



# Lenawee County

April, 2017 Newsletter



## From the Administrator

### *Martin D. Marshall*

The visioning process is wrapping up the civic forum stage with several very successful sessions. In addition to the community forums a group of nearly 180 public school students provided their perspective when they participated in the same visioning process at the Voices For Change Youth Summit. It was inspiring to see the young people of this county enthusiastic about this exercise and to see how easy it was for them to envision success. Thank you to Janelle Stewart, with MSU Extension, and all of the educators from the local high schools that made the program a success.

There are still a couple of more forums to complete but the next phase of the visioning process will be started soon. The focus group phase will take the suggestions from the forums and narrow the list of interest areas to a half dozen or less that can be developed into goals and a plan of action to achieve success. We are still in need of people to offer their talents and experience to this important project.

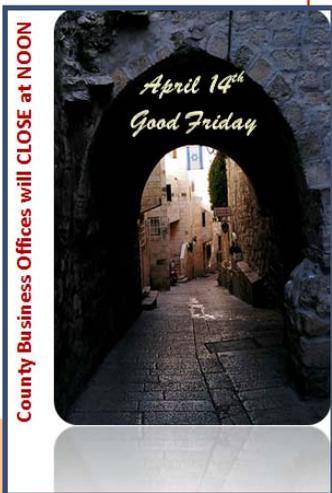
At their March 8th meeting the Board of Commissioners approved the County to act as the grant applicant for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grant to extend the Kiwanis Trail from the current end point at the corner of Ives Road and Green Highway into the City of Tecumseh's Cal Zorn Park. The grant request is for \$300,000. Later in the month, on March 23rd, the commission held a public hearing on the grant application and then approved the submission of the grant. The grant has been submitted and I thank all of the communities, organizations and individuals that worked so hard on this grant application. I particularly want to thank Deputy Administrator Kim Murphy who coordinated all of the data submission

and related documents that go with an online grant application.

The Board of Commissioners would like to say a special thank you to the Lenawee County Farm Bureau for providing the commission with lunch and information about the activities and interests of the agricultural community prior to the March 8th board meeting. This annual event has been going on for many years and is a great opportunity for the leaders of the County and Farm Bureau to share their thoughts and concern.

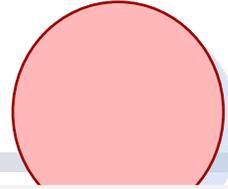
Also at the March 8th meeting the Lenawee County Drain Commissioners, Jenny Escott, presented the annual drain report. Commissioners Escott informed the board of the activities of the Drain Commission over the last year and the amount of work and related costs involved on maintaining the many drains in Lenawee County. The Drain Commission is a vital part of County operations ensuring good drainage, preventing soil erosion and maintaining water quality to protect people, property and the environment.

Lenawee Now, the non-profit organization that coordinates economic development in the County, presented a report to the commission in March about their activities over the last year. Jim Van Doren and Tim Robinson reviewed all of the attraction and retention efforts of Lenawee Now. Lenawee Now also earned a marketing award for their "Toolbox" publication that details their offerings and coordination efforts.





# Official Business



## Actions taken by Board of Commissioners

### BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Board of Commissioners confirmed the following appointments:

#### Physical Resources Committee

Jim Driskill, Member

#### Solid Waste Coordinating Committee

Bryan Winder (Outlying Community)

#### Land Bank Authority

Jake Wright (Bldg Inspector)

#### Region 2 Area Agency on Aging

Chris Wittenbach (Commissioner)

The Board of Commissioner held a special meeting on March 23rd to provide the public an opportunity to comment on a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application that the County will be submitting.

This project proposes the extension of the Kiwanis Trail to Cal Zorn Park in Tecumseh. The grant application is requesting \$300,000 and if awarded will be used to offset a portion of the costs of the project.

This application has been a collaborative effort involving several local municipalities, civic groups, and individual volunteers.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in donating funds, materials, or specialty services to this worthy project; please contact the Administrator's Office for further information.



## Arbor Day

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

They are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

Trees in our neighborhoods also increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in celebration of Arbor Day on Friday, April 28, 2017, each commissioner will be planting trees within their district that have been provided by the Lenawee Conservation District; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners urge all citizens to become familiar with the conservation services available through the Lenawee Conservation District, and

**FURTHER**, to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and remember to plant trees for the well-being of this and future generations.

### LENAWEE COUNTY TAX ALLOCATION BOARD RE-ESTABLISHMENT

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners to review and authorize allocated millages in the County of Lenawee; and

**WHEREAS**, the voters of Lenawee County last voted a separate tax limitation in 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been no review of the separate tax limitations since 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, in performance of its oversight function with regard to allocated millages the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners deems it appropriate to review and consider adjustments to the current separate tax limitation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners re-establish the Lenawee County Tax Allocation Board as provided for in MCL 211.205k and directs the Tax Allocation Board to review the current separate tax limitation and recommend any appropriate action to the Board of Commissioners; and

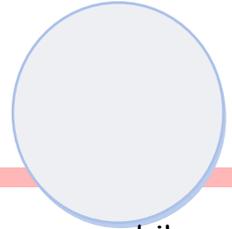
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the individual members and the bodies with appointive authority be notified of this action; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Allocation Board report any findings and make any necessary recommendations to the June 14, 2017 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. **Approved** March 23, 2017





# Highlights



## DREAM BIKE GIVEAWAY

The Lenawee County Sheriff's Office will be giving away a bike to one boy and one girl!

All 4th grade students in Lenawee County are welcome to submit a one page handwritten essay on "What Would Having a Dream Bike Mean to Me?"

Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, and the name of your school. You can drop your essay off to the main office at your school, or at the Sheriff's Office located at 405 N. Winter Street, Adrian, MI 49221.



**DUE APRIL 30TH, 2017**

## Boaters Safety Classes

Visit the [Sheriff's Department](#) website for more information

### ARE YOU NON-PROFIT, TAX EXEMPT?

Lenawee County Printing & Purchasing Department serves **ANY** non-profit, tax exempt agency including but not limited to cities, townships, villages, teachers, and non-profit groups in addition to County Offices.

They offer shipping & mailing, printing, and office supplies.

Orders can be placed online or on the phone:

[Lenawee County Printing & Purchasing](#)  
Phone: (517) 264-4561



**2017  
National Crime Victims Rights  
Ceremony**  
**April 27, 2017**

At Siena Heights - Dominican Hall  
6-7:30 p.m. Refreshments, Hors D'Oeuvres and Silent Auction

Program Starts at:  
7:30 p.m.  
with

- Presentation of Art Contest Winners
- Crime Victims Rights Service Awards
- Survivor Testimony

**Keynote Speaker**  
**The Honorable**  
**Margaret M.S. Noe**

Presented by  
Lenawee County Prosecuting Attorney's Office  
R. Burke Castleberry, Jr.  
Crime Victims Rights Division

### 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 Fair-  
grounds

Watch for more information.

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[www.lenaweeconservationdistric.org](http://www.lenaweeconservationdistric.org)



**The Lenawee Conservation District** was established in 1946 as an independent county-level resource that works with a variety of other local, state, and federal agencies and organizations to accomplish greater results in conservation and protection of our local natural resources; and

The Lenawee Conservation District is self-funded, serving the public with revenue obtained through an annual tree and shrub fundraiser sale, grants, and County appropriations.

Tree Sale Pick Up Days: At The Lenawee Fairgrounds: Friday, April 14th 9AM TO 6PM & Saturday, April 15th 9AM To Noon—Small quantity of surplus stock will be available for purchase on a cash-n-carry basis. No credit or debit cards.



## Tornado siren testing is set for Thursday, April 20th at 5:55 p.m.

At that time tornado sirens will sound for two minutes. It is important for residents to know that this is only a test. If the county should be experiencing severe weather at that time the test will be cancelled and rescheduled.

We are pleased to announce the launch of PayNearMe - a new payment option for customers to pay their child support with cash at any CVS Pharmacy store, 7-Eleven or Family Dollar store. That's more than 24,000 trusted payment locations nationwide!

### 6 Simple Steps to Make a Cash Payment



1. Visit the [www.misd.com](http://www.misd.com) website.
2. Select the "Make a Cash Payment" option.
3. Enter requested identifying information on the PayNearMe website.
4. Select whether you want the payment code sent to your phone or to print.
5. Choose from the list of CVS Pharmacy, Family Dollar or 7-Eleven payment locations closest to you.
6. Visit the store and provide both the payment code and cash to the cashier.

Customers must pay a \$1.99 convenience fee and PayNearMe payments can take up to three business days to post.

### CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

To the Qualified Electors of the following village and school districts holding a Special Election in the COUNTY OF LENAWEE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

- Village of Blissfield
- Britton Deerfield Schools
- Clinton Community Schools
- Morenci Area Schools
- Onsted Community Schools

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** THAT THE CLERKS LISTED BELOW WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017 – LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THIS ELECTION.

From 8 o'clock AM until 5 o'clock PM The 30<sup>th</sup> day preceding said election As provided by Section 490, Act No. 116, Public Acts of 1904 as amended

[More INFO available under SERVICES](#)

### 2017 Sky Warn Training Program

Thursday, May 4th 7:00 pm



**SKYWARN**  
LEARN TO BE A SKYWARN  
STORM SPOTTER

**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](#)

**4-H** is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills as they work in partnership with caring adults.

The Lenawee 4-H Council wants to **THANK EVERYONE** that participated in the 2017 Council auction where approximately \$9,500 was raised. All auction items were donated by 4-H clubs, individuals, and businesses; and there is always spirited bidding by our generous and supportive community! These funds are used to support Lenawee's 4-H programming.

The Lenawee County 4-H supports and empowers young people, it encourages them to become active members of the community, and is committed to helping them develop skills that will help them succeed.

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