

Antrim County
District 7
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March 2022

County Employment Opportunities-

- Commission On Aging- Homemaker (PT)
- Commission On Aging-CENA (PT)
- Commission On Aging-Cook (FT)
- Commission On Aging-Site Coordinator (PT)
- Sheriff's Office-Assistant Cook-Jail (PT)
- Sheriff's Office-Animal Control (PT)
- Antrim County Transportation- Mechanic (FT)
- Antrim County Transportation-Lead Mechanic (FT)
- 13th Circuit Court Family Division-Juvenile Register/Deputy Probate Register-(FT)
- Register of Deeds-Clerk II-(FT)
- Maintenance-Custodian-(FT)
- Parks Coordinator-Seasonal
- Veterans Dept.-Veteran Service Officer I-(FT)
- Road Commission-Finance and Human Resource Administrator-(FT)

Hydrology Study-

The draft of half of the hydrology study of the Chain of Lakes was received and reviewed by Mark Stone, with comments and suggestions sent to the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE). However, Mark who is the Operator of Dams, feels the complete roll out will be in March at the earliest. Since the project is being completed by a federal agency that we have no control over, Mark said "This is clearly something that we have no good alternative than to allow the process to play out at its own speed." No new information to report at this time.

Barnes Park-

Barnes Park Campground will be accepting reservations for the 2022 camping season starting April 12, 2022 for 7 – 14 day stays and all other reservations will be available on April 15th.

Grass River Natural Area-

Approved Team Elmer's to complete the repairs of the rail trail washout, contingent on changes to the agreement and approved the contract for services with Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc. (GCES) for the proposed Grass River Natural Area (GRNA) River Access Boardwalk Improvement Project.

911-

Renewed a five year agreement with Equature for a recording system for 9-1-1 and for the Rave Alert for Public Safety program, which is an amendment to the Rave Mobile Safety Master License and Services Agreement.

Emergency Services-

A communication trailer/command post/back-up 911 trailer from Millennium trailers at a cost of \$66,923 is being purchased for the Emergency Services Department for needed for emergencies, disasters, events, 911, etc.

Commission on Aging-

The board pre-authorized the purchase of two (2) trucks, accessories, lettering and equipped with up fitted hot and cold boxes for use in the Home Delivered Meal Program (Meals on Wheels) at a cost of up to \$135,000.00.

Antrim Conservation District-

Wendy Warren retired and the ACD Board hired Melissa Zelneck who was the Education & Outreach Coordinator to be the Director. Tree sale publication of ordering trees for this spring is being worked on. New board member to the ACD Board is Adrian Wolf. Several county land timber sales are pending such as Dickerson Road, Ritt Road, and Murphy Park. Mike Merriweather reviews all county lands annually making adjustments to the harvesting schedules, forest management plans, etc.

Household Hazardous Waste 2022-

ERG Environmental was approved for another year to do the Household Hazardous Waste for the 2022 year.

Saturday, **June 11th** 8 a.m. to noon (Elk Rapids) DPW Station, 117 Lake Street

Saturday, **July 16th** 8 a.m. to noon (Bellaire) Bellaire High School Parking Lot, 204 W. Forest Home Ave.

Saturday, **September 10th** 8 a.m. to noon (Mancelona) Antrim County Road Commission Facility, 319 East Lincoln St.

Fees are collected per latex paint, electronics and tires.

Latex paint \$4/1 gallon container

Latex paint \$20/5 gallon container

Electronics \$5/item less than 30" inches

Electronics \$15/item 30" inches or over

Electronics are accepted for drop off by appointment at the ACD office.

Auto tires \$1 each, no oversize or dirty tires accepted.

Questions call 231-533-8363 ext. 7

Antrim Conservation District open office hours are Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to Noon.

Antrim County Probate Court-

If you're 60 or older and an Antrim County resident, than probate court can help you create a durable power of attorney. Reasons to create a durable power of attorney is:

- You are healthy today but you want your future wishes to be known.
- You don't want the court or strangers making decisions for you.
- You have a family member or friend you trust to carry out your wishes.

Contact Heather or Donna at probate court 231-533-6681. An Attorney will be available at no cost to you to assist in creating a Durable Power of Attorney.

North Country Community Mental Health-

Christine Gebhard, Chief Executive Officer of NCCMH will be resigning effective July 1, 2022. The NCCMH board will engage Rehmann to facilitate CEO recruitment and succession in the amount not to exceed \$28,900.

Northwest Michigan Health Department-

Masks in school have been lifted by the Health Department. Lisa Peacock, Executive Director of the NWMHD submitted her resignation to the Health Department board due to the hostile work environment created by some of the members of the HDNW Board of Health. Her contract will expire April 29, 2022. The Board is made up of two commissioners from each County of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. Jarris Rubingh and Christian Marcus are on the Board representing Antrim County.

Parking Lot Lease-

The County parking lot on Broad Street next to the Food Pantry is on property owned by the Village of Bellaire. The County had an initial 20 year lease agreement with the Village followed by a 10 year lease renewal. The end of the second 10 year period is April 1, 2022. The County would like to extend the lease agreement for another 10 years. This issue will be on the March 2nd Village Council meeting agenda.

Healthcare Program careers-

North Central Michigan College announced a new expedited healthcare program that allows students to earn three professional certifications in less than five months. The Fast-Track Healthcare Bundle program prepares students for healthcare careers with three in-demand credentials endorsed by the National Health Career Association Certifications including clinical medical assistant, EKG technician, and phlebotomy technician. The program provides students with quick entry into a growing field while helping alleviate a healthcare worker shortage in the region.

Planning Commission Training-

The County Planning commission board will be trained on the online Master Citizen Planner program with achievements in certification after putting in 40 hours of training. Additionally, Torch Lake Township will be hosting a Michigan Association of Planners training Saturday, March 5th for local planning commissions and zoning board of appeals in which the County planning commission will also attend.

