

District 12  
**E-NEWS UPDATE**  
Westland, Inkster, south Livonia

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Dear Friends,

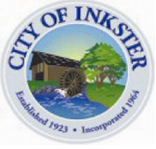
I invite you to read the first edition of our e-newsletter. This e-news edition will be sent out on a monthly basis, while the paper edition will be mailed to constituents once a year. This e-newsletter is a way to reduce costs to you the taxpayer, yet still keep you informed on county news. It is my hope to keep you connected in a more transparent, timely and efficient manner.

Please forward this to your friends and relatives in Westland, Inkster and south Livonia---better yet, encourage them to email me at [district12@co.wayne.mi.us](mailto:district12@co.wayne.mi.us) and we will add them to our mailing list.

We share in the hope that new beginnings brings, and look forward to the opportunities before us. I welcome your input and feedback, or if you wish to unsubscribe please Email us at [district12@co.wayn.mi.us](mailto:district12@co.wayn.mi.us) and put "unsubscribe" and your email address in the subject line. It is my pleasure to serve YOU and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Joan Gebhardt



## COFFEE HOURS

Join me on the 3rd Monday of each month at the following.

10:00 am - YWCA, 26279 Michigan Ave. Inkster, MI 48141

12:00 noon - Panera Bread, 35300 Warren Rd. Westland, MI 48185

6:00 pm - Biggby Coffee, 11003 Middlebelt Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

## SPOTLIGHT



### Commission Meeting January 4th, 2011

For the Wayne County Commission Swearing in Ceremony my good friend Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly administered the oath of office with my granddaughter Lindsay holding the bible. My son Steve, who is a chef at Bouchon in Beverly Hills,

California flew in and is holding my granddaughter. My husband Fred and daughter Jennifer are not in range in the picture.

## COUNTY NEWS

### Ethics Meeting

I was appointed to Chair of the Ethics Task Force. This group is charged with providing an ordinance to deal with ethics issues for elected officials and employees of the county. I am also Vice-Chair of two standing Committees: Government Operations, and Youth Services while also sitting on the prestigious Ways & Means and Public Services Committees.





**2011-2012 STANDING COMMITTEES FOR THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION**

**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Burton Leland, Chair  
**Joan Gebhardt, Vice Chair**  
 Laura Cox  
 Joseph Palamara  
 Martha Scott  
 Ilona Varga  
 Diane Webb

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Bernard Parker, Chair  
 Laura Cox, Vice Chair  
**Joan Gebhardt**  
 Burton Leland  
 Kevin M. McNamara  
 Joseph Palamara  
 Martha Scott

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Tim Killeen, Chair  
 Irma Clark-Coleman, Vice Chair  
 Alisha Bell  
 Burton Leland  
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Kevin McNamara, Chair  
**Joan Gebhardt, Vice Chair**  
 Alisha Bell  
 Ilona Varga  
 Jewel Ware

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 Laura Cox  
 Tim Killeen  
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**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES**

Ray Basham, Chair  
 Kevin McNamara, Vice Chair  
 Laura Cox  
**Joan Gebhardt**  
 Bernard Parker

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, JUDICIARY AND HOMELAND SECURITY**

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 Martha Scott, Vice Chair  
 Ray Basham  
 Alisha Bell  
 Irma Clark-Coleman

**COMMITTEE ON AUDIT**

Ilona Varga, Chair  
 Tim Killeen, Vice Chair  
 Ray Basham  
 Irma Clark-Coleman  
 Diane Webb

**2010-2011 SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RULES**

Gary Woronchak, Chair  
 Ilona Varga, Vice Chair  
 Alisha Bell  
 Irma Clark-Coleman  
 Laura Cox  
 Burton Leland  
 Bernard Parker

**ETHICS TASK FORCE**

**Joan Gebhardt, Chair**  
 Diane Webb, Vice Chair  
 Alisha Bell  
 Tim Killeen  
 Ilona Varga

**TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE**

Diane Webb, Chair  
 Ilona Varga, Vice Chair

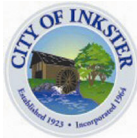
# YOUR COMMISSIONER @ WORK IN ...



## City of Westland



- \* Earmarked Wayne County Parks monies for Central City Park renovation. Started 1st phase.
- \* Acquired PASS grant of \$29,000 for Westland Youth Assistance Program (YAP) (pictured).
- \* Secured funding for Warren Rd. Resurfacing project (phases from Inkster to Newburgh) in addition to Warren/Newburgh intersection.
- \* Worked with County, City ( both Westland & Livonia), LPS (Livonia Public Schools) Audit for Franklin High School and planning in 2011 for the Joy/Merriman intersection.
- \* Working to change the Youth Court for misdemeanants and ordinance violators.



## City of Inkster



- \* Earmarked Parks monies for Wheatley Park. With the cooperation of the Detroit Tigers and TIFA funds was able to install baseball diamond and basketball courts.
- \* Acquired three Youth PASS Grants totaling \$21,000 (Pictured).
- \* Lobbying for a new Senior Center and Greenway Walk Project.
- \* Planning for the 3rd annual Rouge River Rescue.
- \* Coordinated with Inkster ROTC for the 1st Annual "Make a Senior Smile Day."



## City of Livonia



- \* Collaborating with many organizations including the Livonia Friends of the Library to donate unsold paperback books to the Wayne County Jail Inmates (Pictured)
- \* Worked with County, City (both Livonia & Westland), LPS (Livonia Public School) and Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) to complete a Road Safety Audit for Franklin High School.
- \* Requested a Road Safety Audit in 2011 for the Joy Rd./Merriman Intersection from Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).
- \* Planning for Parks monies to be used in Livonia for 2011.