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## Midland Daily News

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**LIFE TRIBUTES** 

WILSON CHARLES "WILLIE" COOMER

## From Ferguson to Minneapolis

## AP reporters recall flashpoints of the Black Lives Matter movement

By Haya Panjwani ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - On May 28, 2020, Associated Press photographer Julio Cortez got a call asking him to head to Minneapolis from the East Coast. What he saw on the ground was unlike any protest he'd ever covered. It was then that he knew something had shifted in

the Black Lives Matter

movement.

Cortez is one of three AP staff members featured in this episode of The Story Behind the AP Story, a recurring audio production that features extended interviews with AP journalists discussing their stories and process.

This episode includes two journalists on the scene in Minneapolis, Cortez and AP reporter Steve Karnowski. And AP race and ethnicity editor Aaron Morrison provides analysis of the coverage and looks into the reckoning on race in America.

#### HAYA PANJWANI,

host: Ten years ago, the death of a Black teenager named Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, sparked a racial reckoning. Protests broke out in the suburban city, eventually becoming what some deemed as ground zero for the Black Lives Matter movement.

A few years later, in 2020, George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis, bringing further attention to the movement.

I'm Haya Panjwani. On this episode of The Story Behind the AP Story, we'll be hearing from two reporters.



Associated Press file photo

In this May 28, 2020, file photo, a protester carries a American flag upside down, a sign of distress, next to a burning building in Minneapolis.

JULIO CORTEZ, photographer: Julio Cortez, chief photographer for the Texas and Oklahoma region of the

Associated Press.

STEVE KARNOW-SKI, reporter: I'm Steve Karnowski. I'm a reporter in the Minneapolis bureau of the Associated

PANJWANI: Julio photographed the demonstrations that followed the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis in 2020, while Steve followed the legal proceedings.

KARNOWSKI: That was a very scary time. Minneapolis hasn't seen that kind of unrest in a generation. Not since the 60s, really, have we had full scale riots here. So, it was very disturbing to see that happening in your own city.

**CORTEZ:** I had seen on TV what was going

on. It looked very involved, very fluid, very dangerous. When I got the call the morning of May 28 to get deployed into Minneapolis, start seeing things for myself. It was much more intense in person than it

was on TV. I was very scared for many reasons, not just because of the violence, but also this is right in the middle of a pandemic. So, I was really afraid of catching something and never coming home.

You know, as a person of color covering these events, I feel things that maybe the community is feeling. I can sympathize, I can understand what's going on. While I'm trying to do my job as objectively as possible, I am feeling some of that anger, and I don't let those feelings dictate how I photograph. But I do use those feelings to kind of reflect in the images what's going on and what, what we're seeing.

Ninety-nine percent of the protests I've ever covered were not violent. I worked for the AP in New Jersey for almost nine years, so I did a lot of New York City, NYPD protests up and down Manhattan. They were aggressive, but I never saw the sort of violence that I saw in Minneapo-

KARNOWSKI: After George Floyd was killed, and word spread and anger grew – besides peaceful but angry protests, rioting broke out in parts of the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, which is something that we hadn't seen before.

It resulted in not just windows being broken, but it culminated with the burning of the police station where the officers involved in this had been

**CORTEZ:** People were very angry and showing

S. Shepherd Rd. about one and a half miles south of Shepherd. Visitation will be on Sunday at the funeral home from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm and on Monday from 10:00 am until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be offered to the wishes of the family.

ans will be conducted at

3:00 pm on Monday at the

Salt River Cemetery (Coe

Twp) which is located on

GARY DECKER

Gary Decker, 78 of Midland, died the evening of Monday, August 19, 2024, at the Toni and Trish House of Auburn. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Ware Smith Woolever Funeral Home and a complete obituary

Wilson Charles "Wil-

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August 19, 2024, at Bar-

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of 92. Funeral services for

Willie will be conducted

by Chaplain Teal Saylor

at 11:00 am on Monday,

August 26, 2024 from the

Wilson MILLER Funeral

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a lot of emotion. The protests had taken a new meaning in America. It was no longer picket signs and, and people peacefully walking places. It was people taking on a very aggressive approach to voice what they felt.

KARNOWSKI: Another factor that probably influenced things was the pandemic. People had been cooped up during lockdowns and that kind of thing. So, all this kind of played out against that background.

PANJWANI: Julio and his colleagues won a Pulitzer Prize for breaking news photography for his coverage of those Minneapolis protests. His photo shows a protester carrying a United States flag upside down as a sign of distress next to a burning building on March 28, 2020.

**CORTEZ:** I was just using the American flag as a visual aid to give me a sense of place. I'm a journalist first, but I'm also a historian, and I often look at the history behind images. And so, the flag has always been oart of the conversation. We see it in Iwo Jima. We see it at 9/11 at ground zero. The astronauts putting it on the moon.

PANJWANI: Ten vears of racial reckoning. What now?

**AARON MORRI-SON, editor:** The death of Michael Brown a decade ago is really a marker because it signaled a real turning point, not just in how we talked about police brutality in the U.S., but it also signaled the emergence of a younger new generation of racial justice activists.

**PANJWANI:** That's Aaron Morrison, the race and ethnicity editor for the Associated Press.

**MORRISON:** You knew the names Rev. Al Sharpton, Rev. Jesse Jackson. You knew the NAACP and the National Urban League. But when this generation stepped forward and said, we don't need those groups, we can speak for ourselves. We don't need our parents or grandparents to respond for us. We are going to respond for

ourselves. That is why this is worth marking and remembering. And then taking stock of what impact it has had over the last decade. Because it's not just Black Lives Matter and you know, advocate for African Americans. The emergence of this generation's racial justice movement and reckoning around race inspired other groups to also begin their own reckonings. It's helped people to see where they can step up. And that doesn't always mean street protests. Sometimes it's meant the classroom. It's meant the boardroom. It's meant the halls of Congress.

KARNOWSKI: This has had a lot of political implications here. The balance of power in Minneapolis has changed a bit. While the mayor at the time, Jacob Frey, was reelected, the city council here has become increasingly more progressive and more diverse. And we've ended up with probably the most diverse legislature in our history here between people of color, LGBTQ people, women holding office and that sort of

**PANJWANI:** For many, racial issues are still a source of pain and deep emotion.

**CORTEZ:** You know, they're not out there for fun. They're out there because they strongly believe that they've been handed very bad cards, and they want to act on

KARNOWSKI: Certainly, forced a lot of deep thinking on the parts of a lot of people. And so, it has led to things like changes at the political level. These are still very raw issues for a lot of people.

**MORRISON:** Those protests were not just protesters vs. police. This was a proxy or a symbol for the ways in which people could find themselves launching an activism that worked for them. It's not just the unarmed Black man. It's now much more inclusive in who is being advocated for, who is being fought for, and what things are being fought for. It's multiracial. It's not just black/white.

Department of State Elections & Campaign Finance Administrative Rules for Board of State Canvassers Procedures Rule Set 2024-35 ST

> NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Friday, October 11, 2024 10:00 AM

Room 1100 of the Binsfeld Office Building 201 Townsend St. Lansing, MI 48933

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**Board of State Canvassers** 

Bureau of Elections, P.O. Box 20126, Lansing, Michigan, 48901-0726

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Join us for a tailgate style Kick-off with a live band, food, and games on Sunday, September 8 from 11am-1pm. Wear your favorite sports team gear!

The Sunday service is broadcast on WMPX (1490 AM) at 11:00 AM



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Gladstone Public Safety Officer Mallory Nelsen and Detective Sgt. Aaron Quinlan load their Airsoft guns before entering Gladstone High School as part of an active shooter drill. (Escanaba Daily Press photo)

## Gladstone officials take part in active shooter drill

#### By NOAH JOHNSON **Escanaba Daily Press**

GLADSTONE - Local officials reconvene following the completion of an active shooter drill.

After completing an active shooter drill on Tuesday, officials in Gladstone met to discuss how the exercise went. Participants, first responders, teachers and staff reviewed the scenario and discussed what worked well and what could improve.

"We have the school staff and pretty much all of our first responder agencies represented today. I think with any exercise you learn, you know, that's the goal you learn where your deficiencies might be. We found a few of those and we're going to train and we're going to have more of these exercises to improve our response, but it's been a great exercise. And I think there's some great feedback coming out of it," said Delta Coun-Emergency Management Coordinator Paul Geyer.

One sticking point was the revelation that 911 dispatch could receive and respond to texts, something not all of the school staff was aware

This means teachers and other staff can communicate with dispatch during a mass casualty situation in a quieter manner.

Representatives from dispatch attended the briefing and they said it is encouraged to continue to reach out to 911, regardless of if anyone has already made contact with them.

"They (dispatch) mentioned on Tuesday that no call is insignificant and you shouldn't worry about overwhelming the 911 system," Geyer said.

Director of Delta County Dispatch, Jen Peterson said her team was aware of the drill, so they were calmly given the information.

"All of the screaming and fear that we normally would

encounter on a call like that was not present. So, it was a little bit different but you know from a dispatches perspective. Basically, we're taking in that initial information and then based on what we're hearing from our callers, we are coordinating a response appropriate for what we're being told," Peterson said.

She added that her team developed a good working relationship with the schools in the area and teachers understand why dispatch asks the questions they do.

"We do have a really good working relationship with our area schools, which I think would help us if we ever had the misfortune of having an event like this," Peterson said.

"We've worked together enough where our dispatchers, I think, would get a level of cooperation than another area may not get if their school staff wasn't aware in advance of what asked and why."

Another sticking point involved improving communication between all agencies and the school.

"Communication is always a big thing," said Gladstone Public Safety Director Rob

"Not that the communication was horrible, but when you have so many different entities working and you're trying to relay information and stuff like that communication is always a break-

down.' Robinson added during his career, communication always requires improvement. Robinson also emphasized the importance of working

pendent agencies. "We need to work as a team," he said.

as a unit rather than inde-

said that includes law enforcement agencies, school staff, state police and

Geyer echoed Robinson saying, "I think the key though is realizing that this is a county-wide response that's going to involve agencies across the county that need to practice and work together to make an incident like this, you know go as smoothly and as safely as it can."

Overall, Geyer and Robinson said the exercise was a success.

"It was very impressive and I'm very happy about it," Robinson said.

He added that this exercise is only the beginning as the county hopes to conduct a drill yearly to stay prepared.

"We've created a good first step here I will say and now training every year, you know, picking a different venue and continuing to train as one big team, not as individual entities is vitally important and we're on the right track, Robinson said.

"We're going to keep the ball going, we're gonna start patching holes where we noticed (and) make our plan a little bit better each time we do it.

### **Seeking Bids**

Pathways Community Mental Health is seeking estimates for replacing 22,460 sq. ft. of asphalt paving located at 200 W. Spring Street, Marquette, Michigan 49855. Bids must include:

- · Removal and disposal of existing asphalt
- 22A gravel for grading and leveling
- 3" compacted asphalt • Repair of Catch Basins
- · Line striping

Contact Duane Rodgers at the Pathways office, 906-225-7288, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to seek information and/or schedule an appointment for details. Submit your bid to:

Pathways CMH Attn: Dawn Mercier 200 W Spring Street Marquette, Michigan 49855

Or, drop them off at the Pathways CMH office. Bids must be received by 5 p.m. August 31st, 2024

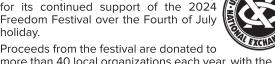
Pathways Community Mental Health reserves

the right to reject any or all bids received.

Pathways Community Mental Health is and equal opportunity provider and employer

## 2024 THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF MARQUETTE

The Marquette County Exchange Club thanks the greater Marquette Community for its continued support of the 2024 Freedom Festival over the Fourth of July



more than 40 local organizations each year, with the total exceeding \$1 million over the past 42 years.

A special thanks goes to members of the Marquette Senior High School Football team with their Coach Eric Mason & American Legion Baseball teams with their Coach Mark Pantti who volunteer during the set-up and take down of the Festival, as well as to Coach Jon Nebel and the Legion Bantam Hockey Team & MQT Junior Hockey for assisting throughout the entire Festival.

In addition, the efforts put forth by the City of Marquette Community Service and Public Works departments' staff are greatly appreciated.

We also would like to thank the many volunteers who worked the ticket/wristband tent and the beverage tent, as well as the following vendors and local businesses that support the festival with donations and volunteers:

and Jim Supanich of Sombrero Sound Co. for ensuring the quality sound of the performers during the Freedom Festival.

- Acrisure Insurance
- Babushka's Polish Foods Babycakes
- Bell's Brewing
- **Bell Roofina**
- Bob's Seption Cal's Party Store
- Chippers 906 Waffle Chips City of Marquette
- Crossroads Truck Repair
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- Rescue • Marquette GMC
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- Queen City Running • Range Bank • RE/MAX 1st Realty
- Rize UP • RSVP - Retired Senior
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- Susie Q's Ice Cream
- Sweet & Salty · Tacos Taco's
- · Tadych's MarketPlace Foods The Dry Dock
- The Island Food Vendor The Screened Image · Waste Management
- · Yooper Sisters Jam A special thank you to Ray Dollar for coordinating the local entertainment

## **Delta conservation** board adds new member

ESCANABA – Votes were tallied to elect a fifth member to the Delta Conservation District Board. Adrienne St. Vincent secured the seat, the term for which will conclude in 2025.

Though terms for directors of the Conservation District are four years long, this particular position had been vacant for a few months following the resignation of Russ Ross; St. Vincent will be completing that term.

She had been running against Andrea Nummilien. St. Vincent won with 81 votes (79%) to Nummilien's 22 (21%). All residents of Delta County were eligible to vote in the Wednesday election.

A unit of local government with a unique mission, the Delta Conservation District, which was formed in 1951, exists to aid the people of Delta County with information, resources, action plans and assistance to manage lands and natural resources.

It is one 75 such districts in Michigan; the state describes its Conservation Districts, which are organized under the Department of Agriculture, as "units of government that provide soil, water and plant management assistance to citizens in conserving their lands and our environment for a cleaner, healthier, economically stronger Michigan."

Vincent currently works with the Michigan State University Forestry Innovation Center as their office coordinator. According to her biography, her experience is in grant administration, finance, compliance, human resources and management.

The newest board member will join Joe Kaplan, chair; Nate Brockman, vice chair; Mike Segorski, treasurer; and Glenn Vande Water, secretary.

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#### **KALAMAZOO**

### Juvenile lifer convicted of 1990 killing could be out in 6 years

Daryle Baker was 17 when he killed 34-year-old Gerold Williams during a robbery. After serving 29 years of a life sentence, he was recently resentenced.

Daryle Demetrius Baker is now 51 years

In May 1994, he was sentenced to life in prison for killing 34-year-old Gerold Williams with a shotgun during a July 22, 1990, robbery at the VerSluis-Dickinson Sports Complex off Douglas Avenue.

After a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 2012 found mandatory life prison terms for juveniles to be cruel and unusual punishment - and a subsequent ruling in 2016 determined the new law to be applied retroactively — Baker, like thousands of others, became eligible for resen-

On July 22, Baker was resentenced by Curtis Bell to serve 35 years to 60 years on 30 to 45 years on a charge of assault with intent to murder.

served on each of the three counts.

That means Baker — who is serving time at the Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility in Ionia — will now be eligible for parole in just under six years at the age of

If he serves out his maximum sentence, he will be 82 at the time he is released. Baker has already completed three twoyear sentences on three accompanying weapons felony firearms arms charges, according to court records.

He was ordered to serve each of those consecutively prior to serving time on the above sentences, which he is serving concurrently. Ryan Boldrey, MLive.com

#### **KALAMAZOO COUNTY**

#### 2 arrested after report of shots fired on I-94

Two people were arrested in connection to an alleged shooting on I-94, Kalamazoo County sheriff's deputies

The incident unfolded just before 10 p.m. Aug. 17, police said.

Deputies were notified of a Chevy Silverado pickup truck traveling west on I-94 from Calhoun County into Kalamazoo County. A caller told deputies someone was shooting a firearm out of the

The vehicle was located on I-94 near Mile Marker 85 and a traffic stop was later performed in Comstock Township.

Deputies arrested two people inside the vehicle. However, police said they will request charges for the driver.

Anyone with any information about the incident is asked to call the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office at 269-385-6173 or Silent Observer at 269-343-2100. Bradley Massman, MLive.com

#### **BATTLE CREEK**

### Fire causes \$2.5M in damage to manufacturing facility

A fire caused an estimated \$2.5 million in damage at Advantage Sintered Metals, firefighters said.

The fire was reported at 4:31 p.m. Wednesday at the large manufacturing facility at 5701 W. Dickman Road.

Battle Creek firefighters found heavy fire and black smoke coming from the roof and called for mutual aid from neighboring fire departments.

Firefighters had the fire under control after about 90 minutes

No injuries were reported. The cause is under investigation.

The roof and manufacturing area sustained the most damage, firefight-

Battle Creek Veterans Affairs Medical Center Fire Department and Bedford Township Fire Department also responded.

LifeCare Ambulance provided assistance to firefighters. John Agar, MLive.

**DEPORTAGE** 

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### THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CITY OF PORTAGE AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS.

The City of Portage Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the following applications on **Monday, September 9, 2024**, in the Council Chambers of Portage City Hall, 7900 South Westnedge Avenue at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard:

**224 South Shore Drive**: Applicant is requesting a) variance to retain an existing accessory building that exceeds the living area of the dwelling by 363 square feet; and b) a variance to construct a 384 square-foot attached garage that would result in 1,563 square feet of accessory building where a maximum 837 square feet is

All interested persons are welcome to attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed application. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department of Community Development prior to 12:00 noon the day of the public hearing. A copy of the applications are available for review in the Department of Community Development, Portage City Hall, 7900 South Westnedge Avenue, Portage, Michigan, 49002 or on the City of Portage website at <a href="https://www.portagemi.gov/421/Zoning-Board-of-Appeals">https://www.portagemi.gov/421/Zoning-Board-of-Appeals</a>. Additionally, the September 9, 2024, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting agenda will be posted to the same City of Portage website not later than Monday, September 2, 2024. Finally, interested persons may contact the Department of Community Development at [269] 329-4477 for additional customer assistance.

Dated: August 25, 2024

### JEXAS

#### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF TEXAS PLANNING COMMISSION** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF TEXAS, KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MI, AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Texas Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing and meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the Texas Charter Township Hall, 7227 West Q Avenue, within the Township, to consider:

Special Exception Use – The applicant is seeking approval to construct a new front yard accessory building at 5405 S 4th Street, parcel number 3909-04-151-020, in the R-1 zoning district. Front yard accessory buildings are permitted in that district where double the required front yard can be met, and the area of the building does not exceed 2 percent of the front yard building envelope or 900 square feet, whichever is lesser. The proposed building does not meet the area requirements but meets the setback requirements, making it eligible for a Special Exception Use in accordance with Section 36-4.1.2.C of the Zoning Ordinance. (PC Case #24-10)

Special Exception Use expansion. The Backyard of Kalamazoo, 10441 Stadium Dr, Kalamazoo, MI 49009 is proposing to amend the existing approved Special Exception Use and site plan to expand the area to serve alcoholic beverages (outside), event space, and additional storage. Per Section 36-4.4, Outdoor Seating for Serving Patrons Alcoholic Beverages, the area must be designated on an approved site plan. Section 36-6.1.1(c)(i) requires Planning Commission review of altered Special Exception Uses. The property is zoned C-4, Highway Commercial, where Outdoor Seating for Serving Patrons Alcoholic Beverages and Event Centers are a Special Exception Use in that District. Parcels # 09-06-201-025, 09-06-201-026, 09-06-201-027 (PC Case #24-03 amended)

vone interested in reviewing the applications referenced above; the Township ing Map or the Township Zoning Ordinance may examine it at the Township Hall in 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Kondays through Thursdays and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Fridays hereafter until the time of said hearing and may further examine the ne at said public hearing. The Township Zoning Ordinance can be accessed on Township's website at www.texastownship.org.

Written comments will be received from any interested persons concerning the foregoing by the Texas Charter Township Clerk at the Township Hall at any time during regular business hours up to the date of the hearing and may be further received by the Planning Commission at the hearing.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place. Texas All interested persons are invited to be present at the atoresaid time and place. Lexas Charter Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' notice to the Texas Charter Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should

TEXAS CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION Michigan 49009 (269) 375-1591

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY** 

## Cities set election season rules for lawn signs



An illustration, provided by the city of Kalamazoo, depicts the city's lawn sign

Audrey Whitaker awhitaker@mlive.com

Political lawn signs are appearing in Portage and Kalamazoo as residents prepare for the Nov. 5 general election.

While both cities allow residents to display temporary signs on their property, regulations are in place to preserve the aesthetic appearance of public spaces and ensure public safety.

Political lawn signs give people a way to express their beliefs, Kalamazoo Democratic organizer Luke Howell said. They help people connect with like-minded people in a show of support.

"I haven't seen this sort of enthusiasm in Kalamazoo since 2008," Howell said. "People really want yard signs and they want to stand on street corners."

Political campaign signs fall under "temporary signs" in the city of Kalamazoo's code of ordinances, Section 50-9.4, Communications Manager Mike Smith

There are no restrictions for when signs can go up in Kalamazoo, but they must be removed within 31 days after an election, per city ordinance.

Cities can't regulate the content of a lawn sign due to a 2015 Supreme Court ruling, said Portage Zoning & Codes Administrator Jeff Mais, but they can regulate the size and placement of a temporary sign.

Portage residents are able to display a sign that is 6 square feet or smaller political or otherwise — any time throughout the year, Mais said.

Temporary signs can be larger during election season — up to 40 square feet, without a permit.

The City Council expanded the allowable period of pre-election from 30 days to 45 days in July for signs between 6 and 40 square feet to reflect early and absentee voting.

In Kalamazoo neighborhoods, signs can't be larger than 4.5 square feet without obtaining a permit at any time of year. The limit is 6 square feet in commercial districts. Standard political signs are 3 square feet.

Both cities follow the same regulations for sign placement. Signs must be placed on private property, meaning they can't be on or protruding into the sidewalk, the lawn between the sidewalk and road, public parks or city-owned property.

If there is no sidewalk, the public rightof-way generally extends 33 feet from the center of the street, according to the city of Kalamazoo.

Both municipalities can remove signs that violate these rules without notice. Placing a sign on private property without permission from the owner is considered vandalism and is illegal. It's also illegal for residents to remove signs from private property.

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He was given a credit of 10,607 days

Department of State Elections & Campaign Finance Administrative Rules for Board of State Canvassers Procedures Rule Set 2024-35 ST

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Friday, October 11, 2024 10:00 AM

Room 1100 of the Binsfeld Office Building 201 Townsend St. Lansing, MI 48933

The Department of State will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Board of State Canvassers Procedures rule set.

The purpose of these rules is to describe the organization and general course and method of the Board of State Canvassers' operations. The proposed amendments update references in response to changes in technology, update statutory references, and update contact information. The proposed new rule addresses the required timeline for submission of materials to the board, which is necessary to clarify the board's procedures.

By authority conferred on the Board of State Canvassers by section 33 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.233.

The proposed rules will take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State. The proposed rules are published on the State of Michigan's website at www.michigan.gov/ARD and in the 10/1/2024 issue of the Michigan Register. Copies of these proposed rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic mail at the following email address: Elections-PublicComment@Michigan.gov.

Comments on these proposed rules may be made at the hearing, by mail, or by electronic mail at the following addresses until 10/11/2024 at 05:00 PM.

**Board of State Canvassers** 

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The public hearing will be conducted in compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. If the hearing is held at a physical location, the building will be accessible with handicap parking available. Anyone needing assistance to take part in the hearing due to disability may call 800-292-5973 to make arrangements.