



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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Hello Friends,

Happy June! While you're out doing yard work, I'd encourage you to take a moment to check on a few things. Make sure you're growing native plants and use pollinator-friendly methods to keep your weed population under control. When we all pitch in, we can make our community brighter, better and healthier.

A special shout-out to the Carman-Ainsworth Robotics team. I was pleased to join them Monday and present a tribute in congratulations of their great win. I was also able to give a special recognition to the Genesee County Master Gardeners on their volunteer work creating gardens at Genesee District Libraries and the Flint Public Library. Great work!



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If you want to stay involved and up to date on what's happening in Lansing and the district, there are a few different options available to you. You can [visit the House website](#) to view our weekly session meetings or any committee meetings you might be interested in. You can also stay updated by visiting my website at Cherry.housedems.com or following me on Facebook [@StateRepCherry](#).

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, I hope you will reach out to me. You can email me at any time at JohnCherry@house.mi.gov or call my office at (517) 373-7515.

Best,

John

Legislative Update

Budget Update-Prevailing Wage

Recently, I offered an amendment to the DTMB budget bill in the appropriations committee that would require construction projects bid under this budget to be done at a prevailing wage. The prevailing wage results in more jobs for Michiganders, increases the skilled trades workforce, and results in higher quality work. It was voted down along party lines. If you would like to see the video of me speaking about my amendment, please click [here](#).

For more budget updates, follow my Facebook page @StateRepCherry, or visit the House Fiscal Agency webpage [here](#). There, you'll find the most updated information on the budget process, as well as a calendar of our next steps as we work to establish a budget.

Auto Insurance Update

Following weeks of bipartisan negotiations, the House passed a sweeping overhaul of Michigan's auto insurance system last week. The final bill includes several provisions put forward by House Democrats including the elimination of non-driving rate-setting factors, guaranteed rate reductions and increased consumer protections.

SENATE BILL 1

AUTO NO FAULT CHANGES

LOWER RATES

IMPLEMENTS MANDATORY RATE ROLLOBS, GUARANTEED FOR 8 YEARS WITH CONTINUED RATE CONTROL AFTER.

RATING FACTORS

BANS RATE SETTING BASED ON ZIP CODE AND OTHER NON-FACTORS.

PREVENT OVERCHARGING

SETS FEE SCHEDULES FOR HOSPITALS AND PROVIDERS TO PREVENT OVERCHARGING FOR AUTO-RELATED INJURIES.

PERSONAL CHOICE

OFFERS CONSUMERS CHOICE TO PICK THEIR OWN PERSONAL INJURY PROTECTION.

ACCOUNTABILITY

COMPANIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILE FOR AND RECEIVE RATE APPROVAL, MULTIPLE PENALTIES HAVE BEEN DOUBLED AND A FRAUD UNIT IS CREATED.



As state legislators, we are here to make a better Michigan. We are here to address the problems that face our community. This bill addressed numerous issues that our community faces with auto-insurance including discriminatory rate setting, rate reduction and control, and maintaining health benefits for auto accident victims. The bill will provide the opportunity for thousands of Michiganders who are currently driving

without insurance the ability to purchase auto-insurance. I voted yes on this bipartisan auto no-fault reform legislation to lower costs and protect coverage for Michigan drivers. If you'd like to read over this bill, you can do so here.

While we still have work to do on our insurance, roads and healthcare, this is a good first step. I was pleased to see this bill passed and signed by Gov. Whitmer.

Coffee with Cherry

Join me for coffee and conversation. I'll give a brief legislative update, then I'll have time for any questions, comments or concerns you'd like to share. These events are family friendly and coffee will be provided.

Monday, June 10, 10-11 a.m.
Mt. Morris Van Buren Library
685 Van Buren Ave. in Mt. Morris

Friday, June 21, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Krapohl Senior Center
5473 Bicentennial Dr. in Mt. Morris

Monday, June 24, 6-7 p.m.
Flushing Area Library
120 N. Maple St. in Flushing

Education Town Hall

I will be joining Rep. Kennedy, along with special guests Reps. Sneller and Neeley, for an Education Town Hall. This event opens with a resource fair centered around keeping your students educated and engaged through the summer with a question and answer portion following. Your thoughts are crucial as we seek constructive ideas for improving Michigan's education policy for our students and schools.

When: Monday, June 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: Kearsley High School, 4302 Underhill Dr. in Flint

Helpful Resources for the Folks in the 49th

Free/Reduced Care Dental Directory

To help connect underserved patients with oral health care, the Michigan Dental

Association has created a directory of dental clinics throughout the state. The Free/Reduced Care Dental Programs Directory will help you and your family find clinics where they can receive free or discounted dental care.

Interested in Gardening?

Here's your chance to become a master gardener! You can become a MSU extension master gardener volunteer. Click here for the complete details and registration.

When: Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. starting Aug. 22 through December 5.

Where: Mott Community College - Northern Tier Center, 4082 W. Vienna Road in Clio



**BECOME A MSU EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER!**

Register: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/mgvpgenesee19f>

Location: Mott Community College - Northern Tier Center
4082 W Vienna Rd
Clio, MI 48420

When: Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Aug. 22, 2019 - Dec. 5, 2019 (including makeup date).
No class on Nov. 28

Fee: \$325.00 Fee includes:
\$ 25.00 for Volunteer Selection Process which includes the background check.
\$300.00 for training course, including 1,000-page training manual. There are no other out-of-pocket costs.

LEARN: Get the latest information from MSU horticulture experts.

GROW: Meet new people who share your gardening interest.

SHARE: Volunteer and educate others in your community.

Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools Health Centers

There are 11 RAHS school-based health centers in Genesee County and Washtenaw County. You can contact your nearest RAHS health center to find out how they can help you and your student stay healthy! RAHS centers are open to all school age youth up to 21 years old. You don't need to be a registered student of the school to receive services.

The RAHS centers accept insured and uninsured patients, regardless of your ability to pay. To find a clinic near you, visit their website here.

The Genesee County Action Resource Department (CARD)

The Genesee County Action Resource Department (CARD) is a great resource for folks in the 49th. CARD can help you with everything from finding decent housing that works for your budget to finding gainful employment. They can be a fantastic resource for people trying to get back on track. Whether it's a place to stay or job training, they can provide the resources you need to reach your goals! For more information call (810) 232-2185 or visit their website.

Keep Our Community Clean

Want to keep your neighborhood clean and help our environment thrive? Check out these events to do your part:

GENESEE COUNTY RECYCLE DAY
Household Hazardous Waste • Electronics • Paint

SATURDAY EVENTS

June 8, 2019 10AM-2PM
Fenton High School (Enter from Owen Rd to Donaldson Dr)
 3200 W Shawwassee Ave, Fenton, MI 48430
Flint Water Service Center
 3310 East Court Street, Flint, MI 48506

October 12, 2019 10AM-2PM
Clio High School (Enter from Tuscola Rd)
 1 Mustang Drive, Clio, MI 48420
Flint Water Service Center
 3310 East Court Street, Flint, MI 48506

TUESDAY EVENTS

July 9, 2019 2PM-6PM
August 13, 2019 2PM-6PM
September 10, 2019 2PM-6PM
Mott Community College, Parking Lot 5
 156 Albert R Hartgan Drive, Flint, MI 48503

✓ ITEMS ACCEPTED AT RECYCLE DAY

- Aerosols
- Automotive Fluids
- Batteries (household/auto)
- Biomedical Sharps (in rigid/sealed container)
- Cosmetics (acids/bases)
- Electronics (all kinds)
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fluorescent Bulbs & Tubes
- Mercury
- Oil Based Paint & Solvents
- Pesticides & Herbicides
- Prescription Medication
- Propane Cylinder (up to 30 lbs. each)
- Refrigerants & Oxidizers
- Smoke Detectors
- Tires (**Saturdays only - June 8th & Oct. 12th**)
 - up to 10 off the rim
 - no tractor tires

X ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT RECYCLE DAY

- 55 Gallon Drums of Waste
- Agricultural Tires & Waste
- Ammunition
- Appliances (**see below**)
- Compressed Gas Cylinders (other than propane)
- Commercial Tires & Waste
- Construction Materials
- Explosives
- Fireworks
- Garbage & Yard Waste
- Industrial Tires & Waste
- Paper for Shredding
- Radioactive Materials
- Tires on the Rim
- Weapons

NEW THIS YEAR! APPLIANCE COLLECTION PROGRAM

Appliances will **ONLY** be collected:

- May 1, 2019 - June 8, 2019
- September 1, 2019 - October 12, 2019

Drop off at Green for Life Environmental (GLE)

- Address: 2051 W Bristol Rd, Flint, MI 48507
- Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM & Saturday 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Logos at the bottom include: Facebook, Twitter, GCMPC, EICA, MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE, KEEP GENESEE COUNTY BEAUTIFUL, GLE, and other local organizations.

Community Events

Story Time with Miss Nancy at Mt. Morris Library

Bring the kids and join the ever-animated Miss Nancy for stories, songs and dance at Mount Morris Library. No registration necessary.

When: Friday, June 7, from 10-11 a.m.

Where: Mt. Morris Library, 685 Van Buren Ave. in Mount Morris

Book Sale at the Swartz Creek-Perkins Library

Come find your next great read, pick up a cookbook for some new recipes, or get a joke book to learn some new ways to get a laugh.

When: Saturday, June 8, 10-2 p.m.

Where: Swartz Creek Perkins Library, 8095 Civic Dr. in Swartz Creek

Flint Farmers' Market

Come explore this year-round public market with 50+ vendors inside the building and more outside. Our market is neat and clean and feature several produce vendors, a great meat market, poultry, breads and baked goods, cheese, a wine shop, an art gallery, a cafe, Middle Eastern and Mexican groceries, and many unique gifts.

When: Tuesday and Thursday / 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: Flint Farmers' Market, 300 E. First St. in Flint

Flushing Summer Festival

Bring your family down to Flushing's largest event of the year! Kick off your summer fun with the parade, carnival midway, vendors, fair food, teen tent, duckie raffle, entertainment tent and more.

When: June 19 - 23

Where: Riverview Park, 230 S. Cherry St. in Flushing

Hollywood Monster Makeup Special Effects Demo at Mt. Morris Library

Learn how real Special Effects Artists create special effects makeup just like you see in the movies. Great for teens and young adults.

When: Wednesday, June 26, 5-6 p.m.

Where: Mt. Morris Library, 685 Van Buren Ave. in Mount Morris

I hope this information has been useful to you. As always, please reach out if there is anything further I can do for you.

Best,

State Representative John Cherry
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