

Trash collection delayed

Garbage collection will not be scheduled for the Christmas holiday on Wednesday, Dec. 25 or the New Year's holiday on Wednesday, Jan. 1. Collection will be provided on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24 and New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31 as regularly scheduled. Wednesday through Friday collection will be made on Saturday. For future reference, there are six holidays during the year when garbage collection is not scheduled: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. If you have any questions about garbage or recycling, please call the Division of Public Works at (248) 553-8580.

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Clarenceville plans renovations

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No one could argue that it's time to fix the boys' and girls' locker rooms at Clarenceville Middle and High Schools. The schools are both on Middlebelt, on opposite sides of the street south of Seven Mile Road in Livonia.

"We've done very little work over the years," said Supt. Cheryl Leach, "so some of the stuff is original equipment."

Locker room renovation has been on the books since the 1999 Sinking Fund proposal, which board members reviewed at a recent study session. The Leach said. Planning has already begun; architects were in the building Monday measuring and going over drawings. Demolition will begin early in June, after school is out, and the project should be completed over the summer months.

Also on the list will be the renovation of two sets of restrooms at the high school and one at the middle school, which have also been on the Sinking Fund project list since 1999. Leach estimated a cost of \$25,000 for each room. The third largest project will be replacement of the boiler at Botsford Elementary School. Leach stressed that the heating unit hasn't been causing problems.

"We have one working boiler and one that's on its last legs," she said. "It's just time for this one to be done."

In addition to the major expenditures, all the entry doors in all four buildings will be replaced. Some have been done in conjunction with window replacements at the high school, which were completed last year.

Additionally, Leach said, money is being set aside for roof repairs. That's not an imminent problem; officials just want to be prepared in case this winter turns out to be a bad one, Leach said.

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Documentary relates Muhammad's legacy

'There are six to seven million Muslims here in America, where Islam is the country's fastest growing religion ...'

This week, PBS premieres *Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet*, which is the life story of a man who changed the world history in 23 years and continues to shape the lives of more than 1.2 billion people today.

Three years in the making, *Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet*, which premieres at 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22 on Detroit PTY (Channel 56), travels in the footsteps of the prophet to the Arabian desert and the holy city of Mecca where much of Muhammad's story unfolded.

"There are six to seven million Muslims here in America, where Islam is the country's fastest growing religion, but many Americans are completely unfamiliar with the life story of the remarkable man who founded this religion 1400 years ago," says producer/director Michael Schwarz.

With some of the world's greatest scholars on Islam providing historical context and critical perspective, *Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet* tells of intrigue and faith, revolutionary ideas and bitter persecution, brutal war and brilliant diplomacy in an arid desert where the tribal allegiance was often the only protection.

Muhammad was orphaned as a child, but he was fortunate to be born into the powerful tribe of the Quraysh in the city of Mecca, a regional pilgrimage site and commercial crossroads. He became a successful trader based in this cosmopolitan center and married a woman who was a wealthy merchant.

Yet as Muhammad prospered with the city, he saw that the poor were increasingly neglected and hedonism dominated the culture.

This sweeping two-hour documentary goes well beyond the boundaries of the past. "Muhammad is a history in the present tense," says co-creator/producer Michael Wolfe, a well-known Muslim author. "In it, we reflect on this seventh century through the experiences of 21st century Americans who feel deeply connected to what Muhammad did, said and believed."

Although this documentary was well into production prior to 9/11, some of the American Muslim characters who help tell Muhammad's story were filmed after the attack.

These sequences portray their reaction to this event, the aftermath they have experienced, and the controversial concept of jihad. Through a combination of commentary from Islamic experts and interviews with Muslim Americans, the program also addresses some of the difficult issues at the matrix of religious faith, cultural customs and Middle East politics, including women's rights and changes of anti-Semitism rooted in the historical conflicts of the seventh century.

Michael Schwarz
producer/director

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