



CITY COUNCIL PACKET

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009

Prepared By:
Franklin Peterson, City Manager
Kris Vogel, Clerk
Donna Carnell, Deputy Clerk



**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009, 7:30 P.M.
AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL: Mayor Anderson, Council Members Agne, Burdett, Eib, Good, Hinton, and Whitfield.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Regular Meeting of November 16, 2009
- V. REPORTS
 - A. City Manager – *Franklin Peterson*
 - 1. Authorize - Inspection Department to Seek Bids - Dangerous Building (**res. #52-09**)
 - 2. Bills In Line
- VI. COUNCIL COMMENTS
- VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: **Monday, December 21, 2009**
NEXT RESOLUTION: **53-09**
NEXT PROCLAMATION: **11-09**
NEXT ORDINANCE: **03-09**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Springfield to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Anderson led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Burdett, Eib, Good, Hinton, Whitfield, and Mayor Anderson.

Also Present: Frank Peterson – City Manager, Jeannine Turner – Finance Director/Treasurer, and Kris Vogel – City Clerk.

Absent: Council Member Agne.

It was moved by Council Member Hinton and seconded by Council Member Eib to excuse Council Member Agne from the regular meeting of November 16, 2009.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hinton, seconded by Good and unanimous that the minutes of the November 2, 2009, regular meeting be approved subject to additions and corrections.

V. REPORTS

A. Budget Status Report – FY 09/10

Finance Director/Treasurer Turner indicated that everything is tracking along as it should be.

B. Building/Code Enforcement Departments – October (D. Carnell/C. Childers)

Mayor Anderson asked if there were any questions regarding the Building Department/Code Enforcement reports presented by Donna Carnell, Deputy Assessor and Cris Childers, Office Manager Public Safety Department. Being none, the reports will be filed as presented.

C. Public Safety Department – October (R. Coles)

Mayor Anderson asked if there were any questions regarding the Public Safety Department report presented by Rob Coles, Public Safety Department Director. Being none, the report will be filed as presented.

D. City Clerk/Farmers Market – October (K. Vogel)

Mayor Anderson asked if there were any questions regarding the City Clerk/Farmers Market report presented by Kris Vogel, City Clerk. Being none, the report will be filed as presented.

E. City Manager – *Franklin Peterson*

1. Approve – Traffic Control Order

City Manager Peterson stated this resolution would approve a traffic control order for Harmonia Road.

Resolution #50-09

It was moved by Eib and seconded by Good that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to approve Traffic Control Order Number 2009-01 as submitted and attached.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

2. Approve – Budget Amendments – FY 09/10 Quarter

City Manager Peterson noted this resolution will approve Quarter Budget Amendments for FY 09/10.

Resolution #51-09

It was moved by Whitfield and seconded by Burdett that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to amend the FY 09/10 First Quarter Budget as submitted and attached.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

3. Proclaim – National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month

City Manager Peterson stated the following proclamation recognizes National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

Mayor Anderson presented the following proclamation:

Proclamation #10-09

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes involving alcohol (with at least one driver with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 g/cL or above) accounted for 31.6% of all motor vehicle traffic fatalities in 2008 (killing 11,773 persons and injuring hundreds of thousands more every year in the United States); and

WHEREAS, the December holiday season is traditionally one of the most deadly times of the year for alcohol-impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, based on the current rates, three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol related crash at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, organizations across the Nation are joining together to promote the "*Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.*" National public awareness campaign and law enforcement initiatives in December, 2009, especially between December 16, 2009 and January 3, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Springfield, Michigan proclaims December, 2009 as "National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Month and encourages promotion of the awareness campaigns this December holiday season and throughout the year.

4. Bills In Line

It was moved by Good, seconded by Burdett and unanimously approved that the checks be drawn from the various accounts and the bills be paid.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Anderson congratulated Council Members Good, Burdett, and Agne on their re-election to the Springfield City Council.

Council Member Burdett thanked everyone who went out and voted last week and especially those that voted for him.

City Clerk Vogel noted the last day residents can use the green yard waste dumpsters for yard waste is Monday, November and after that date they can be used for refuse.

City Clerk Vogel stated there will be a Holiday Market at the Farmers Market on Saturday, November from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy it!

City Manager Peterson mentioned that PSO Angus marked her anniversary with the Public Safety Department and PSO Wirebaugh marked his anniversary with the department.

City Manager Peterson stated that members of the Harmony Neighborhood Watch worked with the Public Safety Department to catch three people that were attempting a burglary in their neighborhood—all were apprehended and taken into custody.

City Manager Peterson indicated the road project that was originally intended for just the Heights project has now been extended into the West Lake Wood area—this project will take place in the Spring.

Council Member Hinton wished everyone a Happy and safe Thanksgiving. She also thanked residents for not burning their leaves, but reminded everyone to keep their leaves out of the gutters so they don't plug up the storm drains.

Mayor Anderson stated she hopes Council Member Agne is feeling better soon.

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS
None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Kris Vogel, MMC
City Clerk

Susan L. Anderson, Mayor



Manager's Report

December 7, 2009

Action Items:

Dangerous Structure Demolition (Res #52-09)

I am recommending that three of the four structures approved for demolition in October be set for demolition. One structure, located on Street has been removed pending the outcome of litigation between the current and former owners.

I have spoken with Airway Auto Parts, and they have no interest in buying/moving Mr. Evans' building.

Bills in line

I recommend the bills for approval.



Manager's Report

December 7, 2009

Information Items:

1. The Harmonia Road Project is now complete. The initial findings are that the project is about \$20,000 under budget. This is great news, as we planned to contribute about \$15,000 in matching funds to the project; as it stands now, we should not have a local contribution.
2. The City Holiday Party is scheduled for Wednesday, December at Bill's Pizza Factory. The event will run from 4:30 to 7:30. If you're not familiar with Bill's Pizza Factory, it is located across from the WMU School of Aviation on Helmer Rd; in the same building that was previously occupied by Graffiti's.
3. Kevin Callahan has been awarded November Employee of the Month. Virginia Karas has been awarded September Employee of the Month. All of the Department Heads were acknowledged as a group in October for their efforts.



December 7, 2009

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 52-09

WHEREAS, the owners of 3550 W. Dickman Road, 371 N. 32nd Street, and 495 Upton Avenue, failed to comply with the Dangerous Building Hearing Officer's order dated August 27, 2009, within the specified timeline; legal description as follows:

3550 W. DICKMAN ROAD - COM AT THE S 1/4 POST OF SEC 4, T2S, R8W, THENCE S 89°22'25" E ALONG THE S LINE OF SEC 4 1315.44' TO THE SE CORNER OF W 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SEC R, THENCE N 00°26'19" E ALONG THE E LINE OF W 1/2 OF SE 1/4 117.68' TO THE N ROW LINE OF DICKMAN RD THENCE N 89°22'25" W ALONG N ROW LINE OF DICKMAN RD 595.91' TO TRUE POB. THENCE N 01°04'07" E 247.70' THENCE N 89°22'25" W 42.43', THENCE N 4°26'52" W 367.51' THENCE N 24°50'09" W 783.45' TO THE SLY ROW LINE OF GTWRR THEN SWLY ALONG RR ROW TO THE N ROW LINE OF DICKMAN RD THENCE E ALONG N ROW LINE OF DICKMAN RD TO POB. ALSO COM AT THE S 1/4 POST SEC 4 THENCE S 89°22'25" E 1315.44' TO THE SE CORNER OF THE W 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 SEC 4 THENCE N 00°26'19" E 672.05' THENCE N 89°33'41" W 211.87' TO POB. THENCE N 86°05'45" W 323.76'; THENCE N 02°35'31" W 161.75'; THENCE N 89°04'55" E 373.04'; THENCE S 12°40'56" W, 194.35' TO THE POB.

371 N. 32ND STREET - SP CITY, POST LAND CO SMALL FARM PL, LOT 70.

495 UPTON AVENUE - SP CITY, WHITCOMB SUPR PL, LOT 69 ALSO THE ADJ. WLY 22.5 FT. OF VACATED 11TH ST.

WHEREAS, the owners failed to comply with the Council's extension of 60 days dated October 21, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the owners have not attempted to take any necessary steps to make repairs, including demolition, to the structures.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to authorize the Inspection Department to seek bids for the demolition of the structures located at 3550 W. Dickman Road, 371 N. 32nd Street, and 495 Upton Avenue if owners do not comply by December 11, 2009.

MOVED: _____

INVOICE DISTRIBUTION REPORT FOR INVOICES PAID 11/15/09 THRU 12/5/09

GL Number	GL Desc	Vendor	Amount
Fund 101 GENERAL FUND			
Dept 000			
101-000-231.61	DUE TO AMERICAN FIDELITY-125 PLAN	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE CO	1,026.68
101-000-231.62	DUE TO AFLAC-PAYROLL	AFLAC	447.40
101-000-231.63	DUE TO AMERICAN FIDELITY-OTHER	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	164.30
101-000-615.00	FARMERS MARKET REVENUES	SHERRY HEFFEL	35.00
101-000-676.10	MEDICAL INSURANCE REIMB	RONALD JOHNSON	8.64
Total for Dept 000 :			1,682.02
Dept 101 CITY COUNCIL			
101-101-801.99	ACCESS VISION 60% SHARE	ACCESS VISION	5,937.97
101-101-850.10	TELEPHONE	VERIZON WIRELESS	106.48
Total for Dept 101 CITY COUNCIL:			6,044.45
Dept 172 CITY MANAGER			
101-172-717.00	LIFE INSURANCE	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	22.50
101-172-900.50	NEWSLETTER	LAKE MICHIGAN MAILERS INC	42.19
101-172-900.50	NEWSLETTER	PETTY CASH	23.98
Total for Dept 172 CITY MANAGER:			88.67
Dept 191 ELECTIONS			
101-191-727.30	ELECTION SUPPLIES	MC & E INC	50.64
101-191-930.24	OPTECH MAINTENANCE	MC & E INC	542.00
Total for Dept 191 ELECTIONS:			592.64
Dept 209 CITY ASSESSOR			
101-209-716.00	MEDICAL INSURANCE	LEAGUE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SERVICES	632.04
101-209-717.00	LIFE INSURANCE	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	4.05
101-209-801.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	PENNFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP	3,259.52
101-209-850.10	TELEPHONE	CLIMAX TELEPHONE COMPANY	31.78
Total for Dept 209 CITY ASSESSOR:			3,927.39
Dept 253 FINANCE/TREASURY			
101-253-716.00	MEDICAL INSURANCE	LEAGUE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SERVICES	1,463.05
101-253-716.10	MEDICAL INSURANCE RETIREES	LEAGUE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SERVICES	3,682.05
101-253-716.21	MEDICAL INSURANCE STIPEND	MICHAEL MILESKI	100.00
101-253-716.21	MEDICAL INSURANCE STIPEND	WILLIAM MCMILLAN	100.00
101-253-716.21	MEDICAL INSURANCE STIPEND	DONALD HUNT	100.00
101-253-716.21	MEDICAL INSURANCE STIPEND	LEO SAVIO	100.00
101-253-716.21	MEDICAL INSURANCE STIPEND	DORTHY WANK	100.00
101-253-717.00	LIFE INSURANCE	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	31.50
101-253-717.10	LIFE INSURANCE-RETIREES	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	44.10
101-253-718.40	125 PLAN RISK/ADMIN FEE	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE CO	27.00
101-253-727.90	POSTAGE	LAKE MICHIGAN MAILERS INC	727.56
101-253-801.10	AUDIT/RPT PREP	ABRAHAM & GAFFNEY, PC	2,905.00
101-253-801.88	INTERNET ACCESS	CLIMAX TELEPHONE COMPANY	179.00
101-253-850.10	TELEPHONE	CLIMAX TELEPHONE COMPANY	69.57
101-253-850.10	TELEPHONE	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	109.43
101-253-956.00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	CULLIGAN	23.00
101-253-956.00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	PETTY CASH	13.43
101-253-956.00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	PETTY CASH	75.00

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GL Number	GL Desc	Vendor	Amount
101-253-956.00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	PETTY CASH	22.25
101-253-956.00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	PETTY CASH	16.50
101-253-956.10	TRAINING & EDUCATION	KANTOLA PRODUCTIONS LLC	83.25
Total for Dept 253 FINANCE/TREASURY:			9,971.69
Dept 260 CITY CLERK			
101-260-716.00	MEDICAL INSURANCE	LEAGUE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SERVICES	1,474.76
101-260-716.15	PRESCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENT	EMPLOYEE #01	40.00
101-260-716.15	PRESCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENT	EMPLOYEE #01	40.00
101-260-717.00	LIFE INSURANCE	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	25.20
101-260-801.95	MEMBERSHIP & DUES	MICHIGAN ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS	60.00
101-260-801.95	MEMBERSHIP & DUES	MICHIGAN ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS	40.00
101-260-850.10	TELEPHONE	CLIMAX TELEPHONE COMPANY	216.76
101-260-900.00	PRINTING	PRINTING SYSTEMS	55.08
101-260-910.00	INSURANCE-PROPERTY & LIABILITY	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MGMT AUTH	4,330.00
Total for Dept 260 CITY CLERK:			6,281.80
Dept 265 CITY HALL & GROUNDS			
101-265-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	MENARDS-BATTLE CREEK	81.96
101-265-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	MENARDS-BATTLE CREEK	(52.99)
101-265-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	SHEPARD'S LIGHTING	135.00
101-265-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	ARISTOCHEM INC	145.30
101-265-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	MEDLER ELECTRIC CO	76.76
101-265-801.22	ALARM SERVICE	ALL-TRONICS INC	105.75
101-265-801.23	JANITORIAL SERVICE	KRISTINE MOODY	60.00
101-265-801.23	JANITORIAL SERVICE	KRISTINE MOODY	60.00
101-265-801.23	JANITORIAL SERVICE	KRISTINE MOODY	60.00
101-265-920.10	NATURAL GAS	SEMCO ENERGY	250.09
101-265-930.05	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	PREMIER PEST SERVICES INC	40.00
101-265-970.05	CAPITAL OUTLAY - IMPROVEMENTS	MEDLER ELECTRIC CO	126.39
101-265-970.05	CAPITAL OUTLAY - IMPROVEMENTS	MEDLER ELECTRIC CO	305.91
Total for Dept 265 CITY HALL & GROUNDS:			1,394.17
Dept 270 FARMERS MARKET			
101-270-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	SHEPARD'S LIGHTING	183.00
101-270-850.10	TELEPHONE	CLIMAX TELEPHONE COMPANY	30.10
101-270-920.10	NATURAL GAS	SEMCO ENERGY	160.28
Total for Dept 270 FARMERS MARKET:			373.38
Dept 345 PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT			
101-345-716.00	MEDICAL INSURANCE	LEAGUE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SERVICES	8,885.40
101-345-716.15	PRESCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENT	EMPLOYEE #53	20.00
101-345-717.00	LIFE INSURANCE	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	249.75
101-345-740.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	C.M.P. DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	325.05
101-345-740.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	ABSOPURE WATER COMPANY	26.00
101-345-740.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	FIDLAR COMPANIES	130.81
101-345-801.04	PROSECUTION	MUMFORD SCHUBEL NORLANDER	3,387.00
101-345-801.06	LABOR COUNSEL	MICHAEL R KLUCK & ASSOCIATES	217.50
101-345-801.88	INTERNET ACCESS	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	236.20
101-345-817.01	MI PS COM SYSTEM FEE	STATE OF MICHIGAN	1,500.00
101-345-850.10	TELEPHONE	CLIMAX TELEPHONE COMPANY	180.02
101-345-850.10	TELEPHONE	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	43.40

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GL Number	GL Desc	Vendor	Amount
101-345-850.10	TELEPHONE	VERIZON WIRELESS	157.91
101-345-850.50	RADIO MAINTENANCE	RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	38.20
101-345-850.50	RADIO MAINTENANCE	RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	45.00
101-345-910.00	INSURANCE-PROPERTY & LIABILITY	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MGMT AUTH	10,439.00
101-345-920.10	NATURAL GAS	SEMCO ENERGY	250.09
101-345-930.20	OFFICE EQUIPMENT/MAINTENANCE	CORNERSTONE OFFICE SYSTEMS	78.14
101-345-956.20	ACT 302 TRAINING	DELTA COLLEGE	65.00
Total for Dept 345 PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT:			26,274.47
Dept 441 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT			
101-441-716.00	MEDICAL INSURANCE	LEAGUE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SERVICES	4,740.32
101-441-716.15	PRESCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENT	EMPLOYEE #40	20.00
101-441-716.15	PRESCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENT	EMPLOYEE #20	40.00
101-441-716.15	PRESCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENT	EMPLOYEE #12	40.00
101-441-716.15	PRESCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENT	EMPLOYEE #49	40.00
101-441-716.15	PRESCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENT	EMPLOYEE #49	40.00
101-441-716.15	PRESCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENT	EMPLOYEE #49	40.00
101-441-717.00	LIFE INSURANCE	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	67.50
101-441-722.10	UNIFORMS	G & K SERVICES	28.50
101-441-722.10	UNIFORMS	G & K SERVICES	28.50
101-441-722.10	UNIFORMS	G & K SERVICES	28.50
101-441-801.95	MEMBERSHIP & DUES	SCMWA	25.00
101-441-850.10	TELEPHONE	CLIMAX TELEPHONE COMPANY	34.57
101-441-850.10	TELEPHONE	EMPLOYEE #12	47.67
101-441-850.10	TELEPHONE	VERIZON WIRELESS	92.90
101-441-910.00	INSURANCE-PROPERTY & LIABILITY	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MGMT AUTH	5,400.00
Total for Dept 441 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:			10,713.46
Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND:			67,344.14
Fund 202 MAJOR STREET FUND			
Dept 451 CONSTRUCTION			
202-451-802.25	HARMONIA RD PROJECT-2009	STATE OF MICHIGAN - MDOT	3,912.13
202-451-861.00	NONMOTORIZED IMPROVEMENTS	STATE OF MICHIGAN - MDOT	3,504.15
Total for Dept 451 CONSTRUCTION:			7,416.28
Dept 463 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE			
202-463-775.60	STREET MAINTENANCE MATERIAL	LAKELAND ASPHALT CO	261.94
202-463-775.60	STREET MAINTENANCE MATERIAL	LAKELAND ASPHALT CO	50.49
202-463-775.67	STORM SEWER MAINT MATERIAL	FASTENAL COMPANY	81.17
202-463-930.67	OUTSIDE STORM SEWER MAINT	DIAMOND CONCRETE SAWING	285.00
Total for Dept 463 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE:			678.60
Dept 474 TRAFFIC SERVICE MAINTENANCE			
202-474-930.77	RAILROAD CROSSING MAINTENANCE	ACE PARKING LOT STRIPING INC	600.00
Total for Dept 474 TRAFFIC SERVICE MAINTENANCE:			600.00
Dept 482 ADMINISTRATION			
202-482-801.10	AUDIT/RPT PREP	ABRAHAM & GAFFNEY, PC	500.00
Total for Dept 482 ADMINISTRATION:			500.00
Total for Fund 202 MAJOR STREET FUND:			9,194.88

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GL Number	GL Desc	Vendor	Amount
Fund 203 LOCAL STREET FUND			
Dept 482 ADMINISTRATION			
203-482-801.10	AUDIT/RPT PREP	ABRAHAM & GAFFNEY, PC	275.00
Total for Dept 482 ADMINISTRATION:			275.00
Total for Fund 203 LOCAL STREET FUND:			275.00
Fund 211 INCOME TAX FUND			
Dept 000			
211-000-231.61	DUE TO AMERICAN FIDELITY-125 PLAN	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE CO	218.40
211-000-231.62	DUE TO AFLAC-PAYROLL	AFLAC	62.20
Total for Dept 000 :			280.60
Dept 202 INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATION			
211-202-716.00	MEDICAL INSURANCE	LEAGUE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SERVICES	1,638.61
211-202-716.15	PRESCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENT	EMPLOYEE #55	20.00
211-202-716.15	PRESCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENT	EMPLOYEE #55	20.00
211-202-716.15	PRESCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENT	EMPLOYEE #55	20.00
211-202-716.15	PRESCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENT	EMPLOYEE #55	20.00
211-202-717.00	LIFE INSURANCE	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	24.75
211-202-727.50	DATA PROCESSING SUPPLIES	PRINTING SYSTEMS	221.63
211-202-801.10	AUDIT/RPT PREP	ABRAHAM & GAFFNEY, PC	900.00
211-202-801.13	INCOME TAX COMPLIANCE	MUMFORD SCHUBEL NORLANDER	1,450.00
211-202-801.97	CONFERENCE COSTS	EMPLOYEE #55	80.42
211-202-801.97	CONFERENCE COSTS	EMPLOYEE #68	49.68
211-202-850.10	TELEPHONE	CLIMAX TELEPHONE COMPANY	78.65
211-202-850.10	TELEPHONE	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	28.31
211-202-956.00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	PETTY CASH	6.35
211-202-956.10	TRAINING & EDUCATION	KANTOLA PRODUCTIONS LLC	83.25
Total for Dept 202 INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATION:			4,641.65
Total for Fund 211 INCOME TAX FUND:			4,922.25
Fund 232 TIFA B FUND			
Dept 536 OPERATING EXPENSES			
232-536-801.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	ABRAHAM & GAFFNEY, PC	630.00
Total for Dept 536 OPERATING EXPENSES:			630.00
Total for Fund 232 TIFA B FUND:			630.00
Fund 236 TIFA D FUND			
Dept 536 OPERATING EXPENSES			
236-536-801.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	ABRAHAM & GAFFNEY, PC	630.00
Total for Dept 536 OPERATING EXPENSES:			630.00
Total for Fund 236 TIFA D FUND:			630.00

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GL Number	GL Desc	Vendor	Amount
Fund 238 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND			
Dept 000			
238-000-673.00	SALE OF CITY PROPERTY	VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA	10,000.00
		Total for Dept 000 :	10,000.00
Dept 536 OPERATING EXPENSES			
238-536-801.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	ABRAHAM & GAFFNEY, PC	1,000.00
238-536-956.00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA	(150.00)
238-536-956.00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA	(650.00)
238-536-956.00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	DEVON TITLE AGENCY	650.00
		Total for Dept 536 OPERATING EXPENSES:	850.00
Total for Fund 238 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND:			10,850.00
Fund 250 BROWNFIELD-BAKER OIL SITE			
Dept 708 BROWNFIELD PROJECT			
250-708-801.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	ABRAHAM & GAFFNEY, PC	90.00
		Total for Dept 708 BROWNFIELD PROJECT:	90.00
Total for Fund 250 BROWNFIELD-BAKER OIL SITE:			90.00
Fund 265 DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND			
Dept 536 OPERATING EXPENSES			
265-536-956.00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	C.M.P. DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	105.90
265-536-970.35	CAPITAL OUTLAY-PUB SAFE EQUIP	C.M.P. DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	434.00
		Total for Dept 536 OPERATING EXPENSES:	539.90
Total for Fund 265 DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND:			539.90
Fund 549 BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT FUND			
Dept 371 INSPECTION DEPARTMENT			
549-371-704.01	CELL PHONE STIPEND	STEVE BULLER	30.00
549-371-704.01	CELL PHONE STIPEND	DAVID CUNNINGHAM	30.00
549-371-706.10	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	DAVID CUNNINGHAM	290.65
549-371-706.20	PLUMBING INSPECTOR	TODD BISHOP	52.00
549-371-706.30	MECHANICAL INSPECTOR	STEVE BULLER	281.35
549-371-706.40	BUILDING INSPECTOR	STEVE BULLER	871.60
549-371-727.10	PUBLICATIONS	EMMETT TOWNSHIP	115.50
		Total for Dept 371 INSPECTION DEPARTMENT:	1,671.10
Total for Fund 549 BUILDING CODE ENF FUND:			1,671.10
Fund 590 SEWER FUND			
Dept 442 OPERATING EXPENSES			
590-442-727.90	POSTAGE	LAKE MICHIGAN MAILERS INC	13.20
590-442-801.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	ABRAHAM & GAFFNEY, PC	900.00
590-442-801.20	ANSWERING SERV/MISS DIG	MISS DIG INC	196.14
590-442-801.30	SEWER SERVICE	CITY OF BATTLE CREEK	30,522.62
		Total for Dept 442 OPERATING EXPENSES:	31,631.96
Total for Fund 590 SEWER FUND:			31,631.96

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GL Number	GL Desc	Vendor	Amount
Fund 591 WATER FUND			
Dept 442 OPERATING EXPENSES			
591-442-727.90	POSTAGE	LAKE MICHIGAN MAILERS INC	13.20
591-442-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	ETNA SUPPLY COMPANY	46.31
591-442-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	ETNA SUPPLY COMPANY	8.30
591-442-801.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	ABRAHAM & GAFFNEY, PC	900.00
591-442-801.20	ANSWERING SERV/MISS DIG	MISS DIG INC	196.14
591-442-801.31	READINESS-TO-SERVE FEE	CITY OF BATTLE CREEK	437.19
591-442-801.33	WATER DELIVERY	CITY OF BATTLE CREEK	24,615.15
Total for Dept 442 OPERATING EXPENSES:			26,216.29
Total for Fund 591 WATER FUND:			26,216.29
Fund 596 REFUSE FUND			
Dept 442 OPERATING EXPENSES			
596-442-727.90	POSTAGE	LAKE MICHIGAN MAILERS INC	13.19
596-442-801.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	ABRAHAM & GAFFNEY, PC	180.00
596-442-801.35	CONTRACTUAL REFUSE SERVICE	WASTE MANAGEMENT MI- SOUTHWEST	13,330.93
Total for Dept 442 OPERATING EXPENSES:			13,524.12
Total for Fund 596 REFUSE FUND:			13,524.12
Fund 661 VEHICLE FUND			
Dept 000			
661-000-307.02	NOTE PAYABLE-PS IN CAR COMPUTERS 2007	NATIONAL CITY BANK	21,801.56
Total for Dept 000 :			21,801.56
Dept 209 CITY ASSESSOR			
661-209-910.15	VEHICLE INSURANCE	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MGMT AUTH	294.00
Total for Dept 209 CITY ASSESSOR:			294.00
Dept 299 UNALLOCATED ADMINISTRATIVE			
661-299-801.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	ABRAHAM & GAFFNEY, PC	90.00
Total for Dept 299 UNALLOCATED ADMINISTRATIVE:			90.00
Dept 345 PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT			
661-345-910.15	VEHICLE INSURANCE	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MGMT AUTH	3,347.00
Total for Dept 345 PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT:			3,347.00
Dept 441 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT			
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	BELL EQUIPMENT COMPANY	230.81
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	CARQUEST	42.82
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	FREDERICSON SUPPLY LLC	38.42
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	MENARDS-BATTLE CREEK	13.93
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	WESTERN MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	85.40
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	AUTO-WARES INC	15.58
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	AUTO-WARES INC	17.04
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	AUTO-WARES INC	15.69

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661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	AUTO-WARES INC	(6.99)
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	BELL EQUIPMENT COMPANY	384.55
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	CARELTON EQUIPMENT COMPANY	584.07
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	EDWARDS INDUSTRIAL SALES INC	245.76
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	WESTERN MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	252.60
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	WESTERN MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	(197.08)
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	AUTO-WARES INC	200.52
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	BELL EQUIPMENT COMPANY	80.02
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	WESTERN MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	177.31
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	WESTERN MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	264.87
661-441-775.24	LUBRICANTS & HYDRAULIC OIL	WALTERS-DIMMICK PETROLEUM INC	578.94
661-441-910.15	VEHICLE INSURANCE	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MGMT AUTH	1,075.00
661-441-970.02	VEHICLE LEASE	TOYOTA FINANCIAL SERVICES	357.88

Total for Dept 441 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: 4,457.14

Dept 945 DEBT SERVICE

661-945-990.40	INTEREST EXP-VEHICLE DEBT	NATIONAL CITY BANK	1,113.03
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Total for Dept 945 DEBT SERVICE: 1,113.03

Total for Fund 661 VEHICLE FUND: 31,102.73

Fund 703 CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND

Dept 000			
703-000-214.05	DUE TO GENERAL FUND-OPER	GENERAL FUND-PROP TAX DISB	4,996.77
703-000-214.06	DUE TO GENERAL FUND-PENSION	GENERAL FUND-PROP TAX DISB	356.87
703-000-214.07	DUE TO GENERAL FUND-ADMIN FEE	GENERAL FUND-PROP TAX DISB	75.96
703-000-214.11	DUE TO UNITS-PENALTY/INTEREST	BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	79.77
703-000-214.11	DUE TO UNITS-PENALTY/INTEREST	CALHOUN COUNTY TREASURER	59.15
703-000-214.11	DUE TO UNITS-PENALTY/INTEREST	GENERAL FUND-PROP TAX DISB	122.65
703-000-214.11	DUE TO UNITS-PENALTY/INTEREST	KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE	15.16
703-000-214.11	DUE TO UNITS-PENALTY/INTEREST	CALHOUN INTERM SCHOOL DIST	25.59
703-000-214.11	DUE TO UNITS-PENALTY/INTEREST	WILLARD DISTRICT LIBRARY	18.56
703-000-214.11	DUE TO UNITS-PENALTY/INTEREST	CALHOUN COUNTY TREASURER	51.47
703-000-222.00	DUE TO COUNTY-COLL FR TAX BILL	CALHOUN COUNTY TREASURER	2,233.83
703-000-223.00	DUE TO WILLARD-COL FR TAX BILL	WILLARD DISTRICT LIBRARY	812.91
703-000-225.00	DUE TO BC SCH-COLL FR TAX BILL	BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	3,440.04
703-000-228.00	DUE TO STATE-COLL FR TAX BILL	CALHOUN COUNTY TREASURER	2,544.84
703-000-234.00	DUE TO ISD-COLL FR TAX BILL	CALHOUN INTERM SCHOOL DIST	1,117.10
703-000-235.00	DUE TO KCC-COLL FR TAX BILL	KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE	662.14

Total for Dept 000 : 16,612.81

Total for Fund 703 CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND: 16,612.81

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GL Number	GL Desc	Vendor	Amount
	Fund Totals:		
		Fund 101 GENERAL FUND	67,344.14
		Fund 202 MAJOR STREET FUND	9,194.88
		Fund 203 LOCAL STREET FUND	275.00
		Fund 211 INCOME TAX FUND	4,922.25
		Fund 232 TIFA B FUND	630.00
		Fund 236 TIFA D FUND	630.00
		Fund 238 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	10,850.00
		Fund 250 BROWNFIELD-BAKER OIL SITE	90.00
		Fund 265 DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	539.90
		Fund 549 BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT FUND	1,671.10
		Fund 590 SEWER FUND	31,631.96
		Fund 591 WATER FUND	26,216.29
		Fund 596 REFUSE FUND	13,524.12
		Fund 661 VEHICLE FUND	31,102.73
		Fund 703 CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND	16,612.81
		Total - All Funds	215,235.18



JOIN US FOR SOME HOLIDAY CHEER!

WHEN: Wednesday, December 16, 2009

TIME: 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Bill's Pizza Factory – 256 N. Helmer Road

RSVP TO: Kris Vogel or Donna Carnell at 965-2354



MANY DOOR PRIZES!!

**Come see who wins the ugly
hat & sweater contests!**

From: Frank Peterson
To: All Staff
Date: 11/30/2009 4:35:44 PM
Subject: Local Economic Update

All,

An economist from Kalamazoo's Upjohn Institute gave a presentation on the local economy earlier today. Please take some time to review the attachment and learn about the state of our economy and the current recession.

It is their opinion that we are experiencing a slow recovery. Housing and unemployment are starting to rebound, and it appears that the casino is having a better-than-expected effect on the local economy.

There are a lot of reasons to believe we have a bright future in Springfield and the rest of the State.

As a team, we worked hard to weather the storm over the past 2.5 years, and it seems that the worst is behind us. Thank you to all staff members that worked to reduce OT, consolidate jobs, and otherwise keep us ahead of the curve. It's been a job well-done.

Franklin Peterson
Springfield City Manager
ph: (269) 965-2354
fx: (269) 965-0114
601 Avenue A
Springfield, MI 49037
www.springfieldmich.com

CC: Anderson, Sue

Looks like it was a good bet!

Thoughts on the economic outlook and the impact of the Firekeepers Casino

George Erickcek

W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research

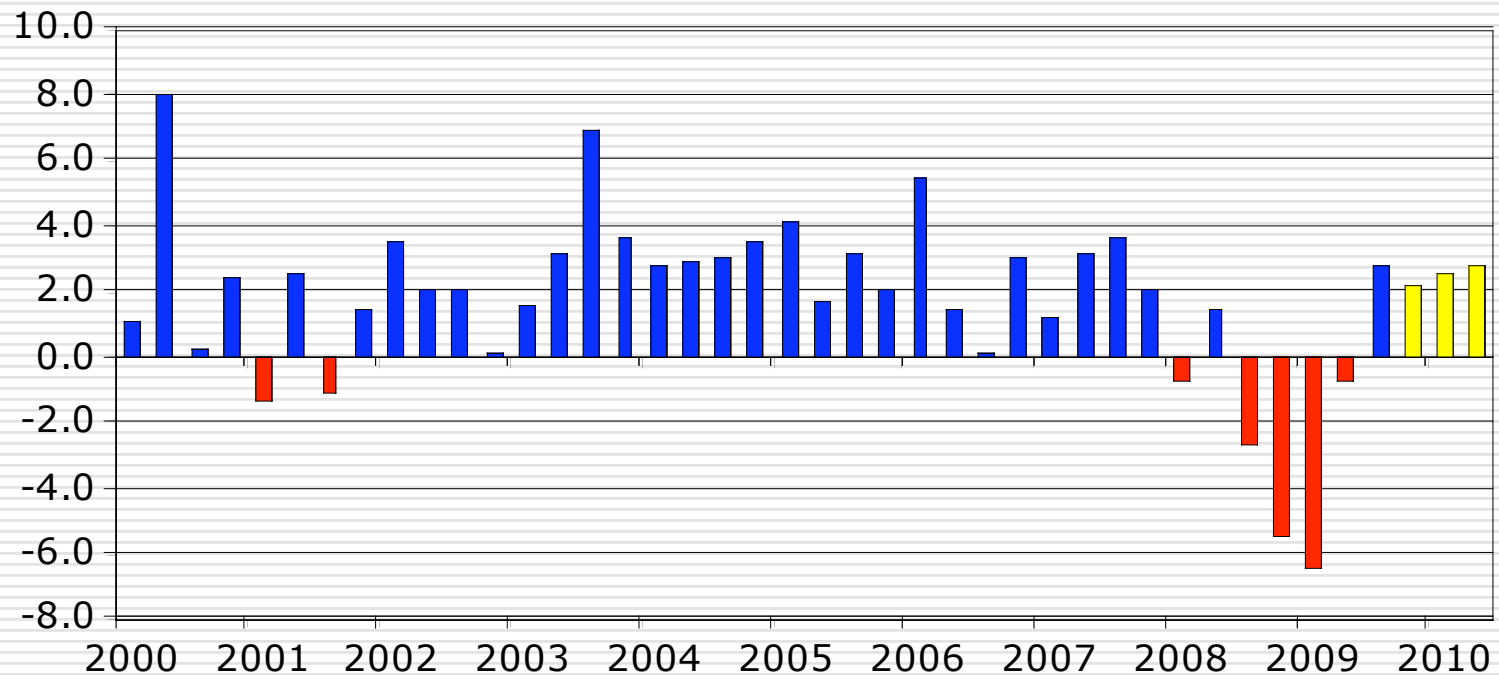
November 30, 2009

Outline

- o The national economy appears to be turning around *but slowly*.
- o What can I say about the state's economy that you do not know?
- o Battle Creek—*Black Jack!*

Nationwide, GDP increased by 2.8 percent in the third quarter.

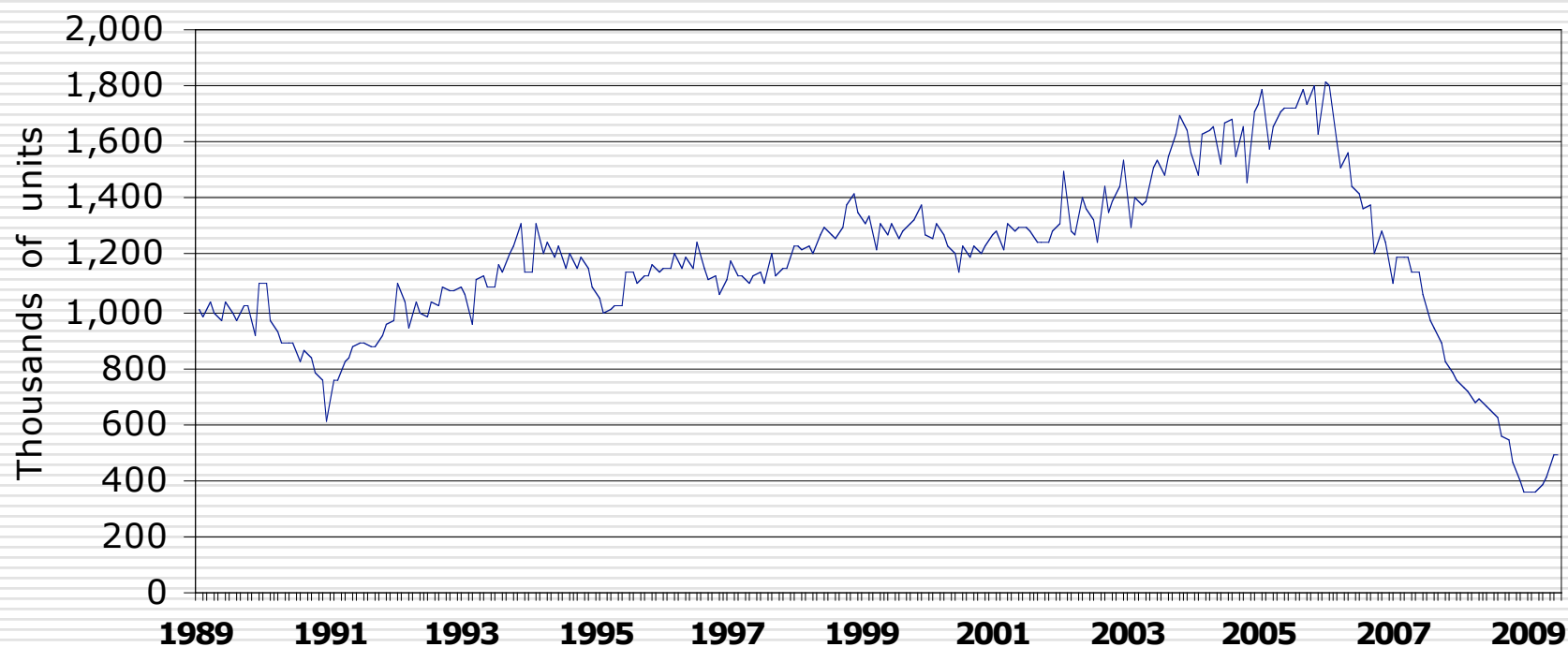
Annualized Percent Change in GDP



Source: BEA, Philadelphia Federal Reserve Survey of Professional Forecasters.

Single-Family Housing Starts—*We appear to be turning around.*

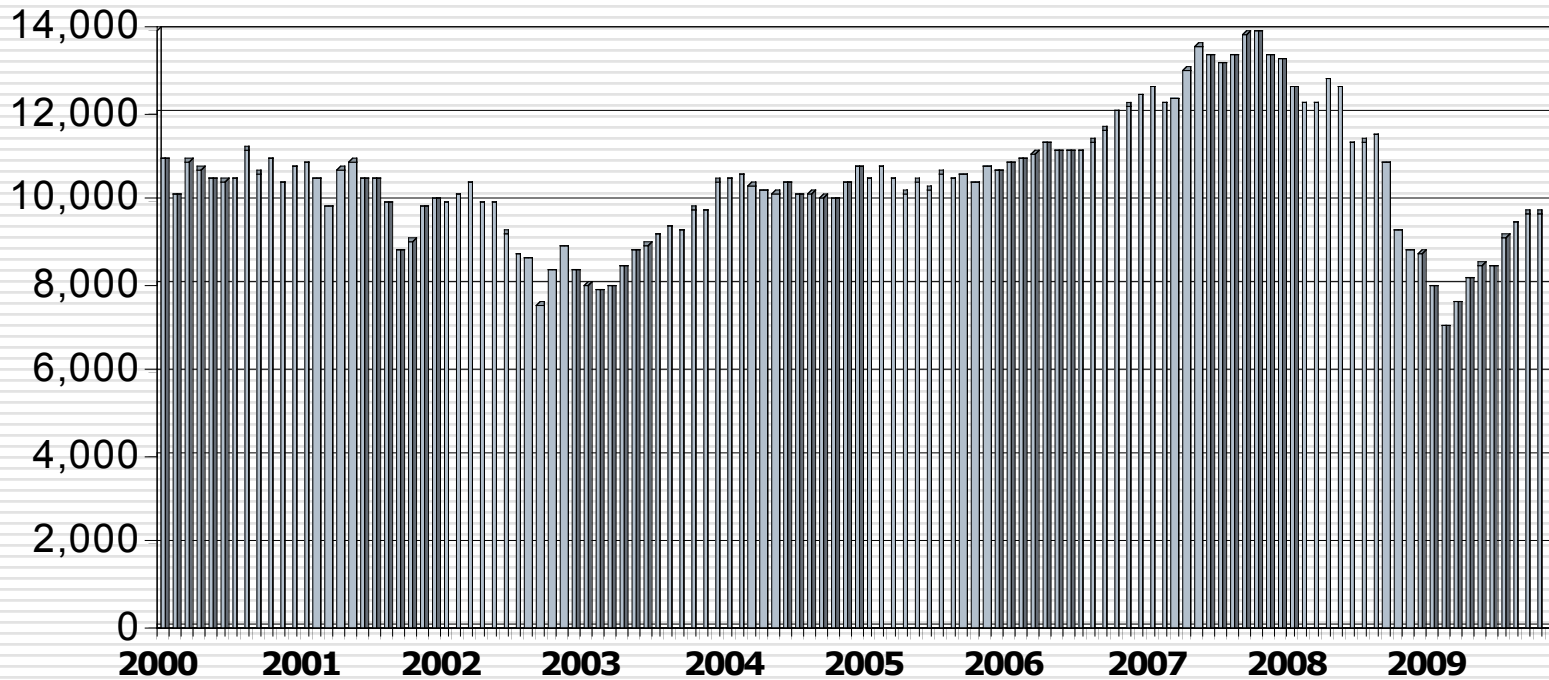
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates



U.S. Census

The stock market has enjoyed a nine-month run.

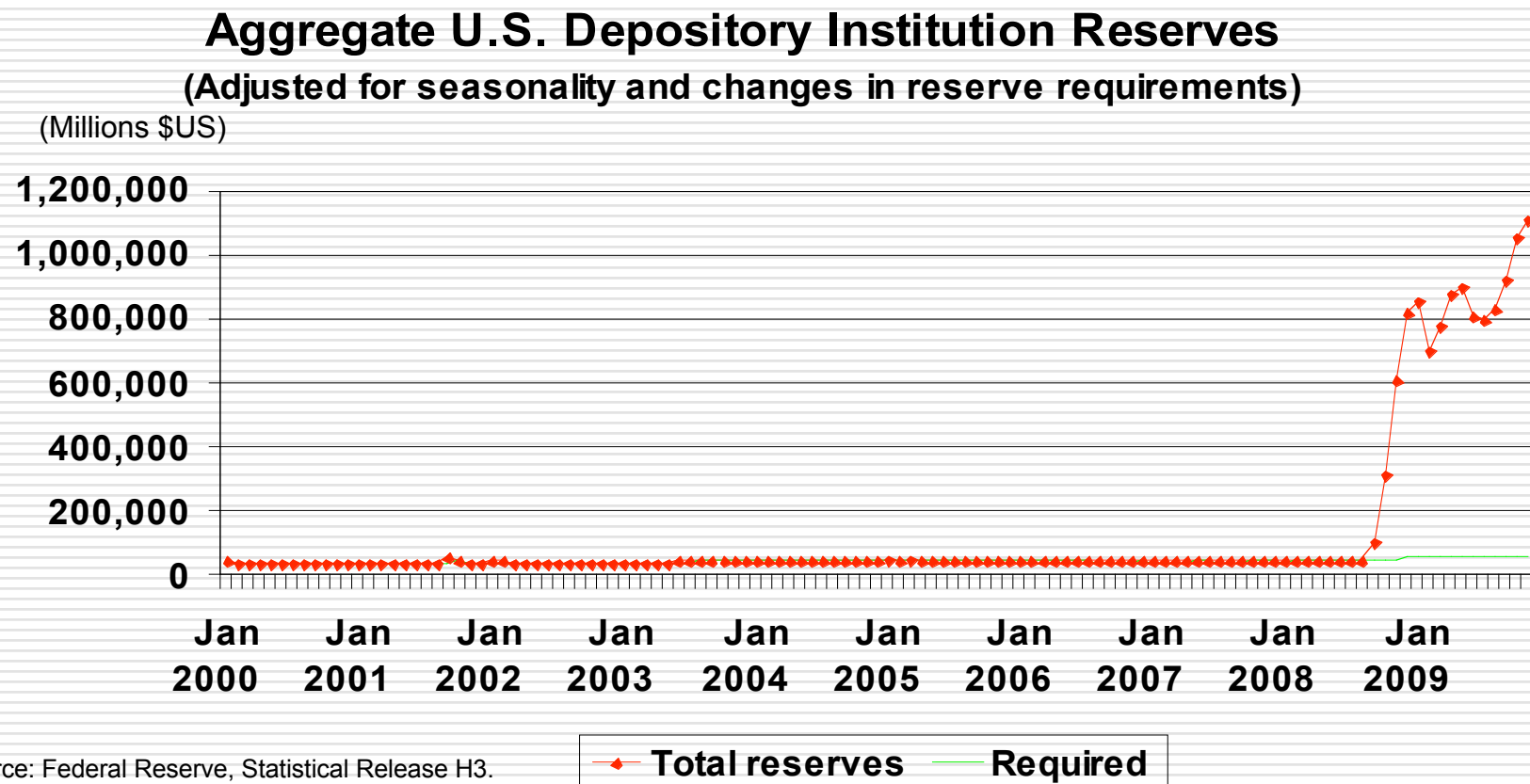
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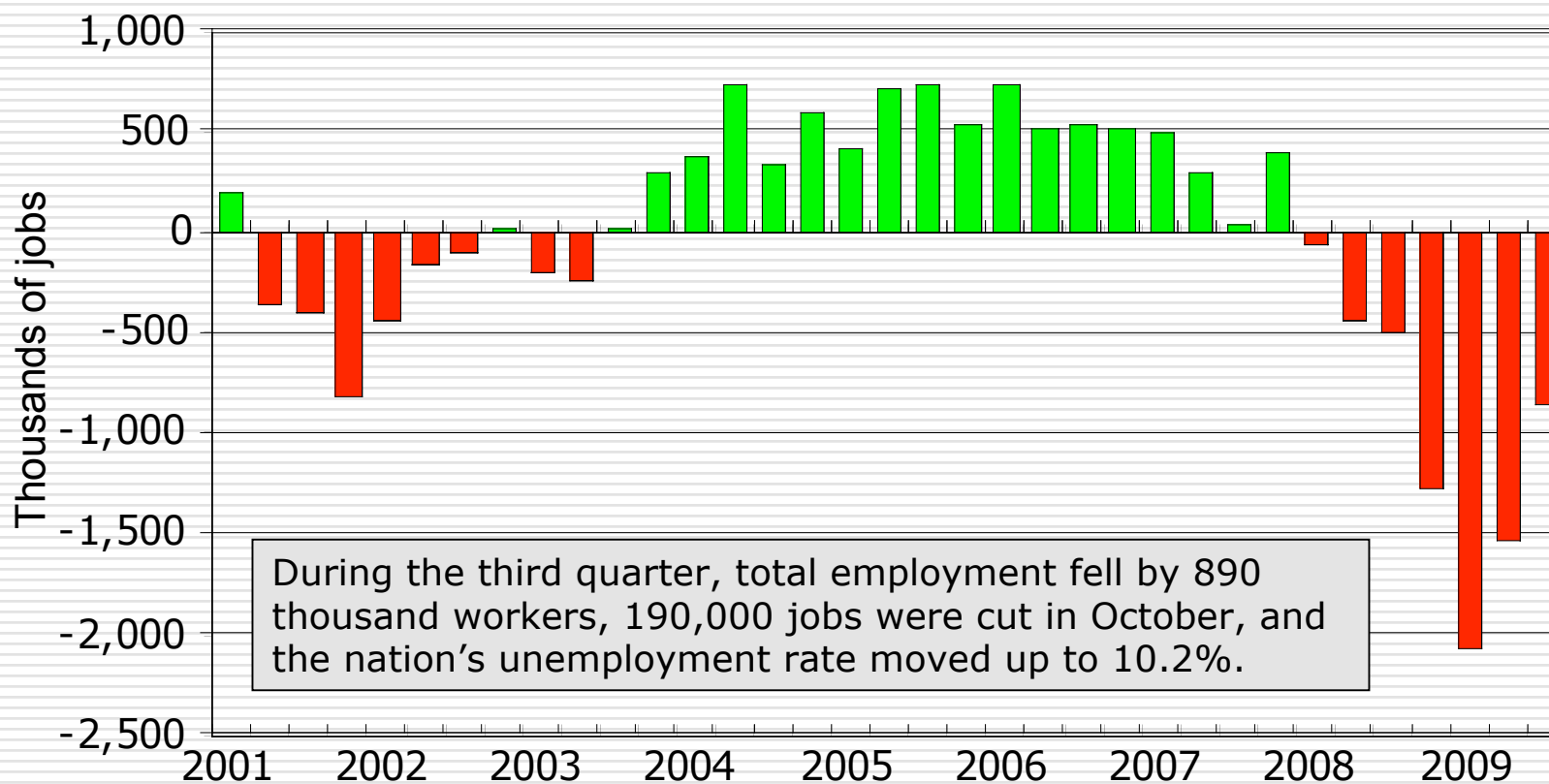
Ok, where is the bad news?

- Banking system—*The banks have a lot of money to lend.*
- Employment outlook—*The rate of decline is slowing.*
- Consumer confidence—*It is not dismal.*
- The auto industry—*2010 is expected to be better than the latter half of 2009.*
- The entire state of Michigan—*2010 is expected to not be as bad as 2009.*

Banks have a trillion dollars to lend out but they are not.



Nationwide, employers are still cutting payrolls.

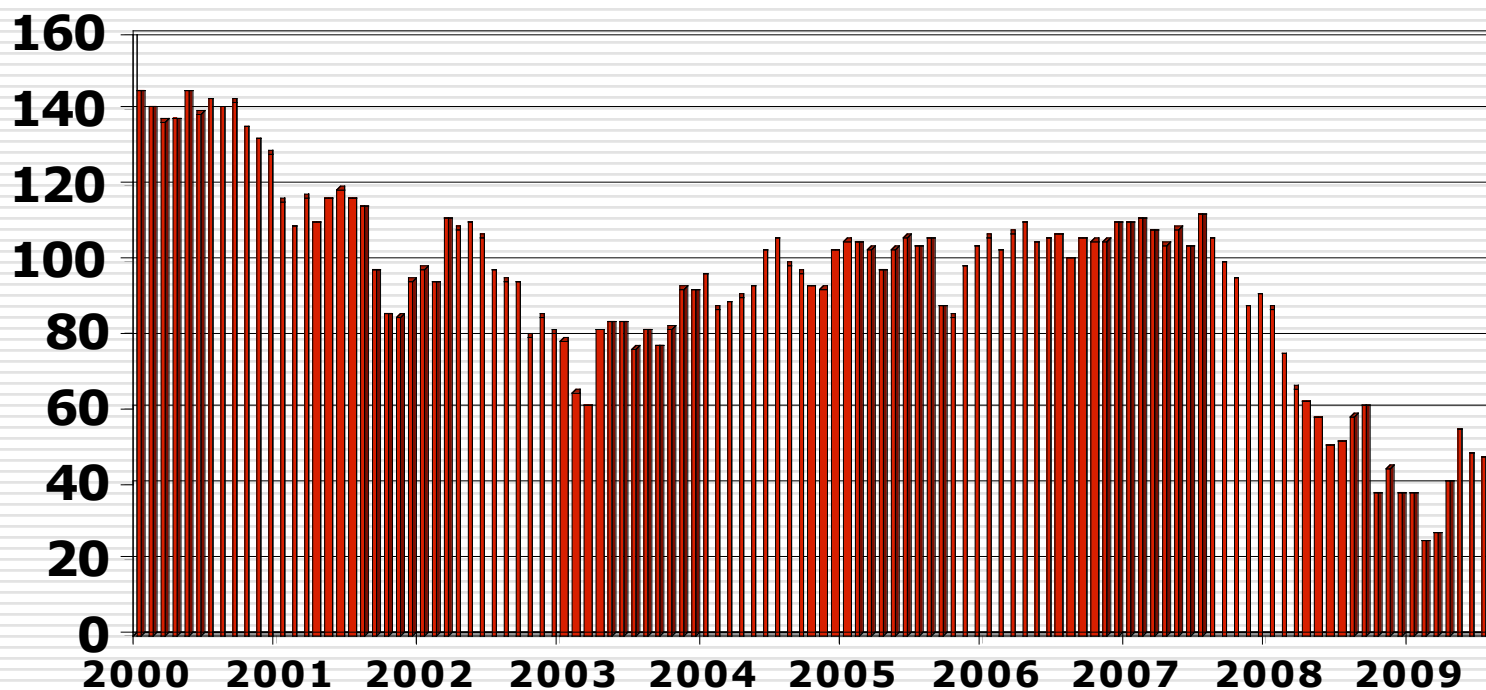


During the third quarter, total employment fell by 890 thousand workers, 190,000 jobs were cut in October, and the nation's unemployment rate moved up to 10.2%.

Source: BLS.

Consumers' confidence is still low but improving.

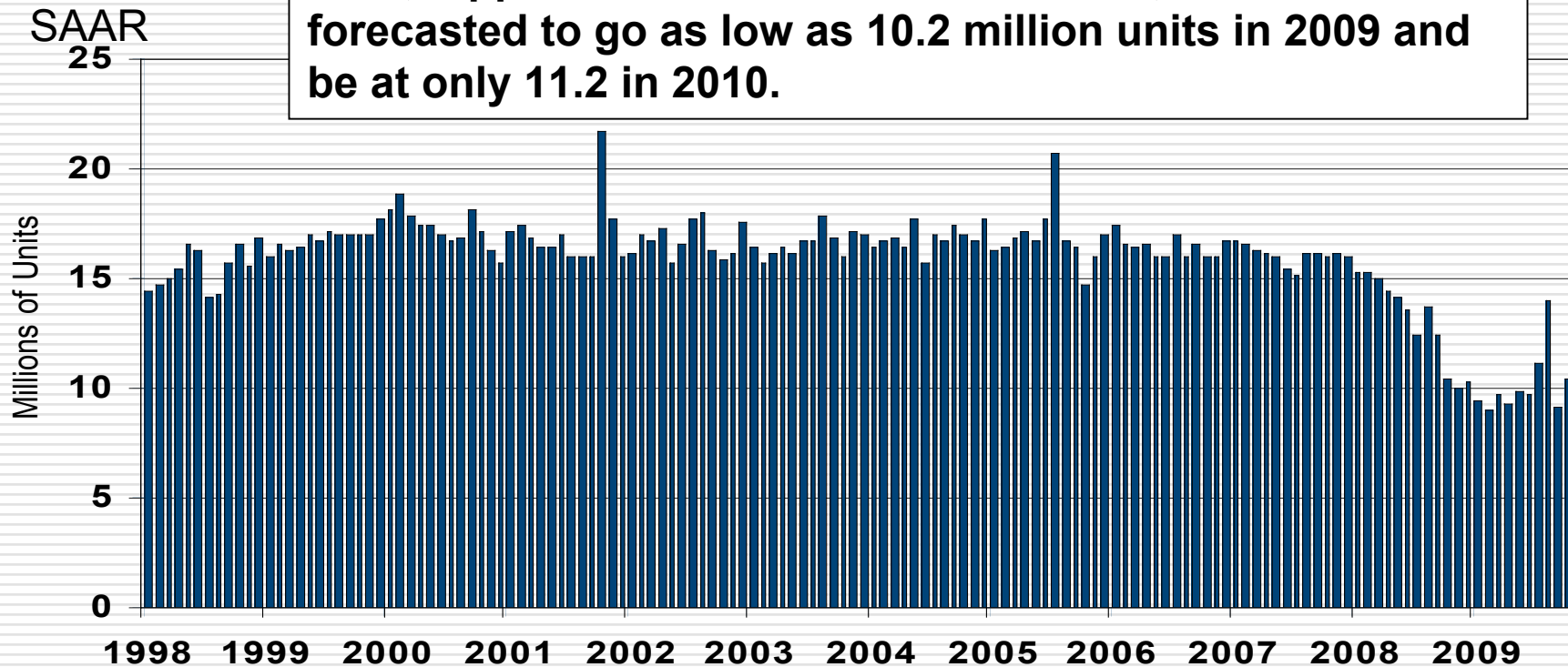
Consumer Confidence (1995=100)



Source: Conference Board.

Now that clunkers are no longer gold, the showrooms are quiet.

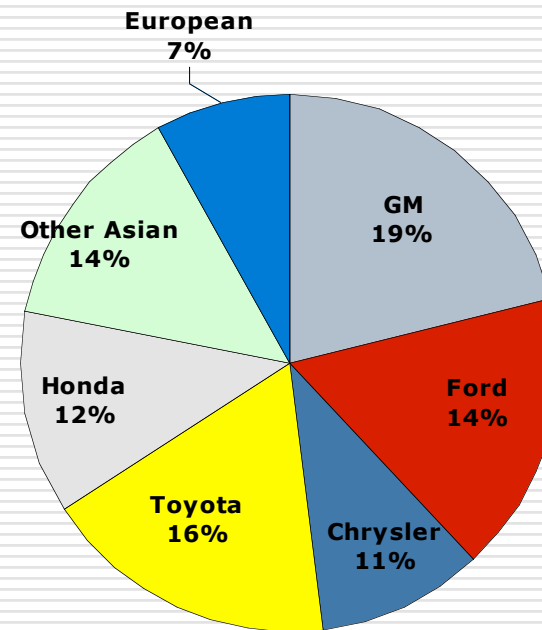
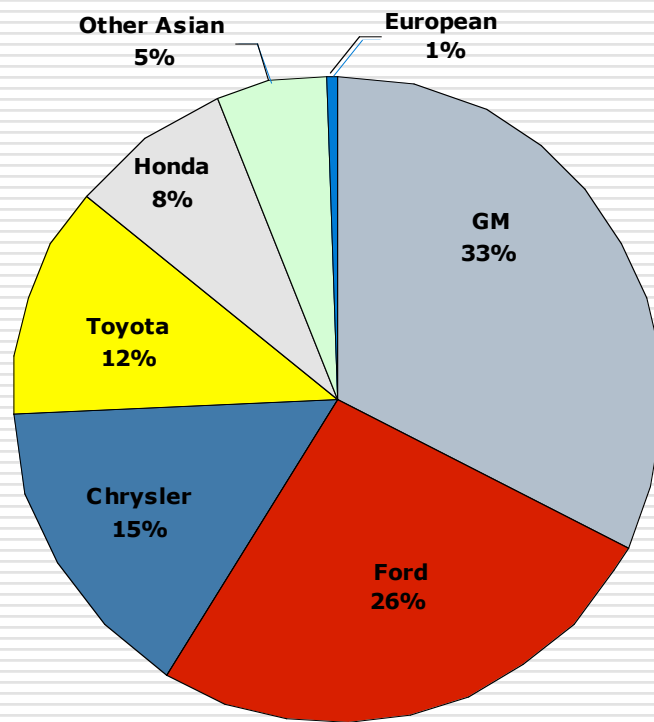
Car and light truck sales reached 16.1 million units in 2007, dipped to 13.3 million units in 2008, and are now forecasted to go as low as 10.2 million units in 2009 and be at only 11.2 in 2010.



Source: BEA.

The sales rate slowed to 9.2 million unit rate in September after posting a 14.1 million unit rate in August . Sales were up to a 10.4 pace million in October.

Loss of market share: In 2001, the Detroit Three controlled 74%; in 2009 it fell to 45%.

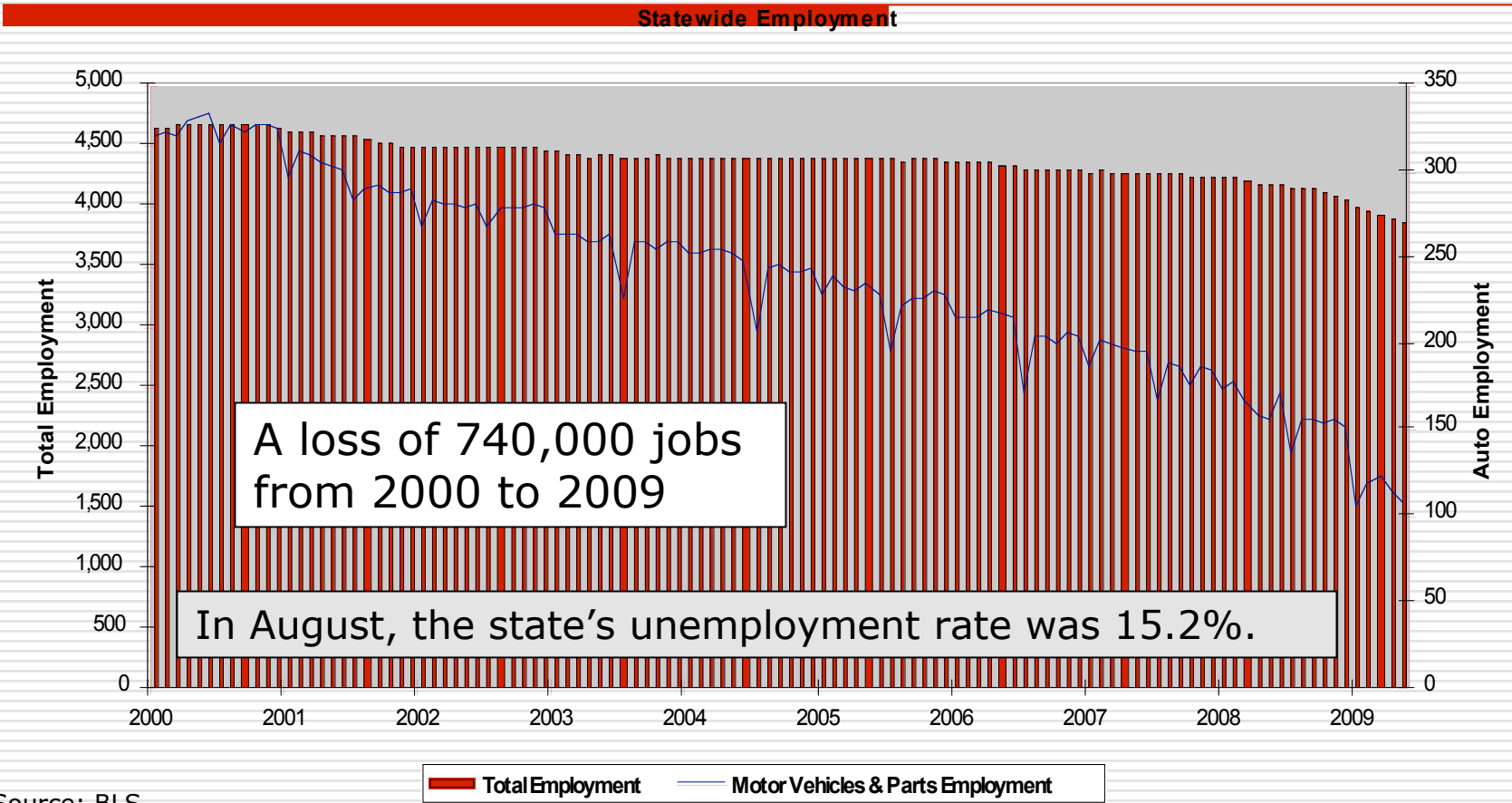


Source: *Wards AutoWorld*.

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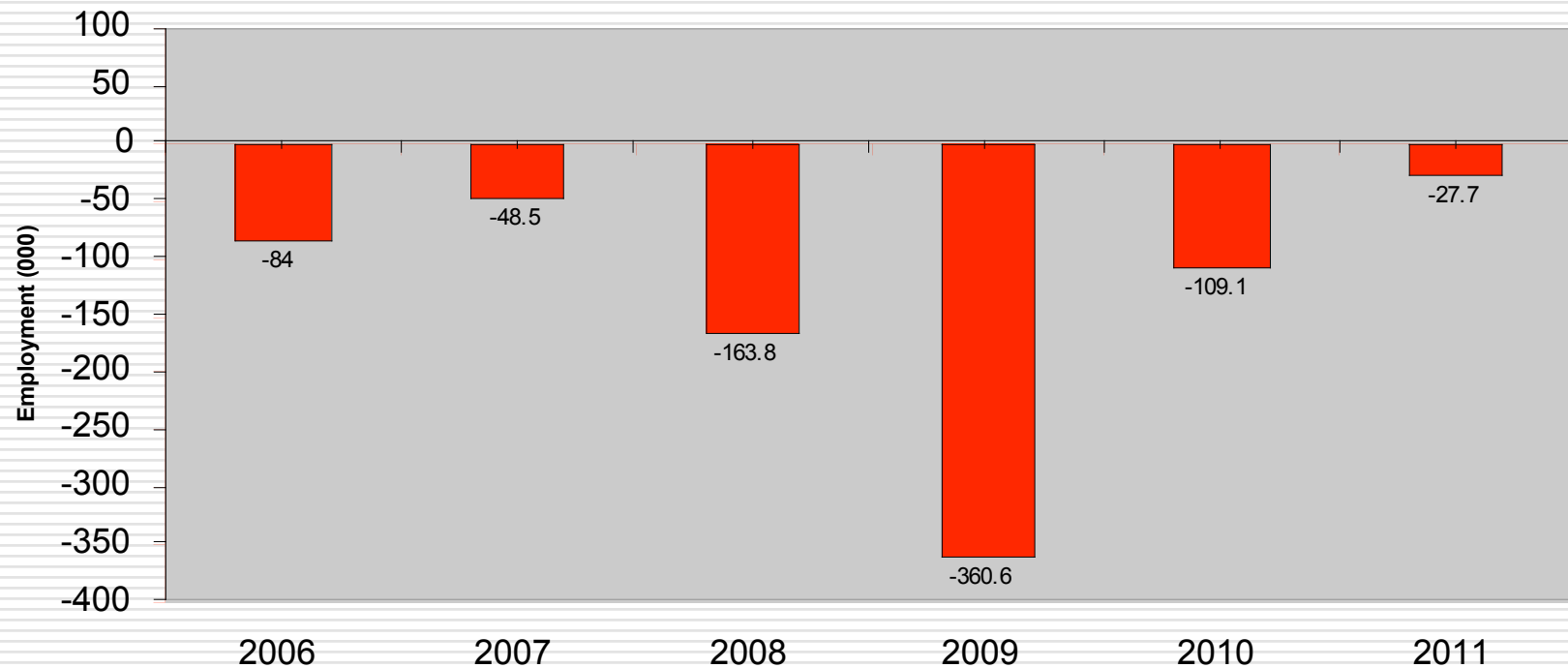
With the national slowdown, the state's turnaround is further postponed.



Source: BLS.

Total employment has declined for 10 straight years and is expected to decline in 2010 and 2011.

Change in Total Employment

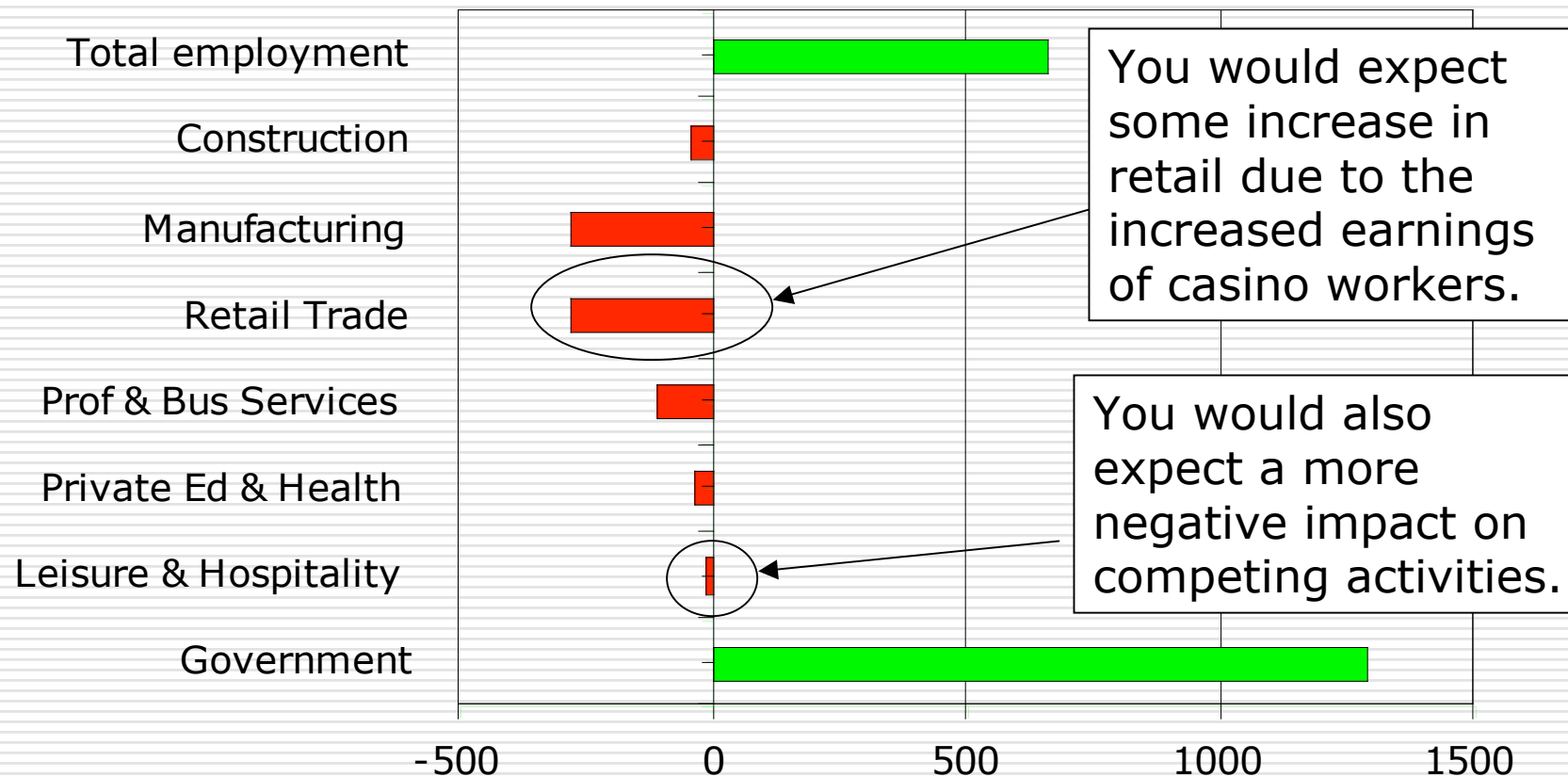


Source: University of Michigan, Nov 2009.

Calhoun County

- o No matter what your thoughts are about gaming, it does create jobs for the local economy.
 - v Modest evidence of crowding out.
 - v Modest evidence of a substantial multiplier effect.

Employment Change in the Third Quarter



Looking into the Future

- There are promising signs nationwide.
- UI claims are down, suggesting that local employment conditions are stabilizing.
- There should be a multiplier impact of the increase in payrolls at the Firekeepers Casino in the coming months.
- However, right now it “appears” that the people are being 1) pulled into the county by the casino or 2) kept in the county due to the casino.

Looks like it was a good bet!

Thoughts on the economic outlook and the impact of the Firekeepers Casino

George Erickcek

W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research

November 30, 2009

From: Lee Newport <lonabn@gmail.com>
To: Kris Vogel <KVogel@springfieldmich.com>
Date: 11/20/2009 6:42:37 PM
Subject: Fwd: To: Our Springfield Farmers Market Friends.

Hi Kris

I thought you might like to see this.

Lee

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <Red433@aol.com>
Date: Fri, Nov 20, 2009 at 2:02 PM
Subject: Re: To: Our Springfield Farmers Market Friends.
To: lonabn@gmail.com

Dear Lee and Alice,
Just a very short note to say thank you so much for taking such good care of me when I have been at the market. I so enjoy doing business with you two very nice people and you have been so helpful at all times. The produce I have bought from you has always been of top quality, and I have never had to throw any thing away. Of course I also have either canned it right away or at least used it in a very short time. You also have carried many things to the Van for me and for that, I thank you. If I do not get to the market this Sat. I would like to wish you the very best and am looking forward to seeing you next season. Fred Henshaw. The old guy in the electric wheel chair. Thanks again.

In a message dated 11/20/2009 11:20:19 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, lonabn@gmail.com writes:

Hi

Holiday Market Day is here -- Saturday, November 21st, 10:A.M. - 3:00 P.M. at the Springfield Farmers Market! This event is a "first" for our market and we are hoping to have a good turnout of both vendors and customers. In addition to the regular vendors, there will be several extra booths offering baked goods, crafts and novelty items.

At our booth we will have apples, our fresh apple cider (by the glass, 1/2 gallons, and gallons), cranberries, cabbage, squash, and parsley. We will mix varieties of apples in any size from our boxes, peck bags, 1/2 bushel bags, and bushels - a good opportunity to plan for applesauce, holiday baking, and fresh eating. We are offering special pricing on (mixed halve and bushels of apples with half bushels \$10.00 each and bushels \$15.00 each.

We will also have some bird - feeding "treats" and holiday decorating items, amaryllis bulbs, (with growing instructions) which make a nice gift for flower - lovers, and plants for indoor growing and enjoyment.

This will be our last e-mail communication for the season, so we want to thank all of you for a good Market season at Springfield and for your support of our plants and produce as well as the market in total. We wish all a blessed and safe holiday season, a healthy winter, and we will be looking forward to next year and the 2010 market season which will begin in May.

Sincerely,
Lee and Alice Newport
Greenside Flower Farm



November 17, 2009

Woman pried from car after crash

Four Springfield residents, including an infant, were taken to Battle Creek Health System with minor to serious injuries after a car crash Monday afternoon.

Crews from the Springfield Department of Public Safety, Battle Creek Fire Department and LifeCare Ambulance worked for about 30 minutes to free Lakeisha Burnam, 26, from her car.

She was taken to the hospital in a neck and back brace. Burnam's husband, Ryan Rose, 29, a passenger, said she was turning eastbound onto Dickman Road from WyndTree Apartments about 3 p.m. when her car collided with a westbound car driven by John Haywood, 46. Emily Rose, 21 months old, who was in the back seat of Burnam's car, did not appear to be injured, Ryan Rose said, but was taken to the hospital to be checked over. Ryan Rose and Haywood were taken to the hospital with minor injuries.



November 21, 2009

Triple Threat Sports complex faces foreclosure

Elizabeth Willis
The Enquirer

A sports complex that owes more than \$100,000 in taxes will be seized by the county if a portion is not paid by March 31.

Triple Threat Sports owners must pay \$44,296.81 in 2007 delinquent property taxes to the county treasurer, indicated by a note posted to the front doors, or risk going into foreclosure.

The beige-paneled sports complex was locked and dark inside Wednesday. Its phone number has been disconnected and further attempts to reach the owners were unsuccessful.

Public records show All Sports Real Estate LLC purchased the business from Triple Threat Sports LLC in 2007 as it narrowly avoided foreclosure because of delinquent 2006 taxes. Documents listed Michael L. Trumbull as an owner in both companies.

The current owner now owes a total of \$109,000 to the city of Springfield and Calhoun County, according to public records. Nearly \$9,000 in additional estimated taxes will come due Feb. 14 as well.

Triple Threat Sports, at 399 N. 20th St. in Springfield, opened less than four years ago.

Trumbull said at the time he built it because the next closest venues were in Kalamazoo and Richland, and he got tired of driving 30 miles to watch his teenage son compete.

"It just seemed like something this town could use and something I thought I could put together," he said then.

Trumbull and co-owner Hermann B. Spranger II invested \$1.5 million into state-of-the-art floors and equipment, concessions, locker rooms with showers and two outdoor fields.

Dwight Butt, president of the Battle Creek/Calhoun County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, said it would add to the city's growing reputation for hosting amateur league tournaments.

But operating a successful sports complex is tough, said Jeff Hovarter, Battle Creek Parks and Recreation director.

"Indoor youth sports is really a six-month business, but unfortunately your bills are coming due 12 months a year," he said.

Triple Threat Sports offered tournament space for floor hockey, basketball, football and volleyball during the colder months. Getting kids to come inside and play in the warmer months in Michigan proved nearly impossible, Hovarter said.

As state unemployment figures rose, fewer families were willing to expend thousands of dollars to join

teams that would travel to places like Battle Creek, he said.

About a year after Triple Treat Sports opened, Richland's The Netz sports complex folded, Hovarter said. It appears Triple Threat Sports might now be suffering the same fate.

"Parents, although they are having to make tough choices, they are still investing in their kids," he said. "They're just investing to play in our local leagues, which are a lot less expensive."

Parents whose children played floor hockey at Triple Threat Sports began calling Parks and Rec about two months ago concerned that they had not yet received season schedules, he said. Youth basketball, which was a mainstay at Triple Threat Sports, should have started by now.

Hovarter said he tried to contact Trumbull, but was unsuccessful. So Parks and Rec has been working with the Battle Creek Family YMCA to provide a place where floor hockey participants can play instead.

"We're working with the Y to create at least one night when the 10-and-over age groups have a place to play," he said.

Elizabeth Willis can be reached at 966-0684 or ewillis@gannett.com.



November 26, 2009

Springfield woman arrested on fraud charges

The Enquirer

A Springfield woman was arrested today on charges of fraud.

Springfield Department of Public Safety officers arrested her just after midnight after they obtained a search warrant and entered her home in the Wyndtree Town Homes near Briarcliff Lane and Greenbriar Lane.

Sgt. Kevin Callahan said Springfield officers have been investigating alleged fraud by the woman who was portraying herself as a representative of SAFE Place, a shelter in Battle Creek for victims of domestic violence and collecting money.

Callahan said the woman has been seeking money from individuals and businesses in Battle Creek and Springfield and saying it was for a Thanksgiving meal for residents of the shelter.

Callahan said evidence of the fraud was found during a search of her home. She was taken to the Calhoun County jail on several warrants and charges stemming from the alleged fraud.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call Springfield police at 965-7795.



November 27, 2009

Police and Fire Report

FRAUD ARREST: A Springfield woman was arrested Thanksgiving Day on charges of fraud. Springfield Department of Public Safety officers arrested her just after midnight Thursday after they obtained a search warrant and entered her home in the Wyndtree Townhomes near Briarcliff Lane and Greenbriar Lane. Sgt. Kevin Callahan said Springfield officers have been investigating alleged fraud by the woman who was portraying herself as a representative of Safe Place, a shelter in Battle Creek for victims of domestic violence, and collecting money. Callahan said the woman has been seeking money from individuals and businesses in Battle Creek and Springfield and saying it was for a Thanksgiving meal for residents of the shelter. Callahan said evidence of the fraud was found during a search of her home. She was taken to the Calhoun County jail on several warrants and charges stemming from the alleged fraud. Anyone with information about the case is asked to call Springfield police at 965-7795.

WEAPON FOUND: A Battle Creek man, 26, was arrested on charges of driving with a suspended license and possession of an expandable baton after his car was stopped near Capital Avenue and Elm Street about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. Battle Creek police said the car was stopped after it nearly struck a patrol car and officers found the baton on the front seat. The man said he had just purchased the car and found the police baton in the vehicle.

DRUGS: Battle Creek police have reported the following cases:

- A woman, 32, who was stopped while walking along Capital Avenue near Washington Avenue about 4:41 p.m. Tuesday was arrested on a charge of possession of a crack pipe.
- A man, 23, whose car was stopped near Orchard Place and Capital Avenue at 7:41 p.m. Monday was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- A man, 46, stopped for a traffic violation near Rittenhouse Avenue and Meachem Avenue about 9:36 p.m. Wednesday, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Battle Creek police are seeking a warrant for a man, 26, after his former girlfriend, 20, said she was assaulted near Hanover Street and Emmett Street about 4:49 p.m. Wednesday.

BREAK-INS: (Values in parentheses) • North Wabash Avenue, 100 block: CDs (\$75). • Vale Street, first block: 2 computers (\$700). • Kenosha Street, first block: radios (\$200). • Capital Avenue N.E., 800 block: TV, camera, jewelry (undetermined).

THEFTS: • Post Avenue, first block: ring (\$500). • Angell Street, 100 block: microwave (\$100). • Calhoun Street, 200 block: cell phone (\$20). • Capital Avenue Southwest, 800 block: air conditioner (\$6,000). • East Michigan Avenue, first block: wig (\$560). • East Michigan Avenue, 100 block: medication (\$300). • C Store, 1051 North Ave.: gas (\$19).

VANDALISM: • North Wabash Avenue, 100 block: car (undetermined). • Lakeview Avenue, 1300 block: siding (\$1,000). • Garfield Avenue, 300 block: tires (\$50).

Call Silent Observer at 964-3888 or text CRIMES (274-637) Tip 685 with information about crimes.



December 2, 2009

Police: Woman collected money illegally

*Trace Christenson
The Enquirer*

A Springfield woman is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to fraudulently collecting money for a domestic violence shelter.

Shelly Addison, 43, pleaded guilty Monday to seven counts of taking money less than \$200 under false pretenses. The misdemeanor charges carry a maximum sentence of up to 93 days in jail.

But police and prosecutors said more charges are pending against the woman.

Sgt. Kevin Callahan from the Springfield Department of Public Safety said police believe Addison has been collecting money for months, falsely claiming the money was for Halloween costumes and later Thanksgiving turkeys for women and children living at SAFE Place, a Battle Creek shelter for the victims of domestic violence.

Callahan estimated the woman collected nearly \$1,000, mostly in donations of \$5 or \$10 or \$20.

Police were notified of the alleged fraud by officials at SAFE Place on Nov. 23, after Addison told one potential donor at a Springfield business she only took cash. That person called the shelter.

"The business said the woman was going from business to business collecting funds," Callahan said. "But when she said, 'I don't accept checks,' one person became suspicious."

Officers began canvassing the city and finally learned the woman solicited managers at her own apartment complex. Callahan said based on the description and past contacts, he believed he knew the woman's identity.

Following leads the officers went to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center and were told by one person there, "I just gave her \$10 about five minutes ago."

Check Thursday's Enquirer to read the full story.



December 3, 2009

Addison pleads guilty to illegally collecting money for shelter

*Trace Christenson
The Enquirer*

A Springfield woman is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to fraudulently collecting money for a domestic violence shelter.

Shelly Addison, 43, pleaded guilty Monday to seven counts of taking money less than \$200 under false pretenses. The misdemeanor charges carry a maximum sentence of up to 93 days in jail.

But police and prosecutors said more charges are pending against the woman.

Sgt. Kevin Callahan from the Springfield Department of Public Safety said police believe Addison has been collecting money for months, falsely claiming the money was for Halloween costumes and later Thanksgiving turkeys for women and children living at SAFE Place, a Battle Creek shelter for the victims of domestic violence.

Callahan estimated the woman collected nearly \$1,000, mostly in donations of \$5 or \$10 or \$20.

Police were notified of the alleged fraud by officials at SAFE Place on Nov. 23, after Addison told one potential donor at a Springfield business she only took cash. That person called the shelter.

"The business said the woman was going from business to business collecting funds," Callahan said. "But when she said, 'I don't accept checks,' one person became suspicious."

Officers began canvassing the city and finally learned the woman solicited managers at her own apartment complex. Callahan said based on the description and past contacts, he believed he knew the woman's identity.

Following leads the officers went to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center and were told by one person there, "I just gave her \$10 about five minutes ago."

Police obtained a search warrant and went to her apartment, where she was arrested late on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Callahan said officers seized a record book the woman was keeping to record all the donations and also her social worker's license, which she was showing to potential donors. The license had expired in 2000.

On Monday Addison pleaded guilty in district court to seven counts of fraud, but Assistant Prosecutor Dana Porter said Wednesday other charges could be filed against the woman.

Porter alleged Addison frequently went to businesses and also collected from individuals who worked there.

"She was doing it a couple days here and there," Callahan said. "She wasn't collecting a lot but got some money."

Addison told police she used the money to pay bills.

No sentencing date was immediately set in district court, but also on Monday, Addison appeared before Circuit Judge Stephen Miller and pleaded guilty to a probation violation on an unrelated charge. She is being held in the county jail until sentencing on Monday.

Both Callahan and Porter said they see few cases of fraud like that reportedly conducted by Addison.

"It's pretty brazen and it's not common," Callahan said. "And the chances of getting caught are pretty good."

Teresa Osborne, director of public relations for the United Way of Greater Battle Creek, agreed.

"I have been in nonprofit (work) for eight years and have not heard of such a thing," she said. "It's a very confined problem."

She said nonprofit agencies don't solicit money door-to-door and suggested anyone with questions about a solicitation should ask for identification and call the agency.

Anyone who believes that they were scammed by Addison, in Springfield or elsewhere, is asked to call the Springfield Department of Public Safety at 965-7795.

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