Commission Chair Alisha Bell and State Senator Sylvia Santana showed their appreciation for members of the Detroit Police Department’s 2nd Precinct by hosting a “thank you” lunch on May 8, at precinct headquarters, 13530 Leisure, Detroit.

Lunch was provided by Starter’s Bar & Grill in Detroit and served to the hard-working members of the Precinct.

“This is a small way to thank these hard working men and women for all they do to keep us safe during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as for all they have done for us in the past,” Chair Bell and Sen. Santana said in a joint statement.
Commission calls for equality in COVID-19 testing

Noting the extreme impact of COVID-19 on African Americans, the Wayne County Commission April 30 unanimously called for a comprehensive effort to ensure all Americans have equal access to testing, treatment, and prevention during the global pandemic.

“Michigan is 13 percent African American, but we have 40 percent of all deaths and that is true across the nation,” said Commission Chair Alisha Bell.

Sponsored by Chair Bell, the resolution “strongly encourages federal, state and local officials to allocate resources for testing, treatment, and prevention in a manner that ensures that an individual’s economic and social status does not determine the quality of health and medical resources.”

The resolution also calls on federal, state and local officials to maintain accurate demographic data related with COVID-19 to ensure resources are allocated to the most vulnerable individuals.

In addition, the resolution “implies medical professionals, hospitals, and local and state health departments to engage in a unified comprehensive effort to mitigate the racial and ethnic disparities caused by COVID-19.”

The resolution was sent to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, the Michigan Congressional delegation, leaders in the Michigan House and Senate, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

“As we try to understand this virus and how to collect data, we must take the appropriate measures to ensure all individuals receive equal treatment in preserving their health and preventing any further spreading,” Chair Bell said.
Wayne County seeks to boost nursing home inspections

With Wayne County nursing home residents making up a significant number of Michigan’s COVID-19 patients and fatalities, the Wayne County Commission on April 30 called on the state to increase inspections of county nursing home and nursing care facilities.

“There has been a lack of inspections by state officials in the past and when COVID-19 hit, I heard of more cases of negligence,” said Commissioner Al Haidous, who introduced the resolution on April 30 with Commission Chair Alisha Bell. “We need to do something so these facilities follow procedures and support the senior citizens who live there and lead healthy lives.”

Statistics compiled by the Wayne County Department of Health, Human & Veterans Services show that more than 10 percent of all county COVID-19 patients and 40 percent of all fatalities involved nursing home patients. Those figures do not include cases and fatalities recorded in Detroit, which maintains its own statistics.

Because the state is responsible for the licensing and regulation of nursing homes, the resolution strongly encourages the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Community and Health Systems to increase inspections to assure county facilities are fully implementing all precautions necessary to protect patients and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It also implores the Bureau of Community and Health Systems to conduct inspections unannounced, to assure they provide a true representation of how facilities operate on a day-to-day basis.
Due to stay in place orders involving the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wayne County Commission is continuing to hold its meetings by teleconference until further notice.

The public can participate in the meetings, as they occur, via the Zoom app. Zoom can be accessed via computer, table or smartphone. Individuals can join meetings by visiting https://zoom.us/j/8599664354 and dialing (312) 626-6799.

The meeting ID number is contained on the meeting agenda. Meeting agendas are available on the county webpage, www.waynecounty.com. Zoom also allows the public to comment and ask questions. Questions can also be emailed to plane@waynecounty.com.

Meetings are held in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act and under the commission’s standard rules of order.

COVID-19 testing sites and times

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
SATURDAY MAY 16, 2020 - 10 AM - 2 PM
NORTHWEST CAMPUS, 8200 WEST OUTER DRIVE, DETROIT, MI 48219
SATURDAY MAY 23, 2020 - 10 AM - 2 PM
EASTERN CAMPUS, 5901 CONNOR, DETROIT, MI 48213

TESTING AT THE SHEFFIELD CENTER COMPLEX
12048 GRAND RIVER, DETROIT, MI 48204

YOU MUST CALL OR EMAIL US TO REGISTER
AND SCHEDULE YOUR TEST:
313-706-2750 • 313-923-1655
testing@dabodetroitinc.com

Next Full Commission Meeting
Thursday, May 21
10 a.m.
Wayne Metro Cares COVID Relief

In response to COVID-19, Wayne Metro is offering support for the following:

- Food and Income
- Water and Energy
- Rent and Mortgage
- Property Tax Assistance
- Emergency Plumbing Repair
- Funeral Assistance
CONSTRUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT
Greenfield Road Resurfacing Project (West Chicago to Plymouth)

Thank you for your patience while we make important improvements to Greenfield Road in the City of Detroit.

WHAT’S BEING DONE?
Capital improvements include the milling and removal of the existing asphalt pavement and replacement of a new layer of hot mix asphalt pavement along Greenfield Road from West Chicago to Plymouth in the city of Detroit.

WHEN WILL WORK TAKE PLACE?
Construction is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 20, 2020. Please note that there could be some unexpected delays in the project start date due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. The project is estimated to be completed in Summer 2020, barring any unforeseen delays or inclement weather. Final restoration including road striping and seeding of shoulder areas, if needed, will be completed as weather allows.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?
Construction barrels will be placed on the side of the road beginning on Monday, April 20, 2020. During construction, one lane in each direction of Greenfield Road will be closed, beginning with the outside lanes and then switching to the inside lanes. Greenfield Road will remain accessible to both through and local traffic throughout the project duration. Please use caution when driving through work zones. Reduced speeds and load restrictions will be posted.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
- Contact the 24 hour customer service center at 888 ROAD CREW
- Visit – www.waynecounty.com
- Residents and visitors can subscribe to email notifications of bridge updates, construction and maintenance updates and news in their communities via waynecounty.com (https://www.waynecounty.com/departments/publicservices/roads/road-construction-updates.aspx)
CONSTRUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT
Tireman Road Resurfacing Project (Greenfield Road to Schaefer Road)

Thank you for your patience while we make important improvements to Tireman Road in the City of Detroit and the City of Dearborn.

WHAT’S BEING DONE?
Capital improvements to Tireman Road in the city of Detroit and city of Dearborn which includes 1.00 mile of hot mix asphalt resurfacing from Greenfield Road to Schaefer Road.

WHEN WILL WORK TAKE PLACE?
Construction will begin on Monday, April 15, 2020 and is estimated to be completed in Summer 2020, barring any unforeseen delays or inclement weather. Final restoration including road striping and seeding of shoulder areas, if needed, will be completed as weather allows.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?
Traffic heading westbound on Tireman Road will be detoured south to Warren Road at Schaefer Road beginning Monday, April 15 for the first half of the construction project. Once the resurfacing on westbound Tireman Road is completed, around mid-summer, westbound lanes will be reopened to traffic. At this point, eastbound lanes will then be closed and eastbound traffic will be redirected to Warren Road at Greenfield Road. Flaggers will be present to direct traffic as needed during construction. Please use caution when driving through work zones. Reduced speeds and load restrictions will be posted.

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ABOUT WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
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