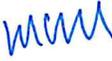




January 23, 2020

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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Attachments

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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
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**Please help us Honor  
City Employees**

Your participation is requested at the annual service recognition luncheon for employees who met a 5-year milestone in 2019. A listing of those being recognized is attached.

**Date: Friday, January 24, 2020**

**Time: 12:00 noon**

Bella Maria's  
513 W. Pontaluna Rd



**2019**

***Service Award Recipients***

*25 Years - Ted Karnitz, Fire Marshal*

*20 Years - Jerry Bartoszek, Public Works Director*

*Ben Chartier, Fire Lieutenant*

*Matt Clark, Mechanic*

*15 Years - Jason Berghuis, Part-Time Firefighter*

*Nicholas Martin, Part-Time Firefighter*

*Marc Vanderstelt, Police Lieutenant*

*10 Years - Eric Mattson, Utility Worker II*

*Jared Passchier, Police Officer*

*5 Years - Saquetta Chatman, Police Records Specialist*

*Daniel Gibbs, Police Officer*

*Brett Harris, Firefighter/Driver*

*Andrew Hunt, Part-Time Firefighter*

*Nichole Schaner, Administrative Assistant*

*Scott Steinhauer, Firefighter/Driver*

*Scott VanWynen, Police Corporal*

**From:** Inside 208 <donotreply@wordpress.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2020 9:06 AM  
**To:** Mark Meyers  
**Subject:** [New post] Sub-Appropriations Committee to Host Hearing on High Waters Impact for Communities

hrichards@mml.org posted: "The Michigan Municipal League has secured a hearing in the Sub-Appropriation Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Quality to highlight the devastating impact of shoreline erosion and high waters on Michigan's coastal communities. The hearin"

## New post on Inside 208



### Sub-Appropriations Committee to Host Hearing on High Waters Impact for Communities

by [hrichards@mml.org](mailto:hrichards@mml.org)

The Michigan Municipal League has secured a hearing in the Sub-Appropriation Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Quality to highlight the devastating impact of shoreline erosion and high waters on Michigan's coastal communities.

The hearing, scheduled for Thursday, January 23rd at 10:30 a.m., and located at the Anderson House Office Building in Lansing, is graciously hosted by Rep. and Chairman of the committee, **Sue Allor, R-Wolverine**, in response to ongoing conversations with several lawmakers in Lansing. Four communities from across the state will be testifying on behalf of the League along with representatives from Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Great Lakes Commission.

The Michigan Association of Counties also is expected to testify about the need for better mapping and planning resources to address future planning for shoreline erosion and infrastructure projects.

League members are welcome to attend the hearing and may pass along any testimony or images related to high waters damage to the League to be included in the record. The League extends our sincerest thanks to our many MML members that have provided information and images for us to help illustrate the impact of this crisis. Without you, the League's ability to raise awareness on this critical issue would not have been possible!

Shoreline erosion and high waters have brought unprecedented damage and unexpected mounting costs in the millions of dollars to Michigan's shoreline communities. Throughout the fall, the League has been working with legislators, the Governor's Office, EGLE, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Great Lakes

Coalition to address the long-term impact of rising water levels, barriers to funding, and the inability to access emergency fund at the state and federal levels.

This fall, the League participated in a tour with **Rep. Joe Tate, D-Detroit** of the damaged shoreline communities along the Detroit and St. Clair Rivers with **Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence, D-Southfield Sens. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, and Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, and International Joint Commission for the Great Lakes, Rob Sisson.**

In Lansing, the League has engaged lawmakers on the compounding impact of high waters to local communities. Using the images and estimates provided by our members, we've illustrated the devastating impact on roadways, bridges, water filtration centers, stormwater utilities, wastewater treatment plants and more.

Based on these conversations, the League has identified two objectives to provide relief to our members:

- *Secure financial assistance for immediately impacted coastal communities.*
- *Define high waters, and shoreline erosion as a declarable emergency, and provide better pathways for communities to address the damages and acquire financial assistance*

Legislators have been open to conversations on both objectives, stating that they are aware of the impact to their constituent communities. Many have assisted in identifying potential sources of funding to provide financial relief to our communities, as well as offered interest in modifying state statues to better address a high waters crisis. **Rep. Jack O'Malley, R-Lake Ann**, is also working to spearhead a statewide high waters taskforce to bring together local units of government, state agencies and other stakeholders to address ongoing maintenance to Michigan's shoreline.

Additionally, the following legislation has been introduced to address the high waters crisis and assist local communities and effected homeowners:

- **SB 714 -- Sen. Roger Victory, R-Georgetown Township**:- Allows for those in areas at risk from erosion to begin work on the construction of temporary erosion control structures, without a permit and provides for alternative steps to streamline the process.
- **HR 157 – Rep. Joe Tate, D-Detroit**: A resolution to memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to increase funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to \$475 million per year.
- **HR 214 – Rep. Jim Lilly, R-Park Township**: A resolution to call on the Governor to formally request that Ontario cease or limit to the greatest extent possible the redirection of water into the Great Lakes.
- **HB 5309 – Rep. Lilly, R- Park Township**: Modifies issuance of soil erosion permit during a state of emergency declared by the governor

The League will provide an update of Thursday's hearing on Inside 208 this week, and we will continue to monitor and provide any updates as we gather more information.

*Herasanna Richards is a legislative associate handling energy, environmental, elections, and external municipal services for the League. She can be reached at [hrichards@mml.org](mailto:hrichards@mml.org) or 517-908-0309.*

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Jan. 15, 2020

It's budget planning season for many Michigan communities right now, and the Michigan Municipal League wants to help. As part of your planning, the League hopes you consider sending your staff, management team, and elected officials to our two signature education and networking events taking place in the upcoming 2020-21 fiscal year. These two events are our 2020 Convention on Mackinac Island and our 2021 Capital Conference in Lansing.

Here are some key details to help in your budget planning:

2020 MML Convention

- **Dates:** Sept. 30- Oct. 2, 2020
- **Location:** Mackinac Island, Grand Hotel
- **Anticipated member registration fee:** \$449 per person (full Convention)
- **Anticipated hotel nightly rate:** \$409/night

Registration and the special hotel block rate for the 2020 Convention are expected to start June 22, 2020.

2021 MML Capital Conference

- **Dates:** March 16-17, 2021
- **Location:** The Lansing Center and Radisson Hotel Lansing
- **Anticipated member registration fee:** \$250 per person (full Conference)
- **Anticipated hotel nightly rate (at Radisson):** \$134.95/night

Registration and the special hotel block rate for the 2021 Capital Conference are expected to start January 11, 2021.

Thank you for including these events in your upcoming education and training budgets and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Summer Minnick  
Deputy Executive Director & CMO

We love where you live.

