

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to July 3.

BIRMINGHAM
School surveillance: Security cameras will be added this summer at the Birmingham district's two high schools. Cameras will monitor the parking areas 24 hours a day at Groves and Seasholm high schools to prevent crimes outside both buildings.

CLARKSTON
Safety debate: Clarkston business owners are at odds with the city council over a proposed safety inspection ordinance. Council members believe an annual inspection of downtown business is vital to prevent fires. Business owners believe it is an invasion of their privacy.

FARMINGTON HILLS
Circus time: Clowns, elephants and trapeze artists are coming to Farmington Hills on July 18. The Kelly Miller Circus will perform shows at 2 and 5 p.m. at Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile Road. Advance tickets are \$7 - \$5 for those 11 and under - and can be ordered by calling the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services, (248) 473-9257. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for

children the day of the shows.

LAKE ORION
Strike stress: Workers at the GM Orion Township Plant, and other GM strikers, may feel a sense of helplessness and frustration as the strike continues, according to a director of a local mental health clinic. "It's inevitable in an area like this where there are so many employees that people are being affected by the strike," said Richard Kneip, director of clinical services for the Orion Township-based Oakland Psychological Clinic.

OXFORD
Consolidation cools: Though a hot topic just one year ago, the proposed consolidation of the village of Oxford and Oxford Township has cooled as a local issue. The area's Consolidation Study Committee disbanded last summer and no additional discussion has followed.

ROCHESTER
Day at the beach: Summer fun is heating up at Thelma Spencer Park in Rochester Hills. The park, on John R, south of Auburn Road, handles an estimated 140,000 visitors each summer. Its man-made lake is a popular draw for locals, as well as those from other nearby communities.

SOUTHFIELD
Polo style: Gold cup polo returns to Southfield on July 18, with local players set to compete against the Sarasota (Fla.) Polo Club. The event will be held on the grounds of World of Faith Christian Center at Nine Mile and Evergreen roads. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the gate. For ticket information, call (248) 354-4854.

TROY
Veterans memorial: Eleven military veterans are leading the effort to erect a memorial to the city's servicemen and service-women at the civic center. The group hopes to raise \$500,000 to build and maintain the memorial. Additional information is available by calling Jack Turner at (248) 528-2615.

WEST BLOOMFIELD
Bugsy Yzerman: Framed posters showing cartoon legend Bugs Bunny playing hockey like Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman are being sold at West Bloomfield-based Art Quote International to benefit Hutzel Hospital. The posters are limited to a run of 500 and are signed by Yzerman. Posters are \$625 each. For more information, call (248) 745-7669.

Hotline tells of road problems

You can avoid spending your summer sitting in construction zones by calling the Michigan Department of Transportation hotline at 1-800-641-MDOT. The hotline lists many construction zones of major roadways throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. If you are traveling to the west or southwest parts of the state you can get construction information by calling 1-616-482-PAVE.

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