

City of Ecorse

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A Message from D. Wayne O'Neal

City Administrator

I was hired last December to fill-in while the city found a permanent replacement for John Openlander. The city council recently appointed George Strand to this position and he is set to begin in late April.

I have enjoyed my tenure and have endeavored to move Ecorse in a positive direction. I have enjoyed working closely with Mayor Tidwell on several projects which included the removal of blighted houses, abandoned cars and community development activities.

Ecorse was awarded almost \$750,000 in CDBG funds for the removal of dangerous structures. We also received a \$15,000 state appropriation for the development of an updated City Master Plan. We completed the Recreation Master Plan which allows us to apply for recreation grants through the Department of Natural Resources and Coastal Management Grants.

Several personnel changes have occurred within the Department of Building and Safety Engineering. We have engaged the services of a new electrical inspector and will be hiring a new Building Official.

We are in the process of receiving bids for engineering services, towing services and cleaning services for city owned buildings. As you are aware, Ecorse is under the guidance of the Ecorse Receivership Transition Advisory Board (TAB) that was established by PA 436 to insure that the Orders established by the Emergency Financial Manager are being adhered to. It was under these orders that the city shall employ a professional City Administrator to run the day-to-day activities of the city. All supervision of department heads and non-elected employees are directly responsible to the City Administrator and not the elected officials. Further any actions taken by the city council must be approved by the TAB before they can take effect.

One of the roles of the City Administrator is to act as the liaison between the TAB and the city council. The City Administrator reports on the activities of the city council and the organization and responds to inquiries as directed by the TAB. You are encouraged to attend both the city council and TAB meetings which are open to the public. I wish all Ecorse residents the best in all you do and a great future!

Sincerely,
D. Wayne O'Neal



BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE **FOR 2ND QUARTER**

CITY COUNCIL

7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 1

Tuesday, April 15

Tuesday, April 29

Tuesday, May 13

Tuesday, May 27

Tuesday, June 10

Tuesday, June 24

ECORSE RECEIVERSHIP **TRANSITION ADVISORY** **BOARD (TAB)**

9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 8

Tuesday, May 6

Tuesday June 10

Be sure to go like our new Facebook page for daily announcements and news!

Visit

www.facebook.com/cityofecorse



MISS DIG SYSTEM

April is National Safe Digging Month.

Underground utilities represent a lot of dangers and there is an importance of having them located and marked before digging. MISS DIG is who homeowners and professionals excavators call before digging. Know what's below. Call 811 before you dig or visit www.missdig.org for more information.

2014 Michigan Energy Assistance Program

The Downriver Community Conference presents the 2014 Michigan Energy Assistance Program! If you need assistance with you gas/electric bill, please call (734) 362-7059 and leave your name, energy bill account number, phone number and your city of residence. Eligibility requirements include a picture ID with current address, social security cards for everyone in the home, most recent past-due gas bill OR a shut-off letter with name, address, and account number, proof of total household income for last 12 months, bridge card, proof of SER assistance, and proof of Medicaid (if applicable). For more information about this program or to see what other programs are offered, visit www.ecorse.gov, www.facebook.com/cityofecorse or come and look at our announcement board at City Hall!

2014 Free Weatherization Program

The Downriver Community Conference presents the 2014 Free Weatherization Program! Weatherize your home to be warmer in the winter, cooler in the summer and lower your gas and electric bills. You will need to bring the following documents to your appointment: 2 proofs of household income for the last 3 months, social security cards for everyone in home, deed/title, gas and electric bill (most recent), renters must have signed landlord agreement. Please call (734) 362-7027 for more information or to be placed on the waiting list. For more information about this program or to see what other programs are offered, visit www.ecorse.gov, www.facebook.com/cityofecorse or come and look at our announcement board at City Hall!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Spring is right around the corner, and pretty soon, the parks will be available to be rented out for events.

If you're interested in renting out our parks for special events, message us or call 313-386-2410 to schedule and make a reservation!

The Sister's Network is sponsoring the "PINK Gala" for Breast Cancer Awareness.

The event will take place April 12, 2014 at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. For ticket information please call 313-388-5974 or 313-383-7217.

Come Join the Church of Resurrection for a Free Bag Lunch and Prayer every 4th Wednesday starting March 26 (March 26, April 23, and May 28th) from 11:30 am- 12:30 p.m. The Church is located at 27085 W Outer Drive. For more information please visit www.myprayerletter.com or contact LaChelle Anderson at 313-355-2746

Scholarship Dinner Dance Saluting Hometown Heroes

Saturday May 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Tickets \$35 per person -- \$60 per couple Tickets can be purchased at the High School every Tuesday during our planning meetings at 6:30 p.m. or through our online address www.ehsonline.com

