



Community Meeting

May 13, 2026

AGENDA

- Welcome & Leadership Changes
Ken Mulder
- Financial Report / Dues
Louis Bitto
- Cormorants
Mary Kay Sogge
- Canal Dredging Update
Ken Mulder / Chris Swift
- Weed Control
Dean Parent
- Calendar of Events
Trina Barta
- Q&A
All

PROPOSED LEADERSHIP CHANGE



President
Dean Parent



VP
Ken Mulder



Treasurer
Louis Bitto



Secretary
Trina Barta



Trustee
Bill Fromius

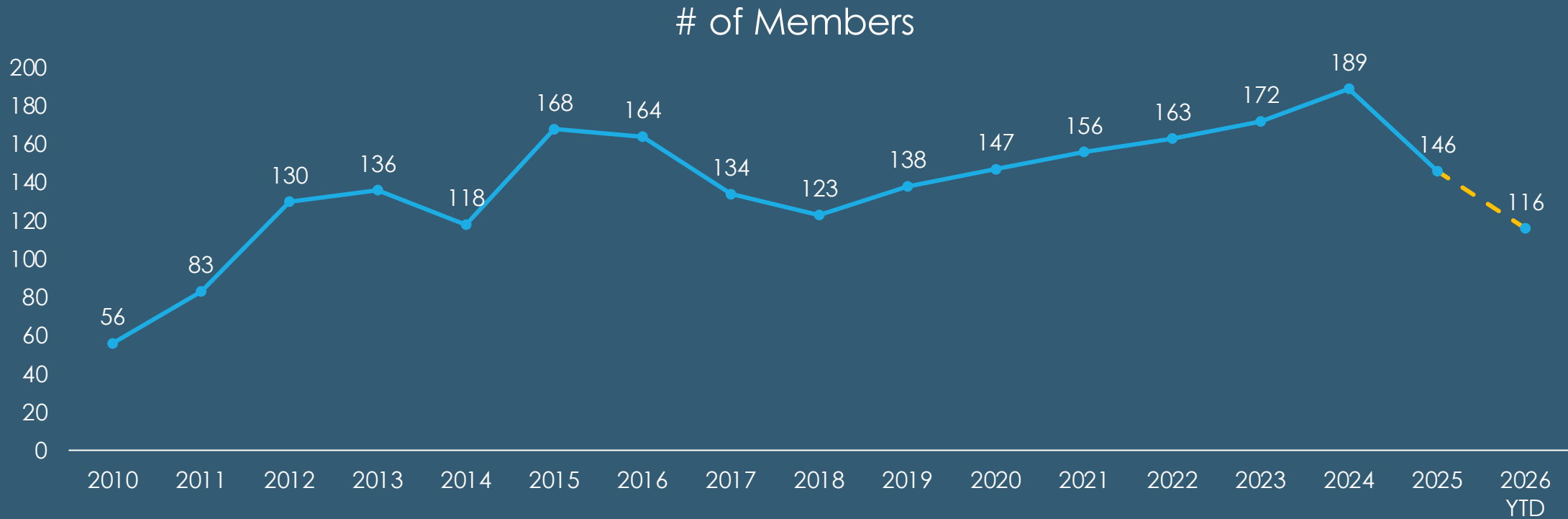


Trustee
Brett Kurily



Trustee
Joe Ramon

MEMBERSHIP



A large number of black cormorants are perched on the bare, light-colored branches of several tall, thin trees. The birds are scattered across the branches, some sitting on the main trunks and others on the smaller, more intricate parts of the canopy. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. The overall scene is a naturalistic depiction of a large colony of cormorants in their nesting or resting habitat.

CORMORANTS



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

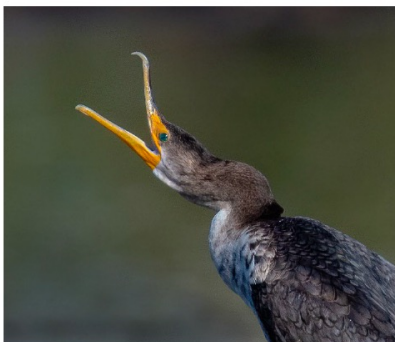
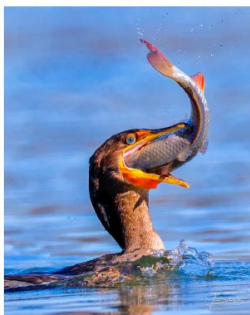
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April 14, 2026

To: Honorable members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation

Subject: Urgent Request for Cormorant Management throughout the state of Michigan.

I am writing to formally express my deep concern regarding the devastating impact of the Double-crested Cormorant population on communities throughout Michigan. I have witnessed firsthand the rapid degradation of local ecosystems and the environmental damage caused by these birds.



The issues currently facing Michigan communities include:

- **Ecological Destruction:** The concentration of cormorants has led to the loss of native vegetation. Their highly acidic droppings are killing trees and ground cover, which are essential habitats for other native bird species.
- **Fishery Depletion:** The sheer volume of fish consumed by these colonies is unsustainable and is undermining the DNR's own stocking and conservation efforts.
- **Water Quality Concerns:** The accumulation of waste from large nesting colonies poses a risk to the water quality of our lakes, affecting both wildlife and recreational use.
- **Historic Lighthouses:** Acidic bird droppings are accelerating the deterioration of historic lighthouses. The acidity erodes masonry, metal, and protective coatings, increasing maintenance costs and threatening the long-term preservation of these important cultural and navigational landmarks.

I urge you all, as members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation, to make it a priority to advance the passage of the recently introduced legislation (H.R. 8195). This legislation is essential for clarifying and reinforcing cormorant management authority throughout Michigan and the U.S. By supporting increased management activities, including nest suppression and

population control, we can take meaningful steps to prevent further irreversible damage to the Great Lakes ecosystem.

In addition, Michigan is uniquely situated to have a significant impact on the cormorant population nationwide as the birds migrate to our state to nest and reproduce. To ensure Michigan is able to protect our priceless National Lakeshore, I am requesting annual Federal funding of \$1,000,000 to fully implement a statewide program for cormorant control. This funding is essential to effectively manage and limit the negative impacts of this bird species.

Thank you for your time and for your dedication to Michigan's natural resources.

Sincerely,

CANAL DREDGING UPDATE

TOWNSHIP BOARD HAS APPROVED THE PROJECT

- 2nd Public Hearing (April 13) – The township board approved the dredging SAD. Next steps are bonding the project for funding and awarding the project to a contractor. The permitting update has been taken care of. Once it's awarded, details on a start date will be provided.
- 1st Public Hearing (March 9) – Township board approved the project with a slight modification, the 3 properties on Riverdale were removed. The project scope and contractor were made aware that dredging would not happen in front of those properties but we will still be doing the intersection, staying 8-10 ft away from the seawalls along the south side.

LATEST UPDATE

- Aquatic Hydraulic Dredging (AHD) submitted the contract to the township and they required some amendments. AHD approved those changes and are waiting for the signed contract back from the township.
- Additionally, AHD is waiting for feedback from DNR and EGLE to ensure there are no restrictions before issuing a formal timeline.

FREQUENT QUESTIONS

What was the reason that the dewatering bags couldn't be placed in other areas near the subdivision?

- 3 areas were identified by the contractor that would be suitable for the project – detailed on the following slides.
- The use of the DNR boat launch at the end of South River Rd was never an option due to multiple factors. It is too far from the work being done, the sediment is pumped thru a pipeline to the sediment bags for de-watering and it cannot be pumped that distance. The pipeline would also go across the bay and regardless of sinking or floating the pipeline it would be a navigation hazard for boats in that area, especially the homes along the bay, due to the water low levels. The DNR would have to approve the use of the site and we didn't expect to get approval since the boating season overlaps with the project timeline.

OPTION 1

The best option was the northeast parking lot at Lake St Clair Metropark. This site was requested and denied by the Metropark because of current construction projects they have going on. And even if they didn't have these projects, it would be highly unlikely the Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority would approve the use because there is no benefit to them.

Additionally, the pipeline would have to leave the canal, go thru the Riverdale/Powers canal, across the Venetian canal and thru the Black Creek to get to the parking lot. The pipeline can be floating or sunk but would cause navigation issues on the Venetian canal, the Black Creek, and the Metropark boat launch.

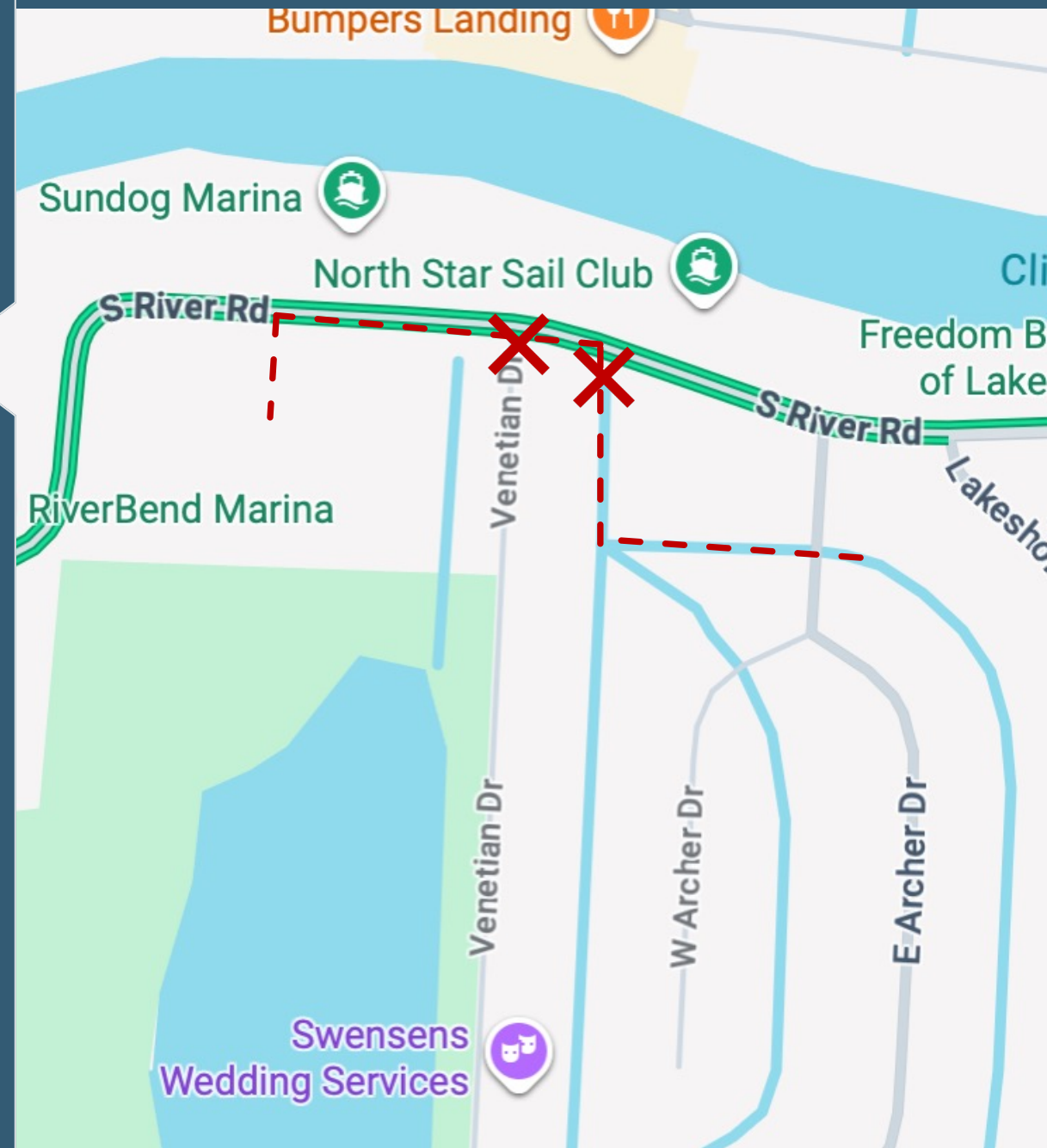


OPTION 2

The second option was to use Sundog Marina's storage yard in the curves on South River Rd. We spoke to the owners and they were willing to try and work with us as long as we agreed to a charge to use the property. However, the space would be available for a very limited time due to storing boats and equipment.

There were also logistical problems with the site, the pipeline could be routed like the Metropark solution but the contractor could not work in the swamp making that route impossible.

The other route would be out of the north end of the Lakeshore/Archer/Pardee canal and across the Venetian canal, from there it would have to go thru Northstar Sail Club's auxiliary lot or thru a yard on Venetian Dr. Running the pipeline across Venetian Dr, along the sidewalk and across the driveway to the house would not be approved by the Macomb County Department of Roads. We tried to make this option work but there were too many problems.

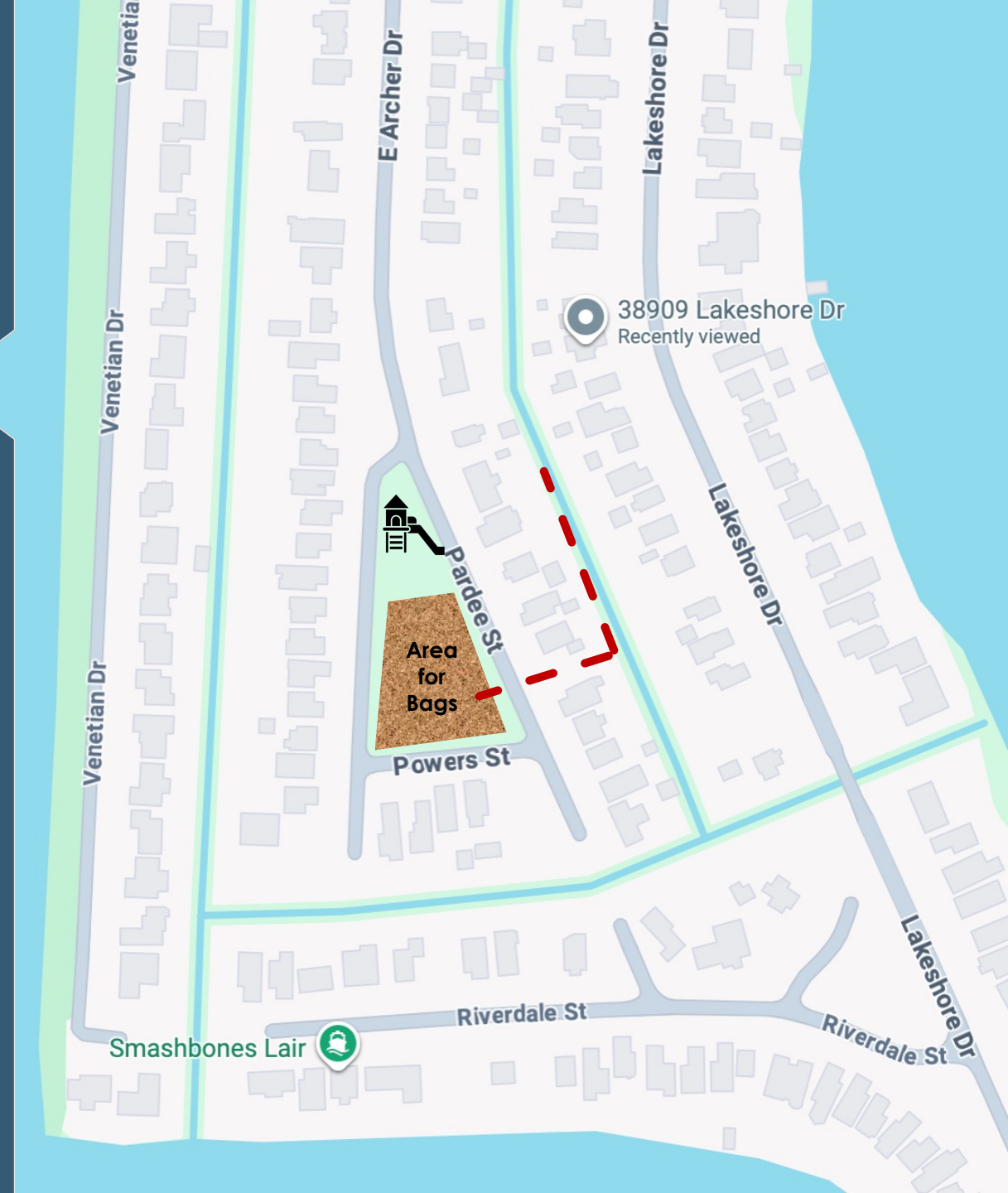


OPTION 3

The third option, was to use Aune Park in 2 phases because the park doesn't have enough room to setup up the required sediment bags all at once.

The pipeline will be run thru a vacant lot across from the park to the sediment bags. This option was discussed with and agreed upon with the township who owns and maintains the park.

We've asked that all the larger mature trees remain untouched but some of the small bushes and shrubs will be removed to make space for the sediment bags, the area with the playground equipment will not be used. The contractor is required to return the park to it's original condition when the project is complete as a requirement of the contract with the township who manages the project.



FREQUENT QUESTIONS

I'm worried about the safety of the sediment that will be in the bags drying out.

- The sediment has been tested by a third party per the DNR rules and the DNR approved the project. The completed tests are visible to all residents here:
<https://www.huronpointehoa.com/projects-6>

I heard they were going to destroy the park at the end of East Archer with those bags.

- The park will be used but NOT the playground area. Upon completion of the project the contractor is required to return it to its original condition

FREQUENT QUESTIONS

Can't we pump the sediment into the swamp across from Venetian. No bags, instant disposal, park saved and entire job at done at once. Lower cost too!

- The swamp land is owned by the Metroparks and is protected wetlands, nothing can be dumped there.

Why can't the sediment be trucked out immediately?

- Michigan law, specifically **MCL 257.720** of the Michigan Vehicle Code, requires that vehicles transporting materials like wet dirt or mud be constructed, loaded, or covered to prevent contents from leaking, dropping, or escaping onto the highway. Vehicles must also comply with **MCL 257.722** regarding maximum axle loads to ensure excess water weight does not cause a violation.
- Additionally, the facility taking the sediment will only take dried material.



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AQUA-WEED



CONTROL INC.

WEED CONTROL

Treatment dates for weed and algae control are:

- June 5
- July 10
- August 7


Yard notices will be posted on Sunday before.

Note: dates are subject to change in the event of severe weather.

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UPCOMING
EVENTS

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS




May

Garage Sale
5/15 – 5/17



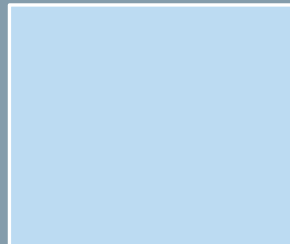
June




July

Boat Tie Up
Sunday 7/19

Rain Date 7/26



August



September

Fall Event
TBD



October

NOTE: all events and Food Trucks are listed on our website AND on HPHA Facebook page under "events"
<https://www.huronpointehoa.com/current-events> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HPHA.US/events>

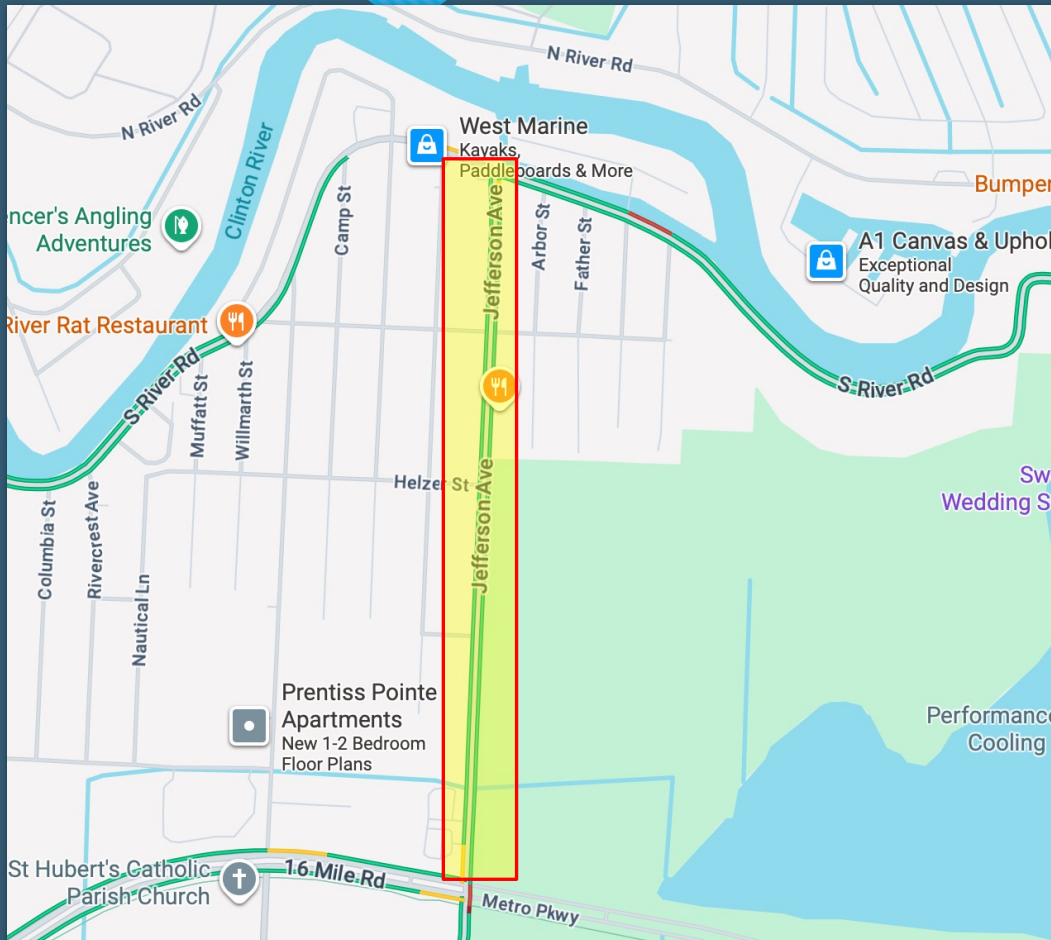


2026 FOOD TRUCK LOCATION!



BUOYS

JEFFERSON RESURFACING



“Thank you for your email regarding Jefferson Avenue in Harrison Township. This project is funded with federal funds through MDOT’s local agency program. As such, it is currently advertised for bid with bid openings the first week of May. That being said, construction will begin on this the first week of June.

Should you have any other questions or concerns in the meantime, please feel free to reach back out to us.”

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MACOMB COUNTY DEPT OF ROADS

- To place a request for a road to be resurfaced or to check on status:

<https://www.macombgov.org/departments/departments-roads/request-assistance>

- To find a list of current and upcoming projects:

<https://www.macombgov.org/departments/departments-roads/macomb-work-zone>

