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Citizen's Guide to Bay County

The Citizen's Guide to Bay County has been updated and is available to you on the [Bay County Executive's Webpage](#)



Have you ever wondered what the Bay County Executive's responsibilities are? Who handles health inspections? What is the number for the Road Commission? Where do I go to file a Freedom of Information Act request? Well then this guide is for you!

The Citizen's Guide is built to provide a helpful and complete breakdown of services and responsibilities of the many different parts of Bay County Government. It explains the duties and oversight of all of the elected officials and the departments, along with contact information and location of their offices.

[Click here to view the Citizen's Guide to Bay County](#)

Upcoming Board of Commissioners Meetings



Ways & Means Committee Meeting
October 1

Driathlon

The Bay City Morning Rotary Club hosted a driathlon event on September 15, 2013. Proceeds of the event go to needy organizations within the community.

This event was a positive draw to Bay County and Bay City, bringing in people from around the state to experience what our region has to offer.



This unique event changes the traditional triathlon format by replacing swimming with canoeing. It is composed of a 5k Canoe, 20k Bike, and a 5k Run. This is a team or relay event.



For more information [click here](#)

**Board of
Commissioners
Meeting**
October 8

**Personnel
Judicial
&
Human
Services
Committee
Meetings**
September 17

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.



Quick Links

[Bay County Website](#)

Fall Flu Shot Clinics

It is that time of year to immunize against the dreaded flu. Bay County Division on Aging, in cooperation with the Bay County Health Department want you to stay healthy and are making special opportunities available to receive your shot.



Influenza (the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe symptoms and could lead to death. Some people, such as young children and older adults, especially those with certain health conditions, are at high risk for complications from the flu. CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older receive a flu vaccine. Flu peaks between October and March. The flu vaccine provides protection that will last throughout the entire Flu Season. For your convenience the following clinics have been set up for our Bay County residents.



Those with severe allergies to chicken eggs, with an allergic reaction to flu vaccines in the past, or who have had Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS), should speak with their doctor about other ways to prevent getting the flu.

What to bring: Those who have Medicare Part B, bring their red/white/blue Medicare Insurance Card for billing. Driver's license or Michigan ID. Please check with your health insurance to confirm they cover the flu vaccine. For those without medical health insurance coverage, the fee will be \$25.00.

Off Site-Walk in Clinic with emphasis on the Senior population 60 plus

Location: Bay County Community Center
800 J. F. Kennedy Drive, Bay City
Dates/Times: Tuesdays, November 5, 2013
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For Seniors (60 yrs. +): This clinic will offer the opportunity to reserve a 12:00 noon lunch, reservations can be made by calling Sandy at 893-7070. Suggested donation of \$2.50.

Walk In Clinic for all Bay County Residents

Location: Bay County Health Department
1200 Washington Avenue, Bay City
Dates/Times: Friday, October 11 and 25
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 13 and 20
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please wear loose fitting clothing and short sleeves that can easily be rolled up.

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Any other questions can be directed to Division on Aging main office at 895-4100 or the Health Department main office at 895-4009 ext. 2.

[Bay County Division on Aging Webpage](#)
[Bay County Health Department Webpage](#)

2012 Audit



Bay County's 2012 Audit was presented on September 10, 2013, to the Bay County Board of Commissioners by the independent auditing firm Rehmann Robson of Saginaw. Bay County received an unqualified opinion on the financial statements which means they were presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. During 2012, Bay County's conservative board, administration, and cooperative unions reduced transfers out and

Fire Truck Pull for United Way



On Friday, September 6th, 2013, 15 Bay County employees and elected officials participated in the United Way's "Pulling for United Way" event. At this event, teams competed to see who could pull a fire truck a fixed distance, in the least amount of time.

The Bay County Team was made up of employees from departments all over the county and Bay County Commissioner Vaughn Begick. They were enthusiastic and determined in their task. As a team, they pulled the truck across the finish line in 55.6 seconds.

The winners and proud owners of bragging rights for a year is the team from UAW Local 362 and GM Powertrain, who pulled the truck across the finish line in the fastest time.

A large crowd of people gathered during the pull to cheer for the participants and their organizations.

spending. Therefore, Bay County was able to add \$995,428 to the General Fund's fund balance for the year ended December 31, 2012, which will aid in funding many projects benefiting Bay County citizens postemployment benefit (OPEB) obligations.

The auditors noted that decreases in taxable values are beginning to stabilize in 2013 while substantial increases in health care costs are expected through 2019. A balanced budget was adopted in 2013.

The year-ended December 31, 2012, audit is available for viewing on Bay County's website, or by clicking the links below:

- [2012 Final Audit](#)
- [December 2012 SEFA Audit](#)



"I am proud of our participants from Bay County and the overall participation of this event. It is great to see such support of this organization. It was a very unique event and everyone had a lot of fun." Tom Hickner, Bay County Executive.

DNR Shoreline Access Study

Bay County is partnering with MDNR on a Shoreline Access Study. This public engagement project is to explore options for active recreational development at the shoreline and management along the beach at the Bay City Recreation Area (BCSRA).



The purpose of this effort is to be able to increase access to the Saginaw Bay - be it physical access, shoreline fishing access, or even a visual access point. The more access available to people to get to the Saginaw Bay, the greater the draw to the region for numerous activities.

A stakeholder's meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2013 from 4-6:30 at the DoubleTree Hotel to get public input on the types of recreational waterfront activities the community would like to see along the waterfront, such as swimming, kite surfing, standup paddle boards, cafe/restaurant, pier, shops, etc.

Just a Reminder: Don't Forget to Check for Job Postings at Bay County



Bay County has many responsibilities and services that it provides its residents. This could not be done without the hard work and skills of its employees.

On occasion, positions within Bay County become vacant and available. Bay County's Personnel Department will post these on the County's webpage, along with pay scale, duties, qualifications and other necessary information.

To view Bay County's Employment Opportunities, please [click here](#)

Phragmites Treatment



Phragmites

Bay County is currently obtaining permits for Fall 2013 treatments of phragmites, along the northern Bay County coastal area to include Pinconning Park.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requested that we increase the area we are currently treating for phragmites management along the Saginaw Bay shoreline and provided us supplemental funds for this purpose

This grant is a result of the Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative's work to reduce phragmites along the shoreline of our region.



Phragmites

For more information on phragmites or other environmental subjects, please visit the [Bay County Environmental Affairs](#)

[and Community Development Department's Webpage](#)

Public Health Restaurant Inspections

Environmental health specialists in the Bay County Health Department perform a wide variety of environmental and public health functions which include food facilities, water recreation facilities, public lodging inspections and vector control. Follow the link below to view inspection reports for food establishments inspected by the Bay County Health Department.



<http://healthspace.com/baycounty>

Sincerely,

**Tom Hickner
Bay County**

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