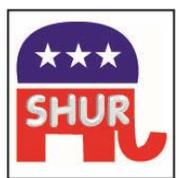




# SHUR

## NEWSLETTER

### Sterling Heights/Utica Republicans



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## "Hello" From the Chair



## WHAT SAY YOU

My New Years Resolution this year is to have a 'Thermostat' relationship with my government and quality of life.

Many times we have a 'Thermometer' relationship with our government which means we only take the temperature of government and how it affects our quality of life when a crisis hits us in the face. We then think about what we should do, 'but' in the end we decide it is to hard, we can't fix it alone, or it will cost to much and we end up not doing much of anything.

'Thermostat' people take control before there is a crisis. They keep in touch with their elected servants and watch what is going on. By doing so they can turn the heat up to stop a crisis from happening by making the elected body afraid of we the people so that they stop and think about the consequences of their actions.

In the past we the people took charge. We invested some time and energy and sometimes even money into making sure that our government gave us the quality of life we wanted for ourselves and our children. We made the elected servants understand that there were going to be consequences to their actions and we kept our promises if they dared to ignore us. That is why communities like Sterling Heights and the county had some of the lowest millage rates in the state and yet maintained great services.

So I hope you will join with me and make your New Years resolution for 2015 to have a 'Thermostat' relation with your government and quality of life.

Have a grand and glorious day and God bless.

Your friend and neighbor,

*Philia*

**If Sales Tax is passed, MI will have the second highest in the U.S.**

<http://bit.ly/13Mc5yR>

**Trustees approve water, sewer rate increases for 2015**

<http://bit.ly/1Bg5l7c>

**Macomb County hit with \$1.5M in Obamacare fees**

<http://bit.ly/1wTd6kq>

**Macomb pantry to farm fish, grow produce indoors**

<http://on.freep.com/1wtKpVZ>

**Breaking: Fox News blocked from major satellite TV provider...They need help**

<http://bit.ly/1AbVUaA>

**Groups taking in sales tax campaign to fund roads**

<http://on.freep.com/1HQGs4m>

**MI tax hike for roads requires risky statewide vote**

<http://bit.ly/1wAWDRy>

**Kathy Vosburg responds to article below:** Just so you know, Chad was wrong, we did not approve bonds for any capital improvement. It was only for the unfunded health care liability.

*Kathy*

**Record \$263M bond sale will fix county buildings, budget hole**

<http://bit.ly/1JVLMXL>

## SHUR Officers

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### ALERT

At the January 28th meeting there will be an election of officers.

It is time to renew your membership. If you haven't been a member please become one.

For more information contact Philis 586-254-1274 or [desaele@wideopenwest.com](mailto:desaele@wideopenwest.com)

## "Heroes" Corner

We would like to take the time to thank **Bob Little** for bringing the canisters to each Macomb County Executive Board meeting to collect charitable donations. It makes us feel good to know that we are helping people who are really in need.

Also we would like to thank all those that have donated to these charities. It is great to know that Republicans understand that there are people in need out there and generously contribute to help them.

It is our hope that **Bob Little** continues this Endeavour throughout the coming two years.

God bless all of you and keep up the good work!



## DO YOU KNOW

### State Sales Tax Increase On May 2015 Ballot



The Lame Duck State Government voted to ask the voters if they want to raise the sales tax from 6% to 7% (a 16.7% increase). This is supposed to fix our roads. It will be on the May ballot. Are you in favor of raising our sales tax? If not are you going to do something about it?

Are you going to wait to see what is going on, get out your thermometer and take your temperature and complain about it and wait for someone else to get involved and do something or... Are you going to raise your thermostat, turn up the heat, get involved and work to defeat the ballot proposal? Are you going to take action regarding your elected servants and make them understand that you are very unhappy with this vote and that there will be consequences over these kind of votes?

Are you ready to tell the state and other government entities that it is time to set priorities regarding spending. It is more important to fix roads than hand out subsidies to the movie industry; to pick winners and loser companies through handouts through economic development.

Are you ready to help lead the charge to inform others about this ballot proposal and encourage them to get out and vote?

