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# News From County Executive Tom Hickner

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## Online Health Assessment Survey

The [Bay County Community Health Assessment online survey](#) is now available. Bay County residents can begin participating in this completely confidential survey. It can also be found on the [Health Department website](#).

Please take a few moments to complete the survey. This is an opportunity for you to provide feedback about your health, your health care experiences and programs and services you would like to see offered in your community. The information collected will be used to create a community Health Improvement Plan to help address priority areas identified through the health assessment.



The survey will be available until February 6, 2012. Your participation in the online survey is vital to the success of the community health assessment, as well as the community health improvement plan. If you have any questions please contact Tracy Metcalfe at 989-895-2027 or [metcalfet@baycounty.net](mailto:metcalfet@baycounty.net).

## Upcoming Board of Commissioners Meetings



## Ways & Means Committee Meeting

February 7th

## Board of Commissioners Meeting

## Tom Hickner to Deliver State of the County Address at Annual Community Luncheon

Chemical Bank & Consumers Energy in association with AT&T are hosting the 12th Annual Bay Area Chamber of Commerce State of the Community Luncheon at Bay Valley Resort and Conference Center on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 11:30 AM.



During this luncheon, you will hear from area leaders on the state of our community. The speakers include:

- County Executive Tom Hickner - State of the County
- City Manager Robert Belleman - State of the City
- BCTOA Chairman Ronald Campbell - State of the Township
- Superintendent Douglas Newcombe - State of Education

February 14th

**Personnel  
Judicial  
&  
Human  
Services  
Committee  
Meetings**

February 21st

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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.



**Quick Links**

[Bay County Website](#)

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For event details and registration instructions, please visit the [Bay Area Chamber of Commerce](#) website.

**2011 BCATS Annual Report**

Bay City Area Transportation Study (BCATS) Fiscal Year 2011 [annual report](#) is now available for review. BCATS is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Bay City urbanized area which includes Bay City, Essexville, and seven townships in Bay County.



The annual report highlights all road and transit projects completed in 2011, projects planned for 2012 utilizing federal transportation funds, the development of a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, the adoption a Non-Discrimination Plan, and an update of BCATS' 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Please visit the BCATS [website](#) for the full report as well as more details on the various transportation plans, projects, and information.

**The Bay County Community Center is Now Offering Pickleball!**

Looking for a new and exciting way to get a little exercise? The Bay County Community Center is now offering pickleball!



Pickleball is explained by the [USA Pickleball Association](#) as a, "fun game that is played on a badminton court with the net lowered to 34 inches at the center. It is played with a perforated plastic baseball (similar to a whiffle ball) and wood or composite paddles. It is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players."

Our pickleball players have given the game rave reviews so far! It is a perfect game for people of all ages and all skill levels. Come check it out for yourself!

Call Bob at 989-894-6071 x 2 for more information and playing times.

**February 5th through the 11th is NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards Awareness Week**

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards is a service provided by the National Weather Service. It provides continuous broadcasts of the latest weather information and forecasts from our local National Weather Service office.



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### Michigan Primary February 28th



The Presidential  
Primary Election  
will be held on  
Tuesday, February  
28, 2012.

For information on  
candidates, polling  
locations, to view  
a sample ballot, or  
watch an  
informational  
video, please see  
the [Bay County  
Clerk's Presidential  
Primary webpage](#).

With NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards, you will always have access to potentially life-saving emergency information. During severe weather, National Weather Service personnel can interrupt routine weather broadcasts and insert warning messages concerning immediate threats to life and property.

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards, both natural and technological. Working with other Federal and local agencies, NOAA Weather Radio is an "all hazards" radio network.

More information is available through the Internet at the [National Weather Service's NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards Web Site](#).

## Upcoming Senior Events at Bay County Division on Aging

Bay County Division on Aging is consistently hosting a wide range of events geared toward our senior citizens.

**Make Us Part of Your  
Family Tree**



Here is a list of upcoming Bay County Division on Aging events:

- Acrylic Landscape Painting - February 6th
- Valentine's Day Party - February 14th
- Movie and Lunch Series - The Help - February 15th
- Rheumatoid Arthritis Seminar - February 16th
- Dinner Theater - All My Sons - March 1st

For more information on any of these events, please see the [Division on Aging's Special Events webpage](#) or call 989-895-4100.

## United Way of Bay County Offering Free Tax Assistance Program ~ VITA Program

The United Way of Bay County is offering a free tax program for seniors, persons with disabilities, and those with an annual income of under \$43,000.



United Way of Bay County

Appointments can be made by calling the United Way office at 989-893-7508 x 19.

For more information, location details and a check-list of documents to bring with you to the meeting, please see the [United Way VITA Program flyer](#).

**Sincerely,**

**Tom Hickner**  
**Bay County**

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