Situational Awareness

- A proposed sewerage rate adjustment by the Wayne County Water & Sewer Department will be delayed until Oct. 1, 2020, concurrent with the effective date for an increase by the Great Lakes Water Authority. The timing of both changes, which are normally done on July 1, were delayed in recognition of the impact of the coronavirus on our nation. Wayne County’s rate proposal has not been released to the communities.

- The U.S. could reach 200,000 deaths by September if there isn’t drastic action taken, according to Ashish Jha, the head of Harvard's Global Health Institute in an interview with CNN Wednesday.

- The Wall Street Journal reports that President Donald Trump’s economic adviser Kevin Hassett said the odds of a second stimulus package are “very, very high,” as the coronavirus impact on the economy has been declared a recession and the unemployment rate soars into double-digits.

The Dow Jones Industrial average was plunging fast Thursday, as news of an increase in COVID-19 cases spiking in numerous states that have reopened after stay at home orders were lifted.

Actions Taken

- The Livonia Fire Department continues to provide COVID-19 antibodies testing to City employees, including members of the engineering, inspection and public works departments.

- McLaren Performance Technologies delivered face shields to the Livonia Donation Center Wednesday, for use by first responders as they encounter coronavirus patients.

- The Livonia Public Library hosts videos from their TEDxLivoniaCCLibrary events, including Jay Johnson on Dealing with Difficult People and Megan Fuciarelli speaking about overcoming your bias before it becomes explicit or discriminatory.

- Stay tuned to the Parks & Recreation Facebook page for updates. Planning is underway for opening the Botsford Pool and Clements Circle Splash Pad June 22.

- Through funding provided by the CARES Act, the City of Livonia is making grants of $2,500 to $10,000 available to small businesses. Business owners can apply online. The grants are intended to support eligible small businesses by replacing lost revenue and paying regularly occurring costs. Applications are due by June 19.

- Livonia restaurants and bars can find information about temporary outdoor seating permits online, including a step-by-step guide to the permit and construction process. The Livonia City Council approved the temporary outdoor seating expansion measure last week.

More Information

- Wayne County COVID-19 information line: (734) 287-7870