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The Junction Is Functioning!



Alicia Smith

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A Few Political Shorts

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.

The Truth Contributor



It doesn't have to glitter to be gold

– Arthur Ashe

Just as winter turns to spring, political activity is beginning to warm up and the budding of electoral and ideological change has started to appear. Will certain political campaigns bear good fruit? Will policy proposals ultimately bloom fully?

What's going on in Toledo?

The Race for County Commissioner:

The race to replace Lucas County Commissioner Carol Contrada, who has chosen not to seek reelection, will likely come down to endorsed Democrat Gary Byers and current city Councilperson Sandy Spang, an independent.

The contest appears to be an uphill battle for Byers, a former judge whose controversial campaign was defeated in his November 2017 reelection bid for Maumee Municipal Court Judge.

Spang, however, performed extremely well in her recent reelection to her current at-large city council position. The City of Toledo represents 60 percent of the Lucas County electorate, so if Byers, a suburbanite, can't do well in Toledo, winning will likely be problematic.

Spang offers a strong fiscal perspective and touts a message of "inclusive growth." Should Spang prevail, look for her to bring spice and debate to the commissioner's office but not significant change since she will still be outnumbered by current Democratic Commissioners Pete Gerken and Tina Skeldon Wozniak, 2 to 1.

The Proposed Regional Water Authority (TAWA):

Currently the TAWA water deal has a lot of moving parts. A solution to the water issue has to include at a minimum: (1) public safety as it concerns the replacement of lead waterlines; (2) the creation of a water affordability fund for those who are income-challenged and need help paying water bills; and (3) an equitable and diverse workforce development provision. Additionally, there needs to be rate stability for Toledoans, whose water rates have risen 40 percent in the last four years.

Several city councilmen have urged the Kapszukiewicz administration to "pump the brakes" on regional water, since it, as it does almost every other

issue, comes down to power and control. Opponents argue that since Toledo residents account for 60 percent of consumption and are expected to generate an estimated 60 percent of the revenues, that the City should also have a majority rather position on the TAWA board, a provision not included in the current MOU.

Currently City Council lacks enough votes to go forward under the existing MOU and several are demanding an appraised assessment water treatment plant's value.

"Get Your Behind Back in the House!" a/k/a The Curfew Proposal:

Councilman Larry Sykes has proposed changes that will make the current youth curfew ordinance much more strict. However, there are several reasons that the current ordinance is not being enforced, with disproportionate minority contact (DMC) with the criminal justice system located at the very top of the list.

Too many black and brown individuals have been marginalized and their communities decimated by the racial disparities in the criminal justice system. The use of minor, petty and nonviolent infractions has been the primary vehicle or tool used to reap the devastating destruction of poverty, disengagement from school and society, family break up and unemployment.

While kids in both white and communities of color will undoubtedly be out and about past curfew times, those actually arrested are likely to be black or brown. This legislation also punishes parents, many of who are often single parents working two or more jobs to put food on the table. In addition, there is no valid research to show that youth curfews actually work to reduce violence.

Let's not create knee-jerk legislation that exacerbates rather than solves problems. The statistics show that crime in Toledo has been declining since the smart on crime policies of former Police Chief Derrick Diggs.

City Council would do well to expand the table of discussion beyond Sykes to include advocates of evidence-based criminal justice reform: Chief George Kral, Judge Denise Cubbon and other criminal justice and public safety professionals.

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Community Calendar

March 11, 18, 25

Calvary MBC Pastoral Anniversary Celebration: Pastor Floyd Smith Jr.; 4 pm; March 11 – guest Pastor Melvin Barnes and Greater Faith Fellowship Church; March 18; Pastor Roger Carson and Sothern MBC; March 25 – Pastor James Willis and St. Paul MBC
Jerusalem MBC 13th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration: Pastor Willie L. Perryman; March 11 Pastor Andrew Maize & New Beginnings Church at 10:45 am; Pastor Roger Carson & Southern Baptist at 4 pm; March 18 Pastor Milton French & Second Temple Baptist at 10:45 am; Pastor IJ Johnson & St. Mark Baptist at 4 pm; March 25 Pastor David Curry & Wade Baptist at 10:45 am, Pastor John Roberts & Indiana Ave Baptist at 4 pm

April 27-28

Calvary MBC Women's Ministry 21st Women's Retreat: Holiday Inn in Lima on Leonard Road: 419-531-9443 or 419-865-0019

And The Winner Is... The Black Panther!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

Unless I get jammed up with emails and possibly irate calls about this commentary on the blockbuster film, Black Panther, please first answer the below 13 questions about your responses to Black Panther...and then maybe call me.

First of all, and especially for those who could, if possible, get out of their movie seats and be beamed directly into the film and life of living in Wakanda and becoming a citizen of that fictitious place, understand that it is strictly celluloid and not real life.

I know...I know...everyone likes to take a break from reality and enter the fantasy palaces known as movie theatres and "escape" for a moment, but if you bring home those fantasies as a substitute for real life, there is a problem.

Wakanda is not like the Judy Garland song, "Somewhere Over The Rainbow." It can not be discovered except in a Hollywood studio and if you find yourself longing for a Wakanda type of place or lifestyle, you may have problems negotiating this life on a long term basis.

Part of Wakanda's intense appeal is its cultural and historical appeal to African-Americans who seemingly want to strongly identify with an African country that is full of wonder, is not or was not a vassal state to a conquering European country and has its own vast wealth and power which makes it a serious contender on the world scene.

That is commendable and also that is a good idea for kids to know that Africa is not as President Trump dismissively called those collective countries, "shithole" countries; and also to know that they need not be embarrassed by anyone or anything hailing from the mother continent of Africa.

If viewing Black Panther gives you an immediate psychic high of being enabled or proud about oneself or becoming more reflective or contemplative about local or world events, then the nation and people of Wakanda has performed a great service.

It appears that when it comes to the film genre of "black" films, it is either an aggregation of an embarrassing menu of comic buffoonery, crime, drugs and guns. The few "black" films that tell a compelling story or are of redeeming value and social uplift and positively show black actors and actresses are few and far between.

The true test of the enduring value of a film for a particular audience are the positive values that the film imparts and making sure that any subliminal messages are non corrosive to your spirit and mind.

If, for you, *Black Panther* is a film of worth and value and it imparted positive values and did not denigrate you and others who look like you, Black Panther and the wonderland of Wakanda earned its kudos.

So, allow me to posit the following 13 boldfaced questions, as a follow up, if you will, regarding the existential value of Wakanda and Black Panther and what life themes they may have imparted to you.

In my scheme of things, if you can answer yes to most of the questions or if you can create a positive dialogue around Wakanda and Black Panther, then that will confirm that the viewing public can be both entertained and educated by the messages that a film can portray.

One: After you viewed the Black Panther film, did you leave the theatre with an increased sense of self worth, pride and value about yourself?

Two: While you were viewing the film and you noticed the reactions of the other movie goers to the film, did their responses heighten your enjoyment of the film or not?

Three: Could the film be instrumental, or not, in having you become more sensitive to either the negative or positive media portrayals of the countries of Africa?

Four: Is Black Panther a film that you would recommend without reservation to black men and women who are in jail or prison as being a vehicle by which they could use to change the negative thinking that resulted in them being incarcerated?

Five: If a white person were to approach you and ask you if the film made you mad or angry at them, what would your response be to that

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Statement Regarding Joe E. Brown Park and the March 6, 2018 Toledo City Council Agenda Review Meeting

By Larry Sykes, Toledo City Councilman

During the Tuesday, March 6, 2018 Toledo City Council Agenda Review meeting, the Administration staff was making a presentation that included discussion of the site plan for the re-designed Joe E. Brown Park.



As has been widely reported by now, during that discussion the question was raised as to what amenities would be included in the park, and in answering the question it was revealed that basketball facilities are not in the plan developed as far back as 2014 or earlier.

Councilwoman Cecelia Adams then inquired as to the reason why basketball had not been included in the plan, and the financial manager for the Toledo Waterways Initiative, Joe Franckhauser, gave a surprising and refreshingly honest answer by stating, with apparent great apprehension, that "because basketball is ugh, considered to be a sport that, ugh, draws the, the ugh, [stammering]—I don't know how to say it but ugh—draws a crowd that's not ugh, worthy of the park."

Councilwoman Adams; "Basketball is not worthy of this park?"
Mr. Franckhauser; "Yeah."

Councilwoman Adams; "Says who?"

Mr. Franckhauser; "Well, the, the, the designers of the park, basically."

Dr. Adams; "Pardon?"

Mr. Franckhauser; "The designers of the park."

The conversation evolved into a lively and lengthy discussion which later included a dialogue between Councilman Tyrone Riley and Mr. Franckhauser that included Councilman Riley asking the question, "So when you describe basketball as being unworthy, is that something you heard or is that something from your own

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Rep. Fedor responds to \$2.6 Billion Capital Budget Bill

More than \$27 million allocated for Lucas County Projects

State Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) last week voted to pass the biennial capital budget, House Bill 529.

More than \$20,000,000 were allocated in the Capital Appropriations Bill to projects that are partially in Lucas County and more than \$27,000,000 were allocated for projects that are fully in Lucas County. Of the \$27,000,000 in Lucas-county projects, \$25,023,073 were allocated for projects in Toledo. These projects are dedicated to safety, education, technological advancement, beautification, environmentalism and discovery.

"This bill is going to help Toledo go back on the right path and reach our fullest potential," said Fedor. "The projects that are being funded throughout the state and especially in Lucas County will be economically and socially beneficial to our home. I am anticipating a very exciting period of growth, development, revitalization and engagement in our community," Fedor continued. "This is my home and I am proud of the State of Ohio for choosing to really invest in us."

Among the projects being funded in Lucas County are Statewide Developmental Centers for the Department of Developmental Disabilities, parks and renovations by the Department of Natural Resources, the SeaGate Convention Centre Renovation, two Great Lakes projects and many others.

"I am encouraged to see how many Toledo projects were funded. I am particularly looking forward to the SeaGate Convention Centre Renovation. I met with representatives from the Lucas County Commissioners in January and was immediately interested in the project," said Fedor. "The project is focused on riverfront revitalization and creating exhibition space and event space. The project will be an economic boon to Toledo and will continue the revitalization of our great city. It truly is a game-changer for us in Toledo."

The Buckeye Institute referred to the Toledo Museum of Art's project as one of the Top 10 Worst Capital Budget Requests of 2018. The project is focused on unifying the campuses to increase accessibility, sustainability and greenspace.

In response to the Buckeye Institute's assessment, Fedor said, "I wholly disagree with this assessment and it saddens me greatly that The Buckeye Institute drew this

conclusion. This project is worth investing in because the Toledo Museum of Art is a world-renowned space dedicated to education, community engagement, exploration and preservation. Regardless of the institute's opinion on the request, I believe the project is vital to our community, Toledo's international standing and our home. It will bring more investment and attention to our amazing museum and city."

"I am thrilled and so proud to be able to say that Ohio has invested in us, in our city, in our county and in our communities. From the University of Toledo to the Northwest State Community College, from park renovation to the Toledo Museum of Art, we are seeing and experiencing what it means for our state to be dedicated to our home."

Below is a full list of Lucas-County projects and allocations:

Item/Project Name	Line Item	Appropriations
Multi County Projects		
Statewide Developmental Centers (Clermont, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Gallia, Guernsey, Knox, Lucas, Seneca Counties)	C59034	\$4,500,000
Department of Natural Resources District Office Renovations (Erie, Hocking, Lucas, Ross, Vinton Counties)	C725N7	\$2,455,343
Broadcast Educational Media Commission: Ohio Educational Television (Athens, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Montgomery, Portage, Wood Counties)	C37421	\$1,004,875
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services: Infrastructure Renovations (Athens, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Stark, Summit Counties)	C58007	\$15,085,600
Lucas County Projects		
Danny Thomas Park Renovation	C725E2	\$400,000
City of Sylvania SOMO Project	C725E2	\$100,000
OSHP Headquarters/Post Renovations and Improvements	C76044	\$2,000,000
SeaGate Convention Centre Renovation	C230FM	\$500,000
Toledo Museum of Art	C230FM	\$1,000,000
Valentine Theatre Symphonic Acoustical Enhancement	C230FM	\$400,000
Great Lakes Museum of Natural History	C230FM	\$200,000
Wolcott House Heritage Center	C230FM	\$200,000
National Museum of the Great Lakes Expansion	C230FM	\$300,000
Imagination Station Theater Experience	C230FM	\$1,000,000
University of Toledo: Building Automation System Upgrades	C34072	\$2,000,000
University of Toledo: Mechanical System Improvements	C34073	\$2,000,000
University of Toledo: Building Envelope/Weatherproofing	C34080	\$2,000,000
University of Toledo: Research Laboratory Renovations	C34089	\$1,500,000
University of Toledo: Electrical System Enhancements	C34094	\$2,000,000
University of Toledo: Underground Steam/Condensate Infrastructure Improvements	C34095	\$2,000,000
University of Toledo: Savage Arena Pedestrian Bridge Replacement	C34096	\$1,000,000
University of Toledo: North Engineering Lab/Classroom Renovations	C34097	\$3,000,000
University of Toledo: Classroom Renovations	C34098	\$1,500,000
University of Toledo/Ohio State Highway Patrol Public Safety	C34099	\$1,200,000
University of Toledo: Network Access Control and Micro Segmentation	C340A1	\$2,000,000
University of Toledo: Virtual Laboratory Expansion	C340A2	\$700,000
University of Toledo: Application Security	C340A3	\$123,073
Northwest State Community College: Mercy College Learning Commons and Classroom Expansion	C38220	\$200,000

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Total Budget \$2,625,867,084

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Alicia Smith: Helping to Steer the Junction Coalition Into the Future

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

The Junction Coalition started as an opportunity for community members to help themselves and the community as a whole by learning to collaborate with anchor institutions and share collective voices, says Director Alicia Smith in her biography.

The roots of the Junction Coalition were planted in 2012 when funding for the inner city neighborhood from ESOP (Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People) dried up and community leaders decided to take matters into their own hands.

The neighborhood, bordered by Dorr Street to Campbell Street and from !-75 to Brown Street, sits within the former ONYX community development corporation (CDC) which is also no longer a resource for the community.

In fact, says Smith "the neighborhood has been disinvested since 1987" when the Junction Avenue Business District Revitalization Plan, the last document by the City of Toledo, chronicled the history of a once-thriving neighborhood whose vitality had been stripped due to "white flight," "urban renewal," the growth of large shopping centers and the ensuing depopulation that occurred within those boundaries.

As the Junction Coalition begins its task of breathing life back into the area, the community members are faced with a population density that is about 4,780 per square mile – 15 percent below Toledo's average and housing units of about 1884 per square mile – 17 percent below Toledo's average. And the population has declined by 37 percent since the 1980 census (Junction Ave Revitalization plan and U.S. Census 2010).

The news is not all bad by any means.

There are 40 black-owned business, organizations and churches in the neighborhood. So there is certainly a solid foundation for a vibrant neighborhood. On Dorr Street, the northern boundary, things are happening – a new, and soon to be expanded, Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, a new Mott Branch Library, for example.

There's help. There are potential partners interested in being part of the revival such as the University of Toledo, United Way, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG), the Lucas County Land Bank, The Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, among others.

There's a clear vision. The Junction Coalition is guided by Four Pillars of Justice as the members approach ways in which to improve the area: Economic Justice (community-owned businesses and entrepreneurship); Environmental Justice (maintenance and care for our property and repurpose of vacant space); Social Justice (communication, resources, self-efficacy and self determination); Peace Education (DO NO HARM, cultural awareness



and self care)

There's leadership. Amazing leadership, in fact.

Director Alicia Smith has been with the Coalition from the start. A graduate student at the University of Toledo, soon to earn a doctorate on educational development of youth of color within disenfranchised communities, Smith is also the City of Toledo's executive director of the Youth Commission.

She lives in the Junction neighborhood and has served the central city community for over 15 years in a variety of organizations such as the Wayman Palmer YMCA, TMACOG and Grant Fundamentals working with inner-city youth teaching the skills of healing community trauma through improving listening and critical thinking skills.

She started her professional career in Detroit as a kindergarten teacher, later serving as a school principal and currently serves on the board of a number of local community organizations such as Healing Our Waters Coalition, Toledo Sister Cities, Lourdes Parent Institute, the City of Toledo Land Bank Grant Advisory, to name a few.

In 2012 Smith began her work with the Junction Coalition as the organization took on a smattering of activities in the wake of the loss of outside funding – caring for elders, cutting grass, clearing spaces. In 2014 when the algae bloom outbreak took place, the Coalition undertook bigger challenges and started dealing with public health issues – particularly because of the lead and asthma issues that plague the inner city community – "issues of environmental justice and equality," says Smith.

The Junction Coalition members have stepped up their approach to finding solutions for the problems that plague the community. First and foremost is the dissemination of information.

"What we see, on a day-to-day basis is the ability to provide information and the navigation of resources," says Smith. "It is not the poverty of dollars that is the issue here, it's the poverty of information."

As she sees it, her main task is to "teach families how to navigate information." Every year, for example, says Smith, money is released by a variety of sources. How to access that money is the challenge for those in need within the community. "People suffer in silence," she says.

A whirlwind of activity is planned for the next few months in the Junction community: a charrette for businesses and churches on March 13; a Junction Health Mart on March 17; a community cleanup on April 14; a gardening event on April 21 ("What blooms on Blum").

One solid result of the effort Smith and her associates at the Coalition have put towards reinvigorating the neighborhood is the Junction Neighborhood Greening Plan – a community vision for beautification and storm-water management – that was completed two years ago with funding pro-

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Rep. Michael Ashford Announces Funding for Home Repairs for Seniors

On Tuesday, March 6, State Rep. Michael Ashford and Area Office on Aging CEO Billie Johnson announced that the agency has received \$224,500 in state funds for emergency home repair and accessibility modifications for Lucas County's aging population.

"The increase in funding reflects the hard work that Billie Johnson and her staff have done," said Ashford during a press conference to announce the recent approval of funds from the State Controlling Board. Noting the recent recognitions Johnson has received for her work, including the President's Award in 2017 from the National Association of Area Offices on Aging, Ashford added: "She was the top CEO of the country."



Billie Johnson and Rep. Michael Ashford

"You don't do this kind of work by yourself, this is a team effort," said Johnson commending her staff for its hard work and efficiency.

The \$224,500 is a two-year grant that will repair 40 homes for homeowners aged 60 and older. "We can leverage and marry those [funds] with other funds," said Johnson speaking of the agency's ability to repair more than 40 homes over the two year-span of the grant.

The administrators of the program will be staff members Justin Moor and Linda Jackson.

"These home repairs are part of the mission of the Area Office on Aging to help seniors lead quality lives," said Moor.



Justin Moor and Ashford

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Resolution Concerning Gun Attainment – Types and Age of Purchaser

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, under the presidency of Rev. Cedric Brock, unanimously passed a resolution at the regular meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018, concerning the supply and attainment of guns. The text of the resolution follows:

Be it resolved that the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) supports a ban on buying and sell any assault rifle and furthermore supports the age requirement to be 21 years to buy any gun – pistol or rifle.

The resolution was presented by the Civic Committee, co-chaired by Sister Virginia Welsh and

Pastor Jerry Boose. The Civic Committee's vision is to transform the greater Toledo area by creating partnerships, addressing issues, and building relationships among the various stakeholders in the city, through the power of God.

The IMA is composed of over 50 churches that serve the urban community. It is a uniting force within the urban community and regularly speaks out about violence, racism and poverty in the central city.



Need-Based-Scholarships for Private School Tuition and Homeschool Expenses

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund (NOSF) is accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year for need-based scholarships for grades kindergarten through eighth worth up to \$1,500 for children to use at a nonpublic school or \$500 for homeschool expenses. Families need to reside in Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood or Wyandot Counties.

NOSF is a partner with the Children's Scholarship Fund and awards need-based scholarships to provide parents with a choice for their child's education. The Children's Scholarship Fund was founded in 1998 by the late Ted Forstmann and the late John Walton who saw a need for educational alternatives for families.

Since 1999, the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund has awarded a total of \$12.6 million in scholarships to 14,700 students, part of that

includes \$4.3 million in matching funds. All funds raised locally by NOSF are matched by the Children's Scholarship Fund and are used for scholarships in NW Ohio.

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund is the only privately funded need-based scholarship program in northwest Ohio that awards scholarships to children who otherwise might not be able to afford private schools for kindergarten through eighth grade. Eligible families are required to demonstrate their financial need as measured by standards similar to the Federal School Lunch program.

Interested families can learn more about the program at www.nosf.org or apply online at <https://tinyurl.com/NOSF18AP>. For more information please contact Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund at (419) 720-7048. Deadline to apply for the 2018-2019 school year is Friday, April 27, 2018.

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority Partners with Jones Leadership Academy to Create New Mentoring Program

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) announces a one-on-one mentoring program in partnership with Jones Leadership Academy (JLA) to provide guidance to their graduating seniors. This pilot partnership is an initiative that will deliver a jumpstart for JLA graduating seniors to gain important resources that will help them as they enter into adulthood, college and professional careers.

The initiative was started by LMHA. Each student is assigned a LMHA mentor that they will work with through the remaining school year. The mentor/mentee will meet on a monthly basis and engage in specific developmental activities, along with job shadowing at LMHA.

JLA is a high school with a career-tech fo-

cus and business-themed curriculum, including marketing, finance and supply chain management. The school offers small class sizes and separate wings for girls and boys.

"We are thrilled with this exciting new partnership, and have had a vision of connecting with the community beyond its residents for awhile now," said Demetria Simpson, president and chief executive officer, LMHA. "We think that mentoring can change lives, and help children to realize their full potential, while teaching the mentor important life lessons at the same time. These positive relationships are a win-win."

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Mt. Nebo Holds Annual Black History Celebration and Honors "Silent Soldiers"

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Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, under the guidance of Pastor Cedric Brock, held its 17th annual Black History Celebration banquet on March 4 at the Premiere Banquet Complex and honored, as usual, the "silent soldiers" who accomplish so much behind the scenes. This year almost 600 people attended the event hosted by the church's Voice of Hope Outreach Ministry.

The master of ceremonies for this year's event was, once again, Larry Jones of Indiana Avenue MBC. After the introduction of this year's honorees, Sheryl Riggs, of Dale-Riggs Funeral Home, welcomes guests and the church's First Lady, Debra Brock, performed a musical selection. The many sponsors were thanked and then Nicolle Brown offered a special presentation as Nikketa Sugarfoot.

After dinner, the Youth Ministry performed, then followed the presentation of honorees. This year's honorees are: James Adams, Thelma Autman, Dian Benton, Lionel Brock, Barbara Crawford-Griffin, Earle Gunn, II, Mary Hawkins, Lisa Heard, Evangelist Addie Holley, Cliffie Hunter, Iris Page-Jones, Arlene Potter, Theresa Powell, Deborah Rivers, Jelise Roberts, Annette Savage, Deacon L.V. Sledge, Sr, Doris Thomas, Shelia Watkins and Shirley Williams.

The annual event started as a dinner held in the church dining area 17 years ago with an attendance of about 150 people. It rapidly outgrew that space and has been held in much larger banquet rooms for more than a decade.

The Voice of Hope Outreach Ministry is the brainchild of Pastor Brock and sponsors the banquet to honor the unsung heroes of the city and surrounding communities. Throughout the years, the ministry has sponsored a number of community services, such as: Radio Outreach (1520 AM and 95.7 FM); Adopt A Haircut Ministries at Poor Clark's Barbershop; Adopt A Belt Outreach; Coat Give-Away; Good Friday

Ham Give-Away; Back To School Give-Away and Weekly Broadcast NOW Network.



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TPS Superintendent Serves as Men's Day Speaker

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

St Paul Missionary Baptist Church celebrated Men's Day during the weekend of March 10-11, 2018 at their historic church located on North Detroit Street. The theme this year was inspired from Proverbs 3:5-6, "Christian Men Acknowledging God."

"As we give honor to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we say congratulations to the Men of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. It truly is a blessing and honor to be a part of this, another great celebration," shared Rev. James H. Willis, Sr, pastor of St. Paul.

The Sunday service began with devotional service led by the church deacons and deaconesses, followed by musical selections by the Men's Day Choir and words from Rev. Allen Smith.

"We're blessed that we're here and able to celebrate this Men's Day," said Rev. Smith.

Romules Durant, EdD, Toledo Public Schools' superintendent, delivered the morning proclamation and received several standing ovations, as he shared personal stories with the congregation that relate to the celebration theme. Durant graduated from Waite high School, earned a bachelor's degree in 1998, a master's of Education degree in 2002, and doctorate degree in Educational Administration and Supervision in 2007 all from the University of Toledo. Durant currently serves on nine community boards, is a proud Rotarian, and founded Young Men and Young Women of Excellence.

"There are times in life when you walk, and when you run. When you are running and get into your zone, you feel like you're flying. No one is going to expect more from you, if you don't expect more from yourself," said Durant. "There are only 24 hours in a day. What are you doing with these 24-hours? These children are watching you and want to emulate you. As adults, we never know how our words or actions will impact a child's life."

The purpose of the traditional men's day service is to encourage men to assume various leadership roles of the church, during the day long or weekend long celebration. St. Paul's Men's Day Chairman Jan Scotland delivered words of gratitude to close out the service. "We had a wonderful men's day. Our speaker was fantastic, and is always

an energetic and passionate speaker. He's the leader of our children and our future men. I want to thank each of you for being here. The spirit was high in here for this service."

The weekend celebration kicked off on Saturday, March 10, 2018 with an annual prayer breakfast at St. Paul's. The guest speaker was Rev. Floyd Smith Jr, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church.

The service was supported by local churches and organizations: American Baptist Men, American Baptist Women, Cass Road Baptist Church, Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, Phillips Temple C.M.E. Church, Mount Arart Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Third Baptist Church, and Warren A.M.E. Church; businesses: Crystal Sloan of CrysStyles Hair Salon, Evans Insurance Group, House of Day, Jack's Men's Wear, Jan Scotland's State Farm Insurance, John McKissick Senior Apartment, M&N Distribution, and Vinson Shells CPA; St. Paul's church ministries: Male Chorus, Love Circle, Senior Choir, Ushers, Job Circle, Deacons, Deaconess, Trustees, and Sunday School and Christian Board of Education; and Individual families: Murphy family, Earl and Lenora Barry, Marvinne Brown, Linda Garner, James and Lynnell Jefferson, Mr. and Mrs. James Willis Jr, Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Willis Sr.



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Anuja Khemka Takes Helm at The Steve Fund

The nation's only non-profit focused on the mental health of students of color.

Anuja Khemka, MSW, a former vice president at the JPMorgan Chase Global Philanthropy group, program officer at the Goldman Sachs Foundation, and nonprofit consultant has been named Executive Director of the Steve Fund. The three-year-old non-profit is the nation's only organization focused on the mental health and emotional well-being of students of color.



Khemka has been serving as the Steve Fund's Senior Strategy and Programs Adviser since the early days of the Fund. She was instrumental in many of the Fund's major projects. Her recent focus was on expanding the Steve Fund's programs and services to assist colleges, universities and nonprofits, including workshops, webinars, expert speakers, training and technical assistance led by multicultural mental health research and practice experts.

Khemka has 15 years of experience working in the corporate and philanthropic sector focusing on corporate social responsibility, grants management and program implementation, thought leadership, and fundraising. Khemka was a Vice President at the JPMorgan Chase Global Philanthropy group focusing on business management, strategy, and communications. Previously, she was a Program Officer at the Goldman Sachs Foundation managing a large portfolio of grantees and supporting program planning, evaluation, and capacity building. Prior to that, Khemka worked at the Private Equity Group in Goldman Sachs focusing on investor relations/fundraising, as well as Institutional sales in the Goldman Sachs Asset Management where she worked with the firm's largest clients in the US and Canada.

Khemka was a Management Fellow at Columbia University, where she received her Masters in Social Work. She completed her undergraduate studies at Brown University with a BA in Business Economics. Her work in philanthropy has been featured in Huffington Post, Forbes, the New York Times and Stanford Social Innovation Review.

"Anuja Khemka has been instrumental not only in the creation of the Fund but in making it what it is today," says Evan Rose, President of the Board of the Steve Fund. "Her leadership has made the Steve Fund the nation's go-to place for all matters related to supporting the mental health of students of color. We are thrilled that Anuja has accepted the board's offer to become executive director."

"I am incredibly excited to be given the opportunity to lead the Steve Fund at a time when our mission of improving support for the mental health of students of color at America's colleges and universities has become even more pressing. I truly believe that the Fund, together with its strategic partners and supporters, will be able to create transformational change in America's higher education institutions, to the benefit of students of color, and ultimately, to the benefit of all students."

Studies show that students of color at American colleges and universities are almost twice as likely not to seek help when they feel depressed or anxious. They also report more micro-aggressions than their European-American counterparts. These mental health disparities also correlate to persistence outcomes. Only 49 percent of African Americans students complete their 4-year college education, compared to 71 percent of white, non-Hispanic students, according to a CollegeBoard report.

Recent activities of the Steve Fund include:

- * The publication, in partnership with the Jed Foundation, of the Equity in Mental Health Framework, with ten evidence-informed recommendations and implementation strategies for improving support of the mental health of students of color on college and university campuses.
- * A partnership with Crisis Text Line, an online crisis support service, and with the Knight Foundation to enable students of color to text the keyword "Steve" to 741741 to be connected with a trained crisis counselor.
- * Steve Fund scholarships for young scholars to research psychological challenges confronting their respective populations, in cooperation with four notable U.S. mental health organizations.
- * A convening for more than 350 leaders in mental health and higher education for the Steve Fund's fourth annual Young, Gifted & @Risk Conference in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania last November.
- * Partnerships with organizations such as Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO), the NAACP, and Management Leadership for Tomorrow as part of the Steve Fund's efforts to bring mental health programming to organizations serving people of color.

In 2018, the Steve Fund plans to focus on supporting implementation of the Equity in Mental Health Framework at higher-education institutions, expanding the Steve Fund's Knowledge Center and Programs and Services, adding activities that support young people of color in the transition from college to life beyond, and expanding the Fund's activities that support their families.

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Hannah's Socks and Early Head Start Partnership

Hannah's Socks and Lucas County Early Head Start (EHS) are partnering to distribute new infant and toddler socks to families in the community. Both programs help people who are affected by homelessness and poverty. The Early Head start partner agencies are meeting with Hannah's Socks to pick up 13,000 pairs of socks on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 9:30 am. This will occur at the storage facility located at 25581 Ft. Meigs Road in Perrysburg, near Levis Commons. Representatives from each of the Early Head Start partner organizations will be present at the event including Lucas County Family Council, Catholic Club, East Toledo Family Center, Educare Academy, Mercy Health, and WSOS Community Action. From there, the providers will distribute new socks to families enrolled in Early Head Start and other programs at the agencies.

Hannah's Socks is a community based non-profit organization dedicated to helping people affected by homelessness, poverty and domestic abuse in Ohio and Southeast Michigan. They collect and donate new socks and undergarments to those in need through shelter homes, public schools and direct distribution.

Early Head Start programs provide intensive comprehensive child

development and family support services to low-income infants and toddlers and their families, and to pregnant women and their families. Lucas County Family Council partners with Catholic Club, Toledo Day Nursery, Mercy Health, East Toledo Family Center and Educare Academy to deliver these services to over 150 children and families with the greatest need in Lucas County. The program relies on community donations to help meet the needs of the children and families in our program. These donations and community partnerships are a vital part of Early Head Start; 25% of Federal grant proceeds must be matched with non-Federal funds such as volunteer hours, adopt-a-classroom corporate programs and donations of program materials.

Early Head Start is grateful to Hannah's Socks for the generous donation and for including our program among the many programs in Ohio and Southeast Michigan that benefit from their work. Sandra Johnson, Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Coordinator at Lucas County Family Council said, "I am inspired by the pure thoughtfulness of a once 4 year old child whose oversized heart could reach beyond her age and touch thousands of children. I feel fortunate that our agency who serves infants and toddlers with the greatest needs can benefit from it. It's both humbling and exciting to be an invited participant."

And best of all, toddlers in Early Head Start will get to wear new, colorful socks!

Students and Alumni Are Invited to "Discover NSCC" on March 24

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Nearly 50 years ago, Northwest State Community College began with a graduating class of 66. Since then, the College has grown to offer over 70 degree and certificate programs to a campus of more than 4,000 students. Discover NSCC Day on Saturday, March 24 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. can help area residents explore the available career training and education options available at Northwest State.

"Northwest State has tremendous variety for students of all ages," said Terri Lavin, director of admissions. "At Discover NSCC Day, the entire campus will be buzzing with activities. Discover NSCC Day is a great way for tomorrow's students to experience what we're all about, for today's students to showcase their College, and for our alumni to come reconnect and see how we continue to grow," Lavin continued.

Some of the fun, hands-on activities scheduled include testing specimens in the medical assisting lab, investigating a mock crime scene, 'Escape Rooms', 3-D printing and chemistry exploration, and observing simulations in the state-of-the-art NSCC nursing lab. In addition to enjoying the numerous activities, attendees can also apply for an opportunity to win one of two \$500 scholarships. Area businesses and advisors from our new Academic Advising Center will be available to discuss career and post-NSCC transfer opportunities. Representatives from financial aid, student services, NSCC student organizations, and other campus departments will be on hand to answer questions and share information.

Discover NSCC Day is a free event, and is open to the public. For more information on the event, visit NorthwestState.edu/discover-nscce or call the NSCC Admissions Office at 419.267.1320.



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concern?

Six: Would you be willing to financially support young kids to see the film and if so, why?

Seven: Now that you have seen Black Panther, are you more likely to be engaged or even more engaged in the political process that affects people of color?

Eight: As a male do you think that by watching how the characters interacted amongst themselves, that you would be more sensitive to male-female relationships and would not call a black woman, "out of her name?"

Nine: In light of the nation of Wakanda, what does its message say to you about cleaning up blight in your community including addressing gun violence, speaking against out of wedlock pregnancies, illicit drug usage and school drop-outs?

Ten: Is Black Panther a family film?

Eleven: Did Black Panther increase your pride in who you are and you are now more or

less positive about where your current life choices are now taking you?

Twelve: Are there any changes you will now be making in your lifestyle as to diet, exercise, education, spiritual devotions, choices of reading materials or work habits as a result of internalizing the visuals and plot line of Black Panther?

Thirteen: In the abstract, what does or can the miracle metal, "Vibranium" symbolize or mean to you?: Power...Hope...Achievement...Ability...Money...Charity?

One of the main mechanisms that can be utilized to control an oppressed people is the use or misuse of images including the use of TV and film and social media outlets.

If you allow media images to inculcate upon you certain values that lead to a positive self affirmation and a desire to improve your lifestyle and not succumb to being a victim of negative racial messages or stereotypes, you win!

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vided by the U.S. EPA Urban Waters Program and additional funding from TMACOG.

The report provides a plan for the community's green infrastructure preferences and shows how these practices can complement larger community priorities. No small achievement for a community that had been devoid of any forward-looking plan for the previous several decades and without a source of funding since ESOP bit the dust.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of the Junction Coalition's current work is that it has been inspired and guided by neighborhood residents rather than outsiders. Smith and her family – husband and three children – live there as does Robert Rivers, board president since the inception of the Coalition, and the rest of the board members. Rivers has lived in the neighborhood for five decades.

The Coalition hosts community meetings on a monthly basis at the Frederick Douglas Community Association. Information on the meetings or other Coalition activities can be found on the website, or by calling 419-408-0998 or by emailing junctionfunction419@gmail.com.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. With that in mind, have you had your colorectal screening? According to recent studies, African-Americans are at a higher risk for the disease than other populations. And contrary to popular belief, African-Americans should begin their screening at age 45.

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer among African American men and women. Factors such as diet and tobacco use may increase African Americans' risk of developing colon cancer. Genetic factors and personal and family medical histories may also increase a person's risk for colorectal cancer. That is why it is vital to speak with your primary health care provider about your family's medical history and share information regarding if relatives—parents, brothers, sisters or children—have had colorectal cancer or colorectal polyps.

The Northwest Ohio Gastroenterology Associates located at 4841 Monroe St. is a highly respected private practice gastroenterology group in the Toledo area. NWOGA consists of four board certified physicians and several certified nurse practitioners complemented by a highly trained clinical support staff. The center is the only freestanding endoscopy clinic in the Toledo area that utilizes anesthesia professionals while providing a comfortable, safe, state-of-the-art environment for the completion of most endoscopic procedures. In celebration of Colorectal Cancer Month please speak with your doctor about colorectal screening and encourage family and friends to do the same. Don't let fear play a factor and avoid getting screened. You could very well save the life of someone close to you.



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personal beliefs?"

Mr. Franckhauser response was, "I think that's pretty much what I have heard."

Upon hearing second hand reports of this exchange, many misconstrued the statement as racist, but in actuality, Mr. Franckhauser was merely bringing to our attention the mindset and thought process of other individuals who were overseeing the design of the park a few years ago.

Personally, I sincerely thank Mr. Franckhauser for his refreshing honesty which has enlightened the larger community in the heretofore unknown behind the scene reasoning that has ingrained itself into the decision making process for designing and planning public amenities, which have occurred without our knowledge.

I have spoken with several of my Council colleagues, and have come to the consensus that we hold no personal animosity or ill will toward him. In fact, once again, we sincerely appreciate Mr. Franckhauser's refreshing honesty in merely responding to a question that was put directly to him.

It should be remember, that Mr. Franckhauser is the financial manager for all Toledo Waterways Initiative projects. He in no way oversees or has input in the project designs. Much to our regret, the outrage that is being shown to Mr. Franckhauser is misdirected.

Mr. Franckhauser is being persecuted as a villain for merely being put on the spot as the messenger who had the audacity to accidentally speak the truth as to the rationale that modern planners use in the design of our public amenities—a rationale, the basis for which, he had no part in forming.

A simple Google search on this topic reveals a number of articles and studies the subject of which involves, parks, basketball, public nuisance complaints related to litter, offensive language, noise, vandalism, physical violence, and crime.

In 1991, as chairman of the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) Board of Commissioners, I was able to secure a grant to fund a night basketball program. Later, other similar programs were introduced including one offered by the City of Toledo. My colleagues and I want it to be known that Mr. Franckhauser owes us no apology. Mr. Franckhauser responded to a question put directly to him with refreshing honesty.

Quite to the contrary of reprimanding him, we owe Mr. Franckhauser a debt of gratitude for the service he has done for our community by unmasking previously unknown factors that go into the planning decisions of designers of our public spaces.

Thanks to Mr. Franckhauser enlightening us, our community can now engage in a larger conversation regarding parks, recreation, and land use in our community. For my part, over the next two months, I intend to plan a community wide dialogue to develop a better understanding of how great the diversity of our city is.

Down the River Unto the Sea by Walter Mosley

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

Something's wrong.

It may look just fine, but you know better. Call it intuition, call it plain-as-day, but there's something off, something not-quite-right about a situation and it's gotten under your skin. You can't ignore it and you can't let it be. As in the new novel, *Down the River Unto the Sea* by Walter Mosley, it's time to set things right.

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The last thing Joe King Oliver needed was that letter.

Joe was already skittish and uneasy in his own skin, and he certainly didn't trust very readily. That's what happens when you're wrongly accused of a crime but you spend ninety days in Riker's anyway, in solitary confinement, listening to other men scream, waiting to be killed. Yes, though that all happened more than a decade ago, it still simmered in Joe Oliver's soul.

But that letter.

It came from a woman who wrote that her name was Beatrice but she was Nathali Malcolm once, long ago, when she was coerced into setting him up. When her lies and accusations sent an innocent man to prison.

Through the years, Joe couldn't figure out why it happened, let alone who'd done it. He left Riker's broken, with a lost marriage, a lost NYPD job... just *lost*. Weeks after his release, his only friend stepped in quietly and helped Joe with a PI business, and that's where Joe was when he read the letter.

He didn't want revenge – not completely, anyhow – but he did want his name cleared. This letter could do that, just as it could stir up a thousand bad dreams. So when a beautiful woman came to his office with a suitcase full of money and a story of an activist who was railroaded straight to jail for a double-cop-homicide, the time seemed right to fix

a few wrongs.

But the more Joe looked at his case and that of the activist, the more he saw similarities he couldn't ignore. In solving one injustice, could he solve another? And was it safer to trust a real demon, than to live with the demons in his life?

Here's the thing I love best about Walter Mosley novels: the main characters are *solid*. You feel like you could lean on them all day, and they'd never budge.

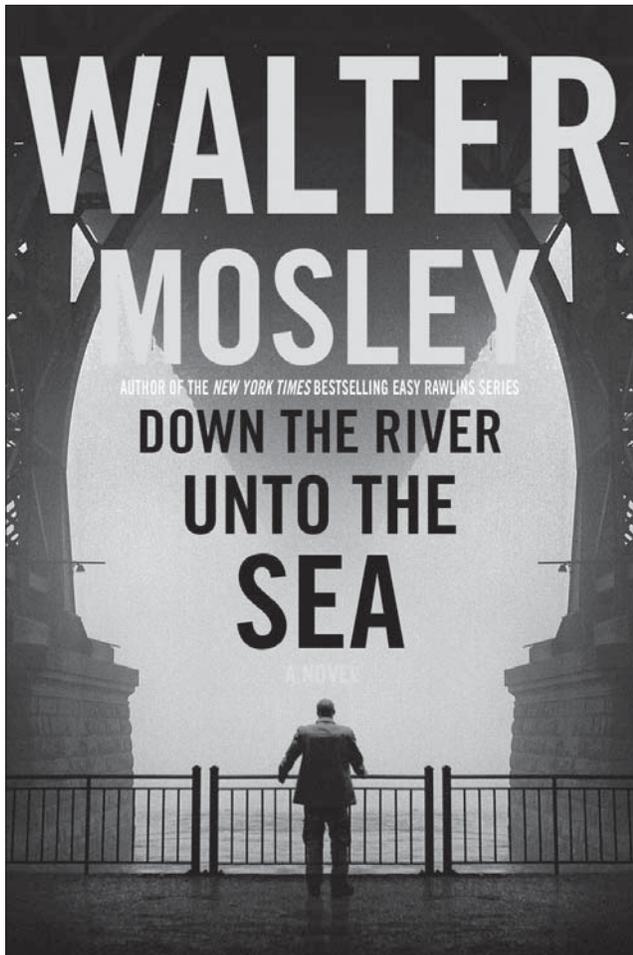
That's Joe King Oliver, and that's *Down the River Unto the Sea*.

And yet, there's wiggle room in this book: Mosley doesn't destroy readers' fun by telling who done it in this noir whodunit. Instead, we're allowed the same dawning realization that Mosley's Joe has, and that just sharpens the gasping you'll do while reading. Add a swirl of street-darkness, a few soulless characters and some clueless ones, a bit of pure evil, and you'll be turning pages far, far into the night.

This is one of those books that leaves you a little breathless – not only while you're reading, but once the back cover's closed, too. For anyone who loves hard-bitten PI thrillers, reading *Down the River Unto the Sea* couldn't be more right.



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Job fair attendees are asked to park in the Anthony Wayne Trail parking lot, enter through the Zoo gates and follow the signs to the Malawi Event Center. Zoo parking and admission fees will not apply. Business casual attire is preferred. Attendees are requested to bring a professional resume or completed Zoo application, available at toledo zoo.org/jobs. Express check-in will be available for those who apply online, in advance. Visit toledo zoo.org/jobs for details and to apply. The last walk-in time will be 6:45 p.m.

Most positions require a minimum age of 16, however, some require candidates to be 21 with a valid driver's license. Those interested must be able to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays. Some positions may also require working in all weather conditions, the ability to stand for extended periods of time and extensive walking on Zoo grounds.

For questions regarding the job fair, please email toledo zoojobfair@toledo zoo.org or refer to toledo zoo.org/jobs for specific details and position descriptions.

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Bids will be received at the Port Authority's administrative offices at One Maritime Plaza, Toledo, OH 43604 until Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 1:00 PM, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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Please note that there will be a pre-bid meeting for this project for all prospective bidders on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the Banquet Room in the Toledo Express Airport terminal building, 11013 Airport Highway, Swanton, Ohio 43558. Attendance is suggested, but not necessary. Please submit all questions to the Port Authority, Tina Perkins at Projects@toledoport.org by Monday, March 19, 2018 at 10 AM local time. Attendance is suggested, but not necessary. Additional information can be found at www.toledoport.org

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AUDITION NOTICE



By Douglas Tappin

Saturday – February 10, 2018 – 12 pm to 4pm
Toledo Opera Offices
425 Jefferson Avenue – Suite 601 – Toledo Ohio

Auditions are heard by the composer, Kevin Bylsma, Head of Music Preparation, and James Norman, Director of Operations and Production

11 FEATURED ENSEMBLE ROLES & 13 MEMBER CHORUS

All voice categories
Some of the Featured Ensemble Roles Available for Casting:

Gala Trio/Lounge Singers – 3 African-American - sopranos and mezzos
Claudette Colvin – African-American - mezzo/low soprano
Rosa Parks – African-American - mezzo/low soprano

Landlord – Caucasian – baritone
Bus Driver – Caucasian – tenor
Bus Rider – African-American - tenor

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Pianist is provided

To request an audition time, contact James Norman: jnorman@toledoopera.org

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Geotechnical Construction, Testing and Reporting Services RFP#18-R003 Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) will receive proposals for Geotechnical Construction, Testing and Reporting Services.

Received in accordance with law until April 6, 2018 at 3PM ET. For documents: www.lucasmha.org, 201 Belmont Ave., Toledo, OH 43604 or 419-254-3497 (TRS: Dial 711). Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements (Executive Order #11246). This contract opportunity is a Section 3 Covered Contract and any Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.



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Spring 2018 updates effective March 18.

On Sunday, March 18, 2018, the TARTA spring route schedule will begin.

As some routes will be affected by routing and time changes, new timetables and maps are available at TARTA.com/Spring2018

TARTA Mobility Management
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- **1 Ottawa Hills/Sylvania/Sylvania Twp Call-A-Ride**
- 1/4 renamed to 1; Saturday and Sunday hours adjusted to 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- **2 Franklin Park via Toledo Hospital**
- ProMedica Health added Wellness Center via Starlite Plaza added; no 11 a.m. weekday lineup
- **3 North/South Crosstown**
- adjusted schedule: 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **5 Dorr via UT Main Campus/Walmart**
- Dorr/Reynolds timepoint added; schedule adjustments
- **6 King Road/City of Sylvania**
- adjusted schedule: 9:00 a.m. to 5:50 p.m.; Holland-Sylvania/Brint/McCord/Sylvania loop added
- **8 Maumee/Waterville Call-A-Ride**
- 8/29 renamed to 8; Monday through Friday hours adjusted to 6:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday hours adjusted to 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- **10 Rossford Call-A-Ride**
- downtown routing updated:
Erie/Jackson/Summit/Washington to/from I-75;
Monday through Friday hours adjusted to 6:00 a.m.-9:15 p.m.; last return trip to downtown 9:45 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday hours adjusted to 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; holidays 7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- **12 Front/Starr**
- **14 East Broadway/Oak**
- schedule adjusted for new weekday 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. trips to downtown
- **15A Summit/Suder/Alexis**
- **15E Summit/Point Place via Alexis**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup
- **16 Alexis via Meijer**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup
- **17B Lagrange/Bennett via Miracle Mile**
- **17E Lagrange/Eleanor via Miracle Mile**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup
- **19F Cherry/Franklin Park**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup
- **19S Cherry/Secor/Franklin Park Mall**
- schedule adjustments; 19S via Franklin Park to/from Alexis/Secor timepoint only on Secor Rd
- **19T Cherry/Talmadge/Franklin Park Mall**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup; schedule adjustments for 19T via Franklin Park to/from Alexis/Secor timepoint only on Talmadge Rd
- **20F Central Ave/Franklin Park Mall**
- **20M Central/Meijer Drive**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup; service every day
- **20W Ottawa Hills via Westgate**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup; three 20W trips added: 7:30 a.m. inbound arriving downtown at 7:55 a.m., 10:25 a.m. inbound arriving downtown at 11:10 a.m., and 11:10 a.m. outbound arriving 11:55 a.m. at Westgate; Executive Pkwy 20W routing eliminated; weekday-only service
- **22 Bancroft via UT Campus/Franklin Park**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup
- **26D Berdan/Douglas/Miracle Mile**
- **26L Lewis/Alexis/Miracle Mile**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup; schedule adjusted for Saturday and Sunday lineups and to end after the 1:30 p.m. lineup; no holiday service
- **27H Nebraska/Hill-Reynolds**
- **27N Nebraska/Angola-Wenz**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup; schedule adjustments; discontinuation of the McTigue/Nebraska via 27N replaced by all trips via Walmart, Central Ave
- **28 /Indiana/Smead/Oakwood**
- schedule adjusted for weekday trips prior to 8 a.m. and following 7:30 p.m. lineups; new weekday 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. trips to downtown
- **29X Waterville Express**
- downtown routing updated:
Erie/Jackson/Summit/Washington to/from I-75
- **31G Glendale/Southwyck**
- **31H Heatherdowns/Southwyck**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup
- **32H South/Airport via Home Depot**
- **32R UTMC/Southwyck**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup
- **34 Detroit/Byrne/Western via UTMC**
- no 11:00 a.m. weekday lineup; schedule adjusted for weekday trips prior to 6:30 a.m. and following 6:00 p.m. lineups; no holiday service
- **35 Airport/Maumee-Arrowhead**
- schedule adjustments for new starting times at 6:15 a.m., ending at 11:30 a.m.; new starting time for trips starting at 3:10 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m.
- **39 Franklin Park/City of Sylvania**
- **39M Monroe/Sylvania-Centennial**
- trips reduced to an adjusted schedule starting at 6:00 a.m. and ending at 8:40 a.m.; new afternoon starting times at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m.; new downtown routing:
Erie/Jackson/Summit/Washington to/from I-75
- **41 Glendale-Southland/Maumee-Arrowhead**
- trips reduced to an adjusted schedule starting at 6:25 a.m. and ending at 10:25 a.m.; new afternoon starting times at 2:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m.; new downtown routing:
Erie/Jackson/Summit/Washington to/from I-75
- **43 Maumee-Arrowhead/Western via UTMC**
- schedule adjusted and trips reduced to a new starting time at 7:37 a.m., ending at 6:57 p.m.
- **44X St. Luke's Hospital**
- new downtown routing:
Erie/Jackson/Summit/Washington to/from I-75

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