

Lunch + Legislation #12

What's Up With...

Lunch + Legislation at One Year

what we got right, what we didn't, what we missed, a few updates ... and predictions for the upcoming year



~~Mon. Oct. 4~~ Tues, Oct 5, 12:00pm, via
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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF ANIMAL ADVOCACY

#1: What's Up With ... “Lame Duck”

November 2, 2020

- “Good News/Bad News”
- For Example ...



Image: Waterfowl_mallard-young-young-duck via Pexels/Pixabay

#2: What's Up With ... HB 4035

December 7, 2020

- Anti-BSL bill
- Down to the wire
- *Did not pass*
- Hasn't been reintroduced this session

#2: What's Up With ...

HB 4035 (con't)

We hope that you will stand with all the Michiganders who want to see **HB 4035** become law and continue to support the bill and advocate on its behalf to your House colleagues.

Sincerely,



September 14, 2020

Chair Brandt Iden
House Ways and Means Committee
Anderson House Office Building
Post Office Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514



Dear Chair Iden and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Michigan voters we represent, the undersigned coalition of organizations is asking for your support of **House Bill 4035** in the House Ways and Means Committee. A hearing on this bill is scheduled before your committee on Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

As you know, **HB 4035** would protect the individual property rights of all responsible dog owners in our state, while also putting an end to arbitrary and ineffective breed-based laws that do nothing to keep our communities safe. This common-sense approach has been adopted in 22 other states and we are excited for the chance to make Michigan the 23rd name on that list.

It is important to remember that **HB 4035** does not take the authority or responsibility away from our local governments to regulate dangerous dogs and reckless owners. In fact, if enacted, **HB 4035** will strengthen our local dog and owner laws by focusing all communities in Michigan on the underlying problems of individual dog behavior (regardless of breed) and the behavior of reckless owners.

A fundamental goal of **HB 4035** is to achieve safe and humane communities and that is the goal of our collective organizations. We want our communities protected against dangerous dogs and we want abused dogs to be protected from reckless owners. **HB 4035** will help to achieve these goals in our communities and allow our organizations to be proud that Michigan would be the 23rd state in the country to do so.

We, and many Michigan residents, believe in the great need for this common-sense legislation in Michigan. Providing for safe and humane communities, while at the same time protecting the property rights of all Michiganders, is not a partisan issue. **HB 4035** will also maintain local governments' ability to protect their residents by implementing and enforcing laws that focus on problems with dog and reckless owner behavior, regardless of breed.



#3: What's Up With... New Legislative Sessions

January 4, 2021

- What you need to know to understand the Michigan Legislature and Congress
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#4: What's Up With ... Legislative Committees

February 1, 2021



#5: What's Up With ... Resolutions

March 1, 2021



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#6: What's Up With ... Michigan Legislature, Spring Break Edition with Molly Tamulevich

[April 5, 2021](#)



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OF THE UNITED STATES

#7 Rep. Padma Kuppa: What's Up With ... Her Shelter Pet Bill, HB 4723

May 3, 2021

- Behind-the-scenes look
- See next month...

#8: What's up With ... Horseracing, UP Wildlife and Teddy's Law: a Tale of Three Bills

[June 7, 2021](#)



#9: What's up With ... Congress

July 12, 2021

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Federal Legislation by Category: Lunch + Legislation, 7/12/21				
FEDERAL - 117th Congress				
COVID-RELATED	Animal Testing-Related	Interior (Lacey, ESA, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery, Marine Mammal Protection, Pittman-Robertson)	USDA (AWA, Horse Protection)	Other (Child Abuse, Wildlife Crimes, Transportation, DOJ, VA, DOD, Public Buildings, National Emergencies)
Bill #	Description	Actions	AFA Action	Notes
COVID-RELATED				
H.R. 151/S. 37	Prevent Future Pandemics Act of 2021; Reps. Quigley (D-IL), Upton (original co-sponsor) (R-MI); Sponsor's Press Release . Senate: Sen. Cornyn (R-TX) + 3 original co-sponsors	1/4/2021 introduced, referred to: Foreign Affairs, Energy & Commerce, Judiciary, Ways and Means, Financial Services, Natural Resources; 2/2 referred to Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health; 2/18 referred to Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans and Wildlife; 3/4 referred to Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security. Senate: 1/25/2021 introduced, referred to Foreign Relations	Support; see H.R. 8433/S. 4749 last session, AFA supported	104 co-sponsors including Reps. Upton, Stevens, Lawrence, Tlaib; 99-D; 5-R. Senate: S. 37 , 3 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-D; 1-R

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#10 What's up With ... Wolves in Legislatures, Agencies and Courts

[August 2, 2021](#)

- Wolf Management Advisory Council

← ACT: Protect Michigan Wolves ...



Gray wolf photo courtesy of USFWS

Act: Protect Michigan Wolves

The Michigan Senate is pressuring state wildlife managers to open up a hunting season on gray wolves after a last-minute Trump administration action removing the animals from the federal Endangered Species Act. Your help is needed to urge the Michigan Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to remain committed to updating the Michigan Wolf Management Plan (MWMP) and asking Michigan citizens their views before making any significant wolf management changes.

Sierra Club, along with other groups, have sued to reverse the federal de-listing of wolves. However, in the meantime states with wolves have the authority to manage them, including holding wolf hunts. In Michigan decisions on which species can be hunted as well as hunting seasons are made by [the NRC](#).

Wisconsin held a wolf hunt, beginning on Feb. 22, with a goal of killing 118 wolves. By 5 p.m. two days later, 250 wolves had been killed. That same day, a Michigan Senate committee passed a resolution calling on the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the NRC to hold a hunt in Michigan this winter.

The DNR has resisted calls for an immediate hunt. They want to update the Wolf Management Plan, which dates from 2013, before even considering a hunt. The DNR also wants to do public opinion research to better gauge how Michigan residents feel about wolf hunting.

Sierra Club strongly supports this position, and we call on the NRC to stand firm, consult with Michigan tribes and consider state residents' views when they update the MWMP.

[Send a message](#) today to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission urging them to resist the political pressure to schedule a hunting season for wolves.

Tell the Michigan NRC: Resist Political Pressure to Schedule a Wolf Hunt

Topical, Political, Emotional, Long-Standing, *Complicated*



#11 What's up With ... Local Legislation

September 13, 2021

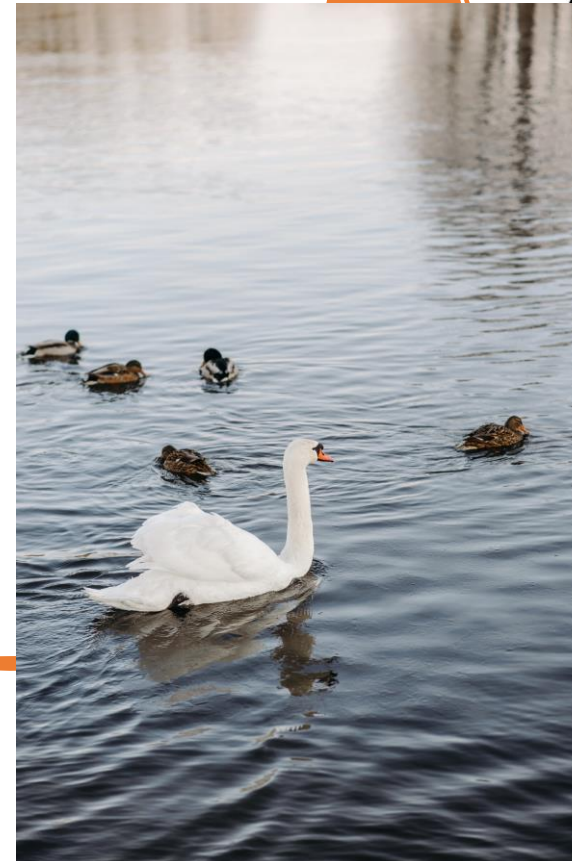


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SAFE DEER MANAGEMENT IN OAKLAND COUNTY



The Farmington Hills City Council is creating a coalition of communities in Oakland County to develop a plan for deer management as an attempt to reduce deer-vehicle crashes and protect landscaping. We want this coalition to know that we do not support lethal measures, as there are safe and effective NONLETHAL strategies to promote respectful coexistence between people and deer.

Reduce Deer-Vehicle Collisions By... Cutting back brush where deer travel, using temporary flashing deer crossing warning signs, reducing speed limits in certain locations, building fencing along roads, and creating a county-wide safe driving education program. There is also ongoing successful research results on fertility control, such as PZP immunocontraception (which we need to persuade the MDNR to permit).

Protect Landscaping By... Learning from experts and resources that provide information on how to deer-proof one's landscaping. The city can link to these resources on their website and invite an expert to offer a workshop for the residents of Oakland County. Additionally, we need to inform citizens of the deer feeding ban and enforce it. Some of the resources include:

- City of Ann Arbor, Deer Resistant Gardening, <https://bit.ly/38T7yhL>
- Deer Resistant Gardening, stopheshoot.org/landscaping
- Sandy Baker, "The Deer Doctor," Workshop

WHAT CAN YOU DO: Please take action today! Let City Officials know that you do not support a deer cull and that you want the coalition to utilize nonlethal strategies for deer management.

Call/Send Emails City Officials:

- City of Farmington Hills, (248) 871-2400, <https://www.fhgov.com/Government/Mayor-and-Council.aspx>
- Vicki Barnett, Mayor, vbarnett@fhgov.com
- Jackie Boleware, Mayor Pro Tem, jboleware@fhgov.com
- Michael Bridges, Council Member, mbridges@fhgov.com
- Valerie Knol, Council Member, vkno1@fhgov.com
- Ken Massey, Council Member, kenmassey@fhgov.com
- Mary Newlin, Council Member, mnewlin@fhgov.com
- Matthew Strickfaden, Council Member, mstrickfaden@fhgov.com
- Gary Mekjian, City Manager, (248) 871-2510,
- Joseph Valentine, Assistant City Manager, (248) 871-2502

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Predictions



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- Importance of coalitions
- “All politics is local”
- Keep an eye on budget, infrastructure bills in Congress
- Wolves
- 2022 is election year
- Don’t expect major pro-animal bills to pass MI Legislature
- Bottom line: be realistic but keep taking action

Thank you.
Look forward to another year!



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- ***Next Lunch + Legislation: Monday, November 1, noon***



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