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Bay County General Election

The General Election was held Tuesday, November 6th, 2012. Bay County voted on a range of issues, from President of the United States to 6 state ballot proposals. Some local election highlights:



Prosecutor- Kurt C. Asbury
Treasurer- Richard F. Brzezinski
Road Commissioner- Dick Gromaski
County Executive-Thomas L. Hickner
Clerk- Cynthia A. Luczak
Sheriff- John E. Miller
Drain Commissioner- Joseph Rivet
Register of Deeds- Vicki Roupe

County Commission
District 1- Brandon D. Krause
District 2- Ernie Krygier
District 3- Vaughn J. Begick
District 4- Kim J. Coonan
District 5- Thomas Herek
District 6- Donald Tilley
District 7- Michael E. Lutz

For more information, please visit the Bay County Clerk's page

<http://www.baycounty-mi.gov/Clerk/November-6-2012-Election.aspx>

Going Once, Going Twice...Bay County Has joined MITN

Bay County is happy to announce that it has joined the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN), an online procurement system that provides vendors with an easier and more economical way to access and compete for government bids.



In the beginning of October, Bay County "went live" on the MITN system joining other local governments from around the state and the country in the procurement reality of the twenty-first century. The ability for governments to post bids

December 11

**Personnel
Judicial
&
Human
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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.



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online brings the advantage of broad competition to the local bidding process ensuring the most qualified contractors and the most cost-effective solutions for the taxpayers.

Some of the benefits to vendors of membership on the new system include:

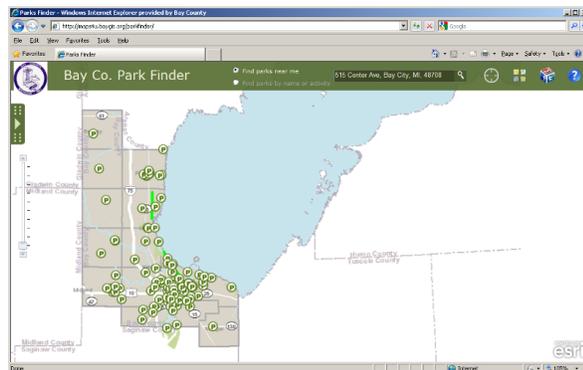
- 24-hour access to business opportunities
- Notification based upon the vendors designated product or service
- More reliable and timely delivery of notifications and documents
- Vendor managed registration system

"It's a win-win from the standpoint that our current vendors will have access to the bids of every other member of the purchasing system, and we will have exposure to all the vendors who have been serving other agencies who are on the system," said Michael Gray Assistant County Executive for Recreation and Administrative Services.

For additional information about the system and how vendors can participate please visit <http://mitn.info>

Park Finder

The GIS Division of the Bay County Department of Environmental Affairs and Community Development is pleased to announce the launch of the **Bay County Park Finder Web Application**.



Application. This [application](#) provides residents and visitors an easy way to find parks near them, a park by its name, or recreation opportunities offered in parks within the community. You can either enter an address or click on the Current Location button to find parks near you by using a computer, tablet or Smartphone. When locating parks, the application will list those within a mile radius and allow you to review relevant information about each park as well as directions on how to get to that park.

In addition, you can search for a park or specific recreation opportunity by name or activity. When you enter the name of the park or activity, the application will find that park or present a list of parks that offer that recreation activity.

The application is available from the Bay County Home Page, the GIS Division page, directly at <http://maps4u.baygis.org/parkfinder/>, or by using the

BCHD's Annual Report



The Bay County Health Department's 2011 Annual Report will be available on Friday November 16, 2012. Please visit our website at www.baycounty-mi.gov/health to access the report.

following QR code.



It's A Wonderful Life Radio Show

It's A Wonderful Life, a favorite classic, which is viewed at least once a year at Christmas time, comes to the Bay City Players stage as a Radio Show. The same wonderful story of George Bailey, his angel friend Clarence, and what George's life has really meant to the people of Bedford Falls will once again come to life in a Radio Show version. The audience will become the radio audience, as they watch actors change voices and characters at moment's notice and experiencing sound as they have never heard it before with the tricks of radio sound effects. A perfect Christmas treat experience.



Thursday, November 29, 2012

5:30 p.m. -Social Hour

6:00 p.m. -Dinner

7:15 p.m. -Depart to Theater

8:00 p.m. -Performance

Dinner will be held at the Riverside Center 800 J.F. Kennedy Drive, Bay City

For more information and to reserve your place call (989) 895-4100 or Toll Free 1-877-229-9960 or visit www.baycounty-mi.gov/Aqing/

Bay County is on the Straight and Narrow



The Bay County Board of Commission authorized the purchase of the equipment necessary to transition to an 800 MHz system and Narrow Banding, to comply with the FCC mandated narrow banding date of December 31, 2012.

"To address a growing problem of harmful interference to 800 MHz public safety communication systems caused by high-density commercial wireless systems, the (FCC) Commission in July 2004 adopted a comprehensive plan to reconfigure the band. This plan is designed to protect the lives of first responders and other

emergency personnel and fulfills the Commission's obligation to promote safety of life and property through the use of wire and radio communications. Implementation of 800 MHz band reconfiguration is a top priority of the Public Safety and Homeland Security. Rebanding (also called reconfiguration) refers to the changes within the 800 MHz band that are taking place nationwide," states the Bay County 9-1-1 2nd Quarterly Report.

Bay County Central Dispatch and Bay County responding agencies have made great strides with the transition to the 800 MHz radio system. This includes grant funding with very minimal match. In many instances, equipment was acquired at no cost of local agencies. The next phase is to narrow band Bay County's fire paging system, as well as adding a second frequency for northern areas of the county.

Bay County 911 Director Leonard Norman said, "After all of the preparation...narrowbanding and rebanding will soon be realized in Bay County. We have planned and prepared as well as anyone could hope for and this preparation began at the state level and then our own Region 3 level, comprised of 14 counties. In the end it became apparent each county would be responsible for making this 12-31-12 deadline. A difficult task but with the cooperation of our responding agencies input and assistance it will happen. This achievement will allow all of us interoperability and quality radio transmission on both sides of the public safety radio. From 911 Dispatchers to all Fire, EMS and Police Responders. Most of the equipment needed to accomplish this was obtained through grant funding or dedicated 911 funds."

Bay County Community Health Improvement Plan



**BAY COUNTY
Health Department**

In May of 2012 the Bay County Health Department, along with its partners: McLaren Bay Region, Bay Health Plan and Bay Arenac Behavioral Health, completed the Community Health Assessment (CHA). Reports and presentations outlining the results of the CHA can be found on the Health Department's website at www.baycounty-mi.gov/health.

Community partners have begun identifying priority areas based on the findings from the CHA. These priority areas include Children's Health, Chronic Disease, Access to Care, and Mental Health. Additionally, resources and services available in the community that address these areas are also being documented.

Moving forward, to create a Community Health Improvement Plan to address identified needs, the Bay County Health Department will host a Community Meeting on January 24, 2012 from 8:00am - 12:00pm. The purpose of this meeting is to obtain input on what the gaps and/or needs are in the community to address the priority areas identified above.

More information will be available soon.

Division On Aging Update

Division on Aging is looking for volunteers in the Pinconning area to help local seniors. A volunteer application along with a background check must be completed. Call Debbie at 989-895-4100 for more details. Help make a difference in someone's life. You will be so glad you did!



On behalf of Bay County Division on Aging, I would like to thank all of those who voted in support of the senior millage in the November 6 general election. Due to your strong support, the senior millage has been increased 0.3 mills for five years. This is a tremendous vote of confidence in our ability to serve the older adults of the community. This will help to ensure that Division on Aging programs remain an integral part of our community and a valued service to all seniors.

We would also like to say thank you to the "Seniors for Seniors" committee for their support and hard work on the millage campaign. Each and every one of you gave up your valuable time for this very important cause, and we cannot thank you enough.

What's New?

Bay Alerts has a new RSS feed on the front page of our website.



Check on road closures and other community emergency updates right from the Bay County Homepage.
<http://www.baycounty-mi.gov/>

If you would like Bay Alerts to update you through email or text message on issues in your area please sign up at
<http://www.baycounty-mi.gov/bayalerts-signup.aspx>

Sincerely,

Tom Hickner
Bay County

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