



Antrim County

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Antrim County Jail Tours Available to the Public

BELLAIRE, Mich. –Antrim County voters will be asked on November 5 whether or not to approve a bond proposal for the construction of a Public Safety Center. If it is built, the Public Safety Center will include a jail, flexible programming space, community training space, emergency management, 911 dispatch center, and sheriff administrative, patrol, and investigation facilities.

To help voters with this decision, tours of the existing 1955 jail are currently scheduled on:

- Friday, July 12 at 3 pm
- Friday, July 26 at 3 pm
- Tuesday, August 6 at 6 pm
- Tuesday, August 20 at 6 pm
- Friday, August 23 at 3 pm
- Sunday, August 25 at 3 pm
- Friday, September 13 at 3 pm
- Friday, October 11 at 3 pm
- Friday, October 25 at 3 pm

Tours will last approximately half an hour. The jail's address is 207 E Cayuga St., Bellaire. Parking is available in the County Building's parking lot at 203 E Cayuga St. Since the jail is a working facility with limited space, tours are restricted to 15 people per tour. The tour will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Minors under the age of 18 will not be allowed to tour the jail.

Jail tours were offered during the County Building's June 20 Open House. "I definitely recommend that people do this," said a member of the public who toured the jail, adding that "hearing people say that a jail is needed didn't mean much until I saw for myself how bad it was, how dangerous it is for the staff and inmates."

Additional tours could be added if there are enough requests. For more information about the tours, please contact Jail Administrator Sherry Knight at jail@antrimcountymi.gov or 231-533-8627.

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