

Join your neighbors at the next WVNA Quarterly Meeting

Wed., Jan. 16 at Redford Jaycees Hall

(formerly the American Legion Post) 15585 Beech Daly Rd.
two blocks north of Five Mile, west side of Beech Daly Rd.

Event starts at 6:30 p.m.

2nd Annual

Greet, Meet & Eat!
and 2008 Membership Drive Kick-Off
Free food, games & prizes!

Member Prizes

Chat with your neighbors!
Enjoy fun activities!
Bring your business cards!

Guest Prizes

Wednesday, January 16 quarterly meeting will be
informal—no formal speeches. Eat, relax and
enjoy the fun! Sign-up or renew your membership
for 2008. (See membership form on Page 4.)

Dorothy Morris describes services for Redford's senior citizens

Dorothy Morris, township director of senior activities, spoke at the WVNA October meeting, where she described activities and services available to senior citizens in Redford Township.

Morris indicated that her office offers various programs: exercise

classes, arts and crafts, dinner-dance parties, Tax Assistance, home chore referrals, health fairs, card parties, blood pressure screening, Michigan Emergency Prescription Program, Senior Travel Club and more.

To outline a few:

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Supervisor Handy identifies new business developments in Redford

Township Supervisor Miles

Handy spoke briefly on some of the new business developments coming to Redford, and he named the following:

1. **Matick Chevrolet** has plans for a \$5 million expansion.

2. **Piston Automotive, LLC**, also plans an expansion with the hiring of more employees. (Its president,

Vinnie Johnson, is a former Piston basketball star.)

3. A technicolor firm is scheduled to move into Redford.

4. **Detroit Diesel** has received a contract for making the 60 series engine. ♦

WVNA elects Maggie Handy-Prey president

The search is over. WVNA elected **Maggie Handy-Prey** as its new President at the October 2007 quarterly general meeting.

Handy-Prey previously served two years as WVNA Vice President-Township Liaison. She also served briefly as Interim President when Althea Lockridge completed her two-year term as president from July 2005 to July 2007.

Handy-Prey is a proud, long-time resident of Redford with a
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Emergency Snow Shoveling Program

Wayne County Executive **Robert Ficano** and WXYZ TV-7 **Bill Spencer's** "Big Dig" snow team will be at it again this year, shoveling out the needy.

The Big Dig program is for needy senior citizens and the disabled who cannot shovel and cannot afford to hire someone to shovel for them.

Wayne County residents can call **(313) 842-1540** for more information. ♦

The President's Pen

By Maggie Handy-Prey

Wow! I'm looking forward to 2008. With a lot of help from you and the Executive Council, I will serve as your new president to the best of my ability.

For 2008, I'd like everyone to focus on being a "Good Neighbor." By this I mean: Be helpful! Maybe it means removing a neighbor's trash can from the street curb after the trash was collected, raking leaves for the elderly, taking someone to the store or the doctor, providing a warm meal, or simply lending a listening ear. Be the neighbor that you want living next door to you. Let's all treat everyone with kindness and respect, and it will be returned to you, many times over.

Yes, times are tough and nerves are frazzled. Yet, a kind word and warm greeting can make the difference in someone's day.

I'd like to extend my special thanks to members of the Executive Council: Gloria Kidd, Althea Lockridge, Millie Sims and others for helping me get "on my way" in my new role as your President. Ruth Helzer, you never fail any of us. To all of you, many, many thanks.

If you know of a speaker that you would like to appear at our quarterly general meetings, please give

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me a call. (I seem to handle the phone better than email!)

We're excited about our second annual "Greet, Meet & Eat" social event for the January 16 meeting. Bring a neighbor. If you need a ride to the meeting, call me and I will see that you get there. We'll have lots of food and fun!

Please note that this meeting will be at the Redford Jaycees Hall on Beech Daly, two blocks north of Five Mile. Join us and enjoy a fun evening with your neighbors!

Maggie



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Military Salute!

Marine Cpl. **Scott Raymond Meissner** has been honorably discharged from his 4-1/2 years of service, which included a year in Okinawa and three voluntary deployments to Iraq. He and wife Twila plan to settle in Ohio. Scott is the son of WVNA members, **Robert and Barbara Meissner.** ♦

WVNA seeks publication writer/editor

Would you like to join our Publication Committee and learn to write and design a newsletter? Call **Althea Lockridge** at (313) 543-7770 or email alockridge49@yahoo.com. ♦

Dorothy Morris describes senior activities

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- **Meals-on-Wheels and Congregate Meals** need volunteers to help package food for home-bound seniors. For more info, call (313) 387-2788.
- **Dial-A-Ride** is available M-F, 8:30a-2:30p. You must call no less than two hours in advance of desired pick-up time. Call (313) 387-2770 for more details. Ask about scheduled trips to the local shopping malls and local activities.
- **Elder Law** workshops are available free to senior citizens and caregivers with information on guardianship/conservatorship, wills/trusts, nursing homes, assisted living, senior housing, powers of attorney, Medicaid/Medicare, etc.
- **Ballroom dancing lessons** are held every Wednesday afternoon. Call (313) 387-2788 for details.

Morris indicated that most activities take place at the **Redford Community Center at 12121 Hemingway**. For more information about these township services and others, call (313) 937-8291. ♦


WVNA elects Maggie Handy-Prey president

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visible presence as a real estate sales agent and mother of Miles Handy, township supervisor.

She looks forward to continuing to serve WVNA and encourage all to attend the second annual "Meet, Greet & Eat" event for the Wed., January 16, 2008 quarterly general meeting.


"Please bring your neighbors with you to this fun event," she announced. "I have always appreciated the work achieved by WVNA and I look forward to



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maintaining the strength of its strong tradition and commitment to our neighborhood." ♦
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Information websites on senior citizens resources:

- A.A.R.P** – www.aarp.org.
- National Council of Senior Citizens** – www.benefitscheckup.org
- Coalition for Quality Patient Care** – www.consumers.org
- National Aging Information Center** – www.aoa.gov
- National Academy of Elder Law** – www.naela.org
- Alzheimer's Association** – www.alz.org
- MPRO** (medicare info) – www.mpro.org
- Alzheimer's Disease Education & Referral Center** – www.alzheimers.org

Sims offers to fill VP vacancy

At the last quarterly meeting in October 2007, former WVNA Vice President **Maggie Handy-Prey** was elected President. Now, **Millie Sims** has offered to fill that vacancy for Vice President-Township Liaison.

Sims brings a wealth of experience to the position as she has served as President in the past. Her vice presidential candidacy will be up for a formal election at the January 2008 meeting.

WVNA was formed in 1997 and is the second largest organized neighborhood region in Redford, serving 1,000 homes. WVNA is among the top most active Redford neighborhood associations. ♦



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Do you have information that would be of interest to the residents in Western View? Would you like to be a contributing writer? If so, contact Althea Lockridge at (313) 543-7770 or send her an email at alockridge49@yahoo.com.

Become a new WVNA member or renew your membership.



Bring this form with you to the next meeting in October or mail it to the address on the form.

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___ Membership ___ Business Networking

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___ Events ___ Youth Business Initiative

Dues can be paid at WVNA Quarterly Meetings (January, April, July, October). Or mail this form and your check to:

**WVNA, Attn: Membership, Dept. FS,
P.O. Box 39075, Redford, MI 48239.**