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Antrim County BULLETIN

Volunter Recognition Dinner
Commission on Aging

On June 18, the Antrim County Commission on Aging (COA) honored their volunteers. In the last year, almost 90 individuals donated over 7,000 total hours of volunteer service to our County's seniors.

Most of the hours were spent volunteering at one of COA's four meal sites—Mancelona, Elk Rapids, Central Lake, and Bellaire—or delivering meals via the Meals on Wheels program. Others assisted with communications or medical transportation.

The volunteers help the COA provide more seniors with much-needed services. As noted by COA Director Paula Chermside in the dinner's handout, "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much."





Upcoming Drop-Off Dates
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

The County partners with the Antrim Conservation District (ACD) to implement the County's HHW collection program. The program's intent is to keep harmful substances like motor oil, pesticides, and heavy metals from leaching into groundwater or contaminating municipal drinking supplies.

The first HHW Day was in Elk Rapids on June 13. Upcoming dates and locations are:

Saturday, July 25, 8 am to Noon
Bellaire High School parking lot
204 W Forest Home Ave Bellaire, MI 49615

Saturday, September 26, 8 am to Noon
Antrim County Road Commission
319 East Lincoln St. Mancelona, MI 49659

For information on what items will be accepted, visit antrimcd.org/hhw or call 231-533-8363. If you are interested in lending a hand on either of the collection days, please call that same number. Their website states that "More help means shorter wait times."

Note on recycling sites: the Conservation District also manages the County's recycling program. To report an issue at any of our eight recycling sites, please email antrimcd@macd.org or call 231-533-8363.

Public Safety Center Progress

Representatives from the Michigan Department of Corrections (DOC) and the County's liability insurance carrier are reviewing the Public Safety Center's (PSC's) current plans and specifications. This will help ensure:

1) That the new facility will meet DOC standards. Our current jail is not in compliance with many standards required by the State of Michigan.
2) That the PSC's design will reduce the County's liability exposure as much as possible.



The project's construction manager has provided updated cost estimates based on the development design documentation. These estimates indicate that the project's total budget of $27 million is on track.

Preparatory site work is expected to begin in late September. This will include construction of a parking lot on the north side of the Courthouse and utility work along the north side of E. Cayuga.

Small Grants Making a Big Difference
Animal Control

Antrim County's Animal Control was gifted with a $300 grant to purchase food for our community pet food pantry. Because of this generosity, Animal Control can assist local families by helping to ensure that no beloved pet in our community goes hungry. This funding was supported by a Community Funds grant from the **Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation,** and is designed to be flexible and responsive to a variety of community needs and causes.



In addition, a $250 grant award from the Best Friends Animal Society will increase the Animal Control's efficiency by streamlining the sharing of animal data.

Filing Deadline
Village Councils and School Boards

For anyone interested in running for a Village council or School Board seat, **the filing deadline is 4 pm on Tuesday, July 21** in the County Clerk's Office. If you have questions, please call 231-533-6353.