



Internal Memo

October 15, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mark C. Meyers, City Administrator *MCM*

SUBJECT: General Information Packet

Attached are general items of information you may find interesting. If you have any questions or comments regarding the information, please contact me.

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Attachments



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October 15, 2020

TO: Mark C. Meyers, City Administrator

FROM: Michael D. Huston, Finance Director/Park Superintendent

SUBJECT: Status of Budget Adjustments from May 2020

During the September Work Session, City Council asked for an update on the current status of the Budget for FY 2021. Staff has attached a spreadsheet showing the changes in both revenues and expenditures, including the changes for the Parks and Recreation Division we discussed at the work session.

The revenue sharing numbers are based on the Michigan Department of Treasury Revenue Committee. They met in May and informed us of the first reduction in revenue sharing and met again in September and gave us new estimates based on current information they have received since May. The City's portion has been increased by \$86,392 for the first two months and the State announced we would receive no less than what we received in revenue sharing for FY-20. Based on that information the difference from the original estimates (pre COVID), the City would receive only \$20,000 less than our original budgeted amount for FY-2021.

Also, staff received notice from the State of a second payment of Personal Property Reimbursement that normally comes in May which we were previously told was eliminated for FY 2020. We received payment of \$195,000 and this amount will offset any deficit for FY 2020 because this revenue payment was not included in the revised mid-year budget.

This is the overall comparison of the General Fund budget adjustments made in May of 2020 and the current economical situation.

General Fund Revenues	Fiscal Year 2021 Budget	Fiscal Year 2021 Budget	Increase In Estimated
	May 2020 adjustments	Status of current Situation	Revenues for FY-2021
Reduced Revenue Sharing	\$ (210,000)	\$ (123,608)	\$ 86,392
Increase in Administrative Fee to non-general funds by 2.5%	\$ 40,000	\$ 49,000	\$ 9,000
Workers Compensation Dividend	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ -
Net increase in Estimated Revenues	\$ (135,000)	\$ (39,608)	\$ 95,392
General Fund Expenditures	Fiscal Year 2021 Budget	Fiscal Year 2021 Budget	Reductions in Estimated savings
	May 2020 adjustments	Status of current Situation	from Budget Cuts for FY-2021
Eliminate Parks & Rec. Coord. Position	\$ 65,000	\$ 54,000	\$ (11,000)
Maintain Vacancy Admin Asst (net of contractor)	\$ 39,000	\$ -	\$ (39,000)
Have TIFA pay for Lighting in District	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500	\$ -
Conservative MPTC General and Merit Increases	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ -
	\$ 131,500	\$ 81,500	\$ (50,000)

NET INCREASE IN REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES
FROM MAY BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TO
CURRENT STATUS

\$ 45,392



Progress Report

Client: City of Norton Shores

Facility: City Hall

Report Date: 10/12/2020

Roof Section: Section #3 - Section #8

Report Data

Title	Week #6
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Roof Tear-off is completed. Crew has about 50% of the cap sheet installed which consists of all of Section #8 and half of Section #7.

All of the gutter is installed.

This coming week should be the last week they will be onsite. With rain in the forecast on Monday, they should be able to finish by Saturday as long as the weather stay cooperative.

If not, they might push a little into next week with the coating.



Photo 1

Drone overview of the last day of tear-off.



Photo 10

New cap sheet being installed.



Photo 11

Overview



Internal Memo

October 5, 2020

TO: Mark C. Meyers, City Administrator
Alex Craigmile, City Engineer
Bryan DeGroot, Streets/Drainage Superintendent
Jon Gale, Chief NSPD

FROM: Jim Murphy, Public Works Director 

RE: 2020 Holiday Season Traffic Signal Adjustments

The following traffic signals will be adjusted according to the list below to better accommodate the 2020 holiday shopping traffic:

1. Extended operations from 4:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on November 26 & 27, and December 26, 2020; from 5:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on November 28 and December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, & 19, 2020; from 5:00 am to regular time on December 22, 23 and 24, 2020.
 - Henry Street - Walmart/Meijer entrances
2. Extended operation from 10:00 p.m. Thursday, November 26th to 11:30 p.m. Friday, the 27th of November 2020; from 4:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on November 28 and December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 & 26, 2020 and from 5:00 am to regular time on December 22, 23 & 24, 2020.
 - Harvey Street – Hile Road
 - Harvey Street – Ellis Road
 - Harvey Street – Independence Drive/Lakeshore Marketplace
 - Harvey Street – Sternberg Road (11:59 P.M.)
 - Harvey Street – Menard’s/Lakes Mall
 - Harvey Street – Mt. Garfield Road
 - Harvey Street – Pontaluna Road
 - Henry Street – Norton Avenue
 - Grand Haven Road – Pontaluna Road
 - Grand Haven Road – Sternberg Road
3. The following intersections will be on flash mode for Christmas Day (December 25, 2020):
 - Henry Street – Walmart/Meijer entrances
 - Harvey Street – Ellis Road
 - Harvey Street – Independence Drive/Lakeshore Marketplace
 - Harvey Street – Menard’s/Lakes Mall

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns related to these changes.

The Wastewater Department is the heart of the Muskegon County Resource Recovery Center. We exist to improve the public health of Muskegon County citizens by receiving polluted wastewater, cleaning it up, and returning it to the environment for reuse and enjoyment. We recognize the weight of our responsibility as stewards both of the environment and of our system infrastructure which enables us to do our job. Our goal is to offer our service to the people of Muskegon County at the best possible rate without compromising our stewardships.

~David Johnson, Director

FINANCIAL REPORT

Christine Morris / Administrative Analyst

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

Operating expenses for eleven months of the 2020 fiscal year are \$12,670,238, or 81% of the FY2020 budget. Revenues for the same period are \$20,374,849, or 104% of the budget.

FARM REPORT

Ted Costigan / Farm Manager

THE 2020 GROWING SEASON

The month of September has seen a lot of progress around the farm. We continue to irrigate through the current dry spell, and the lagoons are lower than they have been over the last couple of years. We anticipate shutting down irrigation around October 5. In the meantime, the irrigation techs will be flushing rigs and preparing them for winter. We are looking to replace 6 more rigs in 2021. We are making plans on which rigs to replace and trying to get a head start on the whole process. We hope to have them out for bids soon.

Crops are rapidly maturing. We expect soybean harvest to begin in the first part of October. We acquired a lot of heat units throughout the summer, so it should lead to dryer corn and lower drying costs.

We continue to ship corn, and hope to have bins emptied before harvest. Prices have taken a small increase for both corn and soybeans. We hope to see an upward trend on pricing as the fall progresses due to lack of moisture throughout most of the country. The dry conditions occurred during a critical time for grain fill. Most regional yield expectations have been reduced, and we've already begun to see that reflected in pricing.

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Vivek Singh / Plant Engineer & Dave Johnson / Director

C STATION ODOR CONTROL SYSTEM

On the very last day of last month, L.D. Dosca began working on the C Station odor control system. By the last day of this month they had started it up. That means that September has been a very busy month for them, as 99% of the project construction was crammed into it. The project has gone well. We only had one odor complaint while the system was down, (though I wouldn't doubt it if the City of Muskegon intercepted a few more odor complaints on our behalf). Unfortunately, the best I could offer in response to the complaint was that it would be over by the end of the month.

The suspected cause of the earlier-than-expected failure of the previous odor control system was confirmed during the construction of the new one: the concrete grating upon which the system was supported was very degraded. The careful attention given to applying the epoxy coating on the new concrete grating should result in improved longevity this time around.



The new concrete grating with its freshly applied blue epoxy coating.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Dave Johnson / Director

THE MUSKEGON COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER (OR, MY RESPONSE TO JULIET)

“What’s in a name?” So asked Juliet in one of those famous Shakespearian soliloquys. Well, there’s a lot in a name, and thanks to the Board of Public Works, we now have a new name for our 11,000-acre facility: The Muskegon County Resource Recovery Center. This new name reflects what we do: recover valuable resources from waste products. We recover clean water from sewage and return that clean water to the environment to be enjoyed and used by others. We also recover nitrogen and phosphorus from sewage and use it to grow crops. Another part of the Resource Recovery Center takes people’s trash and recovers methane gas, which is used by some of our local industries. Someday we hope that our acres south of M-46 will recover energy from the sun’s rays to be used by Muskegon County residents. So you see, there’s an awful lot in a name!

MOSQUITO CREEK TRAILS

For those interested in mountain biking, the Mosquito Creek Trails, located at the Muskegon County Resource Recovery Center, continue to increase in prominence as a premiere mountain bike trail system in West Michigan. The Michigan’s Edge Mountain Biking Association (MEMBA) continues to make progress in fundraising and trail construction. On the first of this month, EGLE issued a permit which allows for the construction of two bridges across Mosquito Creek and boardwalks across wetlands. MEMBA lost no time, as bridge construction began this month. Thanks to an ample donation, Phase III of trail construction is scheduled to begin on October 1. Putting these trails in has been no small accomplishment. The determination and perseverance of MEMBA can be seen in the following timeline of events associated with this project.

December 21, 2015. Representatives from MEMBA and Muskegon County Community Development meet at the Wastewater site to discuss if there might be any place suitable for fat tire biking and

mountain biking. When it’s suggested that there’s a large unused timbered area around Mosquito Creek, they are very excited. A seed is planted.

September 7, 2016. MEMBA and Muskegon County Community Development return to the Wastewater, this time specifically to tour the area around Mosquito Creek. For MEMBA, it’s love at first sight.

November 10, 2016. The Board of Public Works holds a work session to hear MEMBA’s arguments for why mountain bike trails at the Wastewater would benefit Muskegon County. Their pitch is enthusiastically received by the Board.

December 8, 2016. The Board of Public Works approves an agreement with MEMBA, allowing them to put in mountain bike trails on Wastewater property in the vicinity of Mosquito Creek.

2017. MEMBA begins raising funds for the proposed trail system. They publish a beautiful fund-raising brochure for the trails with the hope of bringing in \$367,000 for design and construction. They select professional trail designer Jeremy Wimpey to plan the trail footprint and local Westshore Engineering to design the parking lot and the creek bridges.

October, 2018. Phase I of construction begins. The parking lot and the green trails (that is, the least challenging trails to ride on) are the first priorities.

January, 26, 2019. With the parking lot and the green trails now complete, the trails open for recreation, with fat-tire bikes, snowshoers, and cross-county skiers all sharing the trails.

May 11, 2019. MEMBA holds the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Mosquito Creek Trails. The parking lot and green trails are still the only portions that are complete. The more advanced trails await funding.

September, 2019. Phase II of construction begins (made possible by a generous donation). A 3.1-mile section of advanced trails is put in. This section of trail is dubbed “The Matrix”.

November, 2019. “The Matrix” is deemed ready for use.

February 17, 2020. MEMBA notifies Wastewater staff that they have been offered a \$100,000 donation— enough to complete the trails—but it’s conditional upon their allowing electronic bikes (or

“ebikes”) on the trails. However, MEMBA’s contract with the Board of Public Works specifies that the trails are to be for non-motorized vehicles only.

March 12, 2020. The Board amends the contract with MEMBA, allowing for the use of class 1 ebikes on the trail. Now MEMBA can accept the \$100,000 donation and finish the trails.

April 29, 2020. Applications are submitted to EGLE for building two bridges across Mosquito Creek. These bridges will be part of the advanced trails.

September 1, 2020. EGLE issues the permits allowing the two bridges (designated the east bridge and the west bridge, at least for now) to be built as well as boardwalk for crossing over wetlands. Construction of the east bridge begins.

September 10, 2020. The Board of Public Works renames the Wastewater facility as the Muskegon County Resource Recovery Center. Now instead of promoting “the Mosquito Creek Trails out at *the Wastewater*”, MEMBA can promote “the Mosquito Creek Trails located at the beautiful *Muskegon County Resource Recovery Center*”.

October 1, 2020. Phase III of trail construction begins, with the goal of adding 6 miles of advanced trails.



The beginnings of the east bridge over Mosquito Creek.

GRAND RAPIDS REGION PFAS INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR: WE WERE ON THE AGENDA

The Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) sponsored a PFAS informational webinar for the

Grand Rapids region on September 28. We were on the agenda because we have three monitoring wells that exceed the new drinking water limits for PFOS and/or PFOA. The purpose of the webinar was to inform neighbors and others about the situation, especially as to how it might affect public health. The portion of the presentation dealing with our plant was about as fair as I could have hoped for. The presenter, EGLE’s Tom Berdinski, is very familiar with our plant. He pointed out that two of the wells with exceedances are within our interception ditch, implying (though not explicitly saying) that these were no threat to the neighbors. Concerning the third well, which exceeds the limit for PFOA and which is outside the interception ditch, he pointed out that the groundwater at that well is flowing toward our lagoon interception ditch (rather than toward the neighbors). He even tipped his hat ever-so-slightly to the fact that the source of PFOA in that well might not be us. Our belief is that the source of the PFOA in that well is the failed Maple Island Estates wastewater treatment plant because the contaminated well is relatively close to it and because our lagoon interception ditch tends to pull groundwater flow in our direction. The Webinar presentation stated that that there would be further investigation of the contamination this fall and indicated that our facility would be participating in the investigation, though it is not known at this time what our responsibilities will be.

STATISTICAL COMPARISONS

Dave Johnson / Director

FLOWS AND LAGOON LEVELS

The average daily wastewater flow (Fig. 1) received at the WWTP in September was 11.8 MGD, 4.1% lower than the same period last year. Hauled waste flow for September (Fig. 2) was 5.0 MG, 43% higher than the same period last year. The volume of water in the storage lagoons (Fig. 3) near the end of September was 2,098 MG, 24% lower than it was at this time last year.

Figure 1

2018 - 2020 Total Wastewater Monthly Flow in MGD

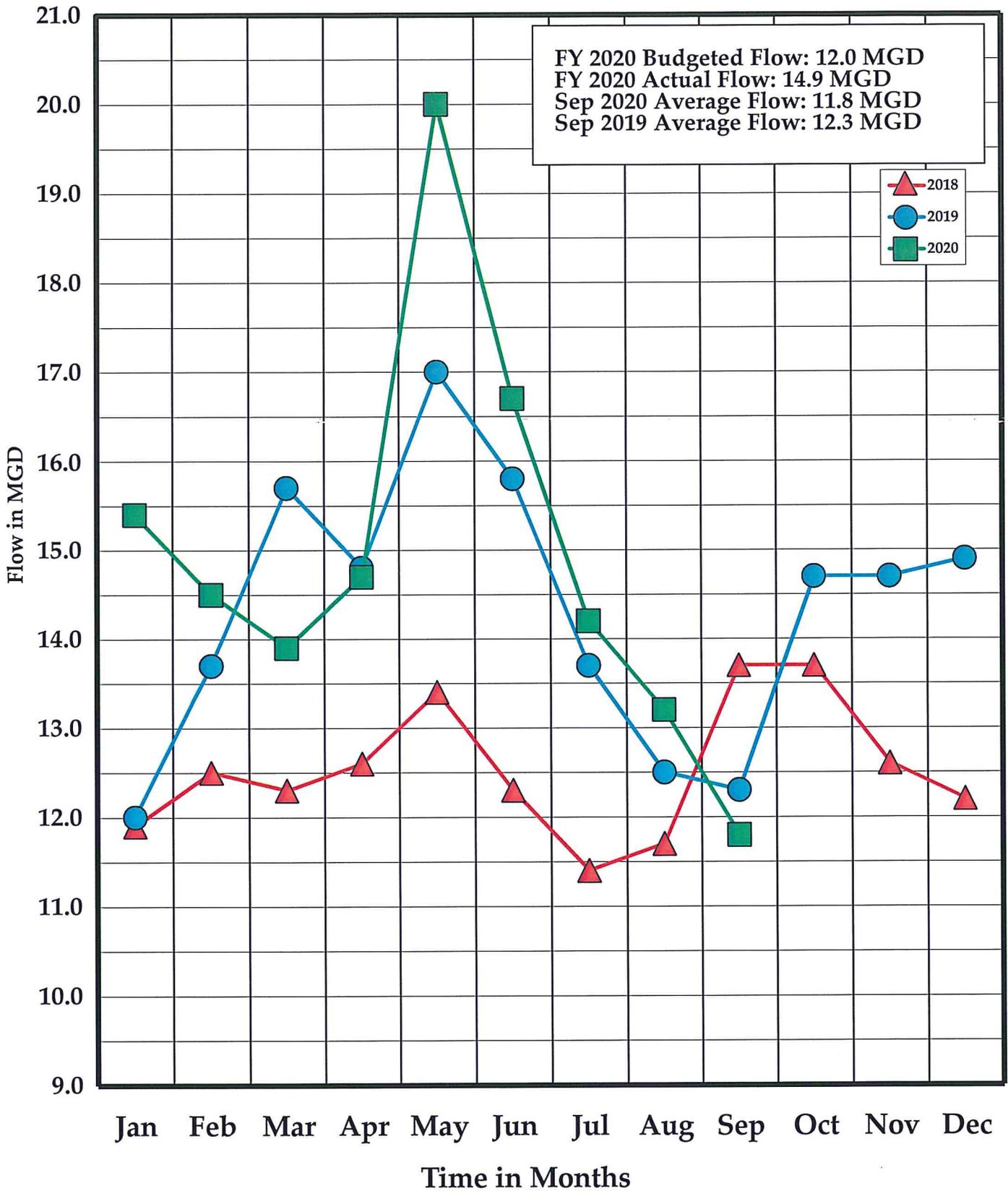


Figure 2

2018 - 2020 Hauled Waste Monthly Volume in Gallons

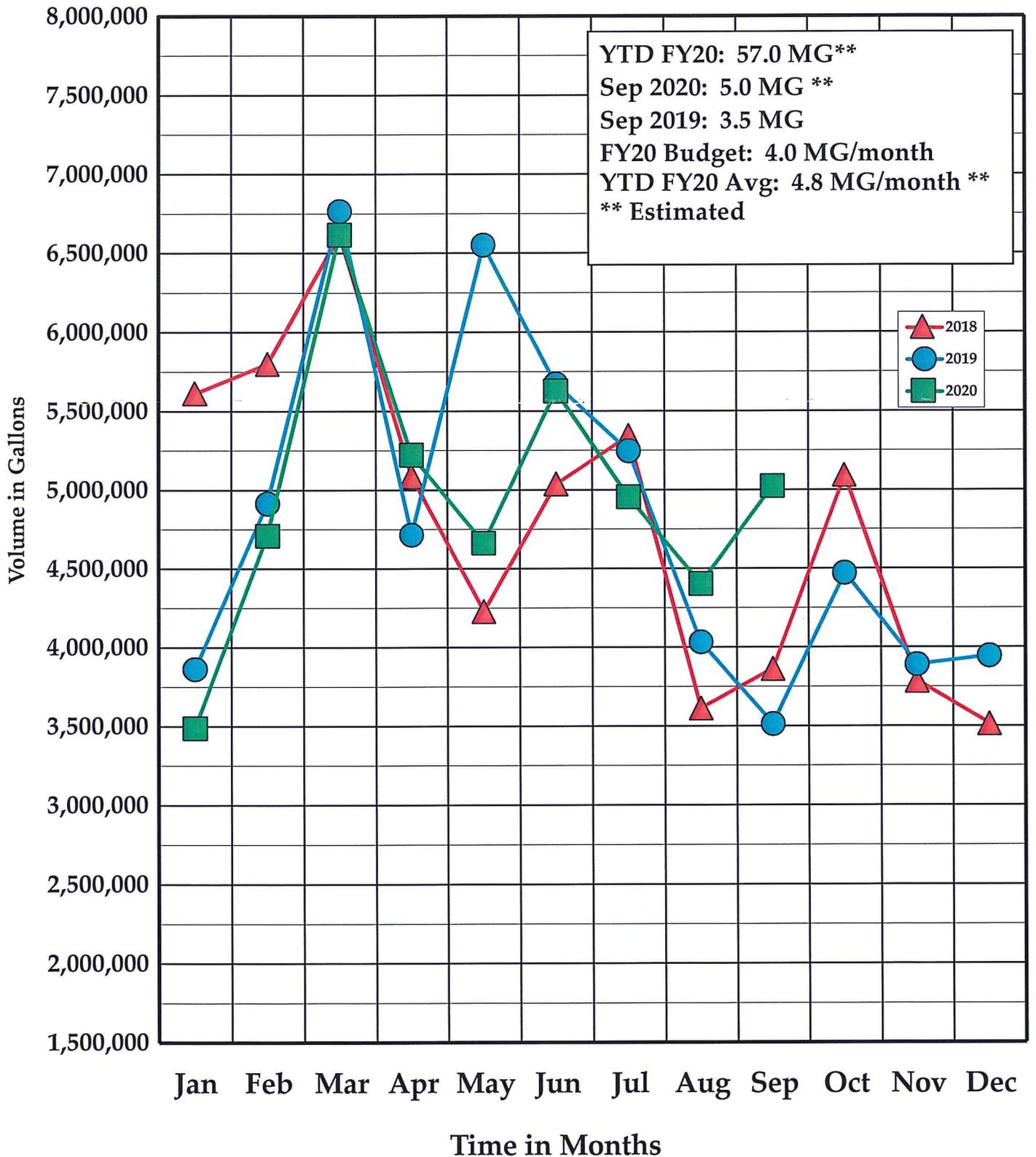
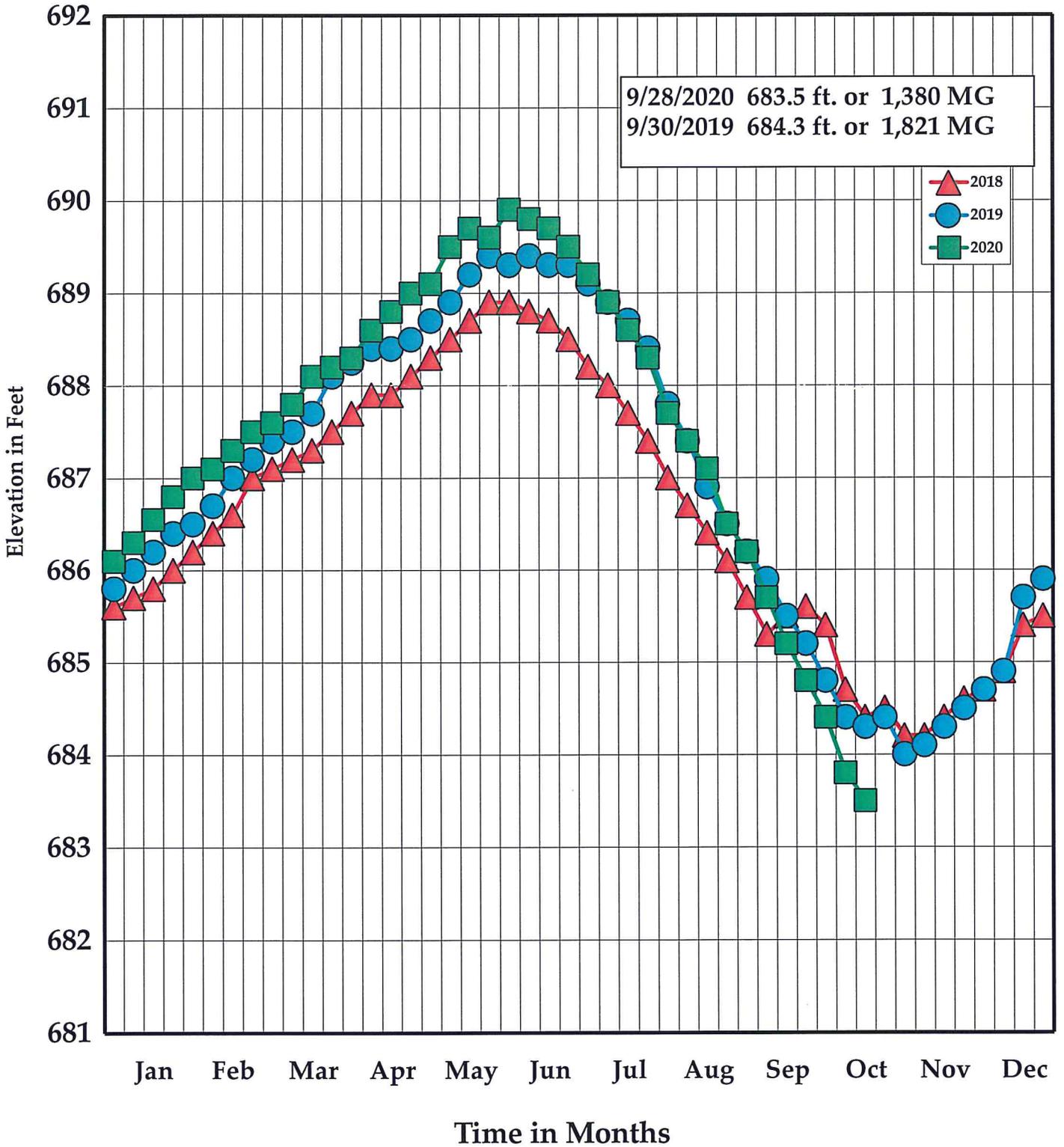


Figure 3

2018 -2020 Metro Lagoon Average Elevation in Feet



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Michigan Local Energy Survey October 2020

Energy Issues and Policies in Michigan Local Governments

By Natalie Fitzpatrick, Debra Horner, and Sarah Mills

This report presents the opinions of Michigan's local government leaders regarding a variety of energy issues and policies in their jurisdictions, including the relevance of particular energy policies for their communities, whether the jurisdiction has staff or external consultants devoted to energy issues, energy audits in government facilities, barriers to local energy policymaking, and more. These findings are based on statewide surveys of local government leaders conducted in the Fall 2019 Michigan Local Energy Survey (MiLES), a special wave of the Michigan Public Policy Survey.

>> The Michigan Local Energy Survey (MiLES) is a census survey of all 1,856 general purpose local governments in Michigan conducted by the Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP) at the University of Michigan. The survey was funded by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). More information about MiLES, including a copy of the questionnaire, is available online at: <http://closup.umich.edu/miles>. Respondents for the Fall 2019 MiLES include county administrators, board chairs, and clerks; city mayors, managers, and clerks; village presidents, managers, and clerks; and township supervisors, managers, and clerks from 1,350 jurisdictions across the state.

For more information, please contact: closup@umich.edu / (734) 647-4091. You can also follow us on Twitter @closup

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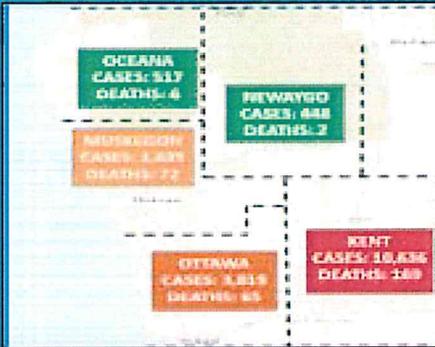
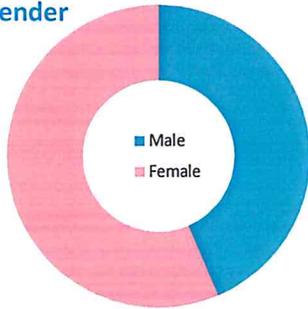
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Key Findings

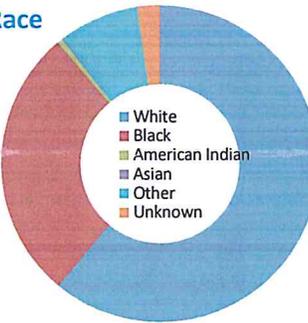
- Local leaders were asked about the relevance of five different sustainability-related issues in their jurisdiction. A majority of local officials say regulating placement of energy infrastructure on private property (57%) and improving energy efficiency for local businesses or residents (53%) are either somewhat or very relevant issues in their jurisdiction. Almost half say siting energy infrastructure on public property (45%) and reducing jurisdiction government's use of fossil fuels (44%) are somewhat or very relevant. However, just 23% say planning for Electric Vehicles (EVs) is somewhat or very relevant.
- Statewide, 70% of Michigan jurisdictions report having at least considered developing plans or policies regarding energy issues, though fewer (59%) report having actually developed local policies, and fewer still (55%) say they have *implemented* such policies.
- Regarding staffing for energy policy, just 19% say their jurisdiction has someone specifically responsible for addressing energy issues, including employees, elected leaders, or external organizations/consultants.
- A majority (52%) say they rarely or never engage with their residents on energy issues.
- Few (15%) report collecting data about energy use in either public or private buildings, either on a voluntary or mandatory basis.
- Approximately four in ten Michigan local governments statewide have had energy audits conducted for at least one type of government facility, most commonly the jurisdiction hall or county administration building.
 - » Among jurisdictions that have not had audits conducted on any government facilities, more than half say such audits are just not a priority for the jurisdiction, while about one in five say they do not have sufficient funding to conduct an audit.
- Finally, among the approximately 30% of Michigan local governments that have not at least considered energy issues, officials cite a number of barriers to considering energy issues. About two-thirds say that lack of expertise to develop policies, costs associated with developing energy policies, and having more important priorities are barriers to addressing energy issues locally.

County of Muskegon: Profile of Confirmed Covid-19 Cases as of 10/13/2020

Gender



Race

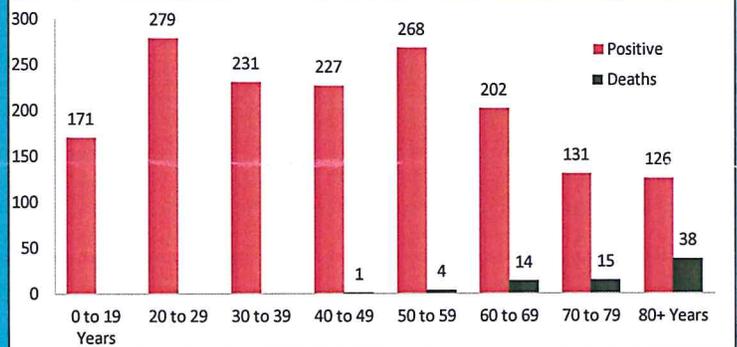


Total Cases

1,635

Total Deaths

72



		#	%
Gender	Male	711	43.5%
	Female	923	56.5%
	Unknown	1	0.1%
Age	0 to 19 Years	171	10.5%
	20 to 29	279	17.1%
	30 to 39	231	14.1%
	40 to 49	227	13.9%
	50 to 59	268	16.4%
	60 to 69	202	12.4%
	70 to 79	131	8.0%
80+ Years	126	7.7%	
Race	White	998	61.0%
	Black	455	27.8%
	American Indian	8	0.5%
	Asian	2	0.1%
	Other	134	8.2%
	Unknown	38	2.3%
Ethnicity	Hispanic/Latino	162	9.9%
	Non-Hispanic/Latino	1359	83.1%
	Unknown Hispanic/Latino	114	7.0%
	Arab	6	0.4%
	Non-Arab	1331	81.4%
	Unknown Arab	298	18.2%

Municipal Location	#	%
Blue Lake Township	10	0.6%
Casnovia Township	43	2.6%
Casnovia Village	0	0.0%
Cedar Creek Township	7	0.4%
Dalton Township	57	3.5%
Egelston Township	91	5.6%
Fruitland Township	33	2.0%
Fruitport Charter Township	96	5.9%
Fruitport Village	6	0.4%
Holton Township	15	0.9%
Laketon Township	44	2.7%
Lakewood Club Village	6	0.4%
Montague, City	11	0.7%
Montague Township	3	0.2%
Moorland Township	13	0.8%
Muskegon, City	485	29.7%
Muskegon Charter Township	120	7.3%
Muskegon Heights, City	185	11.3%
North Muskegon, City	36	2.2%
Norton Shores, City	178	10.9%
Ravenna Township	28	1.7%
Ravenna Village	4	0.2%
Roosevelt Park, City	65	4.0%
Sullivan Township	28	1.7%
White River Township	4	0.2%
Whitehall, City	13	0.8%
Whitehall Township	10	0.6%
Not Yet Determined*	44	2.7%
(*unable to reach patient to confirm address)		
Total Muskegon County	1635	

Summary of COVID-19 Related Deaths

Gender	#	%
Male	32	44.4%
Female	40	55.6%
Age	Average	79.35
	Median	87
	Range	49 - 101
Race/Ethnicity		
White	49	68.1%
Black	20	27.8%
Asian	1	1.4%
Hispanic/Latino	2	2.8%
Unknown	0	0.0%

Current Status COVID-19 Positive Cases

	Total Positive	Count	Percentage
	Total Positive	1,635	
	Recovered**	1,275	78.0%
	Died	72	4.4%
	Died-Other	3	0.2%
	Active	285	22.4%

**Recovered defined as alive 30 days after diagnosis date.



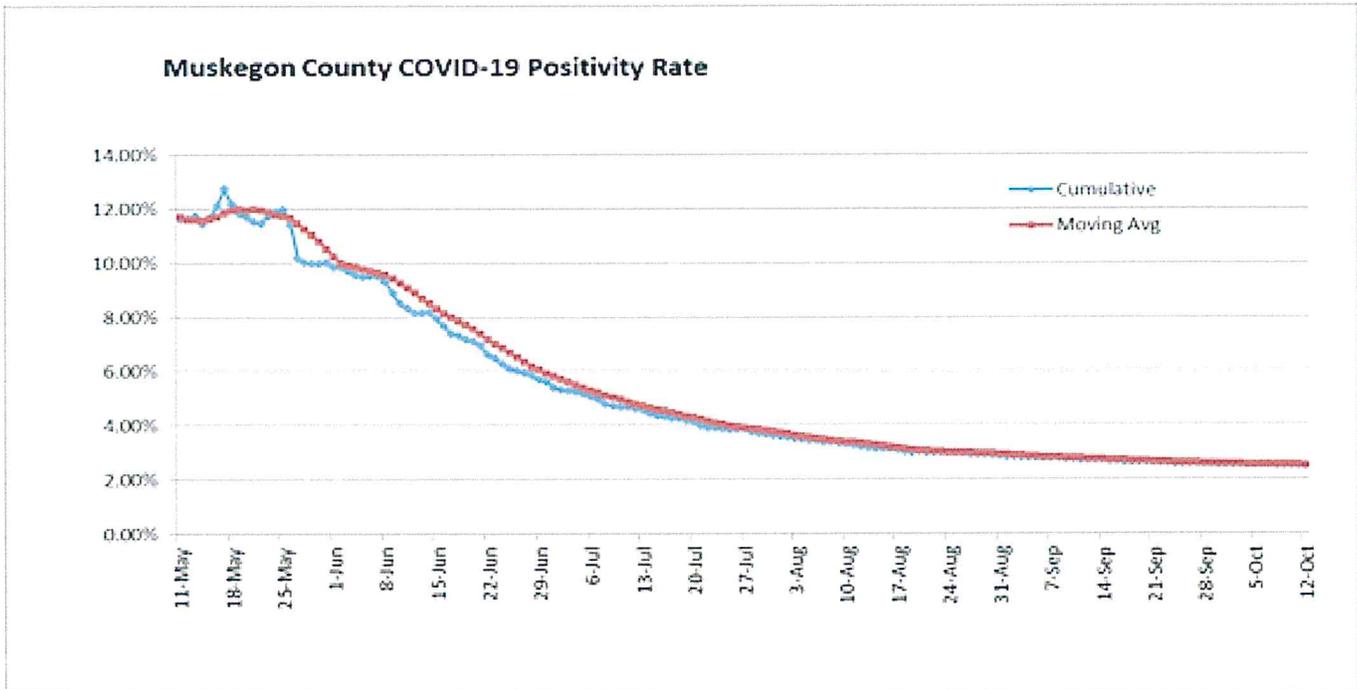
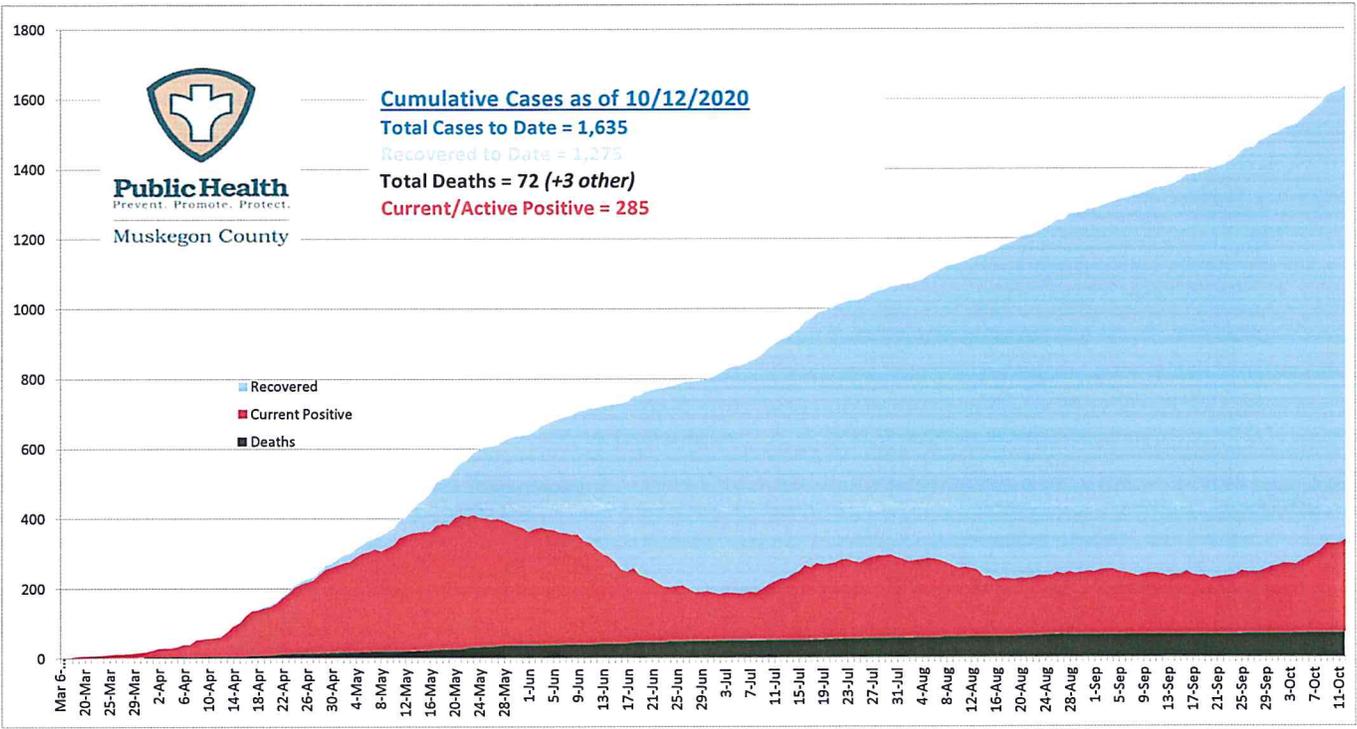
Public Health
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Muskegon County

This report updated and published periodically.
Visit MuskegonHealth.net for daily status.

Updated 10/13/2020

Note: Data on race and ethnicity is missing or unspecified on many of the case reports.



THE ONLY THING SCARY ABOUT HALLOWEEN SHOULD BE THE COSTUMES

STAY SAFE!

The way we celebrate Halloween in Michigan will be different this year due to COVID 19. There are still many ways to celebrate safely. Here are some tips to help Michiganders stay safe this year.

Make sure to also check on and follow guidance or regulations released by the local health department.

HOMEOWNERS

- Do not hand out candy if you are sick.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose.
- Use duct tape to mark 6 foot lines in front of your home and leading to driveway/front door.
- Position a distribution table between yourself and trick or treaters.
- Distribute candy on disinfected table to eliminate direct contact.
- Wash hands often.
- Consider handing out candy in an open space where distancing is possible, rather than from the front door.
- Consider a neighborhood costume parade, it is an easy way to keep safe space between children.



PARENTS AND TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- Share with your children that this year may be different than last, but let them know some of the new ways you plan to celebrate and still have lots of fun.
- Stay home if sick.
- Talk with your children about safety and social distancing guidelines and expectations. Keep a 6 foot distance from others not in your family group.
- Trick or treat with the people you live with.
- Participate in one way trick or treating and guide children to stay to the right to ensure social distancing.
- Avoid congregating in groups around houses.
- Carry a flashlight at night and ensure your children have reflective clothing.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose
 - A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask.
 - Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask if wearing both causes difficulty breathing. Instead, consider using a Halloween themed cloth mask.
- Only go to houses with safety measures in place.
- Inspect candy.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water or use sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol, especially before eating or after coughing/sneezing, and as soon as you return home.
- Check out halloween2020.org to find exciting activities and ways to celebrate Halloween this year based on levels of COVID risks in your area.



HERE ARE SOME IDEAS FOR SAFE HALLOWEEN GATHERINGS:

- Consider refraining from Halloween gatherings this year or use an online meeting platform to have a virtual party instead.
- If you choose to have a gathering:
 - Only have a few people over to limit the possibility of crowding. Indoor gatherings over 10 people are prohibited by [EO 2020 176](#).
 - Have all food and party favors set out individually to prevent cross contamination. (Avoid buffet style or shared food and drinks.)
 - Make sure there are plenty of areas with hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
 - Stay 6 feet away from others.
 - Wear a fun face mask, instead of a costume mask.

State of Michigan COVID 19 Website

Michigan.gov/Coronavirus

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Halloween Guidance:

CDC.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays

Partnership for a Safe Halloween: Halloween2020.org



2020 VIRTUAL OPIOID SUMMIT

UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF DRUGS IN MUSKEGON COUNTY

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Broadcast: 3pm to 4pm

Site Discussions: 4pm to 5pm

BROADCAST AGENDA

Joyce deJong, DO
Muskegon County Medical Examiner

DJ Hilson
Muskegon County Prosecutor

Stories of Recovery

Narcan Training

JOIN US VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM OR IN PERSON
AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

Fresh Coast Alliance
1128 Roberts St. 49442

St. Paul's Episcopal
1006 3rd St. 49440

Love N Grace Healing Centers
2735 E. Apple Ave. 49442

Unity Church of Muskegon
2052 Bourdon St. 49441

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
1200 Seminole Rd. 49441

First Baptist Church
1070 S. Quarterline 49442

[Click here to register for the summit](#)



Muskegon Area
**Medication
Disposal Program**

In coordination with the National DEA Take Back Program

MEDICATION & SHARPS COLLECTION

FREE

Drop off your unused or expired medications for proper disposal. Properly disposing of your unused medications, both over-the-counter and prescription, reduces risk of accidental poisoning, environmental contamination, and misuse. Mark out patient information prior to drop off.

Sharps will be accepted in appropriate containers.

**Saturday, October 24, 2020
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Norton Shores Fire Department

1100 E. Pontaluna Rd | Norton Shores, MI 49444

To learn more visit www.mamdp.org or call 231-672-3201.
Daily medication take-back sites are available, with locations listed on our website.

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COALITION MEMBERS:

*City of Muskegon Police
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Health Project

*Mercy Health and
Mercy Health Pharmacy*

*Muskegon County
Sheriff's Office*

*Norton Shores Police
Department*

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

Affinia Health Network

CALL 2-1-1

City of Muskegon

City of Norton Shores

*Coalition for a Drug Free
Muskegon County*

Lakeshore Regional Entity

*Muskegon County Public
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Muskegon Fire Department

*Norton Shores Fire
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Opiate Taskforce

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Senior Resources

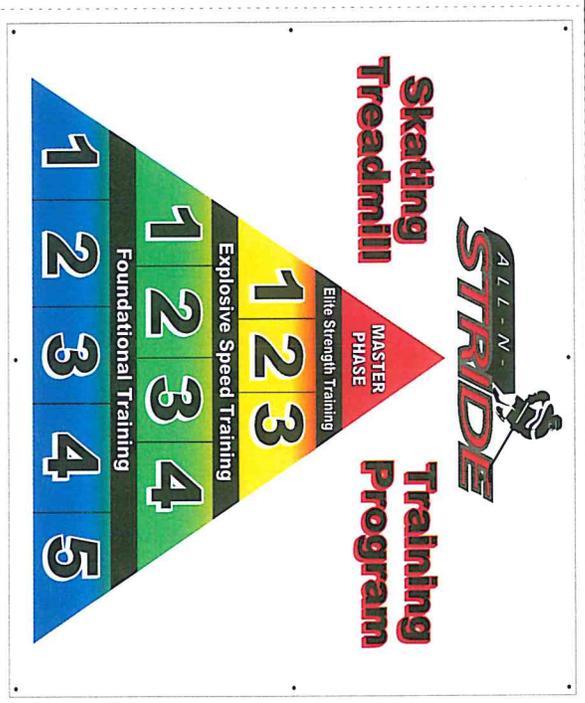


Skating Treadmill Training

“Making a difference one player at a time”

Mission Statement

All-N-Stride’s mission is to provide all hockey players with a safe, positive, and fun training environment to learn and master the correct biomechanics of skating regardless of age, ability, or level.



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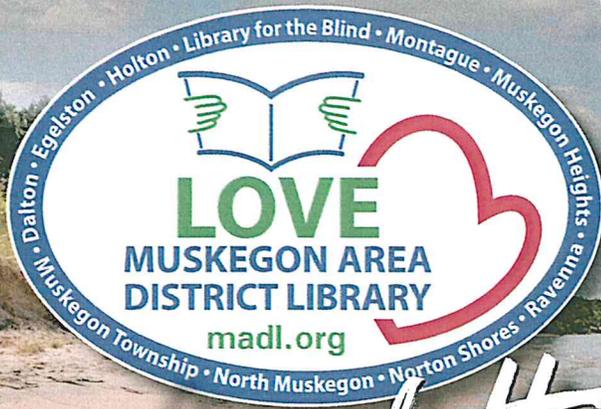
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today!



Serving the community at 10 local branches.

newsletter

September–December, 2020 Vol. 5 Issue 3

The Muskegon Area District Library connects a diverse community to resources and services that educate, inform, enrich and entertain.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

An Update from Kelly Richards

SHIFTING GEARS DURING A PANDEMIC

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we adjusted our operations to provide the best possible service while being mindful of the safety and well-being for all. During an Executive Order by the Governor, MADL closed temporarily in mid-March, however, staff worked continuously providing on-line help, answering questions from patrons, and we continued 24/7 access to digital on-line resources. Virtual programs were developed and planned in conjunction with our Summer Reading program.

On June 15, we opened our branches with full social distancing protocols in place and began offering curbside service. We are now fully open to the public with system-wide alike hours at branches Monday through Friday. We are following state guidelines

for social distancing and allowing 25% limited capacity. Masks are required and computers are available by appointment for one-hour sessions.

Due to the limited capacity, in-house programs have been suspended until further notice. However, we began and are continuing to offer a great line-up of virtual programs, including popular Storytimes and self-serve pick up program kits at all of our branches. Our books and materials continue to be available in person, or by using our website to access our digital resources 24/7.

We stand committed to serve our community and our staff is eagerly here to welcome you back. We appreciate your continued support and understanding during an unprecedented time in our county.



Curbside Convenience

Patrons are now offered contactless curbside pickup of library materials at all of our branch locations. There are a couple of options available – call the library to place a hold and schedule a pick-up time. Or, you can use the online catalog to search for items and use your library card to place a hold on the items you want. Items will be placed in a plastic bag and put out on a table for pick up. Check it out today!



Look inside for a complete list of programs!

Major Branch Improvements in Progress

We are excited about many new library branch improvements happening now. Renovations are underway at four of our branches this Fall. We are working closely with our local city and township officials to update the physical environments to provide a better library experience for all as was requested of MADL during the millage renewal.

We are modernizing our libraries by creating flexible and multi-use spaces with moveable furniture and multi-functional areas. Designers have studied our spaces and created comfortable attractive environments, with open, user-friendly and accessible spaces. MADL is working to meet our community's needs and more improvements at other branches will take place in 2021. Here is a short list of improvements:

North Muskegon Branch

- Total redesign of interior to maximize space
- New furniture, shelving and flooring

Muskegon Heights Branch

- Redesign of entire interior
- Painting of interior and exterior building
- New carpet, furniture and shelving

Egelston Branch

- Painting and upgrades to youth area
- New carpet and furniture and shelving units

Muskegon Township Branch

New Location! Moving to the Quarter-Apple Mall

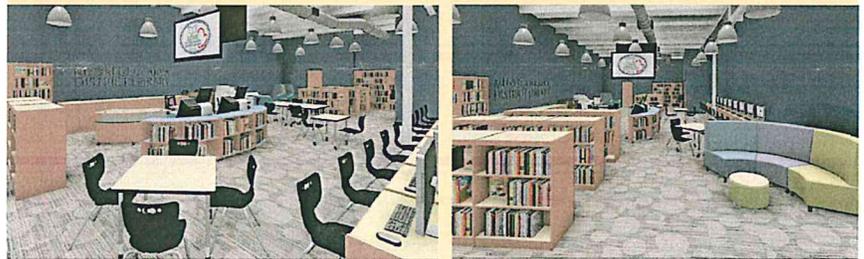
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- Best selling books, DVDs, video games

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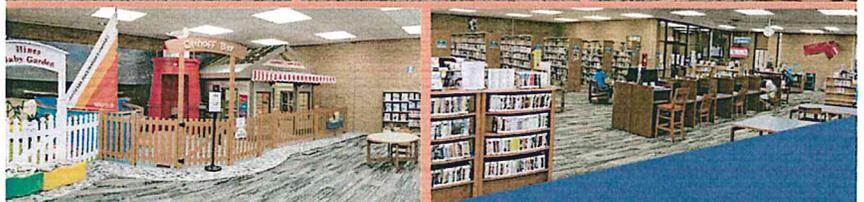
You won't be able to miss our new location on Apple Avenue.

A completely new Muskegon Township Branch Library is under construction at the Quarter-Apple Mall between two popular restaurants. It will offer the community high demand library services in a highly visible and convenient location. It is expected to be completed in the winter.

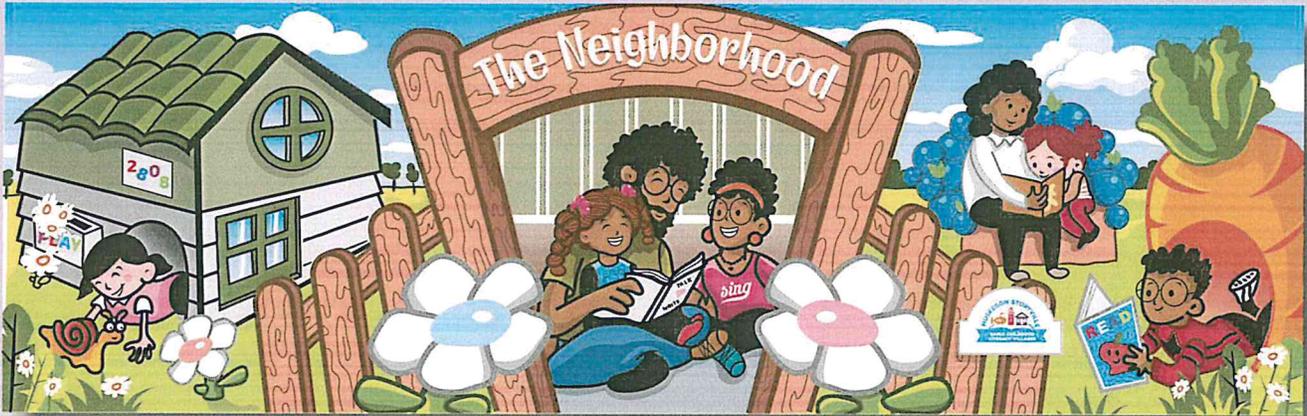


Norton Shores Branch Renovations

The Norton Shores Branch Library planned renovation project is now complete with brand new carpet, new shelves, a redesign of the space and a new roof! The old carpet in all areas of the branch was removed and new carpet installed. This massive space of over 12,046 feet, included the main library, study rooms, office and youth areas. Special shelf lifting equipment was used to move shelves with the books and materials in place. The main circulation desk was reconfigured into three different service areas. Guests are now enjoying a more welcoming and open environment. Stop by and visit soon!



STORYVILLE Mural Welcomes You to “The Neighborhood”



There's a new fun and happy picture on the Muskegon Height Branch Library exterior wall now. The fresh, vibrant mural, called 'The Neighborhood,' is located on the corner of Sanford and Broadway. It provides a new exciting welcome for library visitors.

The colorful illustration depicts elements of the new Storyville Village located inside the library, which includes a house with a kitchen, garden, and reading porch. Muskegon Storyville is an early literacy, child-size village where children ages 0–5 can let their imaginations run wild.

This project is made possible by the Community Foundation for Muskegon County.

Family Place Library

Muskegon Area District Library, in partnership with Hackley Public Library and White Lake Community Library, will become a certified Family Place Library. Our Ravenna branch will be a certified branch in 2021. Family Place Libraries certification supports the idea of libraries as community centers where children and families grow and develop to become lifelong learners.

What does that mean for the Ravenna branch? Over the next year, the branch will receive a brand-new Early Childhood Area. It will consist of a play area for children ages 0–5 and their caregivers, and will contain books, toys, areas for creative play,

early STEAM learning, and so much more. An updated parenting collection will be added and information on community resources will be available. Parent/Child workshops will be held at least twice a year. These workshops will be a time for parents and children ages three and under to play, learn, and speak with community guests.

Though Ravenna is the only branch that will be certified, six other branches will receive new Early Childhood Areas. Parent/Child workshops will also be offered at other branches and around the community.

**See the complete list of
programs on the inside!**

We continue to provide library services and offer a great variety of virtual programs this fall. Our Take It Make It Craft Kits will be available for pickup at all branches. Other programs will be live online using Zoom and Facebook Live. And still others will be recorded and made available on the Muskegon Area District Library

Facebook page and on the Muskegon Area District Library YouTube channel. The recorded programs will be available to view after the published date. Be sure to like our Facebook page and subscribe to our YouTube channel for information and updates.

Wimee's Words

Weekdays beginning September 14 1:00 pm

Facebook Live

Tune into the Muskegon Area

District Library Facebook Page for an online LIVE show featuring a singing robot, story writing, a science bird, Spanish learning, musical guests, kid chats, daily features, and more. "Wimee's Words" is a web based interactive LIVE kids show that encourages imagination, vocabulary building, and storytelling through puppetry, music, and wordplay. Join the educational fun every weekday at 1:00 pm where YOUR ideas could become part of the show!



Take It Make It: Bird/Squirrel Feeder

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6th grade and younger

See feathered and furry friends right outside your door. Visit any branch to pick up your free craft kit while supplies last.

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Nintendo Switch

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WEST MICHIGAN SYMPHONY
SCOTT SPECK | MUSIC DIRECTOR

West Michigan Symphony Saturday Series The third Saturday of the month

7:00 pm

September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19

Facebook

For 80 years, the West Michigan Symphony has been the leading professional orchestra in the West Michigan region, dedicated to bringing live symphonic music performances that inspire audiences throughout the area. Join the West Michigan Symphony in a virtual Saturday Series showcasing performances from their regular concert season.

September 19

This performance will include excerpts from Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, featuring violin soloist Chee-Yun; *Lyric for Strings* by the late George Walker, the first African American composer to win the Pulitzer Prize for Music; and the first movement of Mozart's *Divertimento No. 1*. The program will include interviews with conductor Scott Speck and musicians from the Orchestra.

October 17

Listen to three great masterpieces from the Slavic string collection, with melodies from Rachmaninoff, *Vocalise*, Tchaikovsky, *Serenade for Strings* and Grieg, *Holberg Suite*.

November 21

Join Claire Huangci on piano for a special tribute for Beethoven's birthday, including selections from Bach, Boulogne and Beethoven. The concert celebrates three great composers with works from Baroque to the Romantic eras in music.

December 19

A special *Home for the Holidays* program features all your holiday favorites performed by the West Michigan strings. This performance will showcase the Frauenthal center's newly-restored 1929 Barton theatre organ, played by Peter Kurdziel.



Make It Monday: Book Bird Cage

Monday, September 21

7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Join Holly as she shows you how to upcycle an old paperback book into a beautiful book bird cage. Transform that unwanted book into a work of art with just a few items. For a list of supplies you need, see the madl.org calendar.



Virtual Library Ser

Teen Book Club

The fourth Tuesday of the month
September 22, October 27, November 24, December 22
4:00 pm

Discord

Looking for new book suggestions? Want to share your favorites with other readers? Check out our new book club for teens, which meets once a month on Discord. Discuss the books you've been reading. Vote for the book or genre for later book discussions. Registration available on the madl.org calendar—you must be 13 to 19 years old and will need a Discord account to participate.

Storytime Live: Outdoor Discovery Center

Thursday, September 24
10:30 am

Facebook Live

The Outdoor Discovery Center is leading September's Storytime Live with a story and two live Michigan animals.

Teen Virtual Escape Room: The Abandoned Cabin

October—all month

Online at madl.org/escape

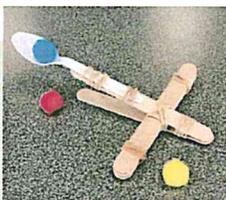
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Take It Make It: Catapult

Beginning Monday, October 5
6th grade and younger

Visit any branch to pick up your free craft kit with everything you need to make a catapult that can send pom poms flying. Available while supplies last.



Pizza Invasion

Tuesday, October 6
6:00 pm

Facebook

Join the Fresh Food Fairy on a pizza making adventure that's fun for the whole family. See how to make your very own pizza from scratch and creative ways to get everyone excited about eating vegetables. After learning from three simple pizza recipe tutorials, including homemade dough, veggie packed sauce, and even a healthy dessert pizza, everyone will be saying, "Let's get baking!"

Virtual RootTALK: From Immigrant to Citizen—US Naturalization Records

Tuesday, October 13
6:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Join Alison and discover how your ancestors became citizens of the United States, the kinds of records they generated when they did so, what information those records contain, and where you can search them on Ancestry and beyond.

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Take It Make It: Mini Zen Garden

Beginning Monday, October 19
Teens and Adults

Help increase mindfulness and calm your mind with a mini Zen garden. Visit any branch to pick up your free craft kit while supplies last.



Make It Monday: Canning Jar Lid Pumpkins

Monday, October 19

7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Just in time for fall, Holly will show you how to make adorable pumpkins out of canning jar lids. It's fun and easier than you think! For a list of supplies you need, see the madl.org calendar.



Storytime Live: The Dentist is In

Tuesday, October 20
10:30

Zoom

Dr. Jessica Lambert, representing the Muskegon County Oral Health Coalition, will join the MADL Storytime Crew for an interactive storytime all about teeth. We'll read stories, sing songs, and learn the best way to clean our teeth as we celebrate National Dental Hygiene Month. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

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Take It Make It: Shrinky Dinks

Beginning Monday, November 2

12th grade and younger

Everyone loves Shrinky Dinks, even teens! Visit any branch to pick up your free craft kit while supplies last.

Lakeshore Camera Club Fall 2020 Photography Exhibition and Competition

Monday, November 9–Sunday, November 15

Facebook

The Lakeshore Camera Club's Fall 2020 Photography Exhibition and Competition provides local photographers with a chance to showcase their art. This year, the photography exhibition is available exclusively online on MADL's Facebook Page. From November 9 to 15, visually stroll through the show albums and vote for a People's Choice favorite by liking one photo in each album once. Winners will be announced the week of November 16. Contact lakeshorecameraclub@gmail.com for more information.

Storytime Live: Mermaid Molly

Thursday, November 12

10:30 am

Facebook Live

Join Mermaid Molly to hear mermaid stories and songs.



Tidying Up: The KonMari Method™ with Kate Sood

Thursday, November 12

6:00 pm

Zoom

Kate Sood, a certified KonMari organizer, will introduce you to the life-changing, revolutionary KonMari Method™. This live presentation will detail this system as you learn about the many benefits (both physical and mental) of using this approach to declutter and how to fold just like Marie. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Make It Monday: Denim Bouquet

Monday, November 16

7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

Have an old pair of jeans hanging around? Don't throw them away. Holly will walk you through how to make a beautiful bouquet made of denim. For a list of supplies you will need, see the madl.org calendar.



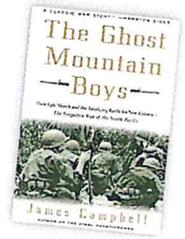
Remembering World War II: The Ghost Mountain Boys and the Forgotten War of the South Pacific

Wednesday, November 18

6:00 pm

Zoom

The Army's 32nd Red Arrow Infantry Division was assigned the most grueling mission of the entire Pacific Campaign: with little training or supplies for the jungle conditions, march 130 miles over the Owen Stanley Mountains of New Guinea and drive back the Japanese forces. Many men serving in this unit were from the Muskegon area. Join MCC History Instructor George Maniates and James Campbell, author of *The Ghost Mountain Boys*, as they discuss this harrowing mission that became an epic journey of survival and courage. Copies of the book are available to borrow at all MADL branches while supplies last. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Music Play Patrol: Djembe Drum Circle

Thursday, November 19

11:00 am

Zoom

Let's sing and dance while we explore drums from West Africa with Mr. Frank. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Take It Make It: Winter Craft

Beginning Monday, December 7

All ages

Visit any branch to pick up your free craft kit while supplies last.

Storytime Live: Santa

Thursday, December 10

7:00 pm

Zoom

Although Santa is practicing social distancing, he wants to safely see the kids of MADL. Join him for a special Zoom event. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Music Play Patrol: Festival of Bells

Thursday, December 17
11:00 am

Zoom

Join us as we explore hand bells and the glockenspiel while celebrating songs from different holidays (Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza) with Mr. Frank. Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.



Make It Monday: Winter Gnome

Monday, December 21

7:00 pm

Facebook and YouTube

In less than 20 minutes, Holly will show you how to make a whimsical Scandinavian gnome to add to your winter décor using dollar store items. For a list of supplies you will need, see the madl.org calendar.



Holiday Break Fun

Visit any branch during open hours to get a surprise Take It Make It craft kit or a surprise gift.

December 21–23
December 28–30

Storytimes

Storytime Online

Wednesdays, September 16–December 30
10:30 am

Facebook and YouTube

Join the MADL Storytime Crew every week for books, music, and more. It's a virtual storytime that's great for all kids of all ages.

Baby Time Online

The third Friday of the month
September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18
10:30 am

Facebook and YouTube

Join Miss Gill as she introduces babies to music, rhythm, and rhyme, all vital pre-lingual and pre-literacy skills.

LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS

Hoopla Book Club Blog

September–December
9:00 am

madl.org

Looking for a book club that fits your schedule? Join us at madl.org as we discuss a new book each month. Read at your own pace as we share background information, videos and questions every week and feel free to share your comments. All the books are available online through Hoopla, so even if you don't have a physical copy you can still join the club.

September: *Shuggie Bain* by Douglas Stuart

October: *I'll Be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara

November: *Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernardine Evaristo

December: *The Lost Book of Adana Moreau* by Michael Zapata

Morning ZOOM Book Club

The first Thursday of the month
10:30 am

Zoom

Community book lovers meet once a month for a live ZOOM book discussion with Alison from the Norton Shores Branch. Newcomers always welcome! Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

October 1: *Eight Perfect Murders* by Peter Swanson

November 5: *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson

December 3: *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano

Evening ZOOM Book Club

Third Tuesday of the month
6:00 pm

Zoom

Join Julie from the Holton Branch for a live ZOOM book discussion each month. Newcomers welcome! Registration required on the madl.org calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to you before the program.

October 20: *A Reliable Wife* by Robert Goodrick

November 17: *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See

December 15: *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey

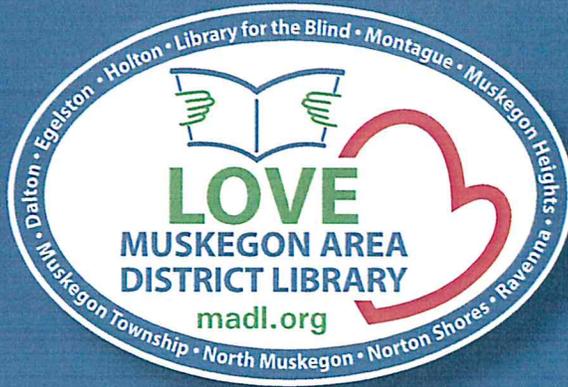
Movie Pop Quiz

Every week in December a different movie quote will be posted at all MADL Branch Libraries and also on our Facebook page. If you guess the movie quote correctly, your name will be entered in a drawing for a refillable WESCO popcorn bucket filled with goodies. You can make your guess and enter once per week. OPEN TO ALL AGES.

A special thank you to WESCO for their continued support of MADL and the Movie Pop Quiz.

WESCO





Due to the pandemic, all branch hours (except for the Muskegon Township Branch) are the same at this time. Branches are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, and on Wednesday from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm. The Muskegon Township Branch is only open on Tuesday and Wednesday at the times listed above.

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4845 Airline Road, Muskegon
231-737-6248

DALTON BRANCH

3175 Fifth Street, Twin Lake
231-828-4188

EGELSTON BRANCH

5428 E. Apple Avenue, Muskegon
231-788-6477

HOLTON BRANCH

8776 Holton–Duck Lake Road, Holton
231-821-0268

MONTAGUE BRANCH

8778 Ferry Street, Montague
231-893-2675

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS BRANCH

2808 Sanford Street, Muskegon Heights
231-739-6075

MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP BRANCH

1765 Ada Avenue, Muskegon
231-760-4329

**NORTH MUSKEGON BRANCH
"Walker Memorial"**

1522 Ruddiman Drive, North Muskegon
231-744-6080

**NORTON SHORES BRANCH
"Jacob O. Funkhouser"**

705 Seminole Road, Norton Shores
231-780-8844

RAVENNA BRANCH

12278 Stafford Street, Ravenna
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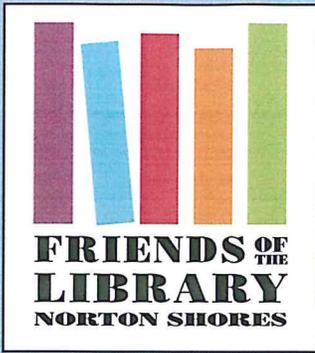
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The Bookmark

News, Programs and Events brought to you by the Friends of the Norton Shores Library

Volume 11, Issue 2

Catching up with our Friends

All of us on the Friends board are happy to be able to connect with our Norton Shores Library Friends via this "Bookmark" newsletter. We have missed you and want to give you an update on how your Friends Board is going



forward under the current circumstances. We hope you enjoy this abbreviated issue of "The Bookmark."

Many of you have been asking about when we will have our next Friends' book sale. As with so much else, we are uncertain when we will be able to have our next sale. Although we cannot accept book donations at this time, we do have a room full of donated books sorted and ready to go, so be assured that we will be ready to have a sale when we get the "all clear."

Because our twice-yearly book sales are our main source of income, we are pinching our pennies as we continue to support our Norton Shores Library as they, with MADL, provide our library patrons with quality programming. We also continue to provide other value-added items such as the *BookPage* magazine, this newsletter and other non-budgeted supplies and beneficial touches that make our library a special and user-friendly place.

Thanks to all of you who responded to our annual meeting and election mailing. Our 2019 minutes and Slate of Officers were both approved. We appreciate your votes of confidence and are hopeful we will be able to celebrate another year of Friendship with you in person next April.

We thank you for your continued interest in and support of our Norton Shores Branch Library and of the Friends of the Norton Shores Library. *Hope to see you soon!*

NEW! VIRTUAL PROGRAMS!
 Due to COVID-19 MADL will offer multiple virtual programs this fall. Although programs will not take place inside the Norton Shores branch, there is a great lineup planned for all ages with both live and recorded events! Be sure to like the MADL Facebook page and subscribe to the MADL YouTube channel for information and updates.

Friends of the Norton Shores Library Board

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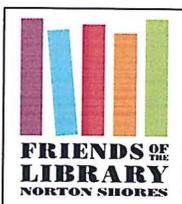
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