

County Administrator's Digest

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GOLD TRAINING OFFERED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS & ROAD COMMISSION

We sent out an invitation to the townships, cities, village and Road Commission to participate in the GOLD Leadership Training Program last week. At last count, 17 employees from a number of township and city governments had already signed up. In case you missed it, the training catalogue is linked here:

OTTAWA COUNTY 2014 GRAND RIVER POSSIBLE FLOODING (Beth Thomas, Emergency Management Director, and Joe Bush, Water Resources Commissioner)



Ottawa County 2014 Grand River and Local Waterway Stakeholders

We all knew spring would eventually get here. The question is “where will all of this snow and ice go”? You may be aware of the media already asking the same question or perhaps you’ve already had residents calling with complaints of flooding or questions on how to mitigate the hazard.

We would like to help you answer some of these and other questions during a **“Get Ready” meeting** to be held at the **Fillmore Complex on Thursday, February 27th from 1:30 to 3:30 in the Main Conference Room.**

We will talk together with you about how residents can mitigate flood hazards, how you as a jurisdiction can meet some of their flood-related needs, which other



agencies can help, and how we can support you in those endeavors.

Frequently, if not usually, communication is the “make or break” during any incident and this spring will likely be no exception. Let us know how you are best communicated with and what your communication needs are so that we can best support you during what is said to be a wet spring! Please join us in this proactive approach to communication and collaboration in order to best serve our residents.

GOVERNOR SNYDER RELEASES PROPOSED BUDGET

The big new for County government is the Governor’s proposed restoration of State Revenue Sharing payments so what they were when he first took office. This would add back an estimated \$939,998 to the General Fund budget beginning in 2015 if the Governor’s proposal survives legislative approval further on in the budget process.

GCSI forwarded some other highlights:

52B\$ budget

11.7B\$ for education (this is up 1B\$ over last)

\$30M is budgeted for teacher evaluation assessments.

Higher Education up 80M\$, an approximate a 6.5% increase over last year

9M\$ increase for community colleges, an approximate 3% increase

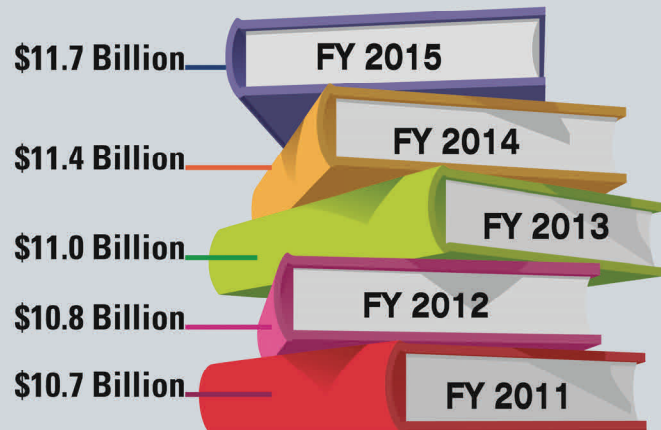
There will be a 3.2% tuition restraint

Taxes—Some of the increased revenue will be used for targeted tax relief with approximately \$102M of this amount ongoing, the rest one time

There is \$2M for arts and cultural programs

\$2M for agricultural export initiatives

Governor Rick Snyder is calling for a \$1 Billion Increase in K-12 Education Funding from FY 2011 to FY 2015



Governor Rick Snyder
REINVENTING MICHIGAN
Getting It Right. Getting It Done.

Michigan Department of Technology, Management
and Budget, FY 2015 Budget Proposal

Follow the links for related [talking points](#) and a [fact sheet](#)

FRACKING EDUCATIONAL SERIES (Aaron Bodbyl-Mast)

Planning Commission hosts education series on Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking)

Hydraulic Fracturing is a confusing subject and is difficult to understand due to the variety of strong viewpoints expressed by both supporters and detractors of the gas extraction process. In a continuing effort to equip individuals to make well-informed judgments about this technology, the Ottawa County Planning Commission is sponsoring a three-part educational series, "Understanding Hydraulic Fracturing." Each session in this series will be held in the Main Conference Room of the Ottawa County Fillmore Street Complex, 12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive, MI, 49460.

The first session in the series, Hydraulic Fracturing – A Panel Discussion, is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. This panel discussion is designed to provide attendees with a straightforward, factual, and scientific perspective about the Hydraulic Fracturing process. It will also provide a comparison of the fracturing processes used in Michigan to those used in other states. The forum will conclude with a Question & Answer period.

Some of the subjects to be covered at this session include the following: Hydraulic Fracturing Overview; Geology & Fracturing (see rock samples and some materials used in fracking process); Fluids and Flow-back; Current Fracking Activity in Michigan; Permitting, Regulations, and Violations; Health and Environmental Concerns; The Gasland Movie and its Applicability to Michigan; Lawsuits; and Newly Proposed Rules and Legislation.

Panelists for this session were selected based on their knowledge and expertise. These panelists include Jason E. Poll, CPG, Lakeshore Environmental; Amy L. VanDyke, Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones; and Adam Wygant, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Jason & Amy are members of the Michigan Oil & Gas Association

The second session in the series, Land-Owners – Ensure You're Protected When Negotiating an Oil & Gas Lease, is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. At this session, Curtis Talley, Jr. of Michigan State University Extension will inform land-owners about the process of leasing oil and gas rights to oil companies. Some of the topics that will be covered for this session include the following: State Regulations that Apply to Oil & Gas Leases; What to Consider when Negotiating a Sale or Lease; and How to Evaluate Contract Offers from an Oil and Gas Company.

The third session in the series, Land-Use Regulations and Hydraulic Fracturing, is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. At this session, Ron Bultje, attorney with the law firm Scholten Fant, will provide local officials as well as land-use planners and zoning administrators with an overview of the current regulatory landscape, particularly at the local level. Some of the specific land-use topics to be addressed include the following: General Zoning Regulation; Truck Traffic; Noise; Odor; Lighting; Hours of Operation; Dust; Earth Change Permits; Soil Erosion Permits; and Groundwater Well Permits.

Individuals interested in attending may register in advance either online at <http://miottawa.org/Departments/Planning/fracking.htm> or by contacting the Ottawa County Planning and Performance Improvement Department

at 616-738-4852 or by email at plan@miottawa.org.

PLANNING COMMISSION – ZBA TRAINING (Aaron Bodbyl-Mast)

New Date for Planning Commission Zoning Board of Appeals Basic Training - Every year, the Ottawa County Planning Commission hosts basic training seminars for local officials, including a Zoning Board of Appeals Basic Training and the Planning Commission Basic Training. These trainings are provide free of charge by Ronald Bultje and Rodney Schermer of the law firm Scholten Fant.

The ZBA Basic Training was originally scheduled for January 30, 2014, but was postponed due to weather conditions. The ZBA Basic Training is now scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in the Main Conference Room at the Fillmore Street Complex.

The objective of the ZBA Basic Training is to guidance and tools to support objective decision-making on zoning-related issues. Some of the topics that will be covered in this seminar include the following: Roles and Responsibilities of a Zoning Board of Appeals; The Rationale behind Zoning Ordinances; Zoning Variances; Non-conforming Uses; Appeals of Administrative Decisions; and Procedures and Protocols to Ensure that the Decision-making Process has been Conducted in a Legal Manner.

There is also still time to register for the Planning Commission Basic Training, which is scheduled to Thursday, March 6, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in the Main Conference Room at the Fillmore Street Complex.

The Planning Commission Basic Training is designed to provide an overview of planning and zoning essentials for incoming planning commissioners. Experienced commissioners can also benefit from the opportunity to hear the insights from two veteran Scholten Fant attorneys. Some of the subjects that will be discussed in this training include the following: The Statutory Basis of Local Planning; Relationship between Master Plans and Zoning Ordinances; Duties of a Planning Commission; Duties of a Zoning Board of Appeals; Legal Responsibilities Relating to the Zoning and Rezoning of Property; Contract Zoning; How-to Avoid an Unconstitutional Taking of Property; and How-to Run an Effective and Efficient Meeting.

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MICHIGAN WORKS PRESS RELEASE – FEB. 3 (Angie Barksdale)

New Program Bridges the Skill Gap between Businesses and Job Seekers

Ottawa County has been awarded a total of \$1,306,767 as part of the Skilled Trades Training Fund initiative, a program designed to enhance and promote economic growth and sustainability. Ottawa County Michigan Works! was instrumental in bringing these funds locally and promoting the need for skilled trades training for area businesses.

As the economy continues to recover, the Michigan Works! system is increasingly faced with the task of finding new and innovative ways to meet the demands of businesses in need of employees with specific skill sets. To meet these needs the Skilled Trades Training Fund, or STTF Program, was created. The program's objective was to provide eligible participants with the training and skills required to fill positions and ultimately allow businesses to expand their organizations in a way that contributes to the local and state economy. Funding focused on those businesses which are currently providing jobs in skilled trades including industrial, construction, and skilled service.

Leading the state, West Michigan received 37% of all funding for this initiative. Ottawa County received \$1,306,767, 15.8% of the total funding awarded. Twenty-four separate proposals were approved and Ottawa County received funding to train a total of 1,420 participants resulting in 1,318 jobs retained and 102 immediate jobs created. An additional 294 jobs are to be created in the next 6 months. Twenty-four companies in Ottawa County will share nearly \$1.3 million in grants, among the largest are Gentex, Herman Miller, and Grand Haven Stamped Products.

Ottawa County Michigan Works! partnered with several agencies including Thompson M-TEC, Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce, and Lakeshore Advantage on this project. These agencies worked to identify potential businesses for which training funds would benefit and with businesses to develop up-to-date training modules that promoted job retention and creation.

"The program ensures Michigan's employers have access to the talent pipeline they need to compete and grow, and participants have the skills they need for in-demand jobs," MWDA Director Christine Quinn said in a news release.

The STTF program was designed to reduce unemployment levels by supporting businesses' needs in an ever-changing economy. Ottawa County has greatly benefitted from this program and continues leading the state in economic recovery and advancement.

Helping you prepare for what's next. # #

MEDICATION DISPOSAL SITE NO LONGER AVAILABLE (Kristina Wiegelmink)



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Public Health

The Ottawa County Department of Public Health (OCDPH) Grand Haven office no longer offers medication disposal services. Due to space limitations, they are prevented from collecting at their new location, 1207 South Beechtree Street. To find other Ottawa County medication disposal locations, please visit www.miOttawa.org/eco

[eco](http://www.miOttawa.org/eco)

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Free disposal of unwanted or expired prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications are accepted at participating locations.

During 2010 to 2013, OCDPH Disposal Program served **26,387**

Ottawa County residents to process and properly dispose of

653,246 total pounds of hazardous waste; 5,989 pounds

were prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs.

Prevent drug misuse and abuse

Each year in the U.S. more than 71,000 children aged 18 and younger are seen in emergency rooms for unintentional overdoses of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.* To help prevent drug misuse and abuse, please dispose of unwanted or expired prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs at any participating location at no charge. Don't ever flush medications. They contaminate our drinking water and pose a threat to people's health. Improper disposal of any household hazardous waste can pollute the environment. Some items can be reused, recycled or must be managed properly as hazardous waste. "Every team member of the OCDPH Environmental Health Disposal Program has worked very hard to ensure proper disposal of hazardous waste, unwanted medications and recyclables," said Matt Allen, REHS; environmental health team supervisor. "When I think of how much material the site attendants handle and how many people they see, it boggles my mind. Their diligent work has brought this program where it is today." Environmental Health staff, the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office, participating disposal locations and the work of residents help keep Ottawa County's environment clean from pollutants and drinking waters safe. For more information on the OCDPH Disposal Program and the Resource Recovery Center hours and locations, visit <http://ow.ly/rwxPb>

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Medication Disposal Sites Please remove pills from bottles and place in a sealable plastic bag.

Liquids or gels may be kept in original packages with the labels blackened or removed. www.miOttawa.org/eco

Law Enforcement Offices

Zeeland City 29 W. Main St

West Olive Sheriff's Office 12220 Fillmore St

Holland City Police Dept 89 W. 8th St

Grand Haven Township 13250 168th Ave

Coopersville City 289 Danforth St

Georgetown Township 3100 Port Sheldon Rd

Participating Pharmacies

Tasker Drug Store Coopersville

Pfaff Pharmacy Grand Haven

Family Fare Holland, Zeeland & Allendale

D&W Fresh Market Holland & Grand Haven

Participating Health Department Office

12251 James St, Holland

ecoOttawa	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Resource Recovery Service Centers Customers	13,101	12,958	13,429	13,224	52,712
Pounds of Liquid Hazardous Waste Collected	40,400	89,656	66,200	78,728	274,984
Pounds of Solid Hazardous Waste Collected	40,962	71,270	93,021	103,605	308,858
Pounds of Pesticides Collected	10,938	11,207	22,059	25,200	69,404
Total pounds of Hazardous Waste Processed*	92,300	172,133	181,280	207,533	653,246
Cubic Yards of Recyclables Collected	3,415	3,606	3,450	3,420	13,891
Recycling Memberships	601	659	728	676	2,664

4 Resource Recovery Service Centers and over a dozen medication drop off locations are available to residents.
 Most services are offered at no charge.
www.miOttawa.org/eco

*Of the total pounds of hazardous waste processed 2010 - 2013, below are the pounds for **medication disposal**.

- 2010 - 640 lbs
- 2011 - 789 lbs
- 2012 - 2,300
- 2013 - 2,260 lbs (Includes the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office)

TOTAL – 5,989 lbs

Sources

*www.drugfree.org

Image courtesy of Ezran Kamal



Our Vision – Healthy People

MILES OF SMILES PARTICIPATES IN “GIVE KIDS A SMILE!” DAY (Kristina Wiegink)



HOLLAND – Friday, February 7 was the 12th annual American Dental Association's "Give Kids a Smile!" day. Dr. Hillary Lane D.D.S. volunteered her day on Ottawa County Department of Public Health's *Miles of Smiles* (MOS) mobile dental unit. She provided comprehensive dental care for Medicaid-insured and financially-qualifying uninsured children at Glerum Elementary School in Holland (West Ottawa School District). Every child will received a gift bag, complete with oral health aids and oral health education for parents.

Miles of Smiles operates year-round to provide free dental services. "Give Kids a Smile!" day provides MOS an opportunity to participate in a nationwide event. Dental professionals in dental offices, dental clinics and dental schools in all 50 states opened their doors to provide free dental care to dentally-underserved children. The event raises awareness about the number of children with unmet dental needs and the obstacles they face when seeking dental care.



Pain from untreated dental disease makes it difficult for children to eat, sleep, and concentrate in school. Poor oral health also affects their self-esteem. "Our *Miles of Smiles* program is the best example of a community collaborative effort that I could ever envision," said Debra Bassett RDH, BHS, dental team supervisor for Ottawa County Department of Public Health. "This partnership includes dental society involvement, dentist and hygienist volunteerism, school administration dedication, community support, funder's generosity, Ottawa County Administration support and Ottawa County Department of Public Health's commitment to helping improve the health of children in our community." www.miOttawa.org/dental

GVMC WEEKLY UPDATE (John Weiss)

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