

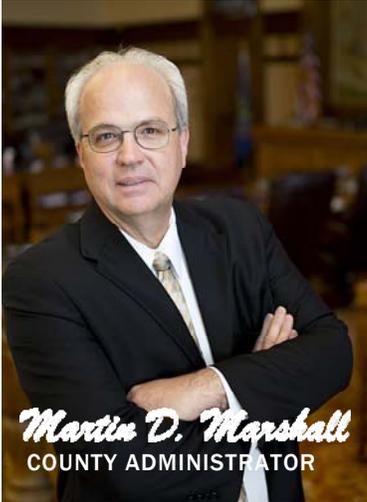


OCTOBER 2018

LENAWEE COUNTY NEWSLETTER



From the Administrator



Martin D. Marshall
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

With the former Sheriff's Office pretty much gone, the rebuild project is underway. Even while the demolition crew was taking down the oldest part of the building, the remodel crew was working on the interior demolition in the three-story building that will stay and become the new Sheriff's

Office. The funding for all of the construction that has occurred and is still ongoing was secured by the sale of bonds on September 12th and the bonds were closed on the 26th. The rate on the bonds is a true interest rate of 3.32 percent.

Many County commissioners, officials and employees attended a town hall meeting on September 20th to discuss the lack of in-county, inpatient, mental health treatment and the affect that it has on the community as a whole. There was discussion of the impact, what options are currently available and how the community might like to address this challenge. And it was clear from the range of people in attendance and the passion that they brought to the meeting that this is a challenge we must confront. We also learned that Lenawee County is not unique, much of the state, indeed the nation, is faced with similar situations. While this was not a meeting to make decisions, there were many great suggestions and a commitment to this issue.

Employees in the Judicial Building will be better equipped to face an active shooter situation as a

result of training they participated in on September 14th. The building was closed and all the employees took part in training and exercises to better equip them in dealing with an active shooter scenario. The exercises were very "hands-on", even tackling a "shooter" and throwing items to distract them. While we certainly hope that they never need to use these skills, it is better to be prepared.

On October 10th the Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the 2019 Budget. At their September Personnel/Ways and Means Committee meeting, the commissioners sent the \$30,653,047 General Fund budget to the full board. The public hearing affords interested parties the opportunity to address the board concerning any aspect of the 2019 Budget and the property tax levy rate that will fund a major portion of that budget. The hearing is set for 1:35 pm in the Commission Chambers on the second floor of the Old Courthouse.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Close of Registration Notice for the
November 2018 General Election

To the Qualified Electors of the Cities and Townships listed below; COUNTY OF LENAWEЕ, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is Hereby given that the clerks will be available on
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018– LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO
VOTE FOR THIS ELECTION, from 8 o'clock AM until 5 o'clock
PM.**

The 30th day preceding said election, as provided by Section 490,
Act No. 116, Public Acts of 1904 as amended.

The full NOTICE is available on the County website.

LENAWEE COUNTY NEWSLETTER | BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution #2018-031 Opposition to Senate Bill 1031.

The proposed bill amends the Michigan's General Property Tax Act and would exempt utility personal property such as electric transmission and distribution systems, substation equipment, spare parts, gas distribution systems, water transmission and distribution systems, gas storage equipment, and transmission lines of gas or oil transporting companies installed in Michigan after December 31, 2017.



Demolition of the Sheriff's Building has been moving along rather smoothly



LENAWEE COUNTY
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ELECTIONS

Candidate & Proposal Listing

Where do I vote?

Michigan Voter Information Center

Lenawee County Government Directory

Past Election Results

ElectionLenawee.com

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ON PROPOSED BUDGET



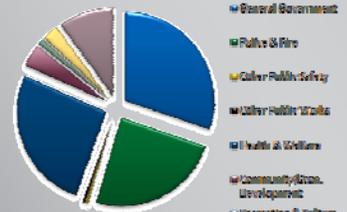
The Lenawee County Board of Commissioners announces a BUDGET HEARING for the 2019 General Fund Budget at 1:35 P.M. on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018 at the Old Courthouse, County Commissioners Chambers, 301 North Main Street, Adrian, MI. The property tax millage

rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES FOR 2019 BUDGET: County Operating: 5.4000, Lenawee Medical Care Facility Special: .1896, Department on Aging Special: .7320, Veterans Relief: .0000

All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comments. Written comments may be submitted in advance of the hearing to the County Administrator's Office, 301 N. Main Street, Adrian, Michigan 49221. Copies of the recommended budget may be obtained from this office and are available online at lenawee.mi.us.

Lenawee County will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to Lenawee County. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lenawee County Administrator's Office by writing or calling: Administrator's Office, 301 North Main, Adrian, MI 49221, (517) 264-4508.



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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Lenawee County. We believe it's the greatest county in Michigan. That's why we continue to invest in a wide range of county programs and services to make this the best place to live in Michigan. Investing in our communities. Investing in our citizens. Investing in You.

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Lenawee County is Investing in Mobility through Transportation Programs
Posted on September 4, 2018 at 11:03 AM by Jennifer Ambrose

Transportation is something that most people take for granted. If you need to go somewhere, you just hop in your car and drive there. But some residents in Lenawee County do not have access to their own personal transportation. Having access to transportation provides independence and economic opportunities, allowing people to travel from home to work, school, community programs, doctor's appointments, retail stores or just to visit your family or friends. Public transportation can provide a sense of independence for our mobility dependent population.

Lenawee County understands the positive impact that reliable and affordable transportation can have on people's lives. That is why we are investing in your mobility through Lenawee Transportation, which is Lenawee County's public transportation system.

Who does Lenawee Transportation serve?

Lenawee Transportation is open to everyone in the community. Last year, they served over 50,000 riders, including individuals with disabilities and senior citizens who no longer hold a driver's license. Some of their clients use the service daily to get to community programs such as Goodwill or the Hope Community Center. Others may use it on a one-time basis for a ride to a doctor's appointment or a trip the grocery store. For some, Lenawee Transportation's service provides an opportunity for someone to visit a friend.

"A lot of people think that Lenawee Transportation is only for specialized services, but that is not the case," explains Becky Blevins, Lenawee Transportation Dispatcher. "We are open to anyone who needs a ride. As long as it is within our service area, we will do everything we can to accommodate everyone."

What is the service area for Lenawee Transportation?

Lenawee Transportation operates Monday through Friday. Standard office hours are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, but they start picking up residents as early as 6:15 am in order to complete their routes. The service initiates in Adrian and transports residents to following areas: Blissfield, Clinton, Hudson, Morenci, Rome and Tecumseh.

Starting in 2017, they also added a route serving the Onsted area. They offer curbside pick-up for residents of the Village of Onsted with drop-off in Adrian. For those who reside outside of the Village limits, they offer pick-up at a mutually agreed upon location within the Village limits. This route currently operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays only.



A list of all the routes is available on the Lenawee Transportation website.

How much does it cost to ride with Lenawee Transportation?

Lenawee Transportation offers reasonable rates so anyone can afford to ride. The rates for a one-way trip are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under age 10, senior citizens and people with disabilities. Exact change is required. To make it easier for residents, they accept cash or tokens for payment. Tokens are available for purchase at the transportation department at the Adrian City Hall.

How can I contact Lenawee Transportation?

Anyone who needs to schedule a ride can call the dispatch office at 517-265-4444. Advance reservations are not always required. Same day service may be available depending on room availability and your origin and destination. It is important to call and cancel your ride if your plans change. That will open up a space for another person to ride. If you have special needs, such as a wheelchair, please let the dispatcher know so we may secure a spot for you!

Lenawee Transportation is a valuable resource that many people depend on within our community. There are also economic benefits for our community, as well. "If Lenawee Transportation did not exist, I think it would be a huge disadvantage to our county," says Blevins. "There are not a lot of other options in our community for discounted transportation. And our fares are very fairly priced so that anyone can afford them."

If you would like to learn more about how Lenawee County is investing in you, please visit our website for information and updates.



LENAWEE COUNTY NEWSLETTER | COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

COVER CROP FIELD WALK

Thursday, October 4, 2018

5:00-7:00 pm



Heck Farms LLC,

4345 W. Albain Rd, Monroe, MI 48161

Join the MSU Extension Cover Crop Team
Dean Bass, Christina Currell & Ricardo Costa

Pizza and beverages will be available
no charge, no registration
2 CCA Credits

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1040 S Winter Suite 3003
Adrian, MI 49221
517-264-5280

Medicare Open Enrollment begins October 15 and ends December 7, 2018.

If you have Medicare Part C or D you may contact your insurance agent, contact Medicare at 1800-MEDICARE or contact LDA for your Part D, Prescription Drug Plan.



WELCOME!

Time to enroll in Lenawee County 4-H! Go to mi.4honline.com and re-enroll if you have been enrolled before. If you forgot your password, click the button that says "I forgot my Password" and a temporary password will be sent to your email. As soon as you enter the temporary password exactly as it was given to you, the next page will be an opportunity to change the password to whatever you would like. If you can't remember which email you used, call the office, 517-264-5300, and we will be happy to let you know the email on file. If you are new to 4-H you will have to create a profile, add a family and then add family members. Looking forward to a great 2018-2019 4-H year!

Did you know we can accept debit and credit cards in the 4-H office? Stop by and we can take care of your enrollment fees!

4-H Staff

JOIN THE CLUB 

SIGN UP for Lenawee County
EMERGENCY Alerts! 

Plan Ahead For Any Emergency
www.LenaweeAlerts.com or www.Smart911.com

Safety Profile- Provide additional information to 9-1-1 so they can help you faster in an emergency

RAVE Alerts & Notifications- Stay informed of weather, traffic, and other emergencies in your community

Vulnerable Needs Registry- Alert emergency managers that you need special assistance when a disaster strikes

Get the FREE Mobile App
Download the Smart911 App today and have life-saving capabilities at your fingertips, 24/7.

Download on the **App Store** | GET IT ON **Google Play**

Thank you, Lenawee!!!

The 2018 Walk to End Alzheimer's took place on September 16th at Adrian College; there were 485 registered walkers and over **\$92,000** were raised for Alzheimer's care, support, and research.

Congratulations and thank you, Tammy & Mandy,
for co-chairing such a wonderful event!

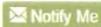


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Employment Opportunities

[www.Lenawee.MI.US/
574/Employment-Opportunities](http://www.Lenawee.MI.US/574/Employment-Opportunities)



JOB ALERT

Be notified of new job openings

Lenawee County is an
Equal Opportunity Employer

**Job Postings are now shared on
our facebook page**

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year. The Lenawee County Health Department is now offering flu vaccine for everyone 6 months and older.

Please call 517-264-5226
Option #2 to schedule your
appointment today!

ADULT FLU CLINICS!



WHEN: Mondays through January 2019
(Beginning on September 24, 2018)

WHERE: Lenawee Co. Health Department
1040 S. Winter St. Adrian, MI 49221



High Dose Flu
available for persons 65 years +

CALL 517-264-5226 Opt. 2 FOR AN APPOINTMENT

Lenawee Friend of the Court visits prison inmates

Submitted on September 26, 2018 by Kristi Drake

On August 28, 2018, Friend of the Court Director, Kristi Drake, joined two employees from the Office of Child Support to make a presentation to inmates at Gus Harrison Correctional Facility. The presentation was part of a prison child support outreach program intended to give information about the Friend of the Court's services and child support to inmates scheduled for release. The program is a partnership between the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Corrections and local Friend of the Court Offices.

The presentation included information on child support, child custody and parenting time. The program was attended by approximately 35 inmates. It was Drake's first experience with visiting a prison. She reports that it was a positive experience and she hopes that the information provided is helpful to those being released. The inmates had a lot of good questions and seemed to appreciate the information provided.

Here to support and assist crime victims

According to the Office of Child Support presenters, the presentation at Gus Harrison was the first of the outreach program. It started with a request by an inmate at the facility. From there, coordinators from DHHS and MDOC made arrangements with the local FOC office to set up the visit. The information provided was designed to be accurate for all Michigan Counties since many of the inmates are being released to places other than Lenawee County.

Drake stressed that these inmates are also parents who face many challenges once released. They have obligations associated with their parole conditions in addition to the challenges of re-integrating into the lives of their children after a period of absence. The program was designed to inform them of services available to them and how to access those services upon their release.

