



Internal Memo

April 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.

MCM/th
Attachments

MICHIGAN PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK PARTNERSHIP



April 6, 2020

Jon Gale, Chief
Norton Shores Police Department
4814 Henry St.
Norton Shores, MI 49441

Dear Chief Gale:

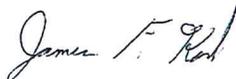
The Michigan Public Health Week Partnership is pleased to announce you have been chosen to receive the Hometown Health Hero award for 2020. This award recognizes individuals and organizations across the state working tirelessly to maintain and improve the health of their local communities. The Hometown Health Hero award is a major part of Public Health Week in Michigan. This year marks the sixteenth year the Hometown Health Hero award has been presented.

The Partnership received thirty-three nominations from across the state, and it gives us great pleasure to present you with this award for your accomplishments and dedication to your community's health and well-being. In particular, the Partnership was impressed with the significant improvements in the health and safety of local high school students through the Ride with Pride Program.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Partnership cannot hold its usual award event at the State Capitol. However, we did not want the accomplishments of our awardees to go unrecognized. Therefore, the Partnership will be mailing your plaque to the address provided by the person who nominated you. You should receive your plaque in approximately one month.

Thank you for all that you do to improve the health of your community and congratulations on receiving this honor!

Sincerely,



James F. Koval, MDiv, MPA, Coordinator
Michigan Public Health Week Partnership
c/o Bureau of EMS, Trauma, and Preparedness
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Phone: 517-335-9732
Email: kovalj@michigan.gov



Internal Memo

04/14/2020

TO: Mark C. Meyers, City Administrator

FROM: Jon Gale, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Public Act 70 of 2020

This memo is to give a summary of Public Act.70 of 2020 and how it may impact Mona Lake and the City of Norton Shores.

Public Act 70, 2020 states that a Governing body may vote on a resolution reducing a vessel speed limit to protect life and property during emergency conditions. The County Emergency Manager and/or Sheriff can then establish a temporary reduced speed limit on waters within the City of Norton Shores.

However, the Sheriff would need to specify the fine for the violation, post the changes on a website and post the change on Buoys within the area. Also, the temporary speed limit shall remain in effect for no more than 14 days, but can be re issued for another 14 days within the same calendar year. The temporary speed limits can only be established during the period of September 1 until June 20. Therefore, the boating/summer months cannot be speed regulated using Act 70.

Summary;

The Police Department in 2019 requested the Mona Lake Improvement Association provide the opinions of their members, so the City would have a clear direction as to the wishes of the homeowners on the lake. According to the MLIA they did not have a consensus of whether there should be a no wake zone or a banning of wake boats. Therefore, City staff never received a recommendation from the MLIA. It appears there are competing opinions amongst home owners and until there is a majority opinion it is the City Staff recommendation that Act 70 is not utilized.

However, the City Council may elect to vote for a resolution to restrict speeds on Mona Lake with the County Sheriff or County Emergency Manger's approval during the spring or fall seasons but not the summer boating season. Also, if a resolution is approved funds will be

needed to purchase buoys and education will be required. City staff does not believe that slowing speeds for a two week period in the spring will change the habits of the boating community. Additionally, Sheriff Michael Poulin was contacted and does not believe his Marine Deputies can effectively enforce a speed limit on Mona Lake and was not in favor of using Public Act 70 on Muskegon County lakes. A Copy of Act 70 is attached for review. Hopefully this memo helped to summarize a confusing new law.

From: Inside 208 <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Mark Meyers
Subject: [New post] Momentum Building for Additional Federal Aid to Locals

Chris Hackbarth posted: "Last night, our partners at the National League of Cities reached out asking for communities around the country to engage with their members of Congress to urge support for the passage of HR 6467. This bill provides direct federal aid to local governments"

New post on Inside 208



[Momentum Building for Additional Federal Aid to Locals](#) by [Chris Hackbarth](#)

Last night, our partners at the National League of Cities reached out asking for communities around the country to engage with their members of Congress [to urge support for the passage of HR 6467](#). This bill provides direct federal aid to local governments around the country. NLC has coupled this call to action with the release of survey results they compiled to gauge the impact that the current pandemic is expected to have on local governments and the services they provide to residents. MML member engagement this week is critical as news reports out of Washington, DC continue to highlight the ongoing negotiations between the Administration and Senate Democrats to couple additional small business paycheck protection program support with more direct spending on state and local governments. Please click on NLC's [Take Action](#) link below to help support this effort!

Support Bipartisan Legislation for Direct Local COVID-19 Funding

The majority of America's cities, towns and villages are not eligible for direct relief under the CARES Act, due to the 500,000 population threshold.

The United States Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities conducted a joint survey to assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on cities and towns from more than 2,400 local officials. The resulting [infographic](#) and [fact sheet](#) paint an urgent picture that Congress cannot ignore.

Our message is already being heard—[the Washington Post](#) and [Associated Press](#) published articles this morning.

*The House has offered a proposal to address this specific funding issue by introducing **the Coronavirus Community Relief Act (H.R. 6467)**, a bill to provide \$250 billion in funding to all local governments with fewer than 500,000 residents. We need you to **ACT NOW** to build momentum.*

From: Inside 208 <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 9:06 PM
To: Mark Meyers
Subject: [New post] Governor Whitmer Re-issues Executive Order Allowing Virtual Meetings

John LaMacchia II posted: "Executive Order 2020-48 extends until May 12 the ability of local boards, commissions, committees, subcommittees, authorities, councils and nonprofit boards to use telephone or video conferencing methods to continue meeting and conducting business while e"

New post on Inside 208



[Governor Whitmer Re-issues Executive Order Allowing Virtual Meetings](#)

by [John LaMacchia II](#)

Executive Order [2020-48](#) extends until May 12 the ability of local boards, commissions, committees, subcommittees, authorities, councils and nonprofit boards to use telephone or video conferencing methods to continue meeting and conducting business while ensuring the public has access to join the meetings. Public bodies are required to provide detailed procedures by which the public may participate in the meeting remotely, such as telephone number or website address, to provide procedures by which persons with disabilities may participate.

This is a re-issuance of Executive Order 2020-15. The new Executive Order makes no substantive changes and communities can continue to meet as they have been under the previous Executive Order.

Michigan Municipal League hosted webinars ([here](#) and [here](#)) on communities conducting remote-access meetings, and here is a link to our blog on how to avoid "[zoombombing](#)".

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.

[John LaMacchia II](#) | April 14, 2020 at 9:05 pm | Categories: [Uncategorized](#) | URL: <https://wp.me/p3wSLH-1SX>

Comment

[See all comments](#)

[Unsubscribe](#) to no longer receive posts from Inside 208.

Change your email settings at [Manage Subscriptions](#).

Enrika L. F. McGahan
Associate Attorney
120 W Apple Ave
Muskegon, MI 49440
231.727.2115 | emcgahan@gravislaw.com

April 10, 2020

PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL
ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION

**THIS LEGAL OPINION IS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER
THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-15 ("Order") allows public meetings to take place remotely, thereby waiving the physical presence and place requirements of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976 ("OMA"). The Order is currently set to expire on April 15, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., but it will likely be continued since the Governor has extended the stay-at-home order until April 30, 2020.

While allowing public meetings to take place electronically, through teleconferencing or video conferencing, the Order does not waive the OMA requirement that public members be permitted to attend the meeting. The Order also does not waive the OMA requirement that public members be permitted to address the public body during a public comment period. Therefore, in selecting a virtual meeting tool to utilize for conducting a public meeting, the municipality must ensure not only that its members can communicate with one another and with the public, but it must ensure that the public has an opportunity to communicate with the members.

With respect to public participation, the Order specifically provides that "[a]ll persons must be permitted to participate in any meeting of a public body held electronically, except as otherwise provided in the OMA." Further, the meeting notice must include "[p]rocedures by which persons with disabilities may participate in the meeting." This requirement may be satisfied by including a statement that necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities will be provided if requested. The notice should also direct the request to a named individual within a specified timeframe in advance of the meeting.

The Order also reminds public bodies that "members of a public body must avoid using email, texting, instant messaging, and other such electronic forms of communication to make a decision or deliberate toward a decision, and must avoid 'round-the-horn' decision-making in a manner not accessible to the public at an open meeting." In other words, members may not discuss motions, proposals, recommendations, etc. using group email or group text. Similarly, members may not have these discussions during a virtual meeting using text or using a chat tool available on the meeting platform selected by the municipality. Therefore, it is recommended that any chat or text tool on the meeting platform be disabled.

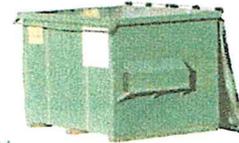


City of Norton Shores 4814 Henry Street Norton Shores, MI 49441

PSRT. STD.
US POSTAGE
PAID
GRANDRAPIDS, MI
PERMIT NO. 657



SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY POSTPONED



City of Norton Shores Residents Only

The May 2, 2020 Spring Clean-up day has been **POSTPONED.**

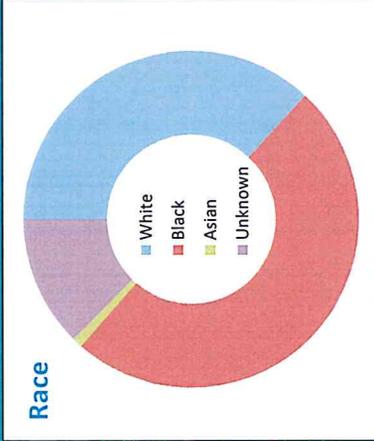
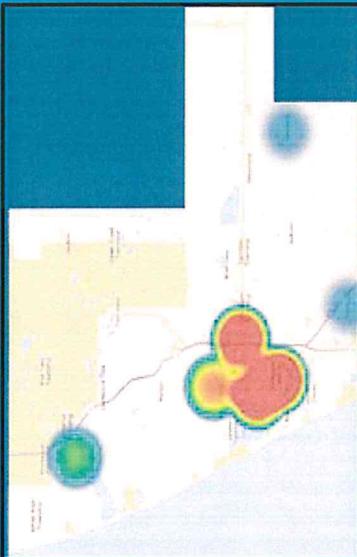
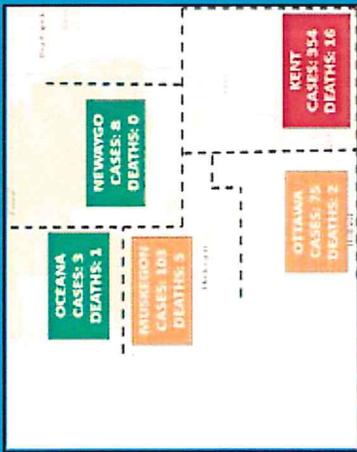
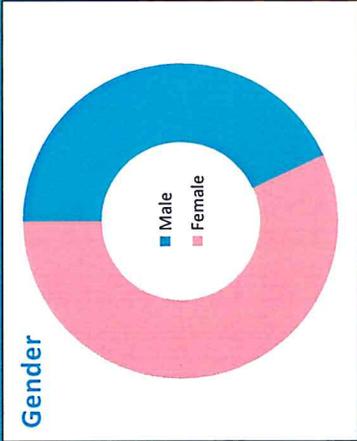
Spring Clean-up is tentatively rescheduled for JUNE 20, 2020, from 8am to 12 noon at DPW Facility at 1174 E. Mt. Garfield Road

For detailed information on acceptable items or further schedule changes, call (231)799-6803 or (231)798-2156 or visit our website at

www.nortonshores.org

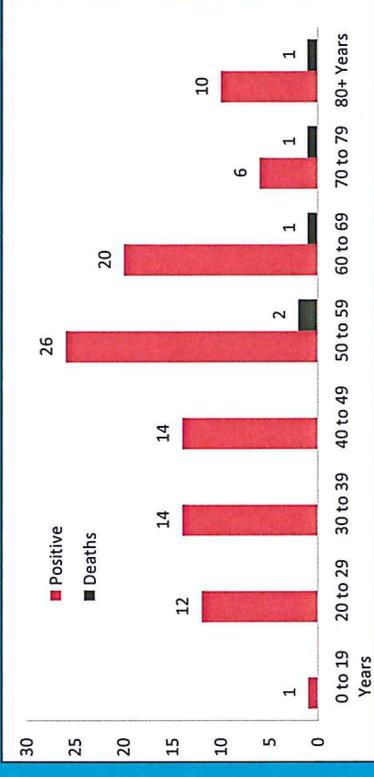
SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

County of Muskegon: Profile of Confirmed Covid-19 Cases as of 4/15/2020



Total Cases
103

Total Deaths
5



Gender	#	%
Male	44	42.7%
Female	58	56.3%
Unknown	1	1.0%

Age	#	%
0 to 19 Years	1	1.0%
20 to 29	12	11.7%
30 to 39	14	13.6%
40 to 49	14	13.6%
50 to 59	26	25.2%
60 to 69	20	19.4%
70 to 79	6	5.8%
80+ Years	10	9.7%

Age	Average	Median	Range
	53.64	56 Years	1 - 97 Years

Race	#	%
White	38	36.9%
Black	51	49.5%
Asian	1	1.0%
Unknown	13	12.6%

Municipal Location*	Cases	Deaths
Dalton Township	4	3.9%
Egelston Township	1	1.0%
Fruitland Township	4	3.9%
Fruitport Charter Township	5	4.9%
Laketon Township	2	1.9%
Muskegon, City	33	32.0%
Muskegon Heights, City	31	30.1%
Norton Shores, City	19	18.4%
Ravenna Township	1	1.0%
Roosevelt Park, City	1	1.0%
Whitehall Township	2	1.9%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total Muskegon County	103	

***NOTE:** Identifying the location of confirmed positive cases could create a false sense of security when an area is not identified. As the number of confirmed positive tests increase every day, it becomes more evident that COVID-19 is spread throughout our Muskegon County community and every location should be considered a potential risk!

People of any age, even those who do not have any symptoms, could be a carrier of the virus. This is why the order from the Governor to Stay Home – Stay Safe – Save Lives (EO 2020-21) is so important! We do not know enough about this virus, but research tells us that social distancing and exceptional hygiene is the most effective approach to minimize exposure and break the chain of infection.

Kathy Moore, Public Health Director

