



MARCH 2019

# LENAWEE COUNTY NEWSLETTER



*Martin D. Marshall*  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

At their February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board of Commissioners received a report on the State of the County in 2019. In general, the financial and economic outlook for Lenawee County is positive with revenues keeping pace with expenditures for several years and growth in the tax base in 2018. Overall, the unemployment rate in the county has remained low for about three years and there are less county residents on public assistance than five years ago.

Lenawee Now, the county-wide non-profit economic development organization, tracked over \$76,000,000 in investments during 2018 and the outlook for 2019 is continued growth in the tax base. Efforts to provide job training and good

jobs continue to be a primary focus in many agencies and organizations in the county.

One of the challenges facing the county is the increase in drug addiction and the crime and domestic disruption that stems from addiction. Meeting the mental health needs of county residents is also a primary concern. Lenawee County courts have recognized the unique challenges presented by both of these conditions and the recently established Adult Drug Court and Enhanced Treatment Court work to help individuals rebuild their lives.

The County has buildings and infrastructure that must be maintained in order to deliver services to county residents. The capital improvement plan was highlighted and the status of current and future projects was explained to the commission.

Also during February, the statutory committee to fill a vacancy in the office of Sheriff met to consider a replacement for retiring Sheriff Jack Welsh. The committee accepted applications and conducted interviews on

February 11<sup>th</sup>. The committee appointed Undersheriff Troy Bevier to succeed as sheriff and he takes office on March 1<sup>st</sup>.



### Get ready

it will soon be time to *spring forward*.

Daylight saving time starts **March 10, 2019**, moving clocks ahead one hour. The official start time for the change is 2 a.m. Sunday morning, so most people conduct the annual "spring forward" ritual before they go to bed Saturday night.

**This is also a Good Time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors!**



**County Business Offices  
close at NOON on  
Good Friday - March 30th**

## DEPARTMENT UPDATES



The Board of Commissioners wishes to commend and congratulate

### **SHERIFF JACK WELSH**

for more than forty-three (43) years of service to Lenawee County.

The Sheriff's Department is first to respond to an emergency and it takes an exceptional person to lead the specialized divisions required to efficiently take action. Sheriff Welsh has proven to be an effective leader over Central Dispatch, County Deputies, Jail Correction Officers, and the many other personnel that it takes to watch over Lenawee County.

We are proud of you, your accomplishments, and your contributions to our community.

*Congratulations!*

**SIGN UP** for Lenawee County

**EMERGENCY Alerts!**

Sign up to receive weather alerts, emergency alerts, and local notifications from Lenawee County. This is a

service of RAVE Mobile Safety & Smart911.

[Lenaweealerts.com](http://Lenaweealerts.com)



Starting March 1st all taxes are payable at the County Treasurer's Office including the 2018's.

Starting March 1st the Dog Licenses will be \$20.00 instead of \$10.00.

All 2016 Taxes must be paid to the County Treasurer's office before April 1st or they will be foreclosed.

Marilyn J. Woods, Lenawee County Treasurer  
301 N. Main St.  
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## Welcome

Sheriff Troy Bevier was sworn into office on February 28th



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**COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS**

**Fairy Garden Workshop**

April 12<sup>th</sup>



**Cupcake Decorating Workshop**

March 20<sup>th</sup>

**Cloverbud Cupcake Workshop**

April 10<sup>th</sup>



**Succulent Bowl Workshop**

April 26<sup>th</sup>



**Barn Quilt Workshop**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>



**Seed Art & Mosaic Workshop**

April 1<sup>st</sup>



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**LENAWEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING**

March is National Nutrition Month! Lenawee County Department on Aging is proud of the meals prepared by the 19 staff members of our 7 senior centers. Each day these men and women produce over 850 meals to serve older adults in their homes and at the senior centers. These nutritious meals are designed to assist older adults in remaining independent. But the personal touches of the staff and volunteers are worth as much as the good nutrition.



**A UNIVERSE of Stories**  
 Celebrating Lenawee's **CHILDREN**  
 Saturday, March 9, 2019  
 @ the Adrian Mall 10 am - 1 pm

**Free Family Fun & Resources**  
 Free T-shirt to the first 200 children. Door prizes, Crafts, Giveaways, Entertainment and much more!!

collaborative summer library program™  
 Explore all things space this summer as your local Lenawee public library presents "A Universe of Stories"

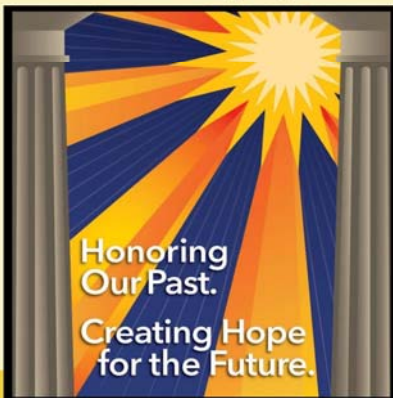
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**United Way**  
**mms midwest mobility solutions**  
**AT&T**  
**The Centre**  
**ADRIAN DISTRICT LIBRARY**  
**WILLOW PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY**  
**lenawee districtlibrary**

Deadline is April 1st!

**Art Contest**

For Lenawee County High School Students



The 2019 Crime Victims' Rights  
 Art Contest Theme is  
 "Honoring Our Past -  
 Creating Hope for the Future"

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## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

### Hi Volunteers!

It may not be very warm yet but it is coming, bringing with it exciting opportunities that RRWC needs help with!

Our Adopt-A-Stream program is an awesome way to learn more about our river and its health! You get to collect macroinvertebrates (river bugs) and participate in an almost 20 year old study looking at these bugs to tell us the health of the river at multiple sites. In order to go out into the river and collect these bugs, you must attend the Training Day, to familiarize yourself with the project, how to sample the bugs, and how to stay safe in the river. On the Stream Search Day, you actually get into the river and sample for these cool little bugs!

Please RSVP if you're able to go. Let us know where you live so we can assign you to a site closer to your home.

Training Day is April 27th and Stream Search Day is May 4th. Don't hesitate to ask any questions! **264-4754**

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## ADOPT-A-STREAM

Volunteers needed!

**Training Day:** Learn how to sample bugs, river safety, and about the project.

- **April 27, 2019, 10am:** 114 Peelle Hall Adrian College

**Stream Search Day:** Get in the river and collect bugs!

- **May 4, 2019, 9am:** Begin at 114 Peelle Hall Adrian College

**Bug ID Day:** Identify bugs & learn about water quality.

- Date TBD



**River Raisin**  
 WATERSHED COUNCIL  
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RSVP to  
[rrw@lenawee.mi.us](mailto:rrw@lenawee.mi.us)  
 or call  
 517-264-4754



### CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING

At your local Senior Center



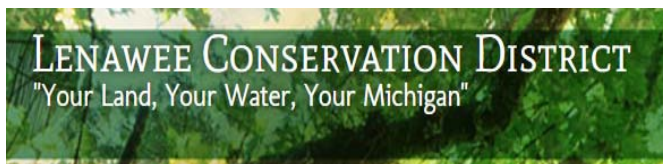
Senior centers are the focal point of activities for many adults in Lenawee County.

Activities offer fun, fellowship, personal enrichment, challenges, parties, games, educational classes, and well-balanced hot lunches. A recommended donation of \$3.00 per meal for those 60 and older.

Each center's activities may differ from another; many of the activities listed on this page are available.

Call the Lenawee Department on Aging at **517.264-5280** for more information about that center, including the menu, activity calendar, operation times and contact information.

- Addison Senior Center** 117 N. Steer St.; Addison
- Adrian Senior Center** 327 Erie St.; Adrian
- Bliss-Liewert Senior Center** 206 S. Lane St.; Blissfield
- Hudson Senior Center** 323 W. Main St.; Hudson
- Morenci Senior Center** 811 W. Coomer St.; Morenci
- Onsted Senior Center** American Legion Hall; Onsted
- Tecumseh Senior Center** 703 E. Chicago Blvd.; Tecumseh



### 2019 Tree Sale Fundraiser

Our 2019 Tree Sale Fundraiser is going on now through March 11th! Check out all the great items available, including beautiful daylilies, by clicking on the "Tree Sale" tab up above. Order forms can be printed out as well. Quantities are limited

so be sure to get your order in promptly.

Orders are due by **March 11, 2019**. The tree sale catalog can be found at our website [www.lenaweeconservationdistrict.org](http://www.lenaweeconservationdistrict.org) or by stopping at the office, 1100 Sutton Road—just north of Adrian.

**517.264.7400**

