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2014-2018 Recreation Plan

Bay County and 15 municipalities have developed a joint Five Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

The plan evaluates existing recreation opportunities, reviews public opinion regarding recreation, develops goals and objectives for parks and recreation in the communities and it outlines an action plan for improvements and other related items that the County and participating communities wish to pursue.

Copies of the Draft Plan area available at:

- Bay County Building, Recreation and Facilities Department, Suite 403, 515 Center Avenue, Bay City
- Wirt Main Library, 500 Center Avenue, Bay City
- Sage Library, 100 E. Midland Street, Bay City
- Auburn Area Branch Library, 235 W. Midland Road, Auburn
- Pinconning Branch Library, 218 S. Kaiser Street, Pinconning
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If you are interested in submitting comments regarding the Draft Plan, or would like more information, please send written comments to the address listed below by January 21, 2014. A public hearing to receive input on the draft plan will be held as part of the Bay County Board of Commissioners meeting on January 21st at 4:30 p.m. at the Bay County Building, 515 Center Avenue, 4th Floor Commission Chambers.

Laura Ogar
Director of Environmental Affairs & Community Development
515 Center Avenue, Suite 501



Ways & Means Committee Meeting

February 4

Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 11

Personnel Judicial & Human Services Committee Meetings

January 21

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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Bay County Board and Committee Assignments

The Bay County Board of Commission held its annual Organizational Meeting on January 6, 2014.

The Chairman for 2014 is Ernie Krygier, Vice Chair is Don Tilley, and Sergeant-at-Arms is Michael Lutz.



Kim Coonan is the Ways and Means Committee Chair and Brandon Krause is the Personnel/Human Services Committee Chair for 2014.

The Bay County Commissioners serve on a variety of boards, commissions, and committees throughout the community. The [2014 Board Committee Assignments list](#) is available on the Board of Commissioners page of the website.

Cristen Lipinski- Director of Recreation and Facilities

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Cristen Lipinski as the Director of Recreation and Facilities within the Bay County Executive's Office.



Ms. Lipinski returns to Bay County employment from the Civil Service Commission with the State of Michigan where she worked as a Labor Relations Representative. Prior to the State, Cristen was employed with the Bay County Executive's office as the Executive Administrative Assistant. She has a Master's Degree in Science Administration from CMU and a Bachelor of Arts in Political



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Science from MSU.

She lives in Bay City and just recently announced her engagement to Jeff Gignac.

Cristen has an office on the 4th floor of the County Building and her email address is lipinskic@baycounty.net.

Personnel Announcement- Janie Tacey



I am happy to announce the appointment of Janie Tacey to the Retirement Administrator position within the Bay County Personnel and Employment Relations Department.

Janie most recently worked as an Accountant for Bay Harbor Marina and prior to that, she worked for the Diocese of Saginaw as a General Accountant. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting.

Janie and her husband Jack live in Essexville. In her spare time she enjoys sailing on Lake Huron and spending time with her family and friends.

For the time being, Janie has an office on the 7th floor of the County Building and her email address is taceyj@baycounty.net.

Civil Rights Ordinance

The Bay County Board of Commissioners recently passed a resolution to prohibit discrimination based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation within the operations of Bay County Government. This includes employment practices and those doing business with the County, including labor organizations, contractors, employment agencies, and those seeking housing through the County.



The Board has referred the Resolution for a Public Hearing on February 11, 2014.

MLive Articles:

[Bay County ban on sexual identity and gender identity discrimination heading to County Board](#)

[Our view: Opposition to Bay County nondiscrimination](#)

[proposal shows it's needed](#)

[Bay County sends ban on gender identity and sexual orientation discrimination to Feb. 11 public hearing](#)

[Bay County Board to discuss ban on sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination](#)

Imaging Software

Bay County has successfully selected ImageSoft as the replacement for the current document management system in the Bay County Courts. A Steering Committee consisting of representatives from Circuit, District, and Probate Courts, the Friend of the Court, Prosecuting Attorney, Purchasing, Administration, Finance, Board of Commissioners, and Information Systems helped determine necessary criteria and approved the consulting firm's recommendation.



The new system will allow for quicker and more efficient filing of court documents, with less paper.

Bay County Wellness Center

On January 2, 2014 the Bay County Wellness Center launched, after two years of negotiations. The Wellness Center is a partnership with the Bay City based Total Family Healthcare and Dr. Jeffrey Potts.



The Wellness Center will provide reduced-cost healthcare to Bay County employees Pre-65 Retirees and their dependents. It will offer no copay for an office visit, most labs, and select generic medication.

This is an exciting time for the County administration and employees.

Fit in 30--With Beth Trahan

Bay County Division on Aging, Community Center, and Recreation Assistant Beth Trahan offer "Senior Fit in 30," a class geared to beginning exercisers age 60+. Exercises can be done standing or seated.



Community Center Small Gym
 800 J. F. Kennedy Drive, Bay City
 Tuesdays, through January 28
 11am-11:30am Class
 Noon Lunch
 \$8 Fee for four-week session
 \$3 per class drop-in fee
 \$2.50 suggested donation for lunch, age 60+
 \$4.75 guest fee for lunch, under age 60

For class info, call Beth Trahan- 989-894-0671
 For lunch reservations, call Sandy- 989-893-7070



Bay County Prevention Network

The Bay County Prevention Network (BCPN) is an alliance of representatives from different sectors, organizations, and constituencies with a common purpose of reducing



substance abuse among youth and adults of Bay County, Michigan. The coalition works at changing the programs, policies, and practices of sectors within the community that contribute to the abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and all other illicit



drugs.

The BCPN is very active in our community. In 2013 the BCPN:

- Conducted Sticker Shock Project to reach adults who might purchase alcohol legally and provide it to minors. Seven local businesses participated.
- Conducted alcohol and depression screenings at the hospital.
- Loaned ID scanners to local summer festivals to use in their beer tents and also hung Underage Drinking Not a Minor Problem street banner at the festivals.
- Built St. Patrick's Day Underage Drinking Float and youth marched in the parade to raise community awareness.
- Mailed out 1,138 letters to parents of graduating seniors with tips for a safe party.

- Gave free taxi rides for intoxicated patrons, at the River Roar Festival.
- Took out Underage Drinking bus ad for 6 months prior to prom, graduation and the holidays to encourage adults not to buy or serve alcohol for minors.
- And much more!

For more information, contact Goldie Wood, Project Director
Phone: (989) 895-3510
Fax: (989) 895-3511
Email: goldie.wood@mclaren.org

Visit the [Bay County Prevention Network's Webpage](#) here.

Sincerely,

**Tom Hickner
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