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It's the beginning of February, yet it looks like a beautiful spring day! We are gearing up for our next Town Hall meeting, Saturday, March 5 and we want you to be there to hear what's happened in the short time since our last gathering. Read on for information and updates and make sure to email us if you want to share what's going on with your business or organization.

Happy Reading!

Partnership banners flying in Pontiac

The next time you are driving on the east side of Woodward in Pontiac (i.e., 'the Loop') look up to see the OU/Pontiac partnership banners flying overhead, in the area near the school board office, the mayor's office and the sheriff's station. Click on the link below to preview the banners. Three more banners will be placed on OU's campus in front of Wilson Hall in early March.

[OU/Pontiac partnership banners](#)

Healthy Pontiac, We Can! coalition brings fresh produce delivery to Pontiac

The Healthy Pontiac, We Can (HPWC)! coalition is making it easier to eat healthy at an affordable price. HPWC has partnered with Gleaners Community Food Bank to bring the Fresh Food Share program to Pontiac. The concept is simple: order a box of low-cost produce by the second Friday of the month and it will be delivered to a local site of your choice the following Friday for you to pick up. Boxes are packed with fresh produce bought at wholesale prices from local farmers.



Fresh Food Share boxes come in three different sizes, each including a newsletter with nutrition information and recipe ideas for cooking delicious and nutritious meals. For \$14, you can buy a small mixed box with 7-10 kinds of veggies and 2-3 fruits, or the small fruit-only box with 4-6 types of fruit. A large mixed box has 8-12 different vegetables and 3-4 fruits and is only \$24. Box contents vary monthly based on seasonal availability, but five staples are usually included in a mixed box: potatoes, carrots, onions, a cooking green, and a salad green.

Fresh Food Share pick-up is available at these Pontiac locations:

- * **Pontiac Library**, 60 E. Pike St. (248) 758-3942
- * **Lighthouse of Oakland County**, 46156 Woodward Ave. (248) 920-6000 ext. 2133
- * **Walton Park Manor Co-op**, 26 Leanne Ln. (248) 338-2000

Place your order online at www.freshfoodshare.org, or at the site of your choice (EBT accepted at the Pontiac Library). For more information about ordering a Fresh Food Share box, contact Kat Polmear at polmeark@oakgov.com or (248) 858-5325.

Now accepting applications for new Pontiac sites. Do you know of a Pontiac organization passionate about getting fresh food to the Pontiac community? Talk to them about becoming a Fresh Food Share Pick-Up Site! For more information on becoming a site, contact Jennifer Lucarelli, Healthy Pontiac Chairperson, at lucarell@oakland.edu or (248) 364-8667.

Fresh Food Share is made possible in Pontiac by a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant. Healthy Pontiac, We Can! is a diverse community coalition, led by Oakland County Health Division, focused on creating a vibrant community that supports healthy lifestyles for all. More info at: www.healthyontiac.org.

Lyrics on Vinyl supporting Pontiac

"Innovative," "hip" and "nostalgic" are the words Keandra (Key) Locke uses to describe her business, Lyrics on Vinyl (LOV). "It's the place where art, expression, community and music are constantly showcased on a multi-cultural level," she said. LOV Laughter Mondays, Turntables and Tacos on Tuesdays, and Spoken Word Wednesdays are just a few of the events that take place at LOV, along with a host of other monthly events including: LOV Making Beats Swap Meet, LOV Jam Sessions and It's All LOV Art Gala. Youth are an extremely important factor for Locke both for her business focus and her community engagement. For example, LOV just recently became the an official 4-H club dedicated to youth and the expressive arts.



Locke has served on both the Communications and Service Learning Committees of the OU/Pontiac Initiative for the past year by helping maintain all the buzz and social media. Locke also has an OU intern, Jasmine McNeal, whom she first met at Bob Evans, where McNeal used to work. McNeal is currently a communications major at Oakland University

where she hosts her own live broadcasting on WXOU radio, titled "The Jaz Show." When she's interning at LOV, she helps coordinate and structure the marketing and communications aspect of LOV and any social media about the partnership with OU. "She's the perfect fit," said Locke.

African American Symposium

In celebration of Black History Month 2016, the Oakland University School of Education & Human Services (SEHS) Black Faculty Network and the Education Resource Lab (ERL) will sponsor its second Black and African American centered Research Symposium on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016, 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the ERL. All SEHS faculty and students are invited to share their completed or Black and African American research in progress at this symposium. SEHS faculty, staff, students, the OU community and the public are invited to attend this event. For more information about this event, please contact Dr. Chaunda L. Scott in the Department of Organizational Leadership at cscott@oakland.edu.

OU & PSD students working together to get Pontiac parks ready for summer

Perfect the Pontiac Parks, a joint Pontiac-OU community service event will be held 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2016. "The goal is simple: to perfect all of the Pontiac parks in a single day," said Anders Engnell, OU student and OU Student Congress Diversity and Inclusion Director and coordinator. OU students will work side by side with high schoolers from PSD to clean up neighborhood parks to get them ready for summer use. The idea was germinated during the town hall meeting in November.



This is a community event with representatives from the Mayor's office, Pontiac School District and Friends of Pontiac Parks. The event is during PSD Spring Break, so the event will be marketed to students prior to the event and transportation will be provided for students. The Leaders of the Future organization, a student-based organization also lead by Engnell, is currently managing the sign up and park assignment for the event and is working on marketing materials.

Perfect the Parks organizers are looking for corporate sponsors. "We have one potential sponsor in Pontiac but we are definitely searching for more. If any of the OU/Pontiac Initiative members have contacts that would be interested, I would love to talk with them," said Engnell. Those interested in sponsoring the event, volunteering or just learning more should contact Anders Engnell at asengnell@oakland.edu.

Non-motorized plan for Pontiac

Healthy Pontiac is working with The Greenway Collaborative, Inc. to develop a non-motorized transportation plan for the city of Pontiac. The plan will focus on "Complete Streets," or making

it safer and easier for pedestrians and motorists to travel within Pontiac and to make the most of recreation opportunities. We want to hear from Pontiac residents on how to make Pontiac more walkable and bikeable. Please advertise these sessions in your businesses and organizations for maximum participation. Free snacks and childcare available at all sessions. For more information or to submit your ideas online, visit WalkBike.Info/Pontiac or call (248) 858-8810. See you there!

What would make it easier to walk and bike in your neighborhood? Share your ideas at one of our community meetings:

Friday, February 5 6 pm - 7 pm Ruth Peterson Center 990 Joslyn Ave.		Tuesday, February 9 6 pm - 7 pm Pontiac City Hall 47450 Woodward Ave.		Saturday, February 20** 10 am - 12 pm Pontiac Library 60 E. Pike St. **Offered in English and Spanish	
Tuesday, February 23 10 am - 12 pm Bowen Senior Center 52 Bagley St.		Tuesday, February 23 7 pm - 8 pm Goldner Walsh 559 Orchard Lake Rd.		Thursday, March 3 7:30 am - 8:30 am Wisner Home 405 Cesar Chavez Ave.	
				Friday, March 4 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm Nikkos Coney Island 1101 E. Walton Blvd.	

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For more information and to share your ideas online, please visit:



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The Greenway
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Mark your calendars for the next OU/Pontiac Initiative Town Hall meeting:

Saturday, March 5, 2016
8:30 a.m. - noon
location TBA

Contact us

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