



June 20, 2019

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mark C. Meyers, City Administrator 

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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Legislation Addressing Residential Speed Limits Passes the Senate, Sent to the Governor for Signature

Posted on **June 19, 2019** by **John LaMacchia II**

House Bill 4118 passed the Senate by a vote of 33-4 and is now on its way to the Governor for signature. This bill will rectify an issue that was created in 2016 when legislation that passed, unintentionally eliminated the presumed residential speed limit of 25 mph in a traditional city and village grid system.

The bill would allow a speed of 25 miles per hour on a highway segment that is part of the local street system as designated by a local jurisdiction and approved by the State Transportation Commission and that is within land zoned for residential use by the governing body of an incorporated city or village under the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, unless another speed is fixed and posted.

The League fully supports this legislation and thanks the sponsor and our members for their work on this issue. We look forward to the Governor signing this bill and enacting critical fix to address residential speed limits in Michigan.

John LaMacchia is the Assistant Director of State and Federal Affairs for the League handling transportation, infrastructure, energy and environment issues. He can be reached at jlamacchia@mml.org or 517-908-0303.

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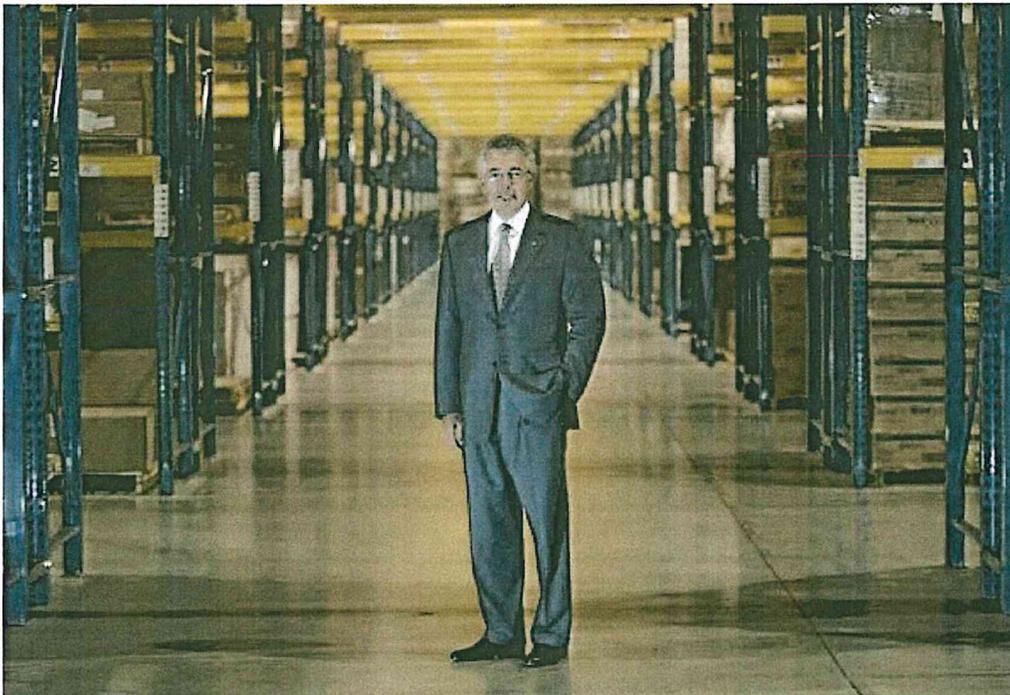
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Norton Shores' Nichols expands regional footprint with Ohio acquisition

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Mike Olthoff, CEO of Nichols Paper and Supply Company, inside the company's new warehouse at 1391 Judson Road.

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By [Justine Lofton | jmcguir4@mlive.com](#)

MUSKEGON, MI – A Muskegon-area paper and cleaning supply company continues to expand in the Great Lakes region with its fourth acquisitions in the past six years.

Nichols purchased Cleveland, Ohio-based DawnChem this month.

The acquisition was “very strategic,” according to a news release from Norton Shores-based Nichols. Nichols was founded in Muskegon in 1936.

The acquisition "reinforces the Nichols position as the leading provider of solutions for clean and healthy facilities and the safe shipment of products," according to the release.

DawnChem has been in business since 1977 as a family owned and operated cleaning supplies and equipment company, according to the release. It is a "great fit" with Nichols' product and service offerings.

"DawnChem has 42 years of strong relationships built by an impressive team of associates," said Nichols CEO Mike Olthoff. "We are thrilled to have them join the Nichols family."

Ed Rossi, former DawnChem president, will remain on with Nichols as the Cleveland general manager.

"I am personally excited to be a part of this new company as we evolve and integrate the experience of the DawnChem team with the resources of Nichols," Rossi said in a statement.

Nichols provides cleaning and health products including cleaning supplies, floor care equipment, food service supplies, hand cleaning systems, laundry, packaging machines, packaging and production supplies, paper products, restroom systems, and safety and shipping supplies to industrial, education, building service contractors, healthcare and hospitality industries.

Nichols now has locations in Norton Shores, Grand Rapids, the Detroit metro area, Holland, and Traverse City, Michigan; Bowling Green and Cleveland, Ohio; Ft. Wayne and Indianapolis, Indiana; and Decatur, Illinois.

Other recent acquisitions include [Spectrum Janitorial](#) in 2017. That purchase opened up the Indianapolis, Indiana, and Decatur, Illinois, markets. Waterford Township-based [Professional Sanitary Supply](#) was acquired in 2015. Nichols [acquired Kellermeyer](#) of Bowling Green, Ohio, in 2014, and ICS of Waterford in 2013.

The sanitary supply businesses of Great Lakes Air Gas (2004), Van Wood Chemical of Grand Rapids (1992) and Marvin Albers Co. of Holland (1988) were also acquired in the past 31 years.

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WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
Minutes of February 19, 2019 Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the West Michigan Regional Water Authority was called to order on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 1:37p.m. in the Small Conference Room, Norton Shores City Hall, 4814 Henry Street.

Members Present: Board Members Jerry Bartoszek, Mike Huston, Ron Langlois and Heidi Tice

Also Present:

Adoption of Agenda

The adoption of the agenda was accepted by consensus.

Adoption of Minutes

Vice Chair Heidi Tice moved to adopt the minutes from the Meeting of December 18, 2018. The motion was seconded by Secretary Ron Langlois. The motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Mike Huston reported to the board that the Authority has \$1.9 million in the bank. He reported that there are bills that need to be paid to the City of Muskegon with \$700,000 coming from the rentals at Smilie water tower.

Old/New Business:

1. Budget FY-2020

Chair Jerry Bartoszek presented the board with the FY-2020 budget. Vice Chair Heidi Tice made a motion to accept the budget as presented and Treasurer Mike Huston seconded that motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. FY-2020 Water Rates

Chair Jerry Bartoszek presented the board with the proposed rates based on the proposed budget. There is no proposed changes to the water rates. The motion to approve the water rates was carried unanimously.

3. AT&T Cell Site Lease Amendment Request

Chair Jerry Bartoszek presented the board with a request from AT&T for a reduction in their monthly rate from \$45.30 down to \$35.33. Treasurer Mike Huston made a motion to leave the lease agreement as-is for now, until more information can be provided. Vice Chair Heidi Tice seconded that motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.


Ron Langlois, Secretary



The Wastewater Department exists to improve the public health of Muskegon County citizens by receiving polluted wastewater, cleaning it up, and returning it 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

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Operating expenditures for the first seven months of the 2019 fiscal year are \$8,088,555, or 51% of the FY2019 budget. Revenues for the same period are \$11,921,999, or 63% of the budget.

FARM REPORT

Ted Costigan / Farm Manager

THE 2019 GROWING SEASON

The month of May has seemed more like April this year. We’ve had an abnormally cold and wet start to the growing season. Soil conditions are slowly coming around, and planting has been limping along. Alfalfa planting was finished by the 21st, and Soybean planting was completed by Memorial Day. We started planting corn after Memorial Day. This was a few days later than we started in 2018. Yields should not be affected as long as weather conditions return to normal. Fortunately, our field conditions are better than those in most of the country. Nationwide planting progress is far behind the 5 year national average, as the USDA statistics in the following table show.

Crop	Planted as of May 19, 2019	Planted Last Year by May 19	5-Year Average for This Time
Corn Planted	30%	78%	80%
Soybeans Planted	9%	53%	47%

Irrigation season began on the 13th. We have an above-average amount of water that needs to be irrigated this season. We are running as many irrigation rigs as possible, despite the precipitation we are receiving.

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Vic Singh / Engineer & Dave Johnson / Director

RAPID INFILTRATION BED IMPROVEMENTS

Progress: The project to replace basin valves for the Rapid Infiltration (RI) basins continues to progress. Jackson-Merkey has the basins in the A and B groups and most of those in the C group ready for use. They conducted training on operation of the new gate valves. Next month they should be able to isolate the D and E basins and begin their work in earnest on them. Two of the refurbished RI pumps have been put back in place and are operating with increased efficiency. The new flow meter has been installed and the ferric chloride injection manhole has been replaced. (Ferric chloride is added to the water that is pumped to the RI basins. It causes the phosphorus in the water to come out of solution so that it gets filtered out as the water passes through the sand.)

FLEET MAINTENANCE BUILDING EXPANSION

Progress: Grand River Construction has finished its work on the addition to the fleet maintenance building. Final inspections for plumbing, electrical, and mechanical have been done. That leaves only the final building inspection (for stairs, firewalls, etc.). Now the question is being asked: When will the Wastewater’s Operations Maintenance Department move into their new space? They’ll move in when the cement approaches and the parking lot are put in. Those features, however, are part of a different project, the Swanson Road paving project, which will begin later this summer, so it will probably be fall before the Ops Maintenance Department moves in.

FLUME BAR SCREEN

Progress: The Flume Bar Screen is now back in business. The compactor auger that was originally installed had proved unsuitable for handling grease. This month a shaftless screw auger replaced the compactor auger. The new auger was tested on May 22. The initial performance shows that it can deal adequately with the grease.



Not a pretty picture! (But beautiful to us because it works!) The new shaftless screw auger at the flume bar screen / trash rake.

CELL THREE RENOVATION

Progress: The Cell Three Renovation is substantially complete. With sixteen new aerators and a few old ones installed in the cell, it went into operation on May 23 after we had verified that the flume bar screen was able to function properly with the installation of the new shaftless screw auger.

SPECIAL REPORT

Steve Barnard / Safety and Technical Coordinator

MOSQUITO CREEK TRAIL RIBBON CUTTING



The grand opening ceremony for the highly anticipated Mosquito Creek Trail was held at the Maple Island road trailhead on May 11, 2019.

The event was well attended with representatives of the Michigan's Edge Mountain Biking Association (MEMBA), the County of Muskegon, local bike shops and many guests. Around 50 people were in attendance, including a few neighbors. The atmosphere was festive and the weather cool and pleasant, with a large canopy covering several tables, new trail signs on Maple Island, a handsome kiosk, and bike vendors. The two bike shops present were Breakaway Bikes and Rock and Road cycles. They provided demo bikes for people to ride so they could see the trail, get adjustments done to their own bikes, and get expert advice.

Andrew Stevens, a club member who's been one of the leaders in the trail construction, was emcee of the event. He gave an overview of the trail project and future plans. Andrew then introduced Mark Eisenbarth, Muskegon County Administrator, Steve Barnard from Wastewater, and Bob Lukens, the County's Community Development Director. Each in turn spoke to the cooperative efforts that led to the conception, building and community impact of the trail system. Randy Knapp, MEMBA president, spoke about the regional work the group does and the efforts taken to get the trail system started and sustainable. Alex Wagner, another active club member, told about some of the operational items involved with the building of the existing trail and what will be needed to complete the rest of the trail.

The club has about \$40,000 on hand and will need a total of \$60,000 to complete the trail north of Mosquito creek, which should be done by the end of 2019. By the end of 2020, a bridge on the eastern end and another bridge/boardwalk will allow completion of the trail south of the creek. The bridges have to be permitted by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE).

After the oration, a ribbon was cut, and cyclists and walkers began using the 3 miles of completed trail. This first section is wide and mostly flat to allow for a wide range of uses. When complete, there will be

about 9 miles of trail, ranging from easy to very difficult mountain biking. A trail of this construction, location, and amenity will likely draw visitors from the wider region and possibly from out of state. This should be a boon to the local economy, as visitors play, eat and stay.

The trail name “Mosquito Creek” was decided on by club members and is really only considered a placeholder name. It is hoped that a large donation or grant would allow for a name change to that sponsor. Who knows? We may someday know it as the Consumers Energy Trail or the Ice Mountain Trail. No matter the name, this trail is a new and welcome benefit for Muskegon County.

STATISTICAL COMPARISONS

Dave Johnson / Director

FLOWS AND LAGOON LEVELS

Average daily wastewater flow (Fig. 1) received at the WWTP in May was 16.8 MGD, 25% higher than the same period last year. Hauled waste flow for May (Fig. 2) was 6.3 MG, 50% higher than the same period last year. The volume of water in the storage lagoons (Fig. 3) near the end of May was 4,582 MG, 5.1% higher than this time last year.



Representatives from Muskegon County and MEMBA attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Mosquito Creek Trail, along with eager participants ready to try out the new trail. The County is represented by Caitlin Ward of the Convention and Visitors Bureau (far left), Community Development Director Bob Lukens (far right), and County Administrator Mark Eisenbarth (third from right).

Figure 1

2017 - 2019 Total Wastewater Monthly Flow in MGD

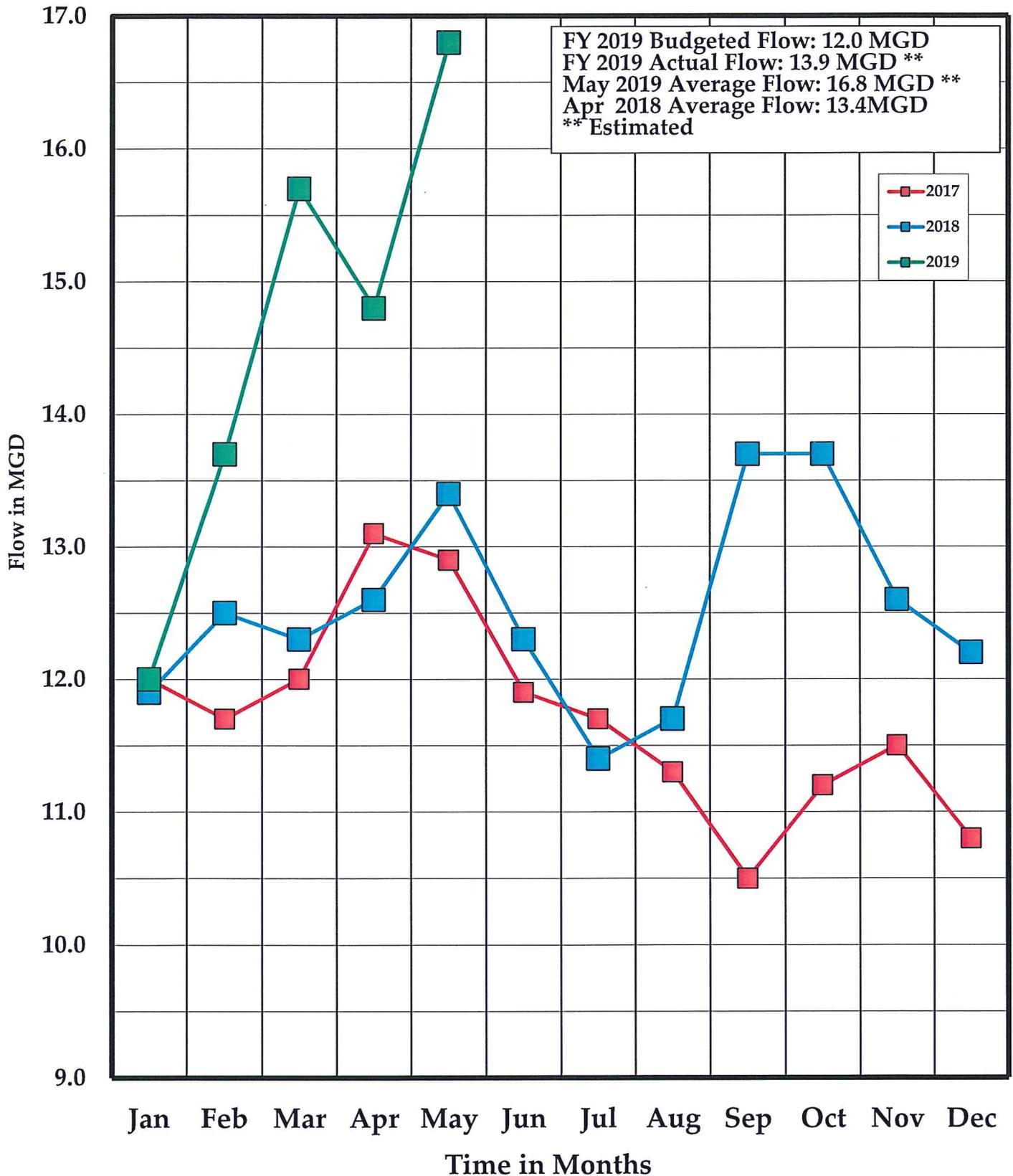


Figure 2

2017 - 2019 Hauled Waste Monthly Volume in Gallons

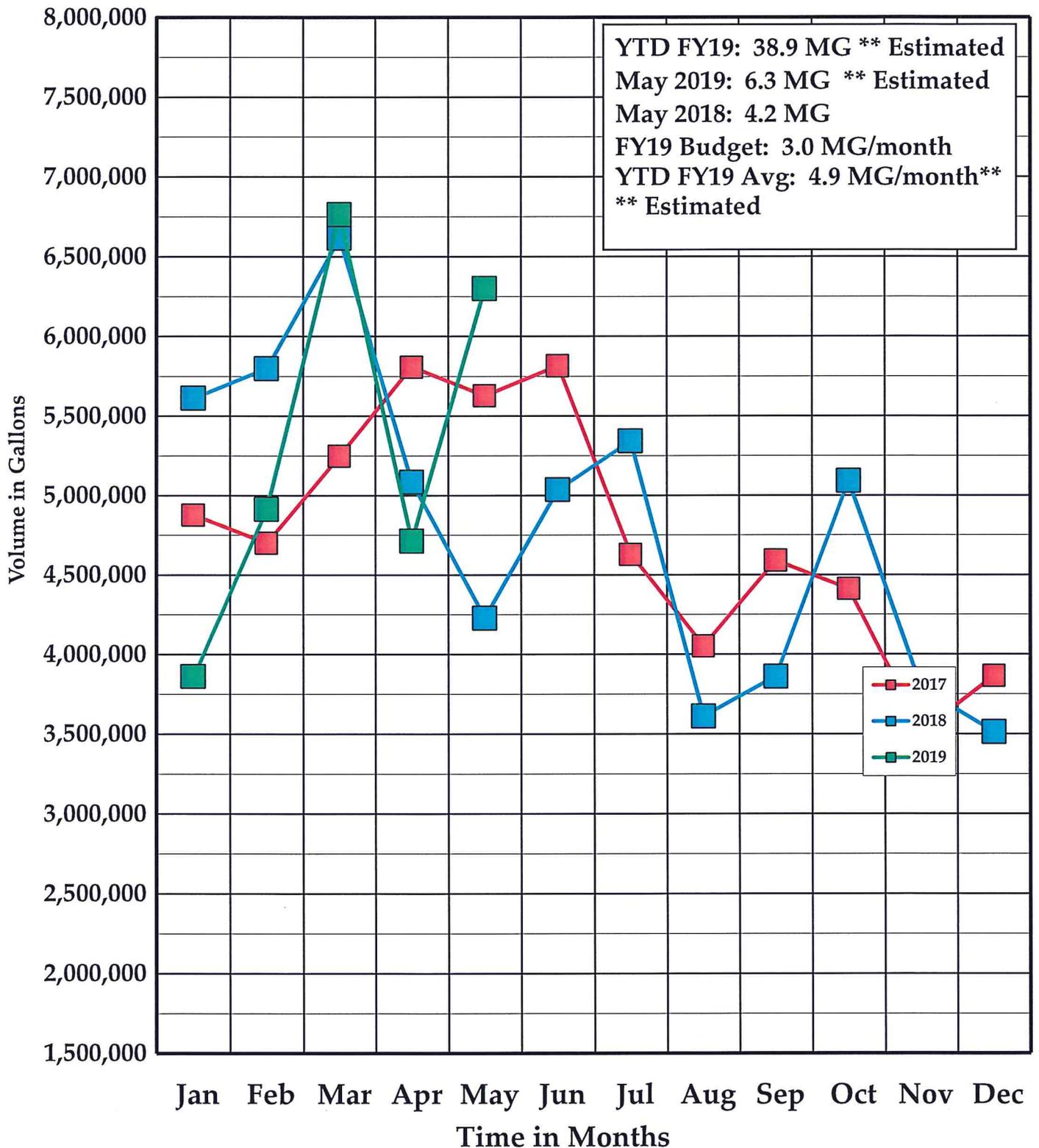
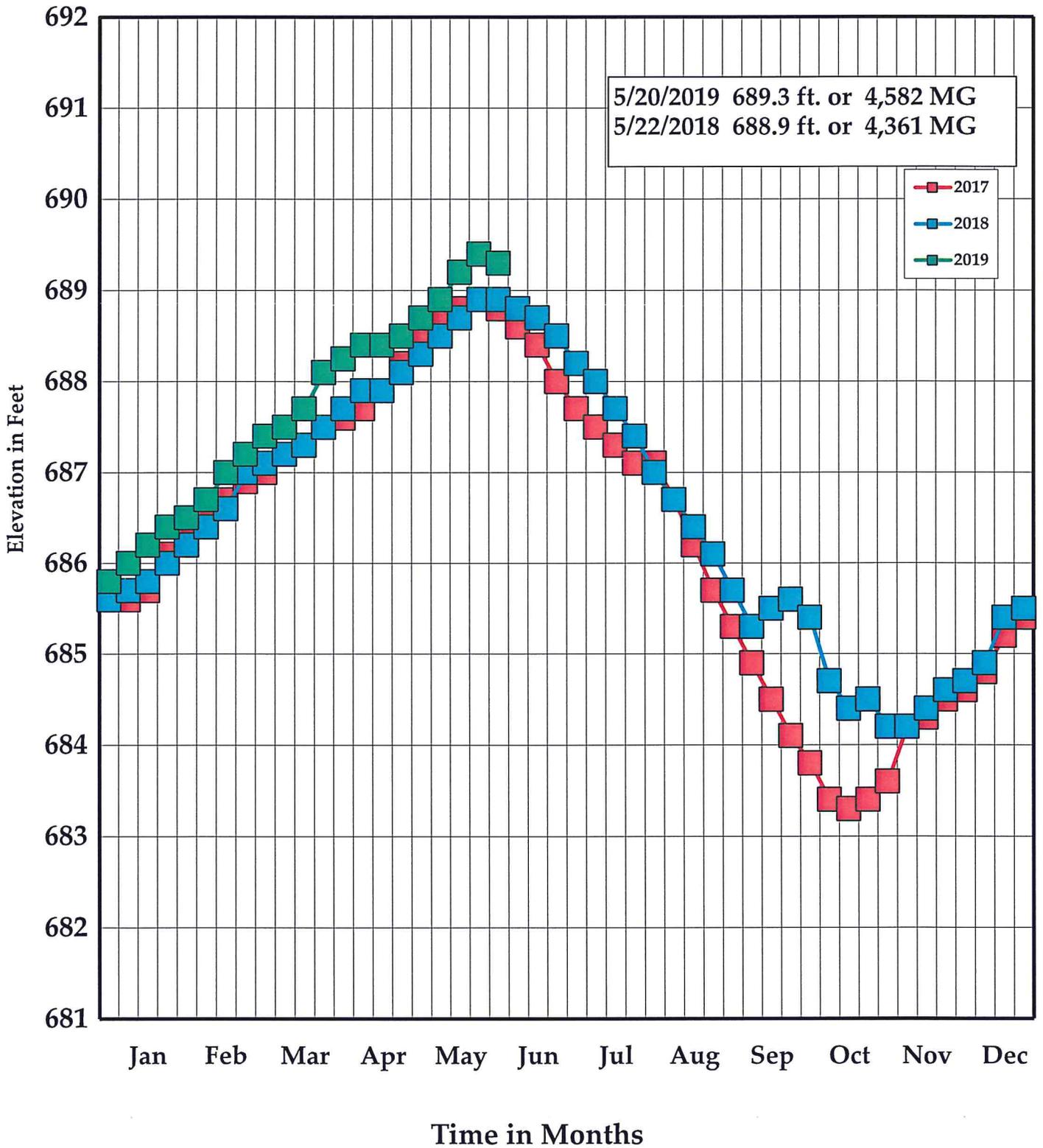


Figure 3

2017 - 2019 Metro Lagoon Average Elevation in Feet



Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America Features Ride with Pride



The Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America featured Ride with Pride in their latest national newsletter. The article featured the history of Muskegon ALI and Ride with Pride.

In 2012, Mona Shores School District, the Norton Shores Police Department and Muskegon ALI launched their first Ride with Pride program. In the beginning of the year, students are asked to sign a positive behavior pledge, which consists of positive behavior and choices the student needs to follow in order to be entered to win a car at the end of the year. The program has now expanded to 7 school districts in Muskegon County.

Since 2012, Mona Shores High School saw a 51% decrease in school suspensions and in-school referrals for alcohol or other drugs. Mona Shores recently reported that this positive school climate has now impacted reading comprehension scores up 13% in 2018.



Captain Shane Brown and Sergeant Dan Hibler visit with Holton High School students before their Ride with Pride Assembly.

Muskegon County was once known as the "Beer Tent Capital of Michigan". Summer celebrations, community events, and outdoor concerts allowed more access to alcohol and opportunities for drunk drivers and over-serving. In 2007, Muskegon's student youth data showed 28% of high school juniors reported binge drinking in the past 30 days.

In the most recent MiPHY data, due to the efforts of Muskegon ALI and the Ride with Pride coalition, Muskegon County has seen a 20% reduction in students reporting they ever drank alcohol, a 37% decline in recent alcohol use, a 48% reduction of binge drinking among youth, and a 61% reduction of youth riding with someone who had been drinking.

In 2015, the coalition for a Drug Free Muskegon County received the CADCA Got Outcomes Award and continues to promote their award-winning efforts at the yearly CADCA national conferences.

DFC Launching New Website

The DFC Executive Committee has been working with Revel marketing on developing a new DFC website. The website will feature links to each coalition's website within the DFC. By creating a central hub, the coalition hopes to make it easier to find information on everything DFC related.

The coalition plans to have the website completed before 2020. If you are interested in finding out more about Drug Free Muskegon County, contact Rachel McCoy at Rachel.McCoy@mercyhealth.com.

MAMDP Collects 2000 Pounds of Medication during Take-Back Event



www.MAMDP.org

The Muskegon Area Medication Disposal Program held their fall take-back event at the Norton Shores Fire Department in April. The coalition is celebrating their 9th year of keeping unused medications out of the wrong hands.

During the event, 168 vehicles dropped off 1,949 lbs of medications and 817 lbs of sharps during a four-hour time frame. The event was coordinated with the DEA's National Take-Back Event. Mercy Health and Spectrum Health volunteers helped sort, count, and record medications collected at the event. MAMDP has collected and disposed of 36,966 lbs of medication from 2010-2019.

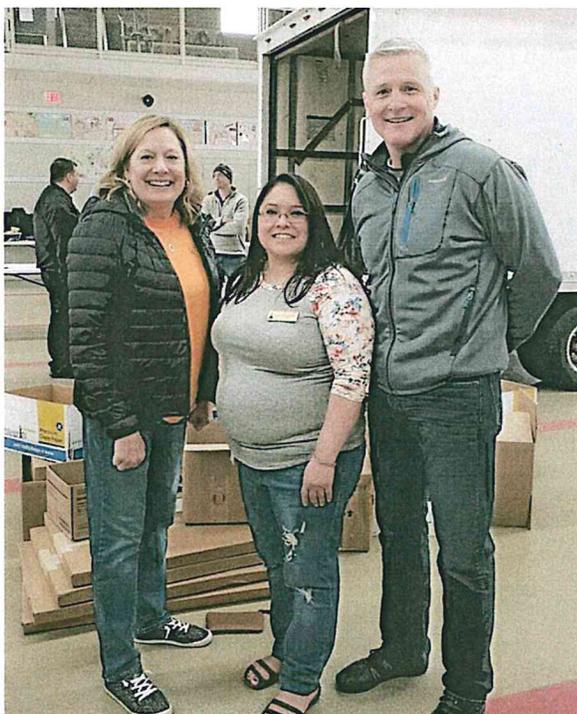


MAMDP members at their last medication take-back event at the Norton Shores Fire Department.

The coalition hopes that these events will help shed light on opioid awareness and addiction, as well as encourage the community to get rid of their medications and needles safely.

"One of the easiest ways is to remove unneeded and unused medications from our homes, before they end up being abused. Disposing of them through the Muskegon Area Medication Disposal Program not only keeps them safely away from possible abuse, but it also keeps them out of our water supply and environment. The Muskegon Medication Disposal Program is one of the leading take-back programs in Michigan, and I urge everyone to take full advantage of this free service," County Commissioner Bob Scolnik said in a press release.

Visit www.MAMDP.org for all drop-off locations.



MAMDP chair Carrie Uthe and Sheriff Michael Poulin welcome Susie Rodriguez, who is a representative for State Senator Jon Bumstead.

Muskegon ALI Educates Local Retailers about Underage Drinking



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The 2019 Facethebook Middle School Poster Contest and High School Billboard Contest concluded in April. Students from Muskegon area schools were asked to take a fact from the Facethebook Brochure that Muskegon ALI distributes to local schools to educate youth on the true facts about underage drinking. Students then are to use the fact to create a billboard or poster. Each school selects one poster submission to represent their school's district in the contest. Each poster submission receives a Swag Bag from Y-Knot Embroidery and they are entered to win the Grand Prize!

The Middle School winner was from Fruitport and they received a pizza party at their school. The High School winner was also from Fruitport, and they received a pizza party and movie showing, courtesy of Cinema Carousel. Their drawings were also featured on a billboard near Fruitport High School, donated by Lamar. "Muskegon ALI wants to thank all the students who took the time to educate their peers on the legal, social, and health consequences of underage drinking," explained Sarah De La Rosa, chair of Muskegon ALI.



A Fruitport High School student celebrates winning the 2019 Facethebook billboard contest with ALI members and Fruitport High School principal Rob Rogers.

Alcohol Retailer Education

Muskegon ALI has been busy educating local retailers and students in our community about the dangers of underage drinking. Local law enforcement agencies delivered the Muskegon ALI Vendor Packets to every alcohol retailer in the county. These packets contain valuable information about the laws and procedures they should follow, and additional community resources. Each alcohol retailer is notified there will be additional follow-up done by law enforcement. To ensure that alcohol isn't being sold to minors, decoy operations are then conducted. Muskegon ALI is proud to support this effort that prevents alcohol from reaching our youth.

Muskegon ALI hosted the Michigan Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking on May 21st. Muskegon ALI and the Ride with Pride coalition presented to MCRUD members who live all over the state.

For more information on the Alcohol Liability Initiative, visit their website www.MuskegonALI.org



The winning billboard from Fruitport High School featured a fact that 82% of high school students choose to stay sober.

Ride with Pride Celebrations at 7 Muskegon Area Schools

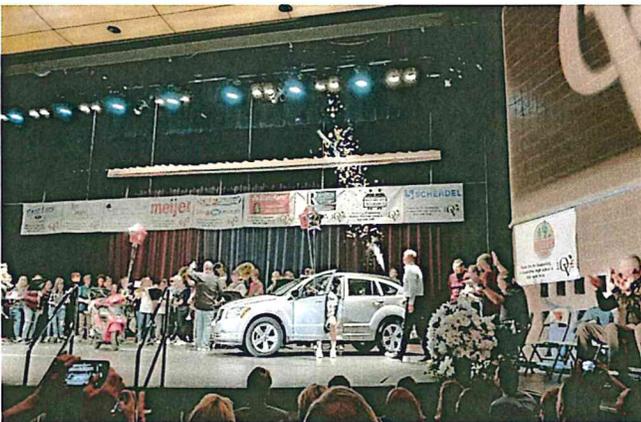


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Ride with Pride celebrated students from seven different schools in Muskegon County. *Ride with Pride Celebration Assemblies* were held at Mona Shores, Holton, Oakridge, Fruitport, Western Michigan Christian, Orchard View, and North Muskegon. This was the first year that North Muskegon, Oakridge, Holton, and WMC celebrated Ride with Pride achievements at their schools.

Any student who signs the Ride with Pride pledge at the beginning of the year and has maintained positive behavior throughout the school year has a chance to win a car, moped, hoverboard, kayak, and many more prizes!

Western Michigan Christian Principal Samuel Greer explained, "This is an opportunity for our students to shine. Our students were challenged at the beginning of the year to rise up in their behavior, not to win prizes, but to honor God in the way they live their lives. This event highlights that positive behavior. The more we can promote positive behavior and good choices by our students, the better off our communities will be."



An Orchard View High School student celebrates as he opens the door of his new car!



Ride with Pride members celebrate with the North Muskegon High School winner.

Ride with Pride currently serves over 4,800 students among 7 high schools and middle schools, and hopes to expand their reach to 8,600 students from 12 different Muskegon area schools.

Ride with Pride would like to thank all their supporting agencies who donated prizes given away at the celebration assemblies. Ride with Pride received car donations from Ramos and Son's Auto Body and Towing, Emergency Services, Fremont Ford, Betten-Baker Honda, Johnson Auto Sales, and Meyers Chevrolet.

CADCA Features Ride with Pride

The Ride with Pride program was recently featured in the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America newsletter. Click the link below to view the article. <https://www.cadca.org/resources/coalitions-action-coalition-drug-free-muskegon-county-helps-students-ride-pride>.



June 18, 2019

Norton Shores Police Department
4814 Henry St
Norton Shores, MI 49441

Dear Chief Gale and participating Officers,

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for your contribution of assisting our riders with traffic control at the intersections we had requested for the 5th Annual Chris Boes Memorial Run for Wings of Mercy. Because of your help, we were able to have a safe, enjoyable and very successful ride. We were able to raise over \$18,000. We beat last year by over \$3,000! These dollars will all go towards the fuel for the Wings of Mercy planes. The Wings of Mercy pilots and planes transport patients with medical needs where they need to be throughout the Midwest for treatments, at no cost to them. With your help and generosity, we can continue this and fulfil many patients' needs.

This event, held in our nephew's memory because he was a recipient of Wings of Mercy's help, means the world to us. From the Boes family, and all those that participate in this event, we are in awe.

Thanks again for a favorable and safe 5th Annual Chris Boes Memorial Run for Wings of Mercy, and we look forward to many more great runs.

Warm regards,

The Boes Family 2019

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June 7, 2019

Karen Reynolds
Criminal Justice Instructor

Chief Bob Gagnon
Norton Shores Fire Department
1100 East Pontaluna Road
Norton Shores, MI 49444

Dear Chief Gagnon:

The school year has come to an end here at the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center. I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for yet another amazing year. It has been a pleasure for us to have professional partners like you in our community.

Your agency is a mainstay for our program. Deputy Chief Joe Kinnucan continued to serve on our Advisory Board. Fire Marshal Karnitz and crew provided fire extinguisher training again. We enjoy and look forward to the Community Public Safety Open House, which we hope is as beneficial to you as it is our students!

You continue to realize the importance of allowing our Ambassador students to job shadow at your agency. You gave us 70 hours of job shadow opportunity this year! Your members include our students in their routines, which make the experience educational and realistic.

In closing, I want to thank you again for the investment you have made for our students and pass along their appreciation to you. We simply could not provide this type of experience without your help and we look forward to continued partnership with the Norton Shores Fire Department!

Sincerely,



County of Muskegon 2020-2024 Recreation Plan Community Workshops

Wednesday, July 10th

Bella Maria's Event Center

513 W Pontaluna Rd.

Norton Shores 49444

5:30pm-6:45pm

Thursday, July 11th

White Lake Community Library

3900 W White Lake Dr.

Whitehall 49461

8:30am-9:45am

Tuesday, July 16th

Muskegon Area Transit System

2624 6th St.

Muskegon Heights 49444

5:00pm-6:15pm

Wednesday, July 17th

Hackley Public Library

316 W Webster Ave.

Muskegon 49440

3:30pm-4:45pm

Thursday, July 18th

Egelston Township Hall

5428 E Apple Ave.

Muskegon 49442

3:30pm-4:45pm

What is a recreation plan? The intent of a recreation plan is to create an inventory of existing facilities and resources, identify community recreation and open space needs and set a plan of action for a 5-year period.

Why do we need a recreation plan? The DNR requires an approved plan to be on file for a municipality to be eligible for DNR grants. A recreation plan may also be used in a municipality's Master Plan.

Questions?:

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