



By the publishing of this newsletter, University of Michigan football will have two games under their belt. While fall football may return some normalcy for some, the uptick of COVID infections in Michigan and around

the country reminds us that we are not out of the woods yet on this pandemic. Even with a potential vaccine looming, we must remain vigilant and follow the Washtenaw County Health Department's guidance to continue physical distancing, wearing masks in public spaces and frequently washing our hands. Only by following these prudent protocols will we be able to reduce the burden on our essential workers who continue to work diligently to keep us safe and healthy.

### Gelman litigation update

Now on to water issues ... On Oct. 19, City Council deliberated on the Proposed 4th Amendment to the Consent Judgment. There was consensus from Council that the Amendment as proposed did not meet their expectations. There were several amendments proposed and considered, but the majority of Council voted to reject the 4th Amendment. This decision along with the impending votes by the Washtenaw County Commissioners and Scio Township Board will be shared with the court in early November for its consideration and an exploration for potential next steps.

At face value the rejection of the 4th Amendment to the Consent Judgment leaves the 3rd Amendment as the guiding order under which the current remediation activities proceed. However, jurisdiction over this clean up is in the hands of the courts and until they make a final determination, the future outcome remains unclear. I will continue to keep you informed on this topic as it develops.

### Lead and copper results

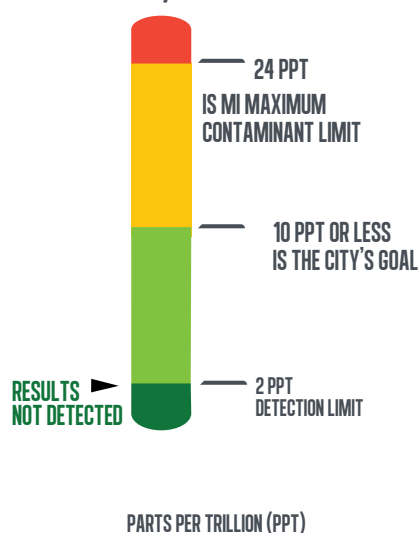
One other item that I would like to share are the results of our triennial lead sampling that were completed this year. Ann Arbor measures lead in drinking water in homes around the city once every three years for compliance with Michigan regulations. Because of historically low levels, the city is on a reduced monitoring schedule. The 95th percentile concentration for lead was 1.8 ppb, well below the current action level (AL) of 15 ppb and the future AL of 12 ppb. Because of the acute risks of lead contamination, the city has already removed all of its known lead components from the water distribution system. As part of its compliance requirements for the Michigan Revised Lead and Copper Rule, the city is completing its service line inventory and is also removing all galvanized service leads due to their potential to release lead. As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, this work is being coordinated with the city's

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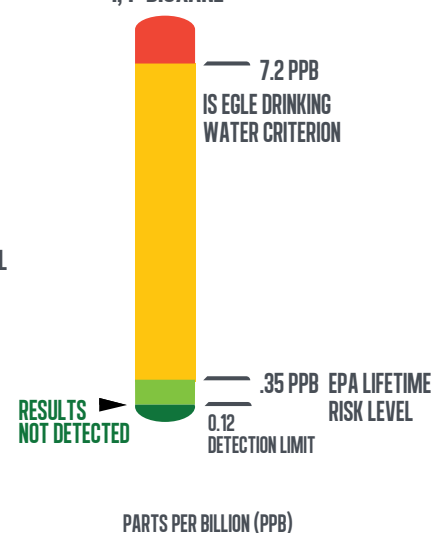
## MONTHLY WATER QUALITY DASHBOARD



### PFOS/PFOA



### 1,4-DIOXANE



The city's monthly water quality dashboard has been updated to better illustrate the city's goals and the new Michigan PFAS regulations.

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meter replacement program.

Enjoy the remainder of fall weather, and be well.

*Brian Steglitz*

Brian Steglitz, P.E., Drinking Water License F-1, Water Treatment Plant Manager, Ann Arbor resident

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**AquaHawk**



### AquaHawk is ready to fly

Ann Arbor has introduced AquaHawk, a free online tool which helps city water customers:

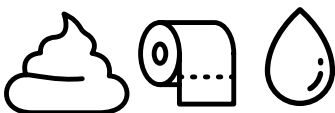
- View and track water consumption.
- Get water alerts via email, text or phone.

To register for this new tool, simply visit [www.a2gov.org/aquahawk](http://www.a2gov.org/aquahawk) and click on the "register" button. Users with multiple accounts with the same customer number only need to add one account per customer number, and the remaining accounts with that customer number will be linked within 24 hours. After registering, you will be able to see your current water use history and take advantage of the other powerful tools AquaHawk provides. If you have any questions, please contact City of Ann Arbor Customer Service at 734.794.6320 or [customerservice@a2gov.org](mailto:customerservice@a2gov.org).

### "Flushable" wipes + grease clog the pipes

Things like "flushable" wipes, feminine hygiene products and paper towels do not break down like toilet paper. They cause blockages in your home and in sewer pipes. Fats, oils and greases do the same. Dispose of these in the trash, **never** down the drain.

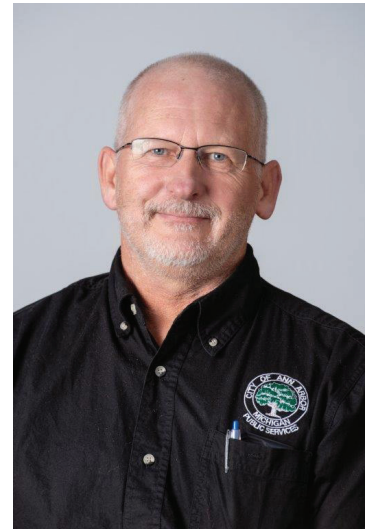
To keep it flowing, only flush . . .



[a2gov.org/wipesandfog](http://a2gov.org/wipesandfog)

## NOVEMBER WATER CHAMPIONS

This month's Water Champion is Water Treatment Plant Utility Supervisor **Brian Rogers** who has worked for the City of Ann Arbor in a number of positions throughout his 19-year career. However, his most rewarding positions have been delivering safe drinking water.



Brian began his career at the city as a mechanic. In 2002, he transferred to the Water Treatment Plant and learned new skills and how to maintain and operate a water system.

"I started as a Water Utilities Technician and have worked my way up to Supervisor. Working at the WTP is the best job that I have ever had, and I appreciate that I have the opportunity to work with great people to provide a critical service to the community."

### Giving residents in need a helping hand

Ann Arbor water utility customers have the option of helping Ann Arbor residents facing difficulties paying their utility bills through the Ann Arbor Assistance Fund, which provides assistance to prevent eviction and utility shut-off. Ann Arbor utility customers can donate by using the Ann Arbor Assistance Fund donation line located on your water bill payment stub or by using the new donation feature in the online water bill payment system.



Donations go to the Barrier Busters Program, which is managed by the Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development. The funds are then distributed to Ann Arbor residents who meet the necessary criteria who are in danger of losing their housing or utility services due to financial hardship.