

## Matick Chevrolet hosts April WVNA meeting

“We appreciate the consistent support from Matick Chevrolet,” said **Ruth Helzer**, WVNA General Meeting Administrator. “The folks at Matick have always hosted our annual April meeting, and we are happy to continue our relationship with them.”

Matick Chevrolet has a huge showroom and offers new and pre-

owned cars and trucks as well as vehicle repair and maintenance.

The company is known for its friendly, no-hassle salespeople and is located on Telegraph Road just north of Schoolcraft/I-96.

Helzer also noted appreciation for support from **Christ Church of Redford** for hosting many meetings for WVNA throughout the years. ♦

*Join your neighbors at the next WVNA Quarterly Meeting*

**Wed., April 16**

**at George Matick Chevrolet**

**14001 Telegraph Road, just north of I-96**

**6:30 p.m. sign-in. Meeting starts at 6:45 p.m.**

Free food and beverage.

## “Greet, Meet & Eat” repeats the fun

It was a cold, winter day, but the warmth of being with friends and neighbors at the January meeting helped to knock off the chill.

The second annual “Greet, Meet & Eat” and Membership Kick-Off meeting in January has become a tradition for WVNA members to spend some social networking time with one another and to kick-off membership renewals and new member sign-ups.

Thanks to **Dottie and Walt Young** for managing the food, **Loretta Alexander** for leading the fun activities, and the Membership Committee (**Rosetta Howard, Ruth Helzer, Madelyn Griffey** and **Phyllis Dillard**) for hosting the event held in the new building for the Redford Jaycees.

The event was led by WVNA President **Maggie Handy-Prey**.

While no formal speeches were scheduled, Redford Township Supervisor **Miles Handy** presented **Althea Lockridge** with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Township for her service as WVNA President from 2005 to 2007.

Members and guests had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with government officials and representatives there, including Wayne County Commissioner **Phil Cavanagh**, 17<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge **Charlotte Wirth**, Redford Trustees **Tracey Schultz Kobylarz** and **Pat McRae**, as well as **Larry Nash** from the Office of Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett. ♦

**Speaker scheduled for  
April quarterly meeting**

**Dr. Pat Freeman**  
**Botsford Medical Center-Redford**

**Membership Drive...win a gift!**  
**Bring Your Neighbor  
to WVNA April meeting**

Be the WVNA member to receive a gift for bringing the most guests who sign up as new members at the April meeting. (See Membership Form on Page 3.)

The WVNA region is bound by Telegraph, Schoolcraft/I-96, Beech-Daly and Five Mile Roads.

We look forward to seeing you and your guests (uh, new members!) at the April meeting. ♦

## Disaster preparedness

Can you ensure the safety of your family in the event of a major disaster?

During a high risk situation, you may not have access to electricity, heat, water, cell phones, grocery stores, or rapid response from emergency services.

Redford Fire Chief **Les Wedge** recently met with the Redford Council of Neighborhood Associations and offered

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## WVNA needs writer

We need a new writer/editor for *The Western View Point*.

Althea Lockridge has volunteered to write and edit this publication since 2005 and will discontinue her service July 2008.

If you would like to serve in this capacity, please contact her as soon as possible at **(313) 543-7770**. ♦

## Disaster preparedness (continued)

valuable information on disaster preparedness.

What is a disaster? Extreme temperature, high winds, floods, fire, hazardous material, infectious

disease outbreak, power outage, transportation accident, terrorism, riot—natural or man-made events.

Fire Chief Wedge advises that you save and follow the helpful life-saving tips below:

Make a “GO BAG” with the items below for evacuating or sheltering:

- Supply of batteries
- Battery operated & crank-type radios
- Wind-up flashlight
- Blankets, change of clothes
- Whistle, cash
- Diapers, baby formula, pet food
- Water, food, can opener
- Medication and medical info
- Toilet paper
- Wills, Power of Attorney
- Vehicle titles
- Photo ID, Social Security card
- Important telephone numbers
- Certificates of marriage, birth, death, military discharge
- Personal items (toothbrushes, soap, eyeglasses, etc.)
- Basic tool kit (hammer, screwdriver, utility knife, nails)
- Identification for each family member and pets should you become separated
- Emergency records, including prescription medicines and insurance policies
- First-aid kit (adhesive tape, gauze pads, hand sanitizer, scissors, tweezers, syrup of Ipecac)

1. Have at least a three-day supply of drinkable and useable water on hand for your household. (One gallon per person—and per dog or cat—per day.)
2. Have at least a three-day emergency food supply. Have a manual can opener to open canned goods. Keep emergency supply of food for babies and an ample supply of medication for those who require it.
3. In the event of a tornado, go the basement or safest level of your home away from windows.
4. Set up your cell phone with “ICE” (In Case of Emergency) phone numbers. (List them with “ICE” before their names so rescuers can find them.)
5. Keep a corded phone on hand.
6. Have a cell phone car charger.
7. Keep your car’s gas tank at least half full.
8. Keep cash on hand (experts recommend about \$150) because ATMs may not be accessible.
9. If you have an automatic garage door opener, learn to use the manual release to open the door.
10. Only use candles when absolutely necessary, avoid while sleeping.
11. Always run generators outdoors—never in the house or garage.
12. Have a family plan with a pre-determined location where everyone will meet if separated.
13. Take first-aid training.

ready.gov/kids/parents/communicate.html  
www.avma.org/disaster/saving\_family.asp

Visit <http://www.do1thing.us> and other sites listed below for more info.

- [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)
- [www.fema.gov/pdf/library/f&web.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/library/f&web.pdf)
- [www.mypyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov)
- [www.prepare.org](http://www.prepare.org)
- [www.iceyourphone.org](http://www.iceyourphone.org)
- [www.disabilityinfo.gov](http://www.disabilityinfo.gov)
- [www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org) (Humane Society)
- [www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0\\_6\\_,00.html](http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_6_,00.html)
- [www.redcross.org/preparedness/cdc\\_english/Sheltering.asp](http://www.redcross.org/preparedness/cdc_english/Sheltering.asp)
- [Midmichigan.redcross.org/chapter/services.html](http://Midmichigan.redcross.org/chapter/services.html)

## The President’s Pen

Wow, what a winter! Hopefully, spring has finally sprung and we’ll have more sunny days soon.

I have noticed neighbors out cleaning and picking up trash. Let’s continue to exercise true neighborhood pride. If you have an elderly or disabled neighbor, pitch in and help that person. Remember, your home looks even better if your neighbor’s does as well. So, let’s kick off “pride in Redford” in our Western View neighborhood.

If you have a neighbor with unkempt property, first try to get his or her cooperation. If you can’t get some cooperation, then call the Township Ordinance Department [or file a claim on the “Action Center” of the Redford Township website]. In either case, you need not give your name.

Take advantage of the many summer activities in Redford Township—Memorial Day Parade, Cinco de Mayo, 4th of July Fireworks, Splash Park at the Community Center for the kids and grandkids, and more.

“It’s a beautiful day in the neighborhood,” chimed Mr. Rogers of television fame. So, put a smile on your face. Greet your neighbors. Make a point of waving to everybody you see. Eventually, they will wave back.

“We cannot hold a torch to light another’s path without brightening our own,” so said Ben Sweetland [author of “I Can,” “I Will,” and “Grow Rich While You Sleep”]. His words are certainly true.

Thanks for making our January event at the newly-remodeled Jaycees building such fun. The facility is really nice (and available for rent). We appreciate the hard work the Redford Jaycees do for our community.

I hope to see all of you at the April meeting at George Matick Chevrolet. We have a lot planned and want you to be a part of it. Need a ride? Call me at (313) 538-1411.

-- Maggie Handy Prey

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**Western View Neighborhood Assn. in Redford**

**WVNA MEMBERSHIP DUES**

(Please make your check payable to "WVNA")

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

eMail \_\_\_\_\_

**Check appropriate choices (next to A & B) for your annual dues:**

(A) \_\_\_ \$12 per Household \_\_\_ \$24 per Business

(B) \_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_ Renewal Membership

**Would you like to join a committee(s)? Choose below:**

\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_ Business Networking

\_\_\_ Publication \_\_\_ Home Improvement Education

\_\_\_ 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.**

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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2008 Chevy Malibu at  
George Matick Chevrolet!**

