Once considered taboo, cremation is ‘the preferred choice’ for nearly 50 percent of Americans

More people than ever are choosing cremation

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“Ashes to ashes and dust to dust” may be a frequent saying at funerals, but if your loved one is cremated, what you’re getting back in an urn is actually processed bone fragments, not ashes.

That’s just one of the many misconceptions people have about cremation — a method of disposing of the body after death through a process of thermal heat that reduces the body to bone fragments.

Today, cremations take place in licensed, regulated crematoriums, although there is an outdoor crematorium in Crestone, Colorado, the only one of its kind in the U.S.

While cremation has been around since prehistoric times, it has become a much more widely accepted practice. Close to 50 percent of all deaths end in cremation rather than a traditional burial service, according to recent statistics from the Cremation Association of North America. That’s a huge difference from the 10 percent cremation rate back in 1980.

These end-of-life trends have changed many burial traditions in Genesee County, too. Sharp Funeral Homes, the largest funeral home in the county, has seen its cremation rates grow to 45 percent, and it expects this pattern to continue.

Other local funeral homes are also seeing this huge growth in cremation.

“We see the trend toward cremation growing, for sure,” said Ken Temrowski, of Temrowski Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Fenton.

“But whether you choose to bury, entomb, cremate or donate, we still try to encourage families to gather somewhere. It’s beneficial for everyone.”

At Dryer Funeral Homes in Holly, more than half of their families choose cremation for their loved one. “We’re over 50 percent now,” said Gordon Dryer, funeral director. “A lot of people have a funeral service before cremation, or a memorial service after. There are also those who have a direct cremation with no service, but more often than not, there’s a service at some point.”

Sharp Funeral Homes was the first funeral home to use the services of Genesee Valley Vault Company on North Holly Road in Grand Blanc when they opened their crematorium in 2006.

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(Top) Dustin Rice is the crematorium manager at Genesee Valley Vault in Holly Township. His staff doesn’t come in direct contact with the remains of the deceased before they enter the crematorium, seen over his shoulder. (Above, right) Following the cremation, any metals, including staples from the cremation box, are removed and discarded. (Middle) The crematorium generates heat up to 1600 degrees. (Left) This device is used to distill the cremains, which are essentially bone matter, into the container that will be provided to the family.

SUMMARY

Cremation is becoming more and more common as an acceptable end-of-life disposition of the body. Now, almost half of all deaths result in cremation.

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Medical marijuana patients have variety of ways to get relief

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There is more than one way for medical marijuana patients to get the relief they need for their symptoms. In addition to the following, it also can be taken as a raw vegetable or brewed in a tea.

**EAT IT**

**PROS**
- Provides long-lasting relief
- Good alternative for people averse to inhaling
- You get to eat a delicious treat
- Dosage can be very precise

**CONS**
- Can take half an hour to several hours to kick in
- Must be locked up to avoid children and pets
- Causes a different “high” than smoking

**SMOKE IT**

**PROS**
- Delivers instant relief
- Fairly easy to regulate dosage
- Inexpensive
- Minimally processed
- Multiple options

**CONS**
- Smoke may be harmful to lungs. Studies have reached contradictory conclusions about whether and to what extent cannabis may cause lung damage, but combustion of any substance makes it harder to breathe.
- In many cases, not a good option for anyone with pulmonary damage (lung cancer, emphysema) or asthma.
- Will make you smell like cannabis smoke.

**VAPE IT**

**PROS**
- Delivers instant relief
- Less harsh on lungs than smoking
- Doesn’t make you smell as much as smoking

**CONS**
- Vaping units can be very expensive.
- Battery powered units must be recharged.
- Need time to warm up device

**RUB IT**

**PROS**
- No smoking required
- Comes in different formulations
- Mild dosages

**CONS**
- Some individuals may develop an allergic reaction.
- Must be applied on a clean and dry skin surface
- Not to be applied where there is a great deal of body hair

**PATCH IT**

**PROS**
- Topicals don’t get you “high”
- Addresses skin issues
- Localized pain relief

**CONS**
- Doesn’t help cancer, PTSD, epilepsy, or glaucoma

**DROP IT**

**PROS**
- Doesn’t hurt lungs like inhaling cannabis
- Easy to control dosage for a very low dose
- Mild taste
- Preferred method for children

**CONS**
- Can be expensive for people who require a high dosage of cannabinoids
- Takes effect faster than edibles, but still not as fast as inhalation

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Fenton leaders need to roll with the changes

When I was a junior in high school we had to participate in “Health Class.” This is where they stuck all of the issues parents and most other teachers didn’t want to talk about like sex and drugs, things like that. Anyway, during one of these classes they showed us a movie called “Reefer Madness.” In 1970 they showed us this ridiculous film made in 1936 about the effects of smoking marijuana. It was so hilarious, nearly everyone in class, including me, laughed so hard we cried. Don’t believe me, you can still see it on YouTube.

I bring this up because many people, especially those in older generations, still believe that marijuana use will cause insanity, psychotic behaviors, promote promiscuity, lead to suicide and heroin addiction, just to name a few. It is now 2017 and we, of course, know better. While smoking marijuana recreationally is legal in only eight states, the medicinal uses cannot be denied and are therefore legal in 30 states with certain restrictions. Other states have decriminalized marijuana use; Michigan has only legalized medical marijuana.

As far as recreational use, I don’t care what other people do in their homes. That’s none of my business. What I do agree with is the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes. This is legal and has been a godsend for many people with a variety of health issues. I know a woman, for example, who is about my age and has migraine headaches so fierce she feels like her brain is on fire. What is worse, buying an over-the-counter bottle of headache pills intended to combat migraine pain, ignore the recommended dosage because that usually doesn’t work, and wind up taking five or six pills several times a day? Or worse, three or four Vicodin or OxyContin, which are highly addictive narcotics? Or would it be better to just ingest a bit of marijuana in some fashion? People who know me know how much I object to pharmaceuticals to cure every ache and pain, and I hate them being sold on my TV from morning until night. I’ve written about this before.

I believe the successful use of medical marijuana for pain management and relief from symptoms of a multitude of ailments is so real that lobbyists for the pharmaceutical companies must make sure it isn’t 100 percent legalized for as long as possible. Legalizing medical marijuana, in my opinion, will cost pharmaceutical companies billions of dollars.

Aside from our federal government, we’ve had the opportunity to make some changes locally, but our local officials are not embracing the concept. Both Fenton Township and the city of Fenton have recently opted to “do nothing” when it came to voting on whether to allow the issuance of five licenses under the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act. Those licenses would be for growers, processors, transporters, provisioning centers and safety compliance facilities.

By doing nothing, these two communities have chosen to prohibit the issuance of these licenses. I believe the Fenton Township Board of Trustees and the Fenton City Council were wrong in doing so. Only Councilman Brad Jacob in the city of Fenton voted in favor of it and I admire his courage.

The Fenton communities, due in large part to the actions of their leadership, have become among the preferred places to live and work in the state of Michigan. The city of Fenton, especially its downtown, has fast become a travel destination.

But the image of our Fenton communities continues to be blemished when it comes to this archaic thinking about medical marijuana. It is here, it is not going away.

People want and deserve to choose how they maintain their bodies and manage their healthcare. I don’t think it’s fair for seven people to make those very personal decisions for the citizens they were elected to represent.

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1915: The earlier German attacks on merchant ships off the south coast of Ireland prompted the British Admiralty to warn the Lusitania to avoid the area or take simple evasive action, such as zigzagging to confuse U-boats plotting the vessel’s course. The captain of the Lusitania ignored these recommendations, and at 2:12 p.m. on May 7, in the waters of the Celtic Sea, the 32,000-ton ship was hit by an exploding torpedo on its starboard side. The torpedo blast was followed by an exploding torpedo on its starboard side. The torpedo blast was followed by a larger explosion. The Lusitania sank within 20 minutes. Among the 1,201 passengers and crew, 128 Americans.

1988: Stella Nickell is convicted on two counts of murder by a Seattle, Washington, jury. She was the first person to be found guilty of violating the Federal Anti-Tampering Act after puttingcyanide in Excedrin capsules in an effort to kill her husband.

1971: The last original episode of the sitcom The Honeymooners, starring Jackie Gleason as Brooklyn bus driver Ralph Kramden, airs. Although a perennial rerun favorite in syndication, The Honeymooners actually aired only 39 episodes in its familiar sitcom format, running for just one season in 1955-56. Art Carney played Gleason’s friend and sidekick, Ed Norton, from the beginning.

1869: The presidents of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads meet in Promontory, Utah, and drive a ceremonial last spike into a rail line that connects their railroads. This made transcontinental railroad travel possible for the first time.

1981: In what would prove to be the next to the last concert of his tragically short life, Bob Marley shared the bill with The Commodores. Only days after his triumphant shows in New York City, Bob Marley collapsed while jogging in Central Park and later received a grim diagnosis: a cancerous growth on an old soccer injury on his big toe had metastasized and spread to Marley’s brain, liver and lungs. Less than eight months later, on May 11, 1981, Bob Marley, the soul and international face of reggae music, died in a Miami, Florida, hospital. He was only 36 years old.

1932: The body of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh’s baby is found on this day in 1932, more than two months after he was kidnapped from his family’s Hopewell, New Jersey, mansion. The kidnapper had used a ladder to climb up to the open second-floor window and had left muddy footprints in the room. The ransom note demanded $50,000 in barely literate English. Then, a new letter showed up, this time demanding $70,000. It wasn’t until April 2 that the kidnappers gave instructions for dropping off the money. When the money was finally delivered, the kidnappers indicated that little baby Charles was on a boat called “Nelly” off the coast of Massachusetts. However, after an exhaustive search of every port, there was no sign of either the boat or the child. On May 12, a renewed search of the area near the Lindbergh mansion turned up the baby’s body. He had been killed the night of the kidnapping and was found less than a mile from the home.

1961: Pope John Paul II is shot and wounded at St. Peter’s Square in Rome, Italy. Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca, an escaped fugitive already convicted of a previous murder, fired several shots at the religious leader, two of which wounded nearby tourists. Agca was immediately captured.

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Men in tights

Holly firefighters and police join forces with LuLaRoe to raise funds for Capt. Greene's kids

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Members of the Holly Fire Department want to “extinguish cancer” with a fundraiser for one of their own — and they’re using their sense of humor to do it.

The fire department is combining forces with the Holly Police Department and 15 LuLaRoe online retailers to raise funds for the three children of Capt. Andy Greene, 30, who died April 9 from Merkel Cell Carcinoma, a rare form of skin cancer. He was a 12-year veteran of the fire department.

“The firemen and police officers — we’re brothers and sisters in red and blue,” said Det. Heather Wolkow of the Holly Police Department, who is coordinating the fundraiser.

LuLaRoe is a boutique of mostly bright and wild-print clothing in leggings, dresses and shirts, sold through independent consultants. Men in both departments “modeled” the print leggings in a YouTube video to promote the upcoming fundraiser, and there’s also talk about a possible calendar.

“I had to do a lot of arm twisting to get them to do this,” said Wolkow. “Now they understand why women love them.”

You can view the video with this Facebook fundraising site online or go to the LuLaRoe multi-consultant sale on Saturday, May 20, from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Holly Fire Department at 313 S. Broad St.

In addition to the popular line of LuLaRoe clothing, fire trucks will be on display.

“A friend of mine (Tami Strzelcick) is a consultant and she wanted to do a fundraiser,” said Wolkow. “She’s got the biggest heart and just wanted to help.”

Anyone can order from this Facebook fundraising site from May 15 to 18: www.facebook.com/groups/captandygreene

Local people who want to support this project can order online or go to the LuLaRoe consultant sale on Saturday, May 20, from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Holly Fire Department at 313 S. Broad St.

“The men and women of the Holly police and fire departments are joining forces with local LuLaRoe consultants to raise funds for the three children of Capt. Andy Greene, a 12-year veteran of the fire department who died April 9 from cancer.”

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What do we do with our loved ones’ cremains?

“The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind.”

That Bob Dylan song from 1962, explains how open Michigan laws are when it comes to keeping or scattering cremains.

Cremains may be stored in a crypt, grave, urn garden, a container at home or divided among siblings. There is also jewelry designed to hold a small amount of cremains for a lasting, personal memory.

If you decide to scatter the cremains in a meaningful place, use common sense and do so in places where they won’t be an annoyance to anyone else.

You can scatter cremains:
• In an established “scattering garden.” Check with your local cemetery for more information.
• On private land. If it’s not your own land, it’s wise to get permission from the landowner.
• On public land. You may wish to check with city and county zoning rules, or proceed using your own best judgment and discretion.
• On federal land. Officially, you should ask for permission. However, you will likely not encounter any resistance if you conduct the scattering ceremony quietly and keep cremains away from trails, roads, facilities and waterways.
• At sea. The federal Clean Water Act requires that cremains be scattered at least three nautical miles from land. If the container will not easily decompose, you must dispose of it separately. The EPA doesn’t permit scattering at beaches or in wading pools by the sea. Finally, you must notify the EPA within 30 days of scattering ashes at sea. For more information, see “Burial of Human Remains at Sea” on the EPA website.
• By air. Since federal aviation laws prohibit dropping any objects that might harm people or property, remove the cremains from the container before scattering.

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Cremation

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Dustin Rice, 37, son of company owner Ted Rice, handles day-to-day operations at the crematorium, which includes two cremation chambers.

What happens during cremation?

On a typical day, he and crematory technician Steve Prescott will oversee four or five cremations, each taking about 2½ hours in 1,675-degree heat. Then they place the remaining bone fragments on a cooling tray. Next, metals are separated out, with larger fragments swept into a bone-pulverizing machine. The final results are the “cremains” that are poured into a carefully labeled box.

The funeral home then picks up these temporary urns to present to the deceased’s family — offering many options for the cremains, from burial to permanent urns, and other options.

Some families choose to witness the cremation process at the crematorium, offering a prayer before the process takes place. Dustin says this happens at their crematorium only about once every other month.

He says one of the biggest concerns families have is that the cremains are actually the remains of their loved one. “I can say with 100 percent certainty that they are,” said Dustin. “We are very careful about how we handle this process. There’s no chance for any kind of mix-up.”

Why has there been such a rise in interest in cremation?

Funeral Director Roger Sharp attributes this trend to its cost factor, less emphasis on religious values compared to past generations and today’s mobile society.

Cremation has also been increasingly accepted by organizational religions, including the Catholic Church. In 1963, the prohibition forbidding Catholics to choose cremation was removed.

The Church prefers that cremation take place after the full funeral liturgy with the body, and “scattering the ashes” is not the reverent disposition that the Church requires. They prefer interment or entombment — either in a family grave in a cemetery or an urn garden.

What about the cost?

The cost for cremation is less than a traditional burial, but it depends on the level of service demanded by each individual family.

“About 80 percent of our cremations still involve a funeral service,” said Sharp. “The savings come in because of fewer costs associated with burial. ‘You don’t need a cemetery plot or an expensive burial vault.’”

The average cost of a cremation with a memorial service at the funeral home is between $2,000 and $2,500 and the average cost of a traditional burial, including cemetery plot, grave opening and closing, burial vault, etc. is about $6,500, according to Sharp.

What happens at the funeral home?

The process isn’t as simple as a person might think.

“We still have to transport the body to the funeral home after death, and prepare all the legal papers, including a death certificate, request for coroner, and the medical examiner’s cremation permit,” said Sharp. “We also meet with the family to get signatures allowing cremation to take place. The spouse and majority of children have to sign their approval.”

The process at the funeral home continues with cleansing the body, wrapping in linen or in clothes, then placing the body in a casket, either a cremation casket, cardboard or wood-reinforced, according to Sharp. The only requirement is that it can’t have any metal parts.

In Michigan, no law requires a casket for cremation. Federal law requires a funeral home or crematorium to inform families that they may use an alternative container and to make these containers available. An alternative container may be made of unfinished wood, pressed wood, fiberboard or cardboard. They can be purchased from another source, or can be handmade.

What about a funeral service?

Some families choose to have a funeral service before cremation, at which point they can purchase a casket for the service that can serve as the cremation container. You may also be able to rent a casket to use for the funeral service.

In Michigan, if a body is not buried or cremated within 48 hours, embalming may be required for transportation purposes. Embalming is also required if the death was due to certain rare, communicable diseases.

Dustin who has grown up in the burial vault and crematory business all his life, still isn’t sure what decision he’ll make about burial or cremation. “I haven’t made a decision yet,” he said. “I think I still have some time to figure it out.”

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View the up-to-date list of area garage sales sent to your phone in advance.
NOTICE OF HYDRANT FLUSHING  CITY OF LINDEN
City of Linden residents are advised to check their water before using for laundry, etc. on Monday, May 8, 2017 through Saturday, May 13, 2017.

THE LINDEN DPW WILL BE FLUSHING HYDRANTS ON THESE DAYS.
Scott Fairbanks,
Public Works Department

VILLAGE OF HOLLY
PUBLIC NOTICE
LANDOWNER’S DUTY TO CUT GRASS, REMOVE WEEDS, ETC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of land in the Village of Holly, Oakland County, Michigan that they shall not permit grass, weeds, brush, noxious weeds, or other harmful vegetation to attain a height greater than six (6) inches. These conditions are detrimental to the health, comfort, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village and are deemed to be a nuisance. This nuisance shall not be permitted to exist on property in the Village beginning May 1, 2017 and continuing through October 31, 2017.

Growth and accumulation of the offending vegetation shall be cut or removed on all lands 1) to a distance of at least 100 feet from any structure designed for human occupancy or use or 2) to a distance of at least 50 feet from any land owned by another person when no habitable structure is near and 3) to a distance of at least 100 feet from the edge of the road or curb along a street or alley, as applicable.

WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE the Village will take the necessary action to maintain the property free of the nuisance during the months of May, June, July, August, September and October.

Holly Village ordinance provides that expenses incurred in the abatement of the nuisance shall be charged to the owner(s) of the land. Left unpaids, those expenses shall become a lien against the land. Landowners who refuse to destroy the noxious weeds are subject to penalties as provided for by the Village ordinance.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3-06, VILLAGE OF HOLLY CODE.

Deborah J. Bigger
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY MAY 23, 2017 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

ZBA17-018 Imad Issac, 12004 Brown St., Fenton:
Requesting 71 ft. sight line variance for an accessory building at 15195 Pinewood Trl., parcel 06-28-200-052.

ZBA17-019 Armando & Sherry Diccion, 1219 Leroy, Fenton:
Requesting 18 ft. 6 in. sight line variance for a deck at 13377 Lakeshore, parcel 06-14-551-035.

ZBA17-020 Ryan Maddock, 11200 Vantage Pointe, Linden:
Requesting an 11 ft. side yard setback variance to build an addition, parcel 06-54-200-013.

ZBA17-021 Les Madden, 12375 Margaret, Fenton:
Requesting a 5 ft. front, 2.8 ft. side, 5.6 ft. total two sides and 1% lot coverage variances to build an addition and garage, parcel 06-11-501-010.

This notice is published in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

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ROBERT KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

April 19, 2017

Supervisor Scheib-Snider called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Scheib-Snider, Miller, Gambka, Blaskia, Noble Board Members Absent/Excused: None


Approved: Consent Agenda.

Approved: Resolution Creating the Rose Heritage Committee.

Tabled: Medical Marijuana Facilities Act Resolution.

Approved: Budget Amendments Resolution.

Date Set: Community Shred date August 5, 2017, 9:00 a.m-1:00 p.m., Township offices.

Approved: Designating Depositories Resolution added a new bank, Huron Valley.

Approved: 2017 West Nile Virus Grant Resolution in the amount of $2,646.65.

Approved: Allied Construction to construct approach at Munger/Milford Road in the amount of $25,600.

Approved: Allied Construction to construct approach at East Rattalee Lake Rd in the amount of $26,000.

Approved: Resolution allowing the Supervisor to execute the closing documents involving the sale of Vacant property on Bluewater.

Approved: Purchase of wireless microphones in the maximum amount of $10,500.00, using PEG funds.

Adjourned: By motion at 8:40 p.m.

Dianne Scheib-Snider
Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC
Rose Township Supervisor
Rose Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
MAY 1, 2017

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday May 1, 2017 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Clerk Krug led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Appointed Clerk Krug as temporary Chairman.
4. Approved the agenda as presented.
5. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $268,182.06.
6. Received the first quarter report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Tom Hosie.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2017-08, approving the transfer of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds between existing project accounts.
8. Approved cost proposals for the paving of the road ends of three existing unpaved roads.
9. Approved the purchase of two rescue squad trucks and one utility truck for the Fenton Township Fire Department.
10. Approved the sale of two fire department vehicles to Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus LLC, to be completed after new vehicles have been delivered and put into service.
11. Adopted Resolution No. 2017-09, honoring the Van Gilder family for receiving a lifetime achievement award from the Lake Fenton Education Foundation.
12. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF FENTON
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL LAND USE REVIEW
THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Thursday, May 25, 2017, for the purpose of considering a special land use request to allow the expansion of an existing land use located at 380 S. Fenway Drive, Tax ID #53-35-100-028. The Special Land Use is being requested for the adjacent parcels, Tax ID #53-35-100-027 & #53-35-100-029. The property is located on the east side of S. Fenway Drive and the landscape business is a special land use within the Industrial/PUD Zoning District.

The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Conference Room, 301 S. Leroy Street. The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed special land use request and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the special land use request is available for public inspection at the City of Fenton offices, 301 S. Leroy Street, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the special land use may be submitted at the above address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available on line at cityoffenton.org or at the City Clerk’s office.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Building and Zoning Administrator, Michael Reilly, at 810-629-2261.

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ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Argentina Township will accept bids until 4:00 PM, May 19, 2017 for the installation of a tap-in to the gravity sewer line and 11 feet of lead located at 16267 Seymour Road, Argentine Township. Installation and materials to be at Genesee Water and Waste specifications. Permits to be obtained from Genesee County Water and Waste who’s permitting information is located at http://www.gcddwws.com/pages/Permit-Process

Bid sheet can be obtained at Argentine Township Hall.

Existing “as built’s” can be viewed at Argentine Township Hall located at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI. 48451 phone 810-735-5050.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
CITY OF FENTON
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A SIGN VARIANCE REQUEST

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 for the purpose of considering the sign variance request below for Ramzi B. & Soheir S. Farah (The Fenton Party Store) at 502 W. Silver Lake Road, Tax ID #53-26-582-025. Since the requested sign is not permitted under the ordinance, this is considered a use variance request. The property is located at the northwest corner of W. Silver Lake Road and Adelaide Street, and is zoned NBD, Neighborhood Business District, where retail businesses up to 7,500 s.f. GLA are permitted uses in that District.

A variance from Section 36-22.05, Specific sign standards, Footnote (c) to the Sign Dimensional Standards and Regulations Table, of the zoning ordinance to allow a building-mounted electronic changeable message sign when it is prohibited under the ordinance.

The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street. The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed variance requests and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

Copies of the variance requests are available for public inspection at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the project may be submitted at the above address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk’s office.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Zoning and Building Administrator, Michael Reilly, at 810-629-2261.

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CITY OF FENTON
ORDINANCE NO. 703

Ordinance No. 703, an ordinance that amends Chapter 23, Article I, Section 23-5 of the Code of Ordinances to establish a permit process to authorize non-commercial soliciting in the public right-of-way was enacted by the Fenton City Council.

Ordinance No. 703 was adopted at a meeting of the Fenton City Council held on May 1, 2017. This Ordinance will take effect on May 11, 2017.

The complete text of Ordinance No. 703 is on file in the office of the City Clerk and available for review by the general public during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

ADOPTED: May 1, 2017
EFFECTIVE: May 11, 2017
PUBLISHED: May 7, 2017

Renee Wilson
City Clerk

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Diabetic asks if meds caused leg weakness?

DEAR DR. ROACH:
I have peripheral neuropathy symptoms in my feet. I am borderline diabetic and keep it under control by eating right. Also, my legs are weak, and I am doing exercises. I was taking the drug Reglan for a couple of months. During the time I was taking it was when I started to have these leg problems. Could this be a side effect of the Reglan? — G.D.

ANSWER:
Diabetic neuropathy is a complication of longstanding diabetes, especially if it has been poorly controlled. Occasionally, it can show up seemingly early in the course of Type 2 diabetes, but this is thought to represent a delay in diagnosis in otherwise asymptomatic disease or in those who have ignored symptoms. The symptoms of diabetic neuropathy usually begin with numbness, and later pain and tingling of the feet. Weakness, when it happens, generally comes later on. Metoclopramide (Reglan) is used for nausea and vomiting, especially after chemotherapy, and is used to stimulate the stomach emptying in people with diabetic gastroparesis, which is a type of neuropathy of the nerves to the stomach and intestines. Many or most diabetics with gastroparesis also have diabetic neuropathy. However, metoclopramide should not be given for more than eight weeks due to the risk of tardive dyskinesia, a serious disease of motor control, especially in the facial muscles. Although tardive dyskinesia can cause symptoms in the limbs, weakness would be unusual, and tardive dyskinesia would be very unusual if you took the Reglan only for two months and have stopped. I think it is unlikely that either diabetic neuropathy or the Reglan are causing the muscle weakness. There are many kinds of neuropathies, and all (or nearly all) are more common in people with diabetes.

I would revisit your doctor to try to find out more about why you are having leg weakness.

READERS: Diabetes has become epidemic in North America. The booklet on it offers insight into its diagnosis and treatment. Order a copy by writing: Dr. Roach — No. 402W, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for $4.75 U.S./$6.25 Canada with the recipient’s printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. ROACH:
We always hear about “superfoods” and their antioxidant power. Is there any truth to the hype? — H.C.

ANSWER:
I know what you are saying; blueberries, kale and acai berries often are called “superfoods.” I don’t really know what “superfood” means. These foods are generally healthy, as part of a balanced diet, but it doesn’t mean that eating them can make you live forever — or even erase bad food choices. To me, a healthy diet is one with lots of diversity — many different fruits, vegetables, nuts, whole grains and fish and limited amounts (or none) of red meat, saturated fat and processed foods. Health isn’t found by sticking to a fad diet, but by a lifetime of healthy eating, regular exercise, stress reduction, good social interactions and being fortunate enough to avoid injury and disease. Making good choices dramatically improves your odds of a healthy life.

Financial aid for pet care

DEAR PAW’S CORNER:
I have two cats, one of whom suffers from a number of health conditions, including diabetes. The cost of her care is more than what of my other cat, but I will pay it no matter what. Still, it’s sometimes difficult to cover veterinary bills and medications. Do you have any suggestions?

— Greg in Austin, Texas

DEAR GREG:
Pet care costs, especially pet health care, have risen steadily over the past several years. Even routine care can take a bite out of your budget. And in all but a few cases, pet owners must bear the cost of care. There are a few immediate options: — Negotiate payments or care costs with the vet. While routine visits are usually required to be paid for up front, the vet may be willing to work with an owner to pay for treatment of acute illnesses or long-term conditions. — Financing through a service like CareCredit can close the gap between a vet visit and your next paycheck. Read the terms carefully, though; you may be better off paying with a major credit card when it comes to interest rates. — Pet insurance can ease the financial burden of pet care, although you may only be able to insure your healthy cat. This insurance reimburses you for medical costs after treatment, so you’ll still need to have a way to pay up front for your pet’s care. Consumers Advocate recently rated its top 10 insurers. What if you need more assistance in paying for your pet’s care? Low-cost vaccination clinics in your area can help with routine care; assistance for more complex issues is provided by some animal care facilities. BestFriends.org lists resources by state.

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