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The Timothy Herbert Financial walk team raises money for worthy causes, including fighting dieabetes.

AH Business Teams to Walk for Diabetes

raise funds for the Juvenile Dia-Research Foundation ease for years. betes (JDRF) for the second year welcomes a team from Timothy Herbert Financial Group in Auburn Hills

The walk is set for Sunday, Sept. 29, at the GM Tech Center in Warren from 8:30 to 11:30 am.

Liz Kaadou, director of Marketing for the financial firm, said helping the movement to find a cure for this disease has always been a cause close to the heart of Tim Herbert, the firm's founder.

Kaadou said Herbert spent 16 years working at General Motors before he opened his own financial company specializing in GM and automotive retirement planning. His younger brother, John, is one of the 366 million people

The GM Tech Center Walk to suffering from juvenile diabetes, and he's been battling the dis-

> Kaadou said Herbert has seen firsthand the trials and tribulations his brother must cope with every day, including testing his blood sugar six or more times a day.

> Herbert has chosen to walk for this cause not only to support his brother, but to support the millions of children and adults affected by this incurable disease, Kaadou said.

> Last year, the Herbert team raised more than \$4,700 for the foundation.

Since its founding in 1970, JDRF has awarded more than \$1.6 billion to diabetes research, significantly advancing the care of people with this disease. Kaadou said Herbert is grateful that his brother has a chance for a longer survival, but he doesn't consider the job complete until a cure has been found.

"Each and every person living with this disease deserves a life free from diabetes. I can only hope that by raising funds for this lifesaving foundation, they can move one step closer to finding a cure," said Herbert.

The Walk to Cure Diabetes is JDRF's largest national fundraising event. More than 80 percent of JDRF's expenditures directly support research and researchrelated education.

To join the Timothy Herbert Financial Group in their walk to cure diabetes or to make a donation, visit timothyherbert.com and click on the Timothy Herbert Gives Back link on the right-hand side of the page.

City's Fine Dining Offered At 'Taste of Auburn Hills'

by Jim Stickford

Auburn Hills is more than just automakers and parts suppliers - it's also home to some fine dining.

That's what the 15th annual "Taste of Auburn Hills" is set to prove. The event is Thursday, Oct. 10, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in Oakland Community College's Student Center in Building G.

The food celebration is run by the Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce.

According to Rachael Jay, Member Operations coordinator for the Auburn Hills Chamber, it got its start as a way of showing the world "just what fine dining could be had in the city.'

"We know people like to come out for this," Jay said. "This year we have something new. We're having a celebrity chef – Michelle Bommarito, who has a had a couple of shows on The Cooking Channel – give some cooking demonstrations."

Jay said Bommarito will give five different cooking demonstrations on how to prepare five different dishes:

- Slice, dice & julienne;
- Whole grain advantage;
- Pantry turbo-charged:
- Beans: the superfood;
- Appetizer appeal.

Each demonstration should take about 25 minutes, which, Jay said, should cover the entire evening.

"Our other special feature is courtesy of the OCC Culinary Studies Institute," Jay said. "They have set up a pumpkin carving station. They will be carving pumpkins and people can observe as they walk through the event."

Jay said that in previous years, "Taste of Auburn Hills" was held at the Walter P. Chrysler Museum. But the museum has undergone a change since the last event, and is no longer available to them.

"We will also be supporting a new charity at this year's 'Taste of Auburn Hills," Jay said.

We will be raising money for the Auburn Hills Community Foundation, which is a new, local

nonprofit that supports community groups and service organizations in Auburn Hills.

"A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the organization.'

Tickets cost \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door, Jay said. A special 20-ticket package for \$500 is also available.

To order tickets, call 248-853-7862, or visit the chamber's web site auburnhillschamber.com.

"Last year, we had 20 restaurants and food stores participating and about 600 people attended," Jay said. "This year, we also have 20 restaurants and food stores participating and we expect to get at least 600 people to attend.'

participating This year's restaurants and food stores include the following:

Alfoccino, Applebee's, Beaumont Troy Nutrition Services, bd's Mongolian Grill, Coolyo Frozen Yogurt, Costco Wholesale, Cottage Inn, Dibella's Old Fashioned Submarines, Fieldstone Winery, Great American Bar & Grill at the Hilton Suites, Hoops Food Sports and Spirits, Lafayette Market, Lelli's of Auburn Hills, Longhorn Steakhouse, Mr. Pita, OCC Culinary Studies Institute, Olga's Kitchen, Palm Palace, Sam's Club, Rochester Mills Production Brewery, The Oasis Restaurant. and Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill.

The 2013 event is being sponsored by Chrysler and co-sponsored by the following:

OCC, Delphi Automotive, Oakland University, Great Lakes Crossing Outlets, Baker College of Auburn Hills, First Merit Ban, Engle & Associates P.C., Hirotec America, Andrews Hooper Pavlik, Allegra Marketing Print Signs, Autolive North American, Esys Automation, FEV Inc., Genisys Credit Union, Hartland Insurance Group, InTouch Credit Union, Oakland University Credit Union, Pixley Funeral Home. Reefer Peterbilt, Telnet Worldwide, the City of Auburn Hills, Plante Moran, MG Photography, HOUR Magazine and The Oakland Press.

City Recognized for Its EV Fuel Technology Preparation

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Hills' director of the Department of Public Works.

Auburn Hills officials took a broad view in considering the changes that would come with more electric vehicles, Cohen said

The result was Auburn Hills' introduction of a comprehensive electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure ordinance that would make it easier to install a city-wide network of public and private EV charging stations, a first of its kind in Michigan.

The introduction of EV charging stations represents a significant change in community and economic development, with strategically placed charging stations at homes, workplaces and retail stores, rather than the traditional, quick 'in-and-out' gas station fueling systems.

"Like the emergence of cell phones and their associated network of towers, EV charging stations will change the municipal infrastructure landscape, bringing a cultural shift that will shape how communities function in the

future," said Cohen.

stalled 10 public EV charging stations. And, 23 development projects have committed to either prep their developments for, or add charging stations, Carroll said.

In May of 2012, the DOE and other EV leaders from across the nation met regarding plug-in electric vehicle readiness plans for 24 states and highlighted the Auburn Hills EV charging station sign.

Further, Carroll said, the city was named in June 2013 as a partner in the DOE's Workplace Charging Challenge, a collaboration between the DOE and American innovators to accelerate the development and commercialization of the next generation of plug-in electric vehicles charging infrastructure. The goal: increase the number of American employers offering workplace charging by tenfold in the next five years.

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"On behalf of the city, we are pleased to be the recipient of the Best Practices award," said Cohen.

'The Auburn Hills EV Ready Project has been a true publicprivate partnership that can be replicated in communities throughout Michigan and the nation. Being selected by our peers to receive this award is an honor.'

According to Cohen, the ordinance encourages – but does not require - property owners to plan for and/or install EV charging stations to support future market demand.

"Because one of the greatest barriers to market adoption of EVs is the unique infrastructure needed to refuel the vehicles, the city established the ordinance in part to raise awareness about the issue and to help property owners proactively plan for EV infrastructure to avoid costly or cost-prohibitive retrofits in the future," said Cohen.

"As an employment hub for tens of thousands of workers who live in or commute to Auburn Hills, the city is planning for future transportation habits by establishing an EV-friendly environment now."

Since the adoption of the city's ordinance, Auburn Hills has in-

Michigan Role in Civil War Revisited

The Auburn Hills Public Library is hosting a variety of programs aimed at adults starting in the fall.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, a special presentation of Michigan's role in the Civil War will be held. The program begins at 10:30

a.m. and goes until noon. The unique presentation develops a month-by-month timeline in Michigan and at the eastern battlefields during the Civil War.

More than 150 Michigan research centers contributed information and photographs.

The presentation includes true stories about Michigan people and Michigan Governor Austin Blair's search for troops to meet Lincoln's request.

Those interested can register by calling 248-364-6706, or go to the libary's web site events calendar to register online.

Starting on Oct. 16, from 2 to 3 p.m., library patrons will have the chance to play bingo to win book prizes and just have fun on the second Wednesday of each month.

Bingo will be held in the library's large meeting room.



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