CITY OF YPSILANTI NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY MANAGER

Excerpts from the City Manager's Blog:
I hope everyone had a splendid New Year and is keeping up with their resolutions for the month of January. I know I am! I'm sticking to my exercise routine and I'm on track to meet my personal goal. I'm also sticking to my diet and I'm on track to lose the 15lbs I put on last year. I'm 5 and 20 pounds down and I'm ready to lose the last 10 pounds. I'm sure I'm not the only one who made a resolution to lose weight, quit smoking, or quit drinking. I'm sure there are many other resolutions that have been made. If you need a little motivation, I'm sure there are many people who would be more than happy to help you. Resolutions can be found on the city's Facebook page. City Council and staff are presented thoughtful goals and we look forward to working on these goals throughout the year.

February is Black History Month. The city of Ypsilanti will sponsor a city-wide event on Saturday in celebration of the rich heritage and contributions of African Americans in our community. We will highlight accomplishments and foundation built in our community since its inception, not just in February but throughout the year. We will also be sharing information about our efforts to be a more inclusive community. This important work is important. Our City Council and staff are committed to this work and we want to be a welcoming community where everyone feels they belong and are welcomed and valued. Please contact Thomas Kurth Communication Manager (thomas@ypsilanti.gov) for information on how to participate in this event.

I want to remind everyone that the COVID-19 pandemic remains a severe threat to our community. The City of Ypsilanti is working with our partners to ensure we are prepared to respond to any potential impacts to our community. We are also working to ensure we are prepared to continue to provide essential services to our residents and business community. Stay safe, stay healthy and please wear your mask.

Please remember to keep your sidewalks clear with the weather advisory. Please take a look at the snow removal flyer in this newsletter.

Staying Connected,
Frank McMillion

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR WARD COLLEGES BOOKSTORE

CAMPUS:
Winter Term classes are underway. The year is moving quickly. February might be the shortest month, but there is much to celebrate. Valentine's Day is February 14th. Day also known by some as the LOVE month, and Black History Month. Both of these are important to our Ward community.

Let's take a look at Valentine's Day, remember back in elementary school, we would spend the entire week of sugar to give and receive those little heart cards and the candy hearts that read things like "Kiss Me", "Be Mine", "Hug Me", "Call Me", "Love You" and "Be Cute". Valentine's Day is a great opportunity to LOVE! Where did we get such a crazy holiday? We think, Geoffrey, author of the Canterbury Tales, coining, and maybe Hallmark. We've served it up for last couple of years, going through the pandemic, we need a little LOVE! Black History Month is a time to celebrate the achievements of our African American community. We have a lot to celebrate, and we have a lot to learn. Black History Month is a time to celebrate the achievements of our African American community, and a time for people who needed to know answers sought. Some may have only needed a friend and to answer questions they had been too afraid to ask