



A Message from Your Township Supervisor

Hello Whiteford,

They say that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. This is certainly true this year. With the heavy winds we have had there are many trees that are falling into powerlines or roadways. If you witness an issue with any trees or brush please reach out to the Monroe County Road Commission. They can be called directly for immediate needs at (734) 240-5100. If it is after hours and an emergency (tree in roadway, traffic signal down, etc. you can contact the Monroe County Sheriff at (734) 240-7000. Please do not contact the township offices since we will just have to call one of the two numbers above which will delay getting the appropriate parties involved. If you have trouble reaching either of the above then you should let us know at the township office. For non-emergency road situations you can always use the online service request [MCRC Service Request](#). The Road Commission is very responsive to these requests. As you will see from the form, this is a great way to notify them of such concerns. Monroe County is a big area and they can not be aware of all concerns unless they are made aware of them.

A big topic of discussion in the township is the issue of wells drying up in the township. There are many different reasons for this to happen so we at the township are in the process of gathering and analyzing information from a number of sources to get a better picture of what is happening. It is our desire to not only identify immediate concerns and possible solutions but also to have a better picture of water sources in our township to protect this valuable resource in our township. At a special meeting on March 8 the Township Board spoke with David Arthur Consultants of Dundee who has experience with dealing with water/well issues in other townships and has extensive knowledge of water in Monroe County and Whiteford Township. David Arthur Consultants will be presenting a plan to the Township Board for consideration of next steps in working with them on this issue. This is scheduled to be discussed at the March Board of Trustees Meeting. Also at the meeting will be Will Bruck, our State Representative, to speak on his role in representing us at the state level as well as what he is doing to help with the water issue in the township. I am also working with EGLE (Michigan Environmental Great Lakes and Energy) to attend a special meeting to further discuss the water issue in the township. This

will include resident concerns about the proposed expanded mining area permit in the current quarry. If you have immediate comments or concerns I would encourage you to contact the appropriate person from the list below:

Jim Milne, Environmental Manager

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Hannah Arnett, Environmental Quality Analyst

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517-599-9767

Garrett Link, Geologist

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517-930-9760

Finally you are all aware of the Monroe St. interchange project in Sylvania, OH. This has caused traffic issues in Whiteford Township due to people trying to find alternative routes. The township continues to work with MDOT, MCRC, MSP and MCS to help with increased traffic we are seeing in the township. Both MSP and MCS are working to patrol roads around the detour area and make sure trucks are staying on route. We have had many traffic stops over the past two days. The road commission (MCRC) is working to make sure road berms are repaired at the US23 overpass at Sterns Rd. The Michigan Department of Transportation will be monitoring the traffic lights and adjusting them accordingly to allow for increased traffic flow. They will be doing this over the next few weeks as traffic hopefully decreases as people begin to find alternative detours that work for them. Please continue with patience on our roadways as we continue to monitor traffic issues associated with the bridge closure in Sylvania.

I appreciate all who have reached out or who continue to reach out with questions and concerns about items related to the township. It is a joy to be able to help our township residents as we work through some big issues that are affecting our township.

Jeff Thomas

Whiteford Township Supervisor