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Open House for Blair Township Residents Affected by PFAS

In September, the Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) began contacting individual owners/residents of properties southeast of the Carl's Retreading site in Blair Township, due to levels of PFAS contamination in their drinking water wells. Although test results from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) showed PFAS levels below the threshold for a health advisory, GTCHD implemented a free bottled water voucher program for residents of homes with any level of contamination. Bottled water is being provided until approved water filters are installed which are also being provided free to affected residents.

A coordinated effort by MDEQ, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Blair Township and GTCHD has been on-going. Further monitoring of the properties near the old Carl's Retreading site continues and the multi-agency action team, including GTCHD, MDEQ, Blair Township and MDHHS, remain committed to working together.

There will be an opportunity for affected Blair Township residents to ask questions and find out additional information regarding the Carl's Retread PFAS contamination and future plans at an **Open House at the Blair Township Offices on November, 8th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm**. Representatives from GTCHD, MDEQ, MDHHS, Blair Township, and Michigan State University Cooperative Extension, will be present during the meeting.

Additional information regarding PFAS and the partnerships working to address contamination across the state of Michigan can be found at:

<https://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse/0,9038,7-365-86513---,00.html>

Any questions regarding wells or drinking water in areas near the Blair Township location should be directed to the Grand Traverse County Health Department's Environmental Health Division at 231-995-6051.

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