

Water park scale model

This is what Oakland's Red Oaks County Park will look like when the wave-action swimming pool and three waterlides are completed next summer. The water park will be on 13 Mile between John R and Dequindre in Madison

Heights. Construction has started on the \$4.3 million project. It includes a concession building, bath house, lockers and observation area. It will be the county's second wave park.

Health experts advise care in disposing of chemicals

Certain household chemicals can be hazardous to health if allowed to contaminate the environment through the groundwater. The Wayne County Health Department has prepared some tips for disposing of some of these substances.

Waste Motor Oil — This product, which contains lead, can contaminate the groundwater and should not be tossed into the garbage, poured down the drain or buried. It should be recycled and reused. Most service gas stations will accept household quantities of waste motor oil. Meljers Inc. also has four Detroit area locations, including the Canton Township location at 45001 Canton Center Road.

Transmission fluid also may be disposed of with waste motor oil. Brake fluid may be disposed of with waste motor oil, or it may be poured down the drain with large quantities of water only if the household has no on-site septic tank system.

Gasoline — Contaminated gasoline should be taken to Petro Chem Processing, Inc., 411 Lyssalle, Detroit, the only local firm known to accept this and certain flammable solvents in household quantities. The charge is nominal.

Pesticides and Herbicides — The health department stresses that these products should be used up. Afterward, the product container should be triple rinsed, then wrapped in newspaper and discarded in the garbage. If any of the product remains, it's advised to pass it along to someone who could use it.

If the pesticide is a banned product, such as DDT, then it should be taken to a hazardous waste landfill. The only existing one in the area is Wayne Disposal, 1860 Hawthorne Road, in Ypsilanti Township. The number is 697-7830. Other questions about hazardous waste can be forwarded to the DNR Division of Hazardous Waste, 450-9180, or the Wayne County Health Department, 328-4900.

Wood preservatives should be treated as pesticides.

Household cleansers, polishes, etc. — The health department advises that many of these products are toxic; therefore, they should be used sparingly because of environmental dangers. Non-toxic alternatives should be used when possible.

Paints — Paints containing lead should be taken to a hazardous waste disposal site (Wayne Disposal). Unused paint can be donated to charitable organizations such as these: The Salvation Army, St. Vincent DePaul and the Maintenance Central for Seniors, 13775 Linden, Detroit, 935-1640.

The proper method to dispose of paint is to evaporate it until it's solid and then disposed of it with the garbage.

Solvents — Paint sludge may be allowed to settle from solvents, the clear liquid poured off and used again. Solvents not needed should be either given to someone who could use it or taken to a solvent recycling center, such as Petro Chem Processing in Detroit.

Pool chemicals — Chlorine and pool acid may be diluted and washed down the drain. This is not recommended if a septic system is used.

Other general safety tips include: 1) Keep chemicals away from head, children and pets. 2) When transporting hazardous materials, use the appropriate container. The original is preferred; and flammables require metal containers; corrosives, such as strong acid or base, require glass containers. When transporting more than one container, place them in a box lined with a plastic bag. Make sure the car is well ventilated if the substance is capable of producing fumes. 3) Never mix chemicals. Strong reactions could occur. Mixing ammonia and chlorine, for example, produces poisonous chloramine vapor.

Weekend degree program at Mercy

Many professionals who deserve a career promotion may not get it because they lack a college degree, said Pat Gallagher, director of the Weekend College at Mercy College.

"Promote Your Future — Earn a Degree on Weekends" will be presented by Gallagher during the Weekend College Expo at the Mercy's Conference Center 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, and on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mercy is at West Outer Drive and the Southfield Freeway, Detroit.

Information will be available on how the Weekend College works, career transitions, admissions procedures and financial aid. The Weekend College offers degree programs in business administration, health services, health care administration, legal assistant, medical record science and public administration.

Weekend College classes typically meet for four hours five Saturdays a semester.

Students complete independent assignments to cover the same course content as traditional college programs.

Haunted house at OCC

The haunted house at Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus is open for the season with several new attractions.

This year's haunted house has 64 door mazes, six illusions, a two-story slide, and a complex maze inside. Activities planned at the center include a children's night, magic show and coloring contest.

The house is on Cass Lake Road, one block south of Elizabeth Lake Road in Waterford. It's open 7-10 p.m. through Oct. 31; it's closed on Sundays.

The admission is \$3. Group rates are available. For more information, call 360-3041.

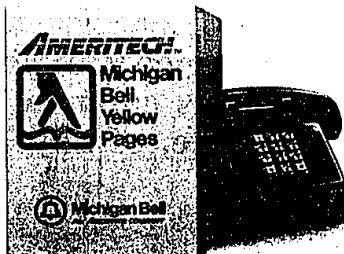


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