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"Hello" From the Chair

Happy 4th of July



We are about to celebrate Independence Day, the day that ended the Revolutionary War. 13 colonies stood up against the mightiest navy in the world to fight for their independence. With little money, and an untrained military they stood up like David against Goliath and won.

If our forefathers had been caught and or we had lost the war everyone that fought against England could have been tried for treason. Many of our founding fathers lost their wealth, had their houses destroyed, lost children to the cause, yet they stood tall and pressed on.

You see they had a vision of what a great country we lived in and they wanted to make sure that the mistakes of other countries wouldn't happen here. They were God fearing people who knew that He led our country to victory and would watch over our country as long as we remembered that.

They wrote the Declaration of Independence and Constitution, to remind us that it is 'Government of the people—by the people—and for the people'. That all men are created equal. That we have the unalienable right to the pursuit of happiness, freedom of religion, freedom to prosper as well as the right to own guns (not just to protect ourselves from bad people) but more importantly, protect ourselves from an oppressive government.

So as we celebrate our Independence please think about what is going on now and how important our country and all it stands for is to you. What are you willing to do to ensure that this country continues to follow our Constitution and Bill of Rights?

May God be with you in your decision. Have a grand and glorious day. Your

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WHAT SAY YOU

DIA gins up PR battle against Kevyn Orr

<http://www.mihcigancapitolconfidential.com/18687>

Detroit Zoo Giraffe, Belle Isle? Detroit's treasure trove could be vulnerable to sale to settle debts

<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/frontpage>

Judge rules communities can capture Detroit Zoo, DIA millage dollars

<http://www.freep.com/article/20130614/NEWS05/306140118/DIA-Detroit-Zoo-millages-judge-tax-revenue>

Attorney General says no to sale of DIA Art

<http://www.macombdaily.com/article/20130613/NEWS01/130619762/attorney-general-says-no-to-sale-of-detroit-institute-of-arts-artwork>

Text of the Declaration of Independence

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration_transcript.html

The Constitution of the United States, Bill of Rights

<http://constitutionus.com/>

What is your constitutional IQ (Take the test)

<http://www.constitutionfacts.com/>



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Sterling Heights Police and Fire Pension

In the April newsletter we reported that the millage for police and fire pensions was 2.06 Mills. The millage for P&F pensions for 2014 is **1.8225** (More Info coming)

"Heroes" Corner

Judge Jeanine Pirro

'Justice with Judge Jeanine' comes on at 9 p.m. Sat. on Fox News. She starts the program with a commentary regarding some current political issue(s) She does not mince words and states it like it is. She has spoken about the IRS, Bengasi, Verizon, Reporters information, Boston Massacre, among others. Whether or not you agree with her you have to give her credit for speaking out. She is one tough cookie and deserves **SHUR's 'Atta Boy'** this month. If you haven't seen her before please tune in and tell us what you think!

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DO YOU KNOW



Macomb County Charter

The Charter provides:

10.5.3 At the general election to be held in the year 2014, and in each 10th year thereafter, the question of a general revision of this Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the County. If a majority of the electors voting on the question decide in favor of a charter commission being elected in accordance with state law for such purpose, the provisions of state law shall govern to create a Charter Commission to prepare and present an amended or new county charter to the electors.

1. Do you want to keep the Wayne County form of County Executive (Charter, Executive and Commissioners)
2. Do you want to change it to the Unified form of County Executive like Oakland County (County Executive and commissioners, No Charter; State law decides the regulations)
3. Do you want to get rid of the charter and County Executive (Like 79 other counties in MI have)
4. Do you want to amend the charter so that we have more checks and balances (There are provisions in the charter for charter amendments without voting for an open ended and very expensive Charter Commission)
 - A. Charter Amendments can be put on the ballot by a 2/3rds vote of the commissioners
 - B. Charter Amendments can be put on the ballot by the people (They must put together ballot language and circulate the petition(s). They must get enough good signatures within a 90 day time frame to get it put on the ballot)

Please see Section 10.5 Charter Amendment in the attached charter for more information regarding charter amendments. (Watch for more information regarding this topic)