

# The City of Ecorse Newsletter



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## WORDS FROM THE MAYOR



Herbert W. Worthy  
Mayor of the City of Ecorse

January has been a turning point in the history of the United States. I had the privilege to attend the swearing in of the first African American president of the United States of America, in Washington D.C. I also had the opportunity to

be a part of the Martin Luther King Jr.'s 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Ministers Awards Dinner on January 25, 2009, at the Marriot Hotel located in the Renaissance Center in Downtown Detroit. This event honored the City of Ecorse's very own Pastor Marvin N. Miles of the International Gospel Center. Both events were history in the making not only for me but also for the City of Ecorse.

As mayor, I want to convey my gratitude to Pastor Marvin N. Miles and the International Gospel Center's hard work and efforts, that has brought change into the City of Ecorse. The project to develop Salliotte was conceived by the late Dr. Charles O. Miles and carried out by Pastor Marvin N. Miles. These plans have taken shape over the years and proven to be an asset to our community.

One of the biggest assets to the City of Ecorse is

the condominiums and luxury apartments located on Salliotte Street. The contemporary style of the condominiums and luxury apartments has given this area of the city a new look. In addition to the new dwelling opportunities on Salliotte and progressive changes going on around the development on Salliotte, citizens are excited about the progressive revolution stemming from these project. As mayor of the City of Ecorse, I understand the impact initiative development plays in the future of our community.

International Gospel Center spearheaded by Pastor Miles, has taken a major role in the future of this community. Because of past, current, and future achievements, Pastor Marvin N. Miles, in the City of Ecorse. I, Herbert W. Worthy along with the City Council would like to congratulate Pastor Marvin Miles, his mother, Dr. Luvenia Miles, his wife, Lady Carolyn Miles and children Jasmine, Mosea, Malik, and Meghan on receiving the prestigious award of "Pastor of the Year" from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference where Dr. Claude Young is President of the Michigan Chapter.



Councilmen Kevin Bailey, Darcell Brown, Pastor Marvin N. Miles and Mayor Herbert Worthy

## CITY AWARDED GRANTS



The City of Ecorse has receive and worked on numerous grants. The City of Ecorse was awarded a

"Five Star" restoration award from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation granted this award. This award also came with a grant for \$20,000.00.

This is a project underway in the City of Ecorse called the Ecorse Creek Wetland Demonstration & Bank Restoration Project.

This project consists of:

- Working along the banks of the creek in the north branch of the Ecorse Creek Watershed.
- Construction of a 2-acre wetland project (this will include an education and viewing platform)

- This project will help increase the amount of water filtration, decreasing the amount of runoff, which results in peak flows, and increase pollutants in the watershed.
- Helps restore normal warm water aquatic life
- Reduce stream flow variability and flooding That lead to an improvement of water quality

### Other Grants Received

Neighborhood Stabilization Project (NSP) Grant

Eli Ciungan Park Expansion Project

Healthy Kids Healthy Community Grant

Community Foundation Grant

RWJE Grant -Supporting healthy food for the Community through the Ecorse/River Rouge Food Pantry.

# UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CITY OF ECORSE

**January**

Travel Baseball Team  
 Contact Don Jones at 313-333-6635  
 Spring Soccer Registration  
 313-333-6635

**April**

Easter Egg Hunt  
 Contact 313-492-8987  
 Umpire Clinic (17 years of age and older)  
 313-333-6635

**May**

Baseball Registration (T-Ball & Little League)  
 Baseball Tournament (11 & 12 ages) May 2nd and 3rd  
 Baseball Season Starts May 4th  
 Adult Softball Team Registration  
 Benefit Softball Game (Redwings vs. Pistons)  
 Baseball Tournament (13 & 14 age group)

**June**

Open baseball begin June 15th  
 313-333-6635  
 Good Neighbor Day  
 Contact the Mayor's Office at 313-386-2410

**July**

2009 4th of July Water Festival and Parade  
 July 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th  
 Looking for Food Vendors  
 Contact 313-386-2410 For Booth Information  
 Can Food Drive for the Ecorse/River Rouge Food Pantry  
 City Volunteer Registration

**August**

Taste Fest -Looking for Vendors August 14th, 15th, and 16th  
 \$50.00 per booth for clean up cost

**September**

Grand Opening of Eli Ciungan Park Walking Path

**October**

Harvest Blast

**November**

Feed the Needy Thanksgiving Dinner

**December**

Breakfast with Santa

**Ecorse Senior Center Activities**

Monday:	Fitness	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	Craft Class	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	Sewing Class	9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
	Fitness Class	1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Thursday:	Needle Arts	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
	Card Club	1:00 p.m.
	Quilting Class	1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. (Jan 15 \$29.00)
Friday:	Fitness	1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.
	Card Club	1:00 p.m.

**Weekly Bingo Also Available**

## WARM-A-CHILD COAT DRIVE



The City of Ecorse held their First Annual Kids Coat drive called "Warm-A-Child". This event was held November 20, 2008.

Over hundred (100) children throughout the community of Ecorse and surrounding downriver areas received brand new coats .

A special thanks to local businesses, Ecorse City Hall, Ecorse Police Dept, and individuals who gave donations. This event was spearheaded by Shaunda Miller, Ecorse School Board Member and Zedora C. Miller, co-founder of Zee's Computer and Information Center.

Neighborhood Watch volunteers wanted. If you are interested in participating in watching the Neighborhood please contact Councilperson Scott King at 313-575-4978

# CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT



**JOHN SKOTNICKI**  
CITY CLERK

The City Clerk's office has many varied responsibilities. We are often the first person to greet you when you visit City Hall and we will assist you in finding the location of the person or office you want to see. We are also very often the voice you hear when you telephone City Hall on non-police or fire business. We receive and sort all incoming mail and package deliveries.

The City Clerk's Office issues Dog Licenses, Yard Sale Permits, and Business Licenses. Dog Licenses for 2009 are available now. All 2008 Dog Licenses expired 12/31/2008. The cost of a 2009 license is \$5.00. Bring a record of the animal's last rabies vaccination from your veterinarian.

The City Clerk's Office prepares the agenda for Council Meetings, conducts the meetings, and prepares minutes of the meeting for the official record. We have documents dating back prior to 1900.

The City Clerk is responsible for all voter registration and conducts all elections held in the city. This includes local, state, and federal elections. Permanent voter records are kept and voter identification cards are issued by the Clerk's office. The next election to be held will be the School Board election in May 2009. Two school board seats are being filled.

The Clerk's office staff, Brenda Brooks, Jessica Rozansky and Jackie Wallace welcome your questions and comments. Our hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Our telephone number is (313)-386-2520. We are located in Room 111 on the first floor of city hall.

## CITY OF ECORSE MINUTES

### 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2009

*The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council called to order at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Mayor Herbert Worthy, presiding.*

**Present:** Councilperson Monroe, Tassis, Brown, Miller, Bailey, King, Mayor Worthy. 9.09

**Excused:** None

**RESOLUTION NUMBER**

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| <p>1.09 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 30, 2008 RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.</p> <p>2.09 APPROVAL OF PAYROLL FOR JANUARY 13, 2009.</p> <p>3.09 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS FOR JANUARY 13, 2009.</p> <p>4.09 REPORTS RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.</p> <p>5.09 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.</p> <p>6.09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO BEGIN INTERVIEW PROCESS FOR PURPOSE OF HIRING FOUR (4) RESERVE FIRE FIGHTERS.</p> <p>7.09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED WORK STUDY.</p> <p>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2<sup>ND</sup></p> | <p>11.09</p> <p>12.09</p> <p>13.09</p> <p>14.09</p> <p>15.09</p> |
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ANNUAL "RIVER OF FIRE WALLEYE FISHING TOURNAMENT" – ECORSE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 457.08 FROM THE TABLE. RESOLUTION APPROVING TOWN SEND NEON, INC. PROPOSAL FOR ELITE 2K INFORMATION DISPLAY SYSTEM.

RESOLUTION REVISING RESOLUTION NO. 387.08 REGARDING ECORSE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY ATTORNEY TO INITIATE CLAIM TO RECOVER CITY FUNDS.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REPLACEMENT OF DEFECTIVE COMPRESSOR ON COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATOR AT PENNSYLVANIA CLUB.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

ADJOURNMENT.

**JOHN M. SKOTNICKI, CITY CLERK**  
**CITY OF ECORSE, MICHIGAN**

The City of Ecorse

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**A new Ecorse  
Coming Soon**



*COMMITMENT  
PLAN  
VISION  
DIRECTION  
FOR A NEW  
ECORSE*

**CITY WIDE CONTEST WINNERS**



**First Place Winner:**

Ruby Stevens  
4548 High St.

**Second Place Winner:**

4308 W. Jefferson Ave

**Third Place Winner:**

4309 W. Jefferson Ave.

**Monthly City Meetings**

**Zoning Board Meeting**

1st Wednesday of every Month at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning Board Meeting**

1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

**City Council Meeting**

February 10, 2009  
Every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.



**CITY OF ECORSE DIRECTORY**

Mayor Herbert Worthy (313) 386-2410	City Attorney (313) 294-3711 Sequara M. Henry
City Clerk John M. Skotnicki (313) 386-2520	City Council (313) 386-2520 Darcel Brown (Mayor Pro-Tem) Cheryl Monroe John Miller Scott King James Tassis Kevin Bailey
City Treasurer Doris J. Young (313) 294-3716	D.P.W Wallace Williams (313) 386-2520
Controller Earl Hollenquest (313) 294-3740	Constables John Miller Sr. Joseph R. King
City Assessor Stacy Wheeler (313) 294-3711	26th -2 District Court Judge (313) 386-7900 Michael F. Ciungan
Police Desk (313) 381-0900	
Fire Chief (313) 381-0720 Reginald Dalton	