

**ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT**

**FOR**

**WXYT-FM HD2  
WWJ NEWSRADIO 950**

**SECOND QUARTER 2020**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**WXYT-FM HD2**  
**WWJ NEWSRADIO 950**  
ISSUES OF CONCERNS TO METRO DETROITERS  
ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING IN THE  
**SECOND QUARTER 2020**  
April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

1. Public Safety/Law Enforcement  
Crime. Police staffing and training. Private security firms. Initiatives against crime. Courts. Prison facilities.
2. Education  
Public schools and school reform. Private education. Colleges and University enrollment and development. Technology in the classroom. Job training. Continuing education for adults. School safety.
3. Environment/Energy:  
Land Use. Pollution. Preserving open space and recreational areas. Status of the Great Lakes. Alternative Energy sources. Energy efficiency. Sustainability.
4. Health and Medicine:  
Personal health and fitness. Child health. Medical facilities. Insurance, affordability and access issues. Costs of prescription drugs. Development and adoption of new life-saving techniques. Victim support. Alcohol and substance abuse.
5. Leadership/Politics/Elections:  
Political leadership. Corporate leadership. Corporate citizenship. Energizing voters. Public participation in the electoral process. Local government. Effective government. Developing future leaders.
6. Homeland Security:  
Emergency preparedness. Security measures. Protection against terrorist attack. Border security. Foreign nationals. Immigration. Government funding.
7. Labor/Workforce:  
Union negotiations. Corporate and labor relations. Worker training. Layoffs. Worker preparation. Jobs and job creation. Worker benefits. Retirees.
8. Race Relations:  
Racism. Civil Rights. Discrimination. Equal access. Racial profiling. Neighborhood segregation.
9. Regional Revitalization:  
Taxes, infrastructure, support for business start-ups and company attraction. Sports facilities. Affordable housing. Commercial development. Attracting people downtown. Economic climate.
10. Transportation/Logistics:  
Road construction. Traffic. Airport development. Light rail. Mass transit. New technologies for cars.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS**  
**WXYT-FM HD2**  
**WWJ NEWSRADIO 950**  
**PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**STAYING IN TOUCH**

Airs Saturday at 6:23am, 9:43am, 11:23am, 12:53pm and 9:53pm. Each report runs one minute in length. Ron Dewey highlights special events going on in the Southeast Michigan region.

**YOUR EYE ON HEALTH**

Airs Monday-Friday at 1:22am, 3:40am, 10:42am, 1:53pm and 6:53pm. Each report runs one minute in length. Dr. Deanna Lites reports on all things health including the latest breakthroughs in research as well as advice on living a healthy lifestyle. (Topics attached)

**MADE IN MICHIGAN**

Airs Wednesdays at 9:52am, 2:52 pm, 8:52pm and Saturday at 4:52am, 9:52am 4:53pm. Each report runs one minute in length. Sandra McNeill profiles companies who make products people can buy while trying to emphasize the jobs and business success each company has. (Topics attached)

**DETROIT SKILLS**

Airs Mondays at 9:52am, 2:52pm and 8:52pm. Each report runs one minute in length. Tom Jordan talks about different skills and jobs that are in the Metro Detroit area. (Topics attached)

**AUTOMOTIVE INSIGHT**

Airs Monday-Friday at 5:43am, 6:53am and 11:53am. Each report runs one minute in length. John McElroy provides two unique insights daily into the business of making cars, and designing the cars of the future.

**CAR CHRONICLES**

Airs Monday-Friday 12:53pm, 3:53pm, 5:53pm and 6:53 pm. Each report runs one minute in length. Jeff Gilbert highlights people and lesser-known stories from the automotive business, as well as critiquing new products as they come out from the manufacturers. (Topics attached)

**THE FELDMAN REPORT**

Airs Monday-Friday 8:53am, 10:53am, 3:23pm, 6:23pm and 9:53pm. Each report runs one minute in length. Murray Feldman provides insights for small business, discusses the general business climate, and highlights business leaders. He also provides advice for consumers.

## News Stories Addressing Community Issues

### PUBLIC SAFETY/LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

4/1/20

2:20pm

Ron Dewey

#### **Macomb Sheriff PPE**

Macomb County taking delivery and distributing thousands of protective masks for police, medical workers and other first responders. County Executive Mark Hackel says they had to buy 20-thousand masks, with another 2-thousand coming from the state. Hackel says it puts a dent in the problem, but much more is needed.

4/3/20

4:41pm

Zach Clark

#### **First Responder Bonuses**

A nice bonus for first responders in Shelby Township. The Board voted Thursday to give all officers, firefighters and dispatchers 15-hundred dollars. The money will help the firefighters and officers address personal needs during the COVID-19 pandemic while they are working to ensure the township's residents are safe. In addition to the bonus for the police and fire departments, any time lost from work because of issues related to the coronavirus would not count against an employee's sick time.

4/4/20

4:40pm

Brian Larsen

#### **MSP Unnecessary Driving**

You may want to take a leisurely drive to clear your mind during the coronavirus outbreak. But State Police say, under the governor's order, you should only hit the road for a NECESSARY trip. Michigan State Police First Lt. Michael Shaw says the more people stay at home, the sooner we'll see the cases of coronavirus subside.

4/12/20

6:03pm

Tawana Harlaque

#### **Detroit Workers Return**

Hundreds of Detroit city workers are heading back to work -- thanks to a quick, new test for the coronavirus. City officials say they've tested more 1-thousand employees in the past week -- including police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and bus drivers. The nasal swab has a 15-minute turn-around time. Mayor Mike Duggan's office said 140 employees -- including 45 officers -- were confirmed to have COVID-19. Prior to this test, employees would have to be quarantined for days or even weeks while awaiting results.

5/1/20

5:04am

Rob St. Mary

### **DPD COVID Drive By**

Detroit Police are taking time this morning to support a brother officer battling COVID-19. Corporal Ethan Grant is receiving treatment for the disease at Lansing's Sparrow Hospital. So, the D-P-D along with Lansing Police and Fire as well as other public safety agencies plan to hold a drive-by the hospital around ten-30 this morning.

5/1/20

1:30pm

Louis Ricard

### **Oakland County Kid Parade**

People are finding creative ways to celebrate their birthdays during this pandemic -- but it'll be difficult to top what this 5-year-old Oakland County boy received on his special day. Price Redmon -- who suffers from neuroblastoma and can't go on his Make a Wish Trip received a special visit from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. Price's mother Katie Redmon says Price got his own little police car to drive around during the festivities.

5/15/20

1:20pm

Michael Cohen

### **Police Simulations**

Police departments across the state are now using state-of-the-art simulators to prepare officers for potentially violent standoffs with suspects. Johnathan Ayala is a virtual systems sales manager with Meggitt Training Systems. He says the simulators involve active-shooter and domestic violence scenarios which train officers how to deescalate situations. Ayala says the 5-screen system features realistic video, hi-fidelity sound and weapons that look and feel like the real thing.

5/29/20

1:21pm

Terri Lee

### **Police Protests**

After use of force by police in Minneapolis and Washtenaw County, organizers plan to protest in Detroit later today. Dubbed a "rally and picket for justice against police brutality will take place this afternoon starting at four in front of Detroit Police headquarters. Yesterday, Detroit Police Chief James Craig spoke out yesterday saying the officer in Minneapolis shown on video in the death of George Floyd should be arrested for murder.

6/5/20

12:13am

Ingrid Kelley

### **Police Brutality Purple**

The city of Detroit was lit up in purple Thursday night to honor George Floyd and other victims of police brutality. Downtown buildings will be lit following the memorial service for Floyd in Minneapolis. The city will remain lit up in purple through June 9th, the day of Floyd's funeral in Houston. Council member Raquel Castaneda Lopez is also asking Detroiters to hold a moment of silence as a vigil for Floyd in front of their home on Sunday at 8pm.

6/5/20

3:03pm

Sarah Wolicki

### **Belle Isle Peace Walk**

A peace march getting underway on and around the Belle Isle Bridge this hour. Organizers say the desire is to achieve peace amongst Detroiters and law enforcement. For those wanting to go to, or from Belle Isle, Michigan State Police will be closing the bridge until about six o'clock this afternoon.

6/12/20

12:04pm

Stephanie Davis

### **Warren Amazon Case**

The Amazon delivery driver who was tackled by a Warren police officer will not face charges. Jaylen Bond is the driver accused of resisting arrest and refusing to show his ID to Warren police 11 times-all of it captured on cellphone video. Donald J Andrews is Bond's attorney and says his client is thankful for the decision and support. Warren Police Commissioner Bill Dwyer expects to release some information about the internal investigation tomorrow. Mayor Jim Fouts earlier had called for the officer to be fired, and for the Prosecutor's office to look at charges.

## **EDUCATION ISSUES**

4/1/20

8:03pm

Sarah Wolicki

### **DPS Enrollment**

The Detroit Public Schools Community District says that fall enrollment is now open, but this year it's just one online platform, though some schools might have additional requirements. Specialty and/or competitive options include aviation, foreign language immersion, gifted and accelerated, media arts, science and medicine, plus fine and performing arts, single-gender education, and African-centered education. In most cases, the deadline to apply is May tenth.

4/2/20

4:53pm

Michael Cohen

### **UCS No School**

Teachers across the state are working on developing alternate teaching plans -- now the Governor Whitmer has ordered all K through 12 schools closed through the academic school year. Utica Education Association President Liza Parkinson says teachers are also helping students process the loss. Parkinson says her teachers are able to maintain online contact with students using video applications like Zoom.

4/11/20

4:22pm

Louis Ricard

### **Student Teachers**

Michigan schools might be closed for the rest of the school year... but teachers are still working hard to keep the educational train rolling, and teachers are getting valuable help from college students. Professor Cindy Carver of the Oakland University's School of Education joined us live earlier today to explain how student teachers are a vital assets in some situations. Carver also adds that parents should enjoy the opportunity to teach their kids through arts and crafts, watching nature and other activities that can bring the whole family together.

4/17/20

8:05pm

Louis Ricard

### **OU Test Optional**

Oakland University is helping high schoolers hoping to continue their education by offering test-optional admissions. Those with a GPA of 3.0 or higher can enroll to become Grizzlies for the falls of 2020 and 2021. Oakland University joins Grand Valley State in this initiative, saying it's the best way to help students who are affected by the postponement of the statewide SAT.

5/11/20

4:51pm

Dan Jenkins

### **School Lawsuit**

The Michigan Legislature is asking a federal appeals court to set aside a groundbreaking decision that recognized a constitutional right to education and literacy in Detroit schools. The House and Senate are controlled by Republicans, who said managing K-12 education is a job for state and local officials, not the federal judiciary. Lawmakers are asking the full 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reopen the case and start from scratch.

5/17/20

5:07pm

Ron Dewey

### **School Budget Cuts**

School districts across Michigan and metro Detroit are facing huge cuts in state aid, by as much as \$2-thousand dollars from the pandemic, and about as much uncertainty. Mark Greathead, superintendent of the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District and president of the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education says they have to remain flexible. Greathead says the sooner they can put together their budget, the better.

6/2/20

1:54pm

Jason Scott

### **College Money**

For those planning to attend college, NOW is the time to seek help in funding. That's according to Leah Beasley, an educational consultant in West Bloomfield. Despite budget shortfalls due to the pandemic, school always have emergency funding on hand. Leah Beasley was a guest on WWJ's Monday evening special "Getting Back to Work."

6/5/20

3:22pm

Sarah Wolicki

### **WSU Tuition**

Wayne State University is freezing tuition hikes for the upcoming academic year. The Board of Governors unanimously approved a zero increase proposed by school president Roy Wilson today. The board acknowledges it's a difficult decision to make but, the tuition freeze is aimed at helping keep higher education available to financially underprivileged students. Wayne State is expected to deal with a budget shortfall in 20-to-60-million dollar range due to current economic climate.

6/19/20

4:52pm

Dan Jenkins

### **School Reopen Money**

An education group says re-opening schools safely in the fall will cost districts more than a billion dollars. Mark Greathead is the president of the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education and superintendent of Woodhaven-Brownstown Schools. Discussions involving the Governor and legislative leaders about school funding have been ongoing. The Governor is to announce a re-opening plan for schools on June 30th.

6/20/20

12:50pm

Michael Cohen

### **School Budgets**

Governor Gretchen Whitmer is set to announce a re-opening plan for schools on June 30th. Meanwhile...school districts across the state are anticipating a one-billion-dollar price tag for COVID-19 safety measures this fall. The President of the Michigan Education Association -- Paula Herbart -- spoke live on WWJ and said social distancing measures will need to be established.



## ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY

4/1/20

12:42am

Tawana Harlaque

### **Fuel Economy**

The Trump administration on Tuesday announcing less stringent fuel economy rules, going from a goal of improving fuel economy 5-percent a year, to improving it 1-and-a-half percent a year. Acting National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator James Owens says this recognizes how much things have changed since the stricter rules were put into place in 2012. The rules will likely be challenged in court by environmental groups and the state of California. Many carmakers say they will continue to work like the stricter standards are already in place.

4/13/20

6:50am

James Nicolai

### **UP Energy**

How to best meet the energy demands for up north in Michigan. The Upper Peninsula Task Force is set to meet by video conference today as the panel studies ways to secure energy and develop recommendations on propane supplies to be given to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Friday. The panel has received more than 800 public comments on the matter and the final recommendations, technical documents and appendices will be posted online. Next up the task force will begin talks on alternative solutions for stabilizing and securing sources for reliability, affordability and environmental soundness.

4/18/20

7:43pm

Brian Larsen

### **Nessel on EPA**

Michigan's Attorney General is teaming up with more than a dozen other Attorney General's, taking on a recent E-P-A decision. A-G Dana Nessel says Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced a nationwide policy limiting the civil enforcement of federal environmental laws during the coronavirus crisis. She says the policy has no end date.

4/21/20

9:03am

Brooke Allen

### **Earth Day Coming**

Earth Day is Wednesday, and will be celebrated very differently this year due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Wren Hack, is director of HAZONE [HA-zone] Detroit, a national non-profit working in the world of environmental sustainability. Hack says Earth Day will be celebrated online worldwide beginning at 11 am on the HAZONE Detroit Facebook page.

5/7/20

9:22pm

Dan Jenkins

### **Green Ooze Release**

The man responsible for the chemical waste that still has a section of I-696 closed in Oakland County will be released early from prison because of the pandemic. Gary Sayers owns Electro-Plating Services in Madison Heights on the service drive, which was discovered to have leaked contaminate.

5/12/20

5:59am

Rob St. Mary

### **Water Levels**

Lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie and St. Clair all hit record high water levels in April and they are expected to rise through the end of summer. Drew Gronewald is Associate Professor at the University of Michigan's School of Environment and Sustainability. He says the past ten-years have been the wettest decade in U-S history coupled with less evaporation and climate change.

5/20/20

12:06am

Jason Scott

### **Consumers Nest**

In an effort to help residents save energy and money, Consumers Energy is providing customers with 100-thousand Google Nest thermostats. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Jackson-based utility wants to help residents reduce their bills while protecting the environment. The smart thermostat is available to customers, now through July 31st.

5/22/20

6:24pm

Sandra McNeill

### **Dam Lawsuit**

Residents and businesses in Midland County that were submerged when two dams failed this week are suing the dam operator and the state. The lawsuit came today as yet more residents were forced to evacuate their homes after being overwhelmed by flooding along the Tittabawassee River and conjoining waterways. The federal lawsuit alleges the dams' operator, Boyce Hydro, "failed to operate, fix, or repair the dams ... resulting in catastrophic injury and damage."

6/9/20

4:13pm

Dan Jenkins

### **State Sues Dam Company**

The Michigan Attorney General has filed a lawsuit against the company who owned the Edenville and Sanford dams that collapsed and caused massive flooding in Midland County. The lawsuit claims Boyce Hydro was negligent in its maintenance of the dams that broke last month during heavy rains.

6/15/20

11:13am

Terri Lee

### **Shorelines**

State officials are expected to hear public comment about a company's plan for shoreline work following a dock collapse and spill along the Detroit River in Detroit. The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy has scheduled an online public hearing Tuesday evening. State officials say Revere Dock proposes to remove material deposited in the river from the November collapse as well as river sediments. The company also wants to build a steel sea wall to replace an existing dock.

## **HEALTH/MEDICINE**

April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup> WWJ aired stories each day about the coronavirus in Metro Detroit. Each news briefing from Governor Whitmer was carried live on WWJ.

4/1/20

1:23am

Tawana Harlaque

### **Detroit Hotspot**

Detroit is one of the nation's hot spots with the number of cases of COVID-19, and deaths on the rise. Abdul El Sayed is the former Director of Detroit's Health Department and says poverty, poor health, and poor access to healthcare are big contributors. El Sayed has written a book about America's healthcare crisis called "Healing Politics."

4/3/20

5:20am

Pat Vitale

### **Beaumont Tablets**

It's an effort to help hospitalized coronavirus patients communicate with their loved ones -- since they are isolated and not allowed to have visitors. Triple A is donating 100 tablets to Beaumont Health system for patients in isolation to use to talk with loved ones. The tablets will be delivered today by the auto clubs roadside assistance team.

4/6/20

6:21am

Louis Ricard

### **COVID Reporting**

An emergency order from the state's health department is requiring doctors and funeral homes to report COVID-19 deaths quicker. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued the directive over the weekend. It took effect immediately.

4/24/20

10:51pm

Dan Jenkins

### **Field Hospital**

The field hospital at the Suburban Collection Showplace is ready for patients. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers turned the Novi facility into a medical hospital over the past two weeks. The Suburban Collection Showplace field hospital has 250 beds and will be used for patient triage, physician, nursing and other patient support services, pharmacy, administrative space and a command center.

5/4/20

12:12am

Rob St. Mary

### **Sexual Health**

The State Health Department is seeking to help people keep sexually healthy during the outbreak. Typically free condoms are provided at county health department offices statewide.... but, due to the outbreak those offices are closed to the public. So, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mailing them to those who ask.

5/15/20

7:50pm

Ingrid Kelley

### **Wayne County Health**

On Monday, the Wayne County Public Health Division, will re-open its clinic to residents by appointment only. The clinic will offer its core services of immunizations for infants and children as well as limited adult vaccines and STD testing and treatment. Wayne County Executive Warren Evans says "The team has taken the necessary steps to avoid potential exposure and safeguard the public from the virus which includes: Only people being seen and parent and/or guardian should enter the building whenever possible and all visitors to wear a mask at all times in the building.

5/25/20

9:05pm

Tawana Harlaque

### **Traverse City COVID**

Reports today that 2 travelers to northern Michigan have been diagnosed with COVID-19. This is according to a report from the Traverse City Ticker. The Grand Traverse County Health Department confirming that 2 out-of-staters who came to the Traverse City area this weekend to visit family have tested positive for coronavirus. One is now hospitalized, the other has been quarantined in a hotel room. Six family members who were exposed are also now being monitored.

6/1/20

1:10am

Tawana Harlaque

### **Mental Health**

United Way of Southeast Michigan bringing more attention to the importance of tending to your mental health as well as physical health during the pandemic. Clinical psychologist Dr. Rose Moten says many people are going through an array of extreme emotions. Moten says don't be afraid to seek help through friends, your workplace, as well as the United Way's 2-1-1 hotline for human services.

6/8/20

1:14am

Michael Cohen

### **COVID Numbers**

The number of confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Michigan is over 58-thousand as of Sunday. The state Health Department reporting 121 new confirmed cases of the virus, yesterday. The number of people who have recovered is now more than 42-thousand. Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh [jo-nay] Khaldun [cal-dune] says the fewest cases are in northern Michigan, but all numbers continue to trend in the right direction. The number of confirmed deaths connected to the coronavirus stands at 5,656 -- with the most in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

## **LEADERSHIP/POLITICS/ELECTIONS**

4/10/20

6:33am

Ron Dewy

### **No Jail Vote**

Macomb County's Jail proposal that was expected on the August ballot has been scuttled at least for this election year. County Executive Mark Hackel says some of the reasons are more obvious than others. Right now, the jail has just over 420 inmates, the smallest number in decades.

4/14/20

4:13pm

Dan Jenkins

### **Macomb County Clerk**

Everything is going digital these days -- including the Macomb County clerk's office. Residents can continue to get copies of birth, death and marriage records, assistance with deeds and land records, and quick help with Circuit Court issues, as well as copies of Court records. Clerk Fred Miller also says they've already accepted filings and filing fees for the August Primary Election remotely. The services are available on the county website.

4/21/20

4:03pm

Jeff Gilbert

### **UAW Biden**

The UAW has officially endorsed Joe Biden for President. The union waited until Biden was the only democratic candidate. They cite Biden's clear stable leadership and less partisan acrimony. Those statements obviously aimed at President Trump, who won a good deal of support among autoworkers in 2016. The UAW traditionally endorses democrats and works for them on Election Day, which is a holiday for auto workers.

4/28/20

1:23pm

Jason Scott

### **Absentee Ballots**

Michigan's Secretary of State is urging people to return absentee ballots for the May 5<sup>th</sup> elections soon as possible. Jocelyn Benson says in order for the ballot to be counted, it has to be received by the local clerk's office by 8pm on Election Day. Earlier this month, absentee ballot applications and postage-paid return envelopes were mailed to every voter in the jurisdictions still holding May 5<sup>th</sup> elections.

5/4/20

5:40am

Rob St. Mary

### **Macomb Prosecutor**

Applications are being accepted to replace Eric Smith as Macomb County Prosecutor. Those who are interested have until May 15<sup>th</sup> to apply. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court will appoint a prosecutor. Due to the outbreak, the selection will be made via teleconference. The appointment comes after Smith resigned in late March. He's currently facing ten-counts of alleged misconduct in office including embezzlement and conducting a criminal enterprise.

5/19/20

5:20pm

Beth Fisher

### **Vote By Mail**

All registered voters in Michigan will receive an application to vote by mail in the August and November elections this year. That announcement from Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. Benson says they made that option available for the May election and 99-percent of the voters took advantage of it.

5/22/20

5:52pm

Dan Jenkins

### **Absentee Challenge**

A voting-rights group is challenging a century-old Michigan law that requires absentee ballots to be received by Election Day to be counted. The lawsuit filed today against Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson was brought by the League of Women Voters of Michigan and three voters. It says a 2018 constitutional amendment that authorizes no-reason absentee voting lets voter's return their ballot by mail any time during the 40 days before an election. Disregarding ballots that are postmarked but come in late, the suit says, could disenfranchise more than 100-THOUSAND voters at a time absentee voting will rise amid a pandemic.

6/4/20

12:06pm

Terri Lee

### **Judge Positions**

The Mayor of Madison Heights has a new job. Brian Hartwell has been appointed as a new judge at 43rd District Court in Hazel Park. Hartwell had been working as deputy county treasurer for community outreach in Oakland County. Hartwell replaces Judge Charles Goedert who stepped down in March. Meantime, Breeda O'Leary has been named as a new judge in 29th District Court in the city of Wayne. O'Leary replaces Judge Linda Mack who also stepped down in March. Both new judges are seeking full terms in the upcoming elections.

6/8/20

12:05pm

Pat Vitale

### **Presidential Poll**

A new poll shows Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden widening his lead over President Trump in Michigan. The EPIC-MRA survey conducted last week shows Biden with a 53-41-percent lead ahead of November's election. In January, Biden led by six percent. The poll of 600 likely voters show many are not happy with the way the President responded to the coronavirus. In addition, a wide-majority of those who consider themselves Independent are supporting Biden. The survey also showed incumbent U.S. Senator Gary Peters with a 15-percent lead over challenger John James. However 13-percent were undecided in the Senate race.

6/25/20

5:04am

Zach Clark

### **New Ypsilanti Mayor**

After the resignation of Ypsilanti's mayor following racist comments, a new leader was sworn in yesterday. Mayor Pro Tem Lois Richardson -- who is black -- will head the city until the November general election. Beth Bashert resigned Tuesday, a week after she said she supported the appointment of a human relations commissioner only because she would be "crucified" if she voted against a Black person.

## **HOMELAND SECURITY ISSUES**

4/2/20

6:52am

Brian Larsen

### **Border Hoax**

Police across Michigan say they've been getting calls from worried health care workers who are hearing that the border to Canada is closed. Officials at Customs and Border Patrol say the rumors are false. The border is still open for essential workers, like medical professionals.

4/9/20

6:43pm

Zach Clark

### **Slotkin PPE**

To make sure the U-S is better prepared for the next crisis, Holly Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin has introduced a series of bills that prioritizes domestic manufacturing. Slotkin's legislation also uses the U-S military logistical know-how to deliver medical supplies where they are needed. Slotkin says medical equipment and prescriptions should have a greater homeland security value.

4/9/20

10:24am

Zach Clark

### **Border Drugs**

The border between Detroit and Windsor is closed to non-essential traffic. But before that happened -- Canadian authorities seized almost \$5 million dollars' worth of cocaine. On March 17th, The Canada Border Services Agency seized a truck that had crossed the Ambassador that contained almost 84 POUNDS of cocaine mixed in with a load of citrus fruit. The two Ontario men in the truck were arrested and face charges. According to the federal government, about 600 pounds of cocaine in total was seized at the Detroit/Windsor border in 2019.

5/14/20

6:42am

Rob St. Mary

### **High Waters**

At least one local county is feeling the impact of record high Great Lakes water levels. Justin Westmiller is Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in St Clair County. And it won't just be flood waters over the lakeshore or riverbank. He says because of high underground water tables to flood water can coming directly out of the ground. Westmiller says if that doesn't happen... many yards and roads in the south end of St Clair County could be underwater again as high water levels on the Great Lakes have broken records so far this year.



5/15/20

1:13pm

Jason Scott

### **Threat to kill Governor**

A Detroit man faces up to 20-years in prison for allegedly threatening to kill the governor and state attorney general. Robert Sinclair Tesh was charged today with a "False Report of Threat of Terrorism." Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy says the 32-year old defendant allegedly made the threat to kill Governor Whitmer and AG Dana Nessel while on social media last month. On April 14th, Detroit police arrested Tesh at his home. He's since posted bond. A Probable Cause Conference is scheduled for June 3.

5/19/20

11:20am

Terri Lee

### **Border Closure Extended**

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is extending the closure at the border between the U-S and Canada through June 21. The border crossings between Ontario and Michigan are currently open to essential travel only.

6/8/20

2:20pm

Dan Jenkins

### **Canada Border Update**

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says his government will allow immediate family members of citizens or permanent residents to come to Canada. It's a slight easing of border restrictions enacted due to the pandemic. Trudeau says anyone entering the country will be required to quarantine for 14 days or face serious penalties. The limited exception will apply to spouses, common law partners, dependent children, parents and legal guardians -- and they will have to stay in Canada for at least 15 days.

6/18/20

3:03pm

Rob St. Mary

### **DACA**

The Supreme Court has ruled in favor of the DACA program. Detroit's Jose Franco came to the U-S from Mexico with his undocumented family in 1990 when he was two. He says, next, the Department of Homeland Security will have to explain how to restart the program the Trump administration stopped in 2017. Franco is the leader of the immigrant rights group "1 Michigan."

6/25/20

9:43am

Zach Clark

### **Stockpiles**

With Coronavirus numbers on the rise, there is ongoing effort to make sure the government is better prepared if or when a “2nd wave” of the outbreak comes. Michigan U.S. Senator Gary Peters chairs the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, which oversees the National Stockpile of Emergency Supplies. Peters says it’s clear the government wasn’t ready with supplies when COVID-19 hit in March. The Michigan Democrat says his committee is make by sure that won’t happen in the future.

6/25/20

5:51pm

Rob St. Mary

### **Gordie Howe Bridge**

The pandemic stopped work for many on both sides of the Detroit River. But, the new Gordie Howe International Bridge project is still on schedule. Heather Grondin with the Detroit-Windsor Bridge Authority says a few things had to be shifted due to COVID-19 and it could happen again if a “second wave” happens locally. Beyond clearing and doing infrastructure work at the Ports of Entry on both sides of the river... improvements to bridges, ramps and connectors to I-75 in Southwest Detroit will lead to some closures and traffic shifts later this summer. The Gordie Howe International Bridge is expected to open in late 2024.

## **LABOR/WORKFORCE ISSUES**

4/7/20

7:33am

Pat Vitale

### **Health Care Workers Test Positive For The Coronavirus**

The number of confirmed coronavirus continues to grow in Michigan -- and we're now seeing how its affecting health care workers. Henry Ford Health System officials say that over 700 of their employees have tested positive for COVID-19 -- which represents roughly TWO percent of the workforce. At Beaumont --about 1,500 workers — including 500 nurses — are off the job at Michigan’s largest hospital system because of coronavirus symptoms.

4/9/20

3:34pm

Beth Fisher

### **Senator Proposes Pay Raise For Essential Workers**

As lawmakers in Washington consider how to help bolster the economy during this coronavirus pandemic -- U.S. Senator Gary Peters of Michigan has proposed raising the pay of essential workers like healthcare and grocery workers. Peters says there would be a cap of \$25-thousand dollars and those making more than \$200-thousand dollars could only make five thousand dollars more. The proposal also calls for a \$15-thousand dollar essential recruitment incentive to attract and secure the workforce needed in Michigan and across the country to fight this public health crisis.

4/15/20

1:06pm

Terri Lee

### **Thousands File For Unemployment Benefits**

An additional 219,000 people in Michigan filed for unemployment last week, bringing the total number who have lost their jobs in the coronavirus pandemic to more than 1 million. That's a quarter of the state's workforce. The initial claims were among 5.2 million nationally reported by the federal government today. Michigan officials continue to urge patience as the state's deluged unemployment system struggles to process claims filed online or by phone.

4/25/20

6:32am

Ingrid Kelley

### **Livonia Furloughs Workers**

The City of Livonia initiates employee furloughs as part of Workforce Protection Plan. The plan will save about \$160,000 a week for the employees furloughed. This is in addition to the current savings total of \$160,000 from temporary employees who have not been working. Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan says they have a good team and want to have all of the employees back when possible.

5/4/20

9:34pm

Louis Ricard

### **Westland Furloughs Workers**

The City of Westland has announced the immediate furlough of 77 employees -- two-thirds of the city's non-public-safety workforce -- as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The move -- which is expected to save the city \$250-thousand per month -- will allow employees to continue to receive healthcare while enabling them to take advantage of federal unemployment benefits under the CARES Act. First responders within the Westland Police and Fire Departments are NOT effected by this move.

5/12/20

Various

Tawana Harlaque

### **State Government Helping Young Workers Gain Permits**

Governor Gretchen Whitmer is making it easier for youth to obtain work permits during the coronavirus pandemic. Minors who work are required to obtain documentation from school. However, schools are closed for the remainder of the school year. So, the order -- signed on Monday -- suspends the requirements of the Youth Employment Standards Act to allow work permits to be mailed, emailed, faxed or sent via the web rather than the previously required in-person submission. The order is in effect through June 8th.

5/28/20

7:34am

Pat Vitale

### **Amazon Promoting Temp Workers To Full Time**

Amazon says it will make permanent .. most of the temporary jobs added recently to keep up with COVID-19 demand. The online giant says it will offer some 125-thousand temporary workers a full time position ... in response to projected growth in sales and demand. Reports say those jobs will add to the half-million strong Amazon workforce in the U.S. alone. The plans reported in the Wall Street Journal are in response to the added demand during the coronavirus crisis, as more Americans stayed home and did their shopping online.

6/4/20

10:04am

Murray Feldman

### **41-thousand workers file for unemployment benefits**

Another 41-thousand Michigan workers filed for unemployment benefits last week. The latest report from the U.S. Labor Department says that's 23-thousand less than the previous week and the lowest number since the coronavirus first hit Michigan in mid-March. Analysts say the number of workers seeking unemployment should drop as more parts of the economy continue to open as the spread of the coronavirus slows.

6/5/20

Various

Newsroom

### **Thousands of Unemployment Claims Under Investigation**

Michigan says it has halted 340-THOUSAND unemployment benefit accounts... over concerns about fraudulent impostor claims, though they say many are legitimate claimants who deserve the money. State officials say that people's "economic lifeline is now tied up due to this criminal scheme." Michigan has seen a staggering 2-point-2 million new jobless claims since the coronavirus pandemic began in mid-March. More than 1.7 million people have been paid. People with flagged accounts were sent instructions to verify their identity.

6/18/20

9:03am

Murray Feldman

### **Fewer Claims For Unemployment Benefits**

The number of Michigan workers filing for unemployment benefits continues to drop. The Labor Department says 19,552 people filed claims last week. That's nearly nine-thousand less than the week before. In Michigan, more than two-million workers have sought unemployment benefits since the coronavirus pandemic started in mid-March, but the numbers have been dropping for the past month.

## **RACE RELATIONS**

4/15/20

1:23pm

Jason Scott

### **Automakers Support Campaign To End LGBTQ Discrimination**

Ford, GM and Fiat Chrysler are throwing their support behind a campaign to ban discrimination against gay and transgender people in Michigan. The three automakers issued a joint statement today supporting the Fair and Equal Michigan ballot initiative. The group has gone online its efforts to gather 340-thousand signatures to add LGBT protections to the state's civil rights laws.

4/29/20

5:06pm

Dan Jenkins

### **Lawmaker Wants Confederate Flag Banned From State Capitol**

A Michigan lawmaker says the Confederate flag should be banned from the state Capitol and on the ground around the capitol. Detroit Democrat Sylvia Santana introduced the legislation, saying the flag is viewed by many as a symbol of hate and racism and represents a tragic time in American history that led millions of Americans to fight and die against the oppression of slavery.

5/3/20

8:04pm

Tawana Harlaque

### **Governor Criticizes Protesters at Capitol**

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer says gun-toting protesters who demonstrated inside the state Capitol "depicted some of the worst racism" and "awful parts" of U-S history. Whitmer made the assertion during an appearance today on C-N-N "State of the Union." During the C-N-N appearance, Whitmer noted the protests featured "Confederate flags, and nooses," as well as swastikas.

5/27/20

10:22am

Jim Matthews

### **Group Planning Anti-Discrimination Drive Sues State**

A group organizing a ballot drive to add L-G-B-T anti-discrimination protections to Michigan's civil rights law has sued the state, saying coronavirus restrictions are making it impossible to collect the 340-thousand voter signatures needed. Fair and Equal Michigan and 2 Democratic legislators filed the lawsuit in the state Court of Claims on Tuesday. It seeks an injunction reducing the signature requirement to roughly 127-thousand signatures. If the ballot committee is successful, the initiated bill would go to lawmakers and -- because the Republican-led Legislature would likely not act -- to a public vote in November.

June 1st-10<sup>th</sup>

### **Detroiters Rally Against Racism, Police Brutality**

WWJ's Vickie Thomas and Zach Clark reported on marches and rallies in downtown Detroit. The protests involved hundreds of people rallying against police brutality and racism -- with activists presenting their list of demands to city officials. Evening coverage lasted from 5pm thru 12am

6/3/20

9:30am

Tom Jordan

### **Business Leaders Take Stand Against Racism**

The leaders of nine of Detroit largest businesses will be standing together and taking a stand against racism and injustice this morning. Top executives from the Big 3, including GM Chief Executive Officer Mary Barra and Ford Chairman Bill Ford Junior will join with Chris Ilitch, other business leaders and Mayor Mike Duggan at Detroit city hall this hour. Along with racism, the group is expected to call for changes in the criminal justice system.

6/5/20

4:33pm

Jon Hewett

### **Calls for Police Chief To Resign**

A small group of protestors gathered in Shelby Township today -- calling for the resignation of the township's police chief after he posted controversial remarks on social media about Black Lives Matter protestors. Remarks he has since apologized for.

6/5/20

4:34pm

Newsroom

### **Peace March Across Belle Isle Bridge**

Hundreds of people are taking part in a peace march this hour in Detroit. Individuals are currently marching on the Belle Isle Bridge. Organizers say the desire is to achieve peace amongst Detroiters and law enforcement. In some cases, police officers have joined the march and have locked arms with others involved.

6/19/20  
Daylong  
Newsroom

### **Juneteenth Events Across Detroit**

Juneteenth celebrations in and around Detroit with marches and rallies. Autoworkers paused their work at 8:46 am in honor of George Floyd.

6/24/20  
10:35am  
Terri Lee

### **Woman Walking 60 Miles To Advocate for Black Lives Matter movement**

A Livonia woman will be walking to Lansing this weekend to advocate for Black Lives Matter. Beth Navas talked with WWJ's Brooke Allen about her trip that will include a moment of silence for George Floyd and all those who have lost their life due to racism.

## **REGIONAL REVITALIZATION**

4/13/20  
12:43pm  
Beth Fisher

### **Payroll Protection**

Small businesses in Michigan are applying for loans through the Small Business Administration in the Paycheck Protection Program. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Josh Hundt, says the loans are forgivable if a business keeps employees on board during this Coronavirus pandemic. Hundt says those are primarily bars and restaurants. You can apply for one of these loans at [M-I-paycheckprotection-dot-com](https://m-i-paycheckprotection-dot-com).

4/14/20  
4:30pm  
Jason Scott, Jackie Paige

### **Transportation Secretary on WWJ.**

Ten-billion dollars in financial help is on the way for the country's airports including Metro Airport. U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao announcing the emergency funding today in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She says some of the money will be used to save jobs.

4/14/20  
12:32pm  
Terri Lee

### **Macomb Business Loans**

A total of 148 small businesses in Macomb County have been awarded grants from the Michigan Small Business Relief Program. The funding was provided through the Michigan Strategic Fund, which offered up to \$10 million in small business grants and \$10 million in small business loans. Macomb County was awarded \$800,000, which was supplemented by donations from First State Bank and the county, for a total of \$930,000.

4/19/20

4:52pm

Tawana Harlaque

### **Agreement Should Lead to Expansion of Detroit Riverwalk**

The U-S Environmental Protection Agency has signed a \$2.9-million agreement to remediate contaminated sediment along Detroit's east riverfront. The cleanup will allow for further expansion of the popular Detroit Riverwalk. Work will be funded through a cost-sharing partnership with the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. The E-P-A is expected to isolate and stabilize about 13-thousand cubic yards of sediment. Construction is to start this summer. The Riverfront Conservancy has agreed to contribute up to 35-percent of the project cost.

4/20/20

Various

Ron Dewey

### **Business Expands to Meet Mask Demand**

The ongoing coronavirus outbreak has led to a major expansion effort for one local garment company that is already manufacturing medical masks by the tens-of-thousands. Karen Buscemi, owner of "Detroit Sewn" -- which is based in Pontiac -- says they already have orders from hospitals nationally to produce up to 300-thousand CDC-certified medical masks. And she says her future business model will be changing as a result of COVID-19. Buscemi says she has tripled her staff and restructured her entire operation -- including the acquisition of four high-production sewing machines -- in order to meet demand.

4/26/20

7:51am

Ron Dewey

### **EMU Move**

Eastern Michigan University is planning to relocate its College of Business to the school's central campus. The move is expected to enhance learning opportunities for students, facilitate faculty collaboration and increase investment in downtown Ypsilanti. School regents have approved authorization to pursue a 2.7 million dollar sale of the Gary Owen Building to River Caddis Development. The building currently is home to the College of Business. Boone Hall on the southeast end of Eastern Michigan's campus will be the new location for the business college's primary operations. Significant renovations are planned for the building.

4/29/20

5:34am

Ron Dewey

### **Steel Company Expanding Operations**

With all the doom and gloom about the economy over the pandemic, it's also refreshing to hear about future growth. In Monroe County, Shunli Steel will expand their steel piling manufacturing operations in Erie to a new facility in Monroe. The new plant-- once finished 18 to 24 months after groundbreaking next spring--will create over a hundred new jobs for Monroe.



5/4/20

12:50pm

Jackie Paige

### **Oakland County Loans**

There are almost 700-THOUSAND Michigan residents employed in Oakland County, many of them in small businesses -- who are struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic. Federal Paycheck Protection Plan loans haven't been readily available so, Oakland County is stepping up. County Executive Dave Coulter says the county is also opening up COVID-19 testing to residents -- without a prescription -- starting this Friday at the Novi Civic Center.

5/8/20

6:04am

Brian Larsen

### **Detroit Construction**

Construction is ramping up on six major housing construction projects in the city of Detroit. Housing Director Donald Rencher says work is getting underway on the Midtown West and Sugar Hill high rises planned for midtown, as well as the Parker Durand on the Eastside. Altogether, they amount to a \$120 million investment in the city.

5/27/20

11:44am

Dan Jenkins

### **Detroit Investment**

A Bangladeshi company is making a massive investment in Detroit. Beximco Group is shelling out \$20 MILLION dollars to set up a plant to make N-95 face masks. The plant will be ready for production in about nine months. The initial masks will go to supply the city of Detroit, before being shipped to other parts of the U.S.

6/15/20

4:12pm

Rob St. Mary

### **Cities Look To Expand Bars and Restaurants To Outdoors**

Hamtramck is inviting bar and restaurant owners to consider using the street parking, part of the sides walk or even the alleys during the reopening of indoor dining. Andrew Koepitz is a member of the Hamtramck Downtown Development Authority Board. The expansion of the café licensing in Hamtramck follows an effort in the State Legislature earlier this month. Bars and restaurants that get a café license will be able to operate the outdoor spaces through Halloween.

6/23/20

Various

Dan Jenkins

### **Auto Supplier Expanding in Highland Park**

A mobility technology company is expanding in Highland Park... and that means new jobs. Magna International will expand its manufacturing facility... creating 480 jobs. Magna has more than 159-thousand employees worldwide, with 30 facilities in Michigan.

6/25/20

4:32pm

Jon Hewett

### **Detroit Casinos Prepare to Open**

Detroit's three casinos are waiting for word from the Governor on when they'll be ready to re-open. When the word comes, MGM Grand, MotorCity and Greektown casinos will be ready to go with safety protocols in place. David Tsai (sigh), President and COO of Midwest Properties with MGM Resorts International says the new guidelines involve temperature checks and masks for all visitors, smaller crowds and a sanitation stations in the gaming area..

6/26/20

Various am reports

Rob St. Mary

### **Community Projects Starting Near New Bridge**

A long neglected neighborhood in Detroit will see some home improvements starting this summer. Heather Grondin is with the Detroit-Windsor Bridge Authority – the organization building the new Gordie Howe Bridge. She says home owners in the Delray neighborhood can apply to get new windows, a new roof, heating and cooling system or insulation. That home improvement program and several others were developed out of community listening sessions in the neighborhoods affected by the new span between Windsor and Southwest Detroit over the past several years.

6/26/20

Various

Rob St. Mary

### **Central Train Station Work Resuming**

Rehab work on the Michigan Central Station in Corktown stopped for about two-months this spring due to the pandemic. But, it's still on schedule. Mary Culler with Ford spoke with the Detroit Regional Chamber on a tele-town hall this morning. She says the mobility campus will be a place of collaboration. The rehab should be completed in 2023.

6/26/20

Various

Brooke Allen

### **Restaurant Reopens Atop Ren Cen**

It is your chance to dine in the sky. Highlands Steakhouse is located on the 71st and 72 floor of the GM Ren Cen. Michael Ryman, is the General Manager and says they've adapted to the new normal -and that includes masks. Ryman says they're currently serving a 4-course menu which you can see at [Highlands-Detroit-dot-com](https://highlands-detroit.com).

## TRANSPORTATION/LOGISTICS

4/1/20

1:50pm

Brian Larsen

### **Essential Road Work Continues Amid Pandemic**

In response to a request from the Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association to deem all construction field operations as non-essential during the coronavirus pandemic, Governor Whitmer's administration has clarified which projects are essential. The group's executive director, Mike Nystrom, says work on MDOT projects will continue unless it's determined that there are COVID-19 concerns that precipitate a delay or shutdown.

4/7/20

1:07pm

Dan Jenkins

### **Kids Learning About Roads While At Home**

M-DOT has a new way to help parents and kids learn about transportation while they are at home. There's a new, printable coloring and activity book on M-DOT's website, highlighting some of the jobs performed in the transportation industry, along with a page featuring the Mackinac Bridge and the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge. The website also has links to learning activities using household materials, including making a bridge made out of spaghetti and a boat using aluminum foil.

4/19/20

6:13am

Brian Larsen

### **National Work Zone Awareness Week**

As we move through this COVID-19 Pandemic... there are still many active work zones throughout the state. Tomorrow starts National work zone awareness week, which is a reminder to motorists to pay closer attention as we drive past our neighbors, friends, relatives and work zone crews that are working on roads and bridges. Although traffic volumes are down about 60% around the state, MDOT Engineer Chris Brookes says "it is sometimes tempting to drive faster in light traffic but even with lower traffic volumes, it's so important to slow down through these work zones for the safety of everyone".

4/29/20

3:23pm

Jason Scott

### **Weekend Road Work Planned**

Traffic volume on area highways is down by 50-to-60 percent on the weekends, when compared to pre-COVID levels. Rob Morosi with MDOT says crews have been taking advantage, especially on the I-75 modernization project. Starting Friday at 5 p.m., both directions of I-75 will shut down between Square Lake Road and 8-Mile Road. The highway will reopen Monday morning.

5/7/20

6:40am

Jim Matthews

### **MDOT Meeting About Upcoming Road Work**

The Michigan Department of Transportation is inviting the public to attend a virtual public meeting this afternoon. The meeting will focus on the upcoming reconstruction and widening of I-94 from near the Airport Road interchange to just west of the eastern US-127/I-94 interchange in Blackman and Leoni townships in Jackson County. Construction is set to get underway in 2021.

5/21/20

7:04am

Rob St. Mary

### **Roads Flooded after Dams Fail in Midland County**

Officials with the Michigan Department of Transportation are getting a better idea of the impact of the mid-Michigan flooding. Right now, more than 20-state roads and local bridges will require extensive inspections... while several damaged bridges will need to be repaired before they can reopen to traffic. M-DOT says roads and bridges in Gladwin, Midland, and Saginaw counties have been impacted by the flooding.

5/25/20

2:22pm

Jason Scott

### **Rebuild of Flooded Freeway Underway**

The rebuild of the US-10 Bridge which goes over what's left of Sanford Lake is now underway. Speaking to local television, MDOT spokesman Jason Garza says five area bridges closed because of last week's historic flooding, and many roads remain shut down. MDOT hopes to have the entire rebuild of the bridge complete by the end of June.

5/29/20

5:37am

Jim Matthews

### **I-75 Closing This Weekend**

It's a big closing for I-75 through Detroit this weekend for bridge demolition. The Michigan Department of Transportation is closing I-75 in both directions between I-94 and M-8 the Davison starting at 8 tonight thru 5am Monday morning. Crews will be replacing the Milwaukee Street overpass above I-75... all part of the future of the I-94 modernization project. During the closure drivers are advised to follow the posted detours, and all the affected ramps, except for Holbrook Avenue to southbound I-75, will reopen Monday morning.

6/3/20

12:06pm

Terri Lee

### **Committee Considers Toll Roads Feasibility Study**

More discussion about toll roads at the state Capitol this morning. The Michigan House Transportation Committee heard testimony on legislation that calls for a feasibility study about tolls on interstate highways. Michigan Department of Transportation Legislative Liaison Troy Hagon told lawmakers toll roads have changed over the years. While the cost of the study is unknown, Hagon said supporters of the legislation are exploring if federal money could be used.

6/6/20

9:06am

Michael Cohen

### **Delta Airlines Ends Flights To Bishop Airport**

Delta Airlines will temporarily stop flying from Flint Bishop Airport. The Department of Transportation approved Delta's request to suspend flights from the airport for the duration of the CARES Act while still receiving government support. Bishop Airport officials say their last day of flights will be July 7th with the suspension in Delta's service lasting until at least Sept. 30th. Airport statistics show that Delta carried nearly 32,000 passengers from Flint in 2019, it carried just 314 fliers from Flint to Atlanta in the month of April.

6/16/20

4:05pm

Jason Scott

### **New Road Project Along Woodward Avenue**

More than five-million dollars is being granted to Michigan to help design and deploy an intelligent transportation network along Woodward Avenue. The advanced technologies project along M-1 in Detroit is part of ten nationwide receiving more than 43-million dollars from the Federal Highway Administration.

## **WWJ Community Outreach Events**

5/11/20

### **Reopening Business, Getting Back To Work**

WWJ News Special. 6:03pm-7pm. Business Editor Murray Feldman talk about the reopening of business with Bryan Rief from Planet Fitness, Terry Bonnette from Nemeth Law, Realtor Frank Tarala and Ryan Maibach who sits on the Governor's board which is overseeing the phasing in of business.

6/1/20

### **Getting Back To Work Amid The Coronavirus**

WWJ business editor Murray Feldman hosts a WWJ special from 6:03pm until 7pm focused on the economy and finances. Guests include David Sowerby from Ancora Holdings, Kirk Cassidy from the Retirement Education Hour, Jim Sarver- Senior Vice President, Financial Life planning-Lake Trust Credit Union and Leah Beasley - Beasley College Consulting- who talked about tips for families who now have financial problems impacting the fall semester.

## **WWJ Regularly Scheduled Features**

### **Your Eye On Health**

4/1/20

Coronavirus: A local health organization is looking to treat patients outside the hospital.

4/2/20

Coronavirus: A local organization is helping the homeless during this pandemic.

4/3/20

Coronavirus: Why you may want to swap your contact lenses for your glasses during the pandemic.

4/6/20

Coronavirus: The state's top medical expert says no one is immune to the virus.

4/7/20

Coronavirus: How your sex may play a role in battling this disease.

4/8/20

Coronavirus: How the virus is impacting minorities.

4/9/20

Coronavirus: Why you might want to "kick the habit" during this pandemic.

4/10/20

Coronavirus: The Michigan Poison Center is fielding more calls during the pandemic.

4/13/20

Coronavirus: A study kicks off in Metro Detroit to see if an anti-malarial drug can prevent Covid-19.

4/14/20

Coronavirus: Do healthcare workers on the frontlines know the community is behind them?

4/15/20

Coronavirus: A dentist is helping those with tooth trouble during this pandemic.

4/16/20

Coronavirus: How long does the virus last on surfaces.

4/17/20.

Coronavirus: Why fewer people are going to the ER during this pandemic.

4/20/20

Coronavirus: The largest study in the nation is underway in Michigan to test for Covid-19 antibodies.

4/21/20

Coronavirus: Local dentists step in to help during this pandemic.

4/22/20

Coronavirus: Local hospitals are starting to resume procedures and services for non-covid-19 patients.

4/23/20

Coronavirus: A local man survives the virus in part because he had a double lung transplant.

4/24/20

Coronavirus: Blood clots are a new complication from the virus.

4/27/20

Coronavirus: The Michigan Poison Control Center says beware of some of the containers with hand-sanitizer.

4/28/20

Coronavirus: Why some people have stopped connecting with friends and family virtually.

4/29/20.

Coronavirus: The CDC says they're concerned about a second wave of the virus.

4/30/20

Coronavirus: A patient tells his story of being in the hospital away from his family.

5/1/20

Coronavirus: Why more people are venturing out of their homes.

5/4/20

Coronavirus: Doctors are urging parents not to skip their kid's vaccinations.

5/5/20

Coronavirus: ER doctors want to remind patients to come to the hospital for emergency care.

5/6/20

Coronavirus: Why your face mask may lead to skin irritations.

5/7/20

Coronavirus: A study using two common medications to treat some Covid-19 patients.

5/8/20

Coronavirus: Health experts are concerned about a second surge of the virus.

5/11/20

Coronavirus: Some children are getting sick and it may be related to the virus.

5/12/20

Coronavirus: Doctors are looking for blood from recovered Covid-19 patients.

5/13/20

Coronavirus: A local woman gets a heart transplant during the pandemic.

5/14/20

Coronavirus: Many Covid-19 patients are not heading home after leaving the hospital.

5/15/20

Coronavirus: As the pandemic continues, mental health experts are seeing an uptick in patients.

5/18/20

Coronavirus: Are you wearing a face mask? A new poll looks at face mask use.

5/19/20

Coronavirus: A new syndrome in children that may be linked to Covid-19.

5/20/20

Coronavirus: Working from home during this pandemic is a pain in the neck for some people.

5/21/20

Coronavirus: How to prepare for a virtual doctor's visit.

5/22/20

Coronavirus: Health experts worry the warm weather may lead to lax safety measures from the public.

5/25/20

Coronavirus: A study looking at Covid-19 and children.

5/26/20

Coronavirus: A support group to help health care workers on the frontlines.



5/27/20

Health apps: A national poll looks at how parents feel about their tweens using health apps.

5/28/20

Coronavirus: A national poll looks at the role of social media during this pandemic.

5/29/20

Coronavirus. Some theories on why not as many children get Covid-19 compared to adults.

6/1/20

Coronavirus. A new study looking at kids with asthma and Covid-19.

6/2/20

Coronavirus. A cancer center wants patients to know it's safe to return for treatment or screenings.

6/3/20

Vaping. Using e-cigarettes now can put you at risk for some oral health problems later.

6/4/20

Digital devices. A study looks at what preschoolers are watching on digital devices.

6/5/20

Nurses on the front lines: A new health initiative to help combat stress for nurses on the frontlines during the pandemic.

6/8/20

Aspirin: Why taking an aspirin a day may not prevent heart disease for healthy people.

6/9/20

Coronavirus: A local company wants to help some residents impacted by Covid-19 pay for their prescription medication.

6/10/20

Allergies: Could life threatening allergic reactions be prevented with a pill in the future?

6/11/20

Coronavirus. How to decrease your risk for contracting the virus.

6/12/20

Cancer: New guidelines from the American Cancer Society on how to prevent cancer.

6/15/20

FOGO. The Covid-19 pandemic is causing something mental health experts are calling FOGO.

6/16/20

Walking. What the pace of your walking can reveal about your health.

6/17/20

Coronavirus. Bald men who get Covid-19 may have more severe symptoms than men with hair.

6/18/20

Ticks. The best way to prevent and remove a tick.

6/19/20

Summer travel. If you plan on traveling it's a good idea to prepare in advance for COVID-19.

6/22/20

Coronavirus. What senior citizens need to know as restrictions loosen.

6/23/20

Oral health. The link between the health of your mouth and your gut.

6/24/20

Emergency care. A new emergency department at McLaren Macomb.

6/25/20

Sleep. The pandemic's leading some people to have sleep problems. An expert offers tips to help you get a good night's sleep.

6/26/20

Coronavirus. Clusters of Covid-19 are popping up around the state.

## **Made In Michigan**

4/1/20

Cooking With Q - Local woman turned to a healthier lifestyle after falling ill, then started catering and a small restaurant to sell vegan, gluten-free and other healthy meals.

4/8/20

Peninsular Cylinder - Macomb County Company open during the pandemic, making the machinery behind the essentials businesses, like those that make toilet paper.

4/15/20

Prestige Imports - Mt Clemens Company normally makes liquor, but retooled to make hand sanitizer to help with a nationwide shortage. Sold under the name Red Fox for hospitals, prisons and other large facilities.

4/22/20

Atlas - Detroit-made beer founded in 1910, celebrates one year back in business, after going shutting down production decades ago.

4/29/20

Dearborn Sausage making up for lost sales to stadiums and other venues during the pandemic by turning more toward grocery sales.

5/6/20

Kootie Key - A plastic hook that can hang from a key chain is strong enough to open doors without using your hands. Anti-microbial and now selling well during the pandemic.

5/13/20

Great Lakes Pickling Company - Skeleton crew using sanitizing and social distancing to keep making the pickles for grocery store shelves during the pandemic. New this year, a Summer Garden Mix.

5/20/20

Boss Mouse Cheese - Banker who made cheese as a hobby quits her job, buys a Michigan farm, and now makes and sells cheese and gourmet smoked butter.

5/27/20

Clean Planet Foods - the founder of Garden Fresh Salsa makes and sells healthy meals that are vacuum-sealed and never frozen.

6/3/20

Poppin' Top Hat - Detroit woman opens a store in downtown Detroit selling unusual flavors of popcorn like Steak Bites, Buffalo Wings and Strawberry Shortcake.

6/10/20

Stone Soap Company supplies car washes across the state with soaps and detergents. Also sells a bio-chemical made from grapes that keeps birds away from farmers' crops.

6/24/20

Innovare - Office furniture and supply company turns to making brackets and panels for open-plan offices that want to become more COVID-safe.

## **Detroit Skills**

4/6/20

Respiratory therapy as a skilled trade career

4/13/20

The healthcare profession is filled with numerous opportunities.

4/27/20

Hard skills and soft skills needed in the skilled trades industries.

5/4/20

The Top Colleges in Michigan for the skilled trades in the state.

5/18/20

Like to work on big, heavy rugged stuff? There's a lot of opportunities to do just that.

6/1/20

With millions more people out of work, a career change might be something to consider.

6/12/20

What happens when the Boomers Retire?

6/29/20

Federal executive order on hiring and skills.

## **Car Chronicles**

4/1/20

Ford is building a lot of medical protective gear. CEO Jim Hackett says he's "in awe" of the work his people are doing.

4/2/20

Engineers have found many creative ways to work from home during the pandemic. We talked about it with Bob Flotketter, whose director of Technology, Planning and Research at Nissan.

4/3/20

We test drive the Honda CRV.

4/6/20

Car designers are collaborating in the virtual world, as they work from home. We talked about it with Ford Digital Design Director Michael Smith.

4/7/20

Used car sales are falling along with new vehicle sales. Cox Automotive Chief Economist Jonathan Smoke says big incentives in the new car market are also part of the reason for the decline in used vehicle sales.

4/8/20

The auto industry shutdown could delay some product launches. IHS Market analyst Mike Robinet says some programs could be extended a year or more...some others may be cancelled.

4/9/20

Carmakers have had to deal with a rapidly changing landscape. We get some insights from former Ford CEO Mark Fields, who is now in the private equity field.

4/10/20

We test drive the Acura RDX.

4/13/20

How does the current downturn compare with the Great Recession? LMC Automotive's Jeff Schuster says it's worse in the short term, but not likely to last over the long term.

4/14/20

GM reveals it will do high powered "Blackwing" variants of two Cadillac sedans. GM President Mark Reuss explains why Cadillac needs performance vehicles.

4/15/20

Ford is providing Lincoln Navigators to take doctors to mobile testing sights. We talk with Kristin Welch, whose director of strategy for Ford X.

4/16/20

It will take a lot of different ideas to reopen car plants. Lear CEO Ray Scott wrote a playbook on reopening plants.

4/17/20

We test drive the Volkswagen Tiguan.

4/20/20

GM plans to power all of its Detroit area operations with green energy. We talk about it with GM director of sustainability Dane Parker.

4/21/20

Customers are becoming more wary of self-driving vehicles. JD Power analyst Kristin Kolodge says this comes as carmakers are short on cash to develop those vehicles.

4/22/20

Auto supplier ZF is working with a clothing company to build medical face masks. We talk with ZF VP Joe Gaus.

4/23/20

Tight inventories of pickups mean carmakers have a pressing need to restart some plants. We hear from JD Power's Thomas King

4/24/20

We test drive the Toyota Highlander.

4/27/20

The auto industry shutdown is putting the auto industry supply chain at risk. We talk about it with Geoff Burris, a principal with Advanced Purchasing Dynamics.

4/28/20

Sales trends are going in the right direction. We talk about it with Cox Automotive Senior Economist Charlie Chessborough.

4/29/20

Ford CEO Jim Hackett says they are not letting up on their plans, even with billions in loss

4/30/20

Car sales will take a while to return to pre-COVID base. We hear some projections from LMC Automotive's Jeff Schuster

5/1/20

We test drive the Mazda CX-30.

5/4/20

We talk with Jim Whitehead, the founder of IM Branded, a company that went from making wall art for dealerships to printing social distancing signs and making sneeze guards.

5/5/20

Fiat Chrysler is feeling pressure on its inventories of pickups. We hear from CEO Mike Manley.

5/6/20

GM CEO Mary Barra says they've been keeping suppliers in the loop as they work to reopen their plants.

5/7/20

Car sales in China are starting to bounce back. But Michael Dunne of the firm Zo Dunne says consumers aren't yet enthusiastic.

5/8/20

We test drive the Kia Seltos.

5/11/20

How long will Ford salaried employees get to work from home? We discuss it with Kiersten Robinson, Ford's VP of Human resources.

5/12/20

Incentives are changing quickly, and strategically. We talk with edmunds.com analyst Jessica Caldwell.

5/13/20

How much damage do birds do to your car's paint? We talk about it with Ford Paint Engineering Quality Manager Tim Weingartz.

5/14/20

The pivot to medical manufacturing shows the strengths of the auto industry. We hear about it from Ford's Bill Ford.

5/15/20

We test drive the Lexus RX.

5/18/20

The auto industry restart won't be even. We talk to LMC Automotive's Jeff Schuster.

5/19/20

Toyota brings back the Venza and updates the Sienna. We hear from Vice President Bob Carter and Toyota brand chief Jack Hollis.

5/20/20

GM's working with something called Ultra Cruise, which adds city driving to the current Super Cruise. We hear about it from Product Development chief, Doug Parks.

5/21/20

Car dealers prepare to reopen in Michigan. We hear some plans from dealer Doug North.

5/22/20

We test drive the Chevy Blazer.

5/25/20

GM is trying to offset an overall drop in charitable giving. We talk with spokesman Terry Rhadigan.

5/26/20

As dealers reopen, they may be stronger over the long term. We hear from Brian Moody of AutoTrader.

5/27/20

Ford updates police vehicles to allow them to sanitize for coronavirus. We talk with police vehicle marketing manager Steven Tyler.

5/28/20

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety says vehicles are getting safer, even as there are more fatal crashes. We talk with research director Joe Nolan.

5/29/20

We Test Drive the BMW 2 series.

6/1/20

Could the public mood mean even more interest in utilities and pickups? We hear from Rebecca Lindland of [rebeccadrives.com](http://rebeccadrives.com)

6/2/20

The best incentives are gone. Brad Korner, who studies incentives for Cox Automotive joins us to talk about it.

6/3/20

There's more thought about using self-driving vehicles for cargo. Analyst Colin Langen authored a new study on the issue.

6/4/20

Working from home is going to change how auto companies design their buildings and could help them attract the best talent. We hear from Toyota executive Chris Reynolds.

6/5/20

We test drive the Nissan Sentra.

6/8/20

Ford's new plug in hybrid escape can get up to 100 mpg-equivalent. We talk about it with Ford SUV marketing Chief Craig Patterson.

6/9/20

Auto engineers have learned a lot by working from home. We interview Nissan's director of research and development Chris Reed.

6/10/20

Ford says its new Bronco will take direct aim at Jeep. We hear from Ford COO Jim Farley.

6/11/20

Bank of America analyst John Murphy, in his annual Car Wars report, says the current downturn in car sales simply moved up a downturn he was expecting in a few more years.

6/12/20

We test drive the Mojave version of the Jeep Gladiator.

6/15/20

Nissan releases a new version of its Rogue SUV. We hear about it from Nissan VP of Product Planning Jared Haslam.

6/16/20

Ford unveils an all new "Mach 1" Mustang. We talk about it with Mustang Marketing Chief Jim Owens.

6/17/20

Ford rethinks its use of office space, as more employees work from home. We talk about it with Kiersten Robinson, Ford's Human Relations Director.

6/18/20

Ford announces "Active Drive Assist", a system that allows hands free driving. We discussed it with Ford's Karen Sullivan.

6/19/20

We test drive the Volkswagen Atlas Cross Sport.

6/22/20

Toyota again tops an annual study of carmaker supplier relations. We talk with the author, David Andrea of Plante-Moran.

6/23/20

Reuben Sarkar, the new CEO of the American Center for Mobility has some big plans. We talk with him about it.



6/24/20

Ford wants to be carbon neutral by 2050. We talk with the company's Director of Sustainability, Bob Holycross, about their new Sustainability Report.

6/24/20

GM has some big plans for 3D printing. We highlight some of them with Kevin Quinn, GM's director of additive design.

6/26/20

We test drive the Ford Super Duty pickups.