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Kentwood's 62-B Court Recognizes March 1-10 as Judicial Outreach Week
Community Members Invited to Participate in Variety of Events

Kentwood, Michigan, DATE – The Honorable Amanda H. Sterkenburg has proclaimed March 1-10 as Judicial Outreach Week at 62-B District Court.

National Judicial Outreach Week acknowledges the important role fair and impartial courts play in upholding the law. Throughout the week, community members are invited to recognize Judicial Outreach Week by observing the work done at the court every day.

All court hearings are open to the public and can be attended by joining Zoom through the link on the Court's website at kentwood.us/court or by entering Meeting ID 428 094 0961 at zoom.us. The public is also welcome to visit or observe court proceedings in person at the Justice Center, 4740 Walma Ave. SE, during business hours: 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday and 7:30 a.m.-noon Friday.

Additionally, the Court is offering an amnesty program through the month of April. Individuals with outstanding bench warrants for failure to pay or other outstanding financial affairs may settle their matter without additional penalty and obtain a waiver of late fees if they appear in person at the Court. More information about this program can be found [here](#).

“62-B District Court is pleased to participate in National Judicial Outreach Week as part of our ongoing efforts to educate the community about courts, what we do and the important role we play in local, state and national government,” Judge Sterkenburg said. “The past several years have been challenging for many in our community, and the amnesty program is a way to acknowledge these circumstances and offer some relief. Inviting individuals to participate in this program and visit 62-B District Court helps us build and enhance connections with our community.”

Community members also are invited to participate in Black Balloon Day on March 6 at 62-B District Court. This annual observance recognizes individuals who have lost their lives to substance use disorder. Community members can stop by the court lobby to release a virtual balloon with the name of a loved one lost to overdose from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Community group leaders or educators of any age group are welcome to arrange for a more in-depth tour of 62-B District Court throughout the year by contacting Court Administrator Michele White at whitem@kentwood.us or 616.554.0715.

The American Bar Association Judicial Division created the National Judicial Outreach program to encourage judges to engage the public and participate in a coordinated national effort to remind the community of the fundamental importance of the courts in the law.

For more information about 62-B District Court, visit kentwood.us/court.

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