

# County Administrator's Digest

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## **ROAD FUNDING EXPECTATIONS FOR OTTAWA COUNTY**

Now that the State has passed a road funding program, a common question asked of County Commissioners and staff is whether the recently approved County-wide road millage will be reduced.

Brett Laughlin, Ottawa County Road Commission Managing Director prepared the attached chart which shows that the original amount needed to properly maintain Ottawa County roads exceeds the sum total of the County millage and the projected additional revenue from the State program, which will be implemented over the next several years.

The federal government is still struggling to pass renew the expired federal road package and we do not know what might trickle out of that to the local level as of yet.

## **ROGER SAFFORD RETIREMENT**



Speaking of roads, I attended the retirement open house for Roger Safford, MDOT Region Engineer for the Grand Region.

Roger has a long list of accomplishments and relationships built up over the years, including most recently completing the first phase of the M-231 project. Innovative, collaborative and always a gentlemen, Roger will be missed.

## **OTTAWA COUNTY – CITY OF GRAND HAVEN ASSESSING COLLABORATION**

This Grand Haven Tribune tells the story of one of our successful collaborations, the County – City of Grand Haven contract for assessing services.

[\\$350K saved thanks to collaboration](#)



## **AG-TECH INCUBATOR** (Mark Knudsen)

Great Lakes Ag-Tech Business Incubator – Electronic Newsletter and Press Coverage

The Great Lakes Ag-Tech Business Incubator (GLATBI) celebrated it's 1-year Anniversary on December 1.

Many good things are happening in the Incubator, and in order to keep the community involved and aware of the Incubator's progress, the Incubator is launching the inaugural edition of its **Electronic Newsletter!** The Newsletter will provide regular updates on activities occurring within the Incubator, features on clients and their technology, interesting articles and stories on the growing field of Ag-Technology, and information about training events for entrepreneurs and farmers.

If you haven't already received an invitation to subscribe to the Newsletter, but would like to do so, please contact Becky Huttenga at [becky@agtechincubator.com](mailto:becky@agtechincubator.com) or [616-738-4852](tel:616-738-4852). You may also contact Becky with any questions you may have about the Newsletter, including any suggestions for articles and/or content to include in future issues.

Also, the Incubator has received a variety of media exposure over the past year – at the local, state, and national levels. A list of links to news articles is attached for your review.

## **WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER JOE BUSH “CLUTCH PLAYER”**

Water Resources Commissioner Joe Bush was one of four recognized recently at the Lakeshore Advantage annual meeting as a “clutch player” in an economic development project. Joe assisted the Agape Plastics (Tallmadge Township) with the approvals necessary for moving a wetland that likely saved the expansion and jobs from going to a different Agape facility in Ohio. Great work, Joe! The “54” on the jersey signifies the number of jobs involved in the expansion and thus saved for the County and State.



## **PA 197 BECOMES LAW!**

Major kudos are also due to Clerk/Register Justin Roebuck and his team for successfully amending State law to allow the Community Mental Health special millage request to be placed on the ballot on the March Presi-

dential Primary date.

### **OCCDA POLICY BOARD APPROVES PURCHASE OF NEW RADIO SYSTEM**

The Ottawa County Central Dispatch Authority Policy Board, the governing body for the authority, approved the purchase of an 800 MHZ radio system last Friday. The new system will be implemented over the next 15-18 months and will allow OCCDA to become compliant with the federal P-25 standard for interoperability and will also allow OCCDA to be a part of the Statewide 800 MHZ system. Motorola offered significant incentives under their approved State Bid Price including upgrading the current VHF system to allow the fire service time to adapt and move to the 800 MHZ system.

### **WEST MICHIGAN ISSUES & IMPACT**

Shannon Felgner and I hosted D./F./Lt. Andy Fias, Section Commander of the WEMET (West Michigan Enforcement Team) on our TV show West Michigan Issues & Impact earlier this week. The topic for this edition is Marijuana, both in terms of how the current medical marijuana law is working for law enforcement in Michigan and more importantly what the impact of a successful State-wide ballot initiative that would allow recreational use of Marijuana in Michigan could be.



We hosted Jennifer Owens, President of Lakeshore Advantage and Kara Wood, Economic Development Director for Grand Rapids a few weeks ago but a camera malfunctioned and we need to redo that show.

We will post the show with Andy Fias either late this week or early next week, as soon as we receive it from MCC.

### **OTTAWA COUNTY WATER-SEWER RATE STUDY**

[Click here](#) for a copy of the 2015 Water-Sewer Rate Study, recently completed by the Public Utilities Department of the Ottawa County Road Commission, for the Digest readers who are data junkies!

## IMPORTANCE OF ANNUAL FLU SHOT (Kristina Weighmink)

### An Oakland County mother who lost her 23-year-old daughter to the flu

## Why get a flu vaccine?

Ask the McCormick family of Michigan.



Even healthy, young adults can get the flu, and it can be very serious. This year and every year, get vaccinated against the flu. It could save a life.

### Ashley's story

Ashley McCormick was a 23-year-old nanny. She came home from work on December 20, 2013, with a runny nose, sore throat, and headache. The next day she had a high fever and went to urgent care. Her positive flu result came too late for Ashley to be treated. She started to feel better, but on Christmas her fever was 103.8 degrees. The next day she went to the emergency room with pneumonia. Ashley had H1N1 flu and quickly became very sick. On December 27, Ashley died from the flu.

Ashley's life may have been saved if she had been vaccinated.

Patti McCormick's daughter, Ashley, died Dec. 27, 2013 from influenza-related complications. Getting vaccinated is the single best way for people to protect not only themselves against flu, but their loved ones as well. A flu shot will help prevent the virus from spreading as families gather during the Christmas season.

"I encourage those who haven't been vaccinated this season to get vaccinated now," McCormick said. "I am speaking out publicly to tell my daughter's story, so that others will be spared from this terrible disease that took my daughter's life too soon."

Ashley was a healthy, young woman who worked as a nanny. She came home sick with a runny nose, sore throat, and headache on Dec. 20, 2013. One week later, she died from complications related to influenza. She had not received a flu shot. For many people the flu can mean a fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, fatigue, and

miserable days spent in bed. More than 200,000 people, however, are hospitalized in the United States from flu complications and over 36,000 die from flu each year.

Some people are at higher risk for serious flu-related complications like pneumonia, which can lead to hospitalization or, in some cases, death. The higher-risk group includes young children, pregnant women, and individuals 65 and older. In addition, those who live with certain medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes or heart disease are also at higher risk. It is also necessary to get the vaccine if you care for anyone at high risk, including babies younger than 6 months since they are too young to get the vaccine.

Article courtesy of Oakland County Health Division <https://www.oakgov.com/health>



[www.aimtoolkit.org](http://www.aimtoolkit.org)  
[www.theashleymccormickflufoundation.com](http://www.theashleymccormickflufoundation.com)



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**FILLMORE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Water Resources Commissioner's Office hosted this year's Fillmore Christmas party with a silent auction. Staff who work at Fillmore were asked to donate, either individually or as a department, items for the silent auction. The silent auction raised a total amount of \$2115, with \$1715 going to Hospice, \$200 to People's Center and \$200 to Center for Women In Transition. All of the non-perishable items donated will go to the People's Center and Center for Women In Transition.

We would like to thank the Water Resources Commissioner's Office for all of their hard work in putting on this event! Another huge thanks goes to out everyone who donated for this event, the generosity for these charities goes a long way.

**GVMC WEEKLY UPDATE** (John Weiss)

[Click here](#) for the most recent update, for older updates [click here](#).

2015 Ottawa County Wastewater Rate Survey

System	Monthly User Charges				Assessments at Time of Connection				Connection Fees		Estimated Bills		
	Commodity Rate per 1,000 Gallons	Flat User Charge per Month (unmetered)	Debt Service Charge per Month	Ready to Serve Charge per Month	Frontage Rate per Foot	Availability Rate per Parcel	Trunkage Rate per REU or Meter	Treatment Plant Trunkage per REU or Meter	Inspection Fee	Service Lateral or Tapping Fee	Estimated Monthly Bill	Estimated Assessment	Estimated Connection Fee
<b>Allendale Wastewater Plant</b>													
Allendale Twp	\$3.24		\$4.02	\$5.05	\$60.00		\$1,140.00			\$900.00	\$28.51	\$10,140.00	\$900.00
<b>Chester Twp Wastewater Lagoons</b>													
Chester Twp		\$29.00	\$19.00			\$5,100.00	\$4,400.00	\$40.00	\$700.00	\$48.00	\$9,500.00	\$740.00	
<b>Coopersville Wastewater Plant</b>													
Coopersville	\$3.61			\$6.00	\$25.00		\$1,000.00	\$30.00		\$27.66	\$4,750.00	\$30.00	
<b>Crockery Twp Clean Water Plant</b>													
Crockery Twp	\$5.50		\$17.00	\$24.00		\$1,700.00	\$6,600.00	\$1,200.00	\$200.00	\$74.00	\$9,500.00	\$200.00	
<b>GH-SL Sewer Authority Plant</b>													
Ferrysburg	\$3.22			\$15.47	\$60.00			\$25.00	\$2,200.00	\$34.79	\$9,000.00	\$2,225.00	
Grand Haven	\$4.51			\$3.83				\$50.00	\$5,000.00	\$30.89	\$0.00	\$5,050.00	
Grand Haven Twp	\$3.14			\$12.75			\$2,879.00	\$35.00	\$1,500.00	\$31.59	\$2,879.00	\$1,535.00	
Spring Lake Village	\$2.79		\$4.84	\$11.51						\$33.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Spring Lake Twp	\$2.36	\$21.71	\$5.33	\$3.73	\$71.90		\$2,193.00	\$55.00	\$1,016.00	\$23.22	\$12,978.00	\$1,071.00	
<b>Grandville Clean Water Plant</b>													
Georgetown Twp	\$3.00			\$3.33	\$65.00				\$1,000.00	\$21.33	\$11,550.00	\$1,000.00	
Hudsonville	\$3.92	\$38.90		\$12.77	\$80.00			\$75.00	\$2,650.00	\$36.29	\$13,800.00	\$2,725.00	
Jamestown Twp	\$4.71	\$37.12		\$12.00	\$47.00	\$5,150.00	\$4,100.00		\$1,800.00	\$40.26	\$18,100.00	\$1,200.00	
<b>Holland Area Wastewater Plant</b>													
Holland	\$3.48	\$25.90		\$7.73	\$41.00		\$2,321.00		\$1,160.00	\$28.61	\$8,471.00	\$1,160.00	
Holland Twp	\$2.19			\$7.85	\$67.00		\$1,025.00	\$48.00	\$815.00	\$20.99	\$11,075.00	\$863.00	
Park Twp	\$2.19			\$7.85	\$50.00		\$2,000.00	\$60.00	\$900.00	\$20.99	\$9,500.00	\$960.00	
Zeeland Twp	\$2.19			\$7.85	\$30.00		\$2,500.00	\$50.00	\$1,000.00	\$20.99	\$7,000.00	\$1,050.00	
<b>Grand Rapids Wastewater Plant</b>													
Tallmadge Twp	\$14.51			\$3.36	\$85.00		\$2,922.00	\$60.00	\$3,000.00	\$90.42	\$15,672.00	\$3,060.00	
Wright Twp		\$61.13			\$85.00		\$2,922.00	\$60.00	\$3,000.00	\$61.13	\$15,672.00	\$3,060.00	
<b>W. Central Ottawa Wastewater Plant</b>													
W.C. Ottawa	\$4.95			\$14.00	\$50.00		\$2,500.00	\$75.00	\$1,750.00	\$43.70	\$11,850.00	\$1,825.00	
<b>Zeeland Clean Water Plant</b>													
Zeeland	\$3.72	\$30.25		\$10.02	\$40.00		\$2,000.00	\$65.00	\$550.00	\$32.34	\$8,000.00	\$615.00	

Notes for Estimated Bills	
Estimated monthly usage =	6,000 gallons
Estimated frontage =	150 feet
Connection fee may not include lateral if none exists.	

2015 Ottawa County Water Rate Survey

System	Monthly User Charges				Assessments at Time of Connection			Connection Fees			Estimated Bills		
	Commodity Rate per 1,000 Gallons	Debt Service Charge per Month	Ready to Serve Charge per Month	Millage Rate for Water System	Frontage Rate per Foot	Availability Rate per Parcel	Trunkage Rate per REU or Res. Meter	Inspection Fee	Residential Meter Fee	Residential Service Lateral Fee	Estimated Monthly Bill	Estimated Assessment	Estimated Connection Fee
<b>Northwest Ottawa Water System</b>													
Crockery Twp	\$3.85	\$8.00	\$5.00		\$43.00		\$1,450.00	\$100.00	\$514.46	\$2,267.54	\$36.10	\$7,900.00	\$2,882.00
Ferrysburg	\$2.88		\$5.63		\$50.00				\$850.00	\$2,200.00	\$22.91	\$7,500.00	\$3,050.00
Grand Haven	\$2.16		\$3.83					\$50.00	\$500.00		\$16.79	\$0.00	\$550.00
Grand Haven Twp	\$2.36		\$12.30				\$856.00	included	included	\$1,500.00	\$26.46	\$856.00	\$1,500.00
Spring Lake Village	\$2.06	\$3.76	\$7.09						\$250.00		\$23.21	\$0.00	\$250.00
Spring Lake Twp	\$2.25		\$7.12		\$36.00		\$1,177.00	\$55.00	\$575.00	\$1,600.00	\$20.62	\$6,577.00	\$2,230.00
<b>Grand Rapids Water System</b>													
Allendale Twp	\$3.92	\$4.02	\$2.20		\$40.00		\$980.00		\$450.00	\$600.00	\$29.74	\$6,980.00	\$1,050.00
Coopersville	\$3.96		\$6.00	0.4460	\$15.00		\$500.00	\$30.00	\$397.00		\$35.34	\$2,750.00	\$427.00
Grand Haven Twp	\$2.73		\$12.30				\$856.00	included	included	\$1,500.00	\$28.68	\$856.00	\$1,500.00
Olive-Robinson Twps	\$2.55		\$6.50		\$32.00		\$900.00	\$120.00	\$516.00	\$1,667.00	\$21.80	\$5,700.00	\$2,303.00
Polkton Twp	\$3.10		\$6.75			\$7,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$60.00	\$383.50	\$1,459.00	\$25.35	\$8,500.00	\$1,902.50
Port Sheldon Twp	\$3.35	\$1.50	\$8.50		\$30.00		\$1,000.00	\$120.00	\$516.00	\$1,667.00	\$30.10	\$5,500.00	\$2,303.00
Tallmadge Twp	\$4.63		\$3.24		\$76.00		\$2,922.00	\$60.00	\$150.00	\$2,800.00	\$31.02	\$14,322.00	\$3,010.00
<b>Wyoming Water System</b>													
Georgetown Twp	\$2.00		\$3.33		\$18.00		\$360.00	\$60.00	\$395.00	\$1,610.00	\$15.33	\$3,060.00	\$2,065.00
Holland Twp	\$1.67		\$10.81		\$36.00		\$1,000.00	\$48.00	\$310.00	\$1,060.00	\$20.83	\$6,400.00	\$1,418.00
Hudsonville	\$2.13	\$10.78			\$52.50			\$75.00	\$148.50	\$1,850.00	\$23.56	\$7,875.00	\$2,073.50
Jamestown Twp	\$2.01		\$7.33		\$34.00	\$4,600.00	\$1,600.00		\$375.00	\$850.00	\$19.39	\$11,300.00	\$1,225.00
Olive-Blendon Twps	\$1.90	\$3.50	\$6.50		\$32.00		\$1,100.00	\$120.00	\$516.00	\$1,667.00	\$21.40	\$5,900.00	\$2,303.00
Park Twp	\$1.80		\$7.25		\$30.00		\$500.00	\$104.00	\$346.00	\$1,025.00	\$18.05	\$5,000.00	\$1,475.00
Zeeland Twp	\$1.67		\$10.81		\$25.00		\$1,200.00	included	included	\$1,128.00	\$20.83	\$4,950.00	\$1,128.00
<b>Holland Water System</b>													
Holland	\$2.13		\$9.45		\$41.00		\$842.00		\$171.00	\$1,273.00	\$22.23	\$6,992.00	\$1,444.00
Zeeland	\$2.39		\$6.40		\$30.00		\$750.00	included	included	\$900.00	\$20.74	\$5,250.00	\$900.00

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Estimated monthly usage =	6,000 gallons
Estimated average SEV =	\$150,000.00
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