



News from the Administrator

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“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

~John Quincy Adams~

Administrator’s Message

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Greetings, everyone!

First, allow me to thank you for your kind words of congratulations, offers of support and overall positive reception to me being appointed as your Interim County Administrator. I am privileged and honored to have the confidence of you and the Board of Commissioners to act as your leader for as long as necessary, and then, when the time comes, I’ll join you to welcome our permanent Administrator.

As I acclimate to my new duties and responsibilities, I realize how fortunate I am to follow in the footsteps of Verna McDaniel. Verna fearlessly led this organization through some of the worst economic times in recent history. It is Verna’s calm, proactive nature, fiscal conservatism and outstanding consensus building that positioned Washtenaw County to now be one of the best in the state, if

not the entire country. Verna left a lasting legacy, for sure!

For those of you who many not know me, I’m happy to share a little bit about myself in this month’s ‘Getting to Know’ section — because I feel it important for you to learn where I come from, my strengths, my leadership style and most importantly, I want you to know I have an open door policy that encourages communication. I’ll thank you in advance for allowing me the opportunity to share, in May, we will return to featuring the organization’s best and brightest — because that was always my favorite part of Verna’s newsletter!

Speaking of communication, I believe it is probably the single-most important tool we have. The success or failure of any leader can almost always be directly related to information sharing. I am committed to be open and

transparent with you by sharing information that helps you to be more effective when performing your daily tasks. In the days and weeks ahead, you’ll find a variety of opportunities to learn more about what the Board of Commissioners and Administrator’s office are doing, how we are doing it and how it affects you. I invite you to participate and offer feedback whenever possible.

Again, thank you for your confidence and support. While the duration of my tenure as your Administrator is entirely up to the Board of Commissioners, I vow to work with you, our state and local elected officials, our community partners and our citizens to do my absolute best job to help Washtenaw County remain the leader in outstanding public service.

~Greg

United Way Update



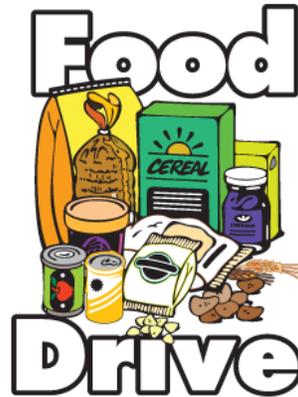
Volunteer Center goes Mobile!



United Way of Washtenaw County's online Volunteer Center can help match your interests with local agencies in need, plus, it has just been upgraded to be mobile-friendly, check it out:
www.VolunteerWashtenaw.org



United Way Annual Campaign



Our 2016 United Way Annual Food Drive concludes on April 1st, but, there will be an additional opportunity to bring your donation to the Group of 180 on May 2nd. This is a very important event in our community. The food drive helps to restock the shelves for Food Gatherers of Washtenaw County. In Washtenaw County there are more than 43,900 people, which includes more than 14,000 children and 6,500 seniors, who receive food through Food Gatherers. Please consider donating.

Needed items are:

- Tuna or other canned meat
- Hearty soups
- Chili
- Baby food or formula
- Rice
- Noodles, macaroni
- Pancake or baking mixes
- Granola bars
- Jelly in plastic jars
- Beef stew, meat soups
- Canned spaghetti or pasta
- Beans (kidney, pinto, green, yellow, refried or black)
- Ensure or other nutritional supplement drinks
- Dry beans
- Powdered milk
- Cereal/oatmeal
- Peanut butter
- Diapers, toothpaste/toothbrushes, soap, shampoo
- Disposable Razors

2016 United Way Campaign Calendar: Overall Goal \$65,000

2016 Events:			
EVENT	DATE	GOAL	OUTCOME
Food Drive	March 1-April 1	\$4,000	
Day of Action	June	20 Volunteers	
Stuff the Bus	August	\$12,500	
Family Kickball	September 15	\$250	
Annual Campaign	September—November	\$40,000	
Annual Online Auction	September—November	\$4,000	
Washtenaw Cares	November—December	\$4,000	

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March Primary Elections = Record Turnout

The March 8 Presidential Primary saw a record turnout statewide and locally. Statewide, 2.5 million voters cast a ballot, exceeding the previous record for a Presidential Primary set in 1972 of 1.9 million voters.

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Washtenaw County is comprised of Congressional Districts 7 and 12. On the Democratic side within Washtenaw County, Bernie Sanders won the cumulative vote as well as the popular vote in both districts. Republican John Kasich won the cumulative vote and the popular vote in US Congressional District 12, though Donald Trump won the popular vote in District 7. The County Emergency Communications Millage Renewal proposal was approved by wide margin as was a parks millage renewal in Pittsfield Township.

As the presidential fields narrow, this election season will prove to be very interesting. Please be sure to learn as much as possible about the candidates and the issues — locally as well as nationally, then, go out and VOTE!



2015 (Preliminary) Year End Budget Update

On Wednesday, March 16, the Board of Commissioners received the 2015 Year-End Budget Update. Our 2015 total revenue shortfall was (\$5,905) on a total revised budget of \$110,115,466 – a variance of -0.01%. On the expenditure side, we realized a surplus of \$1,691,082 on the expenditure budget of \$110,115,466 – a variance of 1.54%. Even though we realized a nice expenditure surplus, there were carry forward items totaling \$1,450,702, partially offsetting the surplus.

Our year-end picture was welcome news, and evidence of the continued commitment of the organization to financial monitoring and fiscal responsibility. Even though we did have a surplus to end 2015, some items requiring further monitoring include potential rising costs in the Child Care Fund, the Community Mental Health restructuring, union contract obligations, and changes within Workforce Development. In addition, revenue reductions due to legislative action at the State are constraining the County's ability to provide funding for new investment opportunities or increased allocations.

We could not have had such a fantastic year without the continued commitment of our Labor partners, Department Heads, Elected Officials and you, all of our valued employees. I encourage everyone to take a look at the 2015 Year-End Budget Update to become familiar with the entire picture.





Getting to Know: Greg Dill

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~Greg Dill

As your interim County Administrator, I feel it important for you to know a little bit about me and what has led me to this point in my career.

I was born and raised in Flint, Michigan. Like most, my parents worked hard to raise my brother and me, determined to give us a better life than they had. My senior year of high school presented a cross-roads of sorts. I could work in the local automotive factory and have a comfortable, predictable life, or, I could leave Flint and attend Eastern Michigan University, where my future was yet to be determined. I chose the latter, and received both my Bachelor of Science in Management and my Master of Business Administration there.

Shortly after arriving in Washtenaw County, I realized this was likely the place I wanted to call home — because this county has so much to offer its residents. We have outstanding recreational opportunities, excellent educational institutions, world class medical facilities, countless business opportunities and most importantly, we have remarkable, caring, concerned, involved citizens who work together to make Washtenaw County the

amazing place it is. So, I’m proud to say I’ve been a resident of Washtenaw County for 35 years. My wife works in Ann Arbor and my daughters both attended Lincoln Consolidated Schools. As a family, we couldn’t imagine living anywhere else.

Since graduating from EMU, I’ve worked in governmental, educational and medical organizations. My decades of experience have taught me some very valuable skills. Operations, fiscal stewardship, labor relations, IT, cost containment, risk and debt management, capital project management. Drilling down even more, learning and managing those skills have also taught me the importance of building cohesive teams who can then work together to accomplish great things by setting planful, realistic goals, of which, the outcome benefits the greatest number of citizens possible.

Of course, the key to the success of anything we do in government is communication. In my opinion, it is the most important tool we have, so, while my role as your interim Administrator will require me to utilize many of the skills I’ve outlined, most of you will only want to know the end result and how it affects you, your family, your

customers and our citizens. So, my promise to each of you is that I will share as much timely, relevant information as possible. Of course, this information may be in the form of this newsletter, through eCentral updates or my regular updates to my bosses, the Board of Commissioners at their meetings. If you have ideas or suggestions to help me to be more successful in my goal of open and transparent communication, I’d appreciate hearing them! I firmly believe that together, we can accomplish some amazing things.

Washtenaw County government has an incredible talent pool, and I look forward to working with each of you to serve the organization and citizens of Washtenaw County to the best of our ability. One day, I will go back to my original role as Director of the Office of Infrastructure Management, but in the meantime, I promise to work with you to do our best job possible. During this time, I look forward to learning about what you do and the impact it has on our citizens. So if you see me out and about in the community, in your building or at a meeting, please take a moment to introduce yourself, I’d appreciate getting to know you, too.

~Greg