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2010 Aerial Photography Available for GIS

The Bay County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Division is pleased to announce that the Bay County 2010 Aerial Photography is now available for viewing at the [Property Access Center](#). At the site you can enter an address to search a specific location or by using the [Interactive Map](#), you can get a broader view of any location in the county using the aerial photos along with parcel boundaries, roadways, existing flood zones, the Saginaw River, Bay and much more.

Acquisition of the 2010 Aerial Photography was part of a collaborative effort with Saginaw County GIS and Midland County GIS. Funding was provided by the following county departments: 9-1-1 Central Dispatch, Gypsy Moth Suppression, Mosquito Control, Transportation Planning, as well as the Bay County Road Commission, the Dow Chemical Company, and the United States Geological Survey, with technical support from Environmental Affairs and Community Development, the Bay County GIS Division and the Bay County Drain Office.

Working collaboratively we were able to reduce costs, provide a better product, and ensure coordination.

Volunteers Needed: Veterans Van Program

The Veterans Van Program is in need drivers to volunteer one day a week. The Veterans Van Program provides free round trip transportation to veterans that do not have the capability to get from their home to the VA hospital in Saginaw. The volunteers would transport a group of 3 to 7 veterans per day and could expect an approximate 6 hour volunteer experience. The program will provide lunch for the driver each day.



For more information, please call Bruce at 989-996-1107 or the recent the [Bay City Times article](#) on the Veterans Van Program.

Bay City Area Transportation Study (BCATS) Annual Report is Now Available

The Bay City Area Transportation Study (BCATS) was designated to carry out the transportation planning process for the Bay City urbanized area as required by Federal legislation. This planning process enables BCATS and other



February Board of Commissioners Meetings



February 1st
Ways & Means Committee Meeting

February 8th
Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 15th
Personnel Judicial & Human Services Committee Meetings

[February 2011 Board Calendar](#)

Please note: You can find Agendas and Meeting results on the [Board of Commissioners webpage](#).

*All meetings are held at 4:00 PM in the chambers on the 4th floor of the Bay County Building

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transportation agencies in the area to receive federal funding for a variety of transportation projects including reconstruction and resurfacing of roads & bridges, purchase of transit vehicles, highway & transit safety improvements and non-motorized projects that will efficiently maximize the mobility of people and goods within and through the Bay City urbanized area.

At the conclusion of each year BCATS completes an annual report which is then published in the Bay City Times. The [2010 BCATS Annual Report](#) is available on the Bay County website along with the [Fiscal Year 2010 Annual List of Projects](#) and [previous years annual reports](#) dating back to 2002.

Tim Quinn Earns Certified Public Manager

Bay County Personnel and Employee Relations Director Tim Quinn recently earned his Michigan Certified Public Manager (CPM) designation from Saginaw Valley State University.



Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) started this program in 2007 through the Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development. [SVSU's](#) website states that the Michigan CPM program incorporates systematic training and structured learning activities to improve and maintain public service performance to achieve optimal levels of effectiveness and service.

Congratulations Tim on your achievement of becoming a Certified Public Manager!

Great Lakes Bay MI Works! to Receive Prestigious National Award

The Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! has been awarded the highest recognition that it can receive from the national organization, The National Association of Workforce Development Boards. Only one workforce development out of 600 in the country receives this award each year!

The [Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!](#) will receive the Theodore E. Small Workforce Partnership Award at the national conference in February for their innovative partnership with Delta College in meeting the workforce needs of the chemical and solar manufacturing industries and because our region's economic development agencies, Saginaw Future, Midland Tomorrow, and Bay Future, have embraced the partnership and have used it as a selling point to grow jobs in the region.

Congratulations Great Lakes Bay MI Works! on your tremendous achievement!

Detailed information can be found in the [press release](#).

Updates from Ranger Steve



Pinconning Park's Ranger Steve has been issuing Fishing Reports on Bay County's Facebook page.

If you are interested in information regarding walleye, perch or other fishing in the Pinconning area, "Like" Bay County on [Facebook!](#) Updates are coming weekly.

[Pinconning Park Website](#)

Pinconning Park is open all year long and has 6 heated log cabins available for rent as well as 42 modern campsites that RV's can occupy during the winter months. The park also has trails for walking, snow-shoeing or cross country skiing.

Speed Skating 101 at the Civic Arena

Have you ever wanted to learn to speed skate? The Bay County Civic Arena is offering Speed Skating 101. \$50.00 for 10 sessions. Speed skates can be

Community Center Weight Room

Like most of us, improving our health or losing a few excess pounds may be one of your New Year's Resolutions. The Community Center Weight Room can meet all your working out needs and is open to the public. Yearly memberships are not required and the monthly fee for unlimited usage is only \$15.00! Drop in rates are \$4.25 for adults, \$3.25 for 15-17 year olds and \$2.00 for those under 14 if they are accompanied by an adult.



Check out these [pictures of the Community Center Weight Room](#). For more information, please call 989-894-0671 or stop in to the Community Center at 800 J.F. Kennedy Drive in Bay City.

Free Tax Filing Programs

The United Way of Bay County and the Mid Michigan Community Action Agency (MMCAA) have begun taking appointments for their free tax filing programs.

For more information, including telephone numbers and income guidelines, check out these sources:

- [Free Tax Filing Programs Flyer](#)
- [United Way of Bay County](#) website
- [MMCAA](#) website
- [Division on Aging Special Events page](#)

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards Awareness Week February 6th - 12th

February 6th through the 12th is NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards Awareness Week in Michigan. This is the 15th annual NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards Awareness Week in the State.

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards is a service provided by the National Weather Service. It provides continuous broadcasts of the latest weather information and forecasts from your local National Weather Service office. NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards broadcasts important forecast and warning information directly to the public as quickly as possible.

For more information, click [here](#) or go to the [NOAA Website](#).

Information from Corporation Counsel

With the safety of the citizens in mind, Bay County Corporation Counsel is researching and exploring the possibility of amending the Animal Control Ordinance to

provided, but equipment is limited and on a first come, first serve basis. Call 989-671-1000 x 106 for more information.

increase restraint of vicious dogs and penalties for their owners.

In addition, Bay County Corporation Counsel has requested consideration of the authorization of the Bay County Pawnbroker Ordinance and the Bay County Secondhand and Scrap Dealer Ordinance. In some areas and outside the City of Bay City, enforcement has been based upon State law with these out-county businesses growing in numbers and no active licensing process in place.

For more information, please see the [Ways & Means Committee agenda](#).

Sincerely,

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Bay County

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