

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commissioners
FROM: Diane Lyon, Clerk
DATE: December 30, 2015
RE: *Communications

For the Agenda of January 4, 2016

***Note: This is a Consent Agenda item and is considered as routine by the City Commission. As such, this matter shall be automatically enacted by one motion with all other Consent Agenda items unless a Commissioner or citizen requests this item be individually discussed, in which event it shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered and acted upon in its designated sequence on the approved Clare City Commission agenda of January 4, 2016.**

The following major items of correspondence were either received by or transmitted by the City since the last regularly scheduled City Commission meeting:

Charter Newsletter. The most recent Charter Communicator is provided for information.

Notice of Dismissal. The City received an order of dismissal related to a petition concerning property located at 1602 North McEwan.

Zoning Compliance. The City issued a letter of zoning compliance approval to Witch's & Wizards Ice Cream.

Bureau of Elections News. The City's most recent newsletter is provided for information.

MAMC Notice of Pending Legislation. The Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks has provided information pertaining to proposed legislation relating to elections.

2016 Board and Committee Meeting Schedules The 2016 Board and Committee Meeting schedules are attached for information.

Attachments. As outlined above.



December 28, 2015

City of Clare
202 W. Fifth Street
Clare, MI 48617-1490

Dear Franchise Official:

Charter is proud to provide our products and services to more than 800 Michigan communities. Keeping you informed of our developments and milestones is important to us, so I hope you will take a few minutes to read through – and share – the enclosed Charter newsletter written with our Michigan communities in mind.

If you have any questions, please contact me at **(616) 607-2380** or by e-mail at vanessa.vazquez@charter.com.

Lastly, if you have an address change or an update to your contact information, please send to our Government Affairs Data Administrator, Joan Movrich at: joan.movrich@charter.com or fax to **(906) 932-0473**.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanessa Vazquez".

Vanessa Vazquez
Manager, Government Affairs
Charter Communications

Enclosure

"Our core strategy to deliver superior products at highly competitive prices combined with outstanding service continues to drive Charter's firm operating and financial momentum.

That momentum continues to improve as we use our high-capacity infrastructure to grow each of our product lines.

Looking forward, we intend to apply that same customer focus operating strategy on Time Warner Cable and Bright House assets as soon as we close our transactions."

- Tom Rutledge
President & C.E.O.
Charter Communications

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Charter continuing to invest in Michigan



Michigan communities will gain access to 60Mbps broadband where it had never been offered before (in parts of Gladwin, Iosco, Lapeer, Oakland, Ottawa, Sanilac, St. Clair and Tuscola counties.) Another \$12M of private risk capital has been deployed to extend our offerings and commitment to evolve into an all-digital provider.

As each rebuild is completed, Charter's advanced services become available. Customers who never before had a broadband option go "from zero to 60" – 60Mbps. **Now offering 100Mbps with**

2014 brought massive growth and undertakings for Charter in Michigan—upgrading our system to an "all digital" network, we committed to 28 digital cutovers in 33 weeks, followed by an aggressive rebuild plan that brought 60Mbps broadband to over 10,000 homes across 20 rural Michigan communities. With over \$100M of private risk capital spent in 2014 alone, we're still doing more.

In 2015, Charter continued our commitment to upgrade analog cable systems to all digital – 16,00 customers in 31 rural

"With new product innovations, new offerings for customers and more jobs fueling our economy, we're driving great results."

Dave Slowik
Vice President & General Manager
Charter Michigan

60Mbps our slowest speed, Charter is making great strides bridging the digital divide. **Spectrum Business™ offers 10Mbps to 10Gig,** giving business customers a wide range of options.

Charter Spectrum™ now provides the most HD options (200+ HD channels), and offers the fastest

Internet speeds available.

Lastly, the more than \$2B we've invested in our Michigan network has all been **private risk capital.**

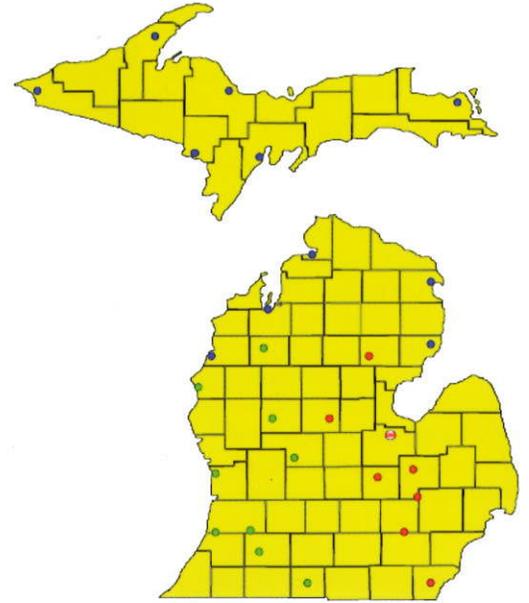
About Charter: Charter (NASDAQ: CHTR) is a leading broadband communications company and the fourth-largest cable operator in the United States. Charter provides a full range of advanced broadband services, including Spectrum TV™ video entertainment programming, Spectrum Internet™ access, and Spectrum Voice™. Spectrum Business™ similarly provides scalable, tailored, and cost-effective broadband communications solutions to business organizations, such as business-to-business Internet access, data networking, business telephone, video and music entertainment services, and wireless backhaul. Charter's advertising sales and production services are sold under the Spectrum Reach™ brand. More at www.charter.com

Need to find a Charter Store?

It's easy! Charter Communications has 28 Customer Care locations across Michigan. To find one please visit us at: www.charter.com.

Just click on the "Locations" link at the top of our homepage and then type in either a Zip code or an address. Next, press the "search" button and a list of nearby Charter offices will be displayed, including office hours and the variety of services offered at each convenient location.

All Michigan Charter Stores are open Monday thru Friday, with extended daily hours and weekend hours that vary by location.



Charter is hiring!

For information, visit our website:

www.charter.com and click on the "careers" link.

1 Hour Appointment Windows

Who likes waiting around – no one!

We've increased the availability of **one-hour** Technical Service window appointments in Michigan and Wisconsin.

The new **one-hour** Technical Service timeslots are available for both Residential and Spectrum Business™ customers.

Visit our New Spectrum™ Store Location



Spectrum Store Ribbon Cutting 11-20-15 (Saginaw, MI)

Above: Charter representatives and the President of the Saginaw Area Chamber officially open the new Charter Spectrum™ Store location.

accommodate 10 transaction stations with room to wait inside on a busy day.

Hours: With similar hours as other store locations, we've added even more: the addition of Sunday hours to better serve our customers.

24 hour customer assistance is always available at 1-888-GET CHARTER (1-888-438-2427) or by contacting us online at www.Charter.com.

Our brand new Spectrum™ store in Saginaw (Kochville Township, MI) features 5,900+ square feet with more than half of that space dedicated to customers during their visit. Conveniently located near many popular retail outlets, our new storefront offers plenty of parking for our customers. New customer seating provides our customers with an enjoyable and relaxed environment with live sports streaming on our 75" LED HDTV, the opportunity to test drive our interactive Spectrum™ TV App while using Charter's 60Mbps internet, informative tutorials on HDTV, and more!

Staffing: All Charter store employees from our three existing area stores in Saginaw, Bay City and Midland moved to our new location while some chose the option to work out of our nearby store in Mt. Pleasant. Our new Spectrum™ store is able to

Residential & Spectrum Business™ customers now have additional options for **Braille & large-print** statements. The Braille & large-print statements will also be available in **Spanish** for residential customers.





Charter our Community

IMPROVING COMMUNITIES. IMPACTING LIVES.



Ninety-year-old Louise Mills of Davison, Michigan has lived in her home for more than 40 years. She says that while the house is "nothing fancy," it's home to her.

Mills' son, David, a disabled United States Navy veteran who served during the first Gulf War, has lived with her for more than a decade. But due to financial and physical hardships for both of them – her son has had several recent surgeries – even some of the simplest home repair tasks have become impossible. Over the years, they have seen their home fall into a state of disrepair.

Michigan weather eroded the concrete slab on the home's front porch to the extent that neither Mills nor her son has been able to use it for years. In fact, more and more of the home has become less and less usable, to the point where other homeowners might have given up.

However, Mills is not the kind of person who gives up. She has always had faith that somehow the repairs would happen. "I have a swing underneath my carport and I sit there and pray," she says. "I would, say, 'Lord, can we please get this place fixed up somehow?'"

Her prayers were answered in September during Charter our Community's first Michigan project.

Thirty volunteers were able to provide many critical home repairs and improvements at the Mills' home. Interior and exterior walls were painted, windows replaced and bathroom fixtures updated. A new washer and dryer were installed, the attached carport was repaired, a backyard fence section that had been damaged by a falling tree was fixed and that eroded porch was replaced with a brand-new deck and ramp.

"I sit there and pray, Lord, can we please get this place fixed up somehow?"

Davison, MI resident
Louise Mills

"I had the privilege today of working alongside my own amazing team, as well as an awesome group of Charter volunteers," says **Harth Goulette**, Human Resources Director. "What a rewarding experience for everyone involved."

The transformation of her home was indeed an answer to Mills' prayers. "I didn't even know something like this existed," she says about Charter our Community and Rebuilding Together. "The whole thing just dropped into my lap, and I am so grateful."

"This was a tremendous way to give back to our community," says Michigan Management Area VP **Dave Slowik**, "and I'm really pleased and appreciative that so many of our people showed up to help and have fun."

Charter continues to invest in Michigan:

- **Over 800** communities served.
- **\$20.8** million(2014) franchise fees & property taxes paid.
- **1,936** employees.
- **\$11.5M** annually in employee health care benefits.
- **\$116M** annually in total employee investment.
- **28** local offices.
- **\$370M** capital investment since 2012.
- **98%** internet availability to homes passed.

Did you know? Charter added over 7,000 U.S. jobs in the past 3 years, with over 300 right here in Michigan?

Charter Local Edition brings compelling Local Programming directly to Constituents

Emergency!

Line down: Who to Call?

When cable or fiber lines are cut thousands of residences and businesses, including important public services like hospitals, fire and police stations, utilities, medical centers, banks, and even County 911 centers, can be impacted. Potentially, a fiber cut could affect large portions of the state.

At Charter, we do our best to prepare in advance for storms and other natural disasters that could negatively impact our business. We are experienced in mobilizing our workforce, assessing damage and restoring service to our customers as quickly as possible.

Charter Technical Assurance Center

1-877-232-4522
Press Option 1

For Emergency Use only : the Charter Technical Assurance Center (TAC) offers a toll-free telephone number that is manned 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Your call will be directed to personnel who can dispatch local technicians and crews to your location in an emergency.

Charter applies to merge with Time Warner Cable (TWC) and acquire Bright House Networks (BHN).

With New Charter, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks customers will benefit from Charter's pro-customer and pro-broadband model: faster Internet for online video, affordable prices, transparent billing and commitment to American jobs.

Find out more at:
meetnewcharter.com



MI Senator Tonya Schuitmaker - R (MI-26), Senate President Pro Tempore



MI Representative Aric Nesbitt - R (MI-66), Michigan House Majority Leader

As a leading broadband communications provider and cable operator serving customers in Michigan, Charter is committed to providing compelling public affairs programming. Our popular program, **Charter Local Edition**, produces hundreds of hours of local programming in our communities, featuring interviews with non-profit organizations, community leaders and elected officials.



Above: Charter Michigan Government Affairs staff with Charter Local Edition TV Host Brad Pomerance (center) and U.S. Congressman Dan Benishek, right (MI-01).

Above and to the left are screen shots from interviews conducted at both the Michigan Capitol in Lansing and United States House of Representative in Washington, D.C.

Charter Local Edition affords a unique opportunity for elected leaders to connect with constituents on matters of importance in their district. Charter Local Edition programming runs on channel 185 in most MI markets

Charter's Local Production Team Completes Robust 2015

The Charter Local Origination (L.O.) Department has been hard at work producing local government and community programming across Michigan. This year, in addition to broadcasting over 100 municipal meetings, our team also broadcast graduation ceremonies, political candidate forums, State Legislature Public Service Announcements, and the CBC Radio Telethon (raising funds for area charities).

Lastly, the L.O. team also produced the "Jack Frost Festival of Lights Parade" video in Ironwood, MI. The parade, held on the 1st Friday night **in December** is especially challenging given the conditions at parade time ~ last year the weather was clear and holding at 3F. This year, the team produced the parade in balmy 40 degree weather! The 2015 Jack Frost Parade set record attendance and was rebroadcast during the holidays for Charter customers in the area.



Above: "Mini" members of the award-winning Ironwood Dance Company perform for record crowds at the 21st Jack Frost Parade in Ironwood. 2015 marks Charter's 15th year producing the popular event welcoming Holiday & Winter seasons to the Western Upper Peninsula.



Charter Spectrum TV App Now on Roku, Kindle Fire, Android & iPhone Devices



The Spectrum TV App gives you more choices for watching your favorite programming at no extra charge. Watch live TV and On Demand programming, browse 14 days of guide listings, schedule recordings, get programming recommendations and more. With over 125 popular network channels, local programming and regional sports available for live streaming via Wi-Fi inside your home and over 40 channels now available for live streaming outside your

home! The Spectrum TV App is now available to Charter customers with a video and internet subscription, download it today at Apple or Amazon App Stores or Google play.

Charter Spectrum™ Community Solutions

Spectrum Community Solutions provides customized Wi-Fi, TV and voice solutions for residential, multi-dwelling communities delivered via fiber or cable.

“Spectrum Community Solutions integrates superior entertainment and communications products with dedicated, 24/7 customer and technical support, helping property owners attract and retain more residents and increase property value.” said **Jon Hargis**, Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer, Charter.

Spectrum Community Wi-Fi provides a high-speed, professionally managed Wi-Fi amenity with fiber speeds over 1 Gbps. Residents can stream video, download music, upload photos

and more from their portable devices everywhere on the property, including the pool, fitness facilities, or the laundry room. It's simple to manage, reliable, and easy to install out of sight.

Spectrum Community Solutions properties will receive dedicated customer and technical support available around-the-clock to ensure the best residential experience. Our support center is 100% U.S. based so residents will receive quality service on every call.

Visit SpectrumCommunitySolutions.com for more information.



Who are we?

We're local Michigan employees delivering the latest in cable and broadband technology with dedication to businesses, municipalities & residences throughout Michigan.

We are Charter!

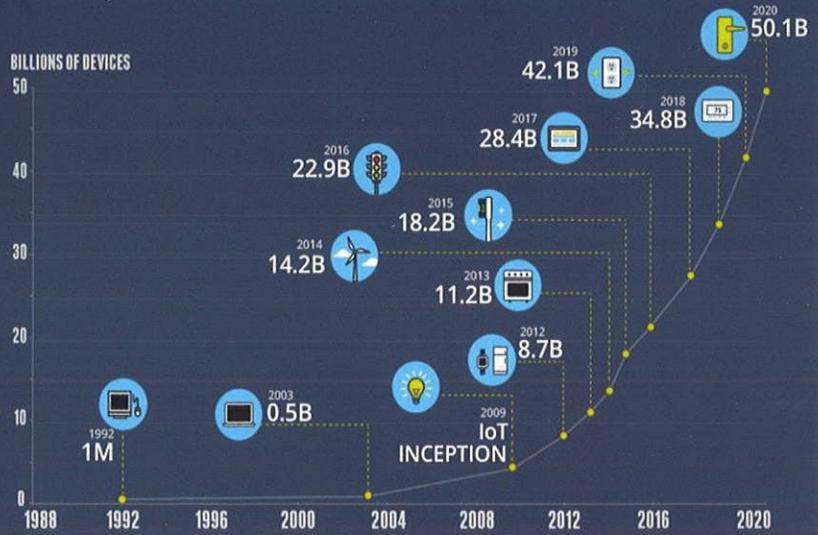
GROWTH IN THE INTERNET OF THINGS

THE NUMBER OF CONNECTED DEVICES WILL EXCEED 50 BILLION BY 2020

MORE CONNECTED DEVICES

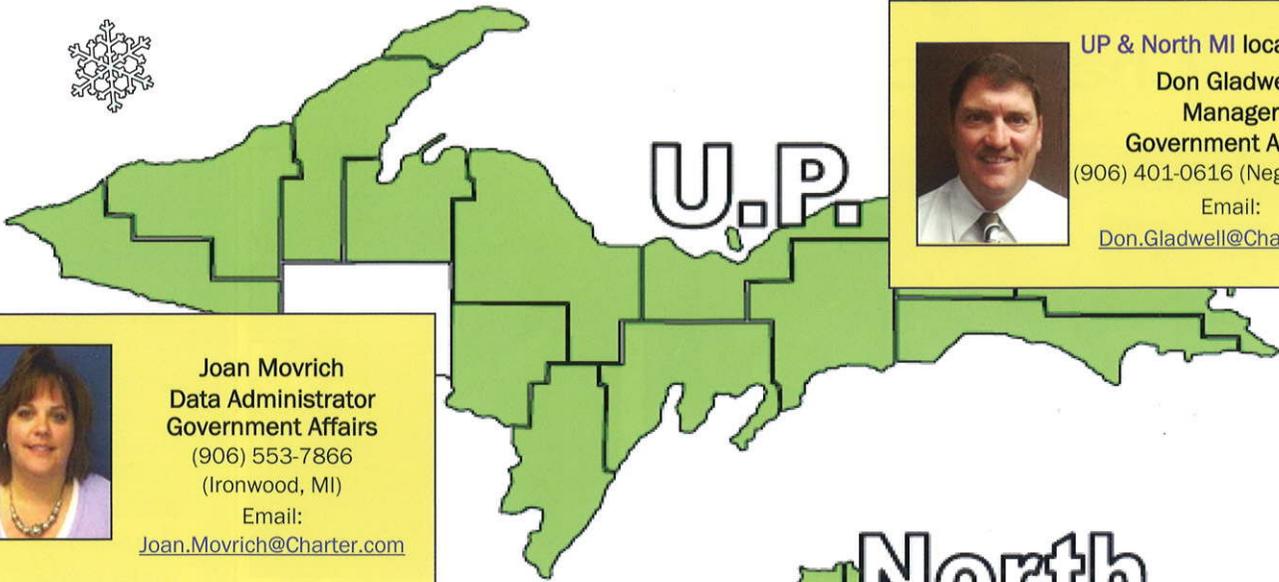
The Internet isn't merely developing, it's exploding, and the numbers prove it. Today, there are more connected devices than there are human beings on the planet. This expansion isn't just from cell phones, tablets and computers - it's thanks to the toothbrushes, stovetops and millions of other devices that now have IP addresses.

Source: NCTA



Look for Charter online at these sites:

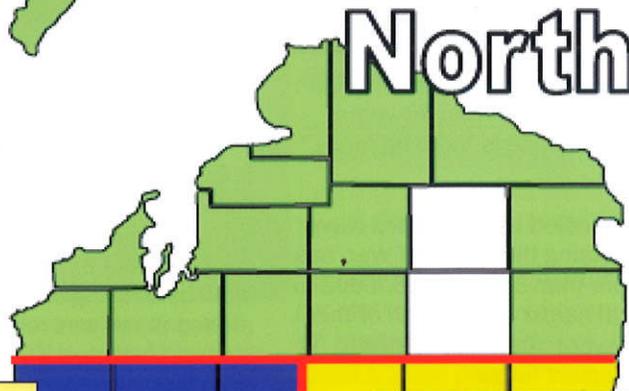




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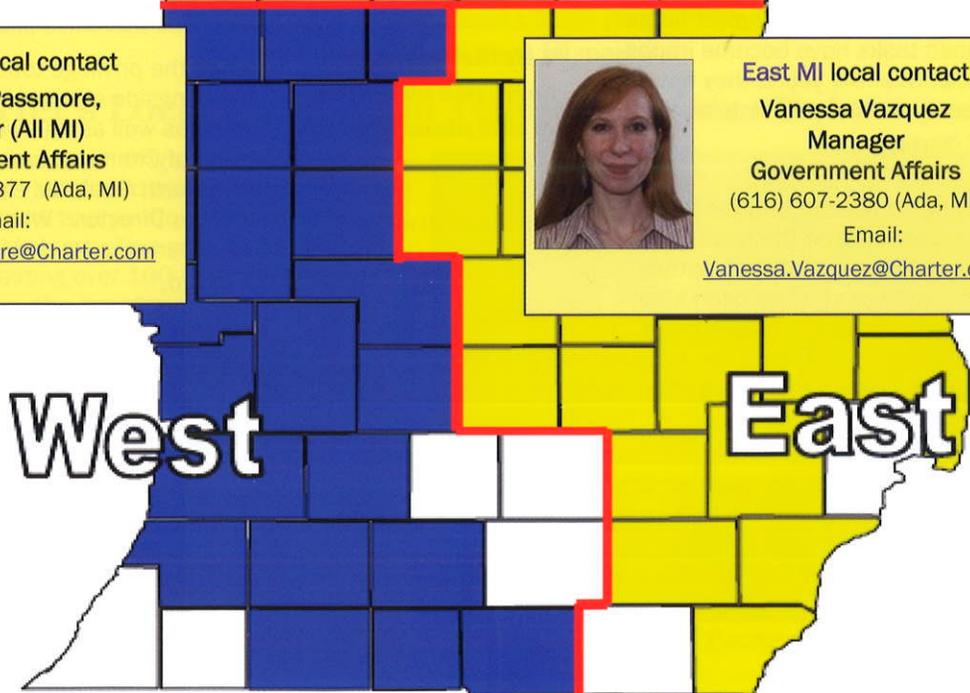
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The map above outlines Charter's Michigan Government Affairs Team by area. Please contact us with Questions.

Customers should continue to call 1-888-GET-CHARTER. (888-438-2427)

Have an address change or staffing update? Send via fax to (906) 932-0473 or by email to Joan.Movrich@Charter.com

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Approved, SCAO

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
55TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY PROBATE

DISMISSAL
Non Service/No Progress

CASE NO.
15-900371-CH-M

Court Address 225 WEST MAIN
P.O. BOX 438
HARRISON, MI 48625

Court Telephone no.
989-539-7131

Plaintiff's/Petitioner's name(s) and address(es)

CITY OF CLARE
202 WEST FIFTH
CLARE, MI 48617

V

Defendant's/Respondent's name(s) and address(es)

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MELVINDALE, MI 48122

Plaintiff's/Petitioner's attorney, bar no., address,
and telephone no.

JAYNIE SMITH HOERAUF P-47885
601 BEECH ST
PO BOX 67
CLARE, MI 48617
989-386-3434

Defendant/Respondent's attorney, bar no., address,
and telephone no.

PRO PER

Probate In the matter of _____
 Juvenile In the matter of _____

ORDER TO DISMISS

- 1. The court records disclose that defendant(s)/respondent(s) have not been timely served with process according to court rule.
- 2. Progress has not occurred as specified in the notice of intent to dismiss.
- 3. There has been no progress in this case since _____ and the parties have been notified by _____ Date _____ to appear on _____ Method of notification _____ Date and time _____ and did not appear.

IT IS ORDERED that this case is dismissed without prejudice as to:

- all parties.
- the following defendant(s)/respondent(s):

DIVORCE ACTIONS: Child support, if any, owing to the state on the date of this order is preserved.

12-8-15
Date

[Signature]
Judge/Court Clerk/Register Bar no.

RECEIVED
55TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
CLARE COUNTY
HARRISON, MICHIGAN
2015 DEC 16 PM 12:28

NOTICE OF DISMISSAL

Notice of dismissal without prejudice in this case is filed. A copy of this notice has been provided to the parties in this case as specified by court rule.

12-22-15
Date

[Signature]
Judge/Court Clerk/Register Bar no.



CITY OF CLARE

202 West Fifth Street | Clare, Michigan 48617-1490

Office 989.386.7541 | Fax 989.386.4508

www.cityofclare.org

December 21, 2015

CITY HALL

Ph 989.386.7541

Fx 989.386.4508

www.cityofclare.org

Manager x102

Assessor x103

Clerk x106

Treasurer x107

Witch's & Wizards Ice Cream

Attn: Amber & James Frank

506 West Fifth Street

Clare, Michigan 48617

Dear Amber & James,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Ph 989.386.2182 or

989.386.7541 x202

Fx 989.386.4508

Please accept this letter as approval of your Zoning Compliance application regarding your request to operate an ice cream shop at 506 West Fifth Street in Clare..

UTILITY BILLING

Ph 989.386.7541 x201

On behalf of the City, I offer our wishes for success in your business venture.

W/WWT PLANT

Ph 989.386.2321

Fx 989.386.2387

Thank you for submitting the Zoning Compliance Permit request. Do not hesitate to call if we can be of further assistance in this or any other City-related matter.

POLICE DEPT. NON-EMERGENCY

Ph 989.386.2121

Fx 989.386.0440

Best Wishes,

Ken Hibel

City Manager

FIRE DEPT. NON-EMERGENCY

Ph 989.386.2151

Fx 989.386.3020

Enclosure

cc: Mr. JF Newstart, 506 West Fifth Street, Clare

PARKS & RECREATION

Ph 989.386.7541 x213

Fx 989.386.4508

AIRPORT

Ph 989.386.0445

Fx 989.386.4508



Handwritten initials/signature

ZONING COMPLIANCE/OCCUPANCY PERMIT

Property Address: 506 W. 5th St.	
Property Owner: JF Newstart	
Address: 506 W. 5th St.	
City: Clare	State: MI
Phone: N/A	Mobile: 1-989-954-7190
Renter/Business Operator: Witch's & Wizard's Ice Cream	
Address: 506 W. 5th St.	
City: Clare	State: MI
Phone:	Mobile: 1-989-954-7190
Proposed Usage: <u>Ice cream parlor</u>	
TOTAL # OF PARKING : 10	# OF EMPLOYEES: 0-3
TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1848.3	ZONING: Commercial
PROPOSED DATE OF OCCUPANCY: 12/9/15	
Applicant Signature: Amber Frank	Date: 12/9/15
Approved By:	Date:
Signature:	

①

From: Michigan Bureau of Elections [MISOS@public.govdelivery.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 10:01 AM
To: clare-ci@miqvf.org
Subject: News Update - Presidential Primary Candidate Listing, Ballot Ordering, and More

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Michigan Bureau of Elections News Update for Election Administrators

December 30, 2015

Presidential Primary - Candidate Listing Official

The Presidential Primary [Notice of Call of Election](#) is now available.

Official Candidate Listing: The [Official Candidate Listing](#) is available and includes the candidates who are qualified to appear on the Republican Party and Democratic Party Presidential Primary ballots.

Ballot Production Standards and Ballot Instructional Language: The [Michigan Ballot Production Standards](#) were recently updated to include information on the Presidential Primary and to eliminate references to February elections (due to legislative changes that were enacted earlier this year). The Standards are available in the Elections eLearning Center and on the Bureau of Elections' web site at www.michigan.gov/elections, under *Information for Election Administrators*. See pages 15-16 for information specific to the Presidential Primary, including ballot marking instructions for use with the Presidential Primary.

Approval of Ballot Proofs Required: Immediately after ballots are proofed by the County Election Commission, the Commission must forward the ballot proofs in PDF format to the Bureau of Elections for approval. Please submit all proof ballots by email to the attention of Carol Pierce at PierceC1@Michigan.gov. Counties: include "Ballot Proofs" and the name of your county in the subject line of your email submission. **If corrections are needed or any changes are made to the ballots following**

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Using the QVF or EMP Ballot Tracker/AV Module

As the March Presidential Primary approaches, Clerks across the state will begin to use the QVF's and EMP's Absentee Voter modules to prepare absentee ballot applications for voters on the permanent AV application list.

Remember, **dates automatically default to "the current date"** when applications are generated and received and when ballot numbers are assigned. **Those dates are visible to voters in the [Michigan Voter Information Center \(MVIC\)](#) website and are there to tell the voter when his or her application was sent and/or received and when the ballot was mailed and received.**

The following is an example of what the voter will see. This specific example is of a current registered voter who has requested an absentee ballot for the Presidential Primary but obviously (as ballots are not available yet) has not been sent a ballot.

the original submission, the PDFs must be resubmitted. Review [Ch. 9 of the Election Officials' Manual](#) for detailed instructions related to the ballot proofing process.

Additional Information: As a reminder, the [BOE website](#) has a Presidential Primary section that includes additional helpful information, including the [Application to Vote](#) and [AV Ballot Application](#) forms required for use with the Presidential Primary; [Key Dates and Deadlines](#); and [QVF](#), [EPB](#) and [EMP](#) procedural manual addendums specifically for use with the Presidential Primary.



Presidential Primary Ballot Order

When determining the number of ballots to order for the administration of the

Presidential Primary, there are two decisions which must be made:

- 1) **the total quantity of ballots** needed by the jurisdiction; and
- 2) **how the ballot quantity total should be divided** between the two – or three – ballot types needed by the jurisdiction. (The number of Republican Party ballots, Democratic Party ballots and the special election ballots for “No Party Declaration” voters ordered for a jurisdiction do **not** have to be equal.)

This is the FIRST presidential primary in the modern era (beginning in 1972) where there is NO incumbent seeking re-election for President and BOTH major political parties are utilizing the presidential primary to select delegates to the national nominating conventions. Turnout will be higher as a result. Do not scrimp on your orders!

The following suggested formulas are offered to assist with the above decisions. While the formulas are offered as general guidance on these matters, it is strongly emphasized that the county is solely responsible and accountable for all ballot ordering decisions. If there are any unique or unusual circumstances that could impact the quantity or type of ballots needed by a jurisdiction, it is important that the county give full consideration to these factors and adjust the suggested formulas as appropriate.

Absentee Voter Information	
Application Received	Ballot Sent
12/28/2015	12/28/2015

State law requires Michigan election officials to make this information available online to all absentee voters. If the dates aren't accurate, it could mislead absentee voters. If you will be preparing these items ahead of time, enter the dates sent with the estimated mailing date versus the date of entry. The system will default to the last date entered allowing the ability to process multiple applications or ballots while only changing the date once

Ballot Language & the Pollbook and Statement of Votes

Beginning in 2016, the Bureau of Elections will no longer require election inspectors to attach ballot language to the Statement of Votes. This requirement is no longer necessary with current voting systems.



In observance of the New Year Holiday, the Bureau of Elections will be closed on Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st. Have a safe and Happy New Year. We will see you in 2016!

Helpful Links



- **Estimating total ballot quantities:** When estimating the number of ballots needed by a jurisdiction, start with the turnout in the jurisdiction for the February 28, 2012 Presidential Primary and **increase the number by at least 25%**. Increase the quantity by more than 25% if deemed necessary.
- **Determining how the ballot quantity total should be divided by ballot type:** When determining the number of ballots to order, careful consideration must be given to the partisan composition of the jurisdiction and the anticipated number of voters participating in the special election only (if the jurisdiction is conducting any local elections in conjunction with the Presidential Primary).

As a starting point for estimating the number of Republican Party ballots which will be needed, take the total Republican Party turnout in the jurisdiction for the February 28, 2012 Presidential Primary and **increase this figure by at least 25%**.

As a starting point for estimating the number of Democratic Party ballots which will be needed, keep in mind that this is the first time in many years that the Michigan Democratic Party will utilize the statewide Presidential Primary instead of a caucus process to select candidates. In addition to analyzing turnout figures from recent Presidential Primary elections, you may also want to consider utilizing turnout statistics for Democratic Party candidates from the August 2014 statewide primary and/or the 1992 Presidential Primary – the last statewide Presidential Primary in which the Democratic Party actively participated. Again, take the total Democratic Party turnout in the jurisdiction for the respective election you are utilizing, and **increase this figure by at least 25%**. Increase the party turnout figures by more than 25% if deemed necessary.

- Also keep in mind – costs attributable to the Presidential Primary are reimbursable. (Note, however, that costs for a 3rd “No Party Declaration”

ballot for use with the local special elections only are **not** reimbursable.) We cannot over-emphasize the importance of having enough ballots on Election Day; of course, having too many ballots is much preferred over having too few.

Questions? Please contact the Bureau of Elections at 1-800-292-5973 or elections@michigan.gov.

The Bureau of Elections News Update will always be sent to MERIT email accounts. If other election administrations that do not have MERIT email access would like to receive this newsletter as well use the Subscribe link below to have it sent directly to another email account.

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Republican	Carson, Ben	1800 Diagonal Rd Ste 140 Alexandria, VA 22314	12/11/2015	Federal
Republican	Christie, Chris	One Gateway Ctr Newark, NJ 07102	12/11/2015	Federal
Republican	Cruz, Ted	24 Greenway Plaza Ste 725 Houston, TX 77046	12/11/2015	Federal
Republican	Fiorina, Carly	1020 N Fairfax St Ste 200 Alexandria, VA 22314	12/11/2015	Federal
Republican	Graham, Lindsey	1555 King St Ste 300 Alexandria, VA 22314	12/11/2015	Federal
Republican	Huckabee, Mike	3600 Cantrell Rd Little Rock, AK 72202	12/11/2015	Federal
Republican	Jindal, Bobby <i>is Withdrawn</i>	PO Box 5101 Baton Rouge, LA 70821	12/11/2015	Federal
Republican	Kasich, John R.	620 E Broad St Columbus, OH 43215	12/11/2015	Federal
Republican	Pataki, George	132 E 43rd St # 614 New York, NY 10017	12/11/2015	Federal
Republican	Paul, Rand	513 C St NE Washington, DC 20002	12/11/2015	Federal
Republican	Rubio, Marco	PO Box 558791 Miami, FL 33255	12/11/2015	Federal
Republican	Santorum, Rick	PO Box 238 Verona, PA 15147	12/11/2015	Federal
Republican	Trump, Donald J.	725 5th Ave Fl 5 New York, NY 10022	12/11/2015	Federal
Democratic	Clinton, Hillary	PO Box 5256 New York, NY 10185	12/11/2015	Federal
Democratic	De La Fuente, Roque Rocky Formerly: Roque De La Fuente	5440 Morehouse Dr Ste 45 San Diego, CA 92121	12/11/2015	20166 petition signatures
Democratic	O'Malley, Martin J.	1501 Saint Paul St Ste 115 Baltimore, MD 21202	12/11/2015	Federal
Democratic	Sanders, Bernie	PO Box 905 Burlington, VT 05402	12/11/2015	Federal

MI Absent Voter Ballot Application – March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary

I am a United States citizen and a qualified and registered elector of the County and jurisdiction in the State of Michigan listed below, and I apply for an official ballot, to be voted by me at the above indicated election.

Applicant Registration Information:

1
Complete

First Name	M.I.	Last Name	County	
			<input type="checkbox"/> City	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Street Address			Jurisdiction	Precinct #
MI				
City	Zip	Year of Birth (Optional)		

2
Check

Select ballot type here (required):

- Republican Party Presidential Primary Ballot
- Democratic Party Presidential Primary Ballot
- Ballot without Presidential Primary (if available)

Note: This ballot choice is for voters not voting in the presidential primary who wish to vote on other proposals or candidates only.

3
Check

The reason for my request is (required):

- I am 60 years of age or older.
- I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day.
- I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
- I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.
- I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.
- I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

4
Sign

I certify that I am a United States citizen and that the statements in this absent voter ballot application are true.

X

/ /

Signature

Date

WARNING: You must be a United States citizen to vote. If you are not a United States citizen, you will not be issued an absent voter ballot. A person making a false statement in this absent voter ballot application is guilty of a misdemeanor. It is a violation of Michigan election law for a person other than those listed in the instructions to return, offer to return, agree to return, or solicit to return your absent voter ballot application to the clerk. An assistant authorized by the clerk who receives absent voter ballot applications at a location other than the clerk's office must have credentials signed by the clerk. Ask to see his or her credentials before entrusting your application with a person claiming to have the clerk's authorization to return your application.

Return this application to your local clerk. Find your clerk at mi.gov/vote.

Additional Information:

Complete only if you want your ballot sent to a temporary address:

Date leaving for temporary address:			
/ /	Temporary Address		
Date of return:			
/ /	City	State	Zip

Contact Info for Questions

Email Address

Phone #

5
Other

NOTE: Absentee ballots will not be forwarded by USPS.

 Complete only if assisting a voter with return of the application	Certificate of Authorized Registered Elector Returning Absent Voter Ballot Application: I certify that my name is _____, date of birth is _____; _____ and my address is _____; that I am delivering the absent voter ballot application of _____ at his or her request; that I did not solicit or request to return the application; that I have not made any markings on the application; that I have not altered the application in any way; that I have not influenced the application; and that I am aware that a false statement in this certificate is a violation of Michigan election law.
	X _____ / / Signature of person assisting the voter Date

Clerk's Use Only		
Wd/Pct	Mailed / /	Returned / /
Filed / /	Ballot No.	Clerk

SEE PAGE 2 FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions for Absent Voter Ballot Applicants:

Step 1. After completely filling out the application, sign and date the application in the place designated. Your signature must appear on the application or you will not receive an absent voter ballot.

Step 2. Deliver the application by one of the following methods:

- (a) Place the application in an envelope addressed to the appropriate clerk and deposit it in the United States mail or with another public postal service, express mail service, parcel post service, or common carrier. Proper postage is required.
- (b) Deliver the application personally to the clerk's office, to the clerk, or to the clerk's authorized assistant.
- (c) In either (a) or (b), a member of the immediate family of the voter including a father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild of a person residing in the voter's household may mail or deliver the application to the clerk for the applicant.
- (d) If an applicant cannot return the application in any of the above methods, the applicant may select any registered elector to return the application. The person returning the application must sign and return the certificate at the bottom of the application.

Diane Lyon

From: Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks [info=michiganclerks.org@mail209.atl21.rsgsv.net]
on behalf of Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks [info@michiganclerks.org]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 3:12 PM
To: Diane Lyon
Subject: SB 13 & SB 571

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Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks

A number of you have contacted us regarding the status of Senate Bill 13 and provisions tucked in to Senate Bill 571 effectively gagging local units from educating voters on local ballot questions. Many have asked how to contact the Governor.

[Senate Bill 13:](#)

The bill was presented to the Governor earlier today, 12/22/15. He now has 15 days to sign or veto the bill. Sources within the Governor's office have shared with me that he is concerned about the impact on voter lines. For those of you who are inclined, I would encourage you to email the Governor (rick.snyder@michigan.gov) and share with him your real and first-hand concerns about the impact SB 13 will have on your precincts next November. Clerks can collectively impact the decision to sign this. If he hears from clerks, precinct workers and volunteers, maybe we can convince him to veto this ill-conceived legislation.

[Senate Bill 571:](#)

What started out as a 13 page bill to remove requirements that employers and

unions seek an annual consent for automatic PAC deductions from an individual's paycheck mushroomed in the late hours of the last session day into a 51 page bill impacting a local body's ability to educate citizens about pending local ballot questions. The substitute to Senate Bill 571 prohibits a local official or local body from using public funds or resources for communications relating to local ballot questions within 60 days prior to the scheduled election. Existing law already prohibits use of public dollars for express advocacy for or against a local ballot question, but the language of SB 571 seemingly muzzles local bodies to the extent that they would not even be permitted to educate voters about what a ballot question does. SB 571 has not been presented to the Governor for signature yet. Again, for those of you concerned about the gag provision, I would encourage you and your governing bodies to email the Governor about the gag provision.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments! Let's fill the Governor's office with email messages!

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The City of Clare **Parks and Recreation Board**
will hold regularly scheduled meetings for
2016 at 202 West Fifth Street, Clare, Michigan,
on the following dates:

January 21

February 18

March 17

April 21

May 19

June 16

July 21

August 18

September 15

October 20

November 17

December 15

All meetings are at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

The Clare **City Fire Department** will hold regular meetings during the year 2016 at 207 West Fifth Street, Clare, Michigan, (Public Safety Building) on the following dates:

January 4

February 1

March 7

April 4

May 2

June 6

July 5

August 1

September 6

October 3

November 7

December 5

All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

The City of Clare **DDA** will hold regularly scheduled meetings for 2016 at City Hall located at 202 W. Fifth Street, Clare, Michigan, on the following dates:

January 8

February 5

March 4

April 1

May 6

June 3

July 1

August 5

September 2

October 7

November 4

December 2

All meetings are at 7:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

The Clare **City Planning Commission** will hold regularly scheduled meetings for 2016 at 202 West Fifth Street, Clare, Michigan, on the following dates:

January 13

February 10

March 9

April 13

May 11

June 8

July 13

August 10

September 14

October 12

November 16

December 14

All meetings are at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

The City of Clare **City Commission** will hold regularly
scheduled meetings for 2016 at 202 West
Fifth Street, Clare, Michigan,
on the following dates:

January 4
January 18
February 1
February 15
March 7
March 21
April 4
April 18
May 2
May 16
June 6
June 20
July 5
July 18
August 1
August 15
September 6
September 19
October 3
October 17
November 7
November 21
December 5
December 19

All meetings are at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.