



# *Meeting Agenda*

**Thursday, March 22, 2007**

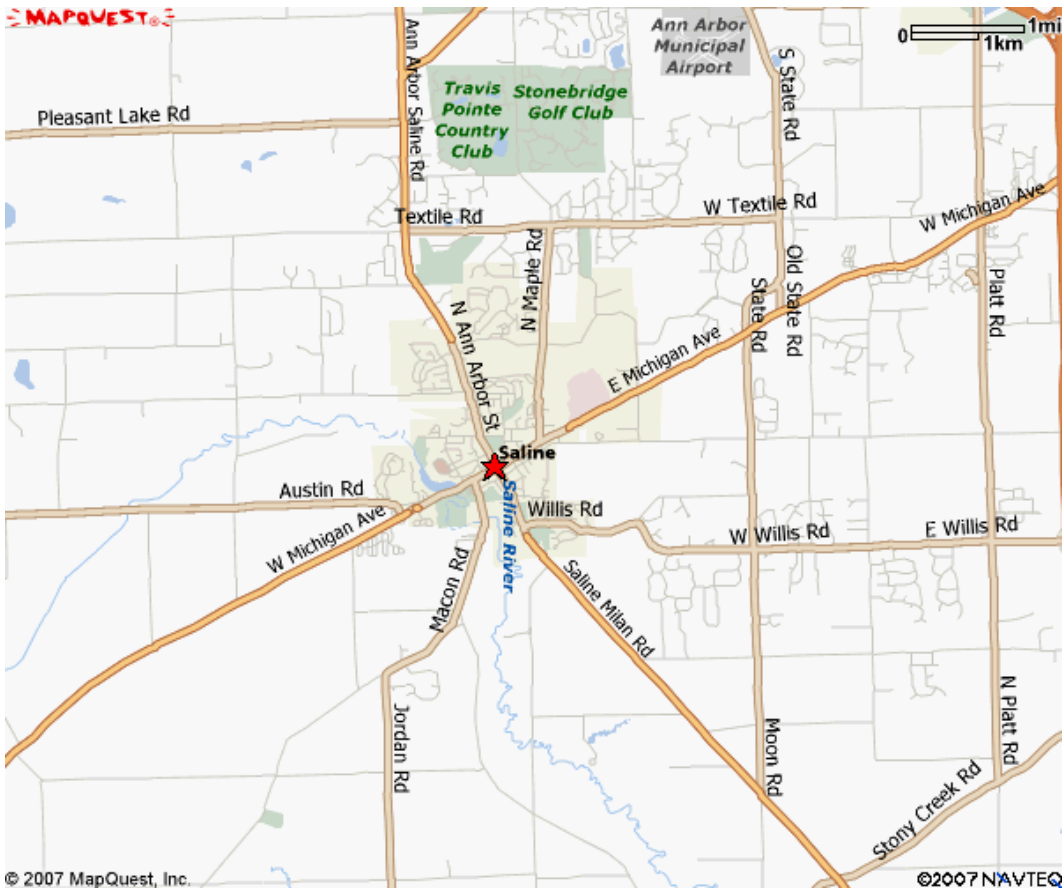
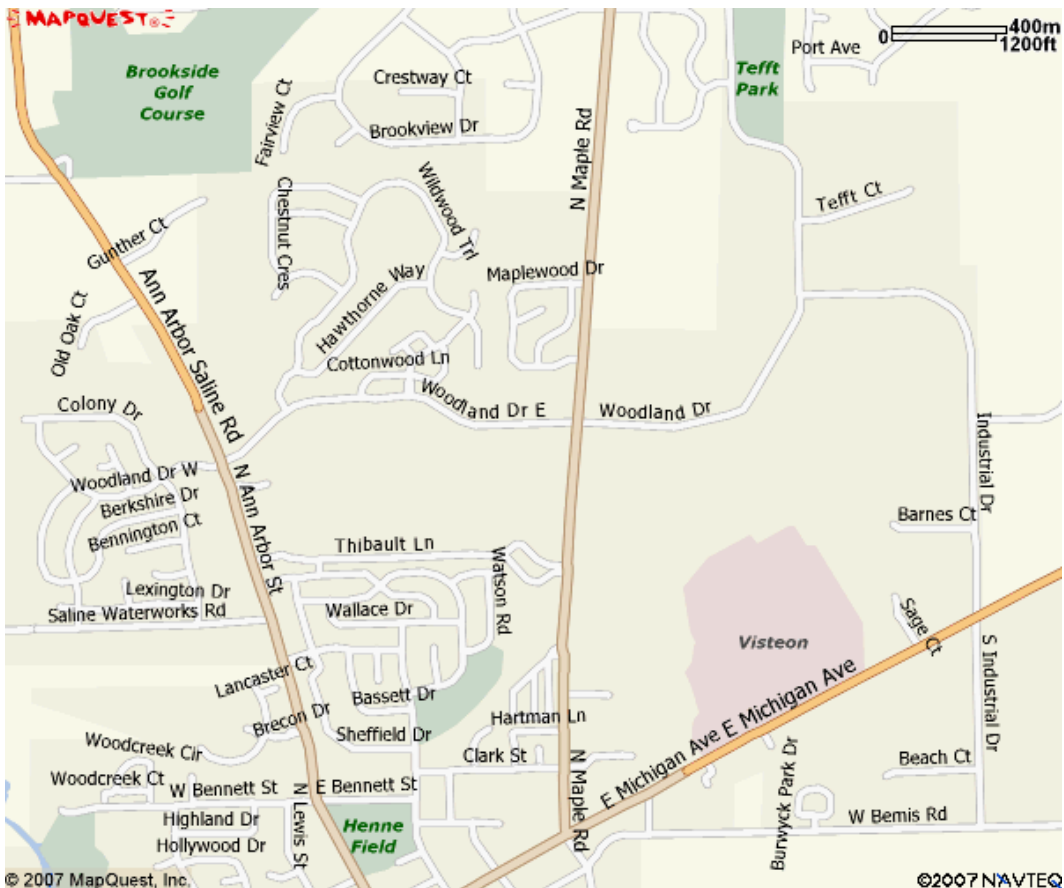
Tour of new Saline Department of Public Works facility  
1234 Tefft Court, Saline  
5:00pm

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WCCSWM Meeting  
Saline Department of Public Works  
1234 Tefft Ct, Saline  
5:30 pm

1. Call to Order and Introductions
  2. Approve Agenda for March 22<sup>nd</sup>
  3. Approve Minutes from February 22<sup>nd</sup>
  4. Green Info Guide Update
  5. Election of Executive Committee Member
  6. Legislative Updates
  7. Task force Updates
  8. Local Community Updates
  9. Adjourn
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Map to 1234 Tefft Court



# WCCSWM Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2007

## In Attendance:

Tracy	Artley	University of Michigan
Michael-David	BenDor	Superior Township
George	Danneffel	City of Saline
Jeff	Krcmarik	Washtenaw County
Alison	Richardson	University of Michigan
Steve	Sheldon	Recycle Ann Arbor
Chris	Simmons	City of Ypsilanti
Joanna	Smither	Washtenaw County
Richard	Stefani	Manchester Township
Nancy	Stone	City of Ann Arbor

### 1. Simmons called meeting to order

### 2. Agenda for February 22<sup>nd</sup> was approved as printed

### 3. Minutes for January 25<sup>th</sup> were approved as corrected

- Item 4: corrected spelling of “trusty getto”
- Item 5 (last point under “Planning Issues”): Krcmarik will present the groups ideas to the Township Trustees, not the County Commissioners.

### 4. Green Info Guide Update

- Simmons: 2 local Ypsilanti blogs – Trusty Getto: [www.trustygetto.com](http://www.trustygetto.com) and Common Monkey Flower: [www.blog.commonmonkeyflower.net](http://www.blog.commonmonkeyflower.net) have received copies of the GIG and a third – East Cross Street: [www.east-cross.com](http://www.east-cross.com) – has agreed to post a link to the web-version of the GIG.
- Krcmarik: the new web-portal being created for the Western Washtenaw County Service Center is in its final stages of review – see December minutes for a more thorough description and rough diagram of this project.
  - The hope is to take some of the information presented to the public through this portal and include it on the 2007 version of the GIG.
  - A prototype will be available on the County website by the end of March – Krcmarik will present to WCCSWM members at the March meeting.
  - Questions that are being asked in the web portal: Are we presenting information in the right way? What should the public be asking themselves in terms of household environmental issues? What should we, as professionals, be asking them?

### 5. Election of Executive Committee Member

- Colon Fisher has left Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority – a new Executive Committee Member needs to be elected.
- Krcmarik requested that the election occur at the March meeting and the group agreed.

## 6. Legislative Updates

- Krcmarik just discovered a bill that was passed last year allowing reverse distribution of unused pharmaceuticals to low-income folks without insurance. Leading into the discussion of the Medical Waste task force...

## 7. Task Force Discussion - Medical Waste

- Krcmarik and Moody are working with Gonyon over at St. Joe's Hospital to start a reverse distribution program for unused pharmaceuticals.
- The University of Michigan Health System already does this – collects pharmaceuticals from students and faculty, sends usable medications back to the distributor for a credit, and incinerates what cannot be redistributed.
- Washtenaw County Pharmacists Association (president is owner of Pharmacy Solutions) has a program to take back still usable medications, repackages them, and sends out to Doctors without Borders.
  - The County can promote these programs as existing pharmaceutical take-back programs that work.
- Where the County stands right now in terms of program development:
  - 7 local pharmacies have agreed to serve as take-back locations.
  - Mary Eley of the MARR Coalition is providing 400 sealed bins to collect pharmaceuticals at these locations.
  - The County is putting out an RFQ for high temperature incineration for those medications that cannot be redistributed.
  - Now looking at next steps for reuse either within the United States or through Doctors without Borders, which also accepts narcotics.
  - Would like a representative from WCCSWM working on this – Pierre Gonyon?
  - Also need a sorting/redistribution point – possibly St. Joe's or UMHS?
  - Looking for grant funding through the EPA, American Medical Association, or American Pharmaceutical Association, to get this program off the ground.
    - Need to have a better idea of total cost first, including how much time it takes to sort through the meds that come in.
    - Stone suggested working with the County Drain Commissioner on this
    - Other suggestions to cut labor costs: pro bono work through AMA, retired pharmacists might be interested in helping out. We could also look to colleges (UM, EMU, WCC) – pharmacy students may be able to get practice this way.
    - The idea is that this program could eventually be run by the pharmacies – we will just be getting it started.
  - Barbara Lucas's video on safe disposal of medications will be edited to reflect new developments in local take-back options.

## 8. Local Community Updates

- **Washtenaw County** - trying to start up a gas can exchange program to allow residents to trade in traditional gas cans prone to overfilling and off-gassing of chemical vapors, with more environmentally friendly cans.
  - Need \$20,000 to get the program off the ground – looking at grant opportunities.

## 9. Simmons adjourned the meeting.