



Christina Kretschmer: Lead Dispatch, ACT



In June, Ms. Kretschmer was hired as Antrim County Transportation’s (ACT) Lead Dispatch. Many might recognize her from her previous employment at Bellaire Pharmacy.

Ms. Kretschmer is a proud graduate of both Bellaire High School and Grand Valley State University.

She said she is enjoying the busy and fast pace at ACT, noting that “It keeps me on my toes with constant, ever changing scheduling.” When asked what people might not know about her, Ms. Kretschmer said she is very passionate about Northern Michigan.

Beach Cleaning: BeBot in Action

On August 1, the Antrim Creek Natural Area had a visit from the “BeBot,” a beach-cleaning machine on loan to the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.

We hope to provide more information about the BeBot in September.



BeBot in action

Jail Tours Available to the Public

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

- Tues. 8/20 at 6 pm
- Fri. 9/13 at 3 pm
- Fri. 8/23 at 3 pm
- Fri. 10/11 at 3 pm
- Sun. 8/25 at 3 pm
- Fri. 10/25 at 3 pm

Tours 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. Since the jail is a working facility with limited space, tours are restricted to 15 people.

The tour will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. **Reservations are not required.** Those who take the tour will be required to be respectful of the inmates. No one under the age of 18 is allowed to tour the jail.

For more information, please contact Jail Administrator Sherry Knight at jail@antrimcountymi.gov or 231-533-8627.

Proposed Public Safety Center (PSC): Sourcebook now available

A comprehensive source of information about the proposed PSC has been released in a document called the *PSC Sourcebook*. Most of the *Sourcebook* is presented in a question/answer format and grouped by:

- Current Jail Inadequacies
- Proposed Solution
- Community Benefits
- Financial Information
- What Happens If the Millage Fails
- Planning for the Future



The role of county jails and the history of Antrim County jails is included. The *Sourcebook* has been uploaded to the County’s PSC webpage. Enter tinyurl.com/AntrimPSC into your web browser or use the QR code; a link to the *Sourcebook* is on the top left column. Hard copies are available upon request. To schedule a presentation on the PSC to your group, please contact us at 231-533-6265 or countyadmin@antrimcountymi.gov.

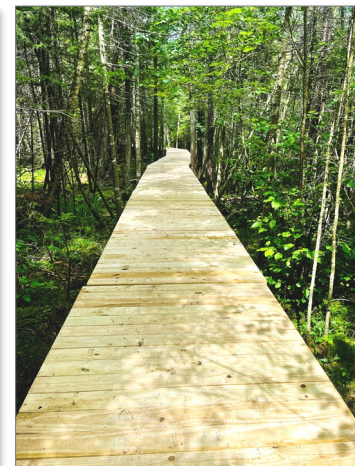
Grass River Natural Area Boardwalk: Project Update

Phase two of the 1982 Grass River boardwalk replacement is well underway. Visitors will experience greater accessibility with stable decking and an accessible Grass River kayak launch. The final phase of the replacement boardwalk, the Sedge Meadow loop, will be completed in 2025.

Funding for the boardwalk’s replacement was thanks to grants from the State of Michigan and many generous donations. The completion of this significant project will allow visitors to safely enjoy the Grass River Natural Area for many years.



Boardwalk during demolition



New boardwalk