



Administrator's Digest

May 24, 2024

A Note From the Administrator



Jacque Billette, Health Officer

I am pleased to announce Jacqueline Billette has joined our team as the County Health Officer, pictured to the left. Jacque was selected as the best-qualified candidate after a thorough recruiting process, including a panel of two County Commissioners, the Executive Director of Human Resources, and myself. Jacque brings great experience from her work in Public Health at Central Michigan District Health Department. We engaged the Public Health Team and many others by getting input on questions and scenarios for the recruiting process. The Board confirmed my appointment of Jacque on April 25, and the Department of Health and Human Services recently granted full, non-provisional designation as our Health Officer. Jacque shared a few words about herself, *"I grew up in Traverse City and have been sport fencing since middle school. I received my Bachelors, Masters of Arts, and Masters of Public Health from Central Michigan University (Fire up, Chips!). I enjoy spending time with my husband and dog, knitting, lifting weights, fencing, eating food, and playing games. I love public health and am excited to be part of the Allegan Community!"*

I hope everyone has a safe, memorable, and reflective Memorial Day weekend. Allegan County is rich with veteran memorials, annual parades, and decorative cemeteries to visit. Each year my family assists in placing flags at a local cemetery. This year, we met Jack Judd, an amazing 94-year-old Korean War Veteran. Jack was featured in a story on WZZM. Click [here](#) to learn more (or search "Jack Judd WZZM" online). Here are a few Memorial Day facts to bring you into the weekend:

- Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. It was first observed on May 30, 1868.
- The month of May was chosen for the holiday because flowers would be in bloom and available for decorating graves, and there were no existing battle anniversaries.
- Michigan declared Decoration Day an official state holiday in 1871. By 1890, it was legally recognized in every northern state.
- In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which made Memorial Day a federal holiday that always falls on the last Monday of May.



Rob Sarro, Administrator

Until Next Time,

IN THIS ISSUE:

Spongy Moths,
Boomer Bash,
Animal Shelter,
And MORE!

Services



Spongy Moths – Over the past several years, the “infestation” of the spongy moth, formerly known as the “Gypsy Moth,” has reappeared. Infestation of Spongy Moth can cause severe to complete defoliation of trees. Most deciduous trees do survive this attack and regrow new leaves. Spongy Moth is an “outbreak pest,” which means it has high populations for short periods, followed by an extended time of low population count. On April 13, 2024, the Parks Manager attended an event hosted by the Allegan County Conservation District about what can and should be done to treat the spongy moth. The recommendation from every arborist the Allegan Conservation District has talked with is that treatment should be used to reduce the nuisance of caterpillars and their droppings, not to protect tree health. Forestry and cultural practices are more effective ways to keep trees healthy and withstand infestations. If there are trees where droppings would cause a significant nuisance to park users, or if there is a priority tree in poor health, a targeted treatment (likely an injection rather than a spray) may be warranted. If an organization wants to conduct an aerial spray program, the work needs to start in the summer, and spray areas need to be designated (including landowner opt-out requests) by the end of the year to get onto an aerial applicator's schedule. That wasn't an option this year, given the petition's timing. The spongy moth's appearance is cyclical in nature, and it is considered a nuisance, as it usually does not kill the trees but can make them look ugly/dead for a year to two. The Allegan County Conservation District provides the following guide in attachment A. Based on this meeting and conversations with the Conservation District Forester, the Parks Manager is not recommending any treatment at the County Parks. Parks is developing long-term forestry plans to ensure the parks have a healthy forest. For more information, please contact Brandy Gildea, Parks Manager, at (269) 673-0378 or bgildea@allegancounty.org.

Disc Golf Course at Littlejohn Lake Park (Last Updated on 1/25/2024) – On March 20, 2024, an agreement between the Disc Golfers United in Charity (DGUC) and the County was executed to install and maintain a Disc Golf Course at Littlejohn Lake Park. To start the development and get additional volunteers to help and/or fund this project, kickoff events are planned to raise awareness, generate interest, and excite people. These events will be open house style from 6-8 PM and will be advertised once the dates are set. Following these events, the course will begin construction. The course is anticipated to be open to the public around the fall of 2024. For more information, please contact Brandy Gildea, Parks Manager, at (269) 673-0378 or bgildea@allegancounty.org.

Gain Employment Maintain Support (GEMS) – The GEMS program is offered by the Michigan Office of Child Support, Michigan Works!, and the Allegan Friend of the Court Office. Are you, or someone you know, having difficulty making court-ordered child support payments? If the support order is from the Circuit Court in Allegan County, they may be eligible for help obtaining and maintaining employment (Attachment B). The GEMS program can help parents remove barriers to employment such as vehicle repairs, lack of gas money, help with interviewing skills, or locating an employer that will hire persons with a criminal history record. Call the Friend of the Court at toll-free (877) 543-2660 to learn about GEMS's services and qualifications.



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Veteran Relief Fund – The county aims to increase awareness of burial benefits available to veteran families. A burial allowance of \$300 may be available to support the funeral costs for a veteran with limited assets at the time of death. This benefit will be paid directly to the funeral home unless a receipt is provided as proof that the expenses have been paid in full by the individual applying for the benefit. In addition to increasing service awareness, the County is working to build stronger relationships with Veterans Treatment Court participants, local Posts, and neighboring County Veteran Services. Building these relationships takes time, but it will provide a safety net of resources available for local veterans. For additional information, please contact Jen Garcia, Senior and Veteran Services Director, at (269) 686-5144 or jgarcia@allegancounty.org.

Boomer Bash (Last Updated on 4/19/24) — The County Boomer Bash will occur on Thursday, June 6, at First Baptist Church in Allegan; Attachment C. This free senior community event draws 150-200 seniors annually. Attendees will receive a hot lunch from Main Street Bakery (Acclaimed Catering) in Hopkins. For additional information, please contact Jen Garcia, Senior and Veteran Services Director, at (269) 686-5144 or jgarcia@allegancounty.org.

New Police Pursuit Vehicle — The Sheriff’s Office is deploying new Chevy Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicles (pictured below). In addition to being a new vehicle platform and appearance, the Tahoe will have improved emergency equipment and additional storage space to protect the gear that deputies are equipped with. The equipment will also incorporate improved technology for the safety of first responders and motorists. The Chevy Tahoe will provide the same or better capabilities with minimal cost increase over the lifetime ownership of the vehicle. For more information, contact Sergeant Kyle Baker at KBaker@allegancounty.org.



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Resource Recovery Program 2023 Annual Report – The Resource Recovery Program celebrated another successful year of recycling! The 2023 Annual Report provides an overview of Resource Recovery Program activity from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, and provides each Participating Governmental Unit (PGU) with an individual financial report; visit the link by clicking [here](#). The Resource Recovery Program collected \$1,187,028 in revenue and paid \$1,118,648 in expenses. Revenue collected by each PGU is placed in an individual recycling surcharge account. Please note that while this report provides Resource Recovery Program activity, not all municipalities participate in every service offered by the Resource Recovery Program. If you have questions about services and participation or any comments or questions regarding this report, please contact Heather Bausick, Resource Recovery Coordinator, at hbausick@allegancounty.org.

Resource Recovery Program Hazardous Waste Event – The Resource Recovery Program held a household hazardous waste event on May 4, 2024, at Harding’s Market in Wayland. This year, the event was open to all residents within Allegan County, and 280 cars dropped off items at this collection. Of those 280 cars, 34 belonged to various townships that could not participate in the past due to non-participation within the program. The next Household Hazardous Waste collection will be held on June 1, 2024, at the County Human Services Building, 3255 122nd Ave in Allegan. If you have questions about services and participation, please contact Heather Bausick, Resource Recovery Coordinator, at hbausick@allegancounty.org.

Animal Shelter (Last Updated on 1/11/2024) – Animal shelter operations have successfully transitioned back to the County. The County values its collaborative partnerships to make this successful. Wishbone continues to be a valuable partner by offering added-value services, including but not limited to the transfer of cats and kittens to the Wishbone house, adoption promotion, recruitment and oversight of volunteers, and foster home recruitment. They also continue to offer services to the public through the pet food pantry and spay and neuter clinics.

Another example of collaboration is on May 1, 2024, the Animal Shelter was informed there were 28 Shepherd/Husky/Basenji mix dogs that needed placement.

- Al Van Humane Society transferred 2 of the County’s existing dogs for adoption
- Harbor Humane took a few of the 28 dogs for treatment and adoption
- For The Sake of Being Humane, took most of the dogs into their care
- Allegan Shelter ended up with one dog

People seeking pets for adoption can go to the County [website](#) or [PetFinder](#) to see the available pets and for more information. For more information, please contact Dan Wedge, Executive Director of Services, at (269) 686-5235 or dwedge@allegancounty.org.



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CURRENT OPEN POSITIONS

| Position | Department | Current Status |
|---|--|--|
| Correction Officer | Sheriff's Office | Unfilled – perpetually posted |
| Deputy Sheriff | Sheriff's Office | To be filled by recruits end of August |
| Veterinary Assistant | Animal Shelter | Unfilled – interviews in progress |
| Animal Caretaker | Animal Shelter | Unfilled |
| Administrative Assistant | Public Defender's Office | Unfilled |
| Assistant Prosecuting Attorney | Prosecuting Attorney Office | Unfilled |
| Client Services Clerk | Friend of the Court | Unfilled |
| Public Health Planning & Preparedness Manager | Health Department | Unfilled – candidate identified |
| Sanitarian | Health Department | Unfilled |
| 911 Telecommunicator (6) | Central Dispatch | Unfilled |
| <u>Boards & Commissions Openings:</u> | | |
| Economic Development Commission | Healthcare Representative (1) | |
| Community Corrections Advisory | Business Community Representative (1) | |
| Local Emergency Planning Committee | Media (1) & Facilities (1) & Firefighter (1) Representatives | |
| Tourist Council | Representative | |



For more information, please contact Lyn Holoway, Human Resources Manager, at (269) 673-0537, lholloway@allegancounty.org.

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Employment (Last Updated on 4/19/24)
2024 as of Quarter 1:

| TURNOVER/RETENTION (Regular FT & PT Only) | | Q1 |
|--|--|--------------|
| # of Terminations (includes Retirees) | | 12 |
| Average length of tenure of terminated REG employees | | 8.2 years |
| Turnover % of new REG employees (<=1 year) | | 12.50% |
| Turnover % of REG employees | | 2.70% |
| Total average number of REG Employees | | 432 |
| Notes: # of terminations due to retirement | | *0 |
| RECRUITMENT | | Q1 |
| Jobs Posted | | 16 |
| # of Days to Hire (KPI) | | 52 |
| # of New Hires | | 24 |
| # of Promotions or Transfers | | 7 |

**CURRENT NUMBER OF ACTIVE REGULAR FULL-TIME
AND REGULAR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES:**

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19 NEW HIRES

| Position | Department |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Seasonal Park Ranger (4) | Parks Department |
| Seasonal Park Maintenance (3) | Parks Department |
| Court Recorder / Assignment Clerk | Circuit Court – Family Division |
| Marine Officer (IRPT) (2) | Sheriff’s Office |
| Health Officer | Health Department |
| Public Health Nurse | Health Department |
| Telecommunicator | Central Dispatch |
| Academy Sponsored Cadet (2) | Sheriff’s Office |
| Assistant Prosecuting Atty | Prosecuting Attorney’s Office |
| Maintenance Tech I | Facilities |
| Temp Maintenance Tech I | Facilities |
| Animal Caretaker | Animal Shelter |

11 LEFT EMPLOYMENT

| Position | Department |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Reserve Deputy | Sheriff’s Office |
| IRPT Marine Officer (2) | Sheriff’s Office |
| Animal Caretaker | Animal Shelter |
| Maintenance Technician I | Facilities |
| Client Services Clerk | Friend of the Court |
| Community Services Officer (IRPT) | Sheriff’s Office Corrections |
| Sanitarian | Health Department |
| 911 Telecommunicator | Central Dispatch |
| Assistant Prosecuting Attorney | Prosecutors Office Public Defenders Office |
| Legal Specialist | Public Defenders Office |

18 PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS

| Position | Department |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Executive Coordinator | Administration |
| Corrections Officer II (13) | Sheriff’s Office – Corrections |
| Deputy Sheriff (2) | Sheriff’s Office |
| Academy Sponsored Cadet | Sheriff’s Office |
| Administrative Specialist | Sheriff’s Office |



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Operations

Courthouse Construction and Renovation (Last Updated on 4/19/24) – Steelwork continues progressing. The main supports for the first and second floors have been installed. The southeast corner is beginning to take shape as shown in pictures below.



County Services Building Renovation (Last Updated on 4/19/24) — Final electrical and cabling work is nearing completion. Doors are hung and being wired for controlled access panels. A final furniture plan was developed after feedback and several walk-through meetings with stakeholders. The county's furniture contractor will complete a final cost and delivery schedule by May 24, 2024.



For more information, please contact Steve Sedore, Executive Director of Operations, at ssedore@allegancounty.org or (269) 673-0373.

Operations

Broadband Project (Last Updated on 4/19/24) – 123Net has released over 1,000 addresses in Zone 5 for order placement. 123Net has 36 Active customers, 20 customer installations scheduled and 67 preorders that are pending an installation date - all in Zone 5. The big picture metrics, zone targets, and % complete, along with a zone map and updates from other providers building fiber; Attachment D. For more information, please contact Jill Dunham, Project Manager, at (269) 673-0588 or visit www.allegancounty.org/broadband.

Medical Care Facility Renovation – All administrative and budgeting hurdles have been addressed as necessary to proceed with a project to renovate the Medical Care Facility. These renovations will impact most of the Medical Care Facility in a phased approach to minimize resident disruptions. Through this project, most resident rooms and common areas in the facility will get some level of upgrade to their furnishings and wall/floor/ceiling coverings; a portion of the facility will be renovated to create a new Assisted Living area, and all building infrastructure assets such as roofs and HVAC systems will be evaluated and prioritized for replacement provided funds are available. A request for proposal (RFP) is being drafted to secure an architectural & engineering firm to finalize details around the desired improvements and to develop construction drawings and technical specifications. Bids will then be solicited through a second RFP process to finalize construction costs, against which a bond will be issued to provide funding. The complete timeline for the project is still being developed, but it is expected that the initial RFP to select an architectural & engineering firm will be released in late May or early June. For more information, please contact Valdis Kalnins, Project Manager, at vkalnins@allegancounty.org or (269) 673-0543.

Old Animal Shelter Demolition (Last Updated on 3/28/24) – Consumers Energy disconnected power to the old shelter on May 16. The County received the hazardous materials survey results, specifically asbestos testing. Some of the joint compounds contained asbestos and will need to be remediated. The County is collecting quotes from abatement companies. Once remediated, the demolition contractor will be scheduled to raze the building and restore the site. Originally, work was scheduled to be completed by the end of May. However, with this delay, demolition and site restoration won't begin until June and may push into July if the remediation efforts take longer. For more information, please contact Carl Chapman, Facilities Management Director, at cchapman@allegancounty.org or (269) 673-0207.



Operations

Radio Templates – When Allegan County went on to the State’s Radios system (MPSCS) in 2017, Ottawa and Kent had not yet transitioned. Due to this, no talk groups have yet existed for either of our northern neighbors. Since then, both counties have moved to the MPSCS. In addition, when we went live, the primary talk group for law enforcement in the county was not encrypted and, under MPSCS rules, could not be used for interoperability. Since then, the MPSCS has allowed a secondary encrypted law enforcement talk group. Due to Officer Safety concerns, the Allegan County Law Enforcement Council has requested that daily law enforcement communications be moved to an encrypted talk group. A pilot period to implement this was approved by the 911 Policy & Procedure Board at their April meeting, and the Pilot period kicked off on Friday, April 26, with law enforcement moving all daily communication to ALTAC, an already encrypted talk group. The pilot will run through July 16, when a more formal request to make the move permanent will be brought to the 011 Policy & Procedure Board. In preparation for this, a new encrypted talk group called LAWe has been requested from the MPSCS, and Dispatch is working on logistics for adding the talk group to all required radios. With the Ottawa and Kent County talk groups still needing to be added as well, Central Dispatch is exploring options to update templates with those new talk groups potentially, add the new encrypted talk group, as well as update firmware on all the affected radios as a single project for this year.

Emergency Fire Dispatch – County Central Dispatch is considering adopting Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD) through Priority Dispatch as an add-on in software platforms Aqua and ProQA. Dispatch currently utilizes Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) through Priority Dispatch to process all medical calls using Aqua and ProQA. Like EMD, EFD would provide consistency and evidence-based standardization on how fire calls are handled, ensuring the most up-to-date protocols for fire dispatch are implemented as those protocols change. A workgroup has been formed to research and investigate the concept of bringing EFD to Allegan County and will provide its recommendation and feedback to the 911 Policy & Procedure Board at its July meeting. The workgroup comprises the County Central Dispatch members and the East and West Fire representatives from the 911 Policy & Procedure Board. If recommended by the workgroup and endorsed by the Policy Board, EFD will be requested as a 2025 capital project and rolled out by the end of 2025.

Dispatch Radio Tower Shelter Roof Replacements – In early April, the County released an RFP soliciting bids to replace the roofing membranes at six dispatch radio tower shelters which was approved as a capital project in the 2024 budget with a \$120,000 appropriation. A \$108,000 bid has been awarded for the replacement following a request for proposal process. The company awarded the bid, which was recommended by the Michigan Public Safety Communication System (MPSCS) as a firm they use for roof work on other MPSCS shelters. In addition, the company has been approved for unescorted access in MPSCS shelters, having passed both the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget and Michigan State Police background security checks. Lastly, the new roof membrane will be one that the MPSCS technicians can patch and repair as part of the routine tower shelter maintenance services provided to the County since the County joined the MPSCS. The firm expects to get started before the end of May and be wrapped up within 30 days of starting, spending 3-5 days at each site, depending on the weather.



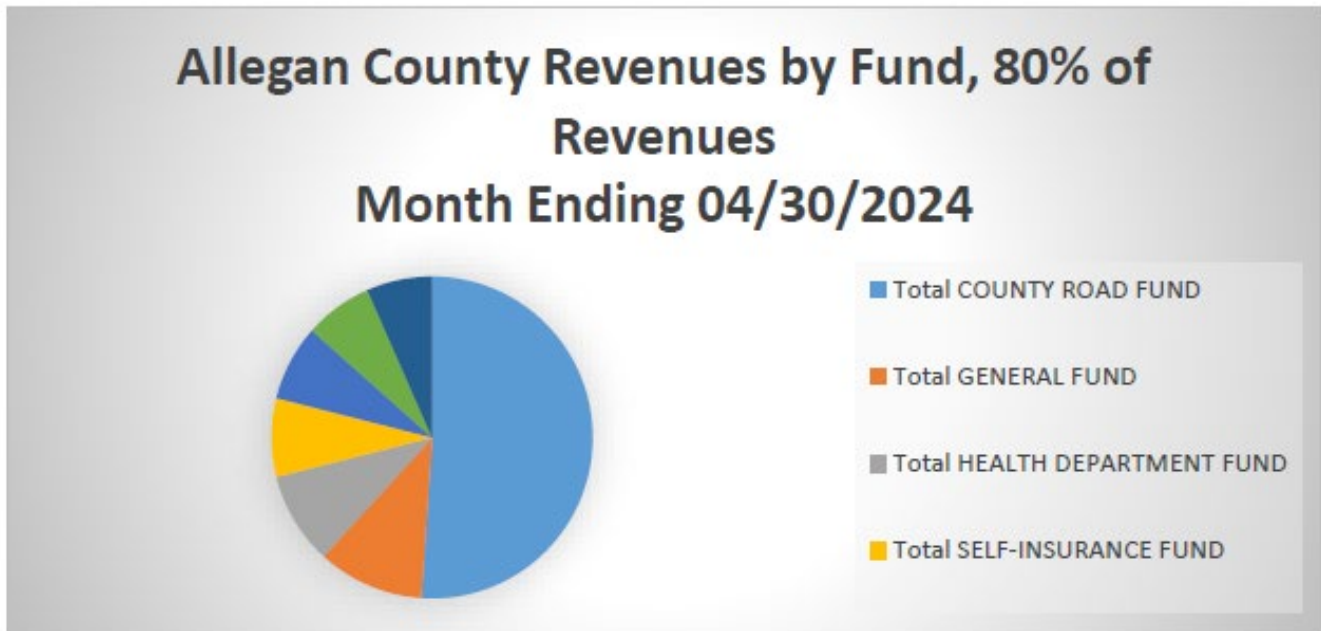
For more information, please contact Jeremy Ludwig, Central Dispatch Director, at jludwig@allegancounty.org.

Financial

MONTHLY FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM For Month ending April 30, 2024

NOTE: The monthly financial memo is meant to analyze the current financial conditions of Allegan County's funds. This information is unaudited data and should be used for informational purposes only.

| FY 2024 YTD (All Funds) Compared to 04/30/2023 | | |
|---|-------------|--------|
| Total Revenue | (2,078,441) | -5.59% |
| Total Expense | 2,875,485 | 8.38% |
| Personnel Expense | 527,367 | 2.76% |



For more information, please see Attachment E or contact Jennifer Ludwick, Executive Director of Finance, at (269) 673-0228, jludwick@allegancounty.org.

Financial

HIDTA Grant Update – The High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program was created by Congress with the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 to reduce drug trafficking and production within a critical drug-trafficking region.

The purpose of the program is to reduce drug trafficking and production in the United States by:

- Facilitating cooperation among Federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to share information and implement coordinated enforcement activities;
- Enhancing law enforcement intelligence sharing among Federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies;
- Providing reliable law enforcement intelligence to law enforcement agencies needed to design effective enforcement strategies and operations; and
- Supporting coordinated law enforcement strategies that maximize the use of available resources to reduce the supply of illegal drugs in designated areas and the United States as a whole.
- Allegan is considered a High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, and the program pays for OT for one officer to work in this program.

Due to the highly sensitive nature of this work, no recent or local information can be made public.



For more information, please contact Jennifer Ludwick, Executive Director of Finance, at (269) 673-0228, jludwick@allegancounty.org.



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MANAGEMENT CALENDAR

CHOOSE THE METHODS THAT FIT YOUR NEEDS. ADJUST THE TIMELINE AS NEEDED TO ACCOUNT FOR CONDITIONS THAT MAY CAUSE EARLY OR LATE HATCHING, GROWTH, AND PUPATING. PRECISE TIMING IS ESSENTIAL FOR INSECTICIDE USE.

EGG MASSES: NOVEMBER - MARCH



- SCRAPE & BRUSH INTO SOAPY WATER
- SPRAY WITH HORTICULTURAL OIL**
- EGG MASS SURVEY (IF USING CHEMICAL TREATMENT)

SMALL CATERPILLARS (LESS THAN 1/2 INCH): APRIL - MAY



- STICKY BANDS - CLEAN AND REAPPLY AS NEEDED
- BURLAP BANDS - EMPTY INTO SOAPY WATER DAILY IN THE MID TO LATE AFTERNOON
- INSECTICIDE TREATMENT**

LARGE CATERPILLARS: MAY - JUNE



- BURLAP BANDS - EMPTY INTO SOAPY WATER DAILY IN THE MID TO LATE AFTERNOON
- INSECTICIDE TREATMENT**

PUPAE & ADULTS: JULY



- PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR
- CRUSH OR BRUSH INTO SOAPY WATER

TREE RECOVERY AND CARE



- ENSURE TREES RECEIVE 1"-2" OF WATER (INCLUDING RAIN) WEEKLY DURING SUMMER
- FERTILIZER MAY BE USED, BUT SHOULD BE APPLIED DURING AUTUMN

****USE CHEMICALS LABELED FOR SPONGY MOTH / GYPSY MOTH / LYMANTRIA DISPAR. FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS ON THE LABEL. THE LABEL IS THE LAW.**

DIY DETAILS

STICKY BANDS

- WRAP THE TREE WITH DUCT TAPE (STICKY SIDE OUT), PLASTIC FILM, OR SOME OTHER NONPOROUS MATERIAL. BUTCHER PAPER CAN BE USED UNDERNEATH THE MATERIAL TO PROTECT SENSITIVE BARK OR FILL GAPS WHERE CATERPILLARS CAN GET BENEATH THE BAND.
- ALONG THE CENTER OF THE BAND, APPLY A STICKY SUBSTANCE SUCH AS VASELINE, TANGLEFOOT, OR CATCHMASTER. LEAVE AT LEAST TWO INCHES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BAND TO PREVENT DRIPPING ONTO THE TREE.
- CHICKENWIRE OR MESH SCREENING MAY BE PLACED OVER THE BAND TO PREVENT HARM TO BIRDS.
- PERIODICALLY CHECK AND REAPPLY THE STICKY SUBSTANCE, ESPECIALLY AFTER RAIN.



Credit: Mark Guthmiller, WI DNR

BURLAP BANDS

- CUT A NEUTRAL COLORED, MEDIUM WEIGHT CLOTH (LIKE BURLAP) AT LEAST 12" WIDE, AND LONG ENOUGH TO WRAP AROUND THE TREE.
- SECURE THE CLOTH TO THE TREE WITH CORD OR TWINE AROUND THE CENTER OF THE CLOTH, AND FOLD THE TOP OVER THE TWINE.
- EMPTY THE TRAP DAILY DURING MID TO LATE AFTERNOON BY SCRAPING CATERPILLARS INTO SOAPY WATER



Credit: Mark Guthmiller, WI DNR

RECOMMENDED TREE SPECIES

THESE NATIVE TREES ARE TYPICALLY AVOIDED BY SPONGY MOTH CATERPILLARS AND CAN BE PLANTED TO CREATE A RESISTANT LANDSCAPE.

- | | | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| • ARBORVITAE | • HONEY LOCUST | • SILVER MAPLE |
| • CATALPA | • JUNIPER | • SYCAMORE |
| • DOGWOOD | • REDBUD | • TULIP TREE |
| • FIR | • RED MAPLE | • TUPELO |
| • HOLLY | | |

VENDORS

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY TREATMENTS:

- BARTLETT TREE EXPERTS: 616-399-9446, WWW.BARTLETT.COM
- HONEYTREE ARBORIST SERVICE: 616-293-5318, HONEYTREENURSERY@YAHOO.COM
- MONARCH TREE SERVICES: 616-551-7032, PATMORREN@MONARCHTREESERVICES.COM
- PARSHALL TREE CARE EXPERTS: 616-260-1031, JAMES.RETZLAFF@PARSHALLTREECARE.COM
- WISE OWL TREE COMPANY: 616-840-2947, INFO@SUMMITLANDSCAPEING.COM

AERIAL TREATMENTS:

- AL SCHIFFER, AL'S AERIAL SPRAYING: 989-834-5067, AL400@AOL.COM
- LAKESHORE AG & AERIAL: 616-848-6509, DIRK@LAKESHOREAGTECH.COM
- HAMILTON HELICOPTERS: 616-291-5808, INFO@HAMILTONHELICOPTERS.COM
- ZAHM'S AERIAL ENTERPRISES LLC 616-498-9813, ZAHMSAERIAL.COM

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- MSU EXTENSION: 269-673-0370, WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/IPM/INVASIVE_SPECIES/GYPSY-MOTH/
- EGG MASS SURVEY PROTOCOL FROM PENN STATE EXTENSION: EXTENSION.PSU.EDU/GUIDE-TO-GYPSY-MOTH-EGG-MASS-SURVEYING
- GUIDELINES FOR TREE FERTILIZATION FROM UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT: HOMEGARDEN.CAHRN.UCONN.EDU/FACTSHEETS/TREE-SHRUB-GROUNDCOVER-AND-VINE-FERTILIZATION/

GENERAL TIPS

- CATERpillars ARE MOST MOBILE DURING DAWN & DUSK—FEEDING DURING THE NIGHT AND HIDING DURING THE DAY.
- CATERpillars' HAIRS MAY CAUSE SKIN IRRITATION. WEAR GLOVES IF HANDLING THEM.
- MOST TREES WILL RECOVER FROM DEFOLIATION. PRIORITIZE PROTECTING TREES WITH HIGH AESTHETIC VALUE AND TREES OVERHANGING FREQUENTLY USED AREAS LIKE DECKS OR WALKWAYS.
- WHITE PINE ARE INFREQUENTLY INFESTED, BUT WILL NOT RECOVER FROM DEFOLIATION. KEEP A CLOSE EYE TO DETERMINE IF AGGRESSIVE ACTION IS NEEDED.

NATURAL ENEMIES

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THESE NATURAL ENEMIES AND FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO HELP THEM HELP YOU!

PARASITIC WASPS ATTACK EGGS MASSES DURING THE SUMMER AND FALL. WAIT UNTIL FREEZING WEATHER BEFORE GOING AFTER EGG MASSES TO LET THE WASPS DO THEIR WORK.



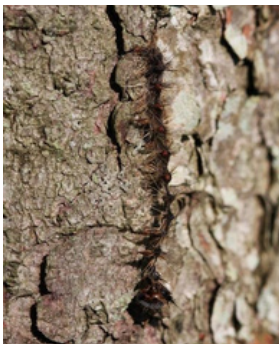
Credit: Ryan Hodnett

A VIRUS THAT ATTACKS THE CATERpillars LEAVES THEM HANGING IN A "V". LEAVE THESE CATERpillars TO HELP SPREAD THE VIRUS.



Credit: Steven Katovich, Bugwood.org

A FUNGUS THAT ATTACKS THE CATERpillars LEAVES THEM HANGING IN AN "Y". LEAVE THESE CATERpillars TO HELP SPREAD THE FUNGUS.



Steven Katovich, Bugwood.org 5443563

EGG MASS SURVEY SUMMARY

- IDENTIFY NUMBER AND LOCATION OF SURVEY PLOTS—AT LEAST 2, ADD 1 PLOT PER 100 ACRES. BE SURE THAT LOCATIONS ARE SOMEWHAT RANDOM (DON'T JUST PICK SPOTS YOU KNOW THERE ARE MANY MASSES)
- MARK A CIRCULAR PLOT WITH A RADIUS OF 18.6 FEET AND COUNT ALL EGG MASSES WITHIN THE CIRCLE
- MULTIPLY THE COUNT BY 40 TO GET EGG MASSES PER ACRE
- ESTIMATE THE RATIO OF NEW EGG MASSES BY COUNTING OLD AND NEW MASSES IN A SMALL, UP CLOSE AREA (E.G. THE BOTTOM 3 FT. OF A TREE)
- MULTIPLY MASSES PER ACRE BY THE PERCENT OF NEW EGG MASSES
- AVERAGE THE ESTIMATES FROM ALL PLOTS
- MAKE DECISIONS FROM SURVEY DATA—SEE THE REFERENCES SECTION FOR A LINK TO THE FULL PROTOCOL AND MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS



OLD EGG MASSES (LEFT) WILL BE DETERIORATED WITH HOLES, AND MORE FADED THAN NEW EGG MASSES (RIGHT)



Credit: Bob Queen, WI DNR

EXAMPLE CALCULATION

| Plot | Total Count | | Egg Masses per Acre | | Ratio of New Masses | | New Egg Masses per Acre |
|----------------|-------------|--------|---------------------|---|---------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | 45 | x 40 = | 1600 | x | 9/12 (0.75) | = | 1200 |
| 2 | 20 | x 40 = | 800 | x | 6/15 (0.4) | = | 320 |
| 3 | 16 | x 40 = | 640 | x | 10/10 (1.0) | = | 640 |
| Stand Average: | | | | | | | 720 |

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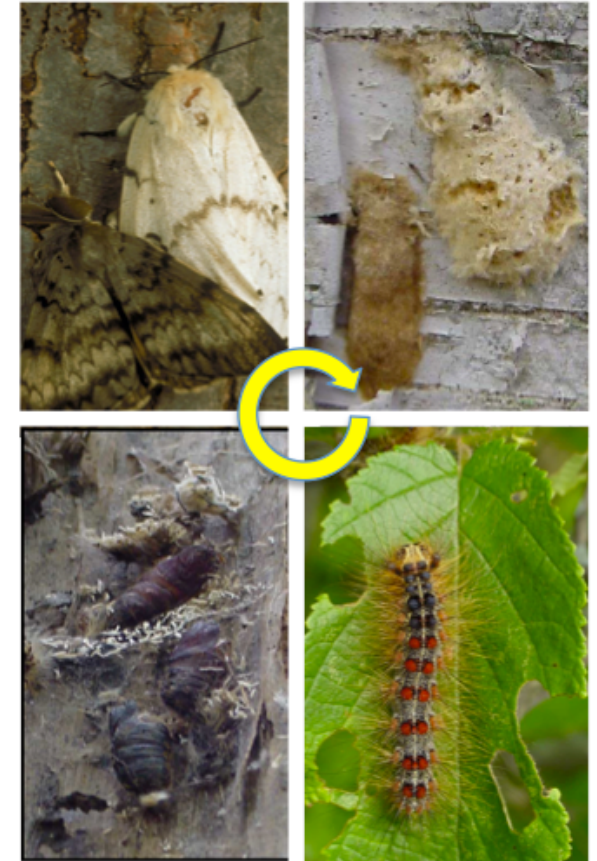


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Pocket Guide to Spongy Moth Management



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GEMS | Gain Employment, Maintain Support

We all want to take the best care of our children. But sometimes, finding decent work and making enough money to support them is tough. Here is a chance to get on a new track for you and your family.

How can GEMS help me?

As a GEMS participant, you will be able to receive the following services:



Career Coach: Receive one-on-one attention and referrals to needed services. You can meet with your career coach in-person, on the phone, and online at least once a week to support your progress.



Job Leads and Career Planning: Get help finding job leads that fit your skills. Hear ideas and strategies that job seekers use to get hired. Learn about ways to earn better wages and advance your career.



Support Services: You may receive help with things like work-related expenses, transportation, licensing fees, job training, and GED or English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, if available. You also may be able to get job retention and career advancement services for up to six months after entering employment.



Incentives: The Friend of the Court may reinstate suspended licenses, review your child support order to see if it can be lowered, lift bench warrants, and reconsider other enforcement actions that are in effect. Michigan Works! may provide financial incentives when you reach specific milestones in the program.



On-the-Job Training: On-the-job training can help job seekers re-enter the workforce. GEMS offers a wage reimbursement to employers to train you on new skills.

Get involved with GEMS

To be eligible for GEMS, you must:

- Live in a county where GEMS is available.
- Be unable to meet or have difficulty meeting your monthly child support payments due to a lack of employment or limited employment.

To receive GEMS services, **you may voluntarily enroll, or a judge may refer you to the program as part of a court order.** We are happy to help you enroll in the GEMS program. To learn more, please speak with your Friend of the Court caseworker or contact us directly at 877-543-2660.

GEMS is made possible through a collaboration between the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and its Michigan Office of Child Support, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, and Michigan Works!

(Rev. 4/24)



Rocking n' Rolling into Boomer Bash 2024 - Join us!

THURSDAY, JUNE 6 | 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1290 32nd Street (M-40), Allegan

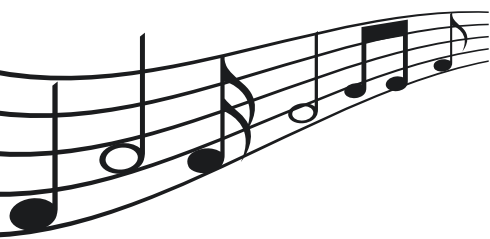
- ✓ **FREE SENIOR EVENT!**
- ✓ **Grab n' Go Breakfast & Served Lunch**
- ✓ **Senior Vendor Fair & Giveaways**
- ✓ **Fun-Filled Workshops**
- ✓ **Health Screenings**
- ✓ **Entertainment**



Schedule of Events

| | |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM | DOORS OPEN! |
| 8:00-8:30 | Registration Check-In & Breakfast |
| 8:30-8:45 | Welcome! Jay Follis, Emcee |
| 8:45-11:30 | Health Screenings & Vendor Fair |
| 9:30-10:30 | Workshop (Session One) |
| 10:40-11:40 | Workshop (Session Two) |
| 12:00-12:30 | Lunch & Bingo! |
| 12:30-1:00 | Entertainment & Giveaways |

Workshops on Reverse



Register TODAY!



Scan Code



- Scan QR Code
- Call 269-673-3333
- Mail-In Registration Form on Reverse Side
- Register Online - (<http://s.alchemer.com/s3/Boomer-Bash-2024-Participant-Registration>)



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Questions?
269-673-3333
tgalloway@allegancounty.org

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**FREE Transportation
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**for Allegan County Residents
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**Call Allegan County
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Reserve your spot by May 24!
269-673-4229**

*Thank You to Our
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Boomer Bash Workshop Options - Please select only ONE from each Session

| SESSION ONE 9:30-10:30 AM | SESSION TWO 10:40-11:40 AM |
|--|---|
| Wood Working Craft Interactive, simple wood working take-away craft The Home Depot | Wood Working Craft Interactive, simple wood working take-away craft The Home Depot |
| West Michigan Realty Professionals Patti Grover Gabrielse, Broker/Owner Andy Garcia, Edward Jones Financial Advisor Important things to know when assigning a Trustee or Personal Representative to your estate | West Michigan Realty Professionals Patti Grover Gabrielse, Broker/Owner Andy Garcia, Edward Jones Financial Advisor Smart investing programs for retirees and seniors |
| Allegan Fire Department Fire prevention and safety can save your life! | Allegan County Parks, Recreation & Tourism Get out and enjoy your local parks this summer! |
| Allegan Historical Society Cataloging, protecting, and storing your family heirlooms | Allegan Historical Society Whatzit?! |
| MSU Extension Cook Once Eat Twice – Cooking Class | MSU Extension Cook Once Eat Twice – Cooking Class |
| The Insurance Group Everything Medicaid: Plan Access, Scams & more! | Carrier Law Estate Planning Basics |
| Allegan County Transportation Need a Ride? Get Inside! | Holland Home Dementia Institute World-class dementia care training & information |

MAIL-IN REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ENTERED IN THE ORDER RECEIVED

Register Online for Immediate
Access into Workshops:

<http://s.alchemer.com/s3/Boomer-Bash-2024-Participant-Registration>

Scan QR code (below) to
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complete Mail-In Registration
Form (right).



Boomer Bash Mail-In Registration Form

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: / /

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

WORKSHOP SELECTIONS: Session 1 & Session 2

1: _____ 2: _____

*** DEADLINE TO REGISTER: May 24, 2024 ***

MAIL FORM TO: Allegan County Senior Services
3255 122nd Ave, Ste. 200 | Allegan, MI 49010

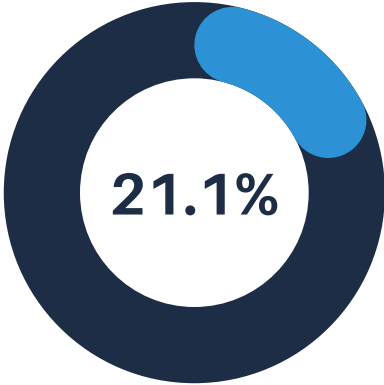
123NET FIBER TO THE HOME



RESIDENTS
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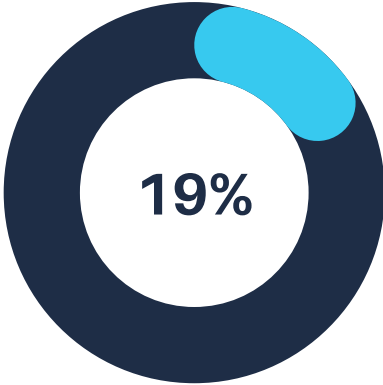
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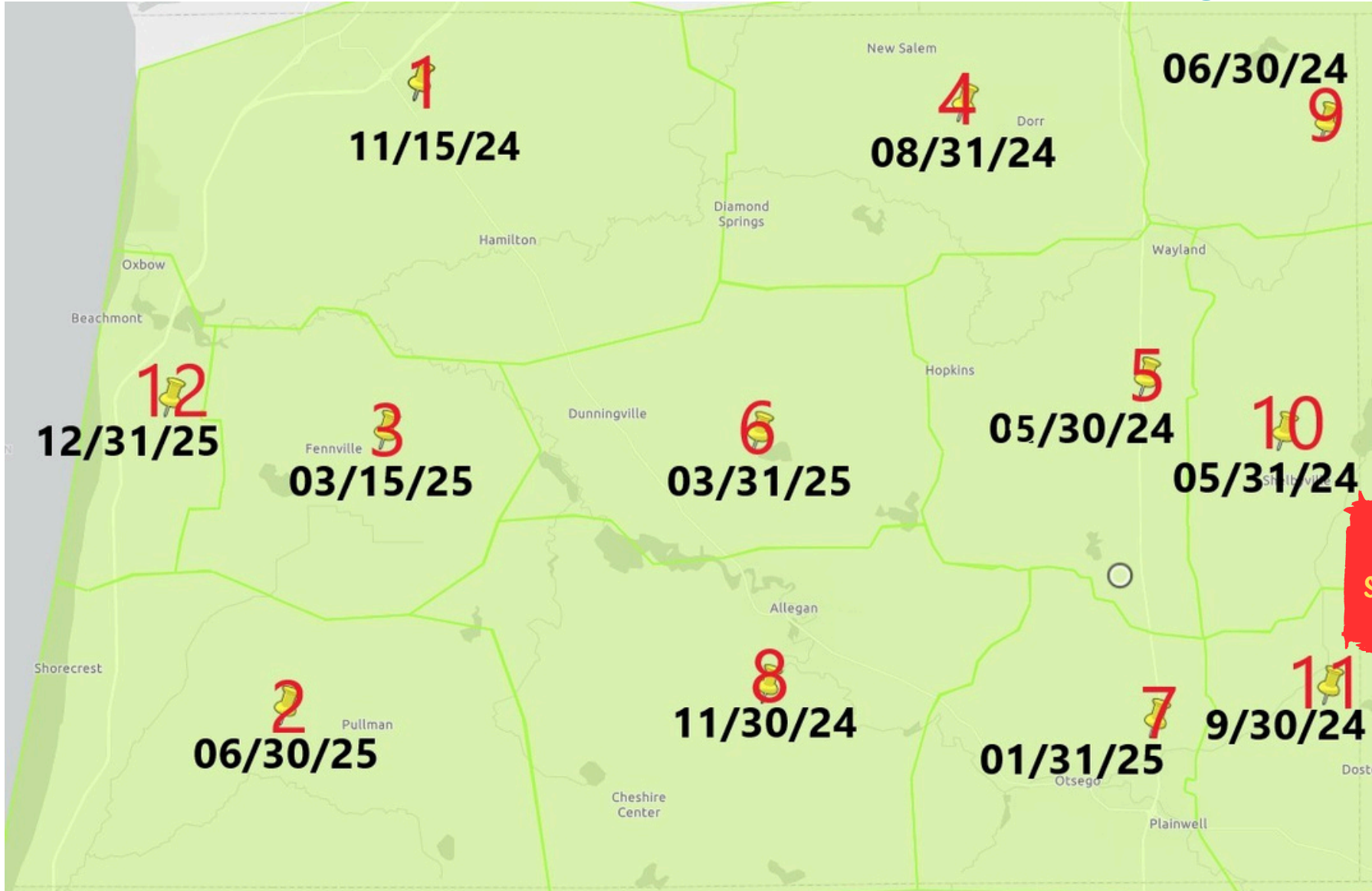


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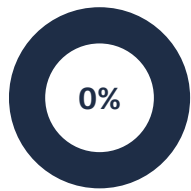
ZONE MAP - 123NET

Look up address: www.123.net/home-fiber-internet/sign-up/



ZONE STATUS - 123NET

Target Dates and % Fiber in place



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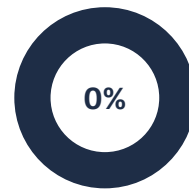
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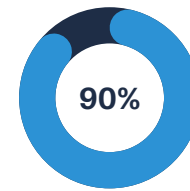
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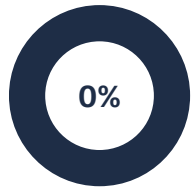
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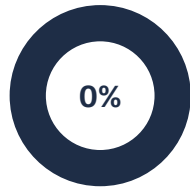
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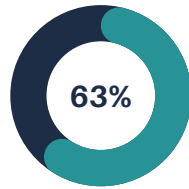
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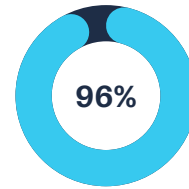
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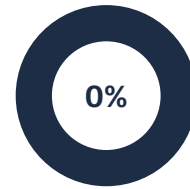
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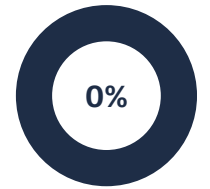
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OTHER BUILD PROJECTS

AT&T

AT&T built fiber to the home in portions of Monterey, Hopkins and a the northern tip Watson Township in 2022. You can contact AT&T at www.att.com and 888-371-0706.

BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNICATIONS

Building fiber in eastern Cheshire, western Trowbridge and southern Valley Townships. Expect to be complete by end of 2024. Bloomingtondale.com

MERCURY BROADBAND

Currently offering fixed wireless service in limited portions of Allegan County. Planning to start fiber construction by December 2024. Mercurybroadband.com

MIDWEST ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS

Visit the MEC website to check the map and sign up for service. 2024 - Lee and Casco Township; southern portion in April-June and northern portion in July-September. 2025: Ganges, Cheshire and Trowbridge. 2026: Otsego Twp

SPECTRUM

Spectrum is expanding into more rural areas. Please visit spectrumruralexpan.sion.com to determine if your address is serviceable or when an address may be able to receive Spectrum services, including Broadband, TV, Voice and Mobile.

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

For Month ending April 30, 2024

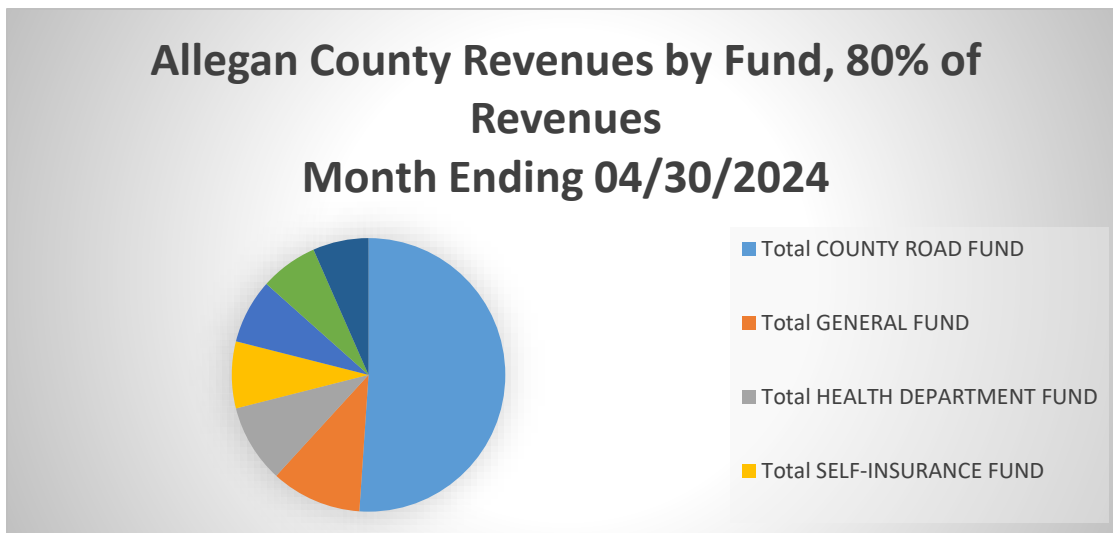
NOTE: The monthly financial memo is meant to analyze the current financial conditions of Allegan County's funds. This information is unaudited data and should be used for informational purposes only.

| FY 2024 YTD (All Funds) | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Compared to 04/30/2023 | | |
| Total Revenue | (2,078,441) | 5.59% |
| Total Expense | 2,875,485 | 8.38% |
| Personnel Expense | 527,367 | 2.76% |

Revenue Highlights:

Total revenues through April are down \$2.08 as compared to last year at this time. The driving force behind that decrease is:

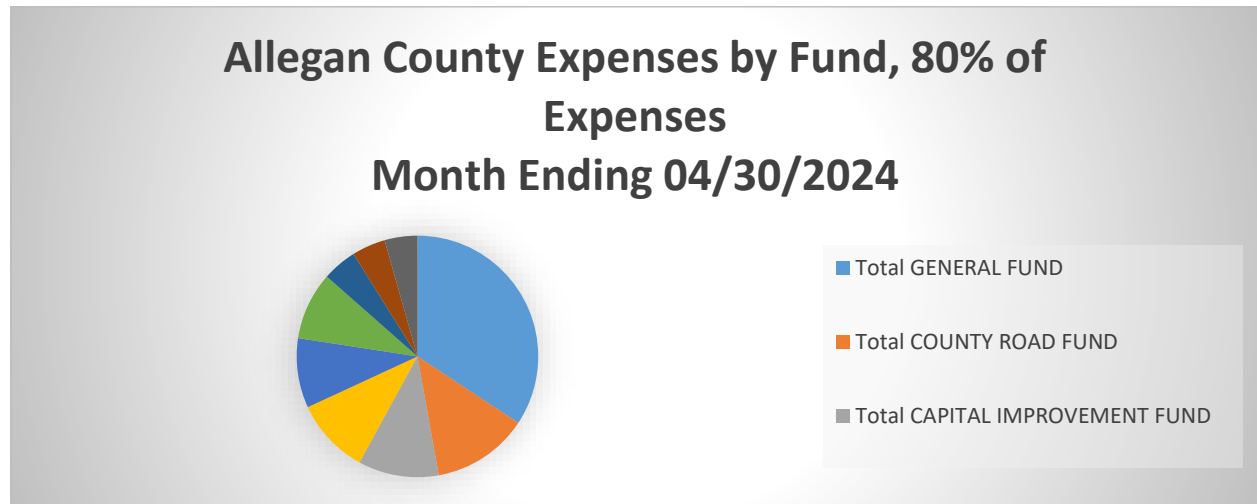
- County Road Fund (down 8% or \$1.25M)
- General Fund (down 27% or \$1.25M)



Expense Highlights:

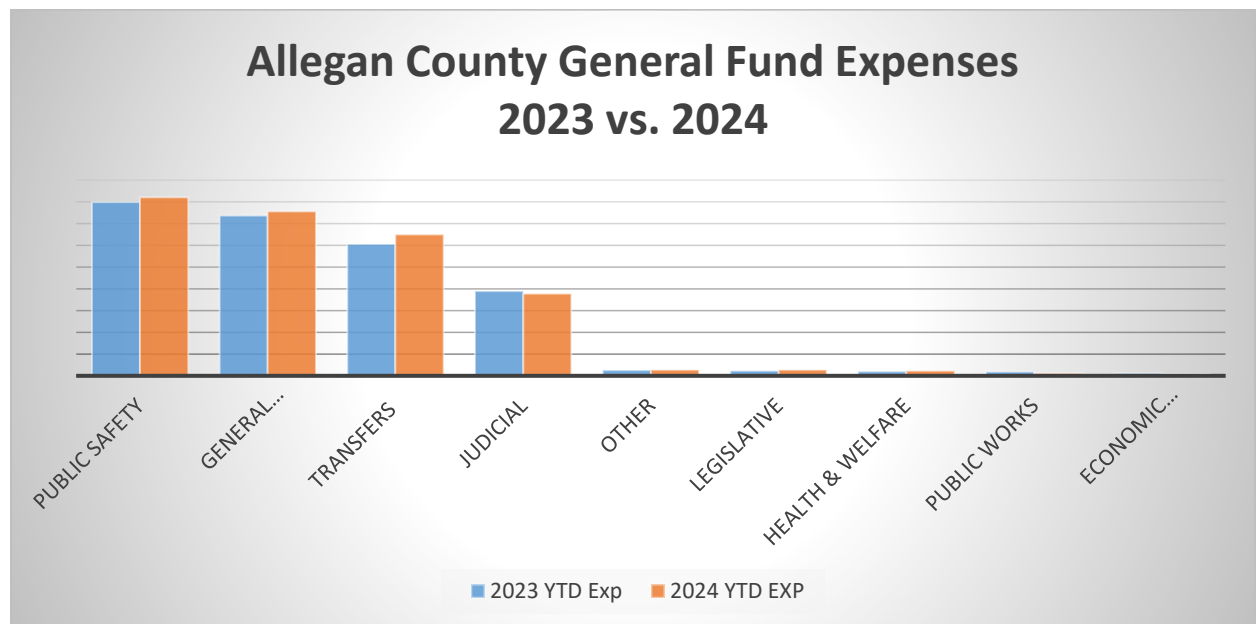
Total expenses through April have increased by \$2.9M as compared to last year at this time. This reflects an increase of 8%. The three funds that are driving this increase are Capital Improvements (up \$1.2M), Self-Insurance Fund (up \$435K) and General Fund (up \$372K)

- Capital Improvements includes renovation work on both the Courthouse and County Services Building.
- Self-Insurance Fund includes an early policy payment made in April.

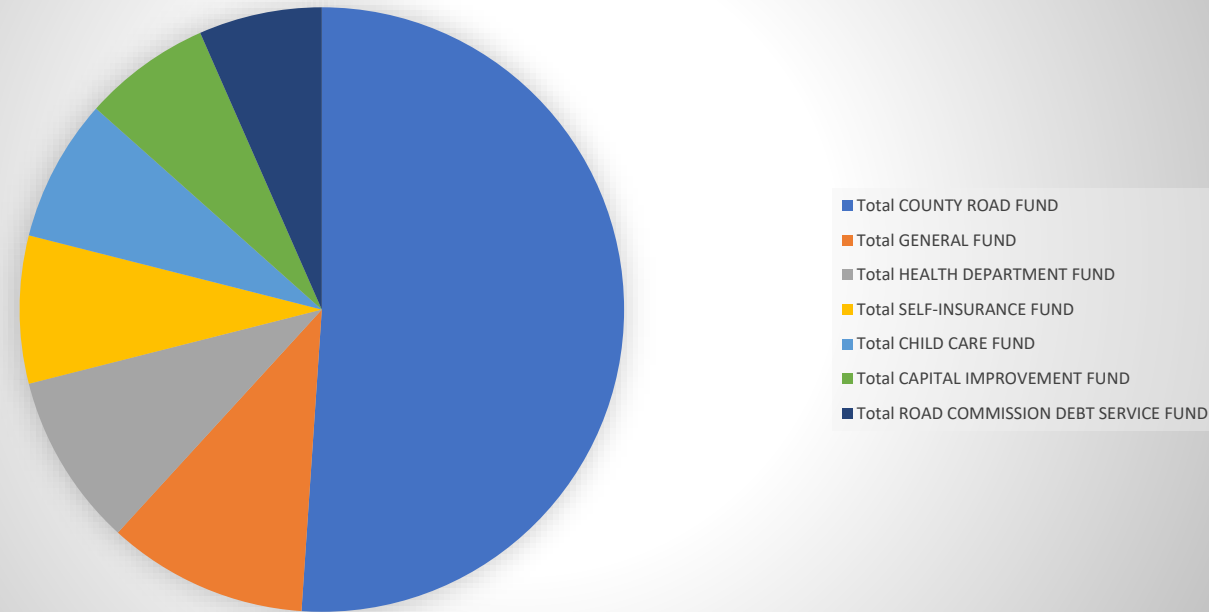


General Fund Highlights:

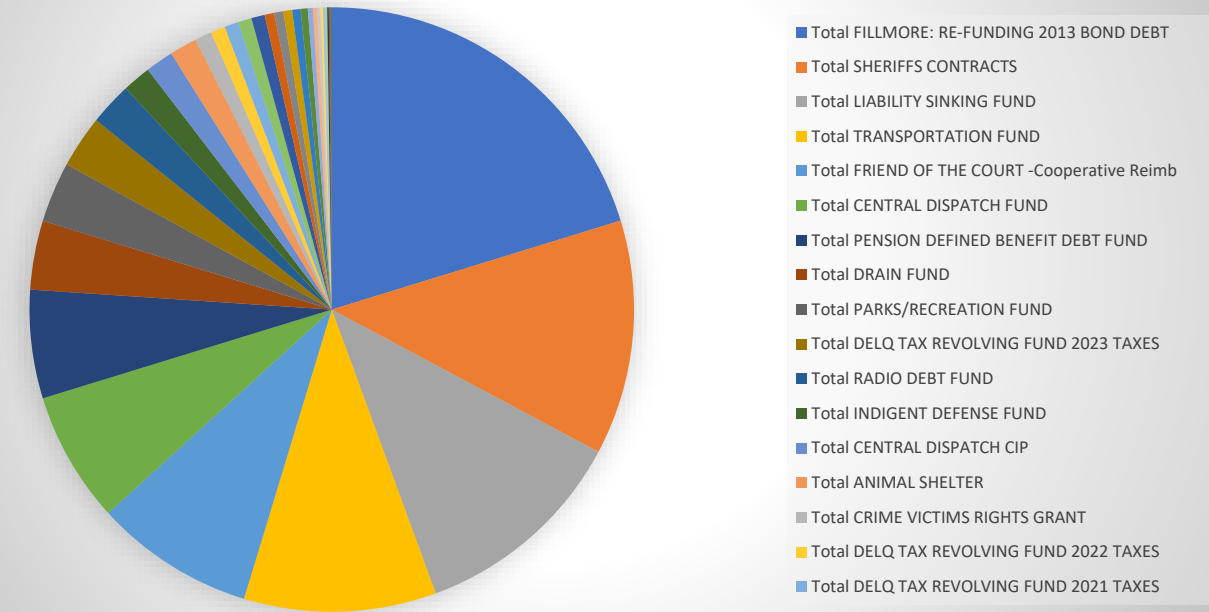
As of April 30, the year-to-date spend within the General Fund remains relatively flat as compared to last year. Overall, expenses are only up 2.8% compared to 2023.



**Allegan County Revenues by Fund, 80% of Revenues
Month Ending 04/30/2024**

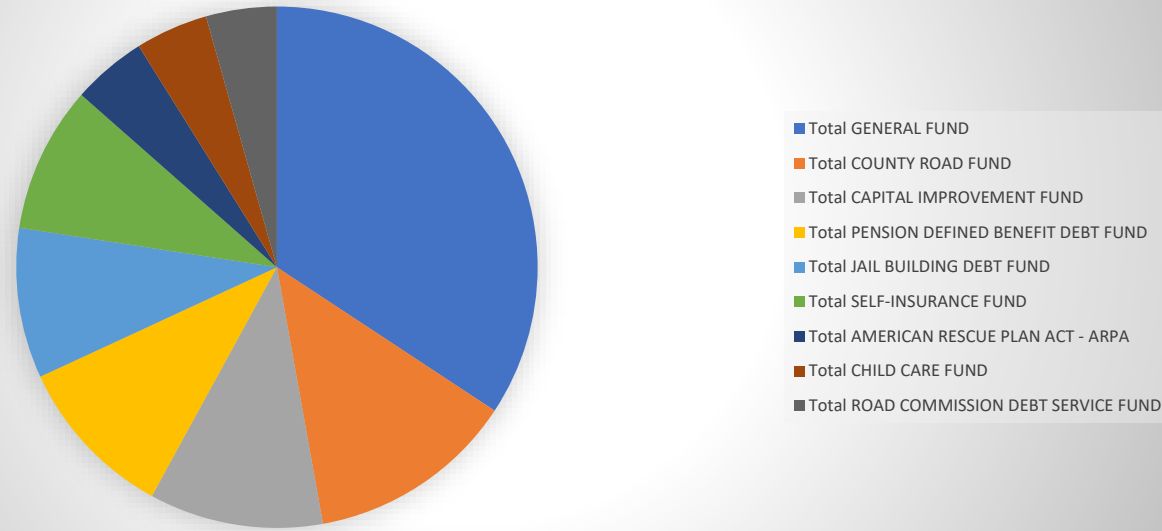


**Allegan County Revenues by Fund, 20% of Revenues
Month Ending 04/30/2024**

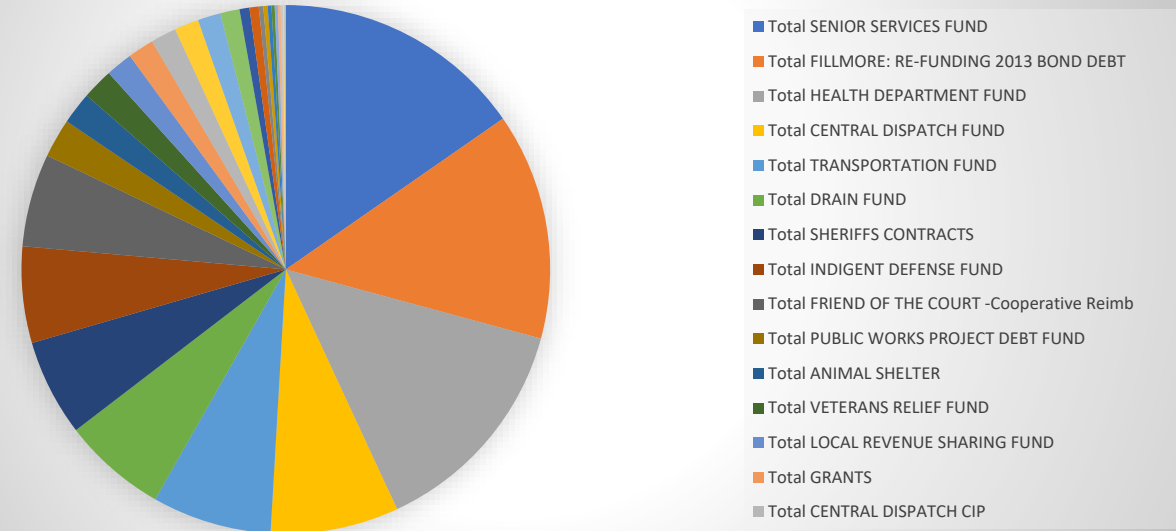


| Fund Name | YTD Revenues | % of Total Revenue (YTD) |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|
| Total COUNTY ROAD FUND | 14,263,143.38 | 40.63% |
| Total GENERAL FUND | 3,287,347.40 | 9.36% |
| Total SENIOR SERVICES FUND | 3,126,386.89 | 8.91% |
| Total HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND | 2,086,207.60 | 5.94% |
| Total SELF-INSURANCE FUND | 1,583,123.66 | 4.51% |
| Total INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND | 1,467,391.40 | 4.18% |
| Total CHILD CARE FUND | 1,272,144.33 | 3.62% |
| Total SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING | 1,239,996.07 | 3.53% |
| Total LIABILITY SINKING FUND | 800,000.00 | 2.28% |
| Total CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND | 736,392.00 | 2.10% |
| Total TRANSPORTATION FUND | 680,478.27 | 1.94% |
| Total FRIEND OF THE COURT -Cooperative Reimb | 637,685.11 | 1.82% |
| Total SHERIFFS CONTRACTS | 624,136.46 | 1.78% |
| Total ROAD COMMISSION DEBT SERVICE FUND | 423,140.63 | 1.21% |
| Total PENSION DEFINED BENEFIT DEBT FUND | 399,266.68 | 1.14% |
| ALL FUNDS UNDER 1% OF TOTAL REVENUES | 2,476,568.37 | 7.06% |
| | 35,103,408.25 | |

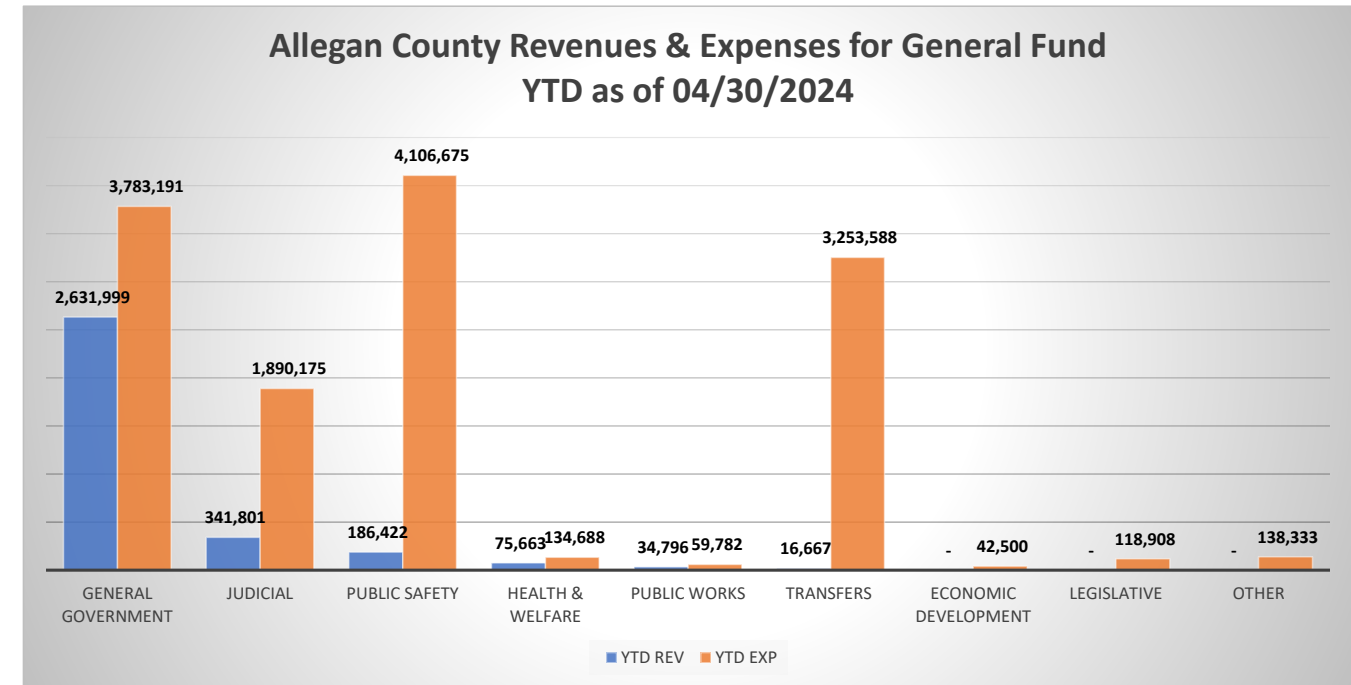
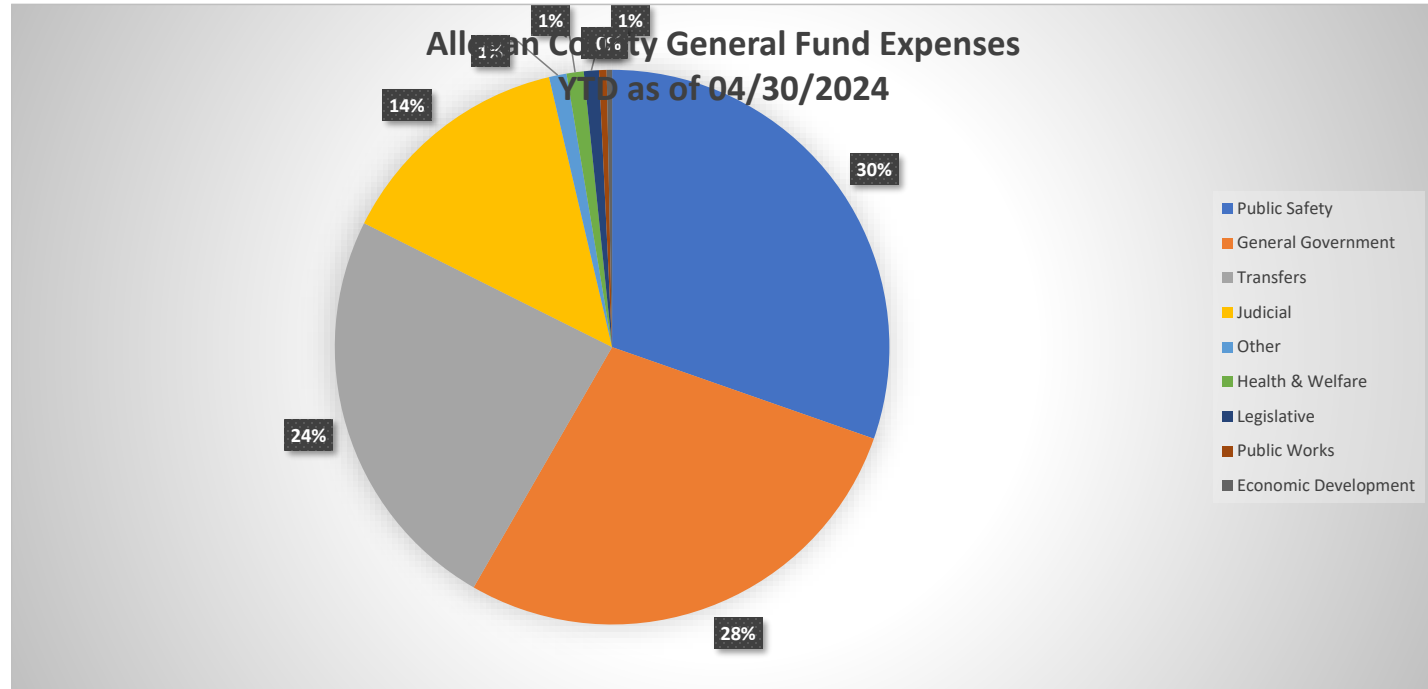
**Allegan County Expenses by Fund, 80% of Expenses
Month Ending 04/30/2024**



**Allegan County Expenses by Fund, 20% of Expenses
Month Ending 04/30/2024**



| Fund Name | YTD Expenses | % of Total Expense (YTD) |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|
| Total GENERAL FUND | 13,527,841.20 | 36.36% |
| Total COUNTY ROAD FUND | 5,417,383.76 | 14.56% |
| Total SELF-INSURANCE FUND | 2,772,229.71 | 7.45% |
| Total CHILD CARE FUND | 1,693,722.21 | 4.55% |
| Total CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND | 1,649,016.69 | 4.43% |
| Total INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND | 1,361,436.12 | 3.66% |
| Total HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND | 1,282,829.70 | 3.45% |
| Total CENTRAL DISPATCH FUND | 1,026,149.39 | 2.76% |
| Total PENSION DEFINED BENEFIT DEBT FUND | 976,467.50 | 2.62% |
| Total JAIL BUILDING DEBT FUND | 896,500.00 | 2.41% |
| Total SENIOR SERVICES FUND | 882,088.95 | 2.37% |
| Total TRANSPORTATION FUND | 847,565.58 | 2.28% |
| Total SHERIFFS CONTRACTS | 637,203.72 | 1.71% |
| Total FRIEND OF THE COURT -Cooperative Reimb | 559,420.55 | 1.50% |
| Total AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT - ARPA | 487,737.94 | 1.31% |
| Total ROAD COMMISSION DEBT SERVICE FUND | 422,640.63 | 1.14% |
| ALL FUNDS UNDER 1% OF TOTAL EXPENSES | 2,763,294.61 | 7.43% |
| | 37,203,528.26 | |



| General Fund Revenues by Function | MTD | YTD | BUDGET | | YTD |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | 04/01 to 04/30/24 | 01/01 to 04/30/24 | 01/01 to 12/31/24 | AVAILABLE BALANCE | % REVENUES COLLECTED |
| General Government | 377,025 | 2,631,999 | 42,849,679 | 40,217,680 | 6.14% |
| Judicial | 140,840 | 341,801 | 1,713,320 | 1,371,519 | 19.95% |
| Public Safety | 89,471 | 186,422 | 854,690 | 668,268 | 21.81% |
| Transfers In | 4,167 | 16,667 | 50,000 | 33,333 | 33.33% |
| Public Works | - | 34,796 | 86,990 | 52,194 | 40.00% |
| Health & Welfare | 75,663 | 75,663 | 171,155 | 95,492 | 44.21% |
| Other | - | - | - | - | 0.00% |
| Economic Development | - | - | - | - | 0.00% |
| Legislative | - | - | - | - | 0.00% |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES | 687,166 | 3,287,347 | 45,725,834 | 42,438,487 | 7.19% |

| General Fund Expenses by Function | MTD | YTD | BUDGET | | YTD |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | 04/01 to 04/30/24 | 01/01 to 04/30/24 | 01/01 to 12/31/24 | AVAILABLE BALANCE | % BUDGET USED |
| Public Safety | 1,045,844 | 4,106,675 | 14,224,478 | 10,117,803 | 28.87% |
| General Government | 837,484 | 3,783,191 | 12,787,318 | 9,004,127 | 29.59% |
| Transfers Out | 813,397 | 3,253,588 | 9,566,720 | 6,313,132 | 34.01% |
| Judicial | 484,790 | 1,890,175 | 6,979,037 | 5,088,862 | 27.08% |
| Health & Welfare | 55,952 | 134,688 | 466,621 | 331,933 | 28.86% |
| Legislative | 25,182 | 118,908 | 378,757 | 259,849 | 31.39% |
| Other | 34,583 | 138,333 | 1,026,847 | 888,514 | 13.47% |
| Public Works | 1,146 | 59,782 | 203,867 | 144,085 | 29.32% |
| Economic Development | - | 42,500 | 86,189 | 43,689 | 49.31% |
| | 3,298,379 | 13,527,841 | 45,719,834 | 32,191,993 | 29.59% |

