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## Pinterest perfect



Pictures accompany words on Jen Ling's organization labels allowing kids of all ages to put their toys away properly. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY JEN LING

### Meet Jen Ling: The Brighton woman who will help organize your home

**Kayla Daugherty**

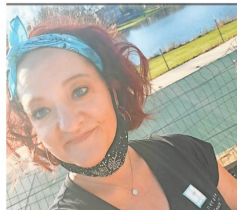
Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Like many others last year, Jen Ling was laid off during the COVID-19 pandemic.

But what she gained when she lost her job was an opportunity to start her own business and do something she loves - organizing.

The Brighton woman started ReJenerate Your Space in June 2020 and said she has been booked solid since March 2021.

Before she started her business, Ling worked full time and did not have a lot



Jen Ling, 42, runs ReJenerate Your Space, a professional organization company.

of flexibility. Now she works with clients three days a week and spends a day doing administrative work, allowing her more time with her family.

"Three to four days a week is great; it gives me the extra time to have some time to myself and just be present when there is something special for them," Ling said. "I love that quite often I don't start a job until 10 or 11. So I can get up and get my kids to school, work out and do what I need to do. It's just given me so much flexibility to just do the family thing."

Her husband, Mitch, also changed

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## U-M faculty to get year-end bonus

**David Jesse**

Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

University of Michigan employees will get a \$1,500 bonus this month, the school announced Tuesday.

The payments cover employees at the school's Ann Arbor, Dearborn and Flint campuses. Michigan Medicine employees already received a similar bonus.

"You have worked tirelessly both in person and remotely to assure the ongoing success of our university and its students," U-M President Mark Schlissel wrote in an email to Ann Arbor campus staff. "And you've done so amid the stress and hardship that comes with living and working through a global pandemic. I sincerely thank you for being a part of the University of Michigan family. I am very proud to work alongside you."

The university has gone through tough financial times because of COVID-19. Non-bargained-for employees received no salary increases in the 2020-21 fiscal year and a yearlong hiring freeze left many positions vacant.

The one-time bonus payments to slightly more than 25,000 individuals will cost \$37.6 million across all three campuses and be paid from university reserves, the school said.

Employees paid monthly and bi-weekly will receive the payment Dec. 13.

The payments will be made to employees in the following categories:

- Regular non-bargained-for faculty and staff
  - Regular bargained-for faculty and staff
  - Research fellows and advanced postgraduate trainees
  - Supplemental clinical instructional
  - Graduate student instructor, graduate student staff assistant and graduate student research assistant
  - Rackham doctoral fellows
- Employees who are "in a state of persistent non-compliance with the university COVID-19 vaccine policy are not eligible for the payment," the school said on its FAQ web site.

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**Weather**

High 40° ■ Low 39°  
Cloudy; a little p.m. rain.  
Forecast, 4A

**'It doesn't feel real'**

Howell ends hockey losing skid to Hartland on overtime goal by Ryan Moran. 1B



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LOCAL & NATION

# Man gets probation for possession of child porn through social media

**Kayla Daugherty**

Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A Gregory man was sentenced to probation Thursday after pleading guilty to several felonies in connection with soliciting illicit Snapchat messages from a teenage girl.

When confronted by police last year, the man admitted to receiving and viewing nude photos of a girl under 16 through Snapchat, a State Police trooper testified during a hearing that led to charges.

The trooper said the girl was sending nude images and videos through her social media accounts, includ-

ing Facebook and Snapchat.

The 28-year-old was charged in January 2020 with one count of child sexually abusive activity, one count of possession of child sexually abusive material and accosting a child for immoral purposes following an investigation by the Michigan State Police Internet Crimes Against Children task force.

He also was charged with three counts of using a computer to commit a crime.

The man pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child sexually abusive material accosting a child for immoral purposes and two counts of using a computer to commit a crime as part of a plea agreement with the Livingston County Prosecutor's Office.

Prosecutors agreed to dismiss one count of child sexually abusive material and using a computer to commit a crime.

Livingston County Judge Michael Hatty sentenced the man to six months of probation under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act.

Under HYTA, charges are removed from the court record after an individual successfully completes of the terms of sentencing.

Contact Kayla Daugherty at 517-552-2848 or kdaugherty@gannett.com. Follow her on Twitter @KayDaugherty92.

**WEATHER**

**Today**

Cloudy, a little rain late in the p.m.

High **40°** Low **39°**

**Saturday**

Windy with a shower, perhaps snow late

High **54°** Low **30°**

**Sunday**

Mostly sunny and cooler

High **42°** Low **32°**

**Monday**

Mild with plenty of sun

High **46°** Low **30°**

**Tuesday**

Increasing cloudiness

High **45°** Low **39°**

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**Before**



**After**

Jen Ling organizes spaces in people's home such as this laundry room shown in a before and after photo.

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY JEN LING

## Ling

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professions following the pandemic, starting a career as a banker after nearly two decades as a DJ.

**'A freeing experience'**

When working with prospective clients, Ling first likes to talk about their goals: are they looking to turn a semi-organized pantry into a Pinterest masterpiece or finally clear out a basement full of dusty boxes?

From there she meets with clients at their homes to do on-site consultations.

The level of client involvement in a project varies. Some are highly involved; others are completely hands off.

"Everybody is really different," Ling said. "Everyone has different goals and needs and budgets. I tell them I can come in and do everything 100% on my own or we can work together the whole time or a combination of the two."

She traditionally starts her work with a sorting process, helping the client determine what should stay in the space.

The number of items tossed during the organization process is up to the client. She said she asks the clients during the consult how hard she should push them to get rid of things/

"I can be that person to kind of give a little push, or if they don't want me to and they don't want to get rid of a thing. It doesn't work quite as well that way, but I can organize everything that they have," she said. "I'm not going to yell at people to get rid of stuff."

Ling said she is flexible and lets the client determine the process.

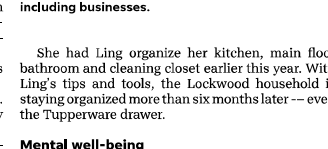
"I want it to be a freeing experience; a positive one," she said.

And it was for Michelle Lockwood, one of Ling's clients.

"She just made it so easy," Lockwood said. "She was always pleasant to deal with. She showed up every day, working hard, smiling behind her mask."



**Before**



**After**

Jen Ling also organizes multiple types of spaces, including businesses.

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY JEN LING

She had Ling organize her kitchen, main floor bathroom and cleaning closet earlier this year. With Ling's tips and tools, the Lockwood household is staying organized more than six months later — even the Tupperware drawer.

**Mental well-being**

Ling said an organized house improves not only the look of a space but also her clients' mental well-being, especially of those working from home.

"So many people are spending more time at home now than before the pandemic, and when one's surroundings are filled with stuff, it can be very difficult to be productive," Ling said. "It can also be incredibly distracting and it can weigh heavily on people."

Ling charges \$50 an hour and offers multiple-hour packages at a reduced rate.

While she may be a professional organizer, she reminds her clients she faces some of the same challenges they do.

"Just like a lot of my clients, I don't have time between running a business and having four-year old twins," Ling said. "I am lucky to have five minutes some days. My house is very much lived in and definitely needs some of my time as well."

For information: <https://www.rejenerateyour-space.com/>.

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**Fonda, Island & Briggs Lake Joint Water Authority Rate Change Notice Effective: January 24, 2022**

Additional charges as follows: All customer accounts, commercial and residential, will be charged an additional \$8.00 Operation and Maintenance Charge (OM) each quarter to be placed in the OM Fund for the replacement of meters in the FIB Water System. Mark Sebby, who is the duly elected Secretary of the Fonda, Island & Briggs Lake Joint Water Authority Board of Trustees, certifies these changes were adopted by the Board of Trustees on October 4, 2021.

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**Fonda, Island and Briggs Lake Joint Water Authority 2022 Meeting Dates**

Please contact us for updated meeting information. The office is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 810-227-4149.

January 3, 2022	July 11, 2022
February 7, 2022	August 1, 2022
March 7, 2022	September 12, 2022
April 4, 2022	October 3, 2022
May 2, 2022	November 7, 2022
June 6, 2022	December 5, 2022

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BRIGHTON LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BRIGHTON, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held at the Township Hall, 4383 Buro Road, Brighton, MI 48114 commencing at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, December 20, 2021 for the purpose of reviewing the proposed special assessment roll for Ravines of Woodland Lake Road Paving Special Assessment District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT that at such hearing, the Board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said Board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, estimates and cost to said special assessment district. Any person objecting to the proposed improvement, the petitions referenced above or the proposed special assessment district must file his or her objections in writing with the Township Clerk ([clerk@brightontwp.com](mailto:clerk@brightontwp.com)) before the close of the December 20, 2021 public hearing or within such additional time (if any) as the Township Board may grant.

Joseph R. Riker, Clerk  
Charter Township of Brighton  
12/10/2021 & 12/17/2021 DAILY 360638

**Howell City Council Meeting Proceedings December 06, 2021**

1. Administered the Oath of Office for the New Finance Director & Council Member
2. Approved Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Approved ARPA Disbursement
4. Approved Resolution No. 21-25, Consent Calendar
5. Approved and Updated Authorized Check Signers
6. Approved Future Budget Dates
7. Approved payment of bills in the amount of \$487,746.20 and payroll to cover the period ending 12/11/2021.
8. Adjournment at 8:01pm

Angela Guillen  
Howell City Clerk  
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# US government plans to be carbon neutral by 2050

**Matthew Daly**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Wednesday signed an executive order to make the federal government carbon-neutral by 2050, aiming for a 65% reduction in planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and an all-electric fleet of cars and trucks five years later.

The White House said the order shows how the government will "leverage its scale and procurement power to lead by example in tackling the climate crisis." The order will reduce emissions across federal operations, as part of a government-wide effort to confront climate change.

"As the single largest land owner, energy consumer and employer in the nation, the federal government can catalyze private-sector investment and expand the economy and American industry by transforming how we build, buy and manage electricity, vehicles, buildings and other operations to be clean and sustainable," the order said.

It directs that government buildings use 100% carbon pollution-free electricity by 2030; that the U.S. fleet of cars and trucks become all-electric by 2035; and that federal contracts for goods and services be carbon-free by 2050.

Government buildings should be carbon-free by 2045, including a 50% emissions cut by 2032, Biden said.