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From the President

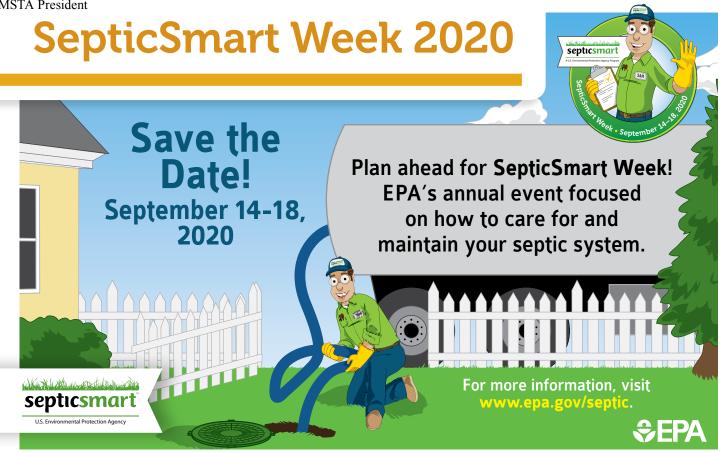


As I write this article for our spring newsletter, I watch snow fall and wonder when "spring" will arrive. I hope all of your family, friends, and employees are staying healthy during this extremely strange and difficult time we are living in. We should all feel quite fortunate that we are able to work and provide a vital service for our communities. I continue to watch the essential worker thank you commercials and wonder when the septic hauler truck will be on. That being said I ask, how do you politely ask people to keep six feet away? I have found that there are some that do this voluntarily and then there are others who seem to want to hover over my shoulder. I am sure we all try to be as professional and polite as possible but there does become a point where personal space for our own health comes into consideration. I'm am certain that each and every one of us has our own way of dealing with this. I personally have found being polite only goes so far and you get to a point where stern works come out. I wish all of you the best of luck with this and hope this all changes sooner rather than later.

As the date for our spring meeting came and went I missed seeing everyone and hope to see many of you at our fall meeting which is scheduled for October 17th. There will again be free credits available plus lunch and good networking opportunities. Please keep an eye on the website as this gets closer for an exact list of what will be offered.

Myself, and our board continue to work for our membership on many things however with the current atmosphere in our state and country there is not a lot going on. I know it can be difficult to stay motivated and upbeat when we are constantly hearing about how bad things are. I encourage all of us to try and find some type of positive. I personally have been enjoying coming home at night to no homework with kids and enjoying family time. I hope all of you are finding a positive way to fill you time. This will pass and as driven business owners, I believe we will all come out better and stronger and even a little smarter in the end.

Rick Throop MSTA President



MICHIGAN SEPTIC TANK ASSOCIATION PAC COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER February 2020

Dear MSTA Members,

I hope that this note finds you well and you are all off to a good start for the year following the conference in East Lansing.

We wanted to remind everyone that we can only make our political efforts possible through the help of our membership donations to the MSTA PAC fund. With the help of Joe Hall's leadership in the past years we were able to successfully make several legislative changes that have strengthened our industry and organization. We hope to continue having a prominent voice in the capital by representing our member's ability to effectively conduct business in the State of Michigan.

With that being said, we would like to encourage engagement from our general members and provide transparency to the use of our PAC dollars. If any members have specific pain points they feel should be communicated, we are happy to review them at the PAC committee so we can properly plan how to address them with legislators. Additionally, any contributions are appreciated and begin to add up when considering the potential scale of our association. For example, if we have 150 of our members donate \$100, we have \$15,000 of fire power to move forward

our initiatives and make sure our voice is heard in Lansing.

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Best regards, MSTA PAC Committee



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MSTA Fall Meeting Saturday, October 17, 2020

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5th: Winchester SXP pump 12 or 20 gauge (wood) or \$300 Cash
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Sincerely, MSTA Raffle Committee

Michigan Center for Truck Safety

Considering the recent Coronavirus outbreak the Michigan Center for Truck Safety takes the safety of our Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers and staff very seriously. We are recommending staff take all reasonable precautions to mitigate the spread of infection within the workplace and while meeting the needs of Commercial Motor Vehicle drivers and the industry we serve. To protect MCTS staff and to continue to provide safety training the MCTS has moved to an online format for training programs. The MCTS will be conducting live training using video conferencing through ZOOM and Facebook live. Please visit our Facebook page for a listing of classes, dates, and times.

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Yours sincerely, Michelle Zemla Project Director

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GETTING YOUR CSE CREDITS OFF FROM THE MSTA WEBSITE

As you already know, we have a new website and database system to track your membership and CSE credits. The old website contained all your CSE Credits prior to August of 2017. If you don't have records of your credits prior to August 2017, you will not be able to get them by logging onto the website. Instead you will have to send an email to the address below to request a report of those.

The new website contains your CSE Credits from August 2017 through now. To get a record of the credits you received from the Fall 2017 meeting or the 2018 Michigan Onsite WW Conference, follow the steps below:

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- 2. Once you are logged in, go to "My Membership Information"
- 3. Click on the "other information" tab
- 4. Click on "Prior Event Registrations"
- 5. Find the class you just attended and click on the symbol with the checkmark inside the square
- 6. A copy of your transcript will appear showing the credits you earned by going to the meeting
- 7. Print this page and keep it for your records to be turned into the DEQ when you renew your license.

Please save these instructions for future use. Please also save your username and password somewhere safe as well so that you can log onto the MSTA website again. By the way, your username and password can be changed to something you remember more easily by clicking on "Member Information / change username and password" (right next to the "other information" tab).

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- 4. Click on "change contact / profile"
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- 3. Click on the "Membership Information" tab
- 4. Click on "additional individuals attached to this membership"
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Go to www.msta.biz and click on Resources at the top, then on COVID19. On that page you will see:

CARES Act CDC Website for latest information Paycheck Protection Program Small Business Owners Guide to the CARES Act Business information you need to know, prepared by EMC Insurance Company List of Critical Infrastructure Workers State Home Stay Safe Order State of Michigan website for COVID19 Business guidance for Onsite Service Providers and Haulers Poster for Onsite System Professionals CDC Website for Water and Wastewater Industry Wastewater Fact Sheet

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The MSTA PAC works hard to support and defend the issues that most affect our members and their businesses. We have more recognition in Lansing then ever before. We have a great relationship with the DEQ as well as many State Representatives and Senators. With the help of our association members to act on the bills we support or don't support is the reason why our PAC has had success. Our legislative consultant, Judy Augenstein, always says it starts with grassroots lobbying. So please support MSTA by contacting your legislator on issues that affect our industry and by giving to the MSTA PAC Fund.

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Legislative Report for MSTA

Judy Augenstein, Legislative Consultant



March 2020 Report

In January some 12 legislators attended the Wastewater Conference social hour and/or banquet. Legislators enjoyed networking with their constituents and the warm hospitality. Many were "blown away" with the raffle prizes, i.e.---the rifles/ guns. Legislators included the Chair of the House Transportation Committee, Chair of the House Ag. Committee, Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, Chair of the House DNR/DEQ Appropriations Committee and Chair of the Senate Environmental Committee along with other important legislators.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has recommended \$100,000 of her proposed \$61.9 billion budget be set aside for an official Michigan poet. The monies would give the Department of Education funds to create and support a state poet laureate who would

travel the state meeting with teachers and students to promote poetry, the spoken word and literary arts. New monies were also proposed for a new anti-bullying program and a new Child Welfare Information System.

Whitmer's budget includes rebuilding the Michigan Office of Accountability and Transparency to track the spending of the \$3.5 billion bond program to fix major state highways and bridges which the Governor announced in her State of the State address. Tuition support for Michigan National Guard members would be extended to their spouses. Some ten million is suggested to help individuals refinance up to \$50,000 for student loan debt. The budget also includes \$121.7 million for a pay boost for state employees.

Republicans on the Board of State Canvassers raised concerns that a proposed lobbying reform ballot question went beyond lobbyists and public officials and could require average residents to make reports if they spend money on communications to influence legislation.

The proposal from the Coalition to Close Lansing Loopholes requires anyone who pays for a communication directed to the general public that is intended to influence public officials to file a report with the Secretary of State.

Republican members initially argued the proposal was much broader than the initial summary presented to the BSC. After a short meeting recess an amendment was made to change the phrase "paid communications" to "public communications" which satisfied Republican members. The Canvassers then voted 3-0 to approve the petition form.

The approved summary reads as follows:

A proposal to amend the Michigan Constitution by adding Article 3, Section 9 to prohibit lobbyists and clients from giving gifts to state government public officials and their immediate families; prohibit the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Members of the Michigan Legislature from working as lobbyists for 2 years after leaving office; prohibit lobbyist compensation contingent on the result of lobbying; require lobbyists and public officials to disclose all attempts to influence official actions of public officials; require any person to disclose public communications encouraging others to influence official actions of public officials; and require Secretary of State implementation.

The constitutional amendment would ban all lobbyist gifts of any value to public officials -- including free lunches -- and would institute a two-year cooling-off period before certain public officials leaving office could hop into lobbying. Now that the language is approved, the Coalition to Close Lansing Loopholes needs to garner 425,059 valid signatures before July 6 for a chance at the November 2020 ballot.

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April 2020 Report

Some of you may know I was diagnosed with COVID 19, the worse is over and I am on the mend. I am still quarantined but most of us are these days.

It doesn't appear that either side is itching for a constitutional showdown, but one could be in the offing over the Legislature's authority to extend or kill any of the Governor's 25 executive orders, including the March 10 "state of emergency" order.

On April 7, the 28-day clock will run out on that all-important EO. And under one state law, the House and Senate can extend it or not, but there is a little-known and judicially untested statue from 1945 that may stand in the way of that.

Both the Senate Majority Leader's office and the House Speaker's office are aware of this potential collision of laws and the legislative lawyers are "reviewing" this right now. One source said the 1945 law is "vague" and another from 1976 concerning Emergency Manager Powers that, according to one source, is more in line with the legislative side of this debate.

Earlier this week, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer was asked for the first time her stance on this legislative authority over her executive orders.

During a Skype interview with WLNS TV-6 Lansing she responded to this question, "Does the Legislature have the right to reaffirm your executive orders?" The Governor offered, "These executive orders are incredibly sweeping and important."

Follow-up, "Does the Legislature have the 28-day clock to reaffirm your executive order and are you conceding that power to them?"

The governor offered, "No. I think right now, in this moment, we have to use every tool we can to make sure we are protecting Michiganders."

Still another attempt to clarify, "So you don't want them to vote to reaffirm your EOs?"

And finally, after a momentary pause, this, "I appreciate your fortitude and persistence, but at this point in time I'm not going to go out of my way to have any contrary dialog with the Legislature. They've been very helpful," she asserted.

In fact, prior to that answer she made it clear that she "had a great working relationship. That's something I've hoped for and will work toward every day that we are confronting this crisis."

From Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey's (R-Clarklake) office comes this quote. "We believe the current order lasts 28 days and would require the support of the Legislature to be extended. The Governor can extend the emergency with approval of the Legislature."

There is one school of thought that suggests depending on the status of the virus on April 7, the Governor might actually want legislative buy-in if the caseload is coming down. But if the prognosis is still not good, its unlikely lawmakers would want to vote against the extension of her order.

It's also unknown how gung-ho lawmakers will be to come back to session, particularly after its been confirmed that one of their own, Rep. Tyrone Carter(D-Detroit), tested positive for COVID-19 and was likely carrying it when the Legislature last met on March 17. Rep. Issac Robinson, D-Detroit, age 44 away last week from the virus.



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May 2020 Report

The House and Senate on Thursday adopted resolutions authorizing Republican leaders to challenge any attempt by Governor Gretchen Whitmer to keep Michigan under a state of emergency without legislative approval, and shortly after she extended the emergency in the state through May 28.

HR 250 and SR 114 won approval through voice votes in their respective chambers.

The Legislature also passed a bill codifying some executive orders for limited periods and requiring some social distancing and mask-wearing in wake of COVID-19. The Legislature did not extend the state of emergency, which under the Emergency Management Act of 1976 expires after midnight Thursday, but Ms. Whitmer declared a new emergency under that statute and reiterated an emergency remains in place under the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act of 1945.

The legislative response comes one day after the administration released an emailed request from Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey's staff proposing two one-week extensions of the emergency in exchange for the governor promising to only act through legislation afterward and the governor rejecting that proposal through a statement issued by her staff.

With Ms. Whitmer moving forward with keeping the state under a state of emergency, all eyes will be on legislative Republicans to see if they follow through on their lawsuit threat. There is a general consensus outside of the House and Senate Republican caucuses Ms. Whitmer has the clear upper hand legally and that the lawsuit will fail.

Not only do several attorneys who have worked in state government for both parties say the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act clearly empowers the governor to put the state under an emergency and issue necessary rules and orders to address the situation without legislative approval, there's also a theory that Ms. Whitmer could simply issue a new declaration under the Emergency Management Act with that declaration good for 28 days with nothing the Legislature can do, as long as she can point to new circumstances.

Ms. Whitmer signed three executive orders.

Executive Order 2020-66 terminates the existing state of emergency and disaster that Ms. Whitmer had issued under the Emergency Management Act of 1976 and expires at midnight tonight.

Executive Order 2020-67 states that Michigan remains under a state emergency via the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act of 1945 through May 28. Ms. Whitmer had previously declared a state of emergency under this law, which unlike the Emergency Management Act has no time limit on a declaration and no requirement for the Legislature to extend the declaration.

Emergency Order 2020-68 declares a new state of emergency and disaster under the Emergency Management Act through May 28.

Ms. Whitmer also extended the limitations to places of public accommodation – bars, restaurants, theaters, casinos and more – until May 28 through Executive Order 2020-69. The order continues to allow businesses to offer food and beverage using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, or drive-up service.

"COVID-19 is an enemy that has taken the lives of more Michiganders than we lost during the Vietnam War," Ms. Whitmer said in a statement. "While some members of the Legislature might believe this crisis is over, common sense and all of the scientific data tells us we're not out of the woods yet. By refusing to extend the emergency and disaster declaration, Republican lawmakers are putting their heads in the sand and putting more lives and livelihoods at risk. I'm not going to let that happen."



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Mr. Shirkey said he originally agreed with the governor's initial response to COVID-19. He said the people of Michigan quickly adapted to and have largely abided by her initial actions and stay-at-home order.

Deriding Ms. Whitmer's orders as a series of decrees putting residents in a position of asking "Mother may I," he said the Legislature's actions were necessary through SB 858 and SR 114 to ensure the proper separation of powers.

"We can no longer allow one person to make decisions for 10 million people," Mr. Shirkey said. "Now the Legislature must make a choice to either allow our governor to continue to govern by executive order or to trust our constituents to take the necessary precautions to protect themselves and their families without the governor mandating a one-size-fits-all, stay-at-home order."

He said it would be best if Ms. Whitmer allowed the Legislature its fair seat at the table and allow the emergency declaration to expire.

"If she does not recognize the end of the emergency declaration, we have no other choice but to act for our constituents," Mr. Shirkey said. "The Senate offered to work with our governor to reach a compromise on the Stay Home, Stay Safe order. She didn't even acknowledge that an offer was offered, and then when she did, it was rejected in a very underhanded, unprofessional shameless way."

House Appropriations Chair Rep. Shane Hernandez (R-Port Huron), sponsor of the House resolution, implied it would provide checks and balances.

"The governor was elected to work with other branches of government in the best interests of Michigan," he said in a statement. "She was not elected to make decisions without checks and balances."

Sen. Jim Stamas (R-Midland), sponsor of SR 114, said the governor continues to dismiss the Legislature as a coequal branch of government.

"The governor believes she can grab total power over every Michigan family and hold on to that power for as long as she wants," Mr. Stamas said. "Her actions amount to asking the Legislature to bow down, forget our oath and to go home. There are places with systems of government like that, but Michigan is not one of them."

Democrats blasted the moves of the Republican-majority. House Minority Leader Christine Greig (D-Farmington Hills) called the situation in a statement "the House Republican's political theater."

"The Republican leadership is woefully out-of-touch with the fact that a majority of Michiganders overwhelmingly support the governor and Democrats handling of this unprecedented crisis," Ms. Greig said. "Impeding the governor's ability to quickly respond to the present crisis is frighteningly disconnected from the reality facing Michigan families and communities coping with COVID-19. It is past time we got to work for the people of Michigan and delivered real solutions."

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A Great Lesson on Stress

A young lady confidently walked around the room while explaining stress management to an audience with a raised glass of water. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'half empty or half full?'...

She fooled them all "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile.

Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter.

It depends on how long I hold it.

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If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm.

If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance.

In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." She continued, "And that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden--holding stress longer and better each time practiced.

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down.

Don't carry them through the evening and into the night... Pick them up tomorrow.

- 1 * Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
- 2 * Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- 3 * Always read things that will make you feel good.
- 4 * Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker..
- 5 * If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- 6 * If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- 7 * It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
- 8 * Never buy a car you can't push.
- 9* Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- 10 * Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- 11 * Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- 12 * The second mouse gets the cheese.
- 13 * When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 14 * Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- 16 * Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.

17 * We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box (IN OUR WORLD).

18 * A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

19 * Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today!

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Michigan Septic Tank Association, as your partners in helping the environment and supporting your businesses, we are concerned about the well-being of you and your families during these trying times. We are committed to providing you with updated information about COVID-19 (Coronavirus), especially how it pertains to your business.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) asked us to send the following message to all MSTA Members. In addition, there is a great poster that you can print and display in your business. POSTER is printed in this newsletter.

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----- Message from EGLE (below) -----

Onsite sewage system service providers that conduct septic tank pump outs, operation and maintenance, and repairs are commonly exposed to untreated wastewater that contains disease-causing organisms. As with other disease-causing organisms in wastewater, onsite sewage system providers are unlikely to know whether wastewater from the system they are pumping, maintaining, or repairing contains COVID-19. COVID-19 concentrations and survival in feces, sewage or water are currently unknown.

Guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) states there is no evidence to suggest that additional, COVID-19 specific protections are needed for employees in wastewater management operations, and OSHA encourages workers follow routing practices to prevent exposure to wastewater. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes that wastewater and sewage workers should use standard practices of basic hygiene precautions (e.g. handwashing) and wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) as prescribed for current work task. In consultation with local health officials, onsite sewage system service providers should consider the following routine disease prevention practices for onsite sewage system pump outs, operation and maintenance, and repairs to help protect service providers from potential infection of COVID-19.

PRIOR to COVID-19 Detection in your community:

- Use physical barriers to prevent exposure to splashes or sprays of wastewater.
- Wear appropriate PPEs: eye protection (goggles, face mask, or face shield); liquid repellant coveralls and gloves.
- Be trained on how to properly put on, use, wear, take off, clean/disinfect, maintain, store, and dispose of PPEs.
- Wash hands with soap and water immediately after handling waste or sewage before eating or drinking, and before and after using the toilet.
- Avoid touching face, mouth, eyes, nose, and open sores and cuts while handling sewage.
- · Remove work clothes before eating, and eat in designated areas.
- Do not chew tobacco or gum.
- · Cover open sores, cuts, and wounds with clean dry bandages.
- Remove work clothes before leaving the worksite.

ONCE COVID-19 IS DETECTED in the community (low to high severity):

Once COVID-19 is detected in a community, health department recommendations addressing any change in normal operations will depend on a number of factors such as the number of cases detected, the severity of illness associated with those cases and how widespread infection is or is predicted to be based on case histories. Assessing these and other factors will help the health department determine the severity of the situation, which will help inform recommendations. Unless otherwise instructed by local officials, onsite sewage system service providers should continue to implement routine disease prevention practices for onsite sewage system pump outs, operation and maintenance, and repairs.

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