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Michael Gray, Assistant Bay County Executive

Mike Gray passed away on Tuesday, July 9, 2013. It was a sad and solemn day in the Bay County Building.



Mike's presence, personality, and leadership will be truly missed. His position, Assistant County Executive for Recreation and Administrative

Services was a post of immense importance and responsibility. He oversaw Bay County recreation which included the golf course, civic arena and community center and supervised the divisions of Animal Control, Information Systems and Buildings and Grounds. In addition, he was the Public Information Officer, webmaster for Bay County and the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator.

"He was very well respected, a very hard worker and an effective manager. They had excellent relations with the staff he supervised and worked very well for him." --Tom Hickner

Mike will be missed. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

[Click here to read the article on MLive](#)

Upcoming Board of Commissioners Meetings



Tall Ships Arrive!

Beginning Thursday July 11, Bay City once again plays host to a number of sailing ships. The Tall Ships Festival will be taking place



**Ways & Means
Committee
Meeting**

August 6

**Board of
Commissioners
Meeting**

August 13

**Personnel
Judicial
&
Human
Services
Committee
Meetings**

July 16

Please note: You can find Board Calendars, Agendas and Meeting results on the [Board of Commissioners webpage](#). You also can find links to view the videos of each Board meeting, filmed by Bay3TV, on our [video webpage](#).

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



on the Saginaw River is Bay City. A variety of activities are available, including ship tours, shows at the Delta Planetarium, and a concert.

For more information, read these MLive articles

- [Plan your visit to Bay City's 2013 Tall Ship Celebration with this schedule](#)
- [Tall ships bid farewell to Cleveland, set sail and begin 'race' to Bay City](#)
- [Meet the bands coming to the Tall Ship Celebration 2013's International Maritime Music Festival in Bay City](#)

United Way



Dear Bay County Resident:

United Way has been serving Bay County for over 80 years and has been doing so with the solid support from local businesses and community members. Your gift will help United Way continue to be a community problem solver and make Bay County a stronger and better place to live. United Way addresses the root cause of the most serious problems in our community. The results: successful kids, thriving families and connected people.

Your gift will support our Partner Agencies and their quality services. Your gift will also enable United Way to continue to work with other community organizations to build and bring success to Bay County.

United Way is a community problem solver:

- United Way created the American Dream program to help families with kids in all Bay County public elementary schools. This program teaches budgeting, parenting skills, health and nutrition and removes barriers to employment.
- The United Way provides a free tax program for any senior, low income, or disabled individual in Bay County, returning millions of dollars in refunds credits to our constituents.
- Our Back to School Clothing Program sent nearly over 1,200 children back to school with new clothing and shoes.

Together United, we can make a lasting change. Thank you!

Sincere regards,

Tom Hickler
Bay County Executive



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Bay County employees are very active in donating to the United Way. A partnership has led to

employee contributions directly from their paychecks. Bay County Government and our employees are committed to creating positive change in our community.

[Click here if you would like to donate to the United Way of Bay County](#)

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Personnel Announcement

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Elizabeth Trahan to the position of Recreation Assistant/Account Clerk with the



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Recreation Plan Revision



The Bay County Recreation Plan 5 year revision is being delayed to allow for more participation. We do not want to leave behind any interested parties.

As of this date we have recieved confirmation from all fourteen Bay County townships, one city, and one school district.

Recreation and Administrative Services Department. She will be working at the Bay County Community Center.

Beth has been the owner/operator of a Fitness/Wellness Company in Bay City and has over 25 years in the wellness and fitness industry. She is certified in YogaFit and Zumba. Beth is a former employee of Bay County and worked as the Recreation Coordinator in the mid-nineties.

Welcome to Bay County Beth.

1st Annual Battle by the Bay Hockey Festival

The Bay County Civic Arena will be hosting the 1st Annual Battle by the Bay Hockey Festival August 16th-18th. The three day festival will feature an adult Hockey Tournament with both Men's and Women's divisions.



It will also include a Beer tent, Food vendors, other local vendors and an outdoor kids zone. For more information or to register your team please contact the Civic Arena at (989)671-1000.

Farmers Market

Downtown Bay City Farmers Market is open!

Thursdays from June 6th - October 24
10am - 4pm

Corner of 6th Street and Washington Avenue



Stop by and see what your local growers have to offer. Fruits, vegetables, flowers, baked goods, and specialty items will be offered based on the availability.

All major forms of payment are accepted, including cash, Michigan Bridge Card, credit cards, debit cards, and Project FRESH coupons.

To sign up for te Downtown Bay City Farmers Market e-newsletter go to

<http://www.downtownbaycityfarmersmarket.org/>

Chuckie's Market, located at 108 Adams Street, near the old YMCA, is also open this summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The AARP "Home Fit" Program

An educational opportunity on how we can stay safe in our



own homes. Recieve information on how to easily evaluate your home for livability. Learn about simple devices available to help keep you independent, while making your house safe and sound.

Thursday, August 8, 2013
Riverside Dining Center
800 J.F. Kennedy Drive
Bay City, MI 48706

12:00 noon Lunch
12:45-2:45 pm Program

\$2.50 60 and older
\$4.75 59 and under

Call Sandy for any transportation requests and reservations at 893-7070 or toll free 1-877-229-9960
Visit our web page at www.baycounty-mi.gov/Aging/

Community Center Pool



The Bay County Community Center pool is open!! Come and swim Wednesday - Sunday from Noon - 7:00pm. The cost to swim is only \$4/kids and \$5/adults, or a family pass is only \$13 for the day. Also don't forget Thursdays are our discount day, \$2/adults and KIDS SWIM FREE thanks to a generous donation from the Linwood - Kawkawlin VFW Post 6950. There is still time to swim, the pool will be open through August 18th. For more information visit our website at:

<http://www.baycounty-mi.gov/CommunityCenter/Community-Center-Pool.aspx>

Cloverbuds Camp

4-H Cloverbuds held a camp for 5-8 year olds from July 9-July 12. The 20 campers



participated in an "Around the World in 4 Days" themed camp. Each day, campers were exposed to a different country, which were China, Australia, Germany, and Canada/United States.

Participants took part in a variety of activities, including:

- Making candy sushi
- Field trip to Delta College Planetarium
- Go through the bus wash in a Bay Metro Transit bus
- Make tie dyed t-shirts
- Watch a magic show
- Paint Pottery
- Visit the Tall Ships
- And more!

If anyone is interested for next year, camp is always the week after the 4th of July Tuesday-Thursday. It is for all youth, you need not be in 4-H to participate. Any questions, please contact MSU Extension, Jodi Wrzesinski (989) 895-4025.



Sincerely,

**Tom Hickner
Bay County**

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