

# News from Bay County Executive Tom Hickner

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## FY 2011 Executive Recommended Budget

The FY 2011 Executive Recommended budget was submitted to the Board of Commissioners by the statutory deadline of October 1st.



The recommended budget has approximately a 2% across the board cut in net General Fund expenditures (based on the FY 2010 budget) totaling about \$700,000. This reduction is necessary due most significantly to declining property taxes, declining revenues from delinquent taxes, and increasing health care costs. Cuts started in 2010 and will continue until 2013, and possibly beyond. Much of our revenue depends on property taxes. Therefore, when the economy starts to rebound, and sales of houses increase, some of that revenue may eventually return.

As requested by the Board of Commissioners, all departments and elected officials participated in reducing their budget to hit our target.

The Executive Recommended budget will be presented at the October 12th Board meeting. A public hearing will also be held that day. Chairman Brian Elder expressed his desire to get the budget passed in November.

## Flu Clinic Information

The Bay County Health Department will be hosting flu clinics on October 22nd and November 3rd at the Bay County Community Center.



This year's flu vaccine will protect against an influenza A H3N2 virus, an influenza B virus, and the 2009 H1N1 virus. Certain people are at greater risk for serious complications from the flu. These include: the elderly, young children, people with chronic lung disease (such as asthma and COPD), diabetes (type 1 and 2), heart disease, neurologic conditions, certain other long-term health conditions, and pregnant women.

For more information on these flu clinics such as date, time, location and cost, please see the [flu clinic flyer](#), check out the [Bay County Health Department's website](#) or call the information line at 989-895-4192.

## Installing Energy Efficient Lights at Bay County

Women's Hockey, also known as the Hockey Angels, will participate in the PINK OUT Breast Cancer Awareness Night benefitting the St. Mary's of Michigan Seton Cancer Institute.

The game will take place on October 9th at 4:30 before the Saginaw Spirit take on the Guelph Storm at the [Dow Event Center](#).

For ticket information, check out the [Saginaw Spirit](#) website or [Ticketmaster](#).

A Pink Pon-Pom Giveaway and live auction post-game featuring exclusive pink Spirit jerseys will take place.

The [Civic Arena](#) website has more information on Bay County Hockey!

### Information From the Health Department

[The Bay County Health Department's Webpage](#) contains a wealth of continually updated information to inform citizens on important topics such as:

[Bed Bugs](#)

[Pertussis \(Whooping Cough\)](#)

[Free Food Assistance](#)

Back in the [March 20th newsletter](#), we reported that Bay County was a recipient of Energy Efficiency grants that will fund a number of green projects to lower annual costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



With part of this funding, LED lighting was purchased to replace parking lot lights and various other lights throughout Bay County facilities. This picture shows County employee Corey Sitkowski installing an energy efficient LED light in our 5th Avenue parking lot. Buildings & Grounds employees will continue their work on replacing the lights in county owned parking lots, inside the Civic Arena, Recreation Barn and the Fairgrounds Canopy.

If you are interested in doing your part to keep Bay County green, take the [EnergyStar Change a Light Pledge](#) or check out [Bay County's Recycling Information](#) webpage.

### ~ Expansion at Mersen in Bay City

Speaking of LED lights, check out this [Mlive article](#) regarding economic expansion at Mersen (formerly Carbone of America) and their growth in products contributing to LED technology.

### ~ Bangor Energy Expo ~ October 20th

Bangor Township is hosting its first-annual [Bangor Energy Expo](#) on Wednesday, October 20th from 12:00 (noon) to 7:00 pm at the Township Hall, 3921 Wheeler Road, just off of State Park Drive in Bay City.

Hosts, The Bangor Green Team, will be selling rain barrels for \$20.00 each at the event.

30 local vendors are invited to demonstrate alternative energy cost saving products. Free to the public.

### Division on Aging ~ Movie & Lunch Series

Bay County Division on Aging and the Bay County Library System have planned a Movie & Lunch series for local seniors. The dates and movie selections are as follows:



- October 13th - "Couples Retreat"
- November 10th - "The Proposal"
- December 15th - "Everybody's Fine"

Each day, the program begins at 11:30 at the Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library with a tour. Lunch will be served and the movie starts at 12:00 noon. The cost for lunch is \$3.00 for those 60 and older and \$5.00 for anyone else.

[Movie & Lunch Series Flyer and Registration Form](#)

And much more!

For more information, please call Debbie at 989-893-5834 or the Division on Aging at 989-895-4100.

**Sincerely,**

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Bay County

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