



**County of Ottawa
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**County Administrator's Weekly Digest
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QUADRANT MEETINGS

The remaining Quadrant meeting dates are listed below. We have an informative agenda and had two good meetings in Park Township and Wright Township so far. I ask mayors, supervisors and managers who receive the Digest to please forward the Digest on to other elected officials and administrative staff as appropriate.

Northwest, Monday, October 25, 2010 from 10 am - 12 pm at the Village of Spring Lake Hall
Southeast, Thursday, October 28, 2010 from 2-4 pm at Jamestown Charter Township Hall

FIFTH ANNUAL WATER QUALITY FORUM

Don't miss out Ottawa County's Fifth Annual Water Quality Forum promises to be thought provoking, educational and informative. Register today either by filling out the registration form included in this document or by going online to MIottawa.org. The draft agenda is also included.

OTTAWA COUNTY COMMUNITY ALERT PROGRAM (Sheriff Gary Rosema)

The Sheriff's Office Announces the "Ottawa County Community Alert" Program

"Community Alert" is a means by which members of our communities throughout Ottawa County can receive information about incidents or events that may impact their respective community. Whether the information includes details about an emergency notification of an event taking place or general information about specific local crime trends, we believe the information will be very helpful to our citizens.

Residents can sign up to receive the "Community Alert" messages by simply going to the Ottawa County website located at "miottawa.org" and selecting the "**Community Alert**" link to register for the free service. Registrants can select the specific Ottawa County community or communities that they wish to receive the alert messages for and they will be able to receive the messages via their e-mail or as a text message on their cell phone (standard text rates would apply).

PROJECT LIFESAVER (Sheriff Gary Rosema)

A New Tool for Law Enforcement

Project Lifesaver is a search and recovery tool that will help to locate missing persons that suffer from Autism, Alzheimer's, Down Syndrome, or other similar illnesses or disorders. It is a radio frequency locator tool that can pin point a specific radio frequency. The family of an individual with one of the identified disorders can purchase a wrist band that contains a specific radio frequency. Information including name, address, type of illness or disorder, and emergency contact numbers are obtained at registration. If a person goes missing in our county the Sheriff's Office can input their specific radio frequency into the locator and begin a search. This system acts very similar to that of an auto theft Lo-Jack System. This project is in part funded by a grant written by the Sheriff's Office to obtain the search equipment, as well as, a supporting partnership with the Autism Society of West

Shore - any additional information regarding this project can be obtained from Lt. Lee Hoeksema by contacting him at 616-738-4041 or lhoeksema@miottawa.org

WELFARE CASE LOAD STATISTICS (Mark Knudsen)

Eligible Welfare Recipients (Ottawa County, Michigan)

Department of Human Services Programs	Ottawa County		Ottawa County % Change (FY 09 -FY10)	Michigan % Change (FY 09-FY10)
	Monthly Average (FY 2009)	Monthly Average (FY 2010)*		
Family Independence Agency (FIP)	1,205	1,360	12.9%	10.6%
Food Assistance Program (FAP)	20,554	27,342	33.0%	21.6%
State Disability Assistance (SDA)	116	124	6.9%	.8%
Child Development and Care (CDC)	1,499	1,366	-8.9%	-16.9%
Medicaid Eligible	27,772	31,415	13.1%	8.7%
Unduplicated Total	34,035	41,296	21.3%	13.4%

Source: Department of Human Services Trend Report

*Based on 11-months of data



**DRAFT AGENDA
OTTAWA COUNTY
FIFTH ANNUAL WATER QUALITY FORUM**

November 1, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
Ottawa County Administrative Complex, Main Conference Room
12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive, Michigan

9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductory Remarks	Alan G. Vanderberg, Ottawa County Administrator
Session 1:		
9:15 a.m.	Pathogens and <i>E. coli</i> Study	Dr. Sheridan Haack, United States Geological Survey
10:00 a.m.	Towards a 120 hour Decision Support System for Great Lakes Beach Health Forecasting	David Rockwell, Beach Water Quality Forecasting Coordinator, NOAA Center of Excellence for Great Lakes and Human Health
10:45 a.m.	BREAK	
11:00 a.m.	Optical Scattering Imaging for Rapid Microbial Source Tracking	Dr. Bin Chen, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Purdue University Calumet and Dr. Charles C. Tseng, Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Purdue University Calumet
11:45 a.m.	Polling/Q & A	
12:00 p.m.	LUNCH	
Session 2:		
12:45 p.m.	BREAK OUT SESSIONS	
Main Conference Room	Phosphorus Release from Flooded Celery Fields	Dr. Al Steinman, Director GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute
	Sturgeon	Dr. Carl Ruetz III, Associate Professor GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute
	Carbon Cycling in the Watershed and Lakes	Dr. Bopi Biddanda, Associate Professor GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute
Board Room	Pharmaceutical Collections	Kay Nedderman, President, CORE and Adam London, Environmental Health Manager, Public Health Department, Ottawa County
	Adopt a Beach Program	Jamie Cross, Alliance for the Great Lakes
	Blue-Green Algae Monitoring	Sonia Joseph Joshi, Sea Grant Extension Outreach Coordinator, Center of Excellence for Great Lakes and Human Health, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
1:45 p.m.	BREAK	
Session 3:		
2:00 p.m.	Ottawa County Hydrological Study	Mark Knudsen, Planning Director, Ottawa County
2:15 p.m.	GLRI Awardee Overviews	Dr. Shannon Briggs, Toxicologist, Beach Coordinator, MDEQ, Water Bureau
3:00 p.m.	Water Quality Issues in the Lower Grand Watershed and LGROW Management Plan	Dr. Rick Rediske, Professor Water Resources and John Koches, Senior Program Manager GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute
4:00 p.m.	Invasive Species	Dr. Daniel O'Keefe, Southwest District Extension Educator, Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan State University
4:45 p.m.	Polling/Q & A/Closing Remarks	Alan G. Vanderberg

Registration Form



Ottawa County Fifth Annual Water Quality Forum

Monday, November 1, 2010
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(Registration at 8:30 a.m.)
Registration Fee: \$10.00
Ottawa County Administrative Complex
Main Conference Room
12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive, Michigan

NOTE: If paying online, you do not need to return a registration form. You will receive a follow-up email confirming your registration.

Registration Information:

Please provide the following information as you would like it to appear on a name badge.

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Email Address:

Registration is limited to the first 150 participants

Lunch Information:

Please check the box to the right if you will NOT be staying for lunch

Please list any special food requirements:

Please mail this form and payment to:

County of Ottawa
Administrator's Office, Attn: Misty Cunningham
12220 Fillmore Street., Suite 310
West Olive, Michigan 49460

OR

Fax this form to 616-738-4888 and mail payment to the address above.

Online Payment Instructions:

Go to miottawa.org. Click on "Online Services" from the menu at the top of the page or use the scrolling menu. Select "Payment Center". Use the arrow on "Category/Service" to select "Water Quality Forum Registration". Complete all of the fields on the first page, and click "Continue" to enter your credit card information.

A \$2.00 convenience fee will apply. Please call Misty Cunningham at 616-738-4898 with questions.