



Wayne County Commissioner **Kevin**

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11th District Update



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Tough times call for tough measures

Over the past several months, Wayne County deliberated its 2008-2009 fiscal year budget. As a member of the Wayne County Commission's Ways & Means Committee, I had an opportunity to participate in the budget deliberation process.

My focus in deliberating the budget was to ensure that service disruptions, particularly for roads and other public services, are kept to a minimum.

The Ways & Means committee hosted several meetings during the summer months at which county department heads and elected officials presented their budget requests and spending plans. A meeting was held in Canton Township.



Judge Milt Mack, Commissioner Bernard Parker and Commissioner McNamara. Commissioner McNamara brought the Ways and Means Committee to Canton Township for the Budget Hearings which included roads.

Going into our deliberations, we projected a \$33.8 million deficit in our \$2.25 billion budget.

The Wayne County Executive's office presented a budget to the Wayne County Commission that called for 10 percent cuts across the board. Under the plan, every department and elected official faces cuts.

It's clear that Wayne County will continue to face difficult budget times going forward. Please trust that I will do my best to provide accountability and transparency to the citizens of District 11.

Sincerely,

Kevin McNamara
Wayne County Commissioner, District 11



Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara co-chaired the Tri-County Summit's "Going Green" seminar. McNamara will introduce a resolution at the Commission to create a regional partnership for sustainability that will focus on energy efficiency.

Tri-County Summit stresses cooperation

More than 200 public and private sector leaders from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties gathered at the Detroit Institute of Arts in September for the annual Tri-County Summit.

The Summit is sponsored by the legislative leaders of the three counties and the city of Detroit, and focuses on developing solutions to pressing regional issues.

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Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara discusses regional issues with Detroit Mayor Kenneth Cockrel at the Tri-County Summit.



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This year's conference addressed foreclosure and environmental issues.

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara co-chaired the Summit's "Going Green" task force along with Detroit City Councilwoman Sheila Cockrel.

The task force is charged with developing strategies to improve energy efficiency for governments.

"Our efforts will involve performing energy audits at buildings to see where savings might be realized," McNamara said. "There is also an educational component involved by teaching employees to turn off lights and computers when the work day is completed. These little actions can result in major cost savings," he added.

For instance, an effort to improve energy efficiency at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building saved \$1.4 million in one year.

"These savings are truly meaningful, even when you are dealing with multi-billion dollar budgets," McNamara said.

This year's Summit was hosted by the City of Detroit. McNamara will co-chair the Summit next year when Wayne County hosts it.



New Splish-Splash Park planned in Canton Township

In addition to supporting Wayne County owned treasures like Hines Park and Crosswinds Marsh, the Wayne County parks millage also funds local parks and recreation efforts.

Since the Parks Millage was first levied in 1996, Wayne County has invested more than \$600,000 for parks and recreation in Canton Township.

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara said at least an additional \$150,000 is included in the 2008-09 fiscal year budget to help fund another splish-splash park for township residents.

The Wayne County Parks Millage will contribute \$150,000 for another splish-splash park for Canton Township.