

## AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commissioners  
FROM: Diane Lyon City Clerk  
DATE: June 2, 2016  
RE: \*Communications

For the Agenda of June 6, 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 June 6, 2016.**

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

*MML Membership Renewal Letter.* We received correspondence from the MML regarding the benefits of membership.

*State Primary Election Notice.* All Michigan Clerks were provided the attached correspondence regarding this upcoming poll event.

*Thank You Note.* We received the att'd note from the family of Doug Hoerauf.

*Senator Emmons Newsletter.* The Senator's most recent newsletter is attached for information.

*Notice of Termination of Insurance.* We provided the attached notice to our insurance carrier informing them we will be terminating their services as Diane has found another carrier offering the same services for a reduced rate.

*Attachments.* As outlined above.

May 10, 2016

Ms. Diane Lyon  
City Clerk  
Clare  
202 W. Fifth St.  
Clare, MI 48617-1490

Dear Ms. Lyon,

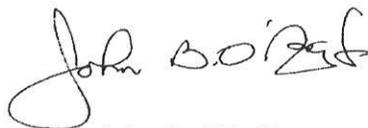
Thank you for your continued participation and support of the Michigan Municipal League. The League is leveraging our access to key leadership to fight issues vital to our members, including a significant municipal finance/SaveMiCity.org initiative that we recently launched. This past year the League was intimately involved publicly and behind the scenes on numerous topics facing our communities. Most notably, we successfully led the charge-first in Lansing and then in federal court-against SB 571/PA 269 also known as the gag order law regarding what communities can and can't say on local ballot issues. We were also able to change the debate on the now-stalled proposed changes to the historic district laws, eliminating key provisions that would have endangered local historic district laws, and we are currently working with legislators to correct the Dark Stores tax loophole issue that is negatively impacting property assessments around the state.

Here at the League, we're passionate about cultivating vibrant, unique, and people-focused places across the state. We know local communities are Michigan's greatest centers for change and our new Civic Innovation Labs will bring interactive and inspirational programming to educate, connect, and empower local leaders to get things done. Our unique programming offers people who love where they live the opportunity to learn, share, and test ideas that can transform their community.

The League's Board of Trustees recognizes the strained financial conditions present in many Michigan communities. We have worked very hard over the last several years to keep dues low, resulting in savings of over 20 percent. This year we are passing along a modest .3 percent inflationary adjustment to League dues.

The true power of the League comes from the combined voices of communities across Michigan. Together we can make a real difference. Your Michigan Municipal League membership is one of the best investments your community can make. Be sure to maximize your membership by contacting us with your questions, and by actively participating at League events. Thank you for your support. We look forward to our continued partnership with your community.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Gilmartin  
Executive Director & CEOJohn B. O'Reilly  
President, 2015-2016

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We love where you live.





# michigan municipal league

## *Member Benefits at a Glance*

### **Advocacy of Municipal Issues**

- Legislative Advocacy – expert advocacy and dedicated representation at the state and federal levels on municipal issues
- Legislative Committees – member advisory committees help shape League-wide positions on important matters
- Legislative Link E-Newsletter – a weekly rundown of legislative activity
- Inside 208 Blog – timely conversations on legislative and advocacy issues

### **Information**

- Inquiry Service – information and custom research on your municipal questions
- Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Communities (21c3) – tools to better position your community for the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- Directory of Michigan Municipal Officials* – annual listing of elected and key appointed city and village officials
- The Review* – bimonthly magazine geared specifically to the municipal audience
- Wage and Salary Database – searchable database of 143 titles, available to respondents of the annual online survey

### **Educational Opportunities (member rates apply)**

- Convention and Capital Conference – gain tools to improve your community and receive the latest Lansing updates
- Seminars and workshops – on-site and online training opportunities
- Elected Officials Academy – certification program designed to help elected officials lead in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

### **Documents on the League's Website**

- CrowdfundingMi.com – information and training on this important economic development tool
- E-Books, including: *Handbook for Municipal Officials* and *Handbook for General Law Village Officials*
- One-Pager *Plus* Fact Sheets – easy to read summaries of common municipal topics
- Sample contracts, ordinances, policies, resolutions, and Request for Proposals (RFPs)

### **Insurance Programs (premiums apply)**

- League Workers' Compensation Fund
- League Liability and Property Pool
- League Sponsored BCBSM Program
- Unemployment Compensation Fund

### **Savings and Vendor Services**

- Natural Gas Purchasing Program – a program designed to reduce your gas utility costs
- Telecommunications – cut your telecom costs by partnering with Abilita, a telecommunications consulting leader
- U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance – favorable pricing to various products and services
- Business Alliance Program – vendors who provide services to the municipal market

### **Additional League Services (member rates apply)**

- CDL Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium – random testing program in accordance with DOT regulations
- Classified Ads – municipal job openings, as well as items for sale, on the League's website
- Consulting Services – draw on the League's expertise for your management consulting needs
- Executive Search Service – recruit the League to facilitate your executive search process
- Legal Defense Fund (LDF) – legal assistance to LDF member municipalities in cases that have statewide impact

Questions? Contact (800) M-LEAGUE;  
Access the League's website by visiting [www.mml.org](http://www.mml.org).



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
LANSING

May 26, 2016

TO ALL COUNTY CLERKS:

You are hereby notified that a Primary Election will be held in all voting precincts of this state on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at which time candidates of the Republican Party and Democratic Party seeking nomination to the following partisan offices are to be voted for in your county: U.S. Representative in Congress, State Representative and such other partisan offices that may by law be required to be nominated at the primary. Candidates seeking nomination to the following nonpartisan offices are also to be voted for in designated counties at the August 2, 2016 Primary Election: Appeals Court Judge, Circuit Court Judge, Probate Court Judge, District Court Judge and such other nonpartisan offices that may by law be required to be nominated at the primary. (The office of Appeals Court Judge will not appear on the primary ballot due to the number of candidates who filed for the available positions.)

Please be further notified that delegates to the Republican Party and Democratic Party county conventions will be elected at the August 2, 2016 Primary Election.

In accordance with the provisions of Michigan election law, MCL 168.552(14), I hereby certify that the attached list contains the names and addresses of the candidates who have been certified by the Board of State Canvassers and the Secretary of State as having qualified as candidates for the August 2, 2016 Primary Election. Candidates who have withdrawn or did not qualify for ballot access have been removed from the list.

In nonpartisan judicial offices where there are not more than twice the number of candidates as there are positions to fill, the candidates for the offices are certified as the nominees for the office. As to these offices, there shall be no primary election and the office shall not appear on the primary ballot.

This notice shall be sent to all city and township clerks in your county as provided under Michigan election law, MCL 168.652.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my signature and the Great Seal of the State, at Lansing, this 26th day of May in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen.

Handwritten signature of Ruth Johnson in cursive script.

Ruth Johnson  
Secretary of State

We want to  
thank you for  
your generosity,  
support & love  
through all of  
this

We really  
appreciate  
you!

Jaymie &  
family

The Family of  
*Doug Hershey*  
acknowledges with  
grateful appreciation  
your kind expression  
of sympathy

## Diane Lyon

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**From:** Senator Judy Emmons [SenJEmmons@senate.michigan.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2016 11:55 AM  
**To:** Diane Lyon  
**Subject:** Senator Judy Emmons' Legislative Update

[Open Senator Judy Emmons' newsletter in your browser](#) ↗



## Senator Judy Emmons

Senate District 33 Legislative Update

*Serving Clare, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta, and Montcalm Counties*

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### Keeping the 'memorial' in Memorial Day

I want to thank everyone who took time yesterday to honor and remember the men and women who have given their lives in service to our country. We must make sure that their dedication and sacrifices are never taken for granted or forgotten.

The Senate recently held its 22nd Annual Memorial Day Service honoring Michigan's fallen soldiers. I was proud to have World War II veteran Gene Paulino as my guest for the solemn ceremony as we remembered the soldiers who died in the defense of freedom. Gene was joined on the Senate floor by his wife Marion and one of his seven daughters.

Paulino entered the U.S. Army at age 17 and received a purple heart and other service medals for his bravery. Among his numerous service assignments, he helped to free several girls (11-12 year olds) and babies who were being held in a house in France used by the German leadership.



### **Free dental care available for veterans on June 25**

Thousands of veterans will be able to receive free dental care on Saturday, June 25. Doctors and their teams at nearly 400 Aspen Dental-branded practices in 33 states will open their doors for the company's National Day of Service — an event that is expected to be the largest single-day oral health initiative for veterans in 2016.

Veterans can struggle finding oral health care when they need it. That's why Aspen Dental's Healthy Mouth Movement — a community-giving initiative launched in 2014 — is focusing on helping veterans get needed dental care.

If you know of a veteran who might be interested in this service, have them call 1-844-AspenHMM to find a participating location and to schedule an appointment. Space is limited and appointments are filling up fast!

### **Free Fishing Weekend coming June 11-12**

With 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, more than 11,000 inland lakes, and tens of thousands of miles of rivers and streams, Michigan offers some of the finest freshwater fishing in the world!

Michigan's annual Summer Free Fishing Weekend is June 11 and 12. All fishing license fees are waived during the weekend, so residents and visitors can fish without a license, all other fishing regulations still apply.

This is the 30th year of the free summer weekend, which are the perfect opportunity to introduce family and friends to the joy of fishing. For more information, visit [www.michigan.gov/freefishing](http://www.michigan.gov/freefishing).



## **No action on State Board of Education LGBTQ policies until August**

I want to update you on the set of proposed policies to outline guidance for the state's school districts on how to address the issues concerning LGBTQ students, such as restroom and locker room use.

The guidelines are still being considered by the State Board of Education, whose next scheduled meeting is June 14. According to State Superintendent Brian Whiston, there will be no action by the state board before August on the new set of recommendations.

Roughly 13,000 public opinions were offered during the public comment period that ended May 11 on the "State Board of Education Draft Statement and Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Students." Residents can read the online comments by [clicking here](#).

State Board of Education President John C. Austin, D-Ann Arbor, supported and organized the effort to draft the guidelines, which were prepared by a group of stakeholders and approved by Whiston. Residents can read the guidelines [by clicking here](#).

Members of the State Board of Education are elected statewide in the general election. Besides Austin, current board members include Michelle Fecteau, D-Detroit; Lupe Ramos-Montigny, D-Grand Rapids; Pamela Pugh, D-Saginaw; Kathleen N. Straus, D-Detroit; Casandra E. Ulbrich, D-Rochester Hills; Eileen Lappin Weiser, R-Ann Arbor; and Richard Zeile, R-Dearborn. Republican board members have opposed the effort from the start.

In the meantime, the federal government recently engaged the U.S. Department of Justice and the Department of Education to issue a [joint letter](#) saying that a student's gender identity should be treated the same as his or her birth gender in determining accommodations and that schools lose federal funds if they do not ensure appropriate facilities for transgender students.

## STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

### State Government Links

#### The Official State, County and City Government Website Locator:

[www.statelocalgov.net/state-mi.cfm](http://www.statelocalgov.net/state-mi.cfm)

#### Michigan Senate website:

[www.senate.michigan.gov](http://www.senate.michigan.gov)

#### Michigan House of Representatives website:

[www.house.michigan.gov](http://www.house.michigan.gov)

#### Free Publications:

[www.SenatorJudyEmmons.com/publications/](http://www.SenatorJudyEmmons.com/publications/)

#### Michigan Legislative Website:

[www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov)

#### Unemployment Issues:

You may find helpful information at the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency website: <http://www.michigan.gov/uia/0,1607,7-118-26831---,00.html>

*Thank you for subscribing to my electronic newsletter! I am honored to represent you in the 33rd Senate District of Michigan.*

*As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.*

*Please feel free to forward this on to others who may be interested in receiving the 33rd District E-news. You may sign up for it also at my website.*

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June 01, 2016

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RE: City of Clare – Group Life, AD&D, and STD Policy #649301

Dear Nikki:

Effective July 1, 2016, the City of Clare will terminate Group Life, AD&D, and STD insurance coverage with The Standard. We are terminating our coverage with The Standard for fiscal reasons and this is in no way a reflection on the service provided by you or anyone else at The Standard. In fact, you have always been very helpful and have provided exceptional service which has been greatly appreciated. At the City of Clare, we continuously seek ways to responsibly conserve money and be fiscal stewards of our taxpayer's dollars. We have simply been offered a lower, guaranteed rate for this coverage and are therefore obligated to switch carriers.

Thank you for your fantastic service. If you have any questions, please call me at 989-386-7541.

Sincerely,

Diane Lyon  
City Clerk  
City of Clare

