

January 21, 2010

Letters to the Editor

Walk-through unnecessary

I am just a little curious and need some educating. I read with some interest that \$2 million is at stake on a project for downtown Northville. The DDA, the Council and the Historic District Commission seems to think that much money grows on trees. Who is to benefit from this street scene? Are the taxpayers suppose to "bail out" (as our federal government likes to say) downtown businesses? Maybe if they did a better job of running their own businesses, making themselves cost competitive, customers would come.

The DDA would be better off coming up with ways to fill the vacant properties, and a new colored-coded side walk is not the answer. Pedestrian traffic seems to find a way to get to the park for summer concerts now without this passageway. The Council has no other way to help all citizens of Northville in spending \$2M? Maybe the reason this concept has been bantered around since the 1990s is that this project is not needed. Where does the money come from anyway? If you find out, maybe it can be lent to the township for that boondoggle on Seven Mile Road.

By the way, I am only a township resident who often enjoys downtown Northville.

Dick Gibson

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Red Kettle campaign continues

Despite difficult economic times, the Red Kettle campaign realized over \$272,000. Our goal is \$315,000. Donations are still being accepted through January and can be mailed to 9451 S. Main St. Plymouth, MI 48170. All this money stays in the community to help those less fortunate. The following groups and individuals volunteered at Hiller's, the Northville Post Office and in downtown Northville in front of Orin Jewelers. Your time and efforts are highly valued.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville; First United Methodist Church of Northville; Our Lady of Victory; Northville High School Honor Society; Northville High School Rotary Interact; Northville High School Pom Pon; Northville City Employees; Mothers' Club Life Members; Moraine Elementary; Cooke School; Dr. Larry Friedlander; Boy Scout Pack 746; Bronco Softball; Dave Jerome; Jay Moore; Jim McMichael; John Romanik; Dave Favro; Ron Bush; Charlie Cox; Dick Gray; Carol Livermore; Joy Donnellon; John Carter; Judie Gorden; Bob & Joan Sellen; Don & Dianne McCullough; Mary Champagne; Tom Swigart & Bernie; Roger Watkins; Bob Hoffman; Mary Pohlod; Renee Sanker & Becky Winzenreid; Chrys & Dave Kohl; Elise, Amber & Skye Hydell; Elaine Kish; Chris Lysaught; Jill Evasic; Rebecca Thomas; Erin Smith; Kathy Zimmerman & Sandy Woolfall; Susan Couzens & Joan Bahl; Denise Taylor; Judy Kohl, Bonnie Hyde & Linda Clark; JoAnn Harris; Bo Hall & grandchildren; Paul Zimmerman; Janice Seluk & Stephanie Iverson; Judy Stewart; Michelle, Steve, Claire & Dave Fecht; Bob Anthony & Samantha Bayer; Lynn Koleski & Ruth Sherman; Jeff Lane; Laurie, Emily, Tommy Wooderson; Irene Waisenen; Carolyn Nieuwkoop; Margie Sievert; Mike Edgerton; Jim & Joan Rucker; Brandon Fortier; Brittany Teliin; Marcia Cromas; Mark Culik & Bob Sharrar; Sara & Terry Ryan & Grandchildren; John & Mary Jane Brugeman; Coleen Stevens & Sarah Modica; Bob Yuhasz; Les Lindenmuth; Jerry Olson; Pam & Chuck Burke; Mary Brunn; Tamara & Paul Stiles, Emma & Sophia; Norm Kubitsky; Joy Colizzi; Carolyn Roth & Jan Cole; Bill & Pat Longley; John &