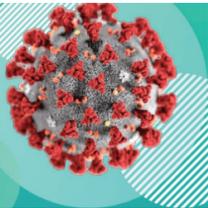


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## Interview with Nick Roumel: Running for Washtenaw Circuit Court Judge

By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
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Prior to COVID-19 hitting, I'd arranged to interview Nick Roumel regarding his bid for Washtenaw Circuit Court Judge. Unfortunately, we were unable to meet before the stay in order was initiated. I was able to contact Nick last week, as soon as the paper was back and set up a phone interview.

Nick Roumel is one of three candidates vying for the seat current judge David Schwartz is vacating. The first

question I asked was how his campaign strategy has changed with COVID-19. Nick stated that he really enjoyed traditional campaigning. He said he loved going to events and getting to know people better. He enjoyed taking the time to sit down with coffee and chat with friends and strangers. The campaign trail was energizing for him. He loved all of that.

However, when COVID-19 hit, he had to switch gears. Rather than sitting down to coffee, he's doing semi regular emails to voters and likely voters. He's also utilizing social media and has hosted several Facebook live sessions. He's focusing on what's on everyone's mind: COVID-19. Topics have included; unemployment law and changes due to COVID-19, the environment. His next expert is a national



Photo Courtesy of Nick Roumel

expert on domestic violence and the challenges we are facing in addressing the issue under COVID-19. He added issues like parental estrangement. I confessed that I have a lot of friends with children they are unable to see because of an ex

banking on people not having access to courts during the pandemic. It was not a new issue to him. He agreed that it was happening and that the courts are doing their best to address the issue. If you're interested in listening to see because of an ex

## Call for Nominations – 5HF Champions 4 Wellness



From Matt Pegouskie

Do you know an individual or business who has been an inspirational role model for personal or community wellness? Do you know someone who has devoted their career or life skills to promoting wellness around them? Now is your chance to help us honor them!

5 Healthy Towns Foundation (5HF) is seeking nomina-

tions for local wellness champions to highlight in the upcoming Fall/Winter issue of Connected. The magazine is distributed to over 29,000 mailboxes in Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester and Stockbridge. We would like to honor eleven award recipients for the good work they are doing by featuring them in our magazine!

Nominations for three different categories - detailed below - are being accepted through June 1. Go to 5healthytowns.org/nominate to complete the form. All nominations will be reviewed

by the 5HF wellness coalitions, and final selections will be announced in October.

• **MOST VALUABLE PLAYER** - This award recognizes five individuals (one from each healthy town) who have worked diligently to overcome personal challenges and demonstrate their commitment as a role model for others in their community by moving more, eating better, connecting with others in healthy ways or avoiding unhealthy substances.

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**FROM BARRY LONIK**

Last July, Scio Township's Land Preservation Program purchased a 160 acre historic farm property for \$2.3 million to prevent it from becoming a residential development. Being entirely agricultural, it was not a property the township wanted to own long-term. Scio had been exploring ways to conserve the land, transfer it to a new owner and recoup a large amount of the funds expended in the original purchase. On March 27, the next big step in that process was completed.

In an unprecedented and unique transaction, Scio sold the property to the Frederick G. Andres Trust for \$600,000. Coupled with the sale were mortgages totaling \$1.7 million held

by the township and purchase agreements to sell conservation easements as funding is assembled. With the property in private ownership, it became eligible for federal grant programs to assist in easement purchases and applications were submitted by the March 31 deadline. Grant awards will be announced in late Summer.

"We couldn't find any examples of a municipality doing a 'buy-protect-sell' project, so we had a lot to figure out and fast to meet the federal deadline," said township supervisor Jack Knowles. "We were fortunate to have excellent support from legal counsel Joseph Fazio of Miller Canfield and our land preservation consultant Barry Lon-

ik. Credit the Board of Trustees which not only leaped to make the original purchase last July but also supported this complicated transaction. It's a gorgeous property with a long history."

The property is located at the northwest corner of Scio Church Rd. and Zeeb Rd. on the township's southern boundary. It has a mile of paved road frontage two miles south of an Interstate 94 interchange two miles west of the City of Ann Arbor boundary. The property features a high percentage of prime agricultural soils and one of the few long-distance views in the area, being situated atop a glacial moraine. It is adjacent to a 66 acre farm property under different ownership protected by a Scio conserva-



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tion easement. Scio Township's land preservation program is funded by a dedicated millage which voters passed initially in 2004 and renewed in 2012, both by large margins. The township has attracted over \$8 million of matching funds from other sources. Scio's program has been involved in protecting 1,479 acres, with more projects set to close in the coming months.

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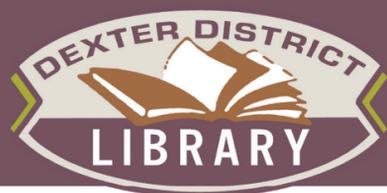
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## COVID-19 Closure FAQ & Resources

### Library Closure FAQ

- On April 24, Governor Whitmer extended the 'Stay Home' order with Executive Order 2020-59, which allowed some restoration of business activities. While there was a curbside service caveat for some businesses, the order was reviewed by the Library's attorney along with the Library of Michigan legal staff. Their interpretation of the order was that Section 6, outlining limitations on governmental activities, precluded resumption of any in-person service by public libraries to the general public. This requires our current posture of being closed to the public and relying on digital services to continue through May 15. We continue to prepare for the time when we can resume services. While we do not know for certain what form that will take, the Library is developing several scenarios to adapt to environmental conditions and provide a safe experience for the public as well as safe working conditions for our staff. Please continue to monitor our website for new information as it becomes available.
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- The Wi-Fi signal at the Library is available 24/7. Most devices get a strong signal in our parking lot and (when the weather is nice) for the benches along Alpine Street as well as the terrace area in Mill Creek Park North.

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University of Michigan's COVID-19 Information Page  
<http://careguides.med.umich.edu/coronavirus>

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<https://www.bridgemi.com>

Dexter Wellness Center page on Group Exercises  
<https://www.dexterwellness.org/services/group-exercise/>

Directory of Online Tools that have been made available for free  
<https://dexter.lib.mi.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/COVID-19-Partner-Content.pdf>

Washtenaw County's Health Department page on COVID-19  
<https://www.washtenaw.org/3095/COVID-19>

State of Michigan's Page on COVID-19  
<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow  
<https://www.stabenow.senate.gov/coronavirus>

U.S. Senator Gary Peters  
<https://www.peters.senate.gov/coronavirus>

U.S. Representative Tim Walberg  
<https://walberg.house.gov/coronavirus>

CDC Covid site  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

# Call for Nominations - 5HF Champions 4 Wellness

Visit and nominate at [www.5healthytowns.org](http://www.5healthytowns.org) by June 1!

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS CHAMPIONS 4 WELLNESS

Do you know an individual or business that's been a Champion of Wellness? We are seeking nominations for 2020. Nominations are open to any community member in the 5 healthy towns. Visit [www.5HealthyTowns.org](http://www.5HealthyTowns.org) by June 1, 2020 to nominate your Champion!

Eleven award recipients will be announced in the October 2020 issue of Connected Magazine. More info: [Lori@5healthytowns.org](mailto:Lori@5healthytowns.org).

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This award recognizes five businesses, civic organizations, or co-operatives (one from each healthy town) that demonstrate their leadership in promoting wellness by the service it provides, the partnerships it creates, or

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## ON THE SIDELINE: ARTIS GILMORE, QUARANTINE, JERRY STILLER AND KOREAN BASEBALL



By Don Richter  
drichter101@comcast.net

Day 60 of quarantine.

Really?

Is it really day 60 and not day 16?

I've lost all track of time during these past few months. March seems like it was 10 years ago, while April flew by in 30 seconds. With the weird weather lately, is it May or early November in Michigan?

Where are my sports?

I'm so bored.

Korean baseball? Nah, I'm just not into it -- though I did try.

"The Last Dance" on some cable entertainment sports network? Excuse me while I go watch paint dry or grass grow, it's more enjoyable and time worthy. The Pistons, Lakers and Celtics of the 1980s made NBA basketball an exciting visual, emotional and athletic testament to the

greatness of the sport -- and then the Bulls happened...

Don't get me wrong, I loved the Bulls. The Bulls of Artis Gilmore. The Hall of Fame 7-foot-2 center who led tiny Jacksonville University (FL) to the 1970 NCAA men's basketball championship game against powerhouse UCLA (Jacksonville lost 80-69). Jacksonville's run to the NCAA finals is still one of the greatest stories in college basketball history. The Bruins of UCLA, led by legendary coach John Wooden, claimed its sixth NCAA title in the last seven years after its win over the Dolphins. In all, from 1964 through 1975, UCLA would win 10 NCAA basketball championships in 12 years under Wooden.

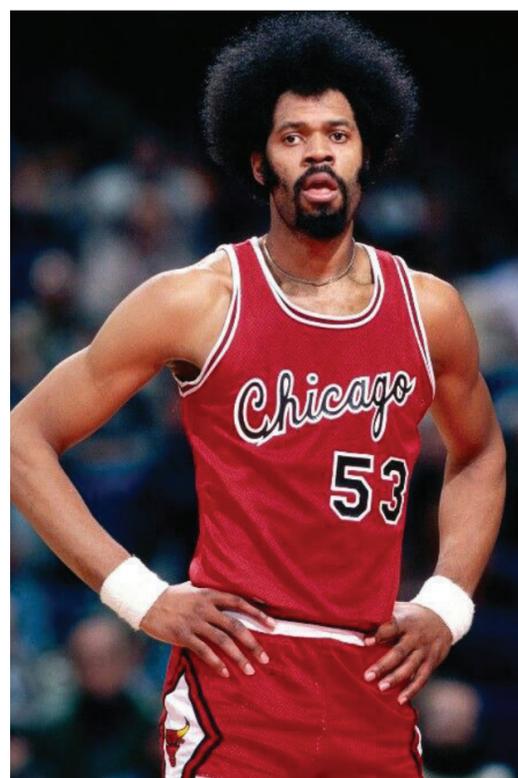
And I didn't dislike the Bulls of the Michael Jordan era. "The Last Dance" chronicles Jordan's basketball career and emphasizes his years with Chicago. I actually liked one of their players during those championship years. B.J. Armstrong was a lights out shooter who played along-

side Jordan for many seasons on the Bulls. Armstrong is one of the best basketball players from the state of Michigan no one has ever heard of. A three-time NBA champion with the Bulls (1991 through 1993), a one-time NBA All-Star, Armstrong's No. 10 jersey was retired by the University of Iowa. Though I was a Detroit Pistons fan and loved the "Bad Boys" of that era, I always silently cheered and rooted for Armstrong to do well even when playing against Detroit. Armstrong was a graduate of Birmingham Brother Rice High School in suburban Detroit. My roommate in college was a classmate of Armstrong's at Brother Rice and played basketball with him. So, of course, I heard all the stories and was told over and over what a genuinely nice guy he was on and off the court.

I know, cool story, bro.

Anyhow, I miss sports.

When the recent NFL draft has been my sports highlight the past few months, you know something



Basketball Hall of Fame center Artis Gilmore was a dominant player during his days with the Chicago Bulls.

is wrong.

You know when I start looking forward to and planning my night around cable network news shows -- hey, it's the only type of "competition" I can find on television right now -- that, once again, something is wrong, very wrong.

One surprisingly good thing that's come out of this 60-day quarantine? Jimmy Fallon's "Tonight Show" from home episodes have actually been enjoyable, at least in my humble opinion. I'm debating which format I like better -- his studio version of the "Tonight Show" or his current "at home" telecasts. His family is hilarious to watch. And, I don't know about any of you, but I love his dog, Gary. Gary needs his own television show.

Also, during this quarantine, I've grown to re-love and re-watch "King of Queens" and "Seinfeld," two of my all-

time favorite comedy shows. I swear, I've never seen one bad episode of either of those programs.

And I must give a nod and a bow of my head to recently deceased actor Jerry Stiller. Stiller was perfectly cast as "Frank Costanza" in "Seinfeld" and as "Arthur Spooner" in "King of Queens." Stiller, the real life father of actor Ben Stiller, was hilarious and bigger than life on screen. Though not the star of either show, Stiller seemed to always steal most any scene he was in. He will be missed. But his funny lines and comedic genius will live on forever in "Seinfeld" and "King of Queens" reruns.

Day 60 of quarantine.

May the "Festivus Miracle" live on.

May the "Del Boca Vista" blooper clip never leave YouTube.

Thank you, Mr. Stiller.

"Douglas...(claps hands)..."



Actor Jerry Stiller played "Frank Costanza" on "Seinfeld" and "Arthur Spooner" on "King of Queens."

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By: Erin Spanier

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The number may be needed at 3:00 a.m. on a Monday, during kickoff on Homecoming weekend, or 6:00 p.m. on a Sunday. In fact, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year--the phones at Washtenaw County Community Mental Health are staffed and CARES social workers, therapists, peer-specialists, and psychiatrists are on standby to offer Crisis response services, Access to mental health services, Resource connections, Engagement with community partners, and Support for individual needs.

Middle and high school teachers should have kids take out their phones and program it in during math class. Anyone who's lost a loved one, struggled with addiction, or experienced mental health challenges and had difficulty finding help should post it on the fridge right now.

These staff aren't exclusively for residents with severe needs or critical emergencies; they're for everyone, in every one of the county's townships. That wasn't always the case.

Washtenaw County Community Mental Health, like community mental health agencies all across the state, has been contending with major state funding reductions that don't even come close to covering the cost of mandated services.

**On the Cover: Jenn Fenn and Leslie Turner, clinical case workers at Washtenaw County Community Mental Health, are two of the CARES team members who support residents in Chelsea, Dexter, and Manchester.**

**Jackson County passed a similar millage in the spring of 2017 and opened a Crisis R&R facility just 15 months later. The living room-style facility is open five days a week for anyone in crisis and staff are there to welcome guests on arrival and connect them to a broad range of resources including counseling, housing, food, and more"**

For several years, those cuts led to diminished services, but, thanks to the eight-year Public Safety and Mental Health Millage which was passed by Washtenaw County voters last fall by a two to one margin, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health administrators began to extend services to more residents, all across the county.

As we write this, only eight months since Washtenaw County millage dollars first became available, the list of services is long and growing. And, the list of success stories is following suit.

Residents have been referred to community psychologists for short-term counseling to contend with a loss. They've been able to access enough prescribed medicines to cover until they could get to see their doctors. They've gotten same-day appointments with behavioral health specialists and primary care providers; help filling out insurance, housing, and food applications; advice from peers with lived experience; and rides to necessary appointments. In sum, we provide dozens of different support services at little or no cost to clients.

"Millage-funded staff expansions have allowed Washtenaw County Community Mental Health to respond to 800 more crisis service requests in the first six months of 2019--from January to June--than the agency did during the same time frame last year, and we've received 250 referrals in a two month period for other services," says Program Administrator Melisa Tasker. "It's been such an honor to speak with and serve residents all across the county and we're looking forward to announcing many more program and system improvements in the years ahead."

Where do Washtenaw County residents go to get these services? To Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, of course, but also to rural sites across the county.

Through agreements with local organizations Washtenaw County Community Mental Health administrators are placing staff at external facilities with no cost to taxpayers. Residents are now getting free and low-cost assistance for mental health and substance use needs in Chelsea and Dexter. Soon, residents will be able to meet with community mental health staff in Manchester and Whitmore Lake as well.

According to Chelsea Police Chief Ed Toth, "Thirty years ago, you might deal with a mental health crisis a few times a year. Now it's a weekly situation. We're a small agency here, usually a couple of people covering a shift and that's all. But every time I've called the CARES hotline, the response team has been super for us."

To learn more about current and planned millage-funded public safety and mental health services for Washtenaw County residents, visit [Washtenaw.org/2806/Public-Safety-and-Mental-Health-Millage](http://Washtenaw.org/2806/Public-Safety-and-Mental-Health-Millage).



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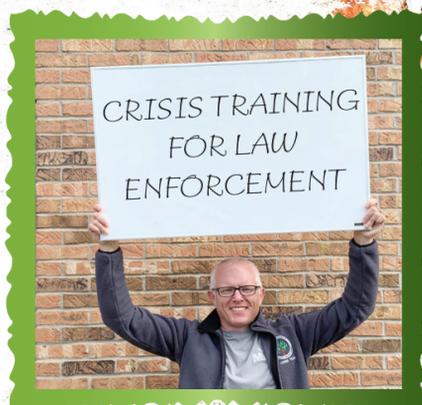
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# City Council Votes to Postpone August 4 Ballot Proposal

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Much of the City Council meeting was devoted to how the city adjusts to COVID-19. The meeting, which took place over Zoom on Monday May 11, was in itself an adjustment to COVID-19. Dogs barking, a child talking in the background, and the mayor, lost his connection. Governing during COVID-19 is a challenge that the Dexter City Council is up for.

Community Manager, Michelle Anoil, has been speaking with the Jolly Pumpkin, who is obviously having a hard time during the stay home order. In an attempt to find ways to help their business in the future, the Jolly Pumpkin is interested in adding outdoor seating. Michelle gathered feedback from the council

to take back to The Jolly Pumpkin. No decisions were made. It was merely an attempt to get feedback.

A discussion was held regarding Dexter Daze and its future this year. The Fire Department did sign off on it. But the sheriff and health department did not. Both have concerns with being at phase 6 of COVID-19. Currently, we are in phase 3, which is flattening. Phase 6 is back to normal and likely won't happen until there is a vaccine. The council really wants Dexter Daze to happen, but is skeptical that it can. Mention was made of every other summer staple that will not be happening this year; Art Fair, Summerfest, Sights and Sounds, and Top of The Park. Admittedly, I inwardly groaned. I've been

hoping the return to everything I love and enjoy would be faster. That COVID-19 would be a distant memory soon. I realize, this is not the case. It's going to be a long haul before normal life resumes.

Under New Business, the council provided feedback on what they'd like to see with the reconstruction of Third and Broad. Details on bike lanes, lightening, and the crosswalk, were discussed, with council members vocalizing their preferences. The businesses impacted will be consulted prior to any decisions being made.

The second issue, under new business, is the ballot proposal for the August 4th election. The City Bond ballot issue scheduled for August was regarding constructing a new fire hall and renovating a facility for use by the city for city offices and may include space for a sheriff substation. A motion to rescind was put forth. The council member voiced concern that with people out of work and an uncertain economy, it's too stressful a time to ask for money. Another council member brought up that the issue has been discussed for the last 20 years and no money would be gathered until summer of 2021. A suggestion was made that the issue be placed on the November ballot with the highest potential voter turn out to ensure the most democratic of votes. Ultimately, the council voted to rescind and revisit the issue in Jan 2021.

Without public participation, final comments were made by council members and the meeting ended.

# Interview with Nick Roumel: Running for Washtenaw Circuit Court Judge

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those talks, you can find him on Facebook. On May 28th at 6pm he will be hosting his virtual campaign kick off on Facebook live at [https://www.facebook.com/nickroumelforjudge/?tn-str=k\\*F](https://www.facebook.com/nickroumelforjudge/?tn-str=k*F)

While preparing for the interview, I read his website and noticed a history of concern for workers rights. I asked if he came from a strong union family. He explained that he was raised in a traditional home (at the time) his father worked and his mother stayed home with the kids until his younger sisters were older. His mother worked in the school cafeteria and became involved in the union and she joined the National Organization for Women. He remembers her coming home fired up regarding union issues, but his interest in workers rights came through his own personal experience.

When Nick became an attorney with Wayne County Legal services, he joined UAW District 65 and eventually became president. Nick said he read every labor book he could and remembers vividly representing a man who was the only minority in his plant, was treated terribly and eventually fired. He said, "it was really satisfying to

help."

On his website, Nick Roumel's experience is listed, and impressive. He studied psychology in undergrad and spent time focusing on children, which seems like an asset, given if elected his position will require 2 years of family law. His resume stated work for Ozone House, which helps youth in crisis. He worked at Ozone House as a volunteer manning the phones and eventually as a shift supervisor. He's worked in crisis intervention, which I'm sure may come up in contentious custody, divorce situations. He has also fought for survivors of sexual assault, including three of Larry Nassar's victims. While his first two years on the bench will be dedicated to family law. He must be prepared to hear every type of case from felony, civil and about forty percent even after the first two years will be family law. Rather than rewrite his own web page, I will encourage you to review it yourself. I am impressed by his variety of experience.

While prepping for the interview, I asked my oldest son what question he would ask someone running for judge. He gave me what I thought was a great unusual question. I asked Nick, being sure to give my

son the credit. "If you could change the outcome of one famous case, what would it be and why?"

Nick Roumel acknowledged that it was a good question. He paused thoughtfully and answered, "Korematsu vs United States. The case involved the official sanction of discriminatory practice." The case allowed for Japanese internment during World War II. Nick stated that even the so-called Liberal judges agreed. He further said that we still see hints of that today and cautioned that the Government has to be careful about exercising powers. William O. Douglas wrote about the decision later, recalled Nick, that it was the one vote he regretted terribly.

Nick Roumel has earned some very impressive endorsements, including Dexter's own John Hansen, attorney general Dana Nessel, and Loyd Carr. Again, to review his impressive list of endorsements, head over to his page: <https://nickroumelforjudge.com/>. It was genuinely a pleasure to get to know Nick a bit over the phone. And if you are currently a candidate, I'd love to provide you the same opportunity and the same opportunity for readers and potential voters to get to know you.



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# Humane Society Offers Virtual Class on Co-Existing With Coyotes



Have you spotted a coyote in your neck of the woods lately? You're not alone. Coyotes are highly adaptive and can thrive

anywhere, including in wilderness, suburban, and urban areas. And they are an essential part of a healthy ecosystem, controlling ro-

dent populations – and thus rodent-and tick-borne diseases like Lyme and Hantavirus – and protecting crops.

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Dexter Daze is committed to the health and safety of our attendees, partners, entertainers, volunteers, artists, vendors and the community. Dexter Daze Festival 2020 is proceeding as planned and we are excited to see everyone at the Festival in 14 weeks on August 14 & 15!

We will keep you updated on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/DexterDaze](https://facebook.com/DexterDaze)

If you have any questions or concerns, you can also reach us at [dexterdazeinfo@gmail.com](mailto:dexterdazeinfo@gmail.com)

In the meantime, we hope you and your family are well.

Be kind and be well.

# St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea now offering drive-up screening and testing for COVID-19



**From Bobby Maldonado** St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea now offers a drive-up Covid-19 screening and testing site to members of the community experiencing symptoms and for patients who require a Covid-19 test before

seeking treatment or undergoing a surgical procedure in the hospital. No physician order is required, however, members of the community must require care in the hospital or meet certain criteria to be tested.

The screening and testing site is located in the White Oak Parking Lot, on the hospital's campus (775 S. Main St. in Chelsea). The site is located near north hospital drive, just off of M52.

"As our community hospital resumes programs and services, we are committed to offering a safe and convenient location where

anyone can be screened and, if need be, tested," said Nancy Graebner, president of St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea. "We are committed to keeping our community safe and doing our part to stop the spread of Covid-19."

The drive up Covid-19 screening site allows for individuals to be screened and tested without ever leaving their vehicles. Symptoms that qualify for Covid-19 testing include any one of the following:

- Fever above 100 degrees / Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

- Sore throat
- Diarrhea
- Loss of taste or smell

- Muscle pain/aches in the last seven days

Screening and testing site hours:

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 8 a.m. to noon.

In addition to the screening and testing center, IHA and St. Joe's Medical Group providers continue to offer e-visits and video appointments for patients. These services provide virtual access to much needed health care, all from the safety of a patient's own home.

## Humane Society Offers Virtual Class on Co-Existing With Coyotes

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As the Michigan DNR points out, homeowners can take basic steps to discourage coyotes from their properties, and there are many ways for us to coexist peacefully with them.

"There is so much misinformation and

hostility towards coyotes. Such misinformation often leads to unnecessary panic and animal cruelty. We want people to be armed with facts about how to co-exist peacefully and safely with these intelligent and beneficial animals," said Karen Patterson,

Vice President of Volunteers and Humane Education at the Humane Society of Valley.

To help, the Humane Society of Huron Valley is offering a virtual class with coyote expert, Holly Had-

ac, on co-existing with urban coyotes. Holly will discuss coyote behavior and feeding patterns, scientific data regarding coyotes in urban settings and offer humane solutions for coexisting with coyotes who may reside in or near your neighborhood.

Holly is a DNR Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator with 23 years

of experience. She specializes in large mammals and coyote education. Holly has worked with wildlife biologists trapping and studying coyotes in other states, and most recently was an assistant researcher with the Southeastern Michigan Coyote Re-

search Project. The virtual class takes place on Wednesday, May 13th from 5-6pm via Zoom. The one-hour session includes a 45 minute presentation and 15 minutes Q&A. \$5 fee. Register at <https://secure2.convio.net/hshv/>.



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