



## Official Newsletter of the American Society of Civil Engineers Southeastern Michigan Branch

November 2011



Dear Jacob,

This past month has been exciting with some of the spotlight bringing our profession to center stage. The ASCE Michigan Section released an updated report on the state of Michigan's infrastructure and Governor Snyder delivered a special message on infrastructure (more in this newsletter). If you have not yet had the opportunity, I encourage you to read the [Failure to Act](#) report from ASCE National that paints a very real image of the economic impacts of current investment trends in surface transportation.

On top of all the civil engineering news, a number of great programs were held including the ASCE National Conference, a technical presentation by SEAMi, CYMs Night of Terrors, the 1st Annual MiTEC, and the Port Authority Terminal and Dock Tour. I hope you were able to attend some of these events and found them both interesting and informative. Look for more professional and technical programs in the coming months!

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

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## CanStruction

Over half a million people in southeast Michigan live in poverty; and out of these half million, one in eight will require emergency food this year!

The American Society of Civil Engineers is proud to team with Gleaners Community Food Bank, Art Van Furniture, and WXYZ - Channel 7 to help provide the assistance needed to put food on the table and kick hunger to the curb!

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### CanStruction

ASCE needs your help to put food on the table of those in need and kick hunger to the curb!

November 20, 2011  
10:00 AM  
Art Van Furniture - Great Lakes Crossing

### Upcoming Events

**November 20, 2011**  
CanStruction Food Drive -  
Art Van Furniture, Great  
Lakes Crossing Mall

**December 7, 2011**

The canned goods collected during our drive will be used to construct a bridge and other structures at the Art Van store located at the Great Lakes Crossing shopping mall. The structures will be constructed prior to the start of the shopping season on Sunday, November 20th, and hopefully will raise awareness of the hunger epidemic in southeast Michigan. The goal is to raise an additional \$10,000 (approximately 30,000 meals) to kick hunger to the curb.

We need your hands and your donations to assure a happy holiday season for the people in our communities!

To learn more about the event and how you can help, go to: [CanStruction Flyer](#)

## Michigan Still Not Making the Grade

The Michigan Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) announced recently that Michigan is STILL not making the grade after receiving an overall "D" grade for infrastructure two years ago.

Michigan lawmakers have been deadlocked for years on how to adequately fund transportation infrastructure. As a result, 35 percent of Michigan's roads are in poor condition, 2010 data show. Nearly one-third of Michigan's bridges were deemed functionally obsolete or structurally deficient. Since the 2009 infrastructure report card gave Michigan a "D", nothing has been done by Michigan leaders to fix the state's broken transportation funding system.

To view the full October 24, 2011 press release, go to: [Not Making The Grade](#)

To view the full national ASCE report on the failure to adequately invest in infrastructure, go to: [Failure to Act](#)

To view the 2009 Michigan Infrastructure Report Card, go to: [Michigan Report Card](#)

## Governor's Infrastructure Message

Governor Rick Snyder delivered a special message on infrastructure from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield on October 26, 2011.

The governor's special message on infrastructure calls for several legislative actions and initiatives to restore and enhance Michigan's transportation, water and sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

To view the full report, click here: [Infrastructure Message](#)

Monthly Branch Members Meeting - Nello's Restaurant, Royal Oak

Monthly Branch Members Meetings take place the first Wednesday of each month. As always, all members are welcome to attend to discuss ideas and get involved with Branch activities.

### Michigan Engineering Newsletter Article Deadlines

ASCE, MSPE & ACEC have collaborated to produce a new joint, bi-monthly newsletter. Please send article(s) to be considered for publication to:

Cindy Schmitz, ACEC/ASCE Executive Assistant  
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Article Submission Dates:  
Due - December 9, 2011  
Published - December 23, 2011

### Featured Links

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# About ASCE Southeastern Michigan Branch

We are the Southeastern Michigan Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), a non-profit national organization. ASCE's mission is to provide essential value to our members, their careers, our partners and the public by developing leadership, advancing technology, advocating lifelong learning and promoting the profession.

Our Southeastern Michigan Branch serves members of the civil engineering profession in greater, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

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