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SEMCOG and local cities to study Ford Road Traffic

SEMCOG along with a few local communities are going to take a good look at the traffic flow and safety on Ford Road.

According to SEMCOG director of transportation planning, Carmine Palombo, he has received requests from various communities along Ford Rd. for an access management study, that would include a look at the traffic situation and low-cost solutions for better traffic flow and safety on Ford Road along the Westland, Garden City, and surrounding areas.

In January 2010, a committee and Palombo will begin meeting. The committee expects that the process will take several months to be completed. Part of this process included that each community involved would have to sign an agreement that they will try and implement the results. The success of this study will, to a large extent, rest on each individual community to

make any necessary changes to their zoning ordinances or implement brand-new ordinances when putting the results to task.

The access management study will look at Ford Road from Detroit heading west through Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, and Westland. The City of Canton already has an access management program in place and they have already been using the recommendations for several years now.

Some of the area that the committee will specifically look at include: The number and location of driveways along Ford Road. Palmobo mentioned that the committee will bring conformity on regulating driveways, and no one will force a business owner to close a

driveway. Acceleration/ deceleration lanes and right turn lanes will be studied. Each solution for that area will be different based upon the character of the community and any issues with setbacks and property ownership.

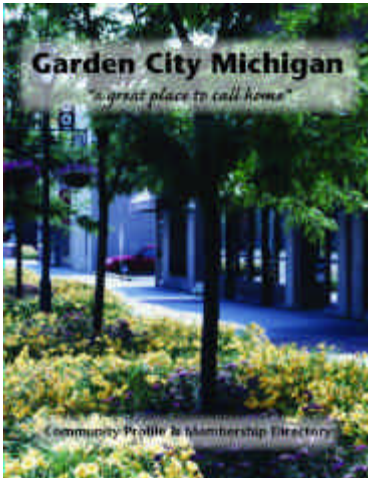
This study is intended to assist with the flow of traffic and safety. With conformity of driveways and limited driveways for cars to enter and exit onto Ford Road, there is a smaller chance for accidents.

Many business owners have already been notified by the city regarding this matter. If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact the DPS Director Jack Barnes at 734-793-1800.

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Chamber puts forth efforts to help lower the cost of doing business.



Cover of new Community Guide & Membership Directory

The year 2010, will bring a few changes for the Chamber of Commerce. In this economy, businesses need every opportunity to continue to stay open. The chamber is working really hard at driving traffic to our local business and residential community, and putting forth every effort to make the cost to do business in Garden City more affordable.

Recently the chamber has had to take a good hard look at the way in which they have traditionally gone about doing a few things in the office; as well look at how they can save money for member business owners. Some of the things you will notice different in 2010 include:

1. The Garden City Chamber office now has **CABLE INTERNET**. Yes, it is true and about time, **NO MORE DIAL-UP**. In late December, the Chamber office had cable Internet and WiFi installed in the office. This small but significant change will affect the way in which the office will do a few things: like the manner in which the chamber newsletter is distributed. The office will downsize the newsletter bulk mail and begin an *e-news bulletin* in its place. Watch for chamber e-news bulletins in your e-mail soon.

2. There has been a big upgrade to the Chamber Membership Directory and Community Guide. The Chamber of Commerce has published this book every other

year since the 1980's. The 2010/2011 directory will take on a totally new look and purpose. The layout and design of the book has been upgraded to a glossy full color publication through and through. The new publication will showcase not only member businesses, but also the entire city of garden city and all it has to offer. Editorials on living, recreation and entertainment, health and safety and learning are featured. It will be perfect for a visitor traveling to the city, an informative piece for the new residents moving into the city and also a marketing tool and recruitment piece for prospective new businesses and residents.

3. The Chamber of Commerce is also very pleased to introduce a new program to its business membership. Cable TV commercials. The chamber has recently contracted with Wide Open West or WOW for a commercial package. This package includes seven networks and six cities. In early 2010, all chamber member businesses will have the option to participate in this extremely affordable marketing program. Watch for these commercials on ESPN Sports, CNN Headline News, Hallmark, Lifetime, Cartoon Network, and the Food network. The spots will air in Garden City, Westland, Canton, Northville, Wayne and Plymouth. If interested in participating in the commercials, please contact the chamber office at 734-422-4448.



Toast Family Dining
Ford Road and Harrison in GC

New name gives restaurant more flexibility with menu

Toast Family Dining, formally known to all Garden City residents as Big Boys, is committed to providing higher standards in food and prices for customers.

along with lower prices. More old-fashioned, home cooked, flexible and creative dishes. Also look for more different types of salads, burgers and omelet's.

hours of operation are:
7:00 am to 11:00 pm,
Monday through Friday.
7:00 am to midnight on
Saturday and 7:00 am to
11:00 pm on Sunday.

The new name also means a slightly different menu,

Toast Family Dining is an independent restaurant, the

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Chamber Membership Investments

Renewing confidence in an organization that works for your businesses!

We would like to thank the following businesses for renewing their confidence and membership in the Garden City Chamber of Commerce.

G.C. Co-op Preschool
Pierce Place LLC

TDS Metrocom

G.C. Historical Museum

Oliverio Properties

Harvey S. Ellis, DDS

Crestwood Dodge

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Barsamian Family Dentistry

Burton & Sons, Inc.

Family Heating, Cooling &
Electrical

Sparks Auto Service &

Towing

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Reflections Family Hair Care

RG & GR Harris

Funeral Home

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Doug's Auto Body

Jones Investment Agency

Red Wing Shoes

Amantea Restaurant

Hermann Banks, MD

Lona's Pizza

Carmack Appliance

GC Hospital

Metropolitan Lincoln

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Committee

Chamber Upcoming Programs and Events

Tuesday-January 12, 2010

Chamber Luncheon - 12:00 noon

Amantea's Rest. 32777 Warren Road

Guest Speaker-Cathy Sionkowski

TDS Metrocom,

Michigan and Ohio Marketing Manger

Topic- ***Marketing in a Slow Economy***

Cost-\$10.00 per person

RSVP to the chamber office by January 11, 2010

Tuesday-January 26, 2010

5 Star Business Group Mixer

5 PM to 7 PM at Albert's on the Alley

Dearborn Heights, Westland, Redford,

Wayne and Garden City Chambers

Monday—February 15, 2010

State of the City Address

New Peking Rest beginning at 12 noon

Speaker- Mayor Randy Walker

Cost: \$10 per person

RSVP to the chamber office by February 11, 2010

Sat—Tues, February 20—23, 2010

Texas Hold-em Tournament

Vision Lanes from 5:00pm to 2:00am

Vision Lanes - 38250 Ford Road

Thursday — March 11, 2010

Breaking the Boundaries

Burton Manor - 5 PM to 7 PM

Details to follow

Friday—March 19, 2010

Award Celebration/Wine Tasting

New Hawthorne Country Club

Doors open at 6:00pm

First Citizen, Business Person of the Year and
Business Beautification Award.

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New Member Welcome:

Please, welcome these new businesses to the Garden City Chamber of Commerce.

Simply Polish

6201 Middlebelt
Garden City, MI 48135
Ph: 734-525-2880
Fax: 734-525-2881

www.simplypolishusa.com

Comcast Cable

29777 Telegraph Rd Suite 4400
Southfield, MI 48034
Ph: 248-233-4537
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www.comcast.com/business

Servpro of Dbn. Hgts. & Garden City

25150 Ford Road
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
Ph: 313-228-5134
Fax: 313-228-5197

www.servpro.com

Costco Warehouse

13700 Middlebelt
Livonia, MI 48150
Ph: 313-671-8772
Fax: 734-427-2988

www.costco.com

Kundan B. Sata, DDS

30785 Ford Road
Garden City, MI 48135
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www.dr.satacares.com

Happy New Year