

County to help with Detroit's spring cleanup

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Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson now knows which part of Detroit will be his on April 23.

No, Patterson didn't win part of Detroit in a card game, but rather has volunteered himself and the resources of Oakland County government to aid Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer on spring cleaning day, Saturday, April 23.

Patterson, and whoever he can convince to help, the responsibility for cleaning the area bordered by Eight Mile Road, Telegraph, Seven Mile Road and Evergreen.

Dave Ross, the director of public works for Oakland County, toured the area on Wednesday, March 16, with Detroit officials to see just how big the job is.

Parts of it are relatively nice, he said, but "there are a couple of pockets of areas that are really

trash-up."

For example, one street Ross saw contained abandoned couches, mattresses and a burned-out car. Discarded tires are all over the place.

Patterson, in a letter to Oakland County's 61 municipal governments, has asked for help in cleaning his section of Detroit. "I think it's feasible for us to line up a minimum of 61 trucks and crews, possibly one from each

community, and to work in Detroit on that Saturday in a volunteer capacity," Patterson said in the letter. "It would send a powerful message back and forth across Eight Mile, a message that is long overdue that we are in this region together, for better and for worse, and why not make it for the better?"

Noting that "many of us, certainly yours truly, have had a less than perfect working relationship

with the previous administration in the city of Detroit," Patterson went on to predict "a bright new era" for Detroit under Archer.

The kind of equipment they need the most for clean-up day, Patterson said, in order of preference, are garbage trucks, dump trucks, stake trucks and front-end loaders.

Ross said none of the trash collected in Detroit will be dumped in Oakland County.

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WAND's panelists are Dorothy Knox, current deputy chief of the Detroit Police Department; Elia M. Shattis, attorney and member of the American Civil Liberties Union; and Marie Howe, legislative aide to state Rep. David Gubow, D-Hungington Woods. Facilitating the discussion will be Joan Israel, psychologist and WAND board member.

The discussion is set for 7:30 p.m. at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church in Southfield.

WAND's mission is to empower women to redirect military resources to environmental and human needs. Some of WAND's activities include raising public awareness, lobbying legislators and encouraging political candidates committed to arms reduction and working for increased representation who share those goals.

For more information about WAND activities, call 626-4332.

Help available for counselors

The Oakland University Continuum Center will offer a one-day training of "Self-Help For The Professional Counselor" from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26, on campus.

Counseling specialist Sylvia Walworth will present the workshop designed to re-energize helping professionals.

Participants will explore typical problems counselors deal with; gain ideas for difficult clients; learn to recognize the need for a "seventh inning stretch," and find out how to plan options for a "breather."

The fee is \$59; six National Certified Counselor Credits will be offered. MasterCard/VISA accepted. Register for Program number 20034CC by March 22; call 370-3003. Outside Oakland County call 1-800-370-3042.

Student art awards announced

Ten Oakland County students got awards for their entries in the recent "Art in the 90s" exhibit at the Southfield Prudential Town Center.

The judged exhibit featured two- and three-dimensional works by county public and private high school students. It was sponsored by Oakland Community College, Business Consortium for the Arts, the Oakland Schools and Region Seven Michigan Art Educators.

In the two-dimensional category, the first-place winner is Petrina Easton of Ferndale High School. The second-place winner is Dan Scanlon of the Center for Advanced Studies and the Arts. The third-place winner is Carlos Macedo of Andover High School. Honorable mention went to Richard Kulesov of Walled Lake Central High School and Mike Bielik of Birmingham Groves High School.

In the three-dimensional category, the first-place winner is Sara Puzey of Roser High School. The second-place winner is Nathan Foote of Ferndale High School. The third-place winner is Richard Hudson of the Center for Advanced Studies and the Arts. Honorable mention went to April Kolke of Milford High School and Alex Oliver of Birmingham Groves High School.

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