

News from Bay County Executive Tom Hickner

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has appointed Tom Hickner to serve

Back-to-School Health Round Up in Pinconning

The Bay County Health Department will be hosting a Back-to-School Health Round Up on Thursday, September 16, 2010 from 3:00-7:00 pm, at the Bay County Boys & Girls Club Pinconning Unit, located at 201 North St. The event is open to the public.



The Bay County Health Department will be offering back-to-school physicals, hemoglobin and lead checks, and immunizations. The Health Delivery dental bus will be on site offering low cost dental exams. Please bring any medical insurance cards as these medical/dental services may be billed to your insurance. Field Neurosciences Institute will be on site presenting "Think First: Buckle Your Brain," and will be offering low cost bicycle helmets for adults and children. The American Red Cross and the Bay County Sheriff's Office will be conducting car seat inspections and installations.

Other community agencies including, Do-all, United Way, Angel Food Ministries and Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency will be in attendance offering information and applications for their services. Please be prepared with your identification and household income verification if you wish to apply for services from any of these agencies. The event is geared for school-age children and their parents. For more information, call 989-895-4281 or visit the [Health Department Website](#).

[Health Round Up Flyer](#).

2010 National Public Lands Day - Emerald Ash Borer Educational Update ~ September 23rd!

The Bay County Environmental Affairs & Community Development Department will be hosting an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Educational Update on Thursday, September 23, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bay County Fairgrounds Canteen, 800 Livingston Street, Bay City, Michigan.



Volunteers are being sought to update local Ash Tree inventory. The purpose of this educational update will teach Ash Tree identification, proper tree inventory methods, and EAB infestation signs & symptoms.

on the Local Government Advisory Committee. In this role, Mr. Hickner will represent county elected officials.

The 30 member Local Government Advisory Committee will provide advice & recommendations to the EPA Administrator, assist in developing a stronger partnership with local governments and help build state and local capacity to deliver environmental services and program.

This is a **FREE** educational event. Please contact Alicia Wallace at 989-895-4195 or at wallacea@baycounty.net to sign up for this event.

Click here for the [Event Flyer](#).

Bay County Participates in "Spiller Thriller" Exercise in Saginaw River

Bay County, in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard and the Marathon Petroleum Company, sponsored a Table Top Exercise (TTX) on August 25, 2010. The TTX, dubbed the "Spiller Thriller", is tangible evidence of the commitment to ensure public safety through collaborative partnerships that will prepare our community to respond to any emergency.

The Table Top Exercise scenario was a fictitious catastrophic tank failure at a Petroleum Terminal in Bay City. The TTX emphasized awareness, prevention, response and recovery from a major oil spill incident involving Local, Regional, State and Federal response teams, focusing on multi-agency notification and initial response coordination and the use of the Unified Command System.

Planning for the event began in late 2009, previous to the Kalamazoo oil spill. Due to the collaboration of many organizations, the Spiller Thriller TTX was a success. Click [here](#) for a list of agencies that participated in the TTX.

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Economic Development News

Recently, Bay County has received positive news regarding Economic Development in our area. Please

September Walk Michigan Events

Bay County Recreation has partnered with the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association and the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports to bring Walk Michigan events to our community.



Two events are scheduled for September:

- Saturday, September 11th from 1:00pm - 4:00pm at Pinconning City Hall, 208 Manitou Street, Pinconning, Michigan.
- Wednesday, September 22nd at 10:00am at Pinconning Park, 3041 East Pinconning Road, Pinconning, Michigan.

These walks are free - there are no entry fees or pledges required from participants. These events are designed to provide the public with opportunities to improve their health and fitness while also encouraging them to enjoy the recreational facilities and park resources provided in their local communities. Walk Michigan participants will receive seasonal promotional materials. In addition, program participants are also eligible to enter in drawings for special event prizes. There will be a drawing held at this event which

enjoy these links to the Bay City Times on Economic Development.

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Storage Rental Spaces Available

Do you need a place to store your RV, boat, car or motorcycle this winter?

Storage rental spaces are available at the Bay County Fairgrounds for \$180 per unit. This inside storage unit has a concrete floor.

Storage is available October 15, 2010 to May 1, 2011. Units must be less than 10' in height.

Spaces are limited, reserve now by calling Bob at 989-894-0671.

Click here for the [Storage Flyer](#)

will include prizes from Bay County Community Center, Bay County Civic Arena, Bay County Golf Course, and Pinconning Park. All walks will be wheelchair accessible.

For more information, please contact Steve Humphrey of Pinconning Park at (989) 879-5050.

Two Bay County Employees Receive Michigan Works! MVP Awards

Bay County is pleased to announce that Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Rick Pabalis and Recreation Director Brent Goik have received the [Michigan Works!](#) MVP Award. These awards were presented at the [Great Lakes Loons](#) game on September 1st.



Brent Goik and Rick Pabalis

Rick was recognized for his dedication and commitment to customer service. He is never satisfied until his customers are and his attention to detail is incredible!

Brent was recognized for his fantastic work ethic and because he is a consummate "people pleaser." The nominator said that he continues to come back to the Bay County Golf Course as much as he can and Brent is a big reason why!

Congratulations Rick and Brent and thank you for your hard work and dedication!

September is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness month emphasizes that any crisis can be a potential emergency - from taking cover during a tornado, a car break-down during extreme temperatures, or a man-made disaster.

National Preparedness Month reminds us to be ready for the unexpected. I hope Bay County residents take the time this September to gather a few items that can be helpful during a crisis.

To get prepared for an emergency, follow these easy steps:

- 1) Get a kit of emergency supplies.
- 2) Make a plan on how you and your family will respond to an emergency.
- 3) Be informed about emergencies common to your area.

For more information, go to www.ready.gov

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Tom Hickner
Bay County

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