Creek Drain Special Assessment District":

33-10-10-03-300-004	33-10-10-10-326-017	33-10-10-10-400-007	33-10-10-15-200-009	33-19-10-04-301-011	33-19-10-04-303-019
33-10-10-03-300-005	33-10-10-10-326-018	33-10-10-10-400-008	33-10-10-15-200-011	33-19-10-04-301-012	33-19-10-04-303-020
33-10-10-03-300-012	33-10-10-10-326-019	33-10-10-10-400-010	33-10-10-15-200-012	33-19-10-04-301-013	33-19-10-04-303-021
33-10-10-03-300-013	33-10-10-10-326-020	33-10-10-10-400-011	33-10-10-15-300-002	33-19-10-04-301-014	33-19-10-04-303-022
33-10-10-03-300-015	33-10-10-10-326-022	33-10-10-10-400-014	33-10-10-15-300-006	33-19-10-04-301-019	33-19-10-04-304-001
33-10-10-03-300-017	33-10-10-10-326-023	33-10-10-10-400-029	33-10-10-15-401-001	33-19-10-04-301-020	33-19-10-04-304-002
33-10-10-03-300-021	33-10-10-10-326-024	33-10-10-10-400-032	33-10-10-15-402-001	33-19-10-04-301-021	33-19-10-04-304-003
33-10-10-03-300-022	33-10-10-10-326-025	33-10-10-10-400-033	33-10-10-15-402-002	33-19-10-04-301-022	33-19-10-04-304-004
33-10-10-03-300-023	33-10-10-10-326-026	33-10-10-10-400-034	33-10-10-15-402-003	33-19-10-04-301-023	33-19-10-04-304-005
33-10-10-04-200-005	33-10-10-10-376-001	33-10-10-10-400-035	33-10-10-15-402-004	33-19-10-04-302-001	33-19-10-04-304-006
33-10-10-10-100-010	33-10-10-10-376-002	33-10-10-10-400-036	33-10-10-15-402-005	33-19-10-04-302-002	33-19-10-04-304-008
33-10-10-10-100-011	33-10-10-10-376-003	33-10-10-15-100-001	33-10-10-15-402-006	33-19-10-04-302-003	33-19-10-04-304-009
33-10-10-10-301-002	33-10-10-10-376-005	33-10-10-15-100-003	33-10-10-15-402-007	33-19-10-04-302-004	33-19-10-04-304-010
33-10-10-10-326-001	33-10-10-10-376-007	33-10-10-15-100-004	33-10-10-15-403-001	33-19-10-04-302-005	33-19-10-04-304-011
33-10-10-10-326-003	33-10-10-10-376-008	33-10-10-15-100-005	33-10-10-15-403-002	33-19-10-04-302-006	33-19-10-04-304-012
33-10-10-10-326-004	33-10-10-10-376-009	33-10-10-15-200-004	33-10-10-15-403-003	33-19-10-04-302-007	33-19-10-04-304-013
33-10-10-10-326-005	33-10-10-10-376-011	33-10-10-15-200-006	33-10-10-15-403-006	33-19-10-04-302-008	33-19-10-04-304-017
33-10-10-10-326-006	33-10-10-10-376-012	33-10-10-15-200-007	33-10-10-15-403-007	33-19-10-04-302-009	33-19-10-04-304-018
33-10-10-10-326-007	33-10-10-10-400-003	33-10-10-15-200-008	33-10-10-15-403-011	33-19-10-04-302-010	33-19-10-04-326-001
			33-10-10-16-200-004	33-19-10-04-302-011	33-19-10-04-326-003
			33-10-10-16-200-007	33-19-10-04-302-012	33-19-10-04-326-004
			33-10-10-16-400-015	33-19-10-04-302-013	33-19-10-04-326-005
			33-10-10-16-400-016	33-19-10-04-302-014	33-19-10-04-326-006
			33-19-10-04-101-004	33-19-10-04-302-015	33-19-10-04-326-008
			33-19-10-04-151-001	33-19-10-04-302-016	33-19-10-04-326-011
			33-19-10-04-176-003	33-19-10-04-302-017	33-19-10-04-326-014
			33-19-10-04-176-004	33-19-10-04-302-018	33-19-10-04-326-017
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			33-19-10-04-176-007	33-19-10-04-302-021	33-19-10-04-326-021
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			33-19-10-04-176-009	33-19-10-04-303-003	33-19-10-04-326-023
			33-19-10-04-176-010	33-19-10-04-303-004	33-19-10-04-326-024
			33-19-10-04-176-011	33-19-10-04-303-005	33-19-10-04-326-025
			33-19-10-04-176-012	33-19-10-04-303-006	33-19-10-04-326-026
			33-19-10-04-176-013	33-19-10-04-303-007	33-19-10-04-326-027
			33-19-10-04-176-016	33-19-10-04-303-008	33-19-10-04-326-028
			33-19-10-04-176-017	33-19-10-04-303-009	33-19-10-04-326-029
			33-19-10-04-177-001	33-19-10-04-303-010	33-19-10-04-326-031
			33-19-10-04-177-002	33-19-10-04-303-011	33-19-10-04-326-032
			33-19-10-04-301-003	33-19-10-04-303-012	33-19-10-04-326-033
			33-19-10-04-301-004	33-19-10-04-303-013	33-19-10-04-326-034
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In addition to the parcels and tracts of land listed above, the City of Mason and Vevay Township will be specially assessed at-large for benefits in the construction, maintenance and improvement of the Drain.

NOW THEREFORE, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you:

- Clerk of Ingham County;
- Chairperson of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners;
- Managing Director of the Ingham County Road Department;
- Mayor and Clerk of the City of Mason;
- Supervisor and Clerk of the Township of Vevay;
- Director of the State of Michigan Department of Transportation;

are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said Day of Review may be adjourned, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "Rayner Creek Drain Special Assessment District" will be subject to review.

AND YOU AND EACH OF YOU, owners, municipalities and persons interested in the aforesaid lands are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such reviewing of the apportionments as aforesaid and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

This notice is pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact Patrick E. Lindemann, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395, or through the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Dated: June 25, 2025

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Ingham County Drain Commissioner
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A new sound for 'The Sound of Music'

By COURTNEY BOWERMAN

For Evolve Theatrics' 20th anniversary show, co-founder Helen Hart wanted to direct something special. Being a fan of old-school musicals, she felt "The Sound of Music" would be the perfect choice, especially given the current political climate.

"The last show we did was 'Chicago,' so this time around, we were looking for a show that was more family oriented," Hart said. "I put a proposal together and explained to the board of directors why I thought it would be a good show to do, especially the themes involved: resilience, overcoming diversity, standing up for what's right and commitment to family."

The show runs from July 18 through 26 at Delta Presbyterian Church. It marks a milestone of two decades of performances for Evolve, which was known as Blue Light Players until 2020.

"My husband and I founded the group in 2005," Hart said. "We met in community theater, and we sort of put our heads together and decided to start a theater company. He passed away in late 2021, but I had a lot of people step up and offer assistance, so we've been able to keep going. It's a real community effort."

Being an itinerant company, Evolve doesn't own a theater, so it often has to search for new venues. This is the company's first time at Delta Presbyterian, and the sanctuary area where the show will take place is smaller than it's used to. However, Hart said this allows the production to be more immersive, thanks to the combined efforts of the cast and crew.

As Hart described, nuns sit in the church aisles to sing in the background. Partygoers at the von Trapp villa make their entrance to the "ballroom" through the audience. For outdoor scenes, large murals depicting the mountainsides are placed on either side of the stage.

"I'm a believer that you can create theater anywhere and make it a realistic story," Hart said. "At our regular stage, we can do full-blown sets, but that's not necessary. It's the talent of the actors and the creativity that we



Courtesy Evolve Theatrics

Music director Josiah Scott (right) leads Evolve Theatrics' von Trapp family through a vocal rehearsal.

put into creating the environment that matters."

Hart said that out of the approximately 32 cast members, at least half have worked with Evolve before. However, there are still plenty of newcomers, including several who are related to each other. Sisters Josie and Zoe Isbell play Maria Rainer and Brigitta von Trapp. Marty Snitgen, who plays Capt. von Trapp, is joined on stage by his real-life daughter, Jocelyn, as Louisa von Trapp.

"It's a phenomenal cast," Hart said. "Everybody is so accepting and supportive of one another. They high-five each other when they walk off the stage or when somebody gets a compliment. And the kids are like little professionals: They come in, they do what they're supposed to do, they're prepared."

Having such a close-knit cast came in handy when the actor originally set to play Rolf Gruber had to drop out. When Hart asked the cast to spread news of the open role to anyone who might be interested, Josie Isbell reached out to her friend Philip Conner, a theater teacher from the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"It's a role he's always wanted to play. He also teaches 'The Sound of Music' to his students," Hart said. "He sent in

an audition tape, and we selected him. He made arrangements to fly back and stay with family and friends throughout the duration of the show. I would say that's the farthest we've ever had someone come to be part of a show!"

Of course, "The Sound of Music" isn't just a family show. Hart is well aware of the historical relevance of the von Trapp family's story, especially in light of current events. In an effort to ensure everyone in the company understood the significance, too, she enlisted a retired history teacher from the cast to help educate other members on the von Trapps and late-1930s Austria.

"We also had somebody come in from the Catholic Church to teach about nuns and what some of the things they're doing in the show mean," she said. "I think it's helped the cast understand the show and relate to their characters much better."

Hart hopes audiences will also appreciate the weight of the history without letting it detract from their enjoyment of the show.

"Yes, there are some themes that are based on history, but it's a history lesson, which is one of the things that I like about the show. It's got great themes about morality, and it's a family-friendly show, so audience members of all ages can attend without concern about the content. It's going to be a really, really good show."

BEHIND THE CURTAIN



July and early August theater productions:

"Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help"

Through Aug. 3

2 p.m. Thursday, Saturday-Sunday

7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday

No performance July 4

Williamston Theatre

122 S. Putnam St., Williamston

williamstontheatre.org

"The Sound of Music"

July 18-20 and 25-26

7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday

3 p.m. Sunday

Delta Presbyterian Church

6100 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing

evolvetheatrics.com

Ten-Minute Play Festival

July 23-27

7 p.m.

LCC Outdoor Amphitheater (between

Gannon Building and Dart Auditorium)

lcc.edu/showinfo

"The Little Mermaid Jr."

Aug. 1-3 and 8-10

7 p.m. Friday

3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Hannah Community Center

819 Abbot Road, East Lansing

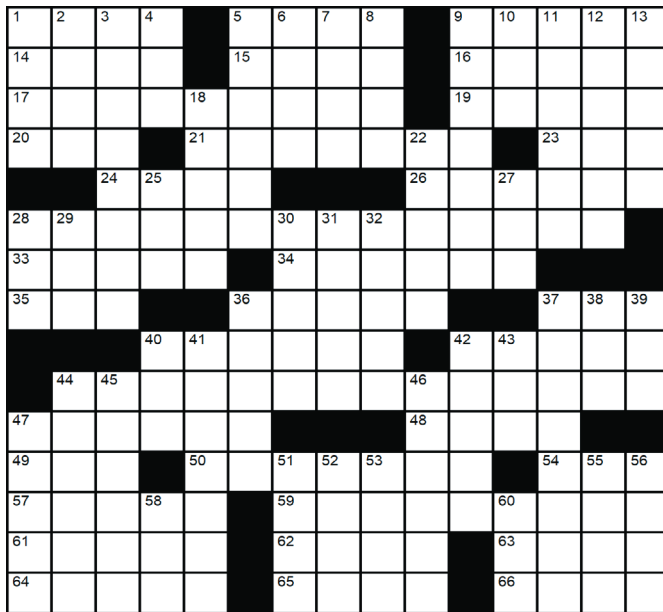
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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"That Light is Lit" -- it's all some time ago. by Matt Jones © 2025 Matt Jones

- ACROSS
- Over and done with
 - Teensy
 - "Let's ___ in the bud"
 - Plant with medicinal qualities
 - Links yell
 - Cornhuskers' largest city
 - Cleverest spot in the ocean?
 - Chafing results
 - Faline, in "Bambi"
 - Dive bar
 - Ink work
 - "Encore!"
 - Artist's output
 - Line from a society that trades lice for goods and services?
 - Maintains
 - Minor knee injury
 - Some non-zero number
 - At full speed, aboard ship
 - Boxing maneuver
 - At the rear
 - Bring a smile to
 - How the dating dog trainers discovered they were a match?
 - Peabody-winning podcast of the 2010s
 - State, in Quebec
 - George's lyricist brother
 - Pole position holder
 - Org. of doctors
 - Figure skater Henie
 - Getting the right-sized headrest?

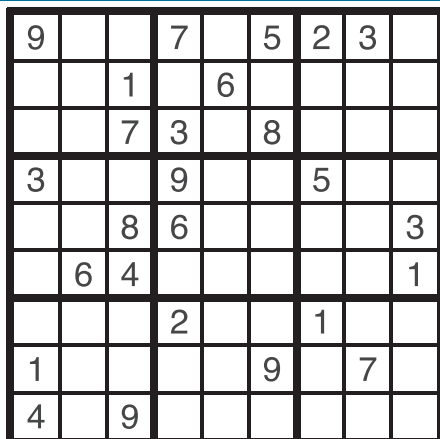


- Pull at
- Sulky look
- Game resembling bingo
- Showy daisy variety
- Phish leader Anastasio
- Use the pool
- Settled a debt
- As well
- How some people swear
- Top worn with jeans
- Less solid
- Municipality
- Remove the edges of
- Bigfoot's cold-weather cousin
- Beastie Boys stipulation "Till Brooklyn"
- "According to me," in shorthand
- Sixth in a series
- Media company words directly before "Radio" or "Media"
- Savor
- Shrek and Fiona, for example
- "Freaky Friday" actress Lindsay
- Unusual
- A, in some of the E.U.
- Word starting multiple Lil Wayne album titles
- Immeasurable time unit (and yet it has a number)
- "Action ___ with reaction"
- Warming wrap
- "Lemon Tree" singer Lopez
- "___ of Two Cities"
- Not many
- "___ was saying ..."
- Money on the line
- .mp4 alternative
- Cargo ship's route
- Dog on "The Jetsons"
- NYC subway letters
- "Phantom of the Opera" novelist Gaston ___
- Pumpkin hue
- Business for agents
- "Law & Order" actor Jeremy
- Abbr. on a schedule
- Name in haute couture
- Part of a crossword
- Teensy
- Nuclear energy particle
- Bliss
- Cal. rows

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SUDOKU



Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsy

July 2-8, 2025

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Greek philosopher Socrates declared, "The unexamined life is not worth living." That extreme statement is a foundational idea of Western philosophy. It's hard to do! To be ceaselessly devoted to questioning yourself is a demanding assignment. But here's the good news: I think you will find it extra liberating in the coming weeks. Blessings and luck will flow your way as you challenge your dogmas and expand your worldview. Your humble curiosity will attract just the influences you need.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Recently, I brought an amazing Taurus to your attention: the German polymath Athanasius Kircher, who lived from 1602 to 1680. Once again, I will draw on his life to provide guidance for you. Though he's relatively unknown today, he was the Leonardo da Vinci of his age — a person with a vast range of interests. His many admirers called him "master of a hundred arts." He traveled extensively and wrote 40 books that covered a wide array of subjects. For years, he curated a "cabinet of curiosities," or "wonder-room," filled with interesting and mysterious objects. In the coming weeks, I invite you to be inspired by his way of being, Taurus. Be richly miscellaneous and wildly versatile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): How does a person become a creative genius in their field? What must they do to become the best? In his book "Outliers," Malcolm Gladwell said that one way to accomplish these goals is to devote 10,000 hours to practicing and mastering your skill set. There's some value in that theory, though the full truth is more nuanced. Determined, focused effort that's guided by mentors and bolstered by good feedback is more crucial than simply logging hours. Having access to essential resources is another necessity. I bring these thoughts to your attention, Gemini, because I believe the coming months will be a favorable time to summon a high level of disciplined devotion as you expedite your journey toward mastery.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There's a story from West African tradition in which a potter listens to the raw material she has gathered from the earth. She waits for it to tell her what it wants to become. In this view, the potter is not a dictator, but a midwife. I believe this is an excellent metaphor for you, Cancerian. Let's imagine that you are both the potter *and* the clay. A new form is ready to emerge, but it won't respond to force. You must attune to what wants to be born through you. Are you trying to shape your destiny too insistently when it's already confiding in you about its preferred shape? Surrender to the conversation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Here's my odd but ultimately rewarding invitation: Tune in to the nagging aches and itches that chafe at the bottom of your heart and in the back of your mind. For now, don't try to scratch or rub them. Simply observe and feel them with curiosity and reverence. Allow them to air their grievances and tell you their truths. Immerse yourself in the feelings they arouse. It may take 10 minutes, or it might take longer, but if you maintain this vigil, your aches and itches will ultimately provide you with smart guidance. They will teach you what questions you need to ask and how to go in quest for the healing answers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Wise gardeners may plan their planting by the moon's phases. Through study of the natural world, they understand that seeds sown at the ripe moment will flourish, while those planted at random times may be less hardy. In this spirit, I offer you the following counsel for the coming weeks: Your attention to timing will be a great asset. Before tinkering with projects or making commitments, assess the cycles at play in everything: the level of your life energy, the moods of others and the tenor of the wider world. By aligning your moves with subtle rhythms, you will optimize your ability to get exactly what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): In parts of Italy, grapevines

were once trained not on wires or trellises, but on living trees, usually maples or poplars. The vines spiraled upward, drawing strength and structure from their tall allies. The practice kept grapes off the ground, improved air circulation and allowed for mixed land use, such as growing cereals between the rows of trees and vines. In the coming weeks, Libra, I advise you to be inspired by this phenomenon. Who or what is your living trellis? Rather than pushing forward on your own, align with influences that offer height, grounding and steady companionship. When you spiral upward together, your fruits will be sweeter and more robust.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Migratory monarch butterflies travel thousands of miles, guided by instincts and cues invisible to humans. They trust they will find what they need along the way. Like them, you may soon feel called to venture beyond your comfort zone — intellectually, socially or geographically. I advise you to rely on your curiosity and adaptability. According to my analysis of the astrological omens, the journey will lead you to resources and help you hadn't anticipated. The path may be crooked. The detours could be enigmatic. But if you are committed to enjoying the expansive exploration, you'll get what you didn't even know you needed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your assignment is to uncover hidden treasures. Use the metaphorical version of your peripheral vision to become aware of valuable stuff you are missing and resources you are neglecting. Here's another way to imagine your task: There may be situations, relationships or opportunities that have not yet revealed their full power and glory. Now is a perfect moment to discern their pregnant potential. So, dig deeper, Sagittarius — through reflection, research or conversation. Trust that your open-hearted, open-minded probing will guide you to unexpected gems.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The legendary jazz musician Louis Armstrong said, "If you have to ask what jazz is, you'll never know." What did he mean by that? That we shouldn't try to use words to describe and understand this complex music? Countless jazz critics, scholars and musicians might disagree with that statement. They have written millions of words analyzing the nature of jazz. In that spirit, I am urging you to devote extra energy in the coming weeks to articulating clear ideas about your best mysteries. Relish the prospect of defining what is hard to define. You can still enjoy the raw experience even as you try to get closer to explaining it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In the Andean highlands, there's a concept called "ayni," a venerated principle of reciprocity. "Today for you, tomorrow for me," it says. This isn't a transactional deal. It's a relational expansiveness. People help and support others not because they expect an immediate return. Rather, they trust that life will ultimately find ways to repay them. I suggest you explore this approach in the coming weeks, Aquarius. Experiment with giving freely without expectation. Conversely, have blithe faith that you will receive what you need. Now is prime time to enhance and fine-tune your web of mutual nourishment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): How often do I, your calm, sensible counselor, provide you with a carte blanche to indulge in exuberant gratification, a free pass for exciting adventures and a divine authorization to indulge in luxurious abundance and lavish pleasure? Not often, dear Pisces. So, I advise you not to spend another minute wondering what to do next. As soon as possible, start claiming full possession of your extra blessings from the gods of joy and celebration and revelry. Here's your meditation question: What are the best ways to express your lust for life?

Go to RealAstrology.com to check out Rob Breznsy's EXPANDED WEEKLY AUDIO HOROSCOPES and DAILY TEXT MESSAGE HOROSCOPES. The audio horoscopes are also available by phone at 1-877-873-4888 or 1-900-950-7700.

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

Events must be entered through the calendar at lansingcitypulse.com. Deadline is 4 p.m. Wednesday for the upcoming Wednesday edition. Charges may apply for paid events to appear in print. If you need assistance, please call Nicole at (517) 999-5066.

Wednesday, July 2

Al-Anon Meeting - 6 p.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. cmialanon.org.

Allen Farmers Market - Craft vendor: Slick Beauty Oils. Live music by Matty Marvin. 3-6:30 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. allenneighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market.

Ballet for Teens & Adults - 10-week class. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Bingo - Every Wednesday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Bingo cafe 5 p.m. Early bird 6 p.m. Eaton Rapids Senior Center, 201 Grand St., Eaton Rapids. facebook.com/EatonRapidsSeniorCenter.

Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults - 10-week class, meets biweekly. 7:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Fanning The Flames Ritual - Join us online or in person every Wednesday for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

"Farmland: Food, Justice, and Sovereignty" - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

Lansing Live Open Stage Night - Whether you're experienced or just starting out, the stage is open to all. Not a performer? Enjoy dinner, drinks and live music. No cover, all ages welcome. 6-9 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Meridian Summer Concert Series: Serita's Black Rose Duo (funk/rock/blues/Americana) - Free. 6:30 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us.

Meridian Township Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket.

Mindfulness Meditation in the Thich Nhat Hanh Tradition - All are welcome to join our weekly practice! 7-9 p.m. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. lamcsangha.wordpress.com.

MSU Summer Carillon Concert Series: Annie Gao - Laureate of the 2024 Queen Fabiola Competition, Gao will blend Baroque, Classical and Romantic melodies in a lyrical program featuring works by Bach, Schumann and Piaf. Free. 6 p.m. Beaumont Tower, 375 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

Patio Party at UrbanBeat - Join us every Wednesday-Saturday from 5-7 p.m. for live music, dinner and drinks on our patio in the heart of Old Town. No cover! 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

St. Johns Concerts in the Park: Lansing Concert Band - The LCB has provided top-quality symphonic band music for over 75 years. Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell.

Summer Strings Rehearsal - MSU Community Music School's summer adult orchestra. Open to all adults. You should know the basics of your instrument and be able to read some music. 7 p.m. 4930 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. cmsaemusic.weebly.com.

Switch Gaming: Super Smash Bros. - Join us for an afternoon of fun and friendly Switch gaming! Feel free to bring your Switch to play between turns. All skill levels welcome. 3-5 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Thursday, July 3

Acting Scene Study Class - 10-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 6:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Al-Anon Meeting - 6:45 p.m. Mason Sparrow Urgent Care, 800 E. Columbia St., Mason. cmialanon.org.

Al-Anon Meeting - 8 p.m. Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cmialanon.org.

Bath Farmers Market - 3-6:30 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13753 Main St., Bath. shopbfm.org.

Capital Area Modelers Society Meeting - Learn about building scale models, display what you're working on and get to know others interested in the hobby. 6:30-8 p.m. Judson Baptist Church, 531 Glendale Ave., Lansing. capitalareamodelerssociety.wordpress.com.

Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square: Homespun (country/classic rock) - Free. 6:30 p.m. Courthouse Square, 100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. facebook.com/charlottechamberof-commerce.

Crafty Vibes - Bring your knitting, crochet or any other portable craft project and immerse yourself in an evening of creativity, conversation and community. 5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Dimondale Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. Village Square, 136 N. Bridge St., Dimondale. facebook.com/dimondalefarmersmarket.

Grand Ledge Music in the Park: Lansing Concert Band Big Band (jazz), opener Clique - Free. 7 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/music_in_the_park.php.

Improv Acting for Teens & Adults - 10-week class, meets biweekly. 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

"Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help" - This wild and tender comedy explores the foolishness of first love, the pains of Catholic guilt and, ultimately, the power of family. 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

July 3rd Fireworks Show - Join us at the Ingham County Fairgrounds for the long-awaited return of the fireworks show! 9:30 p.m. 700 E. Ash St., Mason. facebook.com/masonchamber.

The Local Group and Guests - Join us Thursday nights for free music, good food and summertime vibes. 7-9 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Muelder Summer Carillon Concert Series

July 2-Aug. 6
6 p.m. Wednesdays
Beaumont Tower

375 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing
Michigan State University's weekly Summer Carillon Concert Series, beginning tonight, will feature the top four competitors from the 2024 Queen Fabiola International Carillon Competition, plus "one of carillon's great seasoned performers" and "one of its newest rising stars," according to the series program.

A carillon is a set of bells that are arranged in a chromatic series and played with a keyboard. The instrument was developed in Europe during the 15th and 16th centuries and is relatively rare, with fewer than 200 in the United States. However, the series program notes that both interest in the instrument and the number of instruments in existence are "on the rise."

"People enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of an outdoor recital, and you can't get much better than the scenery MSU has to offer," university carillonist Jon Lehrer said. "All are welcome to attend and even bring along a picnic and spread out a blanket while they listen. It's a great opportunity for children to come to a recital, too, because they don't have to sit and be quiet all the time."

Performers include Annie Gao (July 2), a laureate of the Queen Fabiola competition who was featured in church music magazine *The Diapason's* 2025 20 Under 30 list; Joseph Min (July 9), winner of the Queen Fabiola competition and a regular performer across the U.S. and Europe; Trevor Workman (July 16), carillonist of the historic Bournville Carillon in Birmingham, England, since 1965 and president of the Carillon Society of Britain and Ireland; Claire Janezic (July 23), a laureate of the Queen Fabiola competition who performs internationally as a soloist and as part of the carillon duo Fellowship of the Ring; Rowan Shih (July 30), a rising senior at the University of Chicago and member of the UChicago Guild of Carillonists; and Anne Lu (Aug. 6), a laureate of the Queen Fabiola competition and freelance carillonist based in New York.

After each recital, the tower will be open for tours and carillon demonstrations. For more information, visit music.msu.edu/events.



Mason Independence Day Parade - Celebrate the country's independence with a parade from Rayner Park to the Ingham County Fairgrounds. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required for those participating in the parade. 7 p.m. facebook.com/masonchamber.

Parkinson's Exercise: Rock-Steady Boxing - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's. Caregivers are welcome to participate if space permits. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. lapsg.org.

Patio Party at UrbanBeat - Join us every Wednesday-Saturday from 5-7 p.m. for live music, dinner and drinks on our patio in the heart of Old Town. No cover! 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Silent Book Group - Bring whatever you're reading to describe to the group, then read in companionable silence. 6:30-8 p.m. Hooked, 3142 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. kbkurek@gmail.com.

South Lansing Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. Feeders Pet Supply parking lot, 5016 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. facebook.com/SouthLansingFarmersMarket.

Spirit of Michigan Chorus Rehearsal - We're an inclusive community of women who sing a cappella in the barbershop style. We welcome all levels of musical experience. 6:45 p.m. Church of the Nazarene, 4851 Holt Road, Holt. spiritofmichiganchorus.com.

Summerlands Brewing Co. Crossword Challenge - Each team is given a copy of the same crossword puzzle. The first team to complete the crossword correctly wins a \$10 certificate valid for a future visit. Start at 7 or 8 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Thursday Night Open Forge - Try your hand at blacksmithing and create your own metal masterpiece! 6-9 p.m. Artfire Michigan, 4567 Churchill Road, Leslie. artfiremichigan.com.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly - Weight-loss support group. Weigh-in 5:30 p.m., meeting 6-7 p.m. Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St., Haslett. 800-932-8677. facebook.com/HaslettTops.

Williamston Summer Concert Series: Meridian Community Band - Free. 7 p.m. McCormick Park, 300 N. Putnam St., Williamston. facebook.com/williamstonconcerts.

Events

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Friday, July 4

Country Night at Lansing Shuffle - Enjoy line dance instruction from 8-9 p.m., followed by modern country music playing until midnight! We'll have drink specials all night. No cover! 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. lansingshuffle.com.

Hip-Hop Heroes - Experience a night of elite rap performances from some of the dopest artists in the scene, plus a DJ on the patio keeping the vibes alive all night long. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. ticketleap.events/tickets/aurathebrave.

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

Lake Lansing Bandshell Concert Series: Meridian Community Band (patriotic) - Kids can enjoy big-wheel tricycles at the tricycle track, a bounce house and a giant inflatable slide! Free. 6 p.m. 1621 Pike St., Haslett. facebook.com/Lakelansingbandshell.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Fort Wayne TinCaps - Game highlight: We'll have early gates (4:45 p.m.) for a vintage baseball match, plus a post-game fireworks show! Go 'Nuts for caricatures, face painting, balloon twisting, magic and more during the game! 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Summer Family Movies at Eaton Theater - Enjoy a free showing of "An American Tail." Noon-1:30 p.m. 235 Cochran Ave., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Saturday, July 5

A Lituation in the Cap - From viral hits to hip-hop anthems, Mello Buckzz will bring the party. Expect heavy bass, nonstop vibes and a sellout crowd. 9:30 p.m. The Venue by Eleven 11 Events, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/bw-79861412883.

Afro Beats Party - Get ready to groove to the hottest Afrobeat, amapiano, reggae, Afro-congo and bongo music all night long. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine, 1312 E. Michigan Ave., East Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/afrobeatintown-llc-88109709603.

All American 1, 4 and 8 Mile - This patriotic-themed run is perfect for the whole family. 8 a.m. Hawk Island Park, 1601 E. Cavanaugh Road, Lansing. runsignup.com/Race/MI/Lansing/Firecracker48MileLansing.

Cocaine Anonymous Meeting - "We are here and we are free." 10 a.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing.

EL Fresco Fitness: Outdoor Boxcercise, Hosted by Flex and Nala Fitness - Free. Noon. Albert EL Fresco, downtown East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

"Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help" - This wild and tender comedy explores the foolishness of first love, the pains of Catholic guilt and, ultimately, the power of family. 2 and 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Fort Wayne TinCaps - Game highlight: The Lugnuts will become Los Locos de Lansing as they celebrate Lansing's Hispanic community. We'll have live music, food trucks, a pre-game plaza party and post-game fireworks! 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Meridian Township Farmers Market - 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/Farmers-Market.

Patio Party at UrbanBeat - Join us every Wednesday-Saturday from 5-7 p.m. for live music, dinner and drinks on our patio in the heart of Old Town. No cover! 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Saturday Night Social Club - If you'd like to meet some new folks and play a few games, stop on by. \$10. 7-11 p.m. Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge, 219 1/2 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. homebrewgamelounge.com.

Tiger and Dragon Kenpo Martial Arts Training - Based on a variety of martial arts systems, tiger and dragon kenpo is designed to develop self-confidence in the warrior. 1 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaver-softheweb.org.

Sunday, July 6

Drum Circle at Lake Lansing Park North - Join the Greater Lansing Area Drummers for a fun and energetic afternoon of rhythm and drumming. All ages and experience levels welcome. 2-4 p.m. 6260 E. Lake Drive, Haslett. facebook.com/GreaterLansingAreaDrummers.

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Over 300
Noon-sundown, Fri., July 5, and 9
a.m.-sundown Sat., July 6
3004 Gibson St. Lansing (Churchill Downs
neighborhood)

Eaton Rapids Family Chiropractic (Eaton Rapids, MI) seeking Chiropractor for physical exams, X Rays, and treatment including spinal adjustments, manual/soft tissue therapy, and electric muscle stimulation. Requires Ph.D in Chiropractic, 2 yrs. chiropractic experience, NBCE Exam parts I-IV passage and MI chiropractor license. Send cover letter and resume to Eaton Rapids Family Chiropractic, ATTN: J. Tazzi, 1467 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

Eaton Rapids Fourth of July celebration

5 p.m.-11 p.m. Thursday, July 3
10 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday, July 4
Downtown Eaton Rapids

Eaton Rapids is going all out for its Fourth of July festivities, with a two-day celebration that's as American as apple pie.

The fun begins with Chalk Fest from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, inviting artists of all skill levels to create chalk masterpieces on downtown sidewalks. Afterward, the party will move to Martin Hansen Amphitheater for a family fun night with bounce houses, food trucks and a screening of "Moana 2" at dusk.

Friday brings a craft and vendor show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. along Hamlin Street, a parade at 11 a.m. along Main Street from Marilyn Avenue to Knight Street, the Rotary Club's annual chicken barbecue from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, live music by party band Universe from noon to 2 p.m. at Martin Hansen Amphitheater, a kids' zone from noon to 4 p.m. at Howe Memorial Park, food trucks from noon to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at parking lot No. 4, a dance party with local DJ company TNT Music at 7 p.m. at Howe Memorial Park and a fireworks show at approximately 10:15 p.m. Additionally, the Michigan Grand Army Republic Memorial Hall & Museum will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit facebook.com/CityOfEatonRapids.



East Lansing Farmers Market - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/farmersmarket.

EL Fresco Fitness: Yoga on Albert, Hosted by Yoga State - Free. 10 a.m. Albert EL Fresco, downtown East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

"Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help" - This wild and tender comedy explores the foolishness of first love, the pains of Catholic guilt and, ultimately, the power of family. 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Jugglers and Would-Be Jugglers - Jugglers meet at the Orchard Street Pump House at 2 p.m. Sundays. 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. mike-marhanka@gmail.com.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Fort Wayne TinCaps - Game highlight: Entertainment for kids throughout the game and an opportunity for kids to run the bases after the game. Plus, show your ticket stub at Capital City Market for 25% off your purchase and free ice cream! 1:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Quaker Meeting for Worship - Rich communal silence that invites thinking deeply, developing spiritually, loving fully, speaking our truths. 10:30 a.m. Red Cedar Friends Meeting House, 1400 Turner St., Lansing. redcedarfriends.org.

Summerlands Sunday Brunch - Noon-4 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Williamston Farm & Artisan Market - Shop for produce, baked goods, handmade artisan products and more while enjoying live music, craft activities for the kids and interactive art. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. McCormick Park, 123 High St., Williamston. williamstonfarmmarket.org.

Monday, July 7

Al-Anon Meeting - 8 p.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing. cmialanon.org.

Art Ability Crafts for Adults - Bath Township Public Library's Neurodivergent Mondays program offers craft activities for all adults who may be on the spectrum, seniors, and anyone who is differently abled. 1-2 p.m. 14051 Webster Road, Bath. bathtownshippubliclibrary.org.

Bingo Night at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Free to play, with fun prizes every game! 7-8:30 p.m. 1957

Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlands-brewing.

Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults - 10-week class, meets biweekly. 7:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Broadway Musical Theatre Sing-Dance-Act Camp for Kids & Teens - Sing, act and dance your heart out while performing Broadway songs and dances! Ages 5-18. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Broadway Summer Performance Class - Designed for teens and adults, this 10-week class will develop skills and techniques for singing and acting on stage. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

The Colors of Magic, with Baffling Bill - A fun program for all ages that includes astonishing magic, audience participation and a magic bunny who performs tricks to encourage summer reading! 2 p.m. Delta Center Elementary School, 305 S Canal Road, Lansing. gladl.org.

Crafty Story Time - Preschool-aged children and their caregivers can enjoy fun activities, stories and a craft. 11 a.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 South Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Euchre - 1-3 p.m. Eaton Rapids Senior Center, 201 Grand St., Eaton Rapids. facebook.com/Eaton-RapidsSeniorCenter.

Fiber Circle - Knitters, crocheters and stitchers of all ages and skill levels welcome. Although formal instruction isn't provided, attendees assist each other with techniques and skills. 5:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

Melted Crayon Butterflies - Use pencil sharpeners to make crayon shavings, then shake them onto a paper butterfly. An adult will use an iron to melt the shavings. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

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Quakers, the Religious Society of Friends, worship out of expectant silence. Our worship leads us to believe that there is that of God or Spirit in everyone and therefore all of us are created equal.
We stand firm in our belief that war is an affront to life on earth and we call on all people to live in peace and justice.

www.redcedarfriends.org

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Parkinson's Exercise: Yoga - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's. Caregivers are welcome to participate if space allows. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. lapsg.org.

Reiki for Kids & Teens - Fun, engaging, hands-on activities will teach students about reiki energy and its history. 10-week class. 5 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Shape Note Singing - First and third Mondays, free, loan books available, beginners and the curious are welcome. 7 p.m. Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. fasolamichigan.org.

The Weekly Crunch - Laugh your ass off with the best local comedians every Monday night. 8 p.m. Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. crunchyseastlansing.com.

Women's AA Meeting - 6 p.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. lansingdistrict6.org.

Tuesday, July 8

Acting Scene Study Class - 10-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 6:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Al-Anon Meeting - 9 a.m. Alano Club South, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. cmialanon.org.

Al-Anon Meeting - 7 p.m. St. Jude Church, 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. cmialanon.org.

Arts Council Grant Chat - Stop by Haraz Coffee House to discuss your grant questions and creative ideas with membership & program manager Taylor Haslett. She can provide information on local grant opportunities and assist you in

planning your applications 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 501 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. facebook.com/ArtsCouncilGL.

Care for MI Environmental Health: Reducing Exposures to Protect Health - The MDHHS' Environmental Health Bureau explores how everyday environmental factors can affect our well-being. 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous-HOW Meeting - Meets in person and virtually. 5:30 p.m. St. Jude Catholic Church, 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. For Zoom info, call 989-620-0448 or go to ceahow.org/en/find-a-meeting.

EL Fresco Fitness: Outdoor Mat Pilates, Hosted by Recharged Pilates - Free. 6 p.m. Albert EL Fresco, downtown East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Family Happy Hour - Join us every Tuesday for a free, all-ages playgroup in our safe and welcoming space. 4-7 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Finance Committee - 6 p.m. City Hall, 114 Woodhull St., Laingsburg. laingsburg.us/park-committee.

Improv Acting for Teens & Adults - 10-week class, meets biweekly. 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Minecraft Mania - We'll have our Minecraft server set up and laptops ready to go. No experience needed — all levels of players/builders welcome. Ages 8-12. 6-8 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Parkinson's Exercise: Balance, Conditioning and Strength - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's. Caregivers are welcome to participate if space allows. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. lapsg.org.

Summer in the Park: Tie-Dye Party - You bring a personal item to dye, we supply the dye and treats! 11 a.m. Oak Park, corner of Clinton and Seminary streets, Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Trivia at Lansing Shuffle - 7:30-9 p.m. 325 River-

Mason Fourth of July celebration

**6 p.m.-10 p.m. Thursday, July 3
Ingham County Fairgrounds
700 E. Ash St., Mason
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, July 4
Downtown Mason**



Mason will host its own two-day Fourth of July celebration, kicking off with a pre-parade bike decorating contest for kids at 6 p.m. Thursday on the Ingham County Courthouse lawn. Prizes will be awarded to winners, and all participants will have an opportunity to ride in the parade. Decorations will be provided, but participants are also welcome to decorate their bikes in advance. The parade will begin at 7 p.m. and will travel from Rayner Park to the Ingham County Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds will offer hot air balloon rides from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis, plus cow pie bingo and a fireworks show at dusk. The following day, the Show Off Car Club will host its annual car show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. downtown, accompanied by a DJ and food vendors. Cars of all makes, models and years are welcome. For more information, visit facebook.com/masonchamber.

front Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. lansingshuffle.com.

Ballet for Teens & Adults - 10-week class. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Wednesday, July 9

Al-Anon Meeting - 6 p.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. cmialanon.org.

Allen Farmers Market - Craft vendor: Slick Beauty Oils. Live music by Matty Marvin. 3-6:30 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. allenneighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market.

Bingo - Every Wednesday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Bingo cafe 5 p.m. Early bird 6 p.m. Eaton Rapids Senior Center, 201 Grand St., Eaton Rapids. facebook.com/EatonRapidsSeniorCenter.

Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults - 10-week class, meets biweekly. 7:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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**CITY OF EAST LANSING
EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL**

AMENDED RESOLUTION DETERMINING NECESSITY AND ADVISABILITY OF VACATING THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN 533 ARDSON RD AND 535 ARDSON RD AS DESCRIBED IN THE PLAT OF ARDSON HEIGHTS ADDITION IN THE CITY OF EAST LANSING, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING:

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable and necessary for the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the people of the City of East Lansing to discontinue and vacate the platted public right-of-way between 533 ARDSON RD and 535 ARDSON RD as described in the plat of Ardson Heights Addition and legally described as follows:

That part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, T4N, R2W, City of East Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan described as: Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 83 Ardson Heights Addition according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 6, Page 41 Ingham County Records; thence northwesterly along the north line of said Lot 83, 108.4 feet to the northwest corner of Lot 83; thence northeasterly 16.7 feet more or less to the southwest corner of Lot 84; thence southeasterly 115.7 feet along the south line of said Lot 84 to the southeasterly corner of Lot 84; thence southwesterly along the westerly right-of-way line of Ardson Road 15 feet to the Point of Beginning.

and,

WHEREAS, there are no public utilities of note thereon, thereover, or thereunder.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the City Council deems it advisable and necessary for the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the people of the City of East Lansing, to discontinue, vacate, and abolish said premises described above, and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council will meet on the 15TH day of July, 2025, in the East Lansing Hannah Community Center at 819 Abbot Rd, East Lansing, Michigan for the purposes of hearing objections thereof; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to give notice of such hearing by publication of a copy of this Resolution through a media release for not less than four (4) consecutive weeks preceding such hearing in accordance with the statutes of the State of Michigan, to wit, the Michigan Land Division Act at MCL 560.257.

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INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TG Williamston LLC Brownfield Plan (Tailgaters Williamston)**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED.

Please take notice that a Public Hearing shall be held before the Ingham County Board of Commissioners on the 22nd day of July at 6:30 p.m., held in person at the Historic Mason Court House, 341 S Jefferson St, Mason MI with additional virtual access and information available at Board of Commissioners Meeting Page. The Public hearing will be held on the adoption of a Brownfield Plan for & TG Williamston LLC (Tailgaters Williamston) in Williamston, Michigan. The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority shall exercise its powers pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

The description of the proposed brownfield property is:

Land situated in the city of Williamston, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, described as follows:

3.5 acres consisting of Parcel 33-18-07-12-100-005 and part of 33-18-07-12-100-008 located at 2810 N. Williamston Rd, Williamston, MI.

The proposed brownfield plan would allow TG Williamston LLC to be reimbursed for eligible costs incurred to prepare the brownfield property for redevelopment. Eligible costs may include environmental and/or site preparation costs. The final approval will take place during the Ingham County Board of Commissioners meeting to be held July 22, 2025.

This description of the property along with any maps and a description of the Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection virtually by contacting Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) staff at 517.599.0198 or richard@purelansing.com.

All aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

For more information contact Richard Enty, contracted Lansing Economic Area Partnership staff, at 517.599.0198 or richard@purelansing.com.

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Color Our World with Wacky Carved Watermelons

- Watch as Patrick Harrison, "The Lord of the Gourd," creates colorful watermelon carvings! Learn some fun techniques and try your hand at your own watermelon art! 2-5 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Community Spotlight: Nation Outside - Learn about an amazing group in our community! 6:30-8 p.m. Haslett Branch Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

"Farmland: Food, Justice, and Sovereignty" - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

It's Elementary - Learn how animals' color vision differs from that of humans and why certain natural phenomena have certain colors. Then perform color-related experiments. Grades 3-6. Registration req. 2:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Lansing Collage Club - Join fellow collage enthusi-

asts for an evening of cutting, pasting and creating! Bring supplies to share or come as you are. 6-9 p.m. Hooked, 3142 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/HookedLansing.

Lansing Concerts in the Park: Cooper Johnson (country) - Free. 7 p.m. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. lansingmi.gov/994/Concerts-in-the-Park.

Lansing Live Open Stage Night - Whether you're experienced or just starting out, the stage is open to all. Not a performer? Enjoy dinner, drinks and live music. No cover, all ages welcome. 6-9 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Meridian Summer Concert Series: Street Angels (Stevie Nicks tribute) - Free. 6:30 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us.

Meridian Township Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket.

The Moment of Launch Ritual - Join us online or in person every Wednesday for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

MSU Summer Carillon Concert Series: Joseph Min - Winner of the 2024 Queen Fabiola Competition, Min presents "Dancing in the Wind," a poetic mix of contemporary works and cinematic favorites. Free. 6 p.m. Beaumont Tower, 375 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

Parkinson's Support Group - Informal Discussions

- Small discussion groups. People with Parkinson's meet in a separate room from caregivers for confidential conversations. 1 p.m. Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 1924 Coolidge Road, East Lansing. lapsg.org.

Patio Party at UrbanBeat - Join us every Wednesday-Saturday from 5-7 p.m. for live music, dinner and drinks on our patio in the heart of Old Town. No cover! 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Lighting Matches (alternative rock) - Free. 7 p.m. Two Rivers Park, 201 Divine Hwy., Portland. facebook.com/MIPortlandDowntown.

St. Johns Concerts in the Park: Fly2K ('90s and 2000s) - Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell.

Summer Strings Rehearsal - MSU Community Music School's summer adult orchestra. Open to all adults. You should know the basics of your instrument and be able to read some music. 7 p.m. 4930 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. cmsaemusic.weebly.com.

Thursday, July 10

Acting Scene Study Class - 10-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 6:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Al-Anon Meeting - 6:45 p.m. Mason Sparrow Urgent Care, 800 E. Columbia St., Mason. cmialanon.org.

Al-Anon Meeting - 8 p.m. Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbot Road, East Lansing.

cmialanon.org.

Bath Farmers Market - 3-6:30 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13753 Main St., Bath. shopbfm.org.

Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square: Whistle Pig Surprise Band - Free. 6:30 p.m. Court-house Square, 100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. facebook.com/charlottechamberofcommerce.

Crafty Vibes - Bring your knitting, crochet or any other portable craft project and immerse yourself in an evening of creativity, conversation and community. 5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

DeWitt Concerts in the Park: GLO - GLO is a five-piece rock band covering hits spanning from the '80s to today. 7-9 p.m. Riverside Park, 315 S. Bridge St., DeWitt. dewittareacc.org.

Dimondale Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. Village Square, 136 N. Bridge St., Dimondale. facebook.com/dimondalefarmersmarket.

East Lansing Downtown Management Board Meeting - Noon. City Hall Room 209, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

"Farmland: Food, Justice, and Sovereignty" - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Grand Ledge Music in the Park: Sea Cruisers ('50s-'70s), opener Todd Young Trio - Free. 7 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/music_in_the_park.php.

Holt Music in the Garden: Global Village (funk/R&B) - Free. 7 p.m. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov/402/Community-Events.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on **Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **East Lansing Hannah Community Center**, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823.

1. A public hearing to receive comments on the draft 2024-2025 Comprehensive Plan Update.

The public may attend and participate at all meetings in person. Members of the public may participate electronically in all meetings. Please visit the City's public meeting portal for electronic meeting access information or contact staff for more information:

Landon Bartley, AICP, Principal Planner
410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823
517.319.6930 or lbartley@cityofeastlansing.com
<https://cityofeastlansing.civicweb.net/Portal/>

A staff report (Agenda Item Report) for each public hearing will be published on the City's website the Friday before the meeting. To locate staff reports, please visit the City's public meeting portal at <https://cityofeastlansing.civicweb.net/Portal/> and select the meeting date.

Materials related to the request are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City's website located at www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Planning Commission, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to coelplanningcommission@cityofeastlansing.com.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services must contact the Planning, Building and Development Office, (517) 319-6930 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777) or via email at ldegarmo@cityofeastlansing.com.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and published in compliance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 P.A. 110.

Amy Gordon
Interim City Clerk

Dated: June 27, 2025
East Lansing, MI 48823

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY LEGAL AD NOTICE: TEXT AMENDMENT #2025-04 OFF STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN LEGAL NOTICE Zoning Amendment #2025-04 (Off Street Parking Requirements)

The Township Board at its regular meeting on June 3, 2025 approved for introduction and subsequent adoption Ordinance 2025-04, an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County at Section 86-755 to update the amount of off street parking for specific uses.

A complete copy of the amendment may be viewed at the Community Planning and Development office, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198 (phone 517-853-4560), between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Angela Demas
Township Clerk

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Improv Acting for Teens & Adults - 10-week class, meets biweekly. 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhala-center.com.

"Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help" - This wild and tender comedy explores the foolishness of first love, the pains of Catholic guilt and, ultimately, the power of family. 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Laingsburg Music in the Park: Electric Flower Co. (party band) - Open mic at 6 p.m., band starts at 7 p.m. Free. McClintock Park, 299 McClintock

St., Laingsburg. laingsburgbusiness.org/music-in-the-park-1.

Live Music Thursdays at Nelson Gallery: Soul Happens - This tight-knit group delivers smooth, feel-good grooves that span from old-school soul to neo-soul, with the occasional jazz chord. Free. 4:30 p.m. 113 S. Washington Square, Lansing. facebook.com/NelsonGalleryLansing.

The Local Group and Guests - Join us Thursday nights for free music, good food and summertime vibes. 7-9 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Parkinson's Exercise: Rock-Steady Boxing - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's. Caregivers are welcome to participate if space permits. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. lapsq.org.

CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan for the purpose of considering:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances, Chapter 1460, to update and correct internal references located in Section 1460.44, subsections (a) and (i), and 1460.50.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to fully participate in these meetings should contact the City Council Office at 517-483-4177 (TDD (517) 483-4479) 24 hour notice may be needed for certain accommodations. An attempt will be made to grant all reasonable accommodation requests.

For more information, please call Lansing City Council at 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MiPMC
www.lansingmi.gov/Clerk
www.facebook.com/LansingClerkSwope

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CITY OF GRAND LEDGE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grand Ledge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing during a special meeting at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, 17 July 2025, to consider and receive public input on a request for a variance to permit a six (6) foot high privacy fence in the Saginaw Highway front yard of the corner lot at 11988 Stone Bluff Drive. Zoning Ordinance, Section 46-9(b)(3)(a) restricts the height of fences in front yards to a maximum of six (6) feet. A variance of two (2) feet to the height restriction for a front yard fence is therefore being requested. All information related to the proposed variance is available for review on the City's website at www.cityofgrandledge.com and at the City Clerk's office, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge, Michigan, between 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge MI 48837, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, as amended, and will also be livestreamed via Zoom for informational purposes only. The online stream can be accessed at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82714046574, phone one-tap: +13017158592,,82714046574# US (Washington DC), +13052241968,,82714046574# US or join via audio at +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC), +1 305 224 1968 US, +1 309 205 3325 US, +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago), +1 646 876 9923 US (New York), +1 646 931 3860 US, +1 507 473 4847 US, +1 564 217 2000 US, +1 669 444 9171 US, +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose), +1 689 278 1000 US, +1 719 359 4580 US, +1 253 205 0468 US, +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma), +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston), +1 360 209 5623 US, +1 386 347 5053 US, +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose, Webinar ID: 827 1404 6574, International numbers available: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82714046574

The Zoning Board of Appeals invites anyone interested to attend in person and offer comments at the public hearing. Written comments can be mailed or delivered to Elected or Appointed Officials at 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, placed in the drop box in front of City Hall, or emailed to cityhall@cityofgrandledge.com. All written comments will be considered if received by 5:00 p.m. the day of the hearing. Please call (517) 627-2149 or email cityhall@cityofgrandledge.com for further information or to request accommodations for disabilities.

Gregory Newman, City Clerk

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DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Choose your own adventure at Barrio

By **COURTNEY BOWERMAN**

There's a selection of Mexican restaurants in East Lansing, but Barrio is something special. It isn't just because it's more of a bar than a traditional restaurant, giving off hipster Day of the Dead vibes with string lights and lively skeleton murals. It's because, unlike its counterparts, it allows customers to build their own tacos.

When the friendly and ever-helpful staff shows you to your table, the complimentary chips and mild salsa won't be the only things waiting for you. You'll receive a checklist of à-la-carte items with which to build your tacos or bowl. First, there's



Build-your-own taco

\$4.35+

Barrio

202 Albert St., East Lansing

3-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday

11 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday

11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday

(517) 679-0063

barrio-tacos.com

the base (flour tortilla, corn tortilla or bowl), then the proteins (beef, steak, chicken, pork, shrimp, tofu, etc.), along with cheeses, salsas, sauces and other toppings. Once you've finished checking off what

you want, you hand the list over to the staff. The cooks will make your food exactly as you ordered it, so it's important to be as specific as possible. Don't worry if you can't remember all this; the staff is more than happy to help newcomers out.

If you don't care about customizing your meal, there are plenty of signature

dishes you can order instead. However, it's worth mentioning that the build-your-own-taco option is probably the best deal: They start at \$4.35, with a \$1 or \$2 upcharge for additional proteins. There's also a wide selection of mocktails, cocktails and soft drinks, any of which you'll be grateful for, knowing how spicy some of the entrées can get.

On my visit, I wound up ordering two very different kinds of tacos. The first was a hard corn tortilla filled with spice-rubbed chicken, black beans, lettuce, queso fresco and salsa roja (\$6.35). The second was a soft flour tortilla topped with jalapeno-lime shrimp, cilantro rice, Monterey Jack cheese and avocado ranch, with a side of sour cream (\$7.35). These were a perfect combination of land and sea, emphasized by different extremes in flavor. I'm no chef, but I think I was smart in picking which toppings would work better with each protein.



Courtney Bowerman for City Pulse

Upon being seated at Barrio, you'll receive a checklist of à-la-carte items with which to build your own tacos or bowl.

The chicken taco was perfect, crunchy and not too spicy. The shrimp taco was cooler and creamier, though the cilantro rice still gave it a little kick.

How your order turns out at Barrio is entirely up to you. But if you prefer your tacos with refreshing drinks and a colorful atmosphere, it's the perfect dining spot for the hot summer days to come.

TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN GREATER LANSING AS DECIDED BY CITY PULSE READERS

TOP 5 LATE-NIGHT FOOD SPOTS

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(517) 267-7606
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603 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
(517) 418-6072
insomniacookies.com
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11 a.m.-1 a.m. Thursday-Friday
Noon-1 a.m. Saturday
Noon-midnight Sunday

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325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing
(517) 940-4365
lansingshuffle.com
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11 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday

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500 E. Michigan Ave., Suite 100, Lansing
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sidecarsliderbar.com
11 a.m.-2 a.m. daily

The syrups of summer

By **ARI LEVAUX**

Cheong (chi-yong) is a Korean way of preserving fruits and vegetables by making a sweet, flavorful syrup that you suddenly find indispensable. In ancient times, various types of cheong were used medicinally and as honey substitutes. Like honey, the flavor and consistency of cheong varies based on the fruit, berry, flower, stem or root it draws from.

This process, in which liquid is used to extract molecules from a substrate, is called maceration. In this case, the liquid comes from the fruit itself, which is cut and mixed with sugar to extract water via osmosis. In turn, the water can extract more goodness from the fruit. The resulting syrup is a glorious, sweet and floral nectar.

With cheong, you can stash the long days of summer into bottles to be consumed at your earliest convenience, while never again having to stress about a surplus of ripe, seasonal fruit being



Photo by Ari LeVaux

Ari LeVaux makes rose-rhubarb cheong to add to his collection.

dropped at your doorstep by a well-meaning neighbor.

My current array of cheong in progress includes blueberry, cherry, mango, ginger, raspberry (frozen from last year's garden), strawberry rhubarb and rhubarb rose. Each one of these elixirs is intensely floral and fruity in its own way, with a unique complexity and viscosity.

My favorite syrup is rose rhubarb. It's completely intoxicating, making my feeble brain even less able to comprehend how so much flavor can exist in such a

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small volume. The tiniest drop on the tongue makes the eyes blast wide open.

In the heat of summer, these syrups make dazzling sodas when mixed with bubbly. I like to add mango syrup to my mango smoothies to enhance their mango-ness. Sometimes, I'll use different flavors of syrup to create contrast. The combination of mango, ginger and strawberry rhubarb is exquisite.

Most ripe fruit takes about a week, but you can start pouring little nips from the jar as soon as the sugar starts pulling pourable fluid from the fruit. There will be bubbles, and a mild fermentation gives the eventual flavor a kombucha-like edge.

And don't forget to add your booze of choice to your sweet and fruity cheong. A raspberry margarita makes for a glorious afternoon refreshment. Combine lemon cheong and Tanqueray, and let the fun be gin. Substitute strawberry rhubarb for cranberry juice to update the vodka cran. And then there's rum, which pairs with all things fruity and needs no plan.

One thing I've learned about cheong: It rhymes with "can't go wrong."

Cheong

This recipe comes down to mixing equal parts sugar and fruit by weight. If you still don't have a kitchen scale, let this be the reason.

Ingredients:

Fruit

Sugar

Choose your plant-material substrate. I often refer to it as "fruit," but it could be ginger root, rhubarb stem, rose bud, onion bulb or many other plant parts.

You'll also need ungodly amounts of sugar. White sugar will make a lighter and brighter syrup. Cheong made with darker sugars is said to have more flavor.

Wash the fruit and cut it into small slices or pieces. Blueberries, raspberries and cherries can be crushed. Mangoes should be peeled and cubed. Strawberries and rhubarb should be sliced, ginger should be grated, and roses can be left whole. Mix the fruit with the sugar before adding it to the jar.

Some cheong makers stir it daily, while others let it do its thing for a week and then give it a stir. It's a personal choice. Leave the lid loose so gas can escape.

After a week, give your cheong its first or seventh stir. Some choose to strain it and refrigerate the clear syrup. You can make jam with what you strain out. You can also leave the fruit in the syrup, doling it out as a summery topping for your granola all winter.

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