


Ann Arbor City Council Session: October 18, 2010
Email Redactions List Pursuant to Council Resolution R-09-386

Received Time	Sent Time	To	From	CC	Redactions	Reason for Redaction
7:15 PM	7:14 PM	wbwc@googlegroups.com	Farber, Phillip		email address	Privacy
7:25 PM	7:24 PM	Lowerburnsparkneighborassociation	Gkrapohl		email address	Privacy
7:46 PM	7:33 PM	Eiyakin (undisclosed recipients)	Eiyakin, Neal		email address	Privacy
7:53 PM	7:52 PM	Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie	Mentz, Marta		email address and address	Privacy
8:01 PM	8:00 PM	Lowerburnsparkneighborassociation	Thomas, Amy		email address, address and phone number	Privacy
8:04 PM	8:03 PM	Taylor, Christopher	Nagourney, Peter		email address	Privacy
8:18 PM	8:17 PM	Teall, Margie; Weldydt, Tony	Weldy, Tony		email addresses and phone number	Privacy
8:39 PM	8:38 PM	Teall, Margie	Deline, Sandra		email address	Privacy
8:40 PM	8:40 PM	Higgins, Marcia	McCormick, Sue	Fraser, Roger; Hupy, Craig	email address and address	Privacy
8:41 PM	8:40 PM	wbwc@googlegroups.com	Gaynor, Jeff		email address	Privacy
9:00 PM	8:59 PM	Hertle, John	Deline, Sandra		email address	Privacy
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10:04 PM	10:04 PM	Hohnke, Carsten	Chambers, Evan		email address	Privacy
10:18 PM	10:17 PM	Perry, Mark (undisclosed recipients)	Perry, Mark		email address	Privacy

Greenshields, Rachel

From: wbc@googlegroups.com on behalf of Phillip Farber [pfarber@
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 7:14 PM
To: wbc@googlegroups.com
Subject: [WBWC] @a2chronicle Thompson Street parking structure expansion includes shelter for bicycles, or so it appears. | Flickr - Photo Sharing!

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/jweise/5094480233/>

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com on behalf of Gkrpohl [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 7:24 PM
To: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com
Subject: [lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation] Halloween Safety Tips and Hours 2010

http://www.a2gov.org/news/Documents/2010_News_Releases/Halloween_2010.pdf

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Tuesday Tools [TuesdayTools@rhiresource.org]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 7:14 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: October Tools on Entertainment



October Tuesday Tools

NOTE:

The Entertainment
Webinar has been
postponed until
June 2011

For a complete
description of
Entertainment:



More Info

**RHI's Planning,
Managing and
Policing: A
Practical Guide**

Information

Alexis Hahalis

831.469.3396 x2#

www.RHIweb.org

October's Theme: Entertainment

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON THE LATEST TOOLS & RESOURCES

Creating Opportunities to Share Food, Drink, Music and Dance in a Safe and Vibrant Setting

Progressive cities nurture dining and entertainment opportunities for diverse ages, lifestyles and cultures. Support mechanisms include incentives for business and talent development and retention, as well as assessments of nightlife's economic value and contributions. A broad range of entertainment enhances the quality of life that attracts a creative class of innovators, progressive thinkers and industries that can feed city economies.

Socializing Magnets

Although entertainment is often construed as theater, restaurants, bars, and clubs, RHI encourages communities to consider a broader definition of entertainment. Entertainment is a critical component of socializing at any time of day, so any activity that involves shared experiences with others can be considered entertainment. Among the most popular magnets that draw people to a downtown destination include:

Dining * Décor * Art * Music * Dance * Sports * Theater

Considerations when Planning Entertainment in a Hospitality Zone

- ◆ **Valued Investment:** Cities and cultural organizations often invest in symphony, theatre and opera. However, there are contemporary forms of music and entertainment that can also convey local flavor and history. They often gain momentum in nightclubs, open mic performances and through street entertainment.
- ◆ **Development:** Providing guidance and support to music venues and artists can be a lucrative investment for a sociable city. Some cities provide business courses, subsidize housing costs for musicians and performers, and promote local music through public spaces in government buildings.
- ◆ **Incentives:** Remove barriers to live performance. Review codes, fees, regulations, physical restrictions and the permitting and licensing processes to assure they are clear, moderate and not burdensome. This encourages businesses of all types to include live entertainment and discourage talent drain to other cities.
- ◆ **Governance:** Governing bodies overseeing dining, entertainment and events can be part of state or local government agencies or departments, or can be independent public entities. They can be oriented to both creative support and to economic development.
- ◆ **Support Systems:** To incubate entertainment requires support systems for both musicians and businesses, particularly at the start. For entertainers to be successful, they require access to recording and rehearsal locations where sound can be attenuated; local showcase opportunities; and training on business management skills such as contracts, accounting, etc.

What barriers to entertainment exist and how can they be minimized? What support systems are in place, need to be enhanced or developed?

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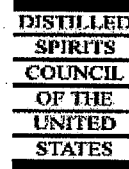
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With Support From



Greenshields, Rachel

From: elyakin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 7:46 PM
To: elyakin
Subject: Election update - Ann Arbor Library Board

Hello friends,

I am delighted that so many of you responded with comments, reviews, criticisms and thoughts for me to ponder. Here is the first of my updates with additional information on my picks;

The Ann Arbor Library Board

I have revised my assessment of the candidates and are now only supporting only two of the four I first mentioned; Ed Surovell and Jan Barney Newman continue to receive my support, the other two names have been dropped from my support list.

Here is why;

Vivienne Armentrout and Nancy Kaplan will bring to the board divisive thinking; based on my conversations with others who have worked with them (although I have not and do not know them well at all) - and these contact are people who I trust implicitly - I feel compelled to alter my original support list.

I understand that it sounds petty to change my mind after first endorsing a person, but I am prone to make mistakes, as we all are from time to time.

Ed and Jan are, according to what I know and have been told, clear and thoughtful deliberators and will bring their considerable experiences to the board.

The AADL is an important service system of the city, and its board will have important leadership decisions to make in the future regarding how the library system meets the advances of the 21st Century - I would like to see people like Ed Surovell and Jan Barney Newman help steer our library system, by working collaboratively with the other board members and other city entities, the schools, the community, businesses, etc.

Please vote.

Neal

On Oct 17, 2010, at 12:59 PM, elyakin wrote:

Hello friends,

I have been debating whether I should send out mass emails during this political season. I usually don't because I generally don't like receiving them. I decided to send a few to my good friends (of which you are one) because this year, I believe there are some political races that hinge on what this year might be called voter apathy; decisions not to vote at all during the 'mid-term' or staying home because you believe the end is known, the winner is pre-determined, or there are no good candidates.

I respectfully disagree on all counts. Please vote. I have said before in a general sense that voting is our civic responsibility, the singular activity that defines our Democracy. Voting is the ultimate definition of term limits.

Having said all this, I would urge you all to vote your conscience on November 2, 2010. What follows are a few thoughts about the candidates that I have considered worthy of my vote. If you so choose, please read on. If not, at least vote.

To help you with this, there is a website (one among many, I'm sure) that presents the candidates in Michigan in a very organized (and non-partisan) format - look at <http://www.lwvmi.org/2010LWVMIVoterGuide.htm> (The League of Women Voters) for more information on the candidates. I intend on sending out, to this list, a few more emails that may describe why I am supporting a few of these candidates. Choose to read them or delete, as you wish.

Thanks and please remember to vote.

This is the list of candidates that I support -

First, here are my picks for statewide candidates and proposals -

US House of Representatives - District 7

Mark Schauer

US House of Representatives - District 9

Gary Peters

US House of Representatives - District 10

Henry Yanez

US House of Representatives- District 12

Sander Levin

US House of Representatives - District 15 (my district)

John Dingell

Michigan Governor -

Virg Bernero

Michigan Secretary of State -

Jocelyn Benson

Michigan Attorney General -

David Leyton

Michigan State Senate - District 13

Aaron Bailey

Michigan State Senate - District 18 (my district)

Rebekah Warren

Michigan State Representative - District 52

Christine Green

Michigan State Representative - District 53 (my district)

Jeff Irwin

Michigan State Representative - District 54

David Rutledge

Michigan State Board of Education

Elizabeth Bauer
Lupe Ramos-Montigny

University of Michigan Regents
Andrea Fischer-Newman
Paul Brown

Michigan Supreme Court
Alton Thomas Davis
Mary Beth Kelly

Proposal 1 - to convene a Constitutional Convention in 2011
I oppose this proposal

Proposal 2 - a Constitutional amendment to prohibit certain felons from holding public office
I oppose this proposal

Here are my picks for the local races in Washtenaw County -

Ann Arbor Mayor
John Hieftje

Ann Arbor City Council
Ward 1 - Sandi Smith (unopposed)
Ward 2 - Tony Derezinski
Ward 3 - Chris Taylor (unopposed)
Ward 4 - Margie Teall (unopposed)
Ward 5 - Carsten Hohnke (my ward)

Washtenaw Count Commissioner
District 1 - Adam Zemke
District 2 - Ken Schwartz
District 3 - Alicia Ping (unopposed)
District 4 - Wesley Prater
District 5 - Rolland Sizemore Jr.
District 6 - Ronnie Peeterson
District 7 - Kristin Judge
District 8 - Barbara Levin-Bergman
District 9 - Leah Gunn
District 10 - Conan Smith (my district)
District 11 - Yousef Rabhi

Ann Arbor School Board
Susan Baskett
Christine Stead
Deb Mexicotte
Simone Lightfoot
Andy Thomas

Ann Arbor District Library Board

Vivienne Armentrout
Jan Barney Newman
Ed Surovell
Nancy Kaplan

Well, if you got this far, you are at least mildly interested in the candidates and the political future of our country, our state, Washtenaw County and our city.
Thanks for taking time to look it over; our future and our children's future depends on the choices of leaders we make now.
Wishing you all well,

Neal

Neal Elyakin


Greens hields, Rachel

From: Marta Metz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 7:52 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie
Subject: street lights out for weeks

Hello,

I live at Briarcrest Condominiums on Oakbrook near South Main. On September 28 I requested that two of the four streetlights on Oakbrook be fixed, using the online service request form. They have not been fixed and now a third street light is out, leaving one working streetlight on the corner of Oakbrook and South Main (unfortunately the online service request form isn't working either). It is very dark now on my street and it's unsafe for people walking. I work in Detroit so I understand budget problems but I do not understand why it can take three weeks to fix streetlights. If it is a cost savings measure that 50-75% of streetlights will now be dark, perhaps that should be re-explored.

Thank you,
Marta Metz
[REDACTED]

Greenshields, Rachel

From: CarProperty.com [newsletter@carproperty.com]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 7:45 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: No way .. can you believe it .. we can't

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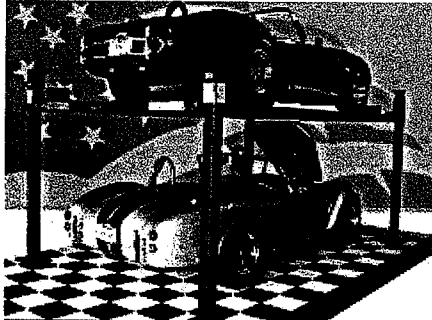


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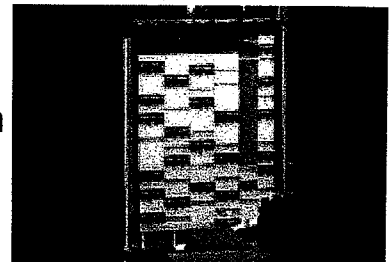
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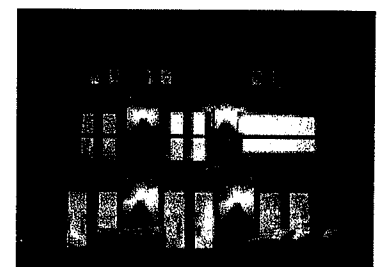
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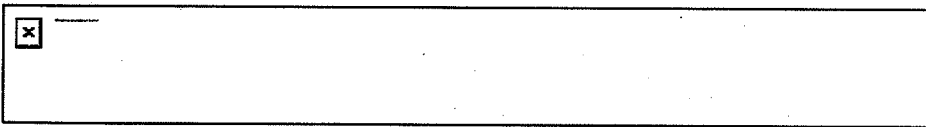
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Short Term Parking



Garage, Lots and RV Parking Space

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Classics, Vintage, Muscle, Exotic, Hot Rods & Retro Rods
New Vehicles (current year)
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Used Vehicles (1981 and up)



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Vacation Rentals



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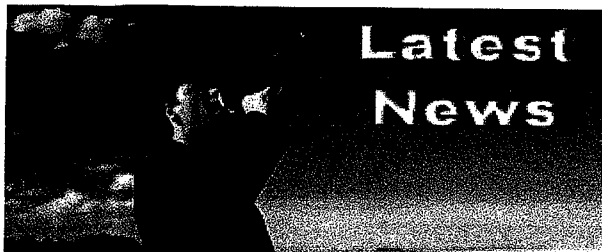
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Attention all Car Collectors, Enthusiasts and those interested in Buying or Selling a Car Property!!

We strongly recommend that you use Agents who are in our Marketing Network in the USA and Canada!!

They are working in this niche because they have signed up with us and you should be using them for all of your car property real estate needs.

Pay particular attention to those who have signed up to be **Exclusive Agents** in their areas because they will provide you with a higher level of service and expertise. These agents take the Car Property niche market more seriously than our non-exclusive agents and **we strongly recommend our Exclusive Agents.**

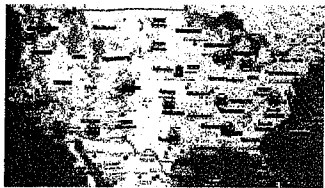
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Map Search. This is a visual searching tool where you can double click on the map and drill down to geographic locations where you can find agents by states, cities and zip Codes. Pay particular attention to the **large green icons** on the map because those are Exclusive Agents in our network.

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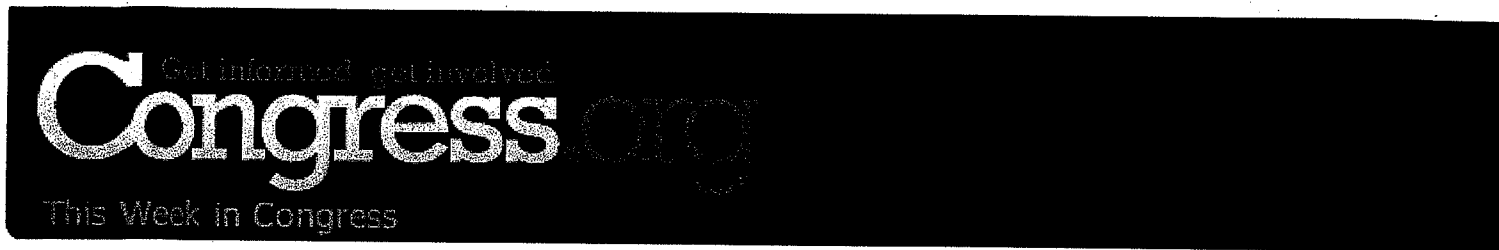
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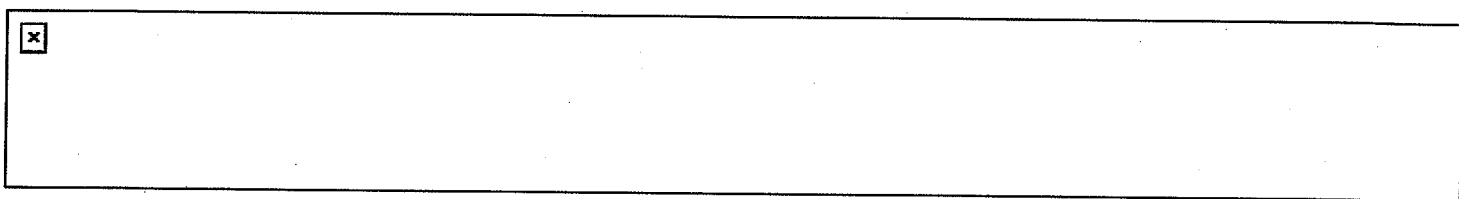
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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Congress.org [congressorg@capwiz.com]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 7:54 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Senators 'Hold' Up Business



October 18, 2010



Senators 'Hold' Up Business



The White House does not have a budget director, but it's not for lack of trying.

Though President Obama nominated Jacob Lew to be director of the Office of Management and Budget in July, Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La.) has single-handedly blocked him from taking the job, using a Senate procedure known as a "hold."

By most accounts, Lew is qualified — he served in the same post from 1998 to 2001 under President Clinton.

But Landrieu has argued that he shows a "lack of sufficient concern" for economic problems in the Gulf Coast, which she represents. And, because of the way the Senate is run, it wouldn't matter

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even if she did think he was qualified.

Under Senate rules, any senator can block any of the president's nominations — or delay a piece of legislation from coming to the floor for debate — for any reason at all.

[Read more about Senate holds.](#)

The Top Votes of 2010 (So Far)



How did your lawmakers do over the last year?

As election day approaches, many readers have asked how their senators and representatives sided on the most important votes of the year.

Health care and financial regulation were among the most hotly contested of those, but there were several other issues that dominated the agenda.

Click the links below to see the top votes for each chamber and find out how your senators and representatives voted.

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Jim Davis

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Pro-Pot Activists Target California



Pro-marijuana activists say their best hope lies far from Capitol

Hill — 3,000 miles away.

On Nov. 2, California voters will decide whether to legalize the growth, sale and consumption of

marijuana.

National advocacy groups have pounced on the ballot initiative, called Proposition 19, arguing that it could be a game-changer in the stalemated national debate.

"If the world doesn't crack open and the state doesn't explode, I think that will make other states more comfortable with legalization," said Jane Hamsher, an advisor on the Just Say Now national campaign to legalize pot.

[Read more about the marijuana legalization effort.](#)

Tell Congress: AgJOBS Bill

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**AGRICULTURE
JOBS BILL**

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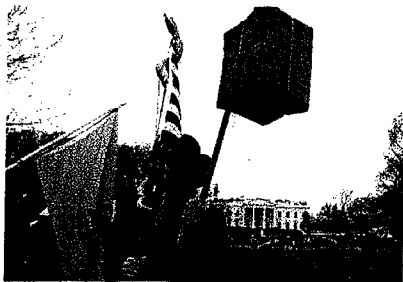
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Why the Tea Party is 'Boiling Mad'



The tea party's ideas have been around for decades, and they may outlast the activists.

That's just one of many arguments New York Times reporter Kate Zernike makes in the latest book to chronicle the conservative grassroots uprising, "Boiling Mad."

Zernike dismisses claims that this is an astroturf movement, but she also accuses tea partiers of holding contradictory views.

Among the takeaways from her book is the argument that it borrows from past anti-government uprising, with libertarian ideas that echo some of Barry Goldwater's platform in the 1964 presidential race.

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[A Patriot Guard Rider responds to our story about them.](#)

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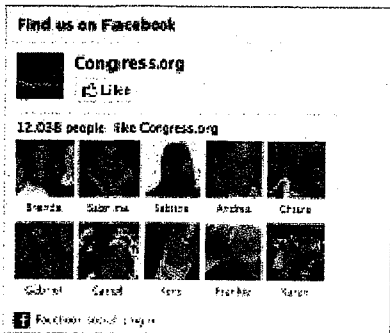
[The VFW's PAC is defending its decision to endorse and the endorsements.](#)



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From: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com on behalf of Amy Thomas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 8:00 PM
To: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation
Subject: [lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation] Re: Stadium Bridge Press Conference

Yes, Margie--Huzzah!, huzzah!
Thanks for the proposal work. What a task.

Best,
Amy Thomas

On Oct 18, 4:00 pm, "Dr. Larry Baitch" [REDACTED] wrote:
> Kudos to Margie Teall and everyone involved in getting the federal
> grant for the Stadium Bridge project. Present at today's press
> conference were Margie, Ned Staebler, Congressman John Dingell, Mayor
> John Hieftje, Liz Brater and many other people who made it possible.
> Photos Attached.
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> --
> Larry Baitch, OD, PhD
> Phone: 734-[REDACTED]
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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Peter Nagourney [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 8:03 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: Re: North Burns Park Association meeting Tuesday, Oct. 19, 7:00 pm

Great. Look forward to seeing you then.

Peter

On Mon, Oct 18, 2010 at 4:44 PM, Taylor, Christopher (Council) <CTaylor@a2gov.org> wrote:

I'll be there.

PAC may run late (Argo-related issue), but I'll come immediately thereafter.

Best,

Christopher

Christopher Taylor
Member, Ann Arbor City Council (Third Ward)
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734-213-3605 (w)
734-213-6223 (h)

-----Original Message-----

From: Peter Nagourney [[mailto:\[redacted\]](mailto:[redacted])]
Sent: Mon 10/18/2010 4:37 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Kunselman, Stephen
Subject: North Burns Park Association meeting Tuesday, Oct. 19, 7:00 pm

A reminder that the North Burns Park Association fall meeting will be tomorrow, Tuesday, October 19, 7:00 pm, at the Friend's Meeting House on Hill. We hope you will be able to join us, meet constituents, and comment on any neighborhood issues that may arise.

Peter Nagourney and Betsy Price
Co-Chairs
North Burns Park Association

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Peter Nagourney

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 8:07 PM
To: 'Leslie Krauz Stambaugh'
Cc: Briere, Sabra
Subject: RE: Coffee re: surveying downtown, etc.

8:30 at the Northside

Sabra Briere
First Ward Council member
995-3518 (home)
734-714-2237 (work)

From: Leslie Krauz Stambaugh [mailto:leslie@lesliestambaugh.com]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 4:36 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: RE: Coffee re: surveying downtown, etc.

How about Wednesday at 8:30 or 9:00 for coffee at Kerrytown's Sweetwater Café or Zingermans?

Leslie Krauz Stambaugh
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Website: www.lesliestambaugh.com

From: Briere, Sabra [mailto:SBriere@a2gov.org]
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2010 2:35 PM
To: Leslie Krauz Stambaugh
Subject: RE: Coffee re: surveying downtown, etc.

Sure! I'd be happy to meet either day. Name time and place.

Sabra Briere
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(734)277-6578 (cell)

From: Leslie Krauz Stambaugh [mailto:leslie@lesliestambaugh.com]
Sent: Sat 10/16/2010 1:10 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: Coffee re: surveying downtown, etc.

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Still interested? Sometime Wednesday or Thursday?
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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 8:12 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: RE: Coffee re: surveying downtown, etc.

Also coffee on Thursday at 10 with Sandi as Sweetwaters.

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 8:17 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Weldy, Tony [REDACTED]
Subject: U of Michigan street closures (Parking)

Mrs. Teall

My Name is Tony Weldy. My father Tom Weldy & I am a recently purchased 309 Berkley Street in Ann Arbor as investment property. It is very close to the stadium in a very nice neighborhood. We purchased the property all because of the location to the stadium. Parking cars on game day!!!! I learn this past week-end that there was a meeting. I never got notified of this until three days after the meeting!!! I want to be at any other scheduled meetings. The University gets what ever they want in this City!!! They have unlimited amount of property they can pay and NOT PAY TAX's on!!!! We DO pay taxes and need you to be our VOICE!!! The UNIVERSITY built the Stadium Right NEXT to the Road!!!! The City allowed it!!! We should NOT BE PUNISHED for this!!! Let not get into the water drainage issues the Stadium has also cause the neighborhood!!! As you can see this is a Very touchy issue and needs to be talked about more then one rushed meeting!!! It would be Greatly appreciated if you would talk the first step in being our voice and My neighbors voice call me!!!

Thank You

For your Time

James "Tony" Weldy
[REDACTED]

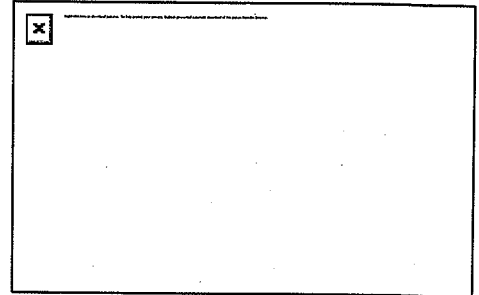
Greenshields, Rachel

From: Scott McAdams for US Senate [bounce@bounce.myngp.com] on behalf of Scott McAdams for US Senate [info@scottmcadams.org]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 8:20 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Don't make us 'cuff you -- donate to Scott McAdams today!

In case you missed it, **the Miller campaign is in hot water!**

First they violate the US Constitution by handcuffing and "placing under arrest" the lead reporter & editor of Alaska Dispatch at a public campaign event in Anchorage!

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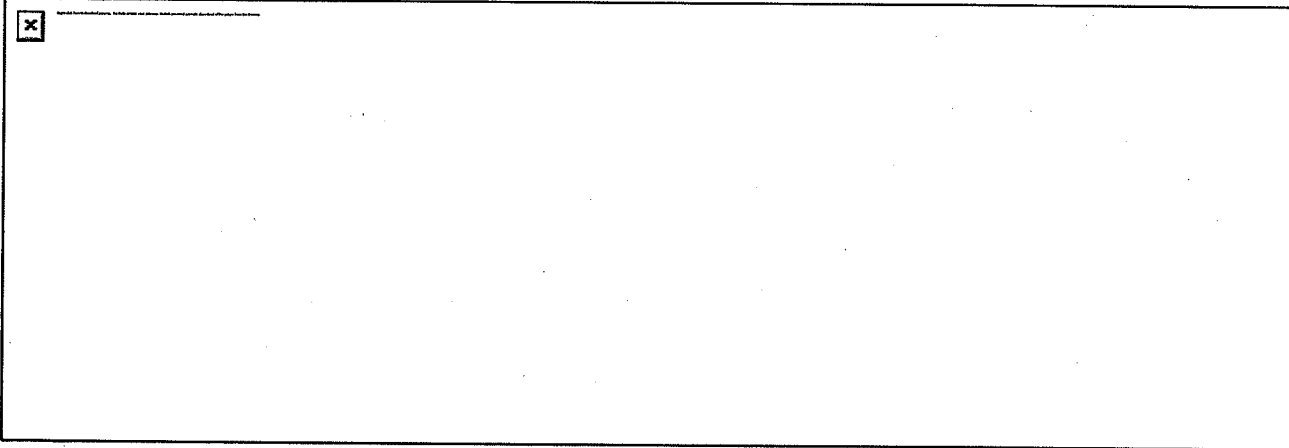


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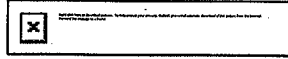
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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Sandra Deline [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 8:38 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Huron Hills Golf Course

Hello, Ms. Teall

I have heard that the city is considering selling the Huron Hills Golf Course. I have also heard that there is the possibility of a commercial driving range or an indoor driving range at this site. This is a very beautiful area along the Huron River and near Gallop Park.

I understand that the course as it is now was designed by a designer who also designed some other very beautiful golf courses. I do not completely understand why the citizens of Ann Arbor would want to sell parks within the city when the city at the same time is buying up farmland around the city when it becomes available for a greenbelt and at the same time the city is considering selling a beautiful golf course within the city. Could this decision be put to a vote by the citizens of Ann Arbor? If this issue cannot be put to a vote I am asking you as my representative to vote "no" to selling this golf course. Driving along Huron Parkway during any season is so beautiful. Please do not clutter the landscape with a commercial facility.

Thank you for your work and dedication to the city.

Sandra Deline

Greenshields, Rachel

From: McCormick, Sue
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 8:40 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Hupy, Craig
Subject: RE: Sidewalk Repair Issue

Hi Marcia,

My apologies if the discussion left the impression we were finger pointing. That was not the intent. We were attempting to share our recently discovered technical glitch so all could understand the reason for the error. IT is our partner in trying to solve what was an unknown issue.

Unfortunately the annual follow-up requires city funding , which was previously unavailable. The second issue that complicated follow was the number of the non-compliance locations involving trees/tree roots which require detailed assessment of the alternative for root pruning or removal. Ultimately we were successful in setting up a revolving fund utilizing Act 51 funds and are taking the repairs in smaller areas sequentially to address the tree issues.

In this case, I do not know if the hardship is cost or homeowner effort. With regards to affordability, our contractor cost is very competitive, so we likely have one of the lowest costs available. With City performance of the effort, we do have the ability to offer a payment plan. Where the property owner meets the threshold qualification for affordability recently modified by council, we also have the ability to offset the cost. Lastly, if the homeowner does not want to proceed, but wishes to get their own estimates, we could move them to next year's follow up. We will be sure the homeowner understands the options available.

Sue

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From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2010 12:08 PM
To: McCormick, Sue
Cc: Higgins, Marcia; Fraser, Roger
Subject: RE: Sidewalk Repair Issue

Hi Sue,
I have concerns with this.

1. The original owner has had 4 years to make these repairs. He didn't make the repair and we didn't do anything. Why isn't the follow up to making sure the repair was made taking place in the same year?
2. The new owners have a few days to deal with a problem they weren't even aware of. This is placing a hardship on them.

I'm concerned that for a process that has been looked at for several years there continues to be internal finger pointing going on and not great solutions for our customers. These type of cases should be looked at differently.

I'm all for offering them the our costs, but if they can't afford this unexpected repair, what can we do?

I would like to be copied on anything going to the homeowner.

Thanks,
marcia

From: McCormick, Sue
Sent: Thu 10/14/2010 4:31 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela A; Harrison, Venita; Hupy, Craig; Pennington, Kirk
Subject: FW: Sidewalk Repair Issue

Hi Marcia,

I am copying Craig and Kirk for follow up. It seems reasonable that we offer to Nicole what we offered to Mr. Whitaker, which we hope will address her concerns about cost and make the repair more convenient for her and timely for all.

Based on our research into Mr. Whitaker's notice, Kirk reported the following"

In addition to routine synchronizations, prior to mailing list generation a synch is performed.

The synch of databases has been performed at least twice for this inspection record. It originally occurred after inspection, but before the change of ownership. A mailing was sent for that inspection. The most recent synch captured the new owner info on the object data page, but failed to update the mail merge database. We'll work with IT in an attempt to avoid future instances.

Yes, there have been other issues before, but until the cause is identified in this case we don't know if it is of the same nature. Some previous causes are data locked due to other access process and ampersand changed to + symbol in address field.

We will trace this issue back as well to be sure as we are working with IT to correct all problems we are finding with the sync issue. In addition, we will look at the language of the letters we are sending, to be sure the language acknowledges that they may be receiving a 'final notice' letter in error, and inviting them to call us if there is an error.

Sue

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From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2010 2:22 PM
To: McCormick, Sue
Cc: Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Fraser, Roger
Subject: FW: Sidewalk Repair Issue
Importance: High

Sue,

This is the second home in the last few days with misinformation going out.

What can we do to assist this homeowner?

Marcia

From: nicolepremo [redacted] [mailto:nicolepremo [redacted]]

Sent: Tue 10/12/2010 10:40 AM

To: Higgins, Marcia

Subject: Sidewalk Repair Issue

Hello, Representative Higgins --

My name is Nicole Premo and I moved to [redacted] with my husband, Josh, in August 2009. Approximately three months ago, we received a "second" notice from the city indicating that our sidewalks needed to be repaired and that if we did not have this contracted out to a private company, the city would repair the sidewalks and bill us for the work. Of course, we had never received a first notice and so my husband called the city administrative center where he was assured that the prior owners were responsible for the work and that we would not be billed. Now, earlier this week, we received another notice telling us that the city is going to repair the sidewalks at our expense. Again, Josh contacted a city administrative person (Linda Shaw, Field Operations-Street Maint/Sidewalks) who informed us that we will be billed for the work but not the \$225 administrative fee.

My trouble is not only the inconsistent information that we received, but also the fact that by receiving the wrong information originally, we have missed out on the opportunity to find our own contractor, potentially saving money that we as young professionals would very much like to save. I suppose what I'm asking is that you bring this issue of poor management to the city's attention. For instance, had a lien been filed against the property as part of due course in assessing the need for sidewalk repair (which I don't believe it was or our title company did a very poor job), this cost would have been apparent in closing on our house. Or, if the previous owner had been responsible for disclosing the needed repair, again we would have had the opportunity to budget and plan accordingly, or be able to hold him/her accountable for failing to disclose required information.

I appreciate your time and trust that, as our city representative, you will handle this matter accordingly.

Very best,
Nicole Premo

nicolepremo [redacted]

[redacted]
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Greenshields, Rachel

From: wbwc@googlegroups.com on behalf of Jeff G [jeffreytoddgaynor [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 8:40 PM
To: wbwc@googlegroups.com
Subject: [WBWC] N. University stripe

My guess is the yellow stripe in front of Hill Auditorium is to let drivers know there is now only one lane. It also provides a buffer to pedestrians on the island.

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Sandra Deline [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 8:59 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Leaf Disposal

Dear Mayor,

I am very disappointed that the city decided to discontinue curb size leaf pick-up. I have so many leaves in my yard. It will take many bags to clear the leaves from my property. I can mulch early in the season, but come mid October there are too many oak leaves for me to mulch. I am nearing retirement and will soon be on a fixed income and hiring someone to rake and haul off the leaves becomes a double expense for me since I am already paying for refuse pickup from my property taxes. It will also be expensive for me to buy enough leaf bags to put my leaves in. I have already spent \$10 on leaf bags and this does not even come close to the number of bags that I will need. In other words, I have paid for this service through my property taxes but I am not receiving the service. Is there any chance that the city could provide biodegradable bags for the leaf pick up. You have provided all the nice compost and recycling cans, but the citizens need leaf bags as well if the city is requiring that we bag the leaves.

I am hoping that sometime in the future the city will reconsider the curb side leaf pick up for Ann Arbor - "the city of trees". In the meantime, how about some leaf bags?

Respectively,

Sandra Deline

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Tom Clynes [tomclynes@mindspring.com]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 9:23 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Re: Journalist Inquiry

Great; thanks!
Tom

On Oct 16, 2010, at 1:34 AM, Hieftje, John wrote:

No, he's an author who studies and writes about cities. We hired Peter Calthorpe, (who was one of the "experts" in a speaker series we held at the Library) to work on the Downtown plan. (The DDA footed the bill.) His company is probably the most respected firm to be found and they work around the world.

Professor Doug Kelbaugh, the former Dean of the UM School of Architecture and the author of at least four books on cities served on the Downtown Residential Task Force and was someone I talked to a lot before he took a leave to advise cities in other places, the Middle East included.

It's an overused phrase but I can safely say we engaged "world class talent" in the downtown plan plus a great deal of involvement and input from citizens at every stage.

Hope this helps.

John

From: Tom Clynes [mailto:tomclynes@mindspring.com]
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2010 3:30 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Re: Journalist Inquiry

Hi John,
Good meeting you the other day, and the pics look good. Quick question: You mentioned Richard Florida -- has the city ever hired him as a consultant or speaker?
Tom

On Oct 11, 2010, at 3:33 PM, Hieftje, John wrote:

Hello:

I could be available at 3:00 tomorrow. Do you need pictures? Or, would the phone be alright?

Thanks,

John Hieftje

From: Tom Clynes [mailto:tomclynes@mindspring.com]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 2:30 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Journalist Inquiry

Dear Mayor Hieftje,

I'm Tom Clynes, a journalist with Ann Arbor's new glossy monthly glossy magazine, *The Ann*. We're developing a feature story regarding traffic, growth, and other quality-of-life issues in Ann Arbor.

Would you be available for a 10-15 minute talk, either this (Monday) afternoon or tomorrow (Tuesday)?

Looking forward to talking,
Tom

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From: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com on behalf of Gkrapohl [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 9:24 PM
To: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com
Cc: krapholg@umich.edu
Subject: [lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation] Neighborhood Watch - Suspicious Incident Bulletin - female joggers

Neighborhood Watch - Suspicious Incident Bulletin

The Ann Arbor Police Department is issuing a Suspicious Incident Bulletin.

The Ann Arbor Police Department has received three suspicious incidents reports in which several female joggers were approached by a suspicious white male in a vehicle.

Incident #1: 10/6/2010 btw 5:30 - 6:30

Reportee was walking on Earhart when a male in a white mini-van had stopped and asked her to get into his van.

SUSPECT: white male, really tan, dark hair, possibly in his 40's and was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt.

Incident #2: 10/14/2010 @ 12:20 pm

Reportee was jogging on Glazier Way and noticed a small, bright yellow subcompact car that seemed to have followed her. He followed her down several streets and then into her driveway. Subject stated that he was lost and his GPS system was malfunctioning. He made some additional comments to her and then backed his vehicle from the driveway and from the cul-du-sac.

SUSPECT: white male, mid 30's, brown curly hair

Incident #3: 10/16/2010 7:30 am

Reportee stated that she was jogging on Lakeshore Drive when the subject pulled up next to her and rolled down his window, he asked for directions to Fuller road and asked her to get into the vehicle to show him how to get there. Reportee gave him directions and he continued to follow her. He continued to follow her until she reached a trail. When she turned around to get the plate, she noticed that the plate was covered.

SUSPECT: white male, mid 30's, wearing a green hat that covered his head and ears, large dark sunglasses, black jacket, and black gloves.

VEHICLE: silver Ford minivan with the license plate covered.

While the activity is not illegal, it is suspicious. The Ann Arbor Police Department advising residents to report any suspicious incidents to the police department at 911.

Safety tips while out and about:

- Look assertive and be aware of your surroundings.
- Walk or jog with a trusted friend or co-worker when possible.
- Trust your intuition, if a particular situation make you feel uncomfortable or unsafe, choose and alternate.
- Have your keys in hand before you reach your vehicle or residence
- Be aware that your risk increases in secluded and isolated areas.
- If someone stops to ask for directions, Never get close enough to the vehicle to be grabbed.
- Carry your cell phone with you at all times.
- Do not jog or walk with headphones, remember you need to use all your instincts.
- What Information to get:

If possible try to get the license plate of any suspicious vehicle and report it to 911 immediately.

- Description of subject and any unusual behavior or clothing.
- Description of vehicle with any identifying marks or stickers.

- Direction of travel.

Residents need to be the eyes and ears of their neighborhood. They need to be aware of their surroundings and if there are suspicious people in the area call 911. In Ann Arbor, 911 is to be used anytime police response is requested whether it is a life-threatening emergency or a suspicious situation. The dispatcher will determine the urgency of the call and dispatch the officers accordingly.

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Shoshana Hurand [shurand@umich.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 10:20 PM
To: Shoshana Hurand
Subject: Art Walk volunteers needed THIS weekend!

Volunteer with Art Walk!

The Ann Arbor Area Art Walk is looking for volunteers to help in artists' studios and galleries THIS weekend. This is a great opportunity to get to know a local artist (or artists), learn about their art form, meet other art enthusiasts, and support the local arts community!

Art Walk times:

Friday, 10/22, 5-9 p.m.
Saturday, 10/23, 12n-5 p.m.
Sunday, 10/24, 12n-5 p.m.

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I hope to hear from you soon!

--Shoshana
Art Walk Volunteer
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America is becoming a plutocracy. More and more wealth in fewer and fewer hands, secret campaign donations:

It's a perfect storm

By Robert Reich

This originally appeared on Robert Reich's blog

<http://robertreich.org/>

It's a perfect storm. And I'm not talking about the Democrats. I'm talking about our system of democratic capitalism.

First, income in America is now more concentrated in fewer hands than it's been in 80 years. Almost a quarter of total income generated in the United States is going to the top 1 percent of Americans.

The top one-tenth of 1 percent of Americans now earn as much as the bottom 120 million of us.

Who are these people? With the exception of a few entrepreneurs like Bill Gates, they're top executives of big corporations and Wall Street, hedge-fund managers, and private equity managers. They include the Koch brothers, whose wealth increased by billions last year and who are now funding Tea Party candidates across the nation.

Which gets us to the second part of the perfect storm.

A relatively few Americans are buying our democracy as never before. And they're doing it completely in secret.

Hundreds of millions of dollars are pouring into advertisements for and against candidates -- without a trace of where the dollars are coming from. They're laundered through a handful of groups. Fred Maleck, whom you may remember as deputy director of Richard Nixon's notorious Committee to Reelect the President (dubbed Creep in the Watergate scandal), is running one of them. Republican operative Karl Rove runs another.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, a third.

The Supreme Court's Citizens United vs. the Federal Election Commission made it possible. The Federal Election Commission says only 32 percent of groups paying for election ads are disclosing the names of their donors. By comparison, in the 2006 midterm, 97 percent disclosed; in 2008, almost half disclosed.

We're back to the late 19th century when the lackeys of robber barons literally deposited sacks of cash on the desks of friendly legislators. The public never knew who was bribing whom.

Just before it recessed the House passed a bill that would require that the names of all such donors be publicly disclosed. But it couldn't get through the Senate. Every Republican voted against it. (To see how far the GOP has come, nearly 10 years ago campaign disclosure was supported by 48 of 54 Republican senators.)

Here's the third part of the perfect storm. Most Americans are in trouble. Their jobs, incomes, savings and even homes are on the line. They need a government that's working for them, not for the privileged and the powerful.

Yet their state and local taxes are rising. And their services are being cut. Teachers and firefighters are being laid off. The roads and bridges they count on are crumbling, pipelines are leaking, schools are dilapidated, and public libraries are being shut.

There's no jobs bill to speak of. No WPA to hire those who can't find jobs in the private sector. Unemployment insurance doesn't reach half of the unemployed.

Washington says nothing can be done. There's no money left.

No money? The marginal income tax rate on the very rich is the lowest it's been in more than 80 years. Under President Dwight Eisenhower (who no one would have accused of being a radical) it was 91 percent. Now it's 36 percent. Congress is even fighting over whether to end the temporary Bush tax cut for the rich and return them to the Clinton top tax of 39 percent.

Much of the income of the highest earners is treated as capital gains, anyway -- subject to a 15 percent tax.

The typical hedge-fund and private-equity manager paid only 17 percent last year. Their earnings were not exactly modest. The top 15 hedge-fund managers earned an average of \$1 billion.

Congress won't even return to the estate tax in place during the Clinton administration -- which applied only to those in the top 2 percent of incomes.

It won't limit the tax deductions of the very rich, which include interest payments on multi-million dollar mortgages. (Yet Wall Street refuses to allow homeowners who can't meet mortgage payments to include their primary residence in personal bankruptcy.)

There's plenty of money to help stranded Americans, just not the political will to raise it. And at the rate secret money is flooding our political system, even less political will in the future.

The perfect storm: An unprecedented concentration of income and wealth at the top; a record amount of secret money flooding our democracy; and a public becoming increasingly angry and cynical about a government that's raising its taxes, reducing its services, and unable to get it back to work.

We're losing democratic capitalism to plutocratic capitalism.

* Robert Reich, a professor of public policy at the University of California at Berkeley, was secretary of labor during the Clinton administration. He is also a blogger and the author of "Aftershock: The Next Economy and America's Future." More Robert Reich

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By Paule Masson l'Humanite (France) October 17, 2010

<http://www.humaniteinenglish.com/spip.php?article1625>

Far from being on the ebb, social anger against the French government's pensions reform grows stronger every day. The IFOP poll we publish today shows that 57% of French people want discussions to start fresh over "another pensions reform project". Only 16% simply want the bill to be withdrawn, proof that little by little the idea that another reform is possible and alternative proposals must be discussed is gaining strength.

Young people between 18 and 24 (to the tune of 64%) and blue-collar workers (59%) are the categories that are the most favourable to this position. Our poll is only one in a series of many, notably the BVA poll (before last Tuesday's general strike), in which 54% of French people say they support the idea of "a general strike as in 1995".

Our poll also confirms what is taking place at the grassroots level. For the last few days, the social conflict has been expressing itself in a multitude of initiatives that prove it's a round-the-clock protest.

"A lot of the information available concerns" oil refineries or transport, "but that's only the surface of things", Bernard Thibault, general secretary of the Labour General Confederation (CGT) keeps saying, as opposed to statements that the movement is "running out of steam". General assemblies are taking place in hundreds of plants or services; a lot of them don't vote for a daily renewable strike, or "not yet". But most discuss the possible forms of the movement, of its extension, and prepare multi-branch actions, like last Saturday's demonstrations. At least 230 demonstrations have been called across the country.

In many towns demonstrations take place on a daily basis, whether among secondary school pupils or multi-branch workers. That was true last Friday of Marseille, Rouen, Montpellier, Nantes, Tours, Saint-Nazaire and elsewhere. Other actions develop that block access to and operations in strategic sites like oil depots; but also roads, roundabouts, and tunnels are being blocked.

For the last few days, local public services have been seething. The CGT numbered some 120 local government services in at least 50 departements (against 43 last Thursday) that were disrupted. Garbage collectors are on strike in Marseille and Paris. In Bordeaux, 46 school canteens are closed, while in Nantes the central kitchen does not supply any meals to the town's schools. The contempt the government has shown towards young people who supposedly "have no reason to demonstrate" and "are only skipping classes", has given a kick-start to the movement. The schools union (UNL) said 400 schools were mobilized last Tuesday at midday, and 1100 two days later. Now on the ropes, the government is trying the tactic of repression in order to divide protesters, notably against young marchers.

In doing so, it is raking the embers of accumulated rancour and some of the rallies have gotten out of control. Yesterday police forced demonstrators out of the oil depots they were occupying.

In choosing the strategy of fear-mongering, the government is taking the risk of further widening the clash. "This reform symbolizes all the injustices in this country," Francois Chereque, the

general secretary of the CFTD (a more moderate labour confederation) concedes. Interviewed by AFP, Guy Groux, a specialist on social movements, wonders "whether we are not witnessing a more global rejection that extends even beyond the pensions reform to a rejection of the government."

Indeed the nature of the movement may be changing. But it is certainly not on the ebb. As (...) Saturday's demonstration may [1] once more show.

[1] This article was published in the October 16 issue

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Thousands march in Italy for worker rights, democracy
(Roundup)

Oct 16, 2010

http://www.monstersandcritics.com/news/business/news/article_1591908.php/Thousands-march-in-Italy-for-worker-rights-democracy-Roundup

Rome - Tens of thousands of people demonstrated in the Italian capital Rome on Saturday, demanding worker rights and democracy.

Seven chartered trains and 70 buses from across Italy brought people to the protest, which had been called by the metal-worker union FIOM, local media reported.

Students and workers from other fields also took part.

'We want to defend work contracts, jobs and democracy - given one of the biggest assaults of all times on the rights of workers,' said the secretary general of FIOM, Maurizio Landini.

The protest came amid criticism of the economic policies pursued by the conservative government of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, as well as an attempt by Italian carmaker Fiat to push through more flexible work conditions and contracts at its Pomigliano branch near Naples - threatening to close the plant otherwise.

Opposition politicians participated in the demonstration, as did the secretary general of Italy's largest union, CGIL.

'Italy is tumbling into the abyss. A change in the politico-economic strategy is urgently needed,' Guglielmo Epifani said.

No violent incidents were reported, despite fears to the contrary. Interior Minister Roberto Maroni had earlier warned that anarchistic groups may infiltrate the demonstration.

But two separate protest marches peacefully made their way from the city centre to the square in front of the Basilica of St John Lateran, where a final rally was to take place.

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A reader's response:

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Date: Mon, 18 Oct 2010
From: Peter Belmont
Re: Why Is It So Acceptable to Lie to Cut Social Security Benefits?

Lying is commonly practiced by politicians and "opinion-makers" (whom I will include in the category of "politicians") in Washington and elsewhere and the topic of social security is only one locus of lying.

Many politicians rather evidently live by the rule that "the end justifies the means" (and are very much given to an "elastic" connection to truth-telling) but even more moral or more timid politicians are given to lying on occasion.

Politicians also practice a custom, akin to lying, of deliberately (or cowardly, depending on political posture) refusing to address obvious problems. Thus, the whitewashing of the Kennedy assassination and of the 9/11 failure of the US military to intercept dangerously off-course aircraft represents a failure to address obvious problems, as does the failure to discuss the reasons for USA engagement in wars of aggression in Iraq and Afghanistan which have no apparent benefit to the USA and no relation to USA "security" except to threaten it by production of generations of ever-better-motivated enemies. The failure of most politicians to address global warming is well-known, and although the end-of-the-world-as-we-know-it is scarcely a matter so unimportant that it should be ignored, it is, indeed, little discussed. To ignore a problem of this magnitude is akin to lying.

A more interesting question is why politicians who are, by and large, given to telling the truth fail to do so in ways which can be understood by the general public.

I would suggest that money lies at the heart of these problems, and a wise political-analytical rule to "follow the money" is never entirely wrong.

The corporate media play an important part in all of this, because they control what the public hears and thus what the public understands. We live in a rapacious world where corporations -- rather than, say, Viking raiders -- take pretty much what they want with little concern for who will suffer. As examples of this rapacity, consider the elimination of banking regulations and the bank melt-down which followed close on its heels; and consider the world's failure to come to grips with global warming, an environmental catastrophe in the making amelioration of which is opposed by powerful energy industries. The corporate media are not any more energetic in informing the USA about global warming than they were about informing us of the banking shenanigans.

The power of big money (often corporate money) to sway elections and to practice "lobbying" comes to mind as a large part of the problems of American governance, for apart from the anti-democratic nature of this power (and please recall that democracy is not, after all, the only reasonable way to govern), this power is exercised by people who are not particularly wise nor particularly concerned with the well-being of the American people generally nor concerned with outcomes and consequences of their actions which occur more than a month, a year, or five years in the future.

Thus, politicians may well lie about the costs of a long-range program, like social security (and fail to tell the truth about the costs of another long-range program, like the USA military-industrial-Congressional-university complex and the USA military empire) in the interests of short-term budgets or tax-cutting, with emphasis on "short-term" for that is the particular concern of the USA's corporate political masters.

Democracy without education and information is not a very good form of governance, but governance by mindless oligarchy may be (and, in the event, is) no better. What we need is to re-establish education and an educative media in the USA and at the same time to curb the power of corporations (whether in campaigning or in lobbying) in governance.

A tall order.

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Victor Grossman, Berlin Bulletin: No. 14, 2010

A retired engineer of 66 loses an eye, forced from its socket by water cannon at short range. High school kids in an approved protest demonstration get beaten and excruciatingly blinded by pepper gas; over 400 people are injured in a major police attack, which failed completely in its aim: to end the protests. It happened on the now historical date of September 30th. A whole city was in a state of near shock and anger. And all that because of a railroad station and some ancient trees?

It sounds implausible in the usually calm, relatively well-off city of Stuttgart, the home of Mercedes-Daimler and Porsche. The capital of the southwest German state of Baden-Wurttemberg, which has been ruled since 1953 by Angela Merkel's conservative Christian Democrats, together currently with the even more right-wing Free Democrats. What in the world moves thousands, ten thousands, sometimes a hundred thousand usually rather unpolitical people to shout, sing, pray, climb trees and jam the main square with their banners, posters, whistles and drums?

The excitement began in August, when people became aware that their big central station was to be leveled in order to build a modern underground station for high speed trains. Few people had anything against modern or high speed, but they liked the almost one hundred year old landmark in the middle of town with its big tower.

They loved the open space around it, a park near the former royal palace with 282 tall, two-hundred-year-old chestnut trees. And not many Stuttgart people were eager to have one more business district erected there, even though some apartments would be thrown in. Even fewer liked the idea when they heard that the price of the dubious "Stuttgart 21" project, instead of the originally announced 3 billion Euros or the revised 5 or 7 billion, would most likely total 18 or 19 billion. Lots of schools and other good public buildings could be built or repaired with money like that, while Angela Merkel and her ministers were whining incessantly that "we must all tighten our belts," which means cutting benefits for those who need them most.

The mayor, a CDU man, the governor of the state, also a CDU man, and Angela Merkel in Berlin, a CDU woman, all pointed out that the project, called Stuttgart 21, had been approved by the law-makers years ago and could not be dropped now, when work had already begun. Yet somehow this legally correct argument just didn't get across, and thousands started wearing buttons with a line drawn through the Stuttgart 21 logo, and they started gathering in front of the station, more and more of them, louder and louder. For a while they demonstrated Monday evenings, like the famous demonstrators in East German Leipzig 21 years earlier.

Then they gathered on weekends too, or any other day, sometimes in immense crowds for a city of 600,000 inhabitants.

The mayor sent more and more police, wrecking crews tore down one wing of the station, which only made people madder. Then came that terrible attack on September 30th, and the pictures of the elderly engineer with both eyes smashed and bloody and of youngsters moaning with burning pepper-sprayed eyes shook the entire nation. The videos of giant old trees being felled further enraged the nature-lovers, who got an injunction against further felling when it was found that a rare, endangered beetle species lives almost only in those trees.

Motivating many people, certainly, was an increasing awareness that a small number of wealthy, powerful companies with close political connections would rake in billions and also the feeling

that, despite all parliamentary processes, they had been kept almost entirely in the dark. The official line in Germany has been that voters should elect parties and politicians to represent them and then leave it to them to govern, otherwise keeping their mouths shut. Often that is just what happens. But in recent months they have seen the government chopping away at their livelihoods in so many ways while the big fish profit, largely untaxed and untroubled. Resentment has been growing, and there seem to be many, perhaps after watching demonstrators in France, Greece and elsewhere, who want to make their voices heard. Merkel said they should wait for election day in the state of Baden-Wurttemberg on March 27th. But by then the trees and the station would be gone.

Politics are indeed involved. The LEFT, still unrepresented in the parliament there and few in number, has largely gone unmentioned, even when LEFT leader Gregor Gysi called a special session of the Bundestag in Berlin to take action against the police brutality. The Social Democrats, who had long approved the Stuttgart 21 project, finally climbed onto the bandwagon, but their wishy-washy opposition wins them few friends. It has been the Greens who have pushed their way into the limelight and who will probably prosper most, not only in the southwest but everywhere. As for the two governing parties in the state, both Christian Democrats and Free Democrats stand to lose immensely, unless they can somehow alter the situation before next March. For weeks and weeks they remained absolutely stubborn, but finally had to agree to a mediation attempt by a retired politician, one of the very rare progressive Christian Democrats. A possible solution would be a referendum, common in neighboring Switzerland but almost unknown here. Yet thus far this has been rejected. The end remains uncertain, while the demonstrations continue, rain or shine.

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Monday 18 October 2010

by: Dean Baker, t r u t h o u t | Op-Ed

<http://www.truth-out.org/foreclosure-moratorium-cracking-down-liar-liens64281>

photo The Bank Of America Plaza in St. Louis where "People's Settlement" protesters established a tent city across the street. (Photo: tolkien1914)

As we all know, there is a major philosophical divide in US politics. On the one hand, there are those who think it is the role of government to help ensure that the vast majority of the population can enjoy a decent standard of living. On the other side are those who believe the role of government is to transfer as much money as possible to the rich and powerful. The latter group seems to be calling the shots these days.

This is seen clearly in the "liar lien" scandal: the flood of short-order foreclosures that ignore standard legal procedures. The banks have been overwhelmed by the unprecedented volume of defaulting mortgages in the wake of the housing crash. Even under normal circumstances, foreclosure rates that in some areas exceed ten times normal levels would create an administrative nightmare.

But these were not ordinary loans. The highest rates of foreclosure are on the quick and dirty loans made at the peak of the bubble. These loans were issued to be sold. Almost immediately after the ink was dry, the issuers would sell these loans off to Citigroup, Goldman Sachs or other investment banks to turn them into mortgage-backed securities. The investment banks themselves were running short order operations. More rapid securitization meant more profits.

In this process, the paper work often came as an afterthought. As a result, necessary documents weren't signed, title transfers weren't properly registered, the notes tying loans to specific properties may not have been properly filed and other paperwork errors went uncorrected.

If the law were being followed, these issues would create serious problems for servicers trying to foreclose on homes where the owner had defaulted. Banks would have to spend the necessary time, paying high cost lawyers for their work, to reconstruct the paper trail needed to establish clear title to the house and the documentation that would allow them to foreclose on a delinquent borrower.

In some cases, this may not even be possible. Many of the issuers that dominated the nonprime mortgage market at the peak of the bubble are no longer in business. They probably did not make sure that all the documentation went to the right place before they closed their doors.

If the Wall Street banks were like the rest of us, the policy response would be simple: follow the frigging law. If banks want to foreclose, then they should have to present the court with the proper documents, end of story. Anyone who has ever bought a house or refinanced a mortgage knows the headaches involved. Everything must be in order, a process that can cost thousands of dollars in fees, as a long sheaf of documents is signed in the presence of a lawyer. This process can easily take two hours.

The banks don't think that they should have to endure the same expensive tedium as the rest of us. For them, these processes are simply formalities that can be circumvented. Hence, the "robo-signers," who are paid to put their names to documents that they know nothing about.

Some people have been wrongly foreclosed in this process, precisely the sort of mistake that the bureaucratic formalities are intended to prevent. More frequently, homeowners have probably been assessed fees and penalties that they do not actually owe. To the banks, this is just another unfortunate error in the high-speed foreclosure process.

In this context, the demand for a foreclosure moratorium makes perfect sense to those who think that it is the responsibility of government to protect the majority of the population. After all, if someone has fallen behind in paying their bills, they still have a right to expect that the law get followed.

A foreclosure moratorium would allow regulators to ensure that the servicers have systems in place that guarantee that the right procedures are followed. A moratorium on foreclosures would serve the same purpose as the moratorium on deep-sea drilling following the BP disaster. The alternative - that we should trust the banks - doesn't pass the laugh test.

By contrast, those who believe that government exists to serve the rich and powerful point out that these procedures will raise costs for banks. In some cases, they may not even be able to carry through a foreclosure, since the proper documentation does not exist.

The result could be billions of dollars in losses for the Wall Street banks. That may not put them out of business, but it certainly could knock a few million dollars off the bonuses of some top executives.

So, there you have it: the question of whether the Wall Street banks should have to follow the same rules as the rest of us. It is one of the most central philosophical questions underlying politics today.

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From: Evan Chambers [evankc@umich.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 9:57 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: Free the Huron River

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To: Derezhinski, Tony
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From: Evan Chambers [evanchambers@umich.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 10:01 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: Free the Huron River

Dear Mr. Taylor

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From: Evan Chambers
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 10:01 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Free the Huron River

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From: Ann Schriber [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 10:02 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: clarification on the spoken word

Dear Mayor Hieftje,

I received this "assurance" from a friend who was at a political fund raiser and she sent me this statement of yours to convince me that there was not going to be dismantlement and development on Huron Hills in spite of specific information in the RFP to the contrary. This is what she sent me and I quote her:

"By the way, at a candidate's party on Friday, (October 8) the Mayor announced that there were absolutely no plans to develop Huron Hills. They are going to do everything possible to *keep it as a golfing space* and if in a couple years that is economically impossible, it will more than likely develop into just a park with hiking trails etc."

My questions to you are: how much of the golf course are you NOT going to develop? How many holes? What does a "golfing space" entail?

A simple, straightforward answer would be appreciated.

Thank you,
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From: Evan Chambers [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 10:03 PM
To: Anglin, Mike
Subject: Free the Huron River

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From: Evan Chambers [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 10:04 PM
To: Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: Free the Huron River

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From: Barbara B. Lucas [lucasb@ewashtenaw.org]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 10:16 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: plastic bag ban question

Hi Steve,

I arrange guests for WEMU's public radio show "Issues of the Environment," and someone from the station suggested having a guest on to update us on the proposed ban on plastic bags. When I asked Margie Teall about it, she suggested I contact you. Please let me know how things stand on this issue?

Thanks much,
Barbara

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From: Mark Perry [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 10:17 PM
To: Mark Perry
Subject: FW: news on Argo

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From: Laura Rubin <lrubin@hrwc.org>
Date: Thu, Oct 14, 2010 at 3:44 PM
Subject: news on Argo
To: argonots@hrwc.org

Friends of Restoring the Huron,

For the past few months, city officials have been skirting a tough decision on Argo Dam. They have failed to pursue information about the real costs of keeping the dam, and the true options for removing it. They have not allowed for a public process. And now the city faces a massive, *million-dollar* renovation to the dam—more than three times the budgeted cost.

The state DNRE gave the city a November deadline to decide whether to remove Argo Dam or repair its failing toe drains. But instead of seeking information about both options, city staff were told *only* to solicit proposals for repairs. The city did not even ask basic questions about removal and what it would cost.

That was a bad decision, because now that the repair bids have come in, the repair costs are two to three times higher than expected. The city had assumed that the costs would be \$300,000. But when the real figures came in, the toe drain repairs alone were more than \$700,000, and the city staff actually recommended an even more expensive option that will cost almost one million dollars—more than 300% of what was budgeted.

The city has not allocated enough money to pay these costs. Worse, the money that *is* budgeted comes from the drinking water fund—even though Argo Pond provides no drinking water for the city. In other words, money that should fund essential drinking water infrastructure is being funneled, without public input, to pay for a recreation facility. That's probably illegal and certainly short-sighted.

For example, the city committed to a "source water protection plan" to ensure safe and clean drinking water for the future. That's exactly what the drinking water fund should be paying for—yet the city has put no money toward the plan. Before the city devotes drinking water funds toward Argo, it should protect our drinking water.

Those costs are high, and Argo will need even more major maintenance within two years. The estimated cost: *another* \$250,000. Argo now faces between one and 1.2 million dollars in repairs over the next two years—above and beyond its normal costs—and no one has explained how the city will afford it.

How much would dam removal cost? The engineering firm used by the city for its dam work estimated \$1.2 million for *the entire project*, from studies that ensure removal would be safe and effective to post-removal land restoration.

Removing the dam—a one-time expense—costs the same as it would cost to keep the dam just for the next two years. And grant funding could slash the city's share of that burden. This year, local governments in Michigan on the Clinton and Rouge Rivers received federal funds to pay for dam removal.

At the same time that we're learning the truth about Argo Dam's enormous costs, time has exposed several dam-in arguments for what they are: myths.

- **Myth: Rowing won't work anywhere else:** Skyline High is rowing right now on Geddes Pond. Eastern Michigan has invited UM to share a boathouse on Ford Lake.
- **Myth: If Argo is removed, the Huron will flow into the contaminated DTE site:** Barr Engineering, one of the state's most respected engineering firms, with extensive experience in dam removals, conducted an engineering study of the area and concluded that the channel would *not* move, and added that the site can be shielded for extra protection.
- **Myth: Argo Dam can provide hydropower:** Not unless you want to throw money away. A new cost-benefit study for the Army Corps of Engineers shows that hydro at Argo will cost \$5-10 million dollars just to get started; the study basically concluded it's not worth the cost.

The Parks Advisory Commission (PAC) is meeting next Tuesday, October 19th at 4:00 to decide on the reconstruction and repair costs and make a recommendation to Council. Please attend and make comments at the beginning of the meeting.

PAC's recommendation will go to City Council at a November meeting. Call or email city council.

Tell PAC and City Council members that you are concerned about the costs, that the drinking water fund should be used only for its intended purpose—to keep our drinking water safe and clean, and that they need to seriously consider the cost of dam removal. It is time for council, which has final say on the disposition of the dam and these costs, to figure out what the real choice is here.

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Thank you,

Laura

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From: Shoshana Hurand [shurand@umich.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 10:20 PM
To: Shoshana Hurand
Subject: Art Walk volunteers needed THIS weekend!

Volunteer with Art Walk!

The Ann Arbor Area Art Walk is looking for volunteers to help in artists' studios and galleries THIS weekend. This is a great opportunity to get to know a local artist (or artists), learn about their art form, meet other art enthusiasts, and support the local arts community!

Art Walk times:

Friday, 10/22, 5-9 p.m.
Saturday, 10/23, 12n-5 p.m.
Sunday, 10/24, 12n-5 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help artists with set up/break down, greeting visitors, providing artist information, gift wrapping and sales.

If you're interested in participating please email Shoshana Hurand at shurand@umich.edu by Thursday, October 20th at 12 noon. Please indicate your preferred shifts, any task preferences, and any limitations or needs that we should be aware of. While we cannot guarantee that you will be placed at a studio that has your art form or task of interest, we will do our best. Please include your preferred email address and phone number in your message.

I hope to hear from you soon!

--Shoshana
Art Walk Volunteer
<http://www.a3arts.org/>

Go to <http://bit.ly/buMt9y> to download a guide to artists in Washtenaw County and map of Art Walk participants, and to see what's planned for the Art Walk weekend.

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