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Points of Interest...

- The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and China Township are progressing on a resolution to the problem of sewage deposited into the ditch along King Road. Dwellings south of Booth Road are proposed to be connected to a new municipal sanitary sewer extension. However, it has been determined to be unfeasible to extend the line north of Booth Road. The Environmental Health Division has recently sent letters to four homes where an on-site sewage disposal system is the solution.

- The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) entered into a collaborative relationship with “The Center of Port Huron” located within the First Congressional Church on 7th Street in Port Huron to provide targeted onsite nursing services. Currently staff is working to fit a classroom within the building with the necessary equipment to provide immunizations, STI/HIV testing and treatment as well as outreach services such as Medicaid application assistance and community referrals. SCCHD will be open for business Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning in April and looks forward to adding WIC services on Thursdays in May.

- The SCCHD is collaborating with Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) jurisdictions in development of a “Sustained Dispensing Plan”. This is an attachment to the Strategic National Stockpile Plan, applicable to situations that will require additional prophylaxis dispensing to a target group, beyond the initial allotments. For example, individuals may initially receive 3 days of prophylaxis, allowing time for more information to become available; a second round of medication is then dispensed to a better defined group, and likely much smaller population.

- The St. Clair County Smoke-Free Community Team (SFCT), in partnership with McLaren Hospital Port Huron, is hosting an electronic cigarette prevention contest for St. Clair County middle and high school students. Students are encouraged to submit a poster, graph, design, etc. to show us why they will “Escape the Vape” and not use vapor products/electronic cigarettes. Submissions will be judged by the SFCT on March 21, 2018. The first place submission will receive a $50 Visa gift card and have their design showcased at the 2018 Earth Fair. Second place winner will receive a $25 Visa gift card and third place winner will receive a $20 Visa gift card. All participating students will receive a small gift. For more information about the contest contact (810)987-5300 ext. 1510.