



Lenawee County

March, 2017 Newsletter



From the Administrator

Martin D. Marshall

The visioning process that was kicked off at the end of January at Siena Heights University has taken the show on the road to hold civic forums in several communities and forums for college students and high school students are also planned. There has been good turnout and interested discussion at each of the four forums with approximately 180 people participating in the forums to date. The last community forum will be held next week, March 8th, in the City of Tecumseh at the AJ Smith Recreation Center at 6:30 pm.

As the community forums wrap-up the effort will shift to presenting the information obtained from program participants to focus group participants so that ideas can be developed into an action plan. While the community interest and suggestions have been great, the real objective is to create goals and objectives and a course of action that will enable all of the communities, agencies, organizations and clubs to incorporate the plan into their own operations in the future. There is more to come and we are excited about the progress made so far.

The Housing Needs Assessment approved by the Board of Commissioners at their February board meeting is moving forward and Novogradac has prepared a questionnaire for the communities in the county that will be the target of the study. Contacts in the individual communities have been identified and the study is progressing.

Also at their February meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved the addition of a staff position for the Department on Aging in their daybreak program. The additional staff will permit the program to better serve the different levels need in their clientele. The program provides adult daycare to assist caregivers with daily supervision and to keep seniors in their homes.

The Health Department is adding hours to administer a Maternal Child Health grant and is also receiving grant funds for mosquito tracking and suppression to combat the spread of the Zika virus. The department has plans for programs in the area of Alcohol and Tobacco prevention and enforcement.

The County has also been approached to partner with four other local governments to submit a grant application to extend the Kiwanis Trail from the current end point at the southwest corner of Ives Road and Green Highway into the City of Tecumseh at Cal Zorn Park. Completion of the trail into the City of Tecumseh has long been a desire of those who use the trail and recently the Connecting Lenawee subgroup of One Lenawee has made it a priority. The proposal is for the County to serve as the grant applicant and the other local units will provide the matching funding. It would be a great addition to recreation in the county to connect these two cities.

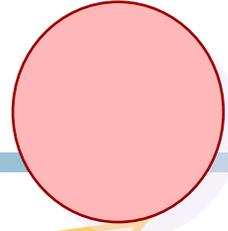
- **Starting March 1st** all delinquent property taxes are payable at the County Treasurer's Office including 2016's ←
- **All 2014 Taxes** must be paid or they will be foreclosed to the Treasurer on March 31st at 4:30pm ←
- **Starting March 1st** the Dog Licenses will be \$20.00 instead of \$10.00 ←

Marilyn J. Woods, Lenawee County Treasurer



Official Business

Actions taken by Board of Commissioners



The Board of Commissioners confirmed the 2017 Standing Committees and the following Board Appointments:

Economic Development Committee through 12/19: Chris Wittenbach (Co Commissioner); Jim Swindeman (Field Crop Farmer), and Kenneth Lake (Agribusiness) **Airport Commission** through 12/19: Bob Knoblauch (Co Commissioner) **Community Corrections Advisory Board** through 12/19: David Stimpson, Honorable Judge J. Poer, Honorable Judge G. Iddings, Dawn VanDusen **Lenawee Department On Aging:** through 09/18: Russ Amo (Senior Network) **Lenawee District Library** through 12/16: Lori Leu (At Large) **GIS Policy Committee** through 12/19: Martha Hall (Health Officer), Terry Collins (E-911 Board & Co. Commissioner), Mark Haag (Lenawee Intermediate School District), Scott Merillat (Lenawee County Road Commission), Kevin Cornish (Representing Villages) **Health Board** through 12/21: Chris Wittenbach, Commissioner **Homeland Security & Local Emergency Planning** through 01/2018: Corrine Purdue (Public Safety Communications Alt) and Eric Miller (Cyber Security Alt.) **Land Bank Authority** through 12/19: Chris Clarke (Banking) **Parks and Recreation Commission** through 12/19: Chris Wittenbach (Co. Commissioner) and John Lapham (Co. Commissioner) **Solid Waste Coordination Committee** through 12/19: Bob Knoblauch (Co. Commissioner) **Southeast Michigan Consortium Board** through 12/17: Karol "KZ" Bolton and Chris Wittenbach (Co. Commissioners) The annual, non-voting LIAISON APPOINTMENTS remained the same with the exception of Commissioner Bob Knoblauch's appointment to the Central Lenawee Sewage Disposal System.

APPROVED: Department on Aging, Health Department, and County Administration personnel request.

APPROVED: Purchase the leasehold interest on an airport hangar.

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY, March 23, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING:

MI Land & Water Trust Fund Grant-
Connecting Lenawee Trails

The **Connecting Lenawee Task Force (CLTF)** works under the One Lenawee umbrella. One Lenawee is a collaboration of Lenawee County volunteers dedicated to making Lenawee County a great place. The Connecting Lenawee Task Force is currently focusing on connecting our community through non-motorized pathways.

With funding assistance from the Lenawee Health Network, Michigan Department of Human Health Services, and ProMedica, the CLTF created the [Connecting Lenawee Plan](#), which is a non-motorized vision for Lenawee County. As a result of the planning process, two of the priority projects is the extension of the Kiwanis Trail to Tecumseh and implementing improvements to the existing Kiwanis Trail.

To extend the trail to Tecumseh, the estimated cost is \$750,000. Several funding sources have been identified including: Act 51, MDOT Transportation Alternatives Program, Safe Routes to School, CMAQ, community infrastructure projects, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources opened their grant programs for 2017 and CLTF is interested in pursuing a development grant under the Land and Water Trust Fund.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources provides financial assistance through its recreation grants program to communities within the State that want to acquire land for parks and open spaces or that want to develop recreation facilities. To be eligible to apply for these grants, a community must have an approved five-year plan on file with Grants Management of the Department of Natural Resources. Lenawee County has an approved five-year plan on file with the State.

CLTF would like to ask the Parks Commission to consider recommending that the Lenawee County Commissioners approve Lenawee County to act as the applying agency for a Michigan Land and Water Trust Fund grant on behalf of the Connecting Lenawee Task Force. The grant funds would be used to offset a portion of the cost of the proposed Kiwanis Trail extension.

VACANT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

You may contact the Administrator's Office (264-4508) for more information on vacancies for the following boards

- ⇒ **Building Authority** - 3 members / 3 year term
- ⇒ **Community Corrections Advisory Board**- 13 members / 3 year term
- ⇒ **County Planning Commission** - 7 members/3 year term concurrent appointment with Airport Zoning Board
- ⇒ **Department on Aging (Lenawee)** - 16 members / 3 year term
- ⇒ **Homeland Security & Local Emergency Planning Committee** -13 members/2 year term
- ⇒ **Land Bank Authority** - 7 members/3 year term
- ⇒ **Solid Waste Coordinating Committee** - 9 members - 3 year term



Highlights



4-H Council Auction



Sunday March 5th

Merchant Building at the Lenawee County Fairgrounds

Doors open at 1pm

Silent auction begins at 1:30 pm

Live auction begins at 2 pm

All kinds of gift cards and gift basket will be available! Something for everyone!

CAR SEAT Checkup Event

Learn how to install your child's car seat or booster seat. Find out if it's time for a change.



Saturday, March 11, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

Adrian City Fire Department

208 South Main Street, Adrian, MI

(Enter the bay on the north side of the building)

*In the event of overwhelming attendance, the registration line may be shut down prior to 2:00 *

Free replacement seats available for children determined to be in need of one.

Child must be present and in a motor vehicle.



[CLICK FOR DETAILS!](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Victim's Rights Ceremony

Thursday, April 27th at 6 p.m.

Keynote: Honorable Margaret M.S. Noe

More information to come

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, May 13, 2017 (8am-Noon)
Household Hazardous Waste Collection @ Wacker Chemical Co.

Saturday, May 20, 2017 (8am-Noon)
Spring Collection Event @ Lenawee County Fairgrounds

Additional details will be made available; or call LCSW.

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ADDICTION SUMMIT SAVE THE DATE

March 28, 2017

WHERE

Lenawee County Fairgrounds, Ag Building

Following the success of the previous two Addiction Summits, we will continue to educate community members regarding drug abuse, and its impact on our community. Learn what services are available, who can help, and where are they located. Opiate use and abuse is affecting our daily lives. Overdose deaths are escalating. Let's move forward by discussing how we are doing, and what we still need to do to better our community.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO GET THOSE AFFLICTED WITH AN ADDICTION THE HELP THEY NEED!

AN IMPORTANT EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE LENAWEE COUNTY COMMUNITY

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

CONTACT

Kay Ross, Customer Services
Dept. LCMHA 517.263.8905
if you would like to learn more or would like to be involved in this call for action.

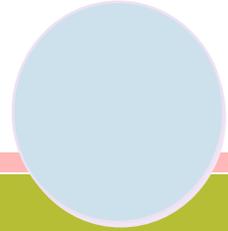
SPONSORS

Lenawee Recovery Oriented System of Care; Lenawee Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition; McCullough Vargas; Catholic Charities; Celebrate Recovery; HALO





Highlights



Movie Nights with Lenawee Conservation District

**FREE MOVIE!
POPCORN PROVIDED!**

Thursday, March 2nd, 2017
6:00—8:00 p.m.

"VANISHING OF THE BEES"
(film length: 87 minutes)
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Show begins promptly at 6 p.m.

"Honeybees have been mysteriously disappearing across the planet, literally vanishing from their hives. This phenomenon threatens the loss of much more than honey as we depend on honeybees to pollinate as much as one third of the food on our tables. *Vanishing of the Bees* chronicles the innermost thoughts and feelings of beekeepers and scientists as they fight to preserve the honeybee and make it through another day."

- Questions & Answer period to follow film.
- Attendees can connect with the beekeeping groups/communities.
- Local beekeepers on hand to answer questions.

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Thursday, March 16th, 2017
6:00—7:30 p.m.

"MYSTERIES OF THE GREAT LAKES"
(film length: 45 minutes)
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Show begins promptly at 6 p.m.

"Across the Great Lakes basin there is renewed interest in the health of the Lakes, and increased awareness of their importance to over 40 million North Americans that depend on the Lakes for their daily freshwater supply. *Mysteries of the Great Lakes* highlights the need for preservation and conservation, and showcases the amazing geography, ecology, science and history of one of the largest freshwater resources in the world."

- Question & Answer period to follow film.
- A short presentation on "Field to the Great Lakes Events" will follow.

RSVP requested due to limited seating.

RSVP to Lenawee Conservation District: (517) 263-7400 Ext. 3

Movie Location:

Stubnitz Environmental Education Center
3241 N. Adrian Hwy., Adrian, MI 49221



The poster contest "Love Your Lungs – Keep Them Smoke Free" promotes student awareness of the harmful effects of both smoking and second-hand smoke. It has proven to be educational and beneficial to students and their families for the last eight years. Last year over 600 students from across the county submitted art for the "Love Your Lungs – Keep Them Smoke Free" poster contest!

This contest is open to all Lenawee County students in grades 4 through 8. **The rules and requirements for the students' submissions can be found on the website. Posters must be submitted to the Health Department by March 9, 2017 by 4:30 pm.**

www.lenawee.mi.us/HealthDepartment



2017 Sky Warn Training Program Thursday, May 4th 7:00 pm

Since the program started in the 1970s, the information provided by SKYWARN® spotters, coupled with Doppler radar technology, improved satellite and other data, has enabled NWS to issue more timely and accurate warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash floods.

SKYWARN® storm spotters are part of the ranks of citizens who form the Nation's first line of defense against severe weather. There can be no finer reward than to know that their efforts have given communities the precious gift of time--seconds and minutes that can help save lives.

This program is open to the public and there is no charge to attend, however, registration is required .

More information available on the county website under [Emergency Management >Training tab](#)

WHAT'S YOUR VISION FOR LENAWEE COUNTY?

BY WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN ALL CONTRIBUTE TO THE GOOD OF LENAWEE COUNTY.

- UNIFY** individual efforts & impacts
- IDENTIFY** and deal with gaps and overlaps
- DEVELOP** a common vision for Lenawee that has long-term benefits
- ENCOURAGE** all groups to develop their own visions and action plans, bearing in mind how their own unique missions contribute to the good of the greater Lenawee community

CIVIC FORUMS

Attend and help develop a common vision and prioritize goals for our County. Your input, creativity, and ideas are needed to make this effort successful!

**Tecumseh: Wednesday, March 8
6:30-8:30pm, AJ Smith Recreation Center**

FOCUS GROUPS

The priorities we developed in the civic forums will be developed into action plans to help us achieve these goals together!

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