



## Talking Feather News for the week of August 17, 2009

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### Business Opportunity



#### **NEW! DWSD Contract No. WS-679 “ Repair of water systems, pipe sizes at various locations throughout the city of Detroit.”**

The **City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department** will receive sealed bids for contract no. WS- 679. The work will include, but is not limited to, a.) locating, exposing, and repairing breaks and leaks on existing water mains, b.) repair and replacement of hydrants, valves, stop boxes, road gate boxes, and appurtenances, c.) excavating and backfill, snow and ice removal, and salting of areas. Work will be assigned on an as-needed basis, with a minimum of 500 break, leak, or repair locations per year throughout the contract. Beginning Wednesday, August 5, 2009 bidding documents may be obtained from the DWSD Contracts Section, 1504 Water Board Building, 735 Randolph Detroit, MI 48226 on business days between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. In order to obtain bidding documents, a \$100.00 non refundable payment must be made in the form of a certified or cashiers check made payable to the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners. A pre-bid conference will not be held. For more information, please contact Daniel Edwards at (313) 964-9471.

### Upcoming Events



#### **Golf Outing and Cultural Event Indianwood Golf and Country Club Lake Orion, MI August 31, 2009**

Join **The Native American Business Alliance** at our annual Golf Outing Fundraiser and Cultural Event. This event takes place **August 31, 2009** at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion, MI. Indianwood is an award winning course and has been chosen as the host of the 2012 U.S. Senior Open. Enjoy 18 holes of golf, continental breakfast, lunch on the turn, buffet dinner, cultural performance, and networking session. For more information visit our website [www.native-american-bus.org](http://www.native-american-bus.org). Sponsorships are available! Bring in four or more foursomes, and you will be entered into a drawing to win a Carnival Cruise for two!



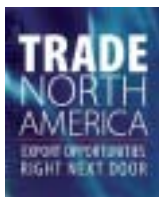
**MED Week**  
**Omni Shoreham Hotel**  
**Washington DC**  
**August 26-28, 2009**

The 2009 **Minority Enterprise Development week** "Energizing the American Economy with Minority Business Enterprises", hosted by the Minority Business Development Agency in corporation with the U.S. SBA will take place **August 26-28, 2009** at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington DC. This dynamic event will recognize the outstanding achievements of MBE's and honor those corporations and financial institutions that support minority business development. For more information visit their website at [www.medweek.gov](http://www.medweek.gov).



**"Selling to the State of MI"**  
**Turk Lake Restaurant**  
**Greenville, MI**  
**August 31, 2009**

The **State of Michigan Business Development Unit and Buy Michigan First Initiative** encourages Michigan businesses, including under-represented groups, to compete for State of Michigan contracts. This free, one day, event teaches vendors how to bid on state projects and how to access free state resources, and is being held on **August 31, 2009** at Turk Lake Restaurant, 161 Pine Dr. Greenville, MI 48838. Seating is limited and registration is required. To register, please contact Pamela Poort at the Procurement Technical Assistance Center, (231) 722-7700 or [ppoort@muskegon.org](mailto:ppoort@muskegon.org).



**Trade North America Conference**  
**Detroit Marriot Renaissance Center**  
**Detroit, MI**  
**September 09-10, 2009**

The **United States Department of Commerce** invites you to grow your business with America's top trading partners by learning more about NAFTA, customs and regulations, market entry strategies and best prospects. This conference will be held **September 09-10, 2009** at the Detroit Marriot Renaissance Center in Detroit, MI. For more information, please visit [www.tradenorthamerica.com](http://www.tradenorthamerica.com) or email [Jennifer.moll@mail.doc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.moll@mail.doc.gov).

2009 Celebrate  
Michigan Expo

**Celebrate Michigan Expo**  
**Ramada Plaza**  
**Troy, MI**  
**September 29, 2009**

At the Celebrate Michigan Expo, you will have the opportunity to meet local leaders, business owners and fellow professionals - the Celebrate Michigan Expo gathers a broad cross section of these in one time at one point of contact. The Celebrate Michigan Expo demonstrates that together, we can Make Michigan Matter. This event is free and will be held on September 29, 2009 at the Ramada Plaza in Troy, MI. For more information, visit [www.celebratemichiganexpo.com](http://www.celebratemichiganexpo.com).



**Pokagon 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Pow Wow**  
**Rodgers Lake**  
**Dowagiac, MI**  
**September 5-6, 2009**

The **Pokagon Band of Potawatomi** invite you to celebrate at their 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Pow wow "Kee-Boon- Mein-Kaa Celebrating the Huckleberry Harvest." This is a contest pow wow and will feature a dance contest and hand drum special. The pow wow will be held at Rodgers Lake in Dowagiac, MI. For more information, call Julie Farver at 269-240-8045 or email Alycia Atkinson at [anishmama2@aol.com](mailto:anishmama2@aol.com)

## Facts For Your Health:

**Back to School Safety:** It's almost time to send your little ones (and bigger ones) back to school. For some, this is a time of excitement! For others, both parents and children, a new school year brings changes and anxiety. In order to help ease the anxiety and questions, start slowly easing children back into their school year routine as well as reviewing and reminding them of safety guidelines. Teach children the buddy system. Do not allow them to walk to/from school alone. Remind them that a stranger is any person that they do not know, and how to react if a stranger does approach them. As cooler weather brings less sunlight, leave your porch light on for children walking to school in the morning. Teach children their full name, address, and phone number. If your children stay home alone after school, teach them basic safety tips including keeping all doors and window locks, not telling other that they are home alone, and not to answer the door to anybody. For more information on teaching children stranger danger safety awareness, contact your local school, police station, or web sites such as <http://www.mychildsafety.net/stranger-danger.html>.

"Genius is one per cent inspiration, ninety-nine per cent perspiration." - Thomas Edison