



## Internal Memo

July 16, 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



## Internal Memo

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

To: Chief Jon Gale

From: Sgt. Dan Hibler

Re: Mona Lake Marine Patrol Report

During the 2020 boating season, Marine Patrol efforts within the city of Norton Shores (e.g. Mona Lake) have been contracted through the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department (MCSD) and supplemented by members of the Norton Shores Police Department (NSPD). Working together, this has created the ability to provide enforcement and education activities on the water seven days a week (with the exception of down time for boat maintenance).

Marine Patrols have responded to three water emergencies this season to provide rescue efforts and/or medical attention to victims involved. The patrols have also been regularly removing hazards from navigable portions of the water such as large drift wood, dock sections, and construction materials. These items have a high potential to cause damage to water crafts or seriously injure people. After being towed ashore, the items are removed in coordination with the Departments of Public Works and Parks & Recreation.

Efforts have been focused primarily upon education and voluntary compliance when a violation is observed. In over 430 hours of patrol, Deputies and Officers have issued over 50 warnings for navigation violations (e.g. Slow No Wake variants or Non-Clockwise Operation), approximately 20 warnings for careless operation, 10 warnings for Personal Floatation Device violations, and several No Boater Safety Certificate violations.

Patrols are being directed toward areas of the lake where citizen complaints are received. The Department's new patrol boat size and color scheme cause it to blend in with the surroundings. This causes the boat to often go unnoticed by lakeshore residents and boaters unless enforcement action is being taken, with the emergency lights or siren activated. Mona Lake receives more hours of Marine Patrol by MCSD and NSPD than any other lake in Muskegon County. Additionally, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources also conducts patrols on Mona Lake.

In an effort to help increase public safety, it is kindly asked that the Mona Lake Association help inform their membership that in order to legally operate a personal watercraft (e.g. Jet-ski or Sea Doo) in the State of Michigan, a Boaters Safety Certificate is required for anyone born after December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1978. Convenient online courses are offered through "boat-ed.com" during the State's Covid-19 restrictions on in-person classes.



## West Michigan Regional Water Authority

4814 Henry Street

Norton Shores, MI 49441

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### WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY - MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are scheduled to be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Norton Shores City Hall Conference Room

August 20, 2020

October 15, 2020

December 17, 2020

February 18, 2021

April 15, 2021

June 17, 2021

# The Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy

Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy >> University of Michigan

Michigan Public  
Policy Survey July 2020

## Local leaders' evaluations of Michigan's direction and Governor's performance during the COVID-19 pandemic's arrival

By Debra Horner and Thomas Ivacko

This report presents the opinions of Michigan's local government leaders regarding the direction in which the state is headed, as well as their evaluations of the job performance of Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature. These findings are based on statewide surveys of local government leaders in the Spring 2020 wave of the Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS)—conducted between March 30 and June 1, 2020, the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic in Michigan—and tracking comparisons to previous spring waves.

>> The Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS) 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 in partnership with the Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Townships Association, and Michigan Association of Counties. The MPPS investigates local officials' opinions and perspectives on a variety of important public policy issues. Respondents for the Spring 2020 wave of the MPPS include county administrators, board chairs, and clerks; city mayors, managers, and clerks; village presidents, managers, and clerks; and township supervisors, managers, and clerks from 1,342 jurisdictions across the state.

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

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## Key Findings

- Statewide, nearly half (46%) of Michigan's local officials said in April and May 2020 that the state has gotten off on the wrong track, while 39% said the state is generally going in the right direction, an improvement over assessments in 2019. However, the percentage saying "right direction" declined over the course of the survey field period, in conjunction with the spreading COVID-19 pandemic.
  - » As in previous MPPS tracking, local leaders' views on the state's direction are strongly associated with partisan identification. In Spring 2020, among local officials who self-identify as Republican, just a quarter (26%) said the state is headed in the right direction, down from 31% who said the same last year. Meanwhile, among Independents, 39% said the state is headed in the right direction, up from 24% last year. And among Democratic local officials, 72% said the state is headed in the right direction, up sharply from 51% who said so in 2019.
  - » However, views shifted over the survey's two-month field period, as impacts of COVID-19 spread across the state. Although 40% of officials overall believed Michigan was headed in the right direction during the week of March 30-April 6, only 24% said so during the final week ending June 1. Local concerns over not getting the financial and public health resources their governments need to respond to the pandemic are associated with beliefs that the state is on the wrong track.
- Although only 39% of local officials statewide rated Governor Gretchen Whitmer's job performance as "good" or "excellent," this was significantly higher than her 2019 ratings (23%), with most change coming from those who said "don't know" last year, when she had been in office for just a few months. By contrast, 27% rated the Governor's performance in 2020 as only fair and 31% rated her performance as poor.
  - » Evaluations of Governor Whitmer improved across all partisan groups in 2020. Positive ratings for the Governor were found among 82% of Democratic local leaders (up from 63% last year), 45% of Independents (up from 23%), and 18% of Republicans (up from 12%).
  - » However, the Governor's positive ratings also declined over the course of the survey period, from 41% during the first week of April to 27% by June 1, driven primarily by declines among Republican officials.
- Although just 31% of local officials statewide said the Michigan Legislature's performance is either excellent or good in 2020, this is up from 21% last year and represents the highest ratings for the Legislature since the MPPS began tracking them in 2011.



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SBA Low-Interest Federal Loans for Disaster-Related Damages

PHYSICAL DAMAGES - Businesses of all sizes and nonprofits (Real Estate, Inventory, Equipment, etc.)
ECONOMIC INJURY-Small businesses and nonprofits (Working capital, no physical damages needed to apply)
Interest rates as low as: 3% for businesses, 2.75 % nonprofit organizations. Max. loan, \$2 million

HOMEOWNERS: Up to \$200,000 for Primary Residence
HOMEOWNERS/RENTERS: Up to \$40,000 for Personal Property
Interest rates as low as 1.25% All loans have repayment terms up to 30 years

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FIRST STEP: Apply online with SBA at: https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/
For one-on-one assistance with applying call: (571) 422-8013 or (571) 422-0331
Open: Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed: Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day
Email questions to: FDCE-Help@sba.gov

Deaf and hard of hearing: 800-877-8339 / www.sba.gov

Note: Loan applicants should check with agencies / organizations administering any grant or other assistance program under this declaration to determine how an approval of SBA disaster loan might affect their eligibility.

# 2020 Muskegon County Tire Collection Events

## All Events 8AM-12PM

Funding for these **FREE** events provided by

**Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy  
2020 Scrap Tire Grant**

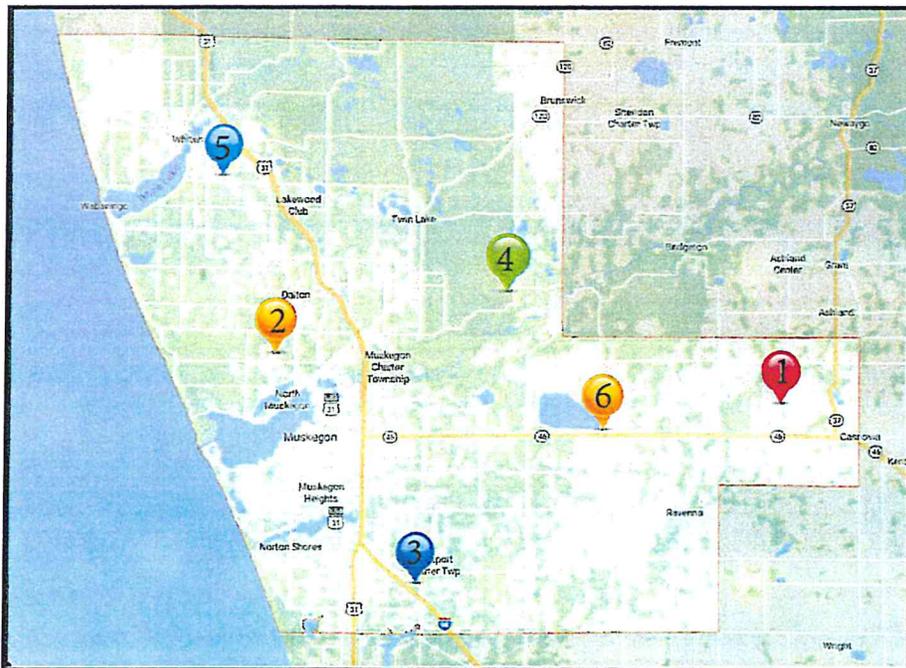
All events listed below are available to **Muskegon County Residents ONLY**.

NO business waste; business waste will be turned away.

Events will accept car and truck tires up to 34" in diameter, with or without rims.

If inclement weather should occur, site coordinators will determine the halt or closing of the event.

**EVENTS LISTED MAY BE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED DUE TO THE NOVEL CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC  
CHECK [WWW.CO.MUSKEGON.MI.US/ALERTCENTER](http://WWW.CO.MUSKEGON.MI.US/ALERTCENTER) UNDER SOLID  
WASTE FOR UP TO DATE CANCELLATION INFORMATION**



**Saturday, April 18th 8AM-12PM  
Gasnovia**



**Saturday, May 2nd 8AM-12PM  
Mullally Park**

1850 Horton Road  
Muskegon, MI 49445



**Saturday, May 9th 8AM-12PM  
Fruitport Township Hall Fire  
Station**

5865 Airline Road  
Fruitport, MI 49415



**Saturday, May 16th 8AM-12PM  
Cedar Creek Township Hall**

6556 Sweeter Road  
Twin Lake, MI 49457



**Saturday, June 6th 8AM-12PM  
Whitehall High School**

3100 White Lake Drive  
Whitehall, MI 49461



**Saturday, October 10th 8AM-12PM  
Ravenna**

On Swanson Rd., just North of the  
intersection of Apple Ave. and Swanson Rd.  
Ravenna, MI 49451

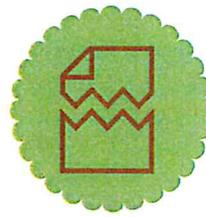
For more information, please contact:

**Muskegon County Solid Waste Management at 231-724-6002**



# MUSKEGON COUNTY RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday October 17th, 2020  
from 9am-1pm



**RAIN OR SHINE\***

**FREE TO COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY**

**BUSINESS WASTE AND REGULAR TRASH NOT ACCEPTED\*\***

Our neighbor, **Beacon Recycling**, will also be open during these events to accept metals, appliances, and more! (standard rates apply)  
[www.beaconrecycling.com](http://www.beaconrecycling.com)

## SCRAP TIRES

No larger than 34" in diameter (car and truck tires only) and no more than 10 tires per household (with or without rims).

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

Including mercury, petroleum products, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, acids, bases, CFL and fluorescent light bulbs, and oil based paint products. Must be in containers no greater than 6 gallons; NO drums of any kind. Latex paint will not be accepted!

## ELECTRONICS

Including computers, peripherals, TV's, and other electronic devices.

Visit: <http://www.goodwillwm.org/recycle-reuse/computer-recycling/> for a full listing of accepted items. \*Please note: CRT TV's WILL be accepted for this event

## SENSITIVE DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Bring up to 100 lbs of sensitive documents (paper clips and staples ok) to have shredded.

\*Severe weather may cause a halt or shut down of the event as determined by the event coordinator.

\*\*Event staff reserve the right to limit any collected materials and refuse apparent business waste.



VISIT: [WWW.MUSKEGONCOUNTY.NET/777](http://WWW.MUSKEGONCOUNTY.NET/777)

OR CALL: 231-724-6001



Funding for this event:  
Muskegon County Solid Waste, Muskegon County Sustainability Office

