

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commissioners
FROM: Diane Lyon, City Clerk
DATE: May 31, 2018
RE: *Communications

For the Agenda of June 4, 2018

***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 June 4, 2018.**

SOS Media Releases. The most recent news releases from the Michigan Secretary of State's office are attached for review.

Waste Management Recycling Bulletin. WM's newest Think Green recycling bulletin is attached for review.

MDEQ Correspondence. The latest information regarding public water supply testing for PFAS is attached for review.

Attachments. As noted above.

Diane Lyon

From: Michigan Secretary of State [MISOS@govsubscriptions.michigan.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 8:44 AM
To: Diane Lyon
Subject: SOS Johnson, Col. Etue & emergency responders tape PSA urging motorists to "Move Over!"

Media Release

From Secretary of State Ruth Johnson



-- For immediate release --



Secretary Johnson, Col. Etue & emergency responders tape PSA urging motorists to "Move Over!"

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, Michigan State Police Director Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue and emergency responders taped a public service announcement in Holly today aimed at reminding motorists of the life or death importance of Michigan's "Move Over" law.

wrecker in Bridgeport when his truck was struck from behind by another vehicle, killing him. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the number one cause of law enforcement deaths is traffic incidents. Between 2003 and 2013, 138 law enforcement officers lost their lives after being struck in the line of duty on our nation's highways.

Michigan's Emergency Vehicle Caution Law requires that when drivers see an emergency vehicle or tow truck pulled over with its emergency lights on, passing motorists must move over at least one lane or two vehicle widths. If moving over cannot be accomplished, motorists must slow down and pass with caution. Violators face fines or jail.

Pictured (left to right): John Lyman, fire chief of Waterford; Bill Byers, owner of Byers Wrecker Service and the immediate past president of the Michigan Towing Association; Joy Toliver, an EMT for Patriot Ambulance Service of Flint; Secretary Johnson; Col. Etue; Johnnie Gant, a courtesy patrol driver for the Michigan Department of Transportation; and Steve McGee, fire chief of Groveland Township.

The public-service announcement will be released later in the year.

[A photo of the participants is available for download](#)

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From: Michigan Secretary of State [MISOS@govsubscriptions.michigan.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2018 3:08 PM
To: Diane Lyon
Subject: SOS Express News from Secretary of State Ruth Johnson



Look twice, save a life!



Secretary Johnson addresses trends and concerns for 'boomers' on bikes

Noting their disproportionate involvement in crashes, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson encouraged baby boomers who ride a motorcycle or are thinking about it to take a returning-rider safety course, even if they rode in their younger days.

"Riders in their 50s and 60s who are getting back into motorcycling are strongly encouraged to take one of the rider education refresher courses we offer," Johnson said. "People joke about never forgetting how to ride a bike, but operating a motorcycle is different. It requires constant practice to develop the judgment and skills necessary to identify and avoid hazardous situations on the road."

[Watch Secretary Johnson's message on safe motorcycling](#)

Boomers interested in refreshing their riding skills should look

SOS offices closed for Memorial Day

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be [closed in observance of Memorial Day](#) on Monday, May 28. Secretary of State SUPER!Centers normally offer Saturday hours but will be closed on Saturday, May 26.

Residents are encouraged to use online services at [ExpressSOS.com](#), especially on the days after holiday weekends, which are very busy in SOS offices.



Johnson delivers OCC Commencement address

Secretary Johnson was very pleased to deliver the Commencement address and to meet many of the wonderful graduates at her alma mater, Oakland Community College,

into the department's [Returning Rider Basic Rider Course](#) and the [Advanced Rider Course](#). The department also offers a class for three-wheeled motorcycles, and a Basic Rider Course designed for those who are new to or wish to review the fundamentals of motorcycling.

Johnson noted that male motorcycle riders aged 50-69 were involved in 34.1 percent of all two-vehicle crashes involving a motorcycle and 33.6 percent of all single-vehicle crashes (crashes just involving the motorcyclist). Female riders aged 40-59 are at the greatest risk of being involved in either a multiple vehicle or single vehicle crash.

"Our goal is to keep everyone safe on the road," she added. "Motorcyclists should take a rider education safety course, always wear the proper gear and make sure they have the motorcycle endorsement before they ride."

Johnson made her remarks at a news conference on May 24 celebrating Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Johnson, on a 883 cc Harley-Davidson Sportster, rode to the news conference with a group of riders, starting from parking lot of the Capital Area SUPER!Center in Lansing, and ending at the State Capitol. Speakers at the event were Special 1st Lt. Jim Flegel, Michigan State Police, Eric Larson, state director for the Gold Wing Touring Association, and Steve Lick, a Motorcycle Safety Foundation RiderCoach, trainer and coordinator for the motorcycle safety program at Grand Rapids Community College.

Secretary Johnson held similar news conferences on May 22 at Vehicle City Harley-Davidson in Flint and on May 2 at ABC Harley-Davidson in Waterford.

on May 19..

"Remember, you're going to face challenges," Johnson told them. "If you don't give up, the biggest challenges will become your biggest successes."



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Michigan's license plate factory also makes fundraising booster plates, coasters and other items for schools and other nonprofit groups.

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To: Diane Lyon
Subject: Secretary Johnson: Michigan upgrades election security for 2018

Media Release

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-- For immediate release --

SOS Johnson: Michigan upgrades election security for 2018

*New voting machines, voter file ready for use;
\$11 million will further strengthen elections system*

As local clerks finalize ballots for the statewide primary, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson today detailed how new voting equipment, \$11 million in new federal security grants and the extensive preparations her office has made will better protect Michigan's elections system for the 2018 election cycle.



"Most importantly, every voter across Michigan still will use a good, old-fashioned paper ballot to mark their choices," Johnson said three weeks before the August primary ballots will be sent out. "Then they'll feed the ballot into a new next-generation voting machine designed with security in mind. But buying all new election equipment isn't all we've done to safeguard our election system."

"We carefully reviewed and improved our systems, and we'll be putting \$11 million of federal security grants toward further strengthening them against attack. Plus, we're adding required cybersecurity training to our local clerk education programs."

The Aug. 7 primary will be the first statewide election in which every city and township will use all new voting equipment that includes optical-scan ballot tabulators, accessible voting devices for voters with disabilities, and election-management and reporting software.

New upgrades include:

Next-generation voting equipment that offers added security features over the older

systems, including stronger multi-factor access controls, advanced data encryption and better physical security of tabulator access points with locks and seals. Tabulators are not connected to the internet.

The state paid for the equipment with \$10 million that Johnson pushed the Legislature to approve and \$30 million in federal money that Johnson and her predecessor saved for more than a decade. Cities and townships have had no upfront costs for the new equipment. Michigan was one of the only states that saved a substantial amount of federal funds to assist with the purchase of the next-generation voting systems, and one of the only states able to implement new voting systems statewide for use in the 2018 election cycle.

- **\$11.2 million in election security grants** that Michigan will receive this year to upgrade elections systems. Bureau of Elections staff is finalizing how the money will be spent, but the plan will include a strong focus on security assessment – including comprehensive tests and other cybersecurity measures at the state, county and local level. The state must contribute \$500,000 to receive \$10.7 million that Congress approved this year for Michigan. The money is in addition to the extensive cybersecurity efforts already employed by the state of Michigan, which constantly monitors systems for suspicious activity and protects against cyberattacks.
- **An upgraded Qualified Voter File system** used by the Bureau of Elections and local clerks to maintain the state’s registered voter list and other election-related data. Besides being an improved, modern system that will help clerks perform their work more efficiently and effectively, the new system features enhanced security built in from the ground up over its 20-year-old predecessor.
- **Strengthened relations with state and federal law-enforcement and homeland-security agencies.** The Bureau of Elections can report any suspicious activity it detects — cyber or otherwise — with the Michigan Intelligence Operations Center, which shares threat information among local, state and federal agencies, including the FBI, Michigan State Police, Michigan National Guard and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Department of State has a staff person who participates with center. Additionally, Homeland Security officials now regularly share pertinent information, tools and services with state elections officials to assist them in thoroughly assessing and securing all aspects of their systems. Secretary of State staff have also participated in briefings for election administrators from federal homeland security officials.
- **Expanded cybersecurity training for local election officials.** Bureau of Elections staff are now also implementing a continuous multi-course training curriculum for clerks on cybersecurity best practices.
- **Post-election audits that now include ballot validation.** Bureau of Elections and county clerks now include ballot validation in the post-election audit process. After this November’s general election, ballot tabulation validation will be completed for the first time for a statewide election, involving every county with some randomly selected precincts. This process will verify that the voting machines properly tabulated ballots. The previous process, in place since 2013, already verified the successful completion of appropriate pre-election programming and testing steps. Post-election audits, which were started by Johnson, verify local election workers are performing their duties correctly and help target training programs to better assist election workers.

In addition to the new equipment and initiatives, Michigan elections will continue to feature long-standing accuracy and integrity practices that include:

- **A detailed, thorough canvassing and certification process** that each county performs after each election for up to two weeks. During the canvass, each precinct’s results are certified, and ballot and voter numbers are cross-checked to make sure

everything adds up. Each county's canvassing board, which certifies election results, is made up of two Republicans and two Democrats. In addition, state and federal races are then canvassed and certified by the bipartisan Board of State Canvassers.

- **Voting machine public testing.** Every ballot tabulator used in each of the state's 4,800 precincts is tested before every election in a public forum to verify it will tabulate ballots accurately, and then is physically secured until Election Day.
- **Election precincts open to the public** and representatives of political parties and other groups to observe voting and ensure officials are performing their duties properly.
- **Continuous voter-list maintenance efforts.** the Bureau of Elections and local clerks regularly scrub the voter list to remove ineligible voters. During Johnson's time in office, The Bureau of Elections has removed 1.2 million ineligible voters, including 134,000 who have moved out of state and registered in a new state, 563,000 who died and 3,512 who were noncitizens.

[Photo: Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, Michigan Elections Director Sally Williams and Grand Blanc Township Clerk Cathy Lane demonstrate new voting equipment on Oct. 27, 2017.](#)

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RECYCLING UPDATE

April 2018 News Bulletin



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As valued customers committed to recycling, we are providing you an important update on the global recycling market. Due to global changes in commodity markets caused by China's import restrictions, we need to change the way we recycle.

Overview

Through 2017, over 25% of the world's recyclables were imported by China, including over 50% of the paper and plastics recycled across the globe. In March, China mandated Operation Blue Sky, a screening effort at China's ports to inspect loads, enforcing their material bans and 0.5% contamination limit. China's new import policies banning materials and limiting contamination have global impacts on recycling.

While alternative markets - domestic and international - were established, they still require high quality recyclable materials with little to no contamination. Waste Management is focused on reducing contamination to move materials to end markets. Given continued market volatility, we must be able to adapt to changes as markets change.

As the global recycling community adjusts to these strict quality standards, Waste Management developed an "All-Hands-on-Deck" approach to mitigate the impacts of the new policies on our business and to sustain the economic vitality of our recycling services.

THE BATTLE ON RECYCLING CONTAMINATION

The sustainability of recycling programs is dependent upon collecting **high quality materials** without unacceptable materials and trash.

- Inbound **quality** affects outbound quality.
- Waste Management has developed an education and outreach program, [Recycle Often. Recycle Right](#)® website for tips and tools to help **reduce and eliminate contamination**.
- Waste Management continues to work with customers to **improve quality**, and to **diversify end markets**.
- From an **environmental, economic and safety** perspective, addressing quality of recycling paves the way to a sustainable future.
- Sustainable recycling requires **strong end markets**.
- We encourage more effort to increase the use of **recycled content domestically**.

WASTE MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO RECYCLING CONTAMINATION

WM is working with customers to improve the quality of recyclable materials that we collect and/or process. We must **eliminate contamination** (trash, non-acceptable materials).

- WM is providing **education and outreach** information in collaboration with other industry stakeholders.
- WM continues to **invest in technology** at our Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs) to process **cleaner** material, more **efficiently**.
- Many WM contracts include **provisions for charging** customers for excess contamination. We will **enforce** these moving forward.
- We are seeking **cost recovery** as allowed, **charging for contamination**.

LATEST RECYCLING INDUSTRY NEWS ARTICLES

The recycling market has changed significantly over the last few years. We've gathered a series of relevant and timely articles on the state of the recycling industry. We will continue to keep you updated on the latest developments in this very dynamic market. Thank you for your continued business, and for joining the battle on contamination!



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
LANSING



C. HEIDI GREYHER
DIRECTOR

May 16, 2018

Dear Community Water Supply Owner and Operator:

SUBJECT: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) sampling at Community Public Water Supplies

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) have been classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) as an emerging contaminant; which means they present real or potential unacceptable human health risks and do not have peer-reviewed human health standards. PFAS are a class of chemicals historically used throughout the industrial, food, and textile industries. PFAS have been used in firefighting foams, food packaging, cleaning products, and various other products. They are incredibly stable, breaking down very slowly in the environment; and are highly soluble, easily transferring through soil to groundwater.

To respond to this emerging national public health issue, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has decided to sample for PFAS at all community water supplies that have their own source of drinking water and at all schools classified as Non-Transient Non-Community Water System (NTNCWS). This monitoring is a proactive measure to identify where this unregulated, emerging contaminant occurs and determine actions necessary to protect public health wherever it is found. Funding for this sampling and laboratory analysis is provided by legislation signed by Governor Rick Snyder as a supplemental appropriation for the current fiscal year.

The MDEQ has contracted with AECOM, an environmental consulting firm, to conduct this sampling. Because PFAS compounds are commonly used in our environment, including in plumbing taps, cosmetics, cleaning products, and clothing, it is important to follow strict sampling protocols to reduce the possibility of cross contamination which could result in false positives. The MDEQ will provide AECOM with your contact information and they will contact you or your certified drinking water operator directly to schedule this sample collection sometime before December 15, 2018.

The MDEQ and the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) will be available and involved in interpretation of the PFAS sample results. Educational materials will be developed for you to share with your customers.

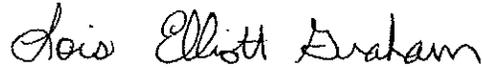
For information on PFAS including possible health outcomes, you may visit these websites:

- **State of Michigan PFAS Action Response Team** webpage serving as the main resource for public information on PFAS contamination in Michigan www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse
- **United States Environmental Protection Agency** webpage including basic information, USEPA actions, and links to informational resources www.epa.gov/pfas
- **Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry** webpage including health information, exposure, and links to additional resources www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas

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If you have any questions concerning this sampling, please contact me at the telephone number below; by email at DEQ-PFAS-DrinkingWater@michigan.gov; or by mail at DEQ-DWMAD, P.O. Box 30817, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8311.

Sincerely,



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