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P² PANDEMIC PERSPECTIVE

1. IT IS POSSIBLE to build a constructive and cooperative relationship with the local health department. Genesee County Health Officer, John McKellar, and his staff, have been very accessible and willing to provide recommendations on the advisability of court operations at various stages of the pandemic.

Mr. McKellar was very complimentary to the court about jury trial protocols that were put in place. Judge Elizabeth A. Kelly presided over the first of two jury trials.

Judge David J. Newblatt presided over the second jury trial.

The remaining criminal division judges were poised to continue with the plan of conducting one criminal jury trial at a time until expansion would be permitted.

Without strict protocols, it was clear that Mr. McKellar would not have given his approval to proceed. He was often apologetic about delivering the bad news about the local COVID data.

The court consistently told him that his expert direction would be followed without question. Health and safety were of the utmost concern to the court, a shared perspective.

As the COVID situation continues, all of the local courts

have been provided with an email address for what I will refer to as the "COVID Email Hotline" to answer questions related to potential employee or public exposure and what course of action is to be taken.



The answers are clear, direct and quickly received. It has been greatly appreciated.

2. IT IS POSSIBLE to continue to function as the court, even with limited public access. Zoom conferencing, albeit not a perfect way to conduct court business, has been a life line for court operations.

Moving to limited in person court events was made possible, once the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) relaxed the rules.

At first, it was less than 10 total people in a courtroom. Phase 2 permitted more than 10, but social distancing and masks were still in play.

The courtrooms were provided

hand sanitizer, some were marked with an "X" denoting the 6 feet safe distance for courtroom seating.

The tech staff created a code and, with cooperation from the judicial offices, a report is generated each morning with a list of the permitted "in person" parties and attorneys. The clerk's office began to accept in person appointments for certain activity and that report was also available for the deputies at the door.

Respect is acknowledged to the deputies at the access point who have to explain to members of the public the prevailing rules of entry.

The court provided the deputies with informational handouts for the public on how the courts can be accessed, email addresses, telephone numbers to call and other pertinent information.

The Clerk contact information is also on the materials. It provides "how to contact" guidance for both the legal and vital records divisions.

Recently a QR Code was created by the tech staff that permits building entrants to register, should contact tracing be required due to a COVID exposure. It is voluntary at this time. It was recently made mandatory for restaurants and

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THE CHIEF SPEAKS



Little did I know how much my life would change when I became the Chief Judge of the Gene-

see County Circuit and Probate Courts, effective January 1, 2020.

•CORONAVIRUS

In early March I traveled to Lansing for “Chief Judges Training,” to prepare myself on becoming an effective leader.

As the coronavirus began spreading in Michigan, I was called to a meeting on March 16th with several department heads and county commissioners.

After an hour discussion, the decision was made that all county buildings would be closed and employees should remain home. WOW!!

For a few months, most employees stayed home while others came to the courthouse to perform “essential services.” In June and July the court was able to service more people and schedule non-jury hearings.

A team of Judges in the Criminal Division and other support staff began preparing for jury trials in August. Their preparation was outstanding and we became one of the first counties in Michigan to summons jurors for criminal trials.

The challenges continue with recent increases of new CoVID-19 cases.

•TEAMWORK

I look upon the employees of the Genesee County Circuit Court and Probate Court as a team.

My college coach at Albion reminded his players that teamwork is really an individu-

al commitment to a group effort and the ability to work together toward a common vision -- to play well and win.

I want to compliment ALL of our court employees for our dedicated work over the past several months. Our team includes my fellow judges, referees, law clerks, secretaries, court administrators, department heads, probation officers, clerks, and administrative support staff.

A special thanks to teammate Administrators Barbara Meneer, Sam Olson, and Rhonda Ihm, who gave us much needed leadership and direction when we needed it the most.

Keep working hard teammates, and above all else, be smart, be careful, and be safe. —cjdmb

THE FACE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE IS CHANGING IN GENESEE COUNTY



On Sept. 16, Genesee County officials and judges broke ground at the site of the future Juvenile Justice Center on Pasadena Avenue in Flint Township.

The new \$20 million building will be located on the grounds

of the current Genesee Valley Regional Center (GVRC), which has served as a detention facility for court-involved youth since the 1950s.

Once completed, the 48,500-square foot building will provide a secure detention program, an alternate detention program, day treatment services to include education, family-treatment, and vocational support; and a residential treatment program for youth who are in need more intensive support.

Evidenced-based, trauma-informed, community-based services for court-involved youth have become the mission for the Genesee County

Family Division, and funding priorities have been focused on this goal.

As these services have been implemented, there was a need to design a building to address these changing policies. A shift



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TEAM EFFORT REQUIRED TO CONDUCT A JURY TRIAL

Christine Greig is the Jury Supervisor for the Circuit Court.

The last criminal jury trial we conducted before the full COVID shut down was completed on March 13, 2020.

Following the shutdown, we had months of planning sessions, under the guidance of Barb Menear, who had to decipher and work through information from the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) to figure out the best plan to move forward for in person jury trials.

It was determined that September 15, 2020 would be the start date for the first criminal jury trial, approximately six months since the last one was conducted.

It was decided we could best proceed by conducting jury selection utilizing the double jury courtroom as the primary courtroom and a secondary courtroom for prospective juror overflow, with the selection process livestreamed between the two.

In addition, steps were taken to ensure glass panels would be



installed in the double jury courtroom. It was also determined that small pools report-

ing with staggered reporting times would be the best approach to ensure social distancing as well as requiring masks and other PPE to maintain the safety of the jury pool, courtroom staff and attorneys. Courtroom seats were meas-



ured and marked off by Brandi Bohn, Administrative Assistant to Barb Menear, to ensure the required social distancing in the courtrooms.

We knew when this was done we could safely have a maximum of 28 prospective jurors in the double jury courtroom with the goal of seating 16 jurors. The criminal jury of 12, plus 4 alternates was the direction given by the trial judge, Judge Elizabeth A. Kelly. The secondary courtroom could safely hold 16 prospective jurors.

We also enlisted the support of temporary court staff to be on hand to help with escorting members of the jury pool to and from the courtrooms, sanitizing the seats vacated by jurors and other touchpoint areas in the courtroom.

The overriding mission was to protect attorneys, witnesses and jurors. Temporary court staff, Mary Foust and Jackie Bolt, were exceptional in their efforts to ensure a safe trial process. They were integral to our success.

For several weeks prior to the first trial date, jury management communicated regularly with the jury pools. We had a very good response percentage from the citizens of Genesee County who were summoned.

It seemed people were eager to participate and complete their civic duty. Planning meetings continued when the date looked as if it was certain to proceed.

The court was in daily communication with the Genesee County Health Department, monitoring the positive COVID tests in Genesee County. The health data would ultimately determine if we were able to proceed.

The criminal division judges met regularly to develop a list of potential cases for jury trial. We had a full dress rehearsal in the double jury courtroom with Judge Kelly, the judge on the first trial, as well as other judges and staff to experience the retrofitted courtroom.

The courtroom recording equipment and document projection systems were checked and re-checked by the court IT staff, Dave Combs and Rob Gifford. Public access and courtroom to courtroom connectivity had no margin for error. Camera angles were re-adjusted for permissible YouTube presentation.

Chief Judge Duncan M. Beagle authorized jury management to send out additional commu-

nications to the jurors relative to COVID screening questions.

Most questions were the same as the ones that people are asked for admittance to the facility. Other screening questions related to child care demands or the care of other vulnerable individuals during the time of COVID. A liberal re-scheduling policy was permitted.

Due to the limited seating in the courtroom, it was agreed that we would set up “mini reporting pools” to avoid congestion at the building entrance. Our jury assembly room was reduced to a maximum of 40 people with social distancing.

Jury Management changed the check-in process slightly so jurors could be scanned in and have their parking validated without handing papers back



and forth

The first trial required two days of jury selection. Jury selection for the second trial began on Thursday, September 24, 2020. It followed the same process as the first trial and completed jury selection on Friday, September 25, 2020.

By the end of the second trial, it became clear that it was unlikely that we could proceed with the next trial due to a spike in COVID cases.

Many of the citizens who participated in the two cases commented on what a good job the court was doing for their pro-

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GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY



67th District Court Judge Mark C. McCabe writes “Ask the Judge” for the *Tri-County Times*.

Governmental Immunity first appeared in the August 25th, 2020 edition.

When a person or entity negligently causes personal injury to another, the law calls the act a “tort” and the injured person has the right to seek compensation from the “tortfeasor” for their injuries.

The word tort comes to us from the French word for “wrong.”

However, there is an important exception to this right when the tortfeasor is a governmental agency engaged in the exercise or discharge of a governmental function when the injury occurs. In such cas-

es, there may be no liability for the victim’s injuries. This is called “Governmental Immunity.”

This concept started hundreds of years ago in the English common law when the King of England was considered to be the law and therefore could not violate it. The expression “The king can do no wrong” was used to describe this immunity.

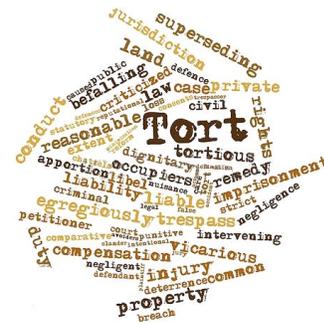
When the United States was established, this rule continued as to the states and their subdivisions.

Over the years it has been recognized that this was rather harsh and gradually the rule was modified to allow tort claims against the government in certain defined situations.

Now, in all states a governmental entity may be held liable for torts when specifically allowed by statute or the courts.

In Michigan, we have the Governmental Tort Liability Act, which provides for both governmental immunity and for six immunity exceptions.

These exceptions are for personal injuries caused by negligence as to improper highway maintenance (“highway” includes other things such as sidewalks); dangerous conditions in a public building; mon-



ey making activities of the government; government owned hospitals; operation of a motor vehicle; and sewage disposal system overflows.

Individual government employees can also be held liable under certain circumstances.

The courts have held that immunity is to be considered in the broadest possible way and the exceptions are to be considered very narrowly.

This is an extremely complicated area of the law and I’ve only provided a very brief summary.

In situations where a person has been injured by the government, I recommend consulting with a lawyer. There are strict deadlines, notices, and other procedural requirements that must be complied with, otherwise the claim won’t be allowed.

For more information, I suggest starting with an informative article at the AVVO website under Michigan Governmental Immunity.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES JOINED THE CIRCUIT STAFF SINCE JANUARY 2020



Alexis Atkins, judicial advisory assistant for Judge Theile.

Lynn Beldin, judicial secretary for Judge Latchana.

Michael Bechtel, judicial advisory assistant for Judge Latchana.

Coryelle Christie, Friend of the Court, Attorney Referee

Sadia Ghazi, judicial advisory assistant for Judge Newblatt.

Samonia Hickmon, family division court clerk.

Zachary Huckabay, judicial advisory assistant for Judge Barkey.

Janelle Neubecker, judicial advisory assistant for Judge Pickell.

Brent Rocheleau, judicial advisory assistant for Judge Bell.

M. Allen Robb, Attorney Referee.

Matt Sandlin, GCSD, assigned to FOC.

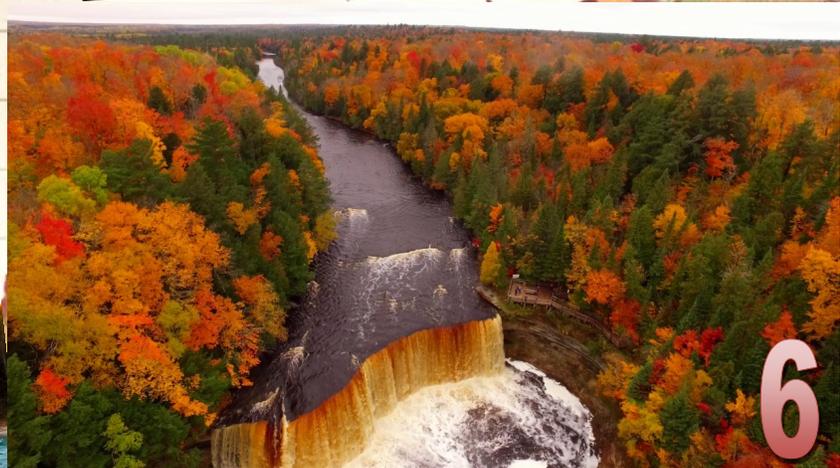
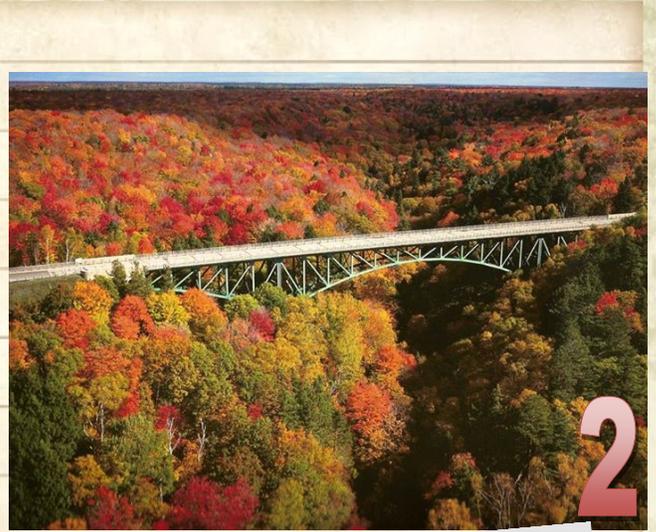
Steve Shelton, GCSD, assigned to FOC.

James Terry, Court Financial Director.

Jerry Watson, GCSD, assigned to FOC.

Scarlett Younglove, judicial secretary for Judge Bell. –bb

PURE MICHIGAN



P² PANDEMIC PERSPECTIVE (CONT'D)

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the court may consider moving in this direction.

3. IT IS POSSIBLE, and sometimes necessary, to work from home. It is no substitute for the in person experience. As a former and long time, Speaker of the House, “Tip” O’Neill once said, “all politics is retail.” In the end, a court is in the retail business.

Many people who intersect with the court are afraid, intimidated and unfamiliar with what goes on at a court. Yet, the court can wield power over their life in innumerable ways.

I hope that we are soon able to return to an open court. Not being able to come inside tends to reinforce the perception by some that they are also on the outside of the decisions that are made.

I consider it part of my job to intersect with people in the halls who looked lost, just trying to find their destination or

occasionally asking a more substantive question. I am universally thanked for such a small gesture. Many of the court staff do the same.

I may have told this true story before, but it speaks to me. I was on the first floor and a person with whom I had casual, but frequent, contact in a business establishment was standing near the information desk.

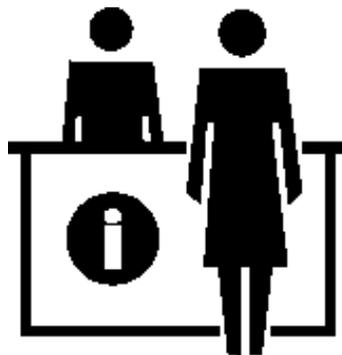
She appeared to need help. I asked if I could help her. She was trying to find out where the FOC arraignments were that day. Her brother was to be arraigned.

She said that she asked at an office in the court, but no one there knew the answer. I assured that we would find out. I called one office from the information desk and found out who the judge would be, but the time was not known.

I took her to another office to try and find out the time. The second office told me that they did not know, it could vary. I

was starting to feel like the individual that I was trying to help, frustrated.

I asked that person if she could find out if she made a telephone call. She said yes. I encouraged her to make the



call so that the person inquiring and I could find out.

The individual that I was helping was humble and embarrassed about her brother’s situation. She was ill equipped to persevere as I did. She did not know my position here and probably still does not. I never understood the retail nature of the court more than that day and never felt more like the administrator of the court.

It is worse now. The public still may not understand and they cannot even get in the courthouse without advance permission. It is this way for a reason, to be sure. But, where are the people who still need help and would ask the questions that they used to ask?

My concern is that we will become fearful of the public that used to come to the courthouse.

In time, the pandemic will pass and the people will return. The importance of the court remains. It is not marginalized. It is not weakened. It is still standing tall, underneath the fog of the public health crisis.

Remember where you work and what you represent and you will stand tall.

The court is bigger than the pandemic. Fear the pandemic. Do not fear the people. -bam

THE FACE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE IS CHANGING IN GENESEE COUNTY (CONT'D)

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to more community-based, family-involved treatment required an environment that is not only safe and secure, but child-centered and flexible enough to allow the delivery of a wide range of treatment services.

The Juvenile Justice Center will look more like a school or

community center than a jail—and that’s by intention.

The facility will be durable, yet safe, and feel less institutional. There is natural light, softer colors, furnishings and spaces that feel more like classrooms than detention.

At the same time, the design offers clear lines of sight and

layouts that allow for efficient use of staff resources and strong supervision.

“We have put a lot of emphasis on working with the family,” stated John A. Gadola, Presiding Judge of Family Division, 7th Judicial Circuit Court. “We try to give the family access to all the needed services so that they are pre-

pared for these youth to come home.”

The Juvenile Justice Center will be completed by late 2021 or early 2022. -ri

TEAM EFFORT REQUIRED TO CONDUCT A JURY TRIAL (CONT'D)

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tection and well-being. They appreciated the extra sanitizing and felt the whole process was seamless and efficient.

They also appreciated the individual box lunches.

Jury Management also appreciated the positive feedback received from both Judge Kelly and Judge Newblatt on the jury selection process.

This whole process was a team effort that began with leadership from court administration

all the way through to the temporary staff and the enthusiasm of the citizens of Genesee County to fulfill their civic duty.

We have a new way of thinking about responsible juror management, because of COVID.

It felt good to get two trials completed. Genesee County Jury Management looks forward to being able to do another jury trial soon! -cg

HEARSAY PURE MICHIGAN ANSWERS

1. Copper Harbor 2. Cut River Bridge (US2) 3. Empire Bluffs 4. Lake of the Clouds (Porcupine Mountains) 5. Houghton-Hancock Lift Bridge 6. Tahquamenon Falls 7. Munising (Pictured Rocks) 8. Tunnel of Trees (M119)

★ *Read All About It* ★

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We want to hear from you! Send us an email letting us know what you would like to see in the newsletter and feedback on the current edition. You can also submit ideas and information about activity in your department. hearsay@7thcircuitcourt.com

THINGS TO DO

November 2020

We hope you enjoy your visit here in the Flint Township area. Our number one priority, as always, is to keep our community and visitors healthy and safe. Please visit michigan.gov/coronavirus or michigan.org/guidelinesfortravelers for current coronavirus information.

Attractions

The Sandbox Virtual Reality Arcade
4290 Miller Rd., Suite 6 • Flint, MI 48507
thesandboxvra.com

Spymaker Escape Rooms
4310 Miller Rd. • Flint, MI 48507
spymakerescape.com

Rave Cinemas Flint West
1591 S. Graham Rd. • Flint, MI 48532
cinemark.com/michigan/flint-west-14

Flint Iceland Arenas
1160 Elms Rd. • Flint, MI 48532
flinticeland.com

Planet 3 Extreme Air Park
3450 Miller Rd. • Flint, MI 48507
planet3flint.com

The Machine Shop
3539 S. Dort Hwy. • Flint, MI 48507
themachineshop.info

Sloan Museum at Courtland Center
4190 E. Court St. • Burton, MI 48509
sloanlongway.org

Longway Planetarium
1310 E. Kearsley St. • Flint, MI 48503
sloanlongway.org

Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad
6140 Bray Rd. • Flint, MI 48505
geneseecountyparks.org

Shopping

Genesee Valley Center • geneseeemail.com
3341 S. Linden Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

Genesee Crossing • Target, Old Navy, Bed Bath & Beyond, JOANN Fabrics
3583 Miller Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

Vehicle City Harley-Davidson • vehiclecityharley.com • (810) 234-6646
2400 Austins Pkwy • Flint, MI 48507

DSW/Burlington/Five Below/Ulta Beauty/Christmas Tree Shops
4071 Miller Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

Best Buy/Guitar Center/Dunham's/Office Depot
G3640 Miller Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

Oak Brook Square • Hobby Lobby, Shoe Carnival, GameStop, Platos Closet
3192 S. Linden Rd. • Flint Twp, MI 48507

Rider's Hobby Shop • riders.com • (810) 720-2500
2061 S. Linden Rd. • Flint, MI 48532

Kohl's • kohls.com
3030 S. Linden Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

Restaurants

Buffalo Wild Wings • (810) 230-1299
3192 S. Linden Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

The Draft Sports Bar and Grille • (810) 644-7176
9128 Miller Rd. • Swartz Creek, MI 48473

Foutch's Pub • (810) 265-7330
1477 Linden Rd. • Flint, MI 48532

Freakin' Unbelievable Burgers • (810) 422-5428
5100 Corunna Rd. • Flint, MI 48532

Italia Gardens • (810) 720-4112
G-3273 Miller Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

Olive Garden Italian Restaurant • (810) 732-4260
3699 Miller Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

Outback Steakhouse • (810) 207-1700
4270 Miller Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

Panera Bread • (810) 406-4861
4477 Miller Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

Ruggero's • (810) 733-7633
5311 Corunna Rd. • Flint, MI 48532

Sagano Japanese Bistro & Steakhouse
(810) 230-7300
2065 Linden Rd. • Flint, MI 48532

Smoothie King • (810) 777-8020
5009 Miller Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

Wahlburgers • (810) 265-7354
4372 Miller Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

See What's Possible

Visit ExploreFlintandGenesee.org for a comprehensive digital guide to the Flint & Genesee County area.

Flint & Genesee in November

Our number one priority, as always, is to keep our community and visitors healthy and safe. Please visit michigan.gov/coronavirus or michigan.org/guidelinesfortravelers for current coronavirus information.

For more information on Flint & Genesee, visit exploreflintandgenesee.org or find us on Facebook at [Explore Flint & Genesee](https://www.facebook.com/ExploreFlintGenesee).

EVENTS

- **Nov. 5, 12 & 19: EquilibREWum**, Tenacity Brewing, 119 N. Grand Traverse St., Flint • tenacitybrewing.com
- **Nov. 7 & 14: Street Art Walking Tour**, Downtown Flint, whatsup-downtown.com
- **Friday, Nov. 13: Fenton Ladies' Night Out**, Downtown Fenton • facebook.com/fentonladiesnightout2020
- **Nov. 13-14: Fall Ladies Weekend**, Downtown Holly • facebook.com/events/339706773808185/
- **Saturday, Nov. 14: Sensory-Friendly Planetarium Shows - Little Big Planet**, Longway Planetarium, 1310 E. Kearsley St., Flint • sloanlongway.org
- **Saturday, Nov. 14: Trivia Night**, Longway Planetarium, 1310 E. Kearsley St., Flint • sloanlongway.org
- **Sunday, Nov. 22: Christmas at The Mercantile**, Midwest Mercantile, 14305 Fenton Rd., Fenton • facebook.com/events/379637866729126/
- **Friday, Nov. 27: Christmas at Crossroads Holiday Magic 2020 Opening Night** (ongoing on select dates through December), Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad, 6140 Bray Rd., Flint • genesee-parks.org

ATTRACTIONS/ART & CULTURE

- **Oct. 31-Nov. 10: FSO Encore – Andrew VonOeyen**, Digital Content through Flint Symphony Orchestra tickets.thewhitening.com/8877
- **Ongoing in November: Exhibits at Flint Institute of Arts**, 1120 E. Kearsley St., Flint • flintarts.org
 - Field of Vision
 - Pure Abstraction
 - Art of Jade
 - The Dark, Krystle
 - Glass in the Fourth Dimension (opens Nov. 21)
- **Saturdays and Sundays in November: Free Glassblowing Demonstrations at Flint Institute of Arts**, 1120 E. Kearsley St., Flint • flintarts.org
- **Ongoing in November: Genesee County Parks Events** (visit website for more information and events) genesee-countyparks.org
 - Nov. 6-7: Outdoor Explorers – Become a Bird Expert
 - Nov. 13: Owl Prowl
 - Nov. 20-21: Outdoor Explorers – Survival Skills
 - Nov. 21: For-Mar Sunset Hike

- Nov. 27: Black Friday - Full Moon Hike
- Nov. 28: For-Mar Date Night - Owl Prowl
- **Ongoing in November: Now Showing at Longway Planetarium** (check website for showtimes and dates), 1310 E. Kearsley St., Flint • sloanlongway.org
 - Unseen Universe
 - Dark Side: The Light Show
 - The Queen Light Show
 - Skies Over Michigan
 - Perfect Little Planet
 - Big Astronomy
- **Ongoing in November: Sloan Museum exhibits at Courtland Center Mall**, 41 90 E. Court St., Burton • sloanlongway.org (Use Court Street entrance)
 - Treasure!l
 - Play Area
 - Roll, Drop, Bounce
 - Extreme Deep: Mission to the Abyss
 - Historic Vehicles from Sloan Museum's Automotive Collection
- **Ongoing in November: Exhibits at Greater Flint Arts Council**, 816 S. Saginaw St., Flint • genesee.fun.com
 - Paradigm Art Quilters (ends Nov. 6)
 - Claire Mott White Michigan Clay Artists Exhibition (opens Nov. 13)
- **Ongoing in November: Exhibits at Buckham Gallery**, 121 W. Second St., Flint • buckhamgallery.org
 - Serious Play (ends Nov. 7)
 - A Climate of Change: Buckham Artist Collective (opens Nov. 13)
 - Shadows: Buckham Print Exchange (opens Nov. 13)
- **Ongoing in November: Exhibits at Mott-Warsh Collection Gallery**, 111 E. Court St., Flint • m-wc.org/mwgallery.html
 - Examining Identity Construction
- **Thursdays-Fridays: Midday at MW: Daily Guided Tours**, Mott-Warsh Collection Gallery, 111 E. Court St., Flint • m-wc.org/mwgallery.html
- **Saturdays, Nov. 7 & Nov. 21: Open Hours at the Whaley Historic House Museum**, 624 E. Kearsley St., Flint • whaleyhouse.com
- **Nov. 21-Dec. 1: FSO Encore – Sharon Isbin**, Digital Content through Flint Symphony Orchestra tickets.thewhitening.com/8880

THEATER

- **Ongoing in November: FOMA Films at the Flint Institute of Arts**, 1120 E. Kearsley St., Flint • flintarts.org
 - Nov. 6-8: Out of My Head (virtual event)
 - Nov. 13-15: The Disappearance of My Mother (virtual event)
 - Nov. 20-22: A Girl Missing (virtual event)
 - Nov. 27-29: Out Stealing Horses (virtual event)
- **Ongoing in November: Movies at The Capitol Theatre**, 140 E. 2nd St., Flint • capitoltheatreflint.com
 - Nov. 6: Remember the Titans
 - Nov. 13: The Commitments
 - Nov. 20: Cool Hand Luke

NIGHTLIFE

- **Nov. 2 & 9: The Outfit Live at Churchill's**, Churchill's Food and Spirits, 340 Saginaw St., Flint • whatsup-downtown.com
- **Saturday, Nov. 14: Live Music With Square Lucy**, The Draft Sports Bar & Grille, 9128 Miller Rd., Swartz Creek • facebook.com/events/506095213373677/
- **Wednesday, Nov. 25: Live Music Jason Wagoner**, Blackstone's Smokehouse, 531 S. Saginaw St., Flint • whatsup-downtown.com
- **Friday, Nov. 27: Tyler Farr wsg/ Todd Michael Band**, The Machine Shop Concert Lounge, 3539 S. Dort Highway, Flint • themachineshop.info
- **Wednesdays: Open Mic at Tenacity Brewing**, 119 N. Grand Traverse St., Flint • tenacitybrewing.com
- **Fridays & Saturdays: Live Music at Blackstone's Smokehouse**, 531 S. Saginaw St., Flint • whatsup-downtown.com
- **Dates Vary: Live music, Wednesday Trivia with George, Thursday Karaoke Nights at The Agitated Grape Wine Tasting Bar**, 310 N. Main Street, Davison • theagitatedgrape.com
- **Dates Vary: Live music at Blondie's Food & Spirits**, 2520 W. Hill Rd., Flint • blondiesfoodandspirits.com
- **Dates Vary: Live music and Trivia Nights at Barley and Vine**, 1072 S. Elms Rd., Suite B, Flint • barleyandvinemi.com

*Please visit websites listed for times. Information and dates are subject to change without notice.



SAVE THE DATE – TREEmendous Evening

Thursday, December 3 • 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. • Downtown Flint • [facebook.com/events/1195224957529727/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1195224957529727/)

Kick-off the holiday season in Downtown Flint with a TREEmendous evening full of family fun and holiday cheer!

Annual tree lighting at 6:59 p.m.

Other activities include: Live reindeer, Christmas music, Santa and Mrs. Clause, Food vendors, Carriage rides, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer at the Capitol Theatre, St.

Paul Bell Players, and more!

Vote for your favorite store front decoration and participate in the retail passport raffle give-away.

Second Street will be closed off to ensure social distancing and masks are required. **Activities and times are subject to change.**

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theeberson.com

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spymakerescape.com

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SHIFT • shiftflint.com
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Glam Box Boutique • glamboxshop.com
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Brush Alley Skateshop • brushalleyskateshop.com
111 E. 3rd St. • Flint, MI 48502

Flint City T-Shirts • flintcitytshirts.com
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Reclaimed by Whaley • Find Us on Facebook
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Jack's Record Stache • Find Us on Facebook
124 W. First St. • Flint, MI 48502

Genesee Valley Center • geneseeemail.com
3341 S. Linden Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

Courtland Center • courtlandcenter.com
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Sauce Italian American Kitchen
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352 Saginaw St. • Flint, MI 48502

Soggy Bottom Bar
613 Martin Luther King Ave. • Flint, MI 48502

Soriano's Mexican Kitchen
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Torch Bar & Grill
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6430 W. Pierson Rd. • Flushing, MI 48433
coloniallanes.com

Extreme Indoor Kart Racing

2259 W. Vienna Rd. • Clio, MI 48420
eikr.net

CRU Paintball

1395 W. Mt. Morris Rd. • Mt. Morris, MI 48458
crupaintball.com

Skateland Arena

8460 N. Dort Hwy. • Mt. Morris, MI 48458
skatelandarena.com

Richfield County Park/BMX Track

6322 N. Irish Rd. • Davison, MI 48423
genesecountyparks.org

Huckleberry Junction Playhouse Theater

7441 N. Genesee Rd. • Genesee, MI 48437
huckleberryjunction.com

For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum

2142 N. Genesee Rd. • Burton, MI 48509
genesecountyparks.org

Sloan Museum at Courtland Center

4190 E. Court St. • Burton, MI 48509
sloanlongway.org

Longway Planetarium

1310 E. Kearsley St. • Flint, MI 48503
sloanlongway.org

Shopping

Club Vintage Fashions & More • Find us on Facebook • (810) 640-7385
131 W. Vienna St. • Clio, MI 48420

ODDballs Antiques, Oddities, Curiosities • Find Us on Facebook • (810) 275-2403
1196 W. Vienna Rd. • Clio, MI 48420

Main Street Treasures • tastemichigan.com • (810) 659-8244
118 E. Main St. • Flushing, MI 48433

Rustic Seasons on Main • rusticseasonsmarket.com • (810) 867-4265
137 E. Main St. • Flushing, MI 48433

Michigan Power Sports • powersportmall.com • (810) 687-1170
6508 W. Vienna Rd. • Clio, MI 48420

Campus Den • campusden.com • (810) 547-6913
4330 W. Mt. Morris Rd. • Mt. Morris, MI 48458

The Country Barn Antiques and More
thecountrybarnantiquesandmore.weebly.com • (810) 640-7080
12108 N. Saginaw Rd. • Clio, MI 48420

Genesee Valley Center • geneseeemail.com
3341 S. Linden Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

Restaurants

Gillies Coney Island Restaurant • (810) 686-1200
6524 Dort Hwy. • Mt. Morris, MI 48458

El Adobe Mexican Restaurant • (810) 686-1226
8284 Saginaw St. • Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Cops & Robbers Ice Cream and Gift Shop
(810) 202-1001
323 E. Main St. • Flushing, MI 48433

Flushing A • (810) 659-3401
200 S. Cherry St. • Flushing, MI 48433

Johnny's Pour House • (810) 487-1020
240 W. Main St. • Flushing, MI 48433

Kathy's 126 Restaurant & Lounge • (810) 659-6916
126 E. Main St. • Flushing, MI 48433

Sorrento's Food & Spirits • (810) 659-4351
6395 W. Pierson Rd. • Flushing, MI 48433

Signature Chop House • (810) 867-4319
1537 E. Pierson Rd. • Flushing, MI 48433

The Montrose Pub • (810) 639-7762
10174 Vienna Rd. • Montrose, MI 48457

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NCG Trillium Cinema/IMAX Theater

8220 Trillium Circle Ave. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439
ncgmovies.com

Kids Castle

3025 E. Grand Blanc Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439
kidscastlemi.com

Galaxy Lanes

2226 Hill Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439
bowlgalaxylanes.com

Grand Blanc Lanes

5301 S. Saginaw Rd. • Flint, MI 48507
grandblanclanes.com

Rollhaven

5315 S. Saginaw Rd. • Flint, MI 48507
rollhaven.com

Sloan Museum at Courtland Center

4190 E. Court St. • Burton, MI 48509
sloanlongway.org

Shopping

Grand Mall • grandmall.biz

12741 S. Saginaw St. Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Oliver T's Market • oliverts.com • (810) 695-6550

1553 Hill Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Memories Antique Mall • (810) 655-8306

4036 Grand Blanc Rd. • Swartz Creek, MI 48473

Pavilion Shops • J.J. Cardinal's Nature Store, Treasure Basket, R&B Rare Books

12830 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Mainstream Boutique • mainstreamboutique.com • (810) 603-7819

11520 S. Saginaw St. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Kim Rose Fashions • kimroseglam.com • 810-694-3455

12821 Saginaw Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Heritage Park Shopping Center • Kohl's, PetSmart, Walmart, Sam's Club, Aldi

6170 Saginaw Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Genesee Valley Center • geneseevall.com

3341 S. Linden Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

Restaurants

Bangkok Peppers • (810) 695-2669

2221 Hill Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Blondie's Food & Spirits • (810) 766-9680

2520 W. Hill Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

Brick Street of Grand Blanc • (810) 603-2114

1223 E. Grand Blanc Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Crossbow Inn • (810) 695-0720

11310 S. Saginaw St. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

DaEdoardo North • (810) 694-1300

8185 Holly Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

The Grafted Root Eatery • (810) 603-7121

12235 S. Saginaw St., Suite F • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Hill Road Grille • (810) 285-9112

2160 Hill Rd., Flint, MI 48507

Ichiban Japanese Bistro & Steakhouse

(810) 695-1188

2381 Hill Rd., Suite 3 • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Italia Gardens – Grand Blanc • (810) 866-4303

231 E. Grand Blanc Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Redwood Steakhouse and Brewery/

The Old Sequoia Wine Bar & Martini Lounge

(810) 233-8000

5304 Gateway Center • Flint, MI 48507

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tricityninja.com

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15349 Linden Rd. • Linden, MI 48451
geneseecountyparks.org

Spicer Orchards Farm Market & Winery

10411 Clyde Rd. • Fenton, MI 48430
spicerorchards.com

Heavenly Scent Herb Farm

13730 White Lake Rd. • Fenton, MI 48430
heavenlyscentheherbfarm.com

Cause & Affect Gallery

126 N. Leroy St. • Fenton, MI 48430
causeandaffectedgallery.com

Thompson Road Regional Dog Park

1325 W. Thompson Rd. • Fenton, MI 48430
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Fenton Lanes Family Fun Center

3014 Thompson Rd. • Fenton, MI 48430
fentonlanes.com

Planet 3 Extreme Air Park

3450 Miller Rd. • Flint, MI 48507
planet3flint.com

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4190 E. Court St. • Burton, MI 48509
sloanlongway.org

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Avenue 19 • ave19boutique.com

17085 Silver Parkway • Fenton, MI 48430

Bridge Street Exchange • bridgestreetexchange.com

104 S. Leroy St. • Fenton, MI 48430

Eclections • eclectionsboutique.com

495 N. Fenway Dr. • Fenton, MI 48430

Fenton's Open Book • fentonsopenbook.wixsite.com

105 W. Shiawassee Ave. • Fenton, MI 48430

Gerych's • gerychsdesign.com

713 W Silver Lake Rd. • Fenton, MI 48430

The Iron Grate • theirongrate.com

103 W. Shiawassee Ave. • Fenton, MI 48430

Midwest Mercantile • Find Us on Facebook

14305 Fenton Rd. • Fenton, Michigan 48430

Thimbleberry Antiques

101 N. Bridge St. • Linden, MI 48451

Yesterday's Treasures • yesterdaytreasures.net

300 S. Leroy St. • Fenton, MI 48430

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Andiamo • (810) 354-8446

102 W. Silver Lake Rd., Suite 1 • Fenton, MI 48430

Beale Street Smokehouse BBQ • (810) 750-0507

2461 North Rd. • Fenton, MI 48430

Ciao Italian Bistro & Wine Bar • (810) 354-8555

110 S. Leroy St. • Fenton, MI 48430

The Corner Bar & Grill • (810) 354-8808

4015 Owen Rd. • Fenton, MI 48430

Crust – a baking company • (810) 629-8882

104 W. Caroline St. • Fenton, MI 48430

El Topo • (810) 215-1024

113 Mill St. • Fenton, MI 48430

The Fenton House Restaurant • (810) 629-0661

413 S. Leroy St. • Fenton, MI 48430

Fenton Winery & Brewery • (810) 373-4194

1370 N. Long Lake Rd. • Fenton, MI 48430

The Laundry • (810) 629-8852

125 W. Shiawassee Ave • Fenton, MI 48430

The Linden Hotel • (810) 735-5780

122 Broad St. • Linden, MI 48451

The Little Rose Café and Tea Room • (810) 373-2628

116 Broad St. • Linden, MI 48451

The Rough Draught Coffee & Barroom

(810) 714-3005

134 N. Leroy St. • Fenton, MI 48430

Sagano Japanese Bistro & Steakhouse

(810) 715-5765

134 N. Leroy St. • Fenton, MI 48430

Uncle Ray's Dairyland • (810) 629-1791

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- **Dates Vary: Live music, Wednesday Trivia with George, Thursday Karaoke Nights at The Agitated Grape Wine Tasting Bar**, 310 N. Main Street, Davison • theagitatedgrape.com
- **Dates Vary: Live music at Blondie's Food & Spirits**, 2520 W. Hill Rd., Flint • blondiesfoodandspirits.com
- **Dates Vary: Live music and Trivia Nights at Barley and Vine**, 1072 S. Elms Rd., Suite B, Flint • barleyandvinemi.com

*Please visit websites listed for times. Information and dates are subject to change without notice.



SAVE THE DATE – TREEmendous Evening

Thursday, December 3 • 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. • Downtown Flint • [facebook.com/events/1195224957529727/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1195224957529727/)

Kick-off the holiday season in Downtown Flint with a TREEmendous evening full of family fun and holiday cheer!

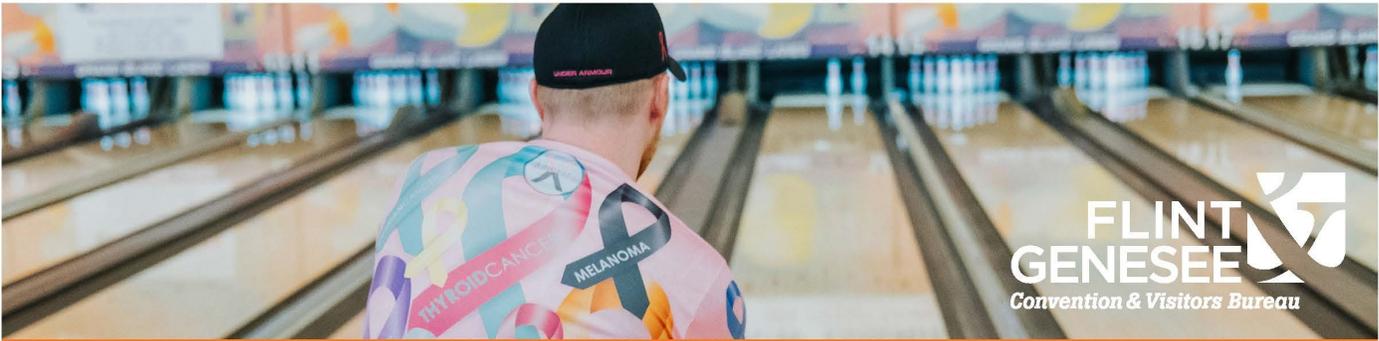
Annual tree lighting at 6:59 p.m.

Other activities include: Live reindeer, Christmas music, Santa and Mrs. Clause, Food vendors, Carriage rides, *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer* at the Capitol Theatre, St.

Paul Bell Players, and more!

Vote for your favorite store front decoration and participate in the retail passport raffle give-away.

Second Street will be closed off to ensure social distancing and masks are required. **Activities and times are subject to change.**



THINGS TO DO

November 2020

We hope you enjoy your visit here in the Grand Blanc area. Our number one priority, as always, is to keep our community and visitors healthy and safe. Please visit michigan.gov/coronavirus or michigan.org/guidelinesfortravelers for current coronavirus information.

Attractions

NCG Trillium Cinema/IMAX Theater

8220 Trillium Circle Ave. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439
nCGmovies.com

Creasey Bicentennial Park

1505 E Grand Blanc Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Galaxy Lanes

2226 Hill Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439
bowlgalaxylanes.com

Grand Blanc Lanes

5301 S. Saginaw Rd. • Flint, MI 48507
grandblanclanes.com

Rollhaven

5315 S. Saginaw Rd. • Flint, MI 48507
rollhaven.com

Sloan Museum at Courtland Center

4190 E. Court St. • Burton, MI 48509
sloanlongway.org

Shopping

Grand Mall • grandmall.biz

12741 S. Saginaw St. Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Oliver T's Market • oliverts.com • (810) 695-6550

1553 Hill Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

The Weed Lady • theweedlady.com • (810) 655-2723

9225 Fenton Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Pavilion Shops • J.J. Cardinal's Nature Store, Treasure Basket, R&B Rare Books

12830 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Mainstream Boutique • mainstreamboutique.com • (810) 603-7819

11520 S. Saginaw St. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Kim Rose Fashions • kimroseglam.com • 810-694-3455

12821 Saginaw Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Heritage Park Shopping Center • Kohl's, PetSmart, Walmart, Sam's Club, Aldi

6170 Saginaw Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Genesee Valley Center • geneseeemail.com

3341 S. Linden Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

Restaurants

Aubree's Pizza • (810) 606-1111

11501 Saginaw St. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Bangkok Peppers • (810) 695-2669

2221 Hill Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Blondie's Food & Spirits • (810) 766-9680

2520 W. Hill Rd. • Flint, MI 48507

Brick Street of Grand Blanc • (810) 603-2114

1223 E. Grand Blanc Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Crossbow Inn • (810) 695-0720

11310 S. Saginaw St. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

DaEdoardo North • (810) 694-1300

8185 Holly Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

The Grafted Root Eatery • (810) 603-7121

12235 S. Saginaw St., Suite F • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Ichiban Japanese Bistro & Steakhouse

(810) 695-1188

2381 Hill Rd., Suite 3 • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Italia Gardens – Grand Blanc • (810) 866-4303

231 E. Grand Blanc Rd. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Little Joe's Tavern • (810) 694-8391

11518 S. Saginaw St. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Nuevo Vallarta • (810) 695-1671

11225 S. Saginaw St. • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Redwood Steakhouse and Brewery/ The Old Sequoia Wine Bar & Martini Lounge

(810) 233-8000

5304 Gateway Center • Flint, MI 48507

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