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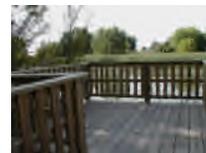
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Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

SBLC Officially Announces Its First Urban Nature Preserve!

The Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy (SBLC) announced their first urban nature preserve will be established at the Bay County-owned Euclid Linear Park in Bay City. The SBLC recently signed a long-term lease on the almost 12-acre park and will begin making improvements to the park in the spring of 2014. Many of the best qualities of the park will remain and new elements will be introduced to allow them to focus the park's program on nature experiences and habitat conservation. A new nickname for the park will be adopted after some community input.



The park, located on the east side of Euclid Avenue just north of Keit's Greenhouse, contains a variety of wildlife. Wood Ducks, Great Egrets, Black-crowned Night Herons, Green Herons, Painted Turtles, Northern Leopard Frogs and

Upcoming Board of Commissioners Meetings



**Ways & Means
Committee
Meeting**
December 3

**Board of
Commissioners
Meeting**
December 10

**Personnel
&
Human
Services
Committee
Meetings**
November 19

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

numerous other waterfowl and wetland wildlife have been regularly spotted in the lagoon.

The park's "Central Park effect" draws in birds and wildlife, as it provides suitable habitat right in the middle of an otherwise heavily commercial and residential area of the city. Native grasses, wildflowers, and shrubs will be planted on site and some of the current amenities, such as the boardwalk, will be spruced up to welcome new visitors.

www.sblc-mi.org

Quick, Call 911! Bay County Dispatchers Were Nominated for APCO Awards



Several Bay County 9-1-1 Dispatchers were nominated for Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Awards for their exemplary service in public safety communications.

Awards were presented at Michigan's Chapter of APCO's annual meeting and dinner at Zehnder's Restaurant in Frankenmuth.

The Bay County Nominees were:

- Chancellor (Cody) Smith
- Carl (Tony) Smith
- Susan Rhoderick
- Tina Walraven
- Shannon Howell

Tony Smith, Tina Maida Walraven, Susan Rhoderick and Shannon Howell were nominated for APCO 2013 Team of the Year and earned an Award of Excellence. Chancellor Smith was nominated for Communications Trainer of the Year and also earned an Award of Excellence.

Congratulations. Bay County is proud of the hard work and dedication to your profession, as well to its residents.

Ready, Set, Safe

Bay County, a member of the Region 3 Homeland Security Planning Board, would like to announce the Ready, Set, Safe Program.

Region 3, which is made up of 14 counties, is collaborating with Cumulus Media and Hammer



the 4th Floor of
the Bay County
Building.



Quick Links

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Economic Development Award



Saginaw Future Inc. received a Bronze Excellence in Economic Development

Restoration for this program.

Ready, Set, Safe is an educational program that focuses on awareness and information for emergency preparedness. This program provides information that will help people be prepared should disaster strike our area.

[Click here to get prepared](#)

[Bay County Emergency Management Webpage](#)

Real Seafood at Uptown



Another company has committed to building in the Uptown at Rivers Edge development. The Real Seafood Co. restaurant will join the Dow Corning Corporation, Chemical Bank, McLaren Bay Region, and the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel as the first companies to announce coming to this site in Bay City. This will be one of only four restaurants in the country, and we are fortunate to have them.

For more information:

[MLive Article](#)

[Uptown Facebook Page](#)



Drug Take-Back Initiative

On October 26, 2013, Bay County law enforcement agencies hosted a Controlled Substance Take-Back Initiative.



Citizens brought in unwanted prescription pills and tablets and anonymously turned them over for disposal. There were two locations for drop off, the lobby of the Bay County Law Enforcement Center and the State Police Tri-City Post.

Thanksgiving Dinner-Division On Aging



Award for its 2012 activities from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

The IEDC Award honor the efforts of organizations in creating positive change in their communities. This is a positive achievement for the Great Lake's Bay Region.

[Click here to read more about the award](#)

[Saginaw Future Inc.](#)

FYI: A Comparative Report of the Michigan Economy



Michigan Future Inc. produced a report that compares Michigan's economy to the economy of the United States and Minnesota, the most prosperous

Give thanks this year for friends, a meeting place at Riverside, good times, and delicious meals. Join the Division On Aging for a full day of Thanksgiving get together. Bring a friend so they can share in the moment.

Thursday, November 21, 2013
10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Riverside Dining Center
800 J. F. Kennedy Drive
Bay City, MI 48706

Call Sandy for more information, transportation requests, and reservations at 893-7070 or toll free 1-877-229-9960.

Visit our webpage at www.baycounty-mi.gov/Aging/ for more information and other events and classes.

Bank Robbery Situation Training

Ryan Gale from Bay County Central Dispatch 911, was recognized by the Chemical Bank in Midland for his participation during a Midland County Robbery Training. He provided Central Dispatch presence to the training.

"Chemical Bank recognizes his efforts for a successful job extremely well done!"

Ryan Gale and Cody Smith conduct these trainings on behalf of Bay County 911. Their knowledge and hard work are valuable assets that Bay County is lucky to have.



Community Center Reaches Out

The [Bay County Community Center](#) hosted an event called Project Connect, on October 23, 2013. The event was organized by the Bay County Continuum of Care.

Project Connect brought more than 53 human services organizations to the Community Center to provide information a range of topics, from health to housing. Some food products and winter coats were also available.



Those attending the event had access to health screenings,

Great Lakes state. It also chronicles the movement from factory-based to knowledge-based jobs.

[Click here to view the report](#)

MSHDA Housing Grant



In March of this year the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) released to Bay County \$300,000 in funds to allow for the rehabilitation of single family, homeowner occupied, year-round residential property to meet state and local building code standards. To qualify, homes must be located in Bay County, but outside of the City of Bay City limits. Total household income determines which program applies. All applications received are considered on a first come, first served basis.

This year MSHDA has determined that

information, and flu vaccinations. The Bay County community collaborated for this great event. Thank you to all of the vendors and sponsors and to the organizers.

To read the MLive article on the event- [Click here](#)

Cyber Security Awareness

October was Cyber Security Month, but it never hurts to have more information. In a world full of cell phones, tablets, and computers that at the press of the button have you surfing the web, a little security goes a long way.



The Bay County Information Systems Division (ISD) wants you and your devices to be safe. Below is one of the materials available on the [Bay County ISD's webpage](#) to assist in internet safety.



Cyber Security Awareness Month - Phishing / Spam

Caught Doing a Good Job!

On September 19, an elderly resident (85 years old) came into the District Court office to pay a traffic ticket. She was waited on by Daniel Neering. In speaking with her, he learned that she walked to the Court from the south end of Bay City to pay her fine. After paying her fine, she was leaving to walk back home. Dan requested permission to take his break, tracked the woman down and drove her home.



Personnel Announcement

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Andrew



\$150,000 of the grant shall be allocated for use in designated "Target Areas." These areas are: the cities of Pinconning and Essexville and the Charter Township of Bangor. The remaining portion of the grant is for the rehabilitation of properties throughout the County.

As grantee, Bay County has contracted with Bay Area Housing located at 114 Washington Ave, Bay City to manage the day-to-day activities of the grant. To inquire about this program, please contact Frances Moore at 989-895-4138 or to apply, please contact Bay Area Housing at 989-893-9292.

Chartier to the position of Information Systems Manager with the Information Systems Division of the Finance Department.

Andy comes to Bay County from Northwood University where he worked as the Network Engineer. Prior to that, he worked for Quad/Graphics as an IT Site Coordinator. He is a graduate of Davenport University and Delta College. He lives in Midland with his wife Kim, and their 10-year old daughter, Kylie. In his free time, he enjoys being outdoors, camping, running, biking, swimming, and time with his family.

Andy will have an office on the 8th floor of the County Building and his email address is chartiera@baycounty.net.

Sincerely,

**Tom Hickner
Bay County**

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