

Section I: Issues

WFUM has identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

1. Arts/Humanities:
2. Children's Issues:
3. Civil Rights/Race:
4. Crime/Safety:
5. Economy:
6. Education:
7. Environment:
8. Government:
9. Labor Relations:
10. Legal System/Court Cases:
11. Public Health/Medicine:
12. Social Policy/Welfare:
13. Transportation:

Section II: Responsive Programs

WFUM broadcast programming dealing with the various issues outlined in Section I of this list. The programming was aired on the dates and times as follows:

1. Arts/Humanities:

Stateside: New MI Film Office

Broadcast on 11-10-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 8:07. It was 2008 when Michigan launched a generous tax-credit program to lure Hollywood filmmakers here. And come they did: big stars, big productions could be seen shooting all throughout the state. But, even as a candidate, Governor Rick Snyder was clear: he didn't think those film credits were a good deal for Michigan.

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Jenelle Leonard is the state's Film and Digital Media Commissioner: welcome!

2. Children's Issues:

Stateside: Dispute Resolution Center

Broadcast on 10-14-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 11:21. There are bipartisan bills in the Michigan Legislature aimed at changing the way juveniles are sentenced in court. According to the bill sponsors there are about six hundred 17-year-olds in the Michigan correction system...350 are "juvenile lifers."

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3. Civil Rights/Race:

Morning Edition: It's Just Politics

Broadcast on 11-02-2015 at 8:51AM; Duration: 3:38. Why groups pushing to add LGBT protections to the state's civil rights act... aren't all on the same page in how to get it done.

Stateside: It's Just Politics with Zoe Clark and Rick Pluta

Broadcast on 11-02-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 4:53. A bipartisan group has formed a ballot committee called "Fair Michigan." The goal? To put the questions of gay and transgender rights before Michigan voters.

This approach of trying to change the state's constitution comes after conservative Republican lawmakers blocked attempts to add these protections to the state's civil rights law via legislation.

But, if you think the gay rights movement in Michigan is wholeheartedly on-board with this "constitutional approach", think again.

Zoe Clark and Rick Pluta are back with us...Michigan Radio's "It's Just Politics" team. Zoe, just to get us all on the same page: our state constitution offers plenty of protection for many...but if you are LGBT, you are out of luck!

Morning Edition: Rick Pluta/Refugees

Broadcast on 11-19-2015 at 6:45AM and 8:45AM; Duration 3:04. Governor Rick Snyder was the first governor in the nation to speak out on refugees following last week's terrorist attacks in Paris and Beirut. He may have come to regret it. Because Governor Snyder is now trying to clarify his position. Michigan Public Radio's Rick Pluta explains.

Section II: Responsive Programs (Continued)

3. Civil Rights/Race (Continued):

Morning Edition: Kate Wells - Civil Rights/MI LGBT Community

Broadcast on 12-10-2015 at 6:45AM and 8:45AM; Duration 4:07. There's a fierce debate happening right now in Michigan's LGBT community. Some activists are launching a big campaign to put civil rights for lesbian, gay and transgender people on the ballot. But others say, voters just aren't ready. Michigan Radio's Kate Wells reports.

4. Crime/Safety:

Morning Edition: Jack Lessenberry in State Politics

Broadcast on 10-14-2015 at 7:51AM; Duration: 3:58. A state Senate committee has approved on party-line votes legislation that would essentially eliminate "gun-free" zones in Michigan. It would allow schools and other areas that are currently gun-free zones to forbid people from openly carrying firearms. But they could not ban licensed concealed weapons. The bill's sponsor says allowing concealed carry in schools will make schools safer. This is a sensitive issue, especially in the wake of what seems like so many school shootings. Does this boil down to the gun rights folks on one side and the anti-gun people on the other?

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Brandon Sample is the executive director of Prisology. It's a national non-profit movement dedicated to reform of the criminal justice system.

Stateside: Michigan Gun Laws

Broadcast on 11-17-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 8:23. Bills sitting on the state Senate floor would allow concealed pistol license holders to carry in schools and other areas that are currently off-limits. Bus Senate Bills 442 and 561 would also prevent what's known as "open carry" in those places.

Not counting long guns, like rifles and shotguns, which can be purchased in Michigan without a permit by anyone 16 years or older...we wanted to know just what is the current state of gun carry laws in Michigan? And how does this compare to carry laws in other states?

April Zeoli is an Associate Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at Michigan State University. Welcome!

5. Economy:

Stateside: State of Opportunity - Power of Networks

Broadcast on 10-21-2015 at 3:00PM and 10:00PM; Duration 50:00. Some questions we tackle: How do you create a network when you live in poverty? What networking advice would you give to a teenager from a low-income family? In terms of mentoring someone you have no connection to: Why do it? When you're locked up in prison, away from everyone and everything you know and love, how do you build a new life for yourself when you get out?

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Broadcast on 10-27-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 4:51. It's a pretty good chance that most people who are succeeding in life, in school, in a job...can thank the fact that they had a Network to help them along. But what happens if you are living in poverty? Can you create a network? How? And what happens if you can't? Those are a few of the questions being explored in a State of Opportunity documentary tomorrow here on Michigan Radio. It's called Connections: The Power of Networks. Jennifer Guerra from the State of Opportunity is here with us now...What's the central question you're exploring here?

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Stateside: American Dream

Broadcast on 11-19-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 6:32. For generations, the "American Dream" has fueled dreams, aspirations and accomplishments. Work hard and build a better life. Get ahead, and watch your children climb even further up the ladder of success. So, a recent NBC News online poll caught our eye. It found a majority of us...57-percent...believe the American dream is dead. Let's get into what's behind this...and what it means for the way we plan, spend and work. Michigan State University Economist Charles Ballard is back with us. Always good to have you with us!

Stateside: Michigan Future

Broadcast on 11-24-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 10:00. How well is Michigan making the transition from a roll-up-your-sleeves manufacturing economy to a knowledge-based service economy? It's a transition that is well underway in more prosperous states. Lou Glazer of the think tank Michigan Future Inc., has the verdict. Welcome back, Lou!

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Stateside: State of Opportunity - Best way for low income students to build a future for themselves

Broadcast on 10-28-2015 at 3:00PM and 10:00PM; Duration 50:00. Students across Michigan are in their senior year of high school, gearing up for graduation and trying to make plans for what to do next. The popular narrative is that you get your high school diploma, go to college, and then embark on a career in a field related to your degree. But it doesn't always work that way. Life after high school now is more complicated than that for a lot of young people in Michigan.

Section II: Responsive Programs (Continued)

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Morning Edition: State of Opportunity with Dustin Dwyer

Broadcast on 10-21-2015 at 6:45AM and 8:45AM; Duration 3:24. Parents, you'll find a note soon in your child's backpack. Or maybe you'll get a phone call. A gentle reminder from your child's teacher that it's time for parent-teacher conferences. And, you'll make the time to sit down some evening to talk. It's just one of the ways schools and teachers try to keep parents involved in children's educations. But some parents have a harder time staying involved than others. Not because they don't want to, or because they don't care. Often, their work schedule just doesn't allow it.

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Stateside: Flint International Students

Broadcast on 11-03-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 9:02. It's no secret that the city of Flint is wrestling with huge challenges.

A water crisis, high crime rates...a shrinking population...But a recent story in the New York Times sheds light on an interesting trend. Despite its difficulties and dangers, international students are coming to Flint

The piece was written by Gordon Young, who is from Flint. He is a senior lecturer in communication at Santa Clara University. Gordon, welcome to the program.

7. Environment:

Stateside: Tech and Flint Water

Broadcast on 10-01-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 15:31. Governor Rick Snyder admits the decision to switch the city of Flint from water supplied by Detroit...over to the Flint River...was not well planned. The city faces a crisis now that the water going to homes is contaminated by lead: Stateside has placed a request to speak with someone from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. They weren't able to make someone available by show time today. The invitation remains open and we certainly hope to be able to speak with the DEQ sometime next week.

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Dan Wyant is the Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality...thank you for being with us today!

Morning Edition: the Environment Report

Broadcast on 10-15-2015 at 8:51AM; Duration: 4:00. What's happening in Flint has some people wondering about what's happening in their homes. We'll talk about how to test your water and your home for lead, and when to call in a professional.

Stateside: Emergency Managers Can't be Sued

Broadcast on 10-26-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 4:22. The fallout from the Flint water crisis is far from over. The state's top water official has been "reassigned" and the Department of Environment Quality Director admits they bungled the testing of Flint's water...and failed at setting up appropriate corrosion control measures, which would have prevented lead from leaching from pipes into Flint's water. But there is a deeper anger in Flint, aimed at Governor Snyder and the string of emergency managers he'd appointed to run the struggling city. The decisions to leave the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department, join a new water authority and, in the meantime, to draw water from the Flint Rivers...all were made by EM's who are answerable to the Governor. So: do citizens have any recourse when an emergency manager makes a bad call? Who's responsible? Can an EM be held accountable? Robert A. Sedler is a professor at Wayne State University Law School, where he teaches courses in Constitutional Law and Conflict of Laws. Welcome!

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We'll hear about a practice the state of Michigan tells cities to use to test for lead in drinking water. Some experts say it can hide lead problems. A controversial testing method.

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All Things Considered: DEQ Resignation

Broadcast on 12-29-2015 at 5:44PM; Duration: 4:00. Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Director Dan Wyant has resigned because of the agency's role in the Flint water crisis.

In 2014 Flint switched its water supply from Detroit's system to the Flint River. Not long after...people's water turned brown, the water turned out to have an E. coli contamination...and eventually unsafe levels of lead showed up in people's drinking water.

A number of reports have found the DEQ made mistakes...which played a big role in elevated, lead levels, in the city's tap water.

Michigan Public Radio's Rick Pluta is covering the story.

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Broadcast on 10-07-2015 at 7:51AM; Duration: 3:14. A group of state and federal environmental officials, as well as outside experts, will meet today in Flint to talk about a plan to deal with the city's water emergency. Lead is leeching out of old pipes and getting in to the tap water. Last week, state officials announced a plan that includes more testing of Flint water and a million dollars for the purchase of water filters for city residents. But there's been no decision on reconnecting to Detroit water.

Morning Edition: Steve Carmody/Flint's Water

Broadcast on 10-09-2015 at 6:45AM and 8:45AM; Duration 3:26. Flint is going back to Detroit water. The state...the city and the Mott Foundation together are kicking in 12 million dollars to shut off the tap to the Flint River.

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Morning Edition: Jacke Lessenberry on State Politics

Broadcast on 10-21-2015 at 7:51AM; Duration: 3:10. We know that the agency in charge of Flint's drinking water made mistakes when the city switched to getting its drinking water from the Flint River. Now a formal investigation will take place. The state's Auditor General's Office will look into it. Some are calling for the people responsible to lose their jobs. What is the right kind of response to something like this?

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Stateside: Export-Import Bank

Broadcast on 10-27-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 6:03. A bipartisan group of House members are joining together this week, trying to revive the Export-Import Bank.

The Export-Import bank, as it is known, has been around for 80 years. But it stopped doing business July first, after House leaders let its charter lapse.

Among the lawmakers trying to get the bank up and running again is Michigan Democratic Congressman Dan Kildee of Flint. He's with us now from Washington. Welcome!

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Broadcast on 10-28-2015 at 7:51AM; Duration: 3:16. Well, another roads funding plan has...stalled. Last week the state House passed a plan that would have raised 600 million dollars from increased vehicle registration fees and an increase in the gasoline tax. It also would have diverted 600 million dollars from the state's general fund, and included a possible rollback in the state's income tax rate. The plan stalled in the state Senate, however. Governor Snyder, though did sound like he is becoming more open to a plan that would make big cuts to the state budget. Is that any sort of a possible sign that maybe we're closer to a deal?

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Governor Rick Snyder has signed a package of bills that would raise fuel taxes and registration fees to help pay for road repairs. The other half of the money would be diverted from other parts of the state budget. Snyder has been trying to get a roads plan done for years. What happened to make this finally go through?

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Stateside: Michigan Public Service Commission

Broadcast on 11-17-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 5:05. With a road funding deal finally done, State Legislators have some big issues to tackle when they come back from vacation...Such as modifying Michigan's Energy laws.

Earlier this year Governor Snyder made an appointment to the 3-person Michigan Public Service Commission. That's the group that makes decisions affection everyone in the state: it approves or rejects utility rate requests.

So news that Governor Snyder appointed a former power company lobbyist raised more than a few eyebrows.

M.L. Elrick is a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist. He is now with WJBK TV in Detroit. Welcome to Stateside, M.L.

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Broadcast on 11-18-2015 at 7:51AM; Duration: 2:57. Governor Snyder had put efforts to welcome Syrian refugees to Michigan on hold because of the terrorist attacks overseas. He wants to wait until federal officials review security procedures. Does the Governor have the authority to say Syrian refugees cannot come to Michigan?

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Stateside: Michigan Pulse Poll

Broadcast on 12-09-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 11:51. As 2015 winds down, it seems like a good time to see what Michigan voters think about a variety of issues that made headlines over this year. From water safety to concealed pistols to making the legislature more effective...and lots more: we explored voter opinions in our latest Michigan Radio/Public Sector Consultants poll...and, here to take a look at the results is the DEO of Public Sector Consultants, Jeff Williams. Welcome back, Jeff!

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Section II: Responsive Programs (Continued)**10. Legal System/Court Cases:****Stateside: Dispute Resolution Center**

Broadcast on 10-14-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 11:21. There are bipartisan bills in the Michigan Legislature aimed at changing the way juveniles are sentenced in court. According to the bill sponsors there are about six hundred 17-year-olds in the Michigan correction system...350 are "juvenile lifers."

This got us thinking...what if young people learned effective, peaceful ways of resolving conflicts? Ways to settle a dispute without resorting to violence.

The Dispute Resolution Center is hoping to combat the so-called "school to prison pipeline" by teaching young people alternative forms of conflict resolution. Belinda Dulin is the Executive Director, good to have you with us.

11. Public Health/Medicine:**Stateside: Tech and Flint Water**

Broadcast on 10-01-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 15:31. Governor Rick Snyder admits the decision to switch the city of Flint from water supplied by Detroit...over to the Flint River...was not well planned. The city faces a crisis now that the water going to homes is contaminated by lead: Stateside has placed a request to speak with someone from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. They weren't able to make someone available by show time today. The invitation remains open and we certainly hope to be able to speak with the DEQ sometime next week.

All Things Considered: Steve Carmody

Broadcast on 10-02-2015 at 4:45PM; Duration: 2:49. State and local officials today unveiled a plan for fixing Flint's water problems. But, one demand of many city residents is not on the list. Michigan Radio's Steve Carmody reports. State officials have a new plan...which includes more testing...of schools, homes and people. The state is also chipping in one million dollars to pay for water filters for Flint homes. But several state officials downplay the problem...for example suggesting Flint children have had a problem with high blood lead levels before the city started getting its water from the Flint River. That assessment does not sit well with many in Flint. About 30 protesters...some wearing haz-mat suits...stood outside the midday news conference in Flint to voice their displeasure with the new plan for Flint's water.

Morning Edition: It's Just Politics

Broadcast on 10-05-2015 at 8:51AM; Duration: 3:45. There are huge health implications from the Flint water crisis...but, there are political consequences, as well

Morning Edition: The Environment Report-Confused about corrosion control

Broadcast on 10-06-2015 at 8:51AM; Duration: 4:00. In Flint, lead levels in some children's blood have spiked dramatically. We've been hearing some conflicting things lately from state officials...about what exactly Flint has been doing to cut down on lead in the water.

Morning Edition: Jack Lessenberry on State Politics

Broadcast on 10-07-2015 at 7:51AM; Duration: 3:14. A group of state and federal environmental officials, as well as outside experts, will meet today in Flint to talk about a plan to deal with the city's water emergency. Lead is leeching out of old pipes and getting in to the tap water. Last week, state officials announced a plan that includes more testing of Flint water and a million dollars for the purchase of water filters for city residents. But there's been no decision on reconnecting to Detroit water.

Morning Edition: Steve Carmody/Flint's Water

Broadcast on 10-09-2015 at 6:45AM and 8:45AM; Duration 3:26. Flint is going back to Detroit water. The state...the city and the Mott Foundation together are kicking in 12 million dollars to shut off the tap to the Flint River.

Section II: Responsive Programs (Continued)**11. Public Health/Medicine (Continued):****Stateside: Dan Wyant/Flint Water Crisis**

Broadcast on 10-13-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 17:08. The scramble is on to get the city of Flint reconnected to Detroit's water system...and turn off the water from the Flint River. That acidic river water has proven to leach lead from old pipes...unless corrosion control steps are taken.

Detroit treats its water with phosphates that serve to coat the pipes, sealing in the lead and cutting back the amount of lead in water to levels that are acceptable.

That sort of corrosion control program did not happen when the city switched from Detroit water to Flint River water in the spring of 2014.

Dan Wyant is the Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality...thank you for being with us today!

Morning Edition: the Environment Report

Broadcast on 10-15-2015 at 8:51AM; Duration: 4:00. What's happening in Flint has some people wondering about what's happening in their homes. We'll talk about how to test your water and your home for lead, and when to call in a professional.

Stateside: Emergency Managers Can't be Sued

Broadcast on 10-26-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 4:22. The fallout from the Flint water crisis is far from over. The state's top water official has been "reassigned" and the Department of Environment Quality Director admits they bungled the testing of Flint's water...and failed at setting up appropriate corrosion control measures, which would have prevented lead from leaching from pipes into Flint's water. But there is a deeper anger in Flint, aimed at Governor Snyder and the string of emergency managers he'd appointed to run the struggling city. The decisions to leave the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department, join a new water authority and, in the meantime, to draw water from the Flint Rivers...all were made by EM's who are answerable to the Governor. So: do citizens have any recourse when an emergency manager makes a bad call? Who's responsible? Can an EM be held accountable? Robert A. Sedler is a professor at Wayne State University Law School, where he teaches courses in Constitutional Law and Conflict of Laws. Welcome!

Morning Edition: The Environment Report - Flint Water Testing

Broadcast on 11-05-2015 at 8:50AM; Duration: 4:00. The federal government is looking into what went wrong in the Flint water crisis. We look into a claim that the state altered lead testing results. The state denies any wrongdoing.

Stateside: Kildee

Broadcast on 11-11-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 9:52. The Us Environmental Protection Agency will be watching over the State of Michigan's shoulder to make sure our drinking water is safe.

The EPA will audit the State's drinking water safety program...after the state Department of Environmental Quality admitted, it failed to use the correct protocols when it approved the switch to the Flint River as the primary source of drinking water for Flint.

That mistake led to dangerously high lead levels in that city's drinking water.

Flint's Democratic Congressman Dan Kildee is with us now - good to have you with us.

Morning Edition: Environment Report

Broadcast on 11-17-2015 at 8:51AM; Duration: 4:00. Flint water crisis has uncovered all kinds of details about how cities test the safety of their drinking water.

We'll hear about a practice the state of Michigan tells cities to use to test for lead in drinking water. Some experts say it can hide lead problems. A controversial testing method.

Section II: Responsive Programs (Continued)**11. Public Health/Medicine (Continued):****Stateside: Congressman Dan Kildee Update**

Broadcast on 12-09-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 5:52. One of the big takeaways from the Flint water crisis was the keen awareness: the city's aging water infrastructure needs to be replaced. Out with the lead pipes...in with updated water lines that won't leach lead into the city's water. But paying for that is a tall order for any city, let alone a struggling city like Flint. Congressman Dan Kildee thinks the EPA could offer some special help to Flint...he's with us now. Congressman, what are you asking of the EPA?

Morning Edition: The Environment Report

Broadcast on 12-22-2015 at 8:51AM; Duration: 4:00. State officials knew that more kids in Flint were developing elevated levels of lead in their blood. But they didn't reveal that for months. We'll hear about new document obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

All Things Considered: DEQ Resignation

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13. Transportation:**Stateside: Speed Limit Utah**

Broadcast on 10-27-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 3:08. A package of bills now being considered by the State House could bring big changes to driving in Michigan. The bills would boost speed limits on "rural" freeways...based on scientific studies of typical traffic flow. Backers say allowing traffic to go 80 miles per hour on rural freeways will end artificially low limits...it'll match what drivers are doing anyway...and allow more drivers to drive at similar speeds. They believe the result would be safer roadways for everyone.

Critics like the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Association and the Insurance Institute of Michigan worry about the effect on communities...about losing local control of speed limits...and say it would affect the way insurance companies calculate risk. Let's see how things have worked out in Utah, where speed limits on parts of rural freeways went up to 80-miles per hour seven years ago.

John Gleason is the Public Information Officer for the Utah Department of Transportation. Welcome to the program.

Morning Edition: Jack Lessenberry on State Politics

Broadcast on 10-28-2015 at 7:51AM; Duration: 3:16. Well, another roads funding plan has...stalled. Last week the state House passed a plan that would have raised 600 million dollars from increased vehicle registration fees and an increase in the gasoline tax. It also would have diverted 600 million dollars from the state's general fund, and included a possible rollback in the state's income tax rate. The plan stalled in the state Senate, however. Governor Snyder, though did sound like he is becoming more open to a plan that would make big cuts to the state budget. Is that any sort of a possible sign that maybe we're closer to a deal?

Morning Edition: Jack Lessenberry in State Politics

Broadcast on 11-11-2015 at 7:51AM; Duration: 3:19. A billion-dollar road funding plan is complete.

Governor Rick Snyder has signed a package of bills that would raise fuel taxes and registration fees to help pay for road repairs. The other half of the money would be diverted from other parts of the state budget. Snyder has been trying to get a roads plan done for years. What happened to make this finally go through?

Section II: Responsive Programs (Continued)**13. Transportation (Continued):****Stateside: Flint Ride to Groceries**

Broadcast on 11-17-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 7:41. To many of us, a trip to the grocery store is simply a matter of finding the time in your schedule to jump in the car and drive a few miles to your local shop. But, that grocery trip presents big challenges to many of the people who live in Flint. Plain and simple: supermarkets there keep closing. The city lost two Kroger stores and a Meijer within eight months. And, with about half of the city's residents living below the poverty line, many can't afford to get a car, to drive to the suburbs for fresh, healthy food. Ed Benning and his team at Mass Transportation Authority...MTA...wanted to help Flint residents get to those grocery stores that are still open. The result: "Rides to Groceries": a special bus to take shoppers to grocery stores. Ed Benning is with us now. Ed, what was it like in Flint...when word came that not one, not two, but three big grocery stores were shutting down?

Stateside: MDOT Traffic Death Toll

Broadcast on 11-18-2015 at 3:00PM; Duration: 6:07. Automakers spend much time and money touting the safety features of their vehicles...all of which have dramatically improved safety for drivers and passengers. And yet: the National Safety Council tells us the nation is on track to have its highest traffic death toll since 2007. That was the year over 41-thousand people died on America's roads. That sobering fact highlights the continuing need for the campaign called Toward Zero Deaths. The goal of this national safety campaign is evident from its title: a highway system free of fatalities. One very visible part of this campaign: those message signs on various roads displaying the latest number of traffic fatalities in Michigan. The tally is updated each Wednesday. Mark Bott is a traffic and safety engineer for the Michigan Department of Transportation. Mark, as we speak, the number is currently at 855 fatalities. Toward Zero Deaths is designed to influence driver behavior. Are you satisfied that the death toll signs can accomplish that?