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July 30, 2018: Daily Update on the Parchment Water Response

KALAMAZOO, MI— The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department will provide a news release each day at 4:00 p.m. for the community with the latest information, and report on the daily activities surrounding the Parchment Water Response.

Town Hall Details

A Town Hall meeting will take place at Haven Reformed Church (5350 N Sprinkle Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49004) on Tuesday, July 31. The open house is from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and the program is from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Who should attend? Residents living in the city of Parchment and Cooper Township residents with homes supplied by the Parchment water supply are encouraged to attend.

What to expect? An update on the status of the water response activities will be provided, and residents will have the opportunity to receive more information regarding Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), health impacts and plans for interim and long-term water supply solutions

Due to limited parking at the meeting venue, public transportation will be provided by Central City Transit Authority (Metro). Roundtrip service will run from Saint Ambrose Catholic Church (1628 E G Ave, directly next door to Parchment High School) to Haven Reformed Church beginning at 4:30pm and continue for the duration of the event. If door to door service is needed, rides can be arranged with Metro Connect at 350-2970.

For security reasons, no large bags, backpacks or signs will be allowed inside the Town Hall. Bags and purses may be subject to searches.

Media will need to check-in at the North entrance and present press credentials.

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Parchment Water Hotline: 269.373.5346

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Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Since Saturday, July 28, the DEQ has worked in the community to test drinking water wells. To date, they have visited 76 homes and tested 40 wells. The DEQ has identified an area where PFAS may have been used. The DEQ will begin testing water at that location tomorrow.

Water Distribution

Water distribution will continue this week each day from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Parchment High School. Residents will be asked to verify their address when they pick-up their water supply.

Construction taking place on G Avenue tomorrow will not impact water distribution. Residents will still have access to Parchment High School.

On 7/29/18, 864 cases of water were distributed.



Since the beginning of the incident, approximately 1,150 volunteer hours have supported water distribution efforts.

Parchment Water Hotline (269-373-5346)

The Parchment Water Hotline is still operational for residents to call with questions or concerns. Staff from the Health & Community Services Department are on the phones from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

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