



October 10, 2019

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

Administration/City Clerk (231) 798-4391	Assessing Division (231) 799-6806	Building Division (231) 799-6801	Finance/Treasurer (231) 799-6805	Fire Prevention (231) 799-6809	Fire Department (231) 798-2255
Parks/Recreation (231) 799-6802	Planning/Zoning (231) 799-6800	Police Department (231) 733-2691	Public Works (231) 799-6803	Streets Division (231) 798-2156	Water/Sewer (231) 799-6804



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October 1, 2019

City of Norton Shores
ATTN: City Council
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Norton Shores, MI 49441

Dear City council members,

I am reaching out to provide an update on the state budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20. As chair of the Senate Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) budget, I had an active role in shaping a budget that included \$120 million to address water quality issues such as PFAS and other contaminants, lead and copper rule implementation, well testing and more.

I regret to inform you that Governor Gretchen Whitmer line item vetoed important water quality improvement sections in these budgets. Most notably, the governor vetoed \$15 million for a grant program for municipal airports to cover testing costs associated with well monitoring related to PFAS and other contaminants. This grant program would have been vital for local municipalities in Muskegon County to receive much needed funding to monitor and cleanup airports contaminated with PFAS.

The governor also removed \$500,000 allocated for the Michigan geological survey. This funding would have been significant to understand and map how water flows throughout the state. The geological survey could have been used in conjunction with the testing of PFAS and other contaminants to better pinpoint urgent testing locations based on our knowledge of the flow of water.

The governor's vetoes will negatively impact residents in Muskegon County and the state. Water quality remains one of my top priorities, and I will continue working with my colleagues in the Senate to come up with solutions to water quality issues throughout our state. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to and contact my office by phone at (866) 305-2134 or by email at SenJBumstead@senate.michigan.gov.

Best regards,

Jon Bumstead
State Senator
Michigan Senate District 34



Internal Memo

October 4, 2019

TO: Mark C. Meyers, City Administrator
Jerry Bartoszek, Public Works Director
Bryan DeGroot, Streets/Drainage Superintendent
Jon Gale, Chief NSPD

FROM: Jim Murphy, City Engineer 

RE: 2019 Holiday Season Traffic Signal Adjustments

The following traffic signals will be adjusted according to the list below to better accommodate the 2019 holiday shopping traffic:

1. Extended operations from 4:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on November 28 & 29, and December 26 & 27, 2019; from 5:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on November 30 and December 1, 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21, 2019; from 5:00 am to regular time on December 22, 23 and 24, 2019.
 - Henry Street - Walmart/Meijer entrances

2. Extended operation from 10:00 p.m. Thursday, November 28th to 11:30 p.m. Friday, the 29th of November 2019; from 4:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on November 30 and December 1, 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 & 26, 2019 and from 5:00 am to regular time on December 22, 23 & 24, 2019.
 - 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:
 - 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.

Mark Meyers

From: Dominique <dominique@unitedwaylakeshore.org>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 5:31 PM
Subject: [Possible Spam] \$10,000 investment to Muskegon Heights by Nowak Machined Products

Importance: Low

For Immediate Release – September 30, 2019

Contact: Dominique Bunker,
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NOWAK MACHINED PRODUCTS TO INVEST OVER \$10,000 TO MUSKEGON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, MI: On October 2nd, every student that attends Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Academy and Edgewood Academy in the Muskegon Heights school district will be receiving a backpack stocked with school supplies in honor of Count Day. These backpacks and supplies have been donated by local manufacturer, Nowak Machined Products.

Nowak didn't stop at just providing backpacks and supplies for the children. They have also supplied the teachers with essentials such as tissues & hand sanitizer. "We are so honored and blessed to be the recipients of this generous gift for our students" says Principal Vanessa Marble at MLK Academy. Last year Nowak Machined Products supplied Edgewood Academy and included recess kits that included balls, jump ropes and more to each classroom. By including both Muskegon Heights Elementary Schools, the Nowak team has invested over \$10,000 into the school district.

"We feel that getting kids prepared and excited for school at an early age is crucial for their future academic success", said the Nowak Family. "After looking at the statistics provided by the United Way of the Lakeshore, we recognized that the students and faculty at the Muskegon Heights Elementary Schools could really use a hand up to ensure their students had all the supplies they needed to have a successful school year. We're grateful to be able to do what we can to help these schools, and it feels amazing to see it all come together."

"Building enthusiasm for school and learning is more successful when students have what they need to succeed" says Rane' Garcia, Superintendent of Muskegon Heights. "Everyone loves a new box of crayons and the potential that comes with it. We continue to be thankful for the support from the community and businesses like Nowak Machined Products for better opportunity and equity for Muskegon Heights students.

Backpacks will be distributed to the students on count day as extra encouragement and reward for being in attendance. The backpack giveaway starts at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Academy at 8:00 AM on Wednesday in the auditorium and at Edgewood Academy at 9:00 AM. "Count Days are designated days when Michigan schools tally attendance and receive funding from the State School Aid Act. This funding is based on each student tallied. Chronic absenteeism is affecting all of our schools and has a huge financial impact when students miss count days. It also affects a child's development and performance if they are not in class," says Christine Robere, President of United Way of the Lakeshore. "United Way of the Lakeshore is working with several partners and collaborations on combating this issue. We are thankful for the generous gifts that continue to be made toward our children's futures and the school's partnership".

Mark Meyers

From: Muskegon CHIR <info@livabilitylab.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 1:55 PM
To: Mark Meyers
Subject: Livability Lab: 100-day Challenge Team Updates!



Livability Lab: 100-day Challenge Team Updates!

Hello! We'd like to welcome you to the first in a series of Livability Lab e-newsletters meant to keep you in the loop on progress of the 100-day Challenge.

Every other week, we'll send brief progress updates and new information and include feature stories of the outstanding teams and the work being done toward the vision of creating a system that ensures livability for all Muskegon County residents.

Please let us know what you think!

Want to Learn More about Getting Involved?

Have you seen the list of 19 Challenge Teams that emerged from the Livability Lab launch? We're still in the first 30 days, and that means there is time for additional community members to get involved in the early stages of action! The lab supports innovative ideas and there are a variety of ways to participate with varying levels of commitment. You could join a team and attend regular meetings, or you might simply help make connections or provide feedback on one aspect of the work that's meaningful to you.

Take another look at the [teams listed on the website](#) and if you want to inquire further about getting connected, email Logan Jensen, team coordinator, at logan.jensen@mercyhealth.com.

Livability Lab Framework: The Community Has Spoken!

Here's what they said...

What is this Livability Lab Framework that all those hundreds of community conversations, surveys, and reports fed into to create the vision for Muskegon County? That same vision that informed the framework from which the Challenge Teams studied on September 10 and launched their 100-day Challenges? To learn more, spend some time exploring this handy [interactive Livability Lab Framework site](#).



FEATURED CHALLENGE TEAM

Challenge Team 16: Increase Employment Opportunities for Felons via Expungement



Team #16 announces their Challenge Team goal at the September 10 Livability Lab launch.

While bipartisan legislation is making its way through the Michigan House of Representatives that seeks to change Michigan law to offer broader opportunity to address criminal records that impede employment and other opportunities, a local cross-sector group has taken up the issue via the Livability Lab through their Challenge Team 16.

Muskegon has jobs to fill—Cindy Larsen at the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce reported that Muskegon currently has 2,000 open positions, yet thousands of people who are willing and able to work find it difficult to do so because of criminal records. To learn about expungement and the state legislation proposed to address it, listen to or read the [recent report from Michigan Radio](#).

The local team would like people to share far and wide information about "[Full Service Saturday](#)" on October 12, where the Public Defender's Office will offer expungement eligibility screening and more. At the event, individuals can learn about the process for clearing their records to help pave the way for increased opportunities. Stay tuned for future developments from Team 16!

SAVE THE DATE:
100-day Challenge Celebration—January 23
More information coming soon!

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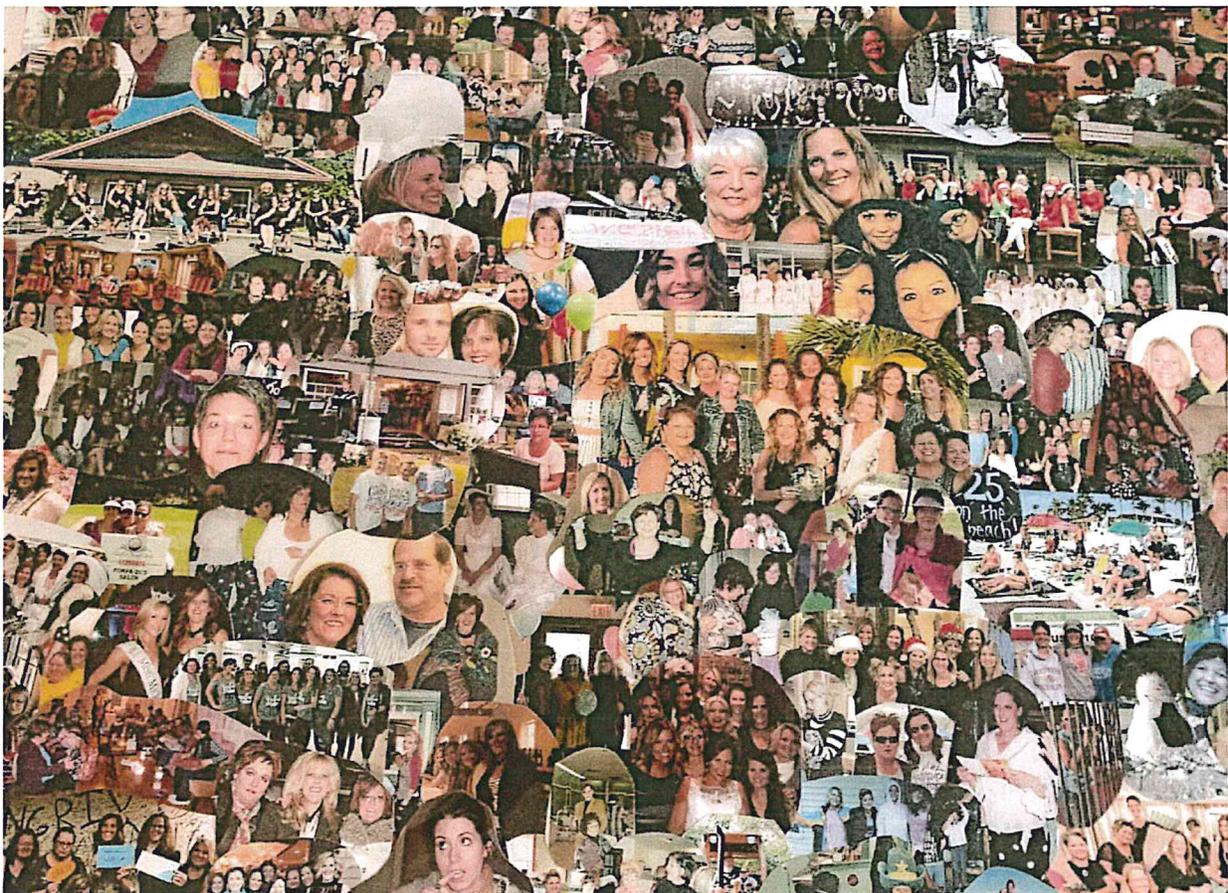
Friday October 11th. Open House 4pm-7pm

~Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres

~Door Prizes

~25 % Off Products

~Complimentary Product Samples





Congressman Bill Huizenga Mobile Office Hours

Staff members will be available to meet with constituents who need assistance with a federal agency or have questions or comments on federal issues.

Tuesday, October 29

11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Norton Branch Library

705 Seminole Road, Norton Shores

For questions about mobile office hours, please call (616) 570-0917.

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United Way
of the Lakeshore

Nathan Sherastum,

Thank you so much for helping with the pre-work, cutting brush, at Johnny O. Harris Park.

Because of your willingness to come in before the event hundreds of volunteers were able to transform this wonderful park.

You are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Don Syron
Bunker