



## FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

**A**s I write this article, we are (hopefully) coming out of the worst of the pandemic. There is more activity around Township Hall, as staff (masked and practicing social distancing), perform tasks and functions that are not possible to do remotely. **Currently, Township Hall is open to the public for elections business only, and by appointment for business that must be transacted in person.** For sure, these are different times than any of us have ever experienced, and the summer is not shaping up to be the season any of us ever imagined.

### SPECIAL THANKS

I would be remiss if I did not give a "shout out" to those Township employees who perform essential services and have worked more than a full schedule during the entire length of the crisis. This includes the entire Township Utility Department and our Fire Department. All of Scio owes each of these employees a special BIG THANKS for assisting the Township and residents through these difficult times.

### DEVELOPMENT

If you have traveled around the Township lately it's hard not to notice the amount of building activity going on. **The pandemic, it seems, has not had a significant negative impact on new development.** A few of the more visible and significant projects currently

underway include the new retail shops on the north side of the Meijer's property; the continuation of residential building behind Menards and the new residential development at the south end of Parkland Plaza. Also, coming soon, is a large mixed-use development on Jackson Blvd. at Baker Road that includes 450 residential units. Every week I receive inquiries from builders and developers looking for potential development sites within Scio, and it is apparent that our community remains a desirable place to live and work.

### ROADS

Speaking of development, we are well into what is affectionately known as "orange cone season." There are many road improvement projects going on throughout our township, perhaps the most significant being the roundabout at Miller and Wagner Roads. Other road improvement projects include East Craig Road; portions of West Liberty Road; portions of Park Road; East Delhi Road; portions of West Delhi Road; Jackson Plaza Drive; a portion of Marshall Road; Aprill Drive; a portion of North Maple Road and the Wing Meadows Subdivision. Also, gravel roads within the Township will receive three dust control applications this year. The total cost of these projects totaled \$594,800 with \$522,724 coming from Township funding.

### SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

With the coming reduction of the numbers

BY JACK KNOWLES, SUPERVISOR

of garbage trucks on our roads due to the potential passage of the revised Solid Waste Ordinance, the above-noted investment into our roads should result in a longer lifespan than in the past. If and when the ordinance is approved, the next step will be contract negotiations with GFL, and then a period for full "gear up" and implementation. Please note that, as requested by many, the Township will not be administering the program (billing) and all residents will be

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setting up accounts and sending payments directly to GFL. As we get closer to determining the dates of full implementation, more information will be available on the Township website and at Township Hall.

### **ZEEB ROAD PATHWAY**

While not apparent to passersby, there is significant progress being made on the Zeeb Road pathway. Meetings with and easement acquisition from abutting property owners has been ongoing, as have meetings with the Washtenaw County Road Commission regarding road crossings. The next phase of the pathway is

in the final stages of engineering design, which will be finished this summer. That segment will start at Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, and continue north approximately 1000 feet beyond Miller Road. The bidding process will occur this fall, with construction slated for early 2021. Other pathway work currently underway includes survey work for the remainder of the route to and across the Huron River. Engineering design work for that segment may begin later this year, with construction anticipated for 2022-2024, depending on funding.

We are all fortunate to live in and in some cases work, in such a wonderful community. The influx of new development projects is an indicator

that others feel the same way about Scio as we do. Physical growth and change is not a bad thing, especially when it is well thought out and approached in a logical, planned manner.

**The Township's Master Plan is currently going through a required update/revision, and citizen involvement and input is wanted and appreciated.** See "Master Land Use Plan 2.0" in this newsletter and watch the Township website [www.sciotownship.org](http://www.sciotownship.org) for new information and schedules for the public participation sessions.

Please be safe, wear your mask, practice social distancing, and treat others the way that you wish to be treated.

## **ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE**

**S**outheast Michigan is receiving more precipitation than it did in the past. As the atmosphere warms up, the air can hold more moisture in the vapor state.

For every 1 degree Fahrenheit of warming, the atmosphere holds about 4 percent more water vapor. That provides more fuel for storms, and with warmer temperatures, creates conditions for large droplets and severe weather.

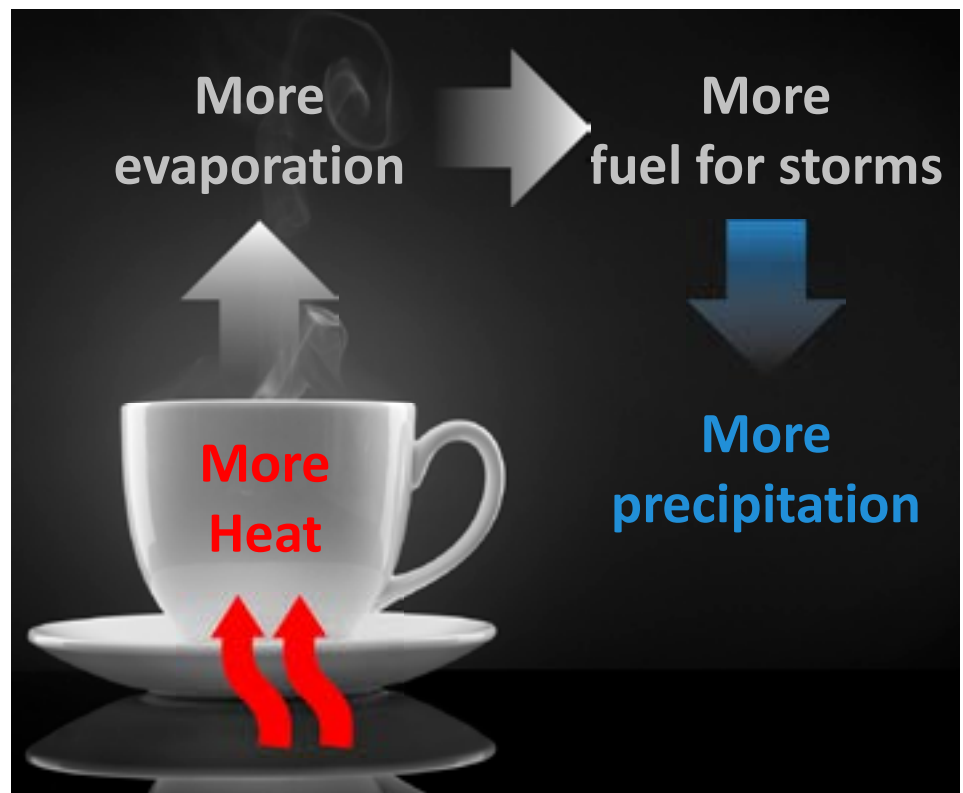
You can see this effect if you place a hot cup of tea next to a cold window. The warmer the tea, the more steam will rise, and the faster condensation will form large drops on the window and run back down.

As the pace of climate change has accelerated over the past 50 years, much of southeast Michigan's stormwater infrastructure has become outdated. It will become even more inadequate as storms continue to grow larger and more frequent. **This makes smart stormwater management one of the most important ways a municipality can address climate change**, and there are many options. Protecting open land, especially undeveloped forests and wetlands, reduces flood risk and helps keep drinking water clean. These

landscapes also absorb and store carbon from the atmosphere, reducing the magnitude of future climate change. Using green infrastructure, like rain gardens and bioswales is also beneficial, as is reducing impervious

BY DANIEL BROWN,  
HURON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

surfaces that concentrate precipitation into abrupt sudden flows that carry contaminated runoff.



# ELECTIONS UPDATE

**A**ll regular polling places will be open on **Election Day, Tuesday August 4**, from 7 am to 8 pm. See the precinct map on the back cover to locate your polling station. Remember, your polling station may not be the one closest to your home. Plan to wear a covering over your nose and mouth, and to observe social distancing guidelines. We will have see-through partitions and hand sanitizer, and election workers will be wearing welcoming smiles under their masks for all voters at the polls. **Thank you to the many Scio voters who have volunteered to serve as election workers.**

To preview what will be on the August 4 State Primary ballot, you may go online to [Michigan.gov/Vote](https://Michigan.gov/Vote), or stop by Township Hall to view a sample ballot. This primary ballot has both a *Partisan section* where a voter may choose to vote in either the Democratic or Republican section, as well as a *Nonpartisan section*.

Thousands of Scio voters have already submitted their applications for Absent Voter ballots, and we began to mail these ballots out during the last week of June, in the order in which applications were received. We will continue to receive applications and issue

Absent Voter ballots up until the day before the election, Monday, August 3, at 4 pm. You may return your Absent Voter ballot by mail, by dropping it in the secure drop-box outside Township Hall, or by handing it directly to the Clerk or staff inside Township Hall.

**You can follow your Absent Voter ballot from application through issuance and back to receipt at the Clerk's Office at [Michigan.gov/Vote](https://Michigan.gov/Vote).** All Absent Voter ballots are counted on Election Day, starting at 7 am, when the polls open.

If you receive an Absent Voter ballot and then decide you would like to vote in person instead, you must first surrender your Absent Voter ballot to the Clerk's Office. If you make an error when completing your Absent Voter Ballot, you

must come in-person with a valid photo ID to the Clerk's Office to "spoil" your ballot, and be issued a new one. All ballots are counted on Election Day.

If you are not yet registered to vote, or need to change your address because you recently moved to Scio, you may do so online, by mail, or in person through July 20—in order to be eligible to vote on August 4. From July 21 through Election Day at 8 pm you may register

BY JESSICA FLINTOFT, CLERK

**only in person** at the Township Clerk's Office with proof of residence to be eligible to vote on August 4.

The Township Clerk's Office is located in Township Hall, 827 N Zeeb Rd. We are open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. Additionally, we will be open for voting-related matters on the weekend before the election:

Saturday, August 1, 9 am-2 pm and Sunday, August 2, 11 am-3 pm. Come by in person, or call us at 369-9400, or email [clerk@sciotownship.org](mailto:clerk@sciotownship.org) for assistance.



## REGISTER TO VOTE

**Online or by mail:** anytime through July 20

**In person only:** from July 21 thru Election Day at 8 pm at the Clerk's office.

## PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Come to Township Hall on Wednesday, July 8 at 10 am to view the Public Accuracy Test of the ballot tabulators that will be used in the upcoming August election.

## RECENTLY MOVED TO SCIO?

Not sure if you are registered to vote... or where to vote? All this and more (including voter registration!) can now be found at [michigan.gov/vote](https://michigan.gov/vote).

# COPING WITH THE PANDEMIC

**T**hey say that in this time of social distancing, it's important to stay connected with our friends and family. And I think that's true, but for me I also know that, for my mental health and my overall well-being, I need to isolate just a bit to get myself reset back to zero. So that's why I've been taking short breaks from electronics – no

phones, no computer, no television. There I can revel in the moments, feel the sunshine on my face, walk barefoot in the grass, and take a moment of silence. For the people we have lost, for those who are standing up for justice, and for a hopeful eye toward the future.

BY MICHAEL KUTZNER, SCIO RESIDENT

*Do you have some wisdom to share about life under COVID-19? How have you been coping with all the many changes to daily life in 2020? Send your thoughts to the Editor, Scio Township Community Report, 827 N Zeeb Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, or or send an email to [Newsletter@sciotownship.org](mailto:Newsletter@sciotownship.org).*

# LETTER FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

I hope that everyone is staying healthy and unaffected by the COVID-19 outbreak. I am looking forward to returning to a more normal way of life, as I'm certain everyone is.

The Fire Department has seen a number of changes since the outbreak began. In the beginning, our biggest challenge involved getting adequate personal protective equipment (PPE). As soon as COVID cases began showing up in the US, PPE was in short supply. However, since April, we have received a number of distributions of masks from the state. Wacker Chemical has donated gallons of hand sanitizer, and Ford Motor Company has donated face

shields. We are so thankful for their support.

Our operating procedures have changed as well. Huron Valley Ambulance dispatch has been screening calls where the emergency is not life-threatening if there is a positive preliminary screening for COVID-19. On the life-threatening calls where there is a positive preliminary screening, firefighters are wearing full protective suits including masks and face shields. Despite the risks of exposure we have each experienced, none of us has been infected with COVID-19, and we are all still at work, protecting Scio Township.

BY ANDREW HOUDE, CHIEF  
SCIO TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lastly, at the end of April, we had to say goodbye to our Director of Fire Services, Jon Ichesco. Jon spent just over two years working in Scio Township, helping to develop a plan to modernize the Fire Department and prepare for a new Fire Chief. I was fortunate to be able to work with Jon for a couple months. His guidance really helped prepare me to lead the organization. The work Jon did provided a solid foundation for us to grow, his cheerful presence and deep knowledge will be missed.

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A FIREFIGHTER

The shift begins at 7 am. Firefighters change into their uniforms and relieve the off-going shift after a briefing of any important incidents that happened during their shift. The crew then prepares their breakfast and sits down to enjoy the meal together. On this day, a call for service comes in during breakfast. Two personnel respond in our Brush truck and when they arrive there is a power line down in the yard. Our primary task is to secure the area so no one gets hurt. We also notify our dispatch center with information to relay to DTE.

Usually around 8 am we start the daily check on our fire apparatus. This check makes sure that the fire trucks start, that they are filled with fuel, that all emergency lights work, and that all equipment is ready to be used when needed. After these checks are completed daily training is what's next on our agenda. In this day's training, we go over new nozzles that will give us the ability to put more water on fires with less PSI needed. During the training we receive a medical call with a positive screening for COVID-19. Upon our arrival we start the process of donning our COVID PPE, including Tyvek

suits, N-95 masks, eye protection, protective boot covers, and gloves. After the call the crew will return to the station and start the thorough process of decontaminating the equipment used and the fire truck.

Lunch is next on the agenda after the training and decon of the fire truck. The crew will sit down and enjoy lunch together and normally the Fire Chief will join us. In the afternoon the crew will complete the cleaning that needs to be done around the station, including mopping, cleaning, and vacuuming all living areas and bathrooms.

As the evening approaches, the crew prepares their meals and has dinner together. Following kitchen clean up, Firefighters have time to relax, while still being ready to answer service calls. This time can be used to read, study, work on projects, or participate in non-job-related relaxing activities. At around 9 pm, Firefighters retire to the bunkroom to sleep. During this time, we are still available for immediate response to emergencies. The shift ends the following morning at 7 am after briefing the in-coming shift. While today was pretty routine, and that's what we hope for, days aren't always

BY LANCE A. BAIRD, LIEUTENANT  
SCIO TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

like this. Regardless of how the shift goes, everyone here enjoys the work we do and the ability to serve the community.

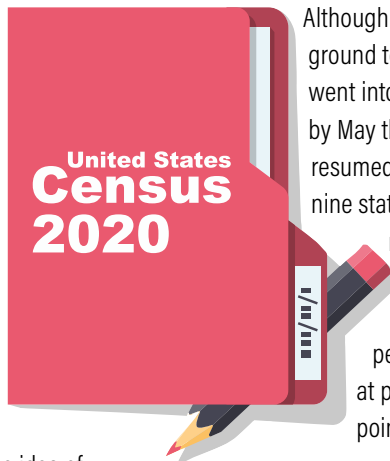
### ERRATA

The Winter 2020 issue of this newsletter stated that Taylor Hansen is the first female fire fighter in our township's history. I've since come to understand that she follows in the footsteps (or rather, workboots) of a number of skilled and respected female fire fighters who have helped keep Scio safe for many years. I certainly meant no disrespect to them or to the current fire staff. -Editor



# 2020 CENSUS UPDATE

**T**he League of Women Voters' in-person presentations and Census information distribution halted on March 8, due to the expanding COVID-19 crisis, but by that time about 3200 people had been served. The pandemic has prompted some creative thinking among a lot of us, and League of the Ann Arbor Area members Cathy Whitaker and Trudy Hughes came up with the idea of providing copies of the Census Bureau's "Census 101: What You Need To Know" to food banks for placement in bags or boxes of food (in English, Spanish, Arabic, or Chinese, as required).



Although work on the Census ground to a halt when the nation went into lockdown in March, by May the Census Bureau had resumed work in rural areas in nine states, part of a gradual re-launch of limited field operations to hand-deliver paper forms to people who get their mail at post office boxes or drop points.

Due to these delays, the Census Bureau has extended the end date from July 31, 2020, to October 30, 2020, and asked Congress to consider pushing back the legal deadlines for

BY MARGARET LEARY,  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

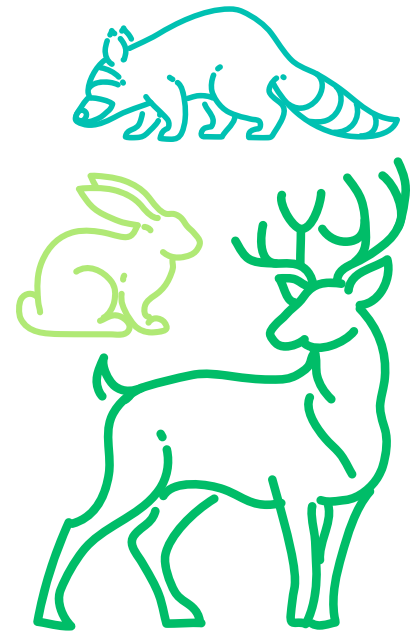
delivering census data used to reapportion House seats and reshape voting maps by four months because of the Corona virus.

## CURIOUS ABOUT RESPONSE RATES ACROSS THE NATION?

In our state, in our county, in our township? (Hint: Scio is a high-responder.) There is a great interactive map at [2020census.gov/response-rates](https://2020census.gov/response-rates) which includes 2010 rates of responding for comparison.

## WILDERNESS HEROES AND MORE

When Midland, Michigan, was hit by historic floods this past May, Conservation Officers with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources were among the first responders helping evacuate flood victims. Stationed in nearly every county of the state, Conservation Officers are fully licensed peace officers who enforce laws related to fish and wildlife, state parks, trails and forests, and outdoor recreation activities such as off-road vehicle use, snowmobiling, and boating. They are also first responders to a variety of natural disasters and emergencies. Thank you for your service! Learn more at [Michigan.gov/ConservationOfficers](https://Michigan.gov/ConservationOfficers).



## NEW AUTO INSURANCE LAW

Michigan's New Auto Insurance Law goes into effect July 1, 2020. Check out [Michigan.gov/DIFS](https://Michigan.gov/DIFS) to have the Department of Insurance and Financial Services explain how this new law may affect you.



## NUISANCE WILDLIFE

Many wildlife species are well adapted to living near people and as they become accustomed to humans they may cause conflicts. Options for handling issues will vary by species. Learn how to prevent and resolve conflicts with wildlife by checking out [Michigan.gov/dnr](https://Michigan.gov/dnr) under the tab "Managing Your Resources."

# MASTER LAND USE PLAN 2.0

**A**s you can imagine, the Stay-at-Home order has delayed the development of the Township Master Plan, particularly as it relates to the involvement of our residents and members of our business community. Public input is needed as the Master Plan articulates a vision for the Township's future growth and development.

The Township Planning Commission is primarily responsible for the development of the Master Plan and will be working on it throughout 2020. While the state only requires one element of public input, the Township always strives to go beyond the minimum requirement to make sure that we know what our residents and business owners want in their community. To that end, **the following public input opportunities will be available to the residents and business owners of Scio Township.** We hope that you will review the following list and select the type of input that best suits your schedule.

## MASTER PLAN WEBSITE

This is the best place to start if you want to get involved in the future land use policy of the Township. **The Master Plan website can be found at [sciotownship-masterplan.com](http://sciotownship-masterplan.com)**

## ON-LINE SURVEY

The survey is on-going and will remain open until July 31. This is an easy way to get involved on a number of Township issues.

## VIRTUAL DROP-IN

Open-ended survey questions will be available on the Master Plan website under this heading. This will allow users to make comments on any topic. All comments will be provided to the Master Plan steering committee for their consideration in the development of the plan. Virtual drop-in will be available through the month of July.

## WEBINAR MASTER PLAN VISIONING SESSIONS

A webinar video session with the opportunity for residents to engage in a Q and A on various land use topics including residential growth, commercial / industrial growth, environmental stewardship, parks and open space, non-motorized transportation and pathways, and roads. **Our webinar will be conducted on July 15 at 6:30 pm and will be available to view and comment on through the rest of July.** The webinar will be conducted live and can be accessed using the following link: [us02web.zoom.us/j/83041389265](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83041389265)

BY DOUGLAS LEWAN, EXEC. VICE PRESIDENT  
CARLISLE, WORTMAN ASSOCIATES

## PUBLIC HEARING

This is the only state-required public involvement. This occurs at the very end of the process after a full document is available for public review. The date of the public hearing has not been set and is dependent on the completion of the document. Please watch the Master Plan website for the date of this hearing.

We look forward to your involvement on this very important document and hope at least one of the above input methods fits your schedule. Please direct questions and comments to either Doug Lewan ([dlewan@cwaplan.com](mailto:dlewan@cwaplan.com)) or Laura Kreps ([lkreps@cwaplan.com](mailto:lkreps@cwaplan.com)).

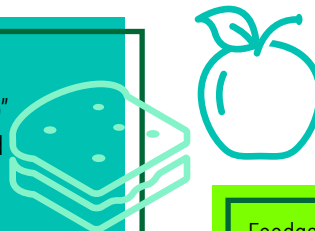
## WE ARE ALL GARDENERS NOW

For everyone who has ever desired some friendly expert advice on their garden, it's good to become familiar with the Washtenaw County Master Rain Gardener class. And during the summer of 2020, the Master Rain Gardener class is FREE, and can be self-paced. Go to [MasterRainGardener.org](http://MasterRainGardener.org) to get started.



## FOOD FOR KIDS

Ann Arbor Public Schools, working with Chartwells Food Service, provides "to go" breakfast and lunch meals, intended for children up to 18 years old and any child with special needs up to 26 years old. If you have food allergy needs or cannot get to a pick-up location, call the AAPS Food Service Hotline, at (734) 994-2265. Go to [a2schools.org/covid-19](http://a2schools.org/covid-19) for information on summer food service and more.



[Foodgatherers.org/needfood](http://Foodgatherers.org/needfood) has updated information on food distributions, school meals, and SNAP benefits, or call them at (734) 761-2796.

# UNITED WAY RESPONDS TO COVID-19

**T**hroughout our 99-year history, the United Way of Washtenaw County (UWWC) has brought people, organizations, and resources together to create a thriving community for everyone. In March, UWWC announced the establishment of its COVID-19 Community Relief Fund to help meet emerging and critical needs in the community related to the pandemic. In April, UWWC announced that the Fund had achieved its \$1 million goal with help from local foundations, individual donors, and businesses. "We understand the work has just begun," shared Pam Smith, President and CEO of UWWC. "United Way is grateful to the donors who responded quickly and generously to create

significant, equitable, and meaningful impact." One hundred percent of the funds raised was used to help non-profits meet the needs of vulnerable populations including children, families facing loss of income due to business closures, individuals with health issues and those experiencing a housing crisis, and those needing food.

United Way is now in Phase II of its recovery fundraising. This second phase will move from emergency crisis management to support the waves of critical basic needs and help provide financial navigation and stability services, and workforce and education supports to stabilize individuals and families. You can give now to the fund by going to [uwgive.org/covid19](https://uwgive.org/covid19).

BY BREANNA WHEELER  
UNITED WAY OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

United Way focus areas of Health, Education, and Financial Stability provide the building blocks to strengthen community and create opportunities for individuals and families. Our Volunteer Center provides an easy online way for people to connect with nonprofits in the community and our 2-1-1 helpline refers more than 8,000 people annually to critically needed services. To learn more, donate, or volunteer, visit [uwgive.org](https://uwgive.org).

## WHAT IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD RENT DUE TO COVID-19?

If you need assistance paying rent, you can reach out to a Barrier Busters agency to see if you can receive financial assistance, at [Washtenaw.org/2818](https://Washtenaw.org/2818).

## WHAT'S THE LATEST...?

Check out [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus) for the latest health directives from the state, information on testing sites, and links to resources and assistance for food, unemployment assistance, and jobs. For county-specific public-health information, visit [washtenaw.org/1129](https://washtenaw.org/1129)

## GRATITUDES

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, and all the people of Scio Township, our profound gratitude goes out to the healthcare workers, farmers, grocery-store and pharmacy clerks, truck drivers and bus drivers, postal workers, and all those essential workers who kept us going when the whole world needed to shut down in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. Some lost their lives doing these essential tasks and our hearts go out to their families. That debt can never be repaid. Know that your sacrifices will never be forgotten.



# SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE TIPS

**A** failed septic system is very expensive to fix and can contaminate ground and surface water. Follow these six simple steps to protect your home investment and water quality.

## PUMP IT OUT

Septic tanks should be inspected every 2 to 3 years. When necessary, have your tank pumped out by a septic tank service contractor.

## CONSERVE WATER

Avoid flooding the drain field with excess water by spreading out water-intensive activities like showers, dishwashing, and laundry.

## AVOID HARSH CHEMICALS

Drain cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, and "miracle system cleaners" will kill the bacteria needed to break down sludge in your septic system.

## USE A TRASH CAN

Do not dispose of anything other than toilet wastes, tissue, soaps and water used from bathing, laundry and dishwashing into your system.

## AVOID FIELD COMPACTION

Know where your septic tank and drain field are located and never park, drive, or build on your tank or drain field.

BY ANITA DALEY,  
HURON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

## CHECK FOR SIGNS OF FAILURE

Look for areas in your lawn that remain moist during dry times. Check for excessive grass or plant growth. If you live near a creek, river, or lake, check for excessive plant and algae growth along the shoreline. If you see signs

of failure, schedule an inspection and repairs immediately.  
BY DANIEL BROWN,  
HURON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

## SCOOP IT, TRASH IT

When pet waste is left behind, it washes into storm drains and ditches. From there, it heads straight to our local streams, rivers, and lakes. Pet waste can contain unsafe bacteria and diseases and it's icky for the next person who walks that same path. If you are a pet person and are not already in the habit of removing your pet's waste, please help keep Scio clean

and safe by pitching your pet's waste into the trash. Thank you!



## PFAS FOAM?

Most foam that may be seen on the Huron River is naturally occurring from the breakdown of organic material. But many PFAS compounds concentrate in foam, so the rule of thumb is to treat all foam as potentially containing PFAS. Rinse off any foam with non-foamy water and wash with soap when you get home. And keep your pets away from it! PFAS foam is usually bright white in color and looks a bit like shaving cream.

Check out [hrwc.org/reportfoam](http://hrwc.org/reportfoam) to learn how to report suspicious foam spotted on the Huron River. Be a Huron River Watershed hero!

## TAX SEASON

Your summer 2020 tax bills will be mailed out during the first week of July. They contain due dates that are mandated by state law. But look to respected news sources and the township website, [sciotownship.org](http://sciotownship.org), for updates on the possible extension of the deadline by the state legislature due to the COVID-19 crisis.

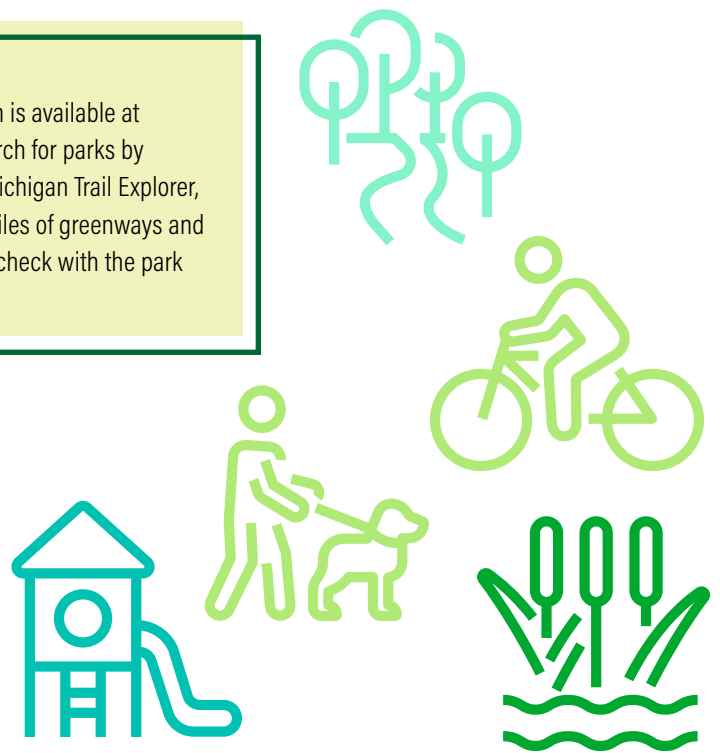


## VISIT PARKS

Information on public and private parks and preserves for this region is available at Southeast Michigan ParkFinder, [maps.semcog.org/ParkFinder/](https://maps.semcog.org/ParkFinder/)—search for parks by location or amenities such as trails or boat access. And Southeast Michigan Trail Explorer, [semcog.org/trailexplorer](https://semcog.org/trailexplorer), provides virtual tours of more than 1,000 miles of greenways and blueways, including a virtual tour of the Huron River. Make sure you check with the park you plan to visit before heading out. (source: HRWC)

## GET OUTDOORS—LOCAL STYLE

Get the latest updates on more than 160 parks and nature areas in the City of Ann Arbor at [a2gov.org/COVID19parks](https://a2gov.org/COVID19parks). Find out more about what's available for fishers, hikers, boaters and more at [Michigan.gov/YourLocalOutdoors](https://Michigan.gov/YourLocalOutdoors). And, as always, carry away the trash (and recyclables) you brought with you.



## Practice physical distancing on the Border-to-Border (B2B) Trail

Practice physical distancing of six feet or more on paths, trails and sidewalks. Remember to form a single file line if you're walking together with members of your household to insure a safe distance for both you and the passersby.

--- 6 feet ---

**DO NOT** gather in groups on the trail.

Keep **SIX FEET** between you and others.

Carry hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes if you have them.

**GO AROUND PEOPLE/STEP OFF THE TRAIL UNTIL THEY PASS.**

**A2GOV.ORG/COVID19**



## PREVENTING FIRES

The DNR reminds everyone that common sense and caution are key to preventing fires from burning out of control. In Scio, check with our Fire Department to obtain a burn permit by calling (734) 665-6001



# FOND FAREWELLS

**W**ith the approach of the August 4 state primary election, it is appropriate to say goodbye to three prominent members of our Township government who are not running for re-election: Supervisor Jack Knowles and Trustees Christine Green and Irwin Martin.

**Jack Knowles** has worked in Township governance since 1992, with long tenures on both the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission, including serving as the Chairperson of both bodies. He was elected as a Trustee in 2008, again in 2012, and then as Supervisor in 2016. Jack has enjoyed the opportunity to work with the community in the effort to keep Scio as a desirable place to live and work. He is especially proud of his contributions to the Zeeb Road pathway, the recent Utility Department addition to Township Hall, and the planned improvements to the Fire Station.

**Christine Green** would like to thank the residents for the privilege of serving them these past 12 years. She hopes the next Board of Trustees will continue the work that has been done in the areas of land use, land preservation, and environmental protection. She will be watching as the new Board faces the urgent realities of climate change and hopes they

develop a carbon neutrality plan and a climate resilience plan.

**Irwin Martin** was elected to the Board in 2016 after serving on the Land Preservation Commission for 11 years and on the Planning Commission for 2 years. During that period and through 2020, the Township has participated in the protection of 34 parcels of land amounting to nearly 1500 acres protected via purchase or conservation easement. Trustee Martin is most proud of helping to protect so much of our beautiful township.

With the help of their fellow Board members, Township staff, and volunteers, Jack, Irwin, and Christine have accomplished much to be proud of during their years of service, including:

1. Increased protections for land, woodlands, streams, and creeks in the Township;
2. Improved Township infrastructure (new addition to Township Hall; plans for badly-needed upgrades to the Fire Station);
3. Repaired "connector" roads and local roads through Township-wide and subdivision Special Assessment Districts;
4. Completed Phase I of the Zeeb Road pathway, and obtained financing for Phase II;

BY MARY GILLIS, EDITOR

5. Joined with other parties to hold Gelman Industries responsible for contaminating our surface and groundwater with 1,4 Dioxane;
6. Challenged oil drilling near a residential area in the Township;
7. Implemented a robust park, paths, and preserve program;
8. Accomplished all of the above while maintaining one of the lowest tax rates in Washtenaw County.

Jack, Irwin, and Christine thank the residents of Scio for the privilege of serving them, and urge the new Board and Township residents to maintain a high standard for civility as they navigate these difficult times.

Newly elected Township Trustees and officers will take office at noon on November 20. Best wishes to Jack, Irwin, and Christine and thank you for your service!



*Local road being sealcoated through the township's special assessment district local roads program.*

## MILLER ROAD PROJECTS

This summer, the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) will build a roundabout at the intersection of Miller Road and Wagner Road in Scio Township, replace the Miller Road bridge over Honey Creek west of Wagner Road, and resurface Miller Road between the bridge and intersection. Construction started in early July.

Roundabouts are a very efficient way to safely move traffic through an intersection, but they can take some getting used to. The most important things to remember when approaching a roundabout is to slow down and yield to traffic within the roundabout. **Yield, don't merge.** Learn more at [wcroads.org](http://wcroads.org).



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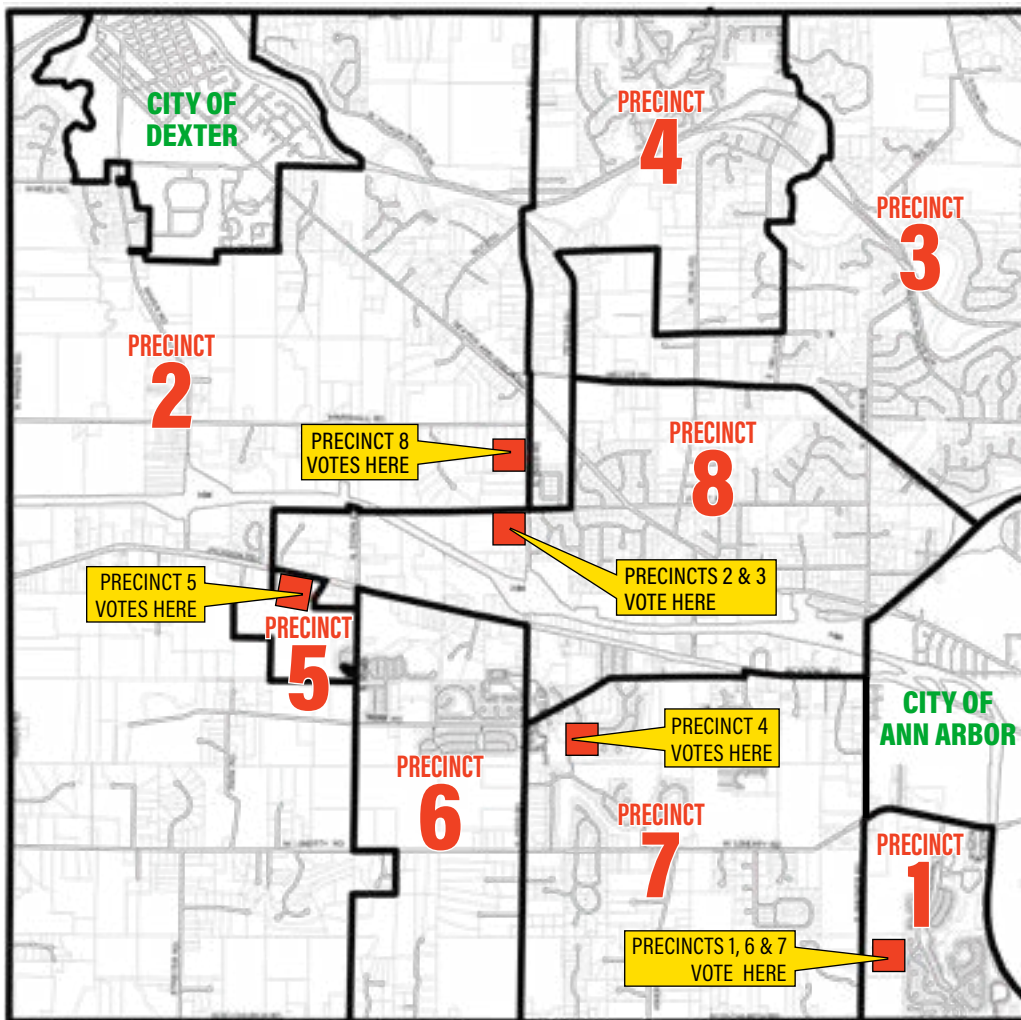




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