

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

*Honoring Our History, Protecting Our Community, Moving Forward Together*



February is a month that reminds us of the importance of connection, reflection, and care for one another. As we honor Black History Month, we recognize the strength, resilience, and contributions that have shaped both our department and our community. We are proud to serve a city rooted in history, culture, and progress.

At the Inkster Police Department, our commitment goes beyond public safety. We are dedicated to building trust, strengthening relationships, and working alongside residents to create a safer and more united Inkster. Whether through community engagement, youth outreach, or everyday interactions, our goal is to serve with integrity, compassion, and respect.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will keep moving Inkster forward.

Sincerely,  
Tamika L. Jenkins  
Chief of Police

## KEY EVENTS



### STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Thursday, February 6, 2025  
6:00 PM  
Booker T. Dozier Complex  
2025 Middlebelt Rd  
Inkster, MI 48141

### SUPPORT WITHOUT PRESSURE

Wednesday, February 25, 2025  
5:30 PM  
Booker T. Dozier Complex  
2025 Middlebelt Rd  
Inkster, MI 48141



Read a romance novel or black history theme book



Feb 17th Random Act of Kindness Day



Cozy Tech-Free evening



Buy yourself flowers



Visit a local shop



Play music while cooking



Do a feel good stretch session



Catch up with an old friend



Write down 10 Things you love about yourself



Wear pink or red on Valentine's Day



# SUPPORT WITHOUT PRESSURE

SUPPORT, RESOURCES, AND EDUCATION  
ON YOUR TERMS, AT **YOUR** PACE.

FRIDAY, FEB 27<sup>TH</sup>

5:30P-8:00P

BOOKER T. DOZIER REC CENTER

2025 MIDDLEBELT RD



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

SAFE REPORT HERE

# TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

**F**ebbruary is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness, start conversations, and remind young people that real love is built on respect, trust, and safety.

Teen dating violence can include emotional, physical, verbal, digital, or sexual abuse, and it often begins subtly. Controlling behaviors, constant monitoring, pressure, or jealousy may be mistaken for care or affection. It's important for teens to know: love should never make you feel afraid, isolated, or powerless.

## What Real Love Looks Like

Healthy relationships are rooted in:

- Mutual respect and honesty
- Clear boundaries and consent
- Open communication
- Support for individuality and independence

Real love encourages growth. It does not control, threaten, manipulate, or hurt.

## Warning Signs to Watch For

Dating violence doesn't always leave visible marks. Warning signs may include:

- Excessive texting, calling, or monitoring social media
- Isolation from friends or family
- Pressure to share passwords or personal information
- Jealousy disguised as protection
- Fear of upsetting a partner

If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't.

## You Are Not Alone

If you or someone you know is experiencing dating violence, help is available. Reaching out is a sign of strength, not weakness. Trusted adults, school counselors, and law enforcement officers are here to listen and help connect teens to resources and support.

**REAL LOVE RESPECTS.**

# LOVE = RESPECT

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS MONTH



## ♥ GREEN FLAGS THAT MATTER

- They respect your boundaries
- They communicate without yelling or threats
- They support your goals and friendships
- They listen—even when they don't agree
- They make you feel confident, not afraid

## 🗣️ IF YOU NEED HELP

- TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT, TEACHER, COACH, OR SCHOOL COUNSELOR
- REACH OUT TO A FRIEND YOU TRUST
- CONTACT LOCAL RESOURCES OR LAW ENFORCEMENT IF YOU FEEL UNSAFE

## 💖 REMEMBER:

LOVE SHOULD NEVER HURT, SCARE, OR CONTROL YOU.



# THEN & NOW: THE HISTORY OF BLACK LAW ENFORCEMENT IN INKSTER

## Then: Breaking Barriers and Making History

In 1954, the same year the U.S. Supreme Court declared segregated schools unconstitutional, a groundbreaking chapter in Inkster's history began. That year, a Black officer, Anderson C. Young, embarked on a career in law enforcement that would forever change the Inkster Police Department.

Starting as a patrolman, he rose steadily through the ranks during a time when opportunities for Black officers were limited nationwide. His promotions reflected not only professional excellence, but perseverance in the face of systemic barriers:

- Sergeant in 1963
  - Lieutenant in 1966
  - And in 1970, he became Inkster's first African American Chief of Police
- His appointment marked a historic milestone, not just for the department but for the entire city. Serving during a pivotal era of civil rights and social change, his leadership helped lay the foundation for progress, representation, and trust within the community.

## Now: Progress That Continues

More than five decades later, Inkster continues to make history. In 2024, the Inkster Police Department appointed its first Black female Chief of Police, Tamika L. Jenkins, marking another powerful milestone in the department's evolution. Her leadership represents both how far the department has come and its continued commitment to inclusion, excellence, and community-focused policing.

Today, Black law enforcement professionals at Inkster PD serve at every level of the department—patrol, investigations, administration, and leadership. Their presence strengthens community connections, mentorship efforts, and public trust, ensuring that policing in Inkster reflects the people it serves.



ANDERSON C. YOUNG



TAMIKA L. JENKINS

CELEBRATE

# BLACK

## HISTORY MONTH



After graduating from Oberlin College in 1850 with a literary degree, Lucy Stanton became the first Black woman in America to earn a four-year college degree.



Dubbed “Hip-Hop’s First Godmother” by Billboard, singer and music producer Sylvia Robinson produced the first-ever commercially successful rap record: “Rapper’s Delight,” by the Sugar Hill Gang. And along with her husband, she co-owned the first hip-hop label, Sugar Hill Records.



Computer scientist Lisa Gelobter assisted with the 1995 creation of Shockwave, essential technology that led to the development of web animation. (So we have her to thank for GIFs.)

DID YOU KNOW.....



# INKSTER COMMUNITY EVENTS

**INKSTER COMMISSION RESIDENT COUNCIL**

**MOVIE NIGHT** BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Floyd B. Simmons Center  
29150 Carlisle St  
Inkster, MI 48141

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2026**  
**5:30PM**

Complimentary snacks & drinks provided!

SCAN ME TO RSVP



**HAIRSPRAY**

For more information contact  
Walter Cooper-Terrell 313.971.8880  
-OR- Evonne Moore 313.971.8775  
www.inksterhousing.org

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*Exploring Your Roots*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026  
5:00-6:30 PM  
NAVIGATING ANCESTRY.COM

OMER JEAN WINBORN IS BACK!  
LEARN TIPS AND TOOLS FOR TRACING RELATIVES, BUILDING FAMILY TREES, AND UNCOVERING HISTORICAL RECORDS

THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

&

*Ask Me (Almost) Anything*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026  
5:00-6:30 PM  
AN INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM

THIS PROGRAM HELPS YOUTH LEARN SKILLS FOR INTERVIEWING RELATIVES AND CAPTURING FAMILY STORIES, MEMORIES, AND TRADITIONS

CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND WITH AN ADULT

(313) 563-2822  
inkster.lib.mi.us  
@leannahickspubliclibrary  
info@inksterlibrary.org

2500 HAMLIN DR.  
INKSTER, MI 48141



**INKSTER COMMISSION RESIDENT COUNCIL**

**MOVIE NIGHT** BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Twin Towers  
1900 Inkster Rd.  
Inkster, MI 48141

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2026**  
**5:30PM**

Complimentary snacks & drinks provided!

SCAN ME TO RSVP



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SPONSORED BY ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED, ZETA NU ZETA CHAPTER

**2ND ANNUAL BOWLING WITH A GOAL**

TICKETS \$25

**SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2026**  
**1PM-4PM**

VISION LANES BOWLING ALLEY  
38250 FORD ROAD, WESTLAND, MI 48185  
TICKET INCLUDES 2 GAMES, SHOE RENTAL, & PIZZA. ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN!

BRING A CANNED GOOD / NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM TO SUPPORT OUR FEED THE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE!

**PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED FOR WHOEVER SELLS THE MOST TICKETS!**

To Purchase Tickets or Donate via Zelle w/ Memo "Name - Bowling Fundraiser Ticket" or "Donation"  
Zelle: zainkstertrassuer@gmail.com

All Profits Will Be Going To Our Billie Richberg & Dolores Carble Scholarship Fund

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**THE B. RICHBERG-D. CARBLE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP**

APPLY NOW!  
APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN AND CLOSE ON MARCH 15, 2026

Apply Now



**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- High school senior with a GPA 2.5 or higher
- Be accepted into a college, university, or trade school
- Must reside or attend school in Western Wayne County

The B. Richberg-D. Carble Youth Scholarship, named after two Charter Members who have devoted their lives to service in the Western Wayne County area, is offered to high school seniors who are continuing education at a college, university, or trade school program.

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ZETAAMICAE.INKSTER@GMAIL.COM

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LEANNA HICKS PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

**KINDERGARTEN STORY TIME**

STARTS FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

WEDNESDAYS @ 4:30 PM

2500 HAMLIN DR.  
INKSTER, MI 48141  
(313) 563-2822  
INFO@INKSTERLIBRARY.ORG



Gleaners Food Distribution  
1:30 - 2:30 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays  
Booker T. Dozier Rec Center

Forgotten Harvest On The Go  
2nd Tuesday of the Month  
2 pm - 4 pm  
Envision Center  
4360 Hickory St.

Forgotten Harvest On The Go  
4th Tuesday of the Month  
2 pm - 4 pm  
Lemoyne Gardens  
29999 Pine St.

# 2026



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## SAVE THE DATE

*\*Event details and flyers to follow\**

### JANUARY

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

### FEBRUARY

**2/5 – Mayor’s State of the City**  
**2/27 – Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Seminar**

### MARCH

**3/14 – Project Prom**

### APRIL

**4/9 – Pet Day**  
**4/25 - Medicine Take Back**

### MAY

**5/25 – Memorial Day Parade**

### JUNE

**6/6 – Stop the Violence Walk**

### JULY

**7/13 – Summer Camp First Day**

### AUGUST

**8/4 - National Night Out**

### SEPTEMBER

**9/19 – Community Baby Shower**

### OCTOBER

**10/23 – Haunted Hallows Halloween Festival**

### NOVEMBER

**11/23 – Mayor’s Turkey Giveaway**

### DECEMBER

**12/11 – Shop with a Cop**



**IMPORTANT**



- Personal Protection Order.....313-224-6291
  - Domestic Violence Shelters.....1-888-453-5900
  - National Domestic Violence Hotline... 800-799-7233
  - Child Protective Services:.....1-877-716-2234
  - Adult Protective Services..... 1-877-963-6066
  - Rape Counseling Center.....313-833-1660
  - First Step (DV Assistance)..... 734-722-6800
  - DTE Street Lights Out.....1-800-548-4655
  - Suicide Prevention Hotline.....1-800-273-8255
  - Poison Control Center.....1-800-222-1222
  - Michigan State Police.....734-287-5000
  - Wayne County Sheriff.....734-721-2222
  - Inkster Fire Department.....313-563-9874
  - Water Department..... 313-563-4232
  - Ordinance .....313-563-9850
  - DHWIN .....800-241-4949
  - Face Addiction Now .....833.202.4673
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- Inkster Police Department.....313-563-9850
  - City Hall .....313-563-4232
  - 22nd District Court.....313-277-8200
  - Ordinance Hotline .....313-741-5605
  - Animal Control .....313-801-8897



**ONE DETROIT**  
CREDIT UNION

Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Tuesday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Wednesday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Thursday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Located inside the  
 Booker T. Dozier Rec Center  
 2025 Middlebelt Rd.  
 Inkster, MI 48141



30181 Michigan Ave, Inkster, MI 48141  
**DISCOUNTS FOR ALL INKSTER RESIDENTS**

**LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES:**

- **Hegira Health – Inkster Clinic:**  
(734) 793-5026
- **Common Ground 24/7 Crisis Line:**  
1-800-231-1127
- **National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Dial 988**
- **Tam Wellness West - (313) 391-2753**
- **DWIHN - 1-800-241-4949**

**WE'RE GROWING!**  
 A BRAND NEW INKSTER LOCATION IS COMING SOON.  
 STAY TUNED FOR THE BIG REVEAL!


