

The ROADWAYS Report

Our mission is to collectively provide and maintain a safe, cost efficient and quality road system for motorists in Genesee County.



Letter From The Managing Director

BY RANDY DELLAPOSTA

As we bid farewell to winter and embrace the warmer days ahead, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who worked tirelessly to keep our roads safe during the challenging winter season. Your dedication and hard work have not only kept our roads safe but also made a significant impact on our community. I truly appreciate your efforts and the value you bring to GCRC. I would also like to congratulate the recent employees who have been promoted throughout our organization, plus the several valuable members of our team who have recently retired. Looking ahead, I am excited to introduce the GCRC ethos that will embody our core values: respect, optimization, accountability, diversity, and sustainability (ROADS). These values will be at the heart of everything we do and will guide us as we strive for excellence in serving our community and stakeholders. I encourage you to embrace these values in your daily work and interactions, as they are the foundation of our success and the driving force behind our continued growth and impact.

As we embark on this new season, I also want to remind everyone about the importance of safety, especially as Work Zone Awareness Week recently kicked off. Safety is our top priority, and I urge you to always prioritize safety in everything you do. Our goal is for everyone to return home safely to their families each day, and your commitment to safety plays a vital role in achieving this goal.

Again, thank you for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence.

Together, we will continue to build GCRC's brighter future and make a positive impact in our community.

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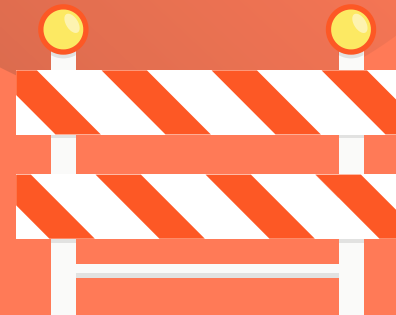
Joe Massey

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National Work Zone Awareness Week

April 15-19, 2024



2024 National Work Zone Awareness Week
Work Zones are **temporary**.
Actions behind the wheel can last **forever**.

Every April, there is a week dedicated to work zone safety. Not necessarily to remind those who work on the roads about the importance of safety, but it's an opportunity to remind the public to slow down and avoid distractions when entering a work zone. In fact, the numbers show that drivers and passengers are more likely to be killed in a work zone crash. GCRC puts up signs to warn drivers about an upcoming work zone, but it's the drivers' actions behind the wheel that matter most.

It's likely that every GCRC employee who works in the right-of-way has a story about a close call. At this year's National Work Zone Awareness Media Event, we heard from the contractor who worked on the roundabout at Morrish Rd. & Lennon Rd. in 2023, Bryan Covington with the Anlaan Corporation. On that project, several drivers went through the closed work zone; however, the Clayton Township Police Department sent officers to monitor the area. In one instance, Police Chief Charlotte Brown even tracked down a driver who went through the work zone by going to his home to issue a ticket. This collaboration between GCRC, the contractor and the Clayton Township Police Department helped to make that project a little bit safer. Thank you for helping us spread the message about work zone safety because actions behind the wheel can last forever.



Equipment Operators participated in a work zone safety training on the 15

Construction Manager Gerrad Godley spoke at GCRC's work zone awareness media event on the 16



CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES



Ridge Rd. tree removal & ditching

- Tree removal has been completed.
- Ditching is expected to begin in May.



Elms Rd. over the Brent Run

- The contractor is making good progress.
- The deck has been poured.
- The project is scheduled to be completed on time.

More ongoing projects:

Irish Rd.	Lapeer Rd. to Court St.	April 8 - end of June	Rehabilitation of southbound lanes
Detroit St.	Carpenter Rd. to Natchez/Peach Tree Dr.	April 15 - mid-Sept.	Reconstruction
Bristol Rd.	Irish Rd. to Lang Rd.	April 15 - beginning of July	Reconstruction

Employee *Spotlight*

Taryn Wilcox is entering her second construction season with GCRC. The Engineering Aide II began working here in December of 2022. Right away, she began training on asphalt and studying for the



Storm Water Operator Certification. During her first construction season, Taryn was an inspector on several large culvert projects. "It's long hours, but I love it. I love being outside and working with people," she said. This year, she is assigned to the reconstruction project on Bristol Rd. between Irish Rd. and Lang Rd.

As her supervisor Construction Manager Gerrad Godley emphasizes, teamwork and communication are major parts of the job, making sure the Construction Department and the contractor are on the same page. Taryn enjoys the challenges that come with the job, and says, "It's fun meeting new people."



"It's kind of cool to see a project all the way through to the end."

-Taryn Wilcox, EAll

Outside of work, Taryn is currently enrolled in civil engineering courses and hopes to someday become a Professional Engineer. She also enjoys archery, kayaking, and hanging out with her family.

CHANGING LANES

*Congratulations to the
following employees!*

Promoted

Amber Bose

Customer Service Clerk

Dylan Campbell

Program & Development Engineer

Kevin Kelly

TLM 1st Shift Lead Supervisor

Alex Cook

Road Maintenance Superintendent

Chris Freeman

Road Maintenance Superintendent

Devin Mosholder

Swartz Creek Garage Supervisor

David Dunn

TLM 3rd Shift Supervisor

Transfers

Roger Knotts

Building Mechanic

Davis Dunn

TLM 1st Shift

Luke Wilkerson

TLM 1st Shift

Tim Jansen

Swartz Creek Garage

Tim Hopkins

Engineering Aide II, Permits Swartz Creek Garage

Mike McPherson

Montrose Garage Supervisor

Larry VanHorn

Atlas Garage Supervisor

James Stevens

Metro Garage

Wayne Roush

Montrose Garage

Nolan Ahearne

Swartz Creek Garage

New Hires

Cindy Campbell

Senior Accountant (Payroll)

Brian Alles

Mechanic I

Eric Rifenberg

Equipment Operator

Philip Gibbs

Equipment Operator

Kenshanna Smoots

Temporary Stock Clerk



Randy O'Hearn

Otisville Garage

Brian Behnke

TLM 1st Shift

Andrew Lake

Montrose Garage

John Little

Metro Garage

Gary Hardnett

TLM 3rd Shift

Recent Retirees



Kim Day
TLM Lead Supervisor



Jason Williams
Building Mechanic

Not Pictured:

Eric Simons
Mechanic III



Rachel Mullin
Senior HR Coordinator



Todd Davis
Fleet Maintenance Supervisor

Director Kendra Love-Brezzell passes CFPF test

After hours of studying, Fleet Maintenance and Facilities Director Kendra Love-Brezzell has passed the American Public Works Association's Certified Public Fleet Professional exam. It's a credential that tests candidates on financial management, fleet operations, risk mitigation and more. Great job, Kendra!

Garage Supervisors Finish 3 Year Program

Two GCRC Garage Supervisors have completed a three year program for public works professionals. The Michigan Public Service Institute provides training in leadership development and supervisory skills. There is also an emphasis on providing quality service to the public. Congratulations to Metro Garage Supervisor Troy Herriman and Linden Garage Supervisor Antwan Martin on your graduation from the program!



New

APRIL 2024

Pothole Patching Material

Pothole patch and water... two things that typically work against each other. However, GCRC is trying out a new product that uses water to create a permanent bond. The product, known as Aquaphalt, is a premixed material that is environmentally friendly and hardens with water. It will be used as an alternative to cold patch in high traffic areas where potholes are frequent. The Maintenance Department uses cold patch made from recycled asphalt when asphalt plants are not open.



Photo credit: Aquaphalt.com



GCRC first learned about the product at the County Road Association's Road Show which happens during the Highway Conference. The Atlas Garage tested it out in the fall of 2022.



←
From CRA's
2024 Road
Show


→
Product demo
in the GCRC
parking lot



Aquaphalt is a simple to use and effective product for potholes. The Aquaphalt patch has made it through two winters and not one of the test locations has failed.

-Mike McPherson, Montrose Garage Supervisor

There is a three year warranty, but some say it can last five years. The downside is that it's more expensive than what GCRC currently uses. That's why it will be applied to roads with a higher ADT (average daily traffic) where crews often have to return. It's another tool in the toolbox to keep road workers and drivers safe while also providing a cost-efficient and quality county road system.



Did you know?

Juneteenth

is celebrated Wednesday, June 19

What is Juneteenth?

The Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves took effect on January 1, 1863; however, it was not implemented in Texas. On June 19, 1865, Union troops arrived in Texas and announced that all slaves were free. The day is also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day. Juneteenth became a federal holiday in 2021.



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Thank you to
Kendra Love-Brezzell
for putting up
these Black History
Month banners in
February!

The Genesee County Road Commission will be closed on May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.



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