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Bi-Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary

May 2nd - 16th, 2020

"Click the image below for CrimeMapping details- remember to check "Show Crime report"



CrimeMapping.com Map- click on "show reports / print" for details.

May 2nd – 16th, 2020 *Peace, Drugs / Alcohol Violations, DUI, Fraud, Homicide, Motor Vehicle Theft, Robbery, Sex Crimes, Theft / Larceny, Vandalism, Vehicle Break-In / Theft, Weapons*

Residents are encouraged to sign up for Pittsfield Township alerts and department notices through "Notify Me". Please go to www.pittsfield-mi.gov

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update
Department of Public Safety Operations**

**The Public Safety Lobby is
CLOSED Until Further Notice**

Emergency personnel (police and fire) will continue their operations uninterrupted, but if the public wants to receive non-emergency services, they are requested to either visit the Township website or call into the appropriate Department for assistance.

CRASH REPORTS: Visit www.CLEMIS.org to obtain a crash report.

GUN REGISTRATIONS: Completed gun registrations can be mailed to The Pittsfield Police Department, 6227 W. Michigan Ave., Ann Arbor, MI, 48108.

RECORDS: Visit the Township website at www.Pittsfield-mi.gov to request police/fire records via the online records request form. Records can also be reached at 734-822-4930, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

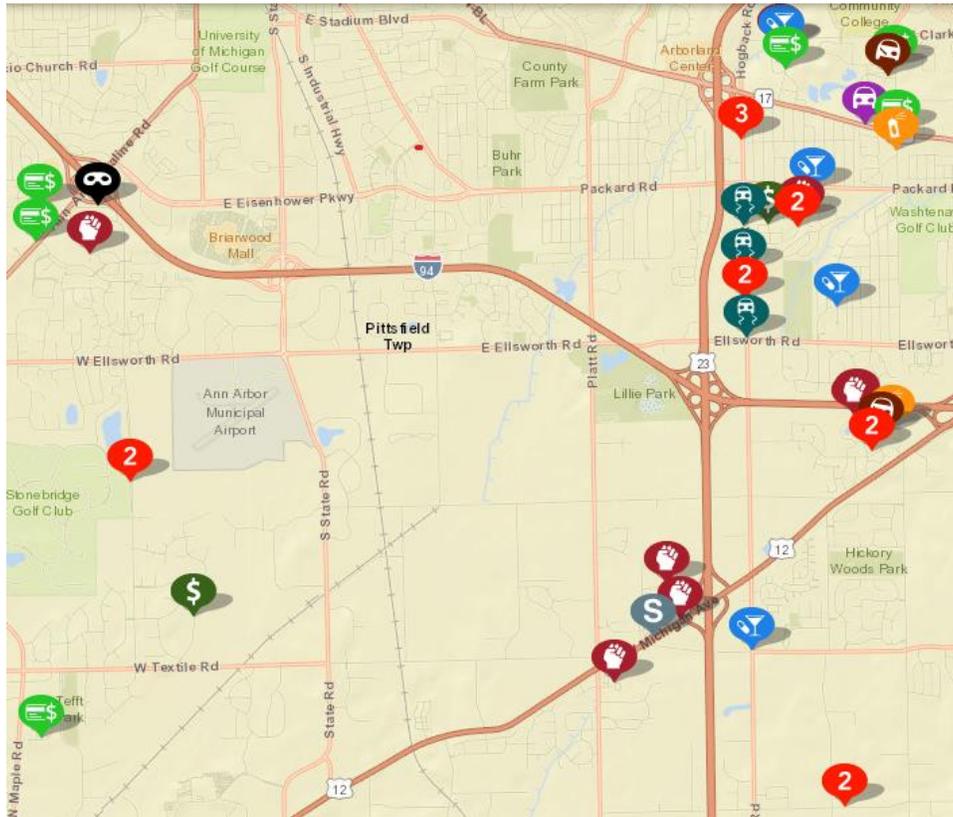
SPEAK WITH AN OFFICER: Use the yellow call box on the sidewalk to speak with dispatch to have an officer meet you at your vehicle to:

- SPEAK TO AN OFFICER/ FILE A POLICE REPORT
- SIGN OFF ON A FIX-IT TICKET

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these unprecedented times to provide for the safety and well-being of every individual.



Crime Map for May 2nd -16th, 2020



COVID-19 contact tracing text message scams

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You've probably been hearing a lot about [contact tracing](#). It's the process of identifying people who have come in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, instructing them to quarantine and monitoring their symptoms daily.

Contact tracers are usually hired by a [state's department of public health](#). They work with an infected person to get the names and phone numbers for everyone that infected person came in close contact with while the possibly infectious. Those names and phone numbers are often kept in an online system. People who had contact with someone infected with COVID-19 may first get a text message from the health department, telling them they'll get a call from a specific number. The tracer who calls will not ask for personal information, like a Social Security number. At the end of the

call, some states ask if the contact would like to enroll in a text message program, which sends daily health and safety reminders until the 14-day quarantine ends. But tracers won't ask you for money or information like your Social Security, bank account, or credit card number. Anyone who does is a scammer.

There's no question, contact tracing plays a vital role in helping to stop the spread of COVID-19. But scammers, pretending to be contact tracers and taking advantage of how the process works, are also sending text messages. But theirs are [spam text messages](#) that ask you to click a link. Check out the image below. Unlike a legitimate text message from a health department, which only wants to let you know they'll be calling, this message includes a link to click.

Don't take the bait. Clicking on the link will download software onto your device, giving scammers access to your personal and financial information. Ignore and delete these scam messages.

There are [several ways](#) you can filter unwanted text messages or stop them before they reach you.

- Your phone may have an option to filter and block messages from unknown senders or spam.
- Your wireless provider may have a tool or service that lets you block texts messages.
- Some call-blocking apps also let you block unwanted text messages.

Here are several other steps you can take to protect yourself from text scammers.

- Protect your online accounts by using [multi-factor authentication](#). It requires two or more credentials to log in to your account, which makes it harder for scammers to log in to your accounts if they do get your username and password.
- Enable auto updates for the operating systems on your electronic devices. Make sure your apps also auto-update so you get the latest security patches that can protect from malware.
- [Back up the data](#) on your devices regularly, so you won't lose valuable information if a device gets malware or ransomware.

For more information, see [How to recognize and Report Spam Text Messages](#)