

Ann Arbor City Council Session: June 7, 2010
Email Redactions List Pursuant to Council Resolution R-09-386

Received Time	Sent Time	To	From	CC	Redactions	Reason for Redaction
7:14 PM	7:14 PM	Taill, Margie	George Sobha		email address, property address	Privacy
7:41 PM	7:40 PM	Taylor, Christopher	Abbas, Mohammed owner-fdw-all@ivon.org on behalf of Stephanie Hunter		email address, property address and telephone number	Privacy
7:45 PM	7:43 PM	all@ddickenwoods.org Hietfle, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezniski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher; Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohmke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike			email address	Privacy
7:58 PM	7:58 PM	Wimmer, Curt; Cisco, David; Crause, Ingrid; Muslim, David; Hathaway, Katharine; Hietfle, John; Malott, James; Smulders, John; Rosner, Jon; Ivan, Judith; Smulders, Lisa; Duriga, Darnton; Mom, Darnton; Tom lowerburnsparkneighboorhoodassociation@googlegroups.com; Teall, Margie	Symington, Sue		email address	Privacy
8:26 PM	8:26 PM	Rapundalo, Stephen	Darnton, David lowerburnsparkneighboorhoodassociation@googlegroups.com on behalf of Downey, Dave		email address email addresses, property address and telephone number	Privacy
8:29 PM	8:29 PM	Teall, Margie; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Schopleray, Christine; Pirooz, Homayoon; Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela; Hietfle, John; LaBarre, Andy	Salley, Mary		email addresses, property address and telephone number	Privacy
8:31 PM	8:31 PM	Dunn, Maryann	Profit, Kirk		email address	Privacy
8:37 PM	8:37 PM	Higgins, Marcia; Smith, Sandi; Teall, Margie; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Hohmke, Carsten; Derezniski, Tony; Anglin, Mike; Hietfle, John; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher	Byers, Sarah	Burns, Eunice; Overmyer, Cynthia; Briere, Sabra; Broadwaywood	email address email addresses and telephone numbers	Privacy
9:13 PM	9:12 PM	Higgins, Marcia; Smith, Sandi; Teall, Margie; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Hohmke, Carsten; Derezniski, Tony; Anglin, Mike; Hietfle, John; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher	Northess, Dorothy		email address	Privacy
10:01 PM	12:24 PM	Higgins, Marcia; Smith, Sandi; Teall, Margie; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Hohmke, Carsten; Derezniski, Tony; Anglin, Mike; Hietfle, John; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher	MackWilliam, Shelley		email address, property address	Privacy
10:01 PM	12:33 PM	Higgins, Marcia; Smith, Sandi; Teall, Margie; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Hohmke, Carsten; Derezniski, Tony; Anglin, Mike; Hietfle, John; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher	Zorn, Frances		email address	Privacy
10:01 PM	3:14 PM	Higgins, Marcia; Smith, Sandi; Teall, Margie; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Hohmke, Carsten; Derezniski, Tony; Anglin, Mike; Hietfle, John; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher	Alice		email address	Privacy
10:01 PM	4:13 PM	Higgins, Marcia; Smith, Sandi; Teall, Margie; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Hohmke, Carsten; Derezniski, Tony; Anglin, Mike; Hietfle, John; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher	Billman, Sara		email address, property address	Privacy
10:01 PM	4:22 PM	Higgins, Marcia; Smith, Sandi; Teall, Margie; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Hohmke, Carsten; Derezniski, Tony; Anglin, Mike; Hietfle, John; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher	Rice, Michael		email address, property address	Privacy
10:01 PM	4:24 PM	Higgins, Marcia; Smith, Sandi; Teall, Margie; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Hohmke, Carsten; Derezniski, Tony; Anglin, Mike; Hietfle, John; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher	Ross, Cella		email address, property address	Privacy
10:01 PM	4:30 PM	Higgins, Marcia; Smith, Sandi; Teall, Margie; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Hohmke, Carsten; Derezniski, Tony; Anglin, Mike; Hietfle, John; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher	Schultz, Rob		email address, property address	Privacy

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10:02 PM	5:23 PM	Higgins, Marcia; Smith, Sandi; Teall, Margie; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Hohmke, Carsten; Dereziński, Tony; Anglin, Mike; Hietfle, John; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher	Belanger, Jane		email address, property address	Privacy
10:03 PM	10:03 PM	Dunn, Maryann	Burns, Eunice	Overmyer, Cynthia; Briere, Sabra; Broadway/hood	email addresses	Privacy
10:34 PM	10:34 PM	Burns, Eunice; Dunn, Maryann	Stretch, Brian	Overmyer, Cynthia; Briere, Sabra; Broadway/hood	email addresses	Privacy
10:36 PM	10:36 PM	Rapundalo, Stephen	Proff, Kirk		email addresses	Privacy
10:48 PM	10:48 PM	Lowerburnsparkneighbohoodassociation@googlegroups.com; Teall, Margie	Lowerburnsparkneighbohoodassociation@googlegroups.com on behalf of Belgran, Anne		email addresses, property address and telephone number	Privacy

Greenshields, Rachel

From: S. George [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 7:14 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Re: FW: FW: neighborhood city property

Margie,

Thank you very much for the information. You have been extremely helpful and I appreciate that.

Regards,
Sobha

On Mon, Jun 7, 2010 at 7:12 PM, S. George [REDACTED] wrote:
Margie,

Thank you very much for the information. You have been extremely helpful and I appreciate that.

Regards,
Sobha

On Mon, Jun 7, 2010 at 2:51 PM, Teall, Margie <MTeall@a2gov.org> wrote:

Hi Sobha,

I guess this is a more definitive answer to your neighborhood's question. I just wish we knew who owns the property.

-Margie

From: Larcom, Kristen
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 2:15 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Cc: Higgins, Marcia; Fales, Mary Joan; Postema, Stephen; Hieftje, John
Subject: RE: FW: neighborhood city property

Margie:

Unfortunately, only the owner can give permission for someone else to use the property. While we can't give legal advice, if the neighbors were to start planting it would be at their own risk that the owner would claim trespass.


Kristen

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 8:57 AM
To: 'S. George'; Fales, Mary Joan; Larcom, Kristen; Postema, Stephen; Hieftje, John
Cc: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: RE: FW: neighborhood city property

It's an interesting question. It would probably be best to leave it alone at least until someone can determine who owns is, and get permission to plant on it. I love your ideas, though. If anyone has suggestions regarding what can be done to make a garden like this possible, please let us know! Would it be ok to go ahead and plant, knowing it could be removed if necessary?

Thanks.

-Margie

From: S. George [mailto:
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 8:47 AM
To: Teall, Margie
Cc: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Re: FW: neighborhood city property

Margie,

Thank you very much for finding the details for me.

From the email, I gather that the ownership of the land is undetermined. I am confused as to what it means for the memory/community garden we wish to build. Is it ok for us to plant or will we be in trouble for planting. We are thinking of planting flowers and vegetables, should be very easy to remove if needed.

Your advice is much appreciated as to what we can do in this matter. If it is best that I leave it alone, please let me know that as well.

You have been very quick and helpful, and I appreciate that.

Thanks.

Sobha

On Thu, Jun 3, 2010 at 11:00 AM, Teall, Margie <MTeall@a2gov.org> wrote:

Here you go, Sobha. Let us know if you have any other questions.

-Margie

From: Fales, Mary Joan
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:56 AM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: neighborhood city property

Hi Margie - No the City does not own [REDACTED] It is unclear who owns it at this point. No Probate Estate has been opened and the taxes have not been paid the last time I checked. --Mary

Mary Joan Fales, Senior Assistant City Attorney

City of Ann Arbor / 100 N. Fifth Ave., POB 8647/ Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8647 / email: mfales@a2gov.org/ Office (734) 794-6170 ext. 41887/ Direct (734) 794-6187 / Fax (734) 994-4954

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From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:54 AM
To: Larcom, Kristen; Postema, Stephen; Fales, Mary Joan
Cc: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: RE: neighborhood city property

Hi Kristen,

I don't think I ever heard a firm answer about this property. [REDACTED] Do we know who owns it now?

Thanks!

-Margie

From: Larcom, Kristen
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 8:00 AM
To: Postema, Stephen; Teall, Margie
Cc: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: RE: neighborhood city property

I'm quite certain the City does not own it, but I'm checking with Mary Fales.

From: Postema, Stephen
Sent: Sunday, May 23, 2010 11:00 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Cc: Higgins, Marcia; Larcom, Kristen
Subject: RE: neighborhood city property

CM Teall:

I don't believe that the City owns this property. But I will find out the status.

Stephen

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Sunday, May 23, 2010 7:35 PM
To: Postema, Stephen
Cc: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: FW: neighborhood city property

Hi Stephen:

Could you review this and advise us as to the disposition of this property? I am surprised to hear that this might be city owned property at this point, and frankly, doubt that this is the case.

Thanks!

-Margie

From: S. George [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2010 7:21 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie
Subject: neighborhood city property

Hello,

I live in Ann Arbor, ward 4, precinct 7; address: [REDACTED] Ann Arbor 48103 (Dicken school).

I have a question related to the land near my house [REDACTED]. The house was burnt down last Halloween, and as I understands it the city owns the land currently.

We, many of the neighbors on the street, were wondering if city would be open to the idea of opening this land for the community, to build a community garden. My neighbors (the family who died in the house fire) used to

maintain a nice vegetable garden every year. Most of us remember them planting, weeding, and tending their garden constantly. We thought this would be the perfect way to honor them.

In talking with someone at the city, I was advised to contact my city council representative.

Your thoughts and suggestions on this matter is much appreciated.

Regards,

Sobha

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Mohammed K. Abbas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 7:40 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: RE: Parking

Hello again,

His persistent acts of harassment are definitely done with the intention of provoking me. The recent findings of dead animals on my property(squirrels, one was run over by a car and placed in front of the garage door to the back yard. The second one, was not killed by a car, and it was found few days later in my driveway) were very upsetting and new. Parking his truck next to my driveway is currently extended closer by placing his trash containers behind his truck and edging closer to my drive way. His trash containers are no more than 1-2 feet from my driveway. These are deliberate acts of harassment and intimidation giving me uncomfortable feelings. To be honest, I am afraid and concerned for my safety and well being.

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council) [mailto:CTaylor@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 10:42 AM
To: Mohammed K. Abbas
Subject: RE: Parking

Dear Mr. Abbas,

Very good -- I'll try to set something up. Before setting up the meeting, however, need to know a bit about the nature of the behavior -- is it of the variety that you have described before or has it escalated to something that is potentially criminal. I need this information so that I can direct you to the correct person.

Best,

Christopher

Christopher Taylor
Member, Ann Arbor City Council (Third Ward)
734-604-8770 (m)
734-213-3605 (w)
734-213-6223 (h)

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

From: Mohammed K. Abbas [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Mon 6/7/2010 10:29 AM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: RE: Parking

Hello,

It would be very helpful if a meeting with a city official or a member of AAPD is arranged. Thank you.

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council) [mailto:CTaylor@a2gov.org]
Sent: Sun 6/6/2010 9:56 PM
To: Mohammed K. Abbas

Subject: RE: Parking

Dear Mr. Abbas,

I am so sorry to learn of this continued trouble.

If you could send me a description of recent events, I can pass them on to City Staff and/or AAPD with a request to see what steps we can take. I very much hope that we will have the ability to help you.

Kind regards,

Christopher

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

From: Mohammed K. Abbas [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Sun 6/6/2010 9:40 PM

To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)

Subject: RE: Parking

Hello Mr. Taylor,

I am seriously concerned about the neighbor situation due to his recent actions of continued provocations (in addition to the parking issue) and I would like your advice on how best to resolve these issues through the city or other authority.

Thank you.

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council) [mailto:CTaylor@a2gov.org]

Sent: Tue 3/9/2010 9:34 AM

To: Mohammed K. Abbas

Subject: RE: Parking

Dear Mr. Abbas,

I will look into this to determine whether there is anything that can be done from the City's perspective. Can you please, for our records, please provide the name and address of your uncooperative neighbor?

Best,

Christopher

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734-213-6223 (h)

From: Mohammed K. Abbas [mailto:mabbas@schoolcraft.edu]

Sent: Tue 3/9/2010 8:00 AM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: RE: Parking

Hello Mr. Taylor,

I called the police (994-2911) again yesterday about the parking situation, after I talked to my neighbor yesterday and his reply to my statement " your truck is obstructing my vision of the traffic" was " that is life and have a nice day"! This has been going on for a year now and obviously he is doing it purposely and will not cooperate or respect my concerns. There are many areas in the street and in front of his house and his drive way to park his truck. Please tell me where can I get help? How can I convince the police and/or the city to help me?

Thank you.

mohammed abbas

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council) [<mailto:CTaylor@a2gov.org>]
Sent: Tue 12/1/2009 3:30 PM
To: Mohammed K. Abbas
Subject: RE: Parking

Yes, that's right -- he never replied.


I'm sorry it's come to that -- if you can think of something that I can do, please let me know.

Best,

Christopher

Christopher Taylor
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734-213-6223 (h)

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

From: Mohammed K. Abbas [<mailto:> 
Sent: Tue 12/1/2009 3:10 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: RE: Parking

Hello,
Thank you for the follow up. Nothing is resolved and he is still at it. I am ignoring his odd behavior at this time and i am assuming that he did not reply to your email because I did not hear from him.

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council) [<mailto:CTaylor@a2gov.org>]
Sent: Tue 12/1/2009 9:40 AM
To: Mohammed K. Abbas
Subject: Parking

Dear Mr. Abbas,

I'm just checking in with you to see whether the parking situation with your neighbor has been resolved.

I hope all is well with you and your family.

Best,

Christopher

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

Greenshields, Rachel

From: owner-fdw-all@hvcn.org on behalf of huntersofa2 [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 7:43 PM
To: all@dickenwoods.org
Subject: [fdw-all] Dicken Woods Update

Hi Everyone,

Well, it's time for another day in the woods..... how about Sunday, the 13th at around 10:00?

There is a lot to do. The heavy rain has washed away most of the trail to the school and to Carol St and several other spots along the loops. Luckily we have another huge load of chips. We also have the tulip tree which is growing happily in my driveway but which really does need its own spot in the woods.

We also have a large number of perennials to be planted along S Maple. A medical office on Liberty is eliminating their native species flower garden and is allowing members of several garden groups to dig out whatever they want. Mary has a car load!

And, I have 18 very nice smaller plants that I got for an exceptional price.

If possible let me know if you can help out, or just show up. Bring the usual...shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, bug spray, etc.

Have you noticed that the plants are blooming at the corner of Pauline and S Maple? There are also plants starting to bloom in the butterfly garden. Their identification tags were taken so it has been a surprise to see what is popping up. Other perennials have been planted along the central trail. They are marked with orange flags. All of these will eventually have identifying tags again.

The larger trees that we have planted so far this year (around 25) are looking really good. And, in pulling out dames rocket in the walnut grove area, it was quite evident that the walnut trees planted 3 years ago and all but hidden by the raspberries have grown to around 4 feet.

The rain has been good for the milkweed, which in turn will be good for the monarch butterflies. The monarch population is reported to be at an all time low this year because at least half of their numbers were killed during storms and floods at their winter homes in Mexico.

A monarch lays its eggs on milkweed plants, eats the leaves as a caterpillar, rests on a branch in the larval stage, and then eats the flower's nectar as an adult butterfly.

Thanks to everyone who had a meal at the Max and Erma's fundraiser. We all managed to spend \$1466.00 and so at 20%, FoDW received a check for \$293.20.

I got an e-mail from a FoDW member who was driving along S. Maple on Sunday night at around 9:00 PM and saw a coyote come out of the woods. We have had one or two coyotes around recently. NAP tells us that they are regular visitors to the AA parks, but aren't often seen because they can roam over an area of 40-100 sq miles and they are usually active when it is dark. Because their main food source is rabbits, mice, and other small mammals, they are an important part of the food chain. We are asked to keep garbage in covered containers, keep cats inside, and keep dogs on a leash.

I thought it was interesting to note that dogs usually carry their tails up in the air, wolves carry their tails out, and coyotes carry their tails low to the ground.

Remember...hauling chips and planting perennials on Sunday, June 13 at 10:00.

Questions or comments, let me know.

Thanks to all of you who do what you do.

Stephanie Hunter

Greenshields, Rachel

From: sue symington [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 7:58 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike
Subject: Beautification of Ann Arbor's Main Entrance Points

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I have lived in Ann Arbor for over 30 years and have never felt compelled to write city council until now. Overall my family and I have been very happy living this town. One bone of contention is the fact as I have recently entered our city from all the main points, State Street/i-94, Washtenaw Ave., Main Street and Jackson Road, there is not one sign welcoming people to this town. Why is that? Is this being discussed for future development? It is quite embarrassing talking about the greatness of Ann Arbor when all the entrance points are dilapidated? I live near Washtenaw and Huron Parkway, entering off of U.S. 23 and I've had enough of seeing that crumbling block of concrete in front of Arborland. Do we have any beautification groups that I am not aware of?

Thank you for taking the time to read my concern.

Your Resident
Sue Symington

[REDACTED]

The New Busy think 9 to 5 is a cute idea. Combine multiple calendars with Hotmail. Get busy.

Greenshields, Rachel

From: DAVID DARNTON [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 8:26 PM
To: Curt Wimmer; David Cisco; Ingrid Crause; David Muslin; Katharine Hathaway; Hieftje, John; James Malott; John Smulders; Jon Rosner; Judith Ivan; Lise/Durga Smulders; Mom Darnton; Tom Darnton
Subject: Pioneer Crew Results

Here's the link to the mlive article from St. Cats this past weekend. Colin's boat's accomplishment was pretty inspiring. Click on the pictures for full screen view.

Love, D.

<http://highschoolsports.mlive.com/news/article/-5479654829064401309/ann-arbor-pioneer-crew-6th-at-st-cats/>

Greenshields, Rachel

From: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com on behalf of dave downey
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 8:29 PM
To: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: [lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation] Garage Sale Saturday, June 12th

Anne,
I just called your # and it's busy. I've got tarps. I'll be around most of tomorrow 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1129 Granger.
[REDACTED]
Dave

On Mon, Jun 7, 2010 at 6:34 PM, Anne G. Berggren <agbergren@[REDACTED]> wrote:
Neighbors,

First of all, we just moved all the stuff from Kurt's office to our driveway and would like to borrow tarps to cover it until Saturday, in case it rains. We're making do now with paint cloths and bubble wrap. If anyone can loan us a tarp for a week, please let me know [REDACTED]

Second, we are having a garage sale this coming Saturday and welcome anyone who wants to join in, either at our house or as a block or neighborhood. Perhaps we could even make this a yearly event, although it would be better to have it in the Fall when the students come back. If you want to join, please let me know right away--the ad has to go in to AnnArbor.com by Wed. morning at 10 am. If people want to join I'll advertise it as "multi-family" or "community."

Thanks to those of you who bought stuff from the office!

Anne G. Berggren
[REDACTED]

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: mpsalley [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 8:31 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: Fwd: Flooding of City Resident's Yard

Dear Mr. Rapundalo,

I remembered today that you have been to my home before, I think, with Joan Lowenstein, when I was helping with the Narrow Gauge Woods project. At one time, I hosted a small information session in my living room, but I don't recall fully who attended on that evening.

In any event, we're on the corner of Watershed and Green, in the blue house.

Again, thanks for your help.

Mary Salley

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

From: mpsalley [REDACTED]
To: SRapundalo@a2gov.org
Cc: walczesky@ewashtenaw.org; bobrinj@ewashtenaw.org; robtayoung [REDACTED]; kcsalley [REDACTED]
kernst@a2gov.org; mpsalley [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, Jun 7, 2010 2:38 pm
Subject: Flooding of City Resident's Yard

Dear Councilman Rapundalo,

I'm writing to you as the representative for the NE area of Ann Arbor, as I live at [REDACTED]. Our backyard was flooded over the weekend as the result of a City storm outlet located in my neighbor's yard, and one that is in serious disrepair. Please see below for detail about my interaction with the City (held earlier this year, in an effort to prevent this), and the lack of response or repair at this point.

In April 2010, I met face to face (on site) with the City of Ann Arbor (Kevin Ernst) to express my concern about flooding and erosion of the earth berm that protects my backyard from flood water. Please note that the City has full responsibility for this storm outlet (located at Foxhunt and Green Rds). At the meeting was also a representative from the County Drain Commission (Mallory Walczesky), and Commission Bobrin is also apprised of the issues. Now that flooding has occurred, along with erosion of the protective earth berm that separates my home from this major water source, the County is left to rebuild the berm, which will not hold if the City does not quickly get substantial repairs made. Please note that the high volume and speed of water from the outlet also results in substantial erosion my neighbor's yard, which then fills the area that was designed by the County to hold water while it drains into their system. We reviewed the silt issue in our face to fact meeting in April as well.

During my face to face meeting, I was told by the City (Kevin Ersnt), that repairs were to be made to the storm outlet (in fact, it was stated the the outlet was improper, in disrepair, and perhaps, not legal.) I followed up on that meeting with an e-mail to Kevin Ernst in May 2010. To date, no repairs were made, and my email went unanswered (I will paste a copy below.) In addition, my neighbor's calls (Robert Young of Foxhunt) to the City about the storm outlet, erosion and flooding have not been returned. He has been trying to get the City to take action for months, if not years.

As of today, the County Drain Commission is actively involved at the site of the flooding in my yard (they were just here to assess the damage). The large earth berm that protects our yard from these waters has been compromised, leaving us now vulnerable to further flooding and erosion. (The County is talking about using sand bags as a short-term solution to shore up the damage.)

We would ask that you become involved at this point to advocate for us with the City - to help us before the situation becomes more dangerous. Flooding is imminent if the City does not act quickly and completely (Kevin Ernst metioned in our meeting that the City did not have the money to tie the outlet into the storm drain, as is traditionally proper).

Please know that this is a MASSIVE amount of water that comes from Glazier Way Rd and is dumped onto my neighbor's yard. If there is no berm to protect my home (and our home is situated at a significantly lower elevation), it will be very serious for us. In fact, 10 years ago, the County Drain Commission worked diligently to replace storm drains and build the protective berm here, but they have no jurisdiction over the City storm outlet - the source of water and debris that put us at risk.

We need your help. Thank you for your quick attention to this matter.

Mary and Kevin Salley
[REDACTED]

COPY OF APRIL 2010 EMAIL - TO KEVIN ERNST

From: Mary Salley
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 2:41 PM
To: 'kernst@a2gov.org'; 'Mallory Walczesky'
Cc: 'kcsalley'; [REDACTED]; mpsalley; [REDACTED]; 'Janis Bobrin'
Subject: Storm Drain at Green / Foxhunt, Ann Arbor

Dear Kevin (City of Ann Arbor) and Mallory (County Drain Commission),

In April, I met with the two of you while you inspected and discussed the storm drain and water run off at my neighbor Bob Young's home on Foxhunt in Ann Arbor.

With recent rains (including this morning's), the water from Green Rd has fanned out and meandered further to the west (toward my yard) and is now running within a few feet of my yard (which is situated at a notably lower elevation), instead of heading directly downhill into the Earhart West intermittent retention pond. We do not want that water coming over onto our property, nor do we want that water and erosion to damage the earth berm that separates our land from the retention pond located in Earhart West. Both of these issues hinge on the massive water flow that comes from Green Rd - which may, in fact, be running at a speed and volume that does not meet acceptable code.

My understanding, from our meeting, is that this storm drain falls under the responsibility of the City of Ann Arbor. It was also my understanding from our meeting that the City was to make repairs (and re-direct the water away from my yard), though to date, no repairs have been made.

I thank you in advance for your quick response to address this increasingly dangerous situation.

Best,

Mary Salley

Greenshields, Rachel

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To: Hieftje, John
Subject: This Week's HCI Webcast Bulletin
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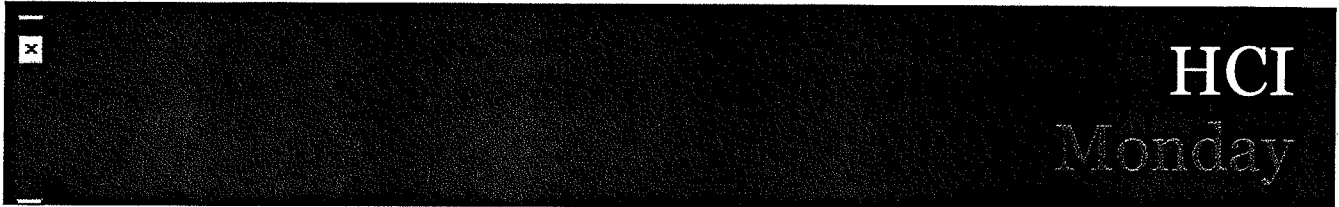
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Monday, June 7, 2010

Upcoming Webcasts

Webcasts for the Week of June 7

Does Cold-Calling Work for Hiring Top Talent?

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, Jun 08 2010 1:00pm EDT
PRESENTER: Kirk Imhof, *Group Director, Recruiting, Ryder*
UNDERWRITER: The Ladders

Good recruiting isn't sitting back and waiting for candidates to apply for a job; its proactive sourcing, tracking down the best and the brightest and convincing them to work for your company. In the digital age, most of this track and communicating takes place over the internet. Does anybody still source using the telephone?

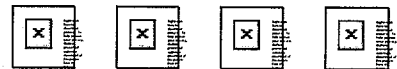
What's Your Company's Ethical Pulse?

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, Jun 08 2010 3:00pm EDT
PRESENTER: Steve Priest, *President, Ethical Leadership Group*
UNDERWRITER: Aptima

Accumulating research shows that leaders play a critical role in shaping and maintaining an ethical organization. However, to develop, articulate, and enforce ethical standards, leaders must actively assess the current state of the ethical climate.

Social Recruiting Step By Step

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Talent Strategy
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DATE/TIME: Wednesday, Jun 9 2010 1:00pm EDT
PRESENTER: Nina Brody, *Senior Director Talent, Take Care Health*
UNDERWRITER: TMP Worldwide Advertising & Communications, LLC

Make no mistake, social media recruitment is here to stay. From Twitter, to Facebook, to YouTube, recruitment marketing channels have proliferated. Now you can reach and respond to candidates in live-time on multiple platforms simultaneously.

Webcasts for the Week of June 14

The 3 Ps of Long-Term Organizational Development Programs

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, Jun 16 2010 12:00pm EDT
PRESENTERS: Linda Wilson, *Department of Defense*
Kristen Kramer, *Booz Allen Hamilton Inc.*
Ashley Allen, *Booz Allen Hamilton Inc.*
UNDERWRITER: Booz Allen Hamilton

Perseverance, Patience and Payoff. Leaders and teams sometimes associate organizational development programs (OD) with "touchy-feely" and minimize the value it brings to improving performance and supporting the mission of an organization. OD professionals believe differently.

Realigning Career Paths and Pay to Drive Organizational Agility & Future Growth: A Case Study

DATE/TIME: Thursday, Jun 17 2010 12:00pm EDT
PRESENTERS: Deborah Rocco, *Chief Learning Officer, Amylin Pharmaceuticals*
Roger Marchetti, *Senior Vice President, Human Resources & Information Management Amylin Pharmaceuticals*
UNDERWRITER: Sibson Consulting

More than two years ago, Amylin Pharmaceuticals, a successful biotech organization dedicated to ending diabetes and obesity anticipated the need to make a significant shift in their business model. Leadership knew the key to success rested on their people's ability to be flexible, adaptive, and responsive to a rapidly changing environment. In the near term, this meant restructuring, staff reductions, and the remaining employees faced with the classic "do more with less" scenario.

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Jul 14-15 • Boston, MA
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Make Every Hire Count

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, Jun 22 2010 1:00pm EDT
PRESENTERS: Jennifer Poage, *Valvoline*
Jeff Facticeau, Ph.D., *PreVisor Inc.*
Jay Janovics, Ph.D., *PreVisor Inc.*
UNDERWRITER: PreVisor

Many organizations are recovering from the hiring slump of 2009. But most are still operating on a limited set of resources, which makes it critical that every single hire count. Recruiting leaders are examining every option in their virtual selection toolkits to make this happen. Many are forced to drop the "nice-to-haves" for those initiatives and programs that clearly demonstrate the impact on business performance.

Is HR Ready? Service Delivery Implications of Healthcare Reform

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, Jun 23 2010 3:00pm EDT
PRESENTER: Edward O'Neil, *University of California, San Francisco*
UNDERWRITER: Lawson Healthcare

March of 2010 will be remembered as a sea change in the way healthcare is delivered in the U.S. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will be strategically disruptive for health care providers. More than ever opportunities and challenges will need to be managed real time.

A Permanent Solution to Managing Temporary Staffing

DATE/TIME: Thursday, Jun 24 2010 1:00pm EDT
PRESENTER: Mendy Hovan, *Talent Acquisition Specialist,*
Service Corporation International
Charlotte Lawrence, *Senior Manger of Talent Acquisition,*
Service Corporation International
UNDERWRITERS: Guidant Group

Every day we read more about the rise of contract staffing in the modern workforce. And yet most organizations have little to no insight into its best and highest use, let alone effective and efficient management. We know from experience that the best programs inside any company can take years to matriculate.

Telling the European Employer Brand Story

DATE/TIME: Friday, Jun 25 2010 9:00am EDT
PRESENTER: Jon Ingham, *Executive Consultant, Strategic HCM*
UNDERWRITER: Taleo

We often hear about the need to continually attract, motivate and retain our employees. Many of us tie these issues to our employee brand and continually strive to become an employer of choice. But are we missing out on opportunities to utilize technology to improve our brand and solidify our place in the global market? Technologies that are already being utilized by your company can assist you in maintaining brand integrity and driving employee engagement.

Marshall Goldsmith on “Mojo” and Successfully Leading Global Teams

DATE/TIME: Friday, Jun 25 2010 2:00pm EDT
PRESENTERS: Marshall Goldsmith, *President, Marshall Goldsmith*
Sheila Madden, *Sr. Vice President of Global Talent Management, GlobalEnglish*
UNDERWRITER: GlobalEnglish

As a leader, your level of meaning and purpose affects your ability to successfully engage your global teams to meet business challenges. Assess your leadership “mojo” and leave with actionable strategies that can be applied across cultures and geographies to effect behavioral change, increase engagement, and boost the productivity of your global teams.

Webcasts for the Week of June 28

Show Me the EI!

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, Jun 22 2010 1:00pm EDT
PRESENTER: Doug Lennick, *Managing Partner, Lennick Aberman*
UNDERWRITER: MHS

When organizations measure performance improvement, one area most agree to focus on is sales performance. When the nature of the work is consultative in a knowledge economy, how does Emotional Intelligence predict and improve the results from your sales talent?

The Return on Recognition, Making and Sustaining the Business Case

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, Jun 30 2010 3:00pm EDT
PRESENTERS: Bonnie Beresford, *Capital Analytics, Inc.*
Heather Rickard, *The Vanguard Group*
UNDERWRITER: Madison Performance Group

In our tough economy, the role of recognition as a strategic form of compensation is on the rise and is capturing the attention of the C-suite as a cost-effective alternative to pay raises and bonuses. But as utilization levels increase so does the scrutiny.

Webcasts for the Week of July 5

A New Way of Working: Latin America

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, Jul 7 2010 12:00pm EDT
PRESENTER: Denis Brousseau, *IBM*
UNDERWRITER: IBM

It pays to work smarter not harder. According to a recent study by the IBM Institute for Business Value, organizations that are significantly outperforming their industry peers also happen to be making more headway on newer approaches to work. They're using dynamic, collaborative and connected ways of working to get things done effectively within a constantly changing environment.

Contract Talent Is a Business Imperative

DATE/TIME: Thursday, Jul 8 2010 1:00pm EDT
PRESENTER: Katherine Ratkiewicz, *HCI*
UNDERWRITERS: MBO Partners
Allegis Group Services
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Any organization seeking to balance the challenges of ambiguity and execution in a slow-growth world with the chance for renewal and opportunity is wise to strategically leverage Contract Talent.

Webcasts for the Week of July 12

Two Talent Streams, One Great Hiring Plan

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, Jul 13 2010 1:00pm EDT
PRESENTER: Sandy Soto, *Home Shopping Network*
UNDERWRITER: Taleo

Every organization has one role or function that is like a talent desert; it's a stretch for recruiting to either keep enough candidates in the funnel to satisfy business needs or the role is so specialized that only a few individuals meet the requirements necessary for success.

Competencies That Distinguish Your Business

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, Jul 13 2010 2:00pm EDT
UNDERWRITER: Halogen Software Inc.

The litmus test of competencies that result in business success is they are repeated or revised by design, and consistently used in workforce planning, talent acquisition, talent deployment, performance management and performance development. When the CEO wants to know talent bench-strength, having confidence in your talent competencies is where the rubber meets the road.

A New Way of Working: Asia

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, Jul 13 2010 11:00pm EDT
PRESENTER: Denis Brousseau, *IBM*
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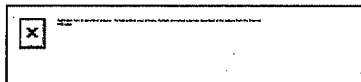
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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Kirk Profit [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 8:37 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Schopieray, Christine; Pirooz, Homayoon
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela A; Hieftje, John; 'LaBarre, Andy'
Subject: RE: Stadium Bridges TIGER support Resolution

Nice work by all !!

Thanks !!

Kirk

From: Teall, Margie [mailto:MTeall@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 1:20 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline; Schopieray, Christine; Pirooz, Homayoon
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela A; Hieftje, John; LaBarre, Andy; profit.k@gcsionline.com
Subject: Stadium Bridges TIGER support Resolution

Jackie:

Please add this to the agenda for tonight's council meeting. Christine, I haven't heard back from John, but could you let Jackie (and me) know if he wants his name added to the sponsor list?

Thanks!

-Margie

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Sarah Byers [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 9:12 PM
To: Maryann Dunn
Cc: Eunice Burns; Cynthia Overmyer; Sabra Briere; Broadwayhood [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: neighborhood meeting

I love Mary Ann's idea of a skating rink and a warm up building or cabin -- how awesome! And maybe use it for a dog park in the summer!!

On Mon, Jun 7, 2010 at 4:13 PM, Maryann Dunn <[REDACTED]> wrote:
How long does a "plume" last when the source has been long gone??? I thought that was one of the things that did get done before the whole deal fell through. With the pavement gone, and all the rain in the past years wouldn't anything in the soil be all washed away, or if not, at least diluted. I thought I read or heard that the plume had already reached the Huron River...??? If that is not true then how extensive is the plume and just exactly where is it in relation to the entire site?

Yes, I am interested in a meeting to get some actual facts of the status of the site. I would love to have a community center with a kitchen area and meeting room for at least 100 persons. In the winter we could have an ice skating area! Some of us have fond memories of the "rink" and warming cabin we used to have in what is now the Broadway park.

Mary Ann
[REDACTED]

--- On Sun, 6/6/10, Cynthia Overmyer <[REDACTED]> wrote:

From: Cynthia Overmyer [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: neighborhood meeting
To: "Eunice Burns" <[REDACTED]>
Cc: "Sabra Briere" <[REDACTED]>, Broadwayhood([REDACTED])
Date: Sunday, June 6, 2010, 5:43 PM

I think you would need to do intensive soil testing on site, and since the area already has pollution clean-up problems, it would be unwise (and probably impossible) to safely grow food there. A wild meadow is another possibility - I know the site was planted once for that, but it didn't seem to "take" very well. Could it be replanted? Cindy

On Fri, 04 Jun 2010 17:04:54 -0400, Eunice Burns <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Regarding Broadway Village site, I'm sure someone has suggested a community garden in the interim. Unless we got a full time farmer, I doubt we could do the whole property but perhaps someone would be willing to do an acre plot or so. Obviously, there are many issues that would have to be resolved but, if it is an interesting idea, think about it. Perhaps there is someone in the vicinity willing to be "head farmer". Is Project Grow still going? What kind of permits, insurance, etc. would we need? Will owners be willing to let us use the property for a "dollar a year"? Water issues and what about the plume? Sounds overwhelming but ???????

Hope to make the meeting. Eunice

On Jun 2, 2010, at 10:41 PM, Sabra Briere wrote:

Dear Neighbors,

I've asked Jim Koli if he would be willing for us to meet at the Northside Grill on Thursday, June 24 in the evening (around 6) to discuss a number of neighborhood issues. I asked for this meeting because some neighbors have asked me about:

Broadway Village at Lower town – and what is going to happen there if that project isn't going to be built


The proposed Fuller Road Transit Station – and how that might affect us
Historic District signs (do we want them? What would they cost?)

Some of our neighbors on Maiden Lane and Wall Street would like to join us to talk about the first two issues.

This is a neighborhood meeting. Are you willing to meet? Is this a convenient time?

Sabra Briere

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Sarah Byers



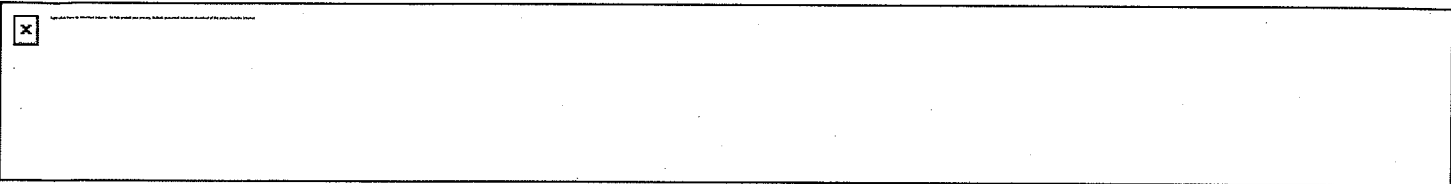
"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to end. Its about learning to dance in the rain."

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Congress.org [congressorg@capwiz.com]
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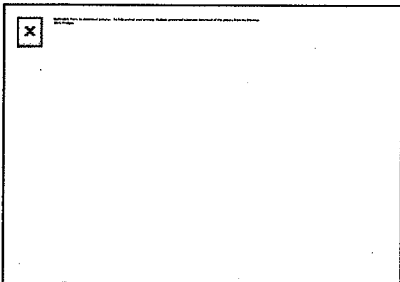
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From the New York Times to the Tea Party



Chris Hedges is a man of contradictions.

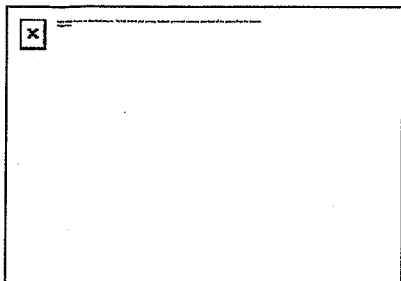
A former New York Times reporter who dodged bullets in El Salvador, Iraq and Bosnia, he's now a noted anti-war activist. And a longtime liberal, he now sympathizes with the tea-party movement.

It can be a lonely path, but it's not unusual for an intellectually driven activist to end up with strange bedfellows.

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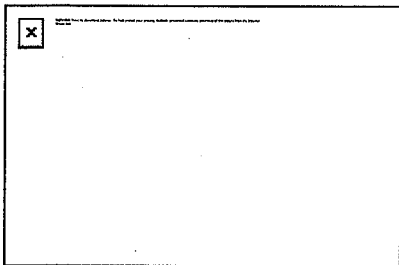
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Directors Take a Subtle Approach



Documentaries have taken an aggressive approach to making their case in recent years.

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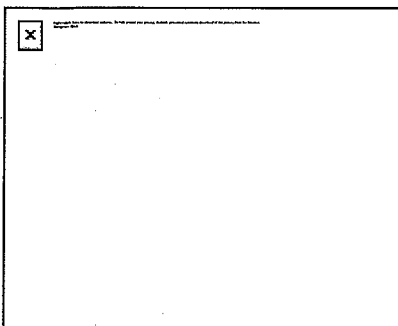
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But a new documentary takes a more subtle approach.

The directors of "Marking Up the Dream" support their subject, a bipartisan proposal called the DREAM Act that would give illegal immigrants under the age of 18 a pathway to citizenship, but they shy away from confrontation.

[Read more about the documentary.](#)

Congress Q&A: C-SPAN Speeches



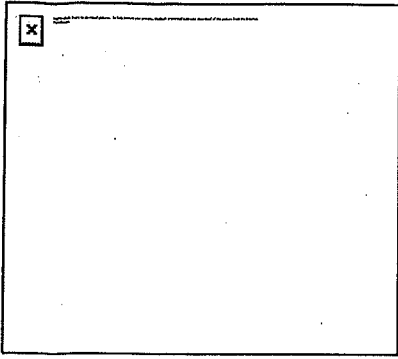
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Facebook Raises Questions for Congress



Before grilling BP and Transoceanic officials, Rep. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) went on Facebook to solicit questions from his constituents.

When Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas) wanted to promote his son's Senate campaign, he also took to Facebook -- to ask for donations.

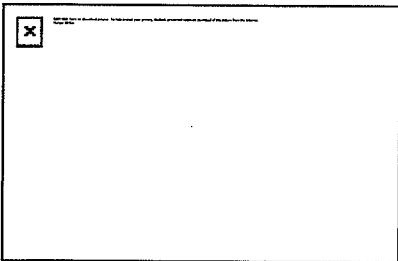
These two ways of reaching out to Internet followers are both typical uses of the social networking site among the more than 300 Members of Congress who maintain online profiles there.

But under Congressional rules, Members who do one can't necessarily do the other.

Facebook pages created and run by a lawmaker's staff can promote official activity, but they can't raise money. Campaign-run pages, meantime, have to be careful about conducting official business.

[Read more about how Congress uses Facebook.](#)

Why Hunger Strikes Often Fail



When it comes to hunger strikes, activists often bite off more than they can chew.

The tactic made famous by India's Mahatma Gandhi and Irish republicans symbolizes the ultimate personal sacrifice for the cause. But it's usually ineffective when it comes to getting results.

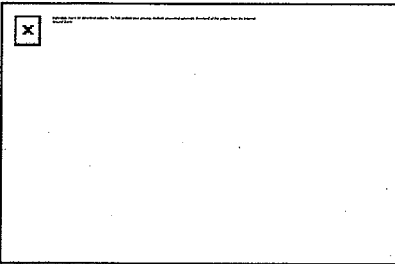
Just ask gay rights activists Dan Choi and James Pietrangelo who, after seven days of not eating, gave up their hunger strike over Don't Ask Don't Tell last week. None of their demands, including an immediate repeal of the military law, had been fulfilled.

Choi declared the strike a success on his blog "because people have been educated to the use of fasting as a tool to bring attention to a set of clear political and social demands.

But his fellow gay rights activists weren't buying it.

[Read more about why hunger strikes often fail.](#)

Health: Bill Would Aid Ground Zero Workers



A House bill would create a permanent medical program to treat people who worked at Ground Zero after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

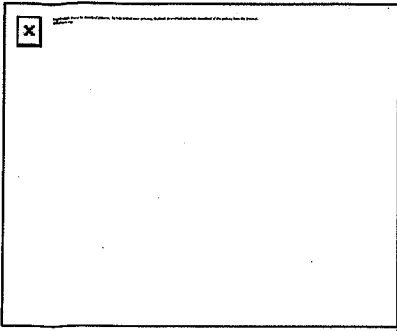
But some Republicans object, saying the proposal would create a new entitlement program.

The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009 would create a treatment and monitoring program for workers who developed medical problems from the 2001 attack or the debris removal at the World Trade Center site.

The problems relate to a dust cloud containing glass shards, asbestos and other harmful toxins released by the destruction of the twin towers.

[Read more about the legislation here.](#)

Environment: Congressman Calls for More Video



Almost two weeks after BP agreed to provide live underwater video feeds of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, a congressional critic says Americans still aren't seeing the full picture.

Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, noted that BP is capturing live images at the site of the gulf accident from multiple camera angles.

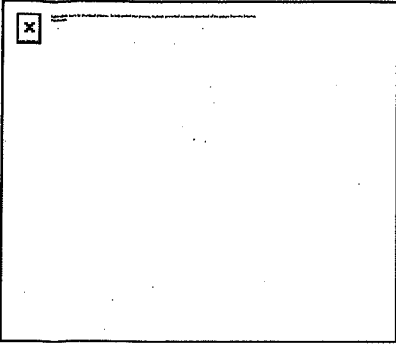
"The American public and the news media needs to be able to see all cameras operating in real time, in the same way that BP executives and engineers, and others involved in accident operations, are able to see such operations," Markey wrote in a letter sent Monday to BP America CEO Lamar McKay.

[Read more about Markey's call for more video.](#)

The Hopper: Travel Blues

[Lawmakers have introduced several bills that would improve airline travel.](#)

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Subject: Vote NO on Heritage Row

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I'm writing to urge you to vote AGAINST the Heritage Row PUD rezoning proposal that will be on your agenda for June 7, 2010. This proposal does not meet the high standards of public benefit required for a PUD, is inconsistent with our master plans, and would be a detriment to neighboring properties--particularly those that will be shaded from the sun by the proposed new buildings.

Please support the protection of our near-downtown neighborhoods from development encroachment as prescribed in the new Downtown Plan, and codified in the new D1 and D2 zoning, recently adopted by City Council. This neighborhood has been properly buffered from core downtown-scale development with a D2 zone along William Street. Please do not allow downtown-scale development to leapfrog this zone in the form of an unprecedented PUD stuffed into an historic residential setting.

Thank you.

Dorothy Nordness
Fifth Ward Voter

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Shelley MacMillan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 12:30 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Smith, Sandi; Teall, Margie; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Hohnke, Carsten; Derezinski, Tony; Anglin, Mike; Hieftje, John; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
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This neighborhood has been buffered from core downtown-scale development with a D2 zone along William Street and appropriately so. Please do not allow downtown-scale development to leapfrog this zone in the form of an unprecedented PUD stuffed into an historic residential setting.

Thank you.

Shelley MacMillan
[REDACTED]

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Frances Zorn [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 12:33 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Smith, Sandi; Teall, Margie; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Hohnke, Carsten; Derezinski, Tony; Anglin, Mike; Hieftje, John; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
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Frances Zorn
Fourth Ward Voter

Greenshields, Rachel

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Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 3:14 PM
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-The proposal would be a detriment to neighboring properties.

-As proposed, the changes are inappropriate for the historic properties within the PUD.

-Impermeable surfaces would be increased adjacent to a flood zone.

Vote against the PUD to protect near-downtown neighborhoods from incompatible development.

Support the Downtown Plan and D1/D2 downtown zoning in Downtown.

The concerned neighborhood should NOT be within the Downtown zoning intended to permit the proposed density. The Heritage Row proposal does not merit PUD re-zoning. Turn the re-zoning request down.

Thank you.

Alice
Third Ward Voter

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Sara Billmann [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 4:13 PM
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Sara Billmann
Fifth Ward Voter

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Michael E. Rice
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Celia Ross
Fifth Ward Voter

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Robert Schweitzer
Second Ward Voter

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Jane M. Belanger [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 5:23 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Smith, Sandi; Teall, Margie; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Hohnke, Carsten; Derezinski, Tony; Anglin, Mike; Hieftje, John; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
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Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I own the properties located at 441 and 445 S. 5th Ave.

Sorry for the lateness of this note. I realize some of you may not get it before tonight's meeting. I thought I would be able to attend tonight, but it looks like I won't be able to be there or not until late.

I want to express to you what I feel are positive attributes of the project and also my concerns.

I am opposed to making this area a Historic District. I like that Mr. De Parry has worked so closely with neighbors and the city in an effort to develop a plan which would restore the existing houses and to not destroy the streetscape. I think that more owners should be encouraged to do so and that this should be encouraged and supported.

I have a joint driveway agreement in place with the current owner of 437 S. 5th Ave (Dan Pampreen). I am concerned about retaining the access to 441 S. 5th that is provided for in that agreement. There is a plan to retain access if you approve Heritage Row. I just want to express that I expect to not lose any access if the project is approved.

I am concerned that there may be additional noise in the area from any sort of heating and cooling that is needed for the additional buildings and underground parking. I ask that whatever plan is approved take this into consideration. The project should offer an improvement to the city not an ear sore.

I am also concerned for my tenants for the noise and inconvenience they will endure during the construction process and the potential loss of rents that I may realize from being so close to the project.

Lastly, I have been neutral on this whole project for the most part. However, I want to say that I think the PUD plan for Heritage Row is a much better plan than the R4C plan introduced earlier by Mr. De Parry. I think the PUD is a better plan because the existing houses will be saved with this plan.

For your consideration,

Jane Belanger

Jane M. Belanger
Second Ward Voter

[REDACTED]

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Eunice Burns [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 10:03 PM
To: Maryann Dunn
Cc: Cynthia Overmyer; Sabra Briere; Broadwayhood [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: neighborhood meeting

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Subject: Re: neighborhood meeting
To: "Eunice Burns" [REDACTED]
Cc: "Sabra Briere" <[REDACTED]>, Broadwayhood [REDACTED]
Date: Sunday, June 6, 2010, 5:43 PM

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Brian Stretch [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 10:34 PM
To: Eunice Burns; Maryann Dunn
Cc: Cynthia Overmyer; Sabra Briere; Broadwayhood [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: neighborhood meeting

If you're really interested in perc cleanup, this looks like the best place to start:

http://www.itrcweb.org/teampublic_Perchlorate.asp

The Documents link on the right side of the page will lead you to a 200 page ebook from March 2008 that at first glance looks very thorough and fairly readable. In situ remediation looks possible, including via bioremediation (microbes).

Construction of permanent structures would almost certainly require ownership of the property, and while the developers might cut a deal in light of the crashing economy it's still likely beyond the means of the city budget let alone this list. They might find allowing the land to be used for an urban farm or permaculture experiment to be agreeable? We'd just have to accept that eventually someone is going to buy the land and wipe out most of the work.

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Kirk Profit [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 10:36 PM
To: 'Steve Rapundalo'; Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: FW: notes from today's call

FYI –

**We will keep you posted –
Thanks for your help !!
Kirk**

From: Kirk Profit [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 10:34 PM
To: 'Jean Doss'
Cc: 'wilbanks [redacted]'; 'Lauryn English_Kirk Profit'; 'hemond.a [redacted]'; 'farrah.b@ [redacted]'
Subject: RE: notes from today's call

Thanks for your help with this !!

We should talk about your list (for example, LaBlanc is the lead sponsor of the House bills on this issue – I have had several conversations with him; Griffin is fine on stem cell – in spite of RTL; Schmidt is solid RTL; we can talk others when we discuss). We will be working this tomorrow and I am sure we will see you in the lobby –

**Thanks !!
Kirk**

From: Jean Doss [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 11:27 AM
To: profit.k@gcsionline.com
Subject: FW: notes from today's call

Hi, Kirk, had a quick conference call with Mike Boulus and Stephen Rapundalo with MichBio this am....call if you want to discuss! Have a good day,
Jean

P.S. Mike asked that I send these to Cynthia...normally will let you forward...sorry about that.

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From: Jean Doss [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 11:16 AM
To: 'Mike Boulus'; 'srapundalo [redacted]'
Cc: 'Dave Waymire'
Subject: notes from today's call

Call with Mike Boulus, President's Council and Stephen Rapundalo, MICH BIO.

Strategy preferred by Speaker:

Take a roll call on the amendment (allow it to pass); then adopt a Substitute Higher Ed Budget Bill without the language – need 55 votes to pass Higher Ed Budget without stem cell/RTL amendment.

NEED 55 VOTES

Head Count so far:

38 Democrats will definitely vote against amendment, and FOR Higher Ed Budget without stem cell amendment

Need 17 more Dems and/or Republicans

Looks like we have 10 likely to join us (see lists below), need to confirm those votes + hold them, and pick up 7.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Work potential Republicans (see list below) and potential Democrats (Stephen, university lobbyists)
2. If helpful, share 2006 county data on support for stem cell research amendment (thanks Mike);
3. Floor letter for Tuesday (tomorrow) from Rapundalo at Mich Bio and possibly Bernard Siegle, Genetic Policy Institute, planner/presenter, 2010 World Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine Congress (Stephen);
4. Update/share info with Cynthia Wilbanks - UM, Greg Bird - WSU, Rochelle Black-OU (Jean and Mike);
5. Keep supportive democrats in the loop, share list and have them work their colleagues (Jean);
6. Later – more editorials; work with Speaker on appointments to conference committee.

REPUBLICANS:

Rep. John Walsh (R-Livonia)+ is with us, he thinks Rep. Dick Ball (R-Laingsburg)+ is too.

Advice from various sources, we need to work the following Republicans:

Larry DeShazor (R- Portage)
Bill Caul (R-Mt. Pleasant)
Paul Scott (R-Grand Blanc)
Gail Haines (R-Waterford)
Sharon Tyler (R-Niles)

I would add

Kevin Green (R-Wyoming) to the list (per Rep. Cogen Lipton)

POSSIBLE DEMOCRATS (+ should be with us, (underline) votes either mixed or anti-choice but does NOT have RTL endorsement):

(Thanks to Stephen for working with many of these folks already)

Kate Ebli (D-Monroe) +
Ed Clemente (D-Lincoln Park) +
Andy Kandrevas (D-Southgate) +
Martin Griffin (D-Jackson) +

Bob Constan (D-Dearborn Heights) +
Shanelle Jackson (D-Detroit) +
Roy Schmidt (D-Grand Rapids)
Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland)
Kathy Angerer (D-Dundee) +
Joel Sheltroun (D-West Branch)
Andy Dillon (D-Redford Twp) +
John Espinoza (D-Croswell)
Jeff Mayes (D-Bay City)
Judy Nerat (D- Wallace)

DEMOCRATS DEFINITELY VOTING with RTL

Terry Brown (D-Pigeon)
Mike Lahti (D-Hancock)
Dudley Spade (D-Franklin Twp.)
Jim Slezak (D-Davison)
Gary McDowell (D-Rudyard)
Andy Neumann (D-Alpena)
Robert Dean (D-Grand Rapids)

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Subject: The Siphoning Solution

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Columbia Journalism Review
The Observatory -- June 07, 2010

More on "kinky math" and mechanical Band-Aids for the oil spill

By Curtis Brainard

http://www.cjr.org/the_observatory/the_siphoning_solution.php?page=all

On Monday afternoon, BP reported that it was capturing about 11,000 barrels per day of the oil that has been spilling into the Gulf of Mexico since the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig sank on April 22.

The siphon is one of the first positive developments since the disaster began, but, as we wrote last week, there's still no reason for reporters to be lulled into complacency by techno-optimism. Indeed, three days after we warned against having too much faith in "mechanical Band-Aids," New York Times blogger Andrew Revkin wondered:

Now that about half* of the gushing oil is being siphoned to a ship, will we forget that such deep-water blowouts are probably uncontrollable, as explained in 1997? It would be a shame if a Band-Aid fix on a petro-calamity led to a more relaxed view of such risks.

The asterisk in that paragraph is important, and Revkin points out in the accompanying footnote that the "about half" reference is subject to major uncertainty. The reason is that we still don't know exactly how much oil is spewing out of the well every day, especially since BP cut the riser pipe from which the crude was spilling in order to attach a cap for the siphoning work. As a front-page New York Times story pointed out on Monday:

A federal panel has estimated that 12,000 to 25,000 barrels a day is flowing from the well. But those calculations were made before BP cut the riser pipe last week to accommodate the capping device, which administration officials have said could increase the flow rate by as much as 20 percent.

On his True Slant blog, freelance investigative reporter Osha Gray Davidson criticized BP's "kinky math," reasoning that "the 10,500 barrels [BP is now siphoning to the surface] can't simply be subtracted from the estimated flow at the well head." Because cutting the pipe may have increased the spill's flow by 3,800 barrels per day and because the new siphon replaced an old one that was already capturing to 2,000 barrels per day, the company was, as of Sunday, capturing a "net gain" of only 4,700 barrels of oil per day.

Math tends to intimidate reporters, but such back-of-the-envelope calculations are a great check on unwarranted techno-optimism, especially given BP's many dodges and feints since the oil spill began. Take the company's failed effort to plug the well using a "top kill" procedure, which shot heavy drilling mud and bits of rubber down the hole. Many news outlets explained that the success of this approach hinged on overcoming the pressure of the oil and gas coming up the well, but few reporters bothered to ask how much pressure BP was dealing

with. One was the Los Angeles Times's Amina Khan, who did an exemplary bit of legwork in order to report that:

Success of the [top-kill] venture will depend on loading enough mud and cement into the well to stop the surge of oil and gas -- a tricky proposition. Iraj Ershaghi, director of the petroleum engineering department at USC, estimated that the upward pressure was likely to be about 9,000 pounds per square inch. At a depth of 5,000 feet, the water pressure bearing down on the leak is about 2,500 pounds per square inch, he added.

That leaves a difference of about 6,500 pounds per square inch of upward pressure at the wellhead, explaining why the oil and gas flowing upward can easily overwhelm the water pressing down on it and why the crude has continued to gush into the ocean.

"This is not a kids' game, to fight that kind of pressure," Ershaghi said..

Had more reporters looked for somebody to help them with that simple calculation before the top-kill failed (as Khan did, filing her story on May 25), they might not have been so willing to accept BP's disingenuous early assurances that the efforts was going just fine.

Unfortunately, math continues to be a major stumbling block for journalists covering the spill, and that must change. With a little number crunching they could do a lot to fight back against more false promises.

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Israel Navy reserves officers: Allow external Gaza flotilla probe

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Israel Navy reserves officers: Allow external Gaza flotilla probe Officers denounce operation as 'military and diplomatic failure', slam government for placing blame on the activists. By Anshel Pfeffer Tags: Israel news IDF Gaza flotilla

A group of top Israel Navy reserves officers on Sunday publicly called on Israel to allow an external probe into its commando raid of a Gaza-bound humanitarian aid flotilla last week, which left nine people dead and several more wounded.

In a letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff Gabi Ashkenazi, the Navy officers denounced the commando raid as having "ended in tragedy both at the military and diplomatic levels."

"We disagree with the widespread claims that this was the result of an intelligence rift," said the officers.

"In addition, we do not accept claims that this was a 'public relations failure' and we think that the plan was doomed to failure from the beginning."

"First and foremost, we protest the fact that responsibility for the tragic results was immediately thrust onto the organizers of the flotilla," wrote the officers. "This demonstrates contempt for the responsibility that belongs principally to the hierarchy of commanders and those who approved the mission. This shows contempt for the values of professionalism, the purity of weapons and for human lives."

The Navy officers' letter came as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was convening his top ministers to deliberate a United Nations proposal to create a joint international committee alongside Turkey and the United States to investigate the circumstances of the deadly raid.

The cabinet was also to discuss the creation of an internal committee to look into the incident. Netanyahu earlier Sunday rejected the idea of an international panel, and reiterated that Israel had the right to conduct its own investigation.

Netanyahu discussed the proposal for a multinational panel with United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in a telephone call on Saturday but told cabinet ministers on Sunday that Israel was exploring other options, political sources said.

"I told [Ban] that the investigation of the facts must be carried out responsibly and objectively," Netanyahu told ministers. "We need to consider the issue carefully and level-headedly, while maintaining Israel's national interests as well as those of the Israel Defense Forces."

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From: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com on behalf of Anne G. Berggren
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 10:48 PM
To: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: [lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation] Garage Sale Saturday, June 12th

Dave,

Thanks so much! Kurt will call and come and get the tarps sometime after 8 am tomorrow.

Anne Berggren

--On Monday, June 7, 2010 8:29 PM -0400 dave downey [REDACTED] wrote:

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> Anne,
> I just called your # and it's busy. I've got tarps. I'll be around
> most of tomorrow 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. [REDACTED] Dave
>
>
> On Mon, Jun 7, 2010 at 6:34 PM, Anne G. Berggren <agbergrn@umich.edu>
> wrote:
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> Neighbors,
>
> First of all, we just moved all the stuff from Kurt's office to our
> driveway and would like to borrow tarps to cover it until Saturday, in
> case it rains. We're making do now with paint cloths and bubble wrap.
> If anyone can loan us a tarp for a week, please let me know [REDACTED]
>
> Second, we are having a garage sale this coming Saturday and welcome
> anyone who wants to join in, either at our house or as a block or
> neighborhood. Perhaps we could even make this a yearly event, although
> it would be better to have it in the Fall when the students come back.
> If you want to join, please let me know right away--the ad has to go
> in to AnnArbor.com by Wed. morning at 10 am. If people want to join
> I'll advertise it as "multi-family" or "community."
>
> Thanks to those of you who bought stuff from the office!
>
> Anne G. Berggren
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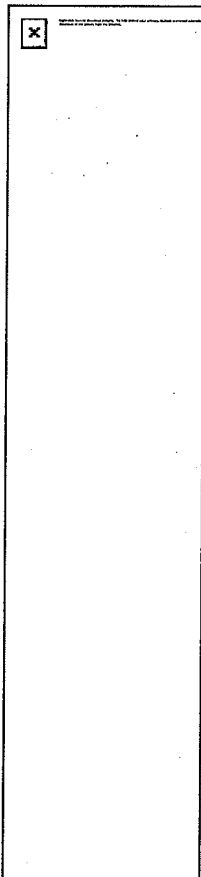
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Dear Stephen,

The primary elections are just eight weeks away and we have a host of outstanding Democratic candidates to offer up this year! Bright, passionate, experienced and with the values we have come to expect from those who represent our great city, these men and women will help define the future of Michigan and our party.

On Saturday, June 12 from 10 a.m. to noon, we welcome the candidates for state representative in the 52nd and 53rd districts, each representing parts of Ann Arbor. Democrats hope to hold the majority in the House this year, so two of these individuals may very well lead the policy debates on critical issues like rebuilding Michigan's economy, restoring our reputation for environmental stewardship, and ensuring a just and equitable society.

In keeping with our commitment to creating deeper and more meaningful connections with those who would represent the party, we offer you two full hours of give and take with these four candidates:



The Honorable Christine Green is a Scio Township Trustee running for the 52nd district. Chris has practiced civil rights and labor law in Washtenaw County for 25 years. She has served on the boards of Planned Parenthood, SOS Community Center, the Michigan Environmental Council and the NEW Center. She holds both a B.A. and J.D. from the University of Michigan.

The Honorable Jeff Irwin has served for ten years as a Washtenaw County Commissioner and is running for the 53rd district seat. Jeff formerly served as a legislative aide for state Senator Alma Wheeler Smith and directed the Michigan League of Conservation Voters. He holds a B.A. from the University of Michigan in Political Science.

Dexter resident Jeff Lee is the executive director of the Michigan Conference of the American Association of University Professors and seeking the 52nd district seat. He serves on the boards of the Professors' Fund for Educational Issues and the Academic Freedom Lecture Fund. Jeff earned a B.A. and and M.P.P. from the University of Michigan.

Ann Arborite Ned Staebler is a vice president at the Michigan Economic Development Council and running for the 53rd district. He has served on Ann Arbor's Community Development Executive Committee and founded the Ann Arbor Social Capital Fund. Ned is a Harvard graduate and holds an MS from the London School of Economics.

Please join us for a vibrant conversation -- your questions, their answers -- this coming Saturday at the Ann Arbor Community Center. Would you care to get a question early in the queue? Send it my way at chair@annarbordems.org.

We're excited to build momentum for the 2010 elections upon the vision and passion of these dedicated volunteers for public service. Help us make them welcome!

Sincerely,

Conan Smith
Chair

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The decline in Israel's reputation since the brutal attack on the Gaza flotilla is unlikely to influence the country's leaders

At the top of Israel's political and military systems stand two men, Ehud Barak and Benjamin Netanyahu, who are behind the brutal attack on the Gaza flotilla that shocked the world but that seemed to be hailed as a pure act of self-defence by the Israeli public.

Although they come from the left (Defence minister Barak from the Labour Party) and the right (Prime Minister Netanyahu from Likud) of Israeli politics, their thinking on Gaza in general and on the flotilla in particular is informed by the same history and identical worldview.

At one time, Ehud Barak was Benjamin Netanyahu's commanding officer in the Israeli equivalent of the SAS. More precisely, they served in a similar unit to the one sent to assault the Turkish ship last week.

Their perception of the reality in the Gaza Strip is shared by other leading members of the Israeli political and military elite, and is widely supported by the Jewish electorate at home.

And it is a simple take on reality. Hamas, although the only government in the Arab world elected democratically by the people, has to be eliminated as a political as well as a military force. This is not only because it continues the struggle against the 40-year Israeli occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip by launching primitive missiles into Israel - more often than not in retaliation to an Israel killing of its activists in the West Bank. But it is mainly due to its political opposition for the kind of "peace" Israel wants to impose on the Palestinians.

The forced peace is not negotiable as far as the Israeli political elite is concerned, and it offers the Palestinians a limited control and sovereignty in the Gaza Strip and in parts of the West Bank. The Palestinians are asked to give up their struggle for self-determination and liberation in return for the establishment of three small Bantustans under tight Israeli control and supervision.

The official thinking in Israel, therefore, is that Hamas is a formidable obstacle for the imposition of such a peace. And thus the declared strategy is straightforward: starving and strangulating into submission the 1.5 million Palestinians living in the densest space in the world.

The blockade imposed in 2006 is supposed to lead the Gazans to replace the current Palestinian government with one which would accept Israel's dictate - or at least would be part of the more dormant Palestinian Authority in the West Bank. In the meantime, Hamas

captured an Israeli soldier, Gilad Shalit, and so the blockade became tighter. It included a ban of the most elementary commodities without which human beings find it difficult to survive. For want of food and medicine, for want of cement and petrol, the people of Gaza live in conditions that international bodies and agencies described as catastrophic and criminal.

As in the case of the flotilla, there are alternative ways for releasing the captive soldier, such as swapping the thousands of political prisoners Israel is holding with Shalit. Many of them are children, and quite a few are being held without trial. The Israelis have dragged their feet in negotiations over such a swap, which are not likely to bear fruit in the foreseeable future.

But Barak and Netanyahu, and those around them, know too well that the blockade on Gaza is not going to produce any change in the position of the Hamas and one should give credit to the Prime Minister, David Cameron, who remarked at Prime Minister's Questions last week that the Israelis' policy, in fact, strengthens, rather than weakens, the Hamas hold on Gaza. But this strategy, despite its declared aim, is not meant to succeed or at least no one is worried in Jerusalem if it continues to be fruitless and futile.

One would have thought that Israel's drastic decline in international reputation would prompt new thinking by its leaders. But the responses to the attack on the flotilla in the past few days indicate clearly that there is no hope for any significant shift in the official position. A firm commitment to continue the blockade, and a heroes' welcome to the soldiers who pirated the ship in the Mediterranean, show that the same politics would continue for a long time.

This is not surprising. The Barak-Netanyahu-Avigdor Lieberman government does not know any other way of responding to the reality in Palestine and Israel. The use of brutal force to impose your will and a hectic propaganda machine that describes it as self-defence, while demonising the half-starved people in Gaza and those who come to their aid as terrorists, is the only possible course for these politicians. The terrible consequences in human death and suffering of this determination do not concern them, nor does international condemnation.

The real, unlike the declared, strategy is to continue this state of affairs. As long as the international community is complacent, the Arab world impotent and Gaza contained, Israel can still have a thriving economy and an electorate that regards the dominance of the army in its life, the continued conflict and the oppression of the Palestinians as the exclusive past, the present and future reality of life in Israel. The US vice-president Joe Biden was humiliated by the Israelis recently when they announced the building of 1,600 new homes in the disputed Ramat Shlomo district of Jerusalem, on the day he arrived to try to freeze the settlement policy. But his unconditional support now for the latest Israeli action makes the leaders and their electorate feel vindicated.

It would be wrong, however, to assume that American support and a feeble European response to Israeli criminal policies such as one pursued in Gaza are the main reasons for the protracted blockade and strangulation of Gaza. What is probably most difficult to explain to readers around the world is how deeply these perceptions and attitudes are grounded in the Israeli psyche and mentality. And it is indeed difficult to comprehend how diametrically opposed are the common reactions in the UK, for instance, to such events to the emotions that it triggers inside the Israeli Jewish society.

The international response is based on the assumption that more forthcoming Palestinian concessions and a continued dialogue with the Israeli political elite will produce a new reality on the ground. The official discourse in the West is that a very reasonable and attainable solution is just around the corner if all sides would make one final effort: the two-state solution.

Nothing is further from the truth than this optimistic scenario. The only version of this solution that is acceptable to Israel is the one that both the tamed Palestine Authority in Ramallah and the more assertive Hamas in Gaza could never ever accept. It is an offer to imprison the Palestinians in stateless enclaves in return for ending their struggle.

Thus even before one discusses either an alternative solution - a single democratic state for all, which I support - or explores a more plausible, two-state settlement, one has to transform fundamentally the Israeli official and public mindset. This mentality is the principal barrier to a peaceful reconciliation in the torn land of Israel and Palestine.

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Give us back the Gulf and our lives

By Ron Thibodeaux / New Orleans Times-Picayune June 3rd, 2010 http://www.nola.com/news/gulf-oil-spill/index.ssf/2010/05/give_us_back_the_gulf_and_our.html

With the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history slogging unabated into its second month, the headlines have been as incredible as they are infuriating:

"Frustration mounting over BP delays, lack of progress."

"Oil flow estimates too low, BP admits."

"Final test would have signaled seal trouble."

"Oil's coastal invasion could last for years."

The ruptured BP pipeline has spewed untold millions of gallons of crude oil off the Louisiana coast, coating our Gulf, our wetlands and our wildlife with a massive oil slick shockingly visible from space and leaving miles-long plumes of oil below the surface that are only now beginning to be detected.

Who among us here in Louisiana was not rendered heartsick by the sight this week of brown pelicans -- our state symbol -- coated in oil, unable to fly more than a few feet? Who among us could not empathize with the shrimpers of St. Bernard Parish, anger and frustration boiling over as their livelihoods hung in the balance?

As if the actual damage isn't bad enough, we also have had to endure condescending reactions from BP's chief executive officer, who declared, "Almost nothing has escaped," and another BP executive, who was widely quoted this week with this contemptible assessment of the spill's impact on our fisheries: "Louisiana isn't the only place that has shrimp."

Frankly, I've had enough.

Enough of the insults to our good state and its good people from the callous company responsible for this environmental apocalypse.

Enough of the excuses piled upon excuses for why it hasn't solved the problem.

Enough of the facade of concern from the so-called leaders we have sent to Washington, who have been too chummy for too long with Big Oil and have held the gate open for BP to stroll into our back yard and perpetrate this calamity.

We don't need your photo-ops. We needed our president and congressional leaders on both sides of the aisle to be vigilant months ago, and years ago, when we thought you had our backs, when we trusted you to enact laws and enforce policies to protect us and our wetlands and our pelicans and our fisheries while the oil giants drilled off our coastline.

You failed us then. You won't fool us now.

With each new revelation that this man-made disaster is even worse today than we thought it was yesterday, a slideshow starts to replay in my mind.

There I am, 9 years old, standing alongside Grandpa Robichaux in his old wooden shed back in Houma, keeping him company as he shucks a sack of oysters.

There I am, 12 years old, catching crabs in the surf at Grand Isle with my 6-year-old brother.

There I am at 14, sitting at the kitchen table with Mom and Dad and Aunt Lena, peeling shrimp and yakking it up, knowing we'd be having fried shrimp for dinner that night and shrimp and okra gumbo by the weekend.

I picture those scenes and dozens like them, and I despair that the most tragic loss of this entire disaster might be felt in the fourth level of separation from the oil spill itself.

The initial impact, of course, is the oil washing through the Gulf and into our coastal wetlands.

Those areas are absolutely critical to the viability of our fisheries -- shrimp, crabs, fish, you name it; if enough oil gets into enough wetlands, our fisheries could be ruined.

Once that happens, it's not only the fishers who will be hung out to dry but also the myriad businesses that supply them and the thousands of local restaurants whose stock in trade is fresh Louisiana seafood.

Everyone seems to understand that much. But let's take it one step further.

Our shrimping fleets represent more than a group of jobs. Our seafood industry doesn't equate to a factory assembly line. Trawling and crab boils and shrimp poboys are very real parts of our Louisiana character, helping to define us as a culture and as a people.

The suits at BP don't understand why it won't work for us to import our shrimp from somewhere else after their oil spill kills all of ours. What they are inflicting on us here is more than just an inconvenience -- it's a threat to our very way of life.

We have lived off nature's bounty in Louisiana for hundreds of years. We'd like to give our children's children that same opportunity.

I'm waiting to hear what those who are responsible for this catastrophe -- BP, the current Democratic administration and our overwhelmingly Republican congressional delegation -- are going to do to make this right for us.

And with all of that oil still wafting through the Gulf of Mexico and lapping at our shores, they had better think fast. Hurricane season starts Tuesday.

Ron Thibodeaux is the St. Tammany bureau chief.

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Israel Trying to Get Gaza People to Overthrow Hamas

Interview with Uri Avnery

By Mazal Mualem Haaretz (Israel) June 7, 2010

www.haaretz.com/print-edition/features/veteran-peace-activist-israel-trying-to-get-gaza-people-to-overthrow-hamas-1.294593

Benjamin Netanyahu is lying when he says the Gaza blockade exists in order to prevent the transfer of weapons to Gaza, veteran peace activist Uri Avnery tells Haaretz

Journalist and former Knesset member Uri Avnery is one of the most prominent political activists identified with the Israeli peace camp. As has been the 86-year-old's habit for decades, he did not miss the leftist demonstration in Tel Aviv, on Saturday night - this one protesting the government's handling of the Gaza-bound flotilla incident last week.

The interview:

All told, only 6,000 people took part in the demonstration. Is the Israeli peace camp in fact just a negligible minority?

That number is wrong. There were at least twice as many demonstrators, and that is a huge amount when you take into account the unprecedented brainwashing the country experienced during the week, when a near-totalitarian propaganda machine repeated a single picture and a single story, and prevented citizens from seeing or hearing anything else. We hardly saw anything except for a few minutes shot and edited by the Israel Defense Forces spokesman's office, which confiscated the films shot by journalists. The question may be asked: Why? What are they afraid of?

The photos published by the IDF and the Turkish media clearly show Israeli naval commandos being attacked, thrown from the deck and bleeding. Are you saying those photos were fabricated?

The gap is created when you see only two minutes [of footage]; you don't see what came before or after, and so it is possible to get the impression that the Turks attacked a Jewish ship. Imagine if Jews were in distress, attacked on the high seas, with dead and wounded - just imagine the uproar. Not only the Turks see this as an Israeli attack, but the whole world does.

Are you convinced this was an aid flotilla?

There is no doubt. The intention of the Israeli government is to create a crisis that is so terrible that the people of Gaza will overthrow Hamas.

Meanwhile, four years have passed and Hamas is stronger than it was. What is the siege for? Who is it good for?

If the Israeli government hadn't sent the poor soldiers to attack the ship, just as the cabinet secretary [Zvi Hauser] suggested, all of this could have been prevented. They could have stopped [the ships], examined them and let them go on. It seems we have to protect IDF soldiers from [Defense Minister] Ehud Barak and [Prime Minister] Benjamin Netanyahu.

When Netanyahu calls it a flotilla of hate, is he lying?

Not only Netanyahu, the ministers, too, in addition to a few people in uniform: the army chief of staff and the commander of the navy. In any well-run country, the head of the navy would have resigned that same night.

The operation itself reflected an astounding and disastrous lack of military capability. What is the nature of an army whose admiral personally commands such a stupid undertaking? I was a soldier and I don't remember any of my commanders ever putting me in such an idiotic situation. A person who can give such an order cannot command our soldiers.

And the mounting evidence that the flotilla was a provocation by terrorists fails to convince you?

The story begins with the fact that Israel attacked a Turkish ship because it was bringing aid. The ship was attacked and [the forces] did what they did. After all, we experienced this ourselves with the Exodus, when British soldiers attacked and the illegal immigrants defended themselves any way they could. Three immigrants were killed and dozens were injured. That was the beginning of the end of the British Mandate just eight months later.

Continuing this parallel that you are making, what does this say about us?

Parallel? Then there was a British government minister named Ernest Bevin who was stupid and coarse, and now we have a defense minister who is stupid and coarse. We are led by a gang of idiots. After last week a big change has taken place en route to ending the occupation and the siege on Gaza, which is a siege based on lies and wrapped in stupidity.

Benjamin Netanyahu said the siege exists in order to prevent the transfer of weapons to Gaza. This is a lie.

He prevents the entrance of noodles, fruit, children's toys and paper for books. The damage caused to Israel's standing this week is greater than that caused by Operation Cast Lead [in Gaza, in December 2008-January 2009]. I am receiving messages from liberal Jews [abroad] and they see this as a disaster. We are moving forward with the blindness of the people of Sodom - struck blind and going on, increasing the wave of hatred against Israel.

Is it possible that something good can come from this low point, as it did with the Exodus incident?

In Goethe's "Faust," Satan appears and says: I am the power that always wants evil, but causes good. It might happen that, paradoxically, something good comes out of the bad.

Who will lead? After all, the peace camp has no political leadership.

All of the disasters in Israel began with Ehud Barak declaring himself the head of the peace camp. He went to Camp David unprepared and failed. When he returned he did not say that the negotiations would continue.

Instead he said: I have turned over every stone on the way to peace; we haven't got a partner. These words caused a disaster we haven't yet recovered from.

But perhaps now, because of this incident, people who have been standing on the sidelines will understand that we have an existential problem. I see the demonstration [Saturday night] as a new awakening. We have a long way to go. We are in a situation in which the political system is split wide open. Last week in the Knesset we saw that Kadima is not a different version of the Likud; it is even worse. I was a Knesset member for 10 years and I don't remember any disgrace that came even close to this: physical attacks [on Arab MKs] by nearly all the Jewish members accompanied by the shouting of racist and sexist remarks.

And the Arab MKs did not take part in the uproar?

There is polarization on both sides. Actions create reactions. There's a vicious cycle here when the parliament descends to such a nadir. I am looking for the right word: parliamentary rabble. It terrifies me anew. It is a death blow to parliamentary democracy.

Did [Turkish Prime Minister] Erdogan incite the region?

That is part of the stupidity. We have had one very important friend in the Middle East for decades: the Turkish army. Turkish politics has been changing over the last two years; Turkey wants to position itself as a Middle East superpower, and wanted to mediate between Israel and the Moslem world. And let's assume we didn't like the fact that Turkey moved closer to Iran. What did we do? We united all of Turkey in hatred for Israel. Was it worth it?

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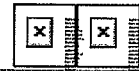
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Join our discussion of these and other policies that have been recently adopted on the East Coast, as well as how these policies are likely to impact the installed capacity of solar power on the East Coast and how investors fit.

Moderator:

Todd Alexander, Partner, CHADBOURNE & PARKE LLP

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