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## Quality Water Matters

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### MAY IS WATER AWARENESS MONTH.



We figure it's also a perfect time to launch our first issue of A2H2O: Quality Water Matters. So here it is! Brought to you by the City of Ann Arbor, this monthly publication will provide information from our water quality team and local partners, such as the Huron River Watershed Council, the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner

and the Washtenaw County Health Department. While this publication is designed to keep everyone up to date on water-related topics, it is also part of our overall goal to reach out and meet more of our customers.

As you may know, we continue to face several water quality challenges with emerging contaminants. Dealing with water contaminants is not new to us. Throughout my tenure of almost 22 years, and in the decades preceding, the city has successfully addressed and overcome several water quality challenges. We've also won countless awards for water quality and efficiency in operations. Perhaps that's why utilities from all over the United States have sought input and direction from us on how to address and solve emerging contaminant issues.

To learn more about your drinking water and our efforts to protect its safety, contact us via email, telephone, social media, or visit: [www.QualityWaterMatters.org](http://www.QualityWaterMatters.org).

Please know that however you choose to engage with us, your questions are always welcomed, concerns are taken seriously, and that the safety of your drinking water remains our number one priority.

Respectfully,

*Brian Steglitz*

Brian Steglitz, P.E., Drinking Water License F-1, Water Treatment Plant Manager, Ann Arbor resident

### MAY EVENTS

**Water Treatment Open House**, 919 Sunset Road.  
Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Huron River Day**, Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller Road.  
Sunday, May 19, noon-4 p.m.

**Pop-Up Water Events**, coming this summer to a space near you!

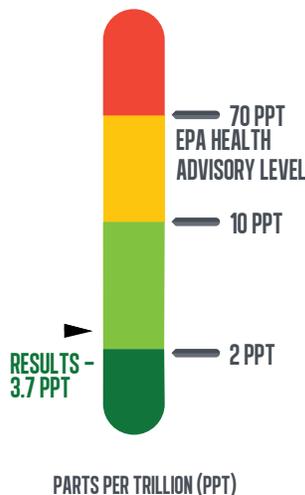
### ANNUAL FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING BEGINS

Fire hydrant inspections and system maintenance began in April and a map of scheduled areas is available at [www.a2gov.org/annarborhydrflush](http://www.a2gov.org/annarborhydrflush). The water discoloration could be caused by iron sediment in the water main being disturbed by the hydrant flushing. If this occurs, please run your **COLD** water for several minutes and flush your toilet to clear your lines.

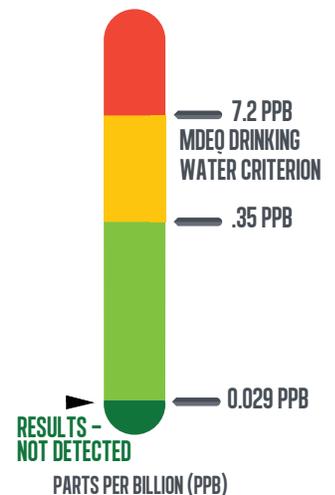
### MONTHLY WATER QUALITY DASHBOARD



#### PFOS/PFOA



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### A CLOSER LOOK

Each day, the City of Ann Arbor's water treatment staff is focused on providing clean and safe drinking water to our more than 125,000 customers. We take this responsibility very seriously. In 2018, a team of 30 water treatment professionals collected more than 58,000 water samples and conducted more than 177,000 tests to deliver high quality water.

### WHAT'S IN YOUR WATER?

The current **Water Quality Report** is available online at [www.a2gov.org/WaterReport](http://www.a2gov.org/WaterReport) and to view all data and **monthly sampling results** visit: [www.QualityWaterMatters.org](http://www.QualityWaterMatters.org).

## HURON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL:



Huron  
River  
Watershed  
Council

Clean water makes so many things possible. Healthy ecosystems. Plentiful wildlife. Safe drinking water. Inviting places to swim, fish, paddle or simply enjoy nature. Vibrant towns and cities. A legacy for future generations. The Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) envisions a future of clean and plentiful water for people and nature where citizens and government are effective and courageous champions for the Huron River and its watershed. Supported through the membership of individuals, local businesses, and

more than 40 communities across southeast Michigan, HRWC coordinates programs and volunteer efforts aimed at protecting and restoring the Huron River system. Learn how you can get involved at [www.hrwc.org](http://www.hrwc.org).

Look to the Huron River for kayaking, canoeing, camping, fishing on a fly, and other freshwater pursuits! The Huron is recognized as both a State and National Water Trail. Enjoy its 104-miles (167 km) and connect to the river's natural environment, its history and the communities it touches. There are a variety of paddling experiences and Milford, Dexter, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Flat Rock are designated Trail Towns. Plan your summer adventure on the Huron River at [www.huronriverwatertrail.org](http://www.huronriverwatertrail.org).

## COUNTY NEWS:



Washtenaw County  
Health Department

Washtenaw County Health Department's mission is to assure, in partnership with the community, the conditions necessary for people to live healthy lives through prevention and protection programs. Water plays a central role in public health through consumption, hygiene and recreation. Our department works with many partners to assure drinking water is safe and available. Some of the services we provide include:

- Provide education for residents on the quality and safety of their drinking water, both from private wells and municipal supplies.
- Offer water testing services to residents through a contract with a certified laboratory.
- Sample all public swimming pools and beaches for water quality parameters and to ensure safe swimming conditions.
- Investigate contaminations that may impact drinking water and recreational water.
- Investigate illnesses that may be transmitted through water.
- Permit drinking water wells for private homes.
- Inspect and regulate well water supplies for schools, churches, day care centers, etc.
- Review water well suitability for homes involved in a property transfer.
- Permit non-potable wells for irrigation, contamination investigation, etc.

For additional information, [www.washtenaw.org/envhealth](http://www.washtenaw.org/envhealth) or call 734.222.3800.



The Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's (WRC) mission is to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of Washtenaw County citizens and the protection of surface water and the

environment and to promote the long term environmental and economic sustainability of Washtenaw County by providing storm water management, flood control, development review and water quality programs. The WRC coordinates storm water management, develops strategies for flood and erosion control, and participates in the development of related storm water and land use policies, plans and programs. The office also conducts

activities to protect the quality of storm drains and waterways. In performing these duties, the office is involved with the following activities:

- Determining special assessments.
- Maintaining court-set lake levels.
- Constructing and maintaining associated facilities including dams and pumps.
- Establishing standards, reviewing and approving plans and specifications for storm drainage projects.
- Managing and financing drain construction projects.

Learn more at <http://www.washtenaw.org/drain>.

## WATER CHAMPION:



Sarah Page, Ph.D.

Each month, the city will feature a member of our community who is working to protect one of the city's most valued resources: water.

Meet our first water champion, the City of Ann Arbor's Drinking Water Quality Manager Sarah Page, Ph.D., Drinking Water License F-4, Ann Arbor resident. Sarah works to ensure the city delivers high quality and safe water to our customers each and every day. On a daily basis, Sarah is analyzing thousands of measurements to ensure our water quality is excellent and she continually seeks improvements.

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