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**Upcoming
Board of
Commissioners
Meetings**

Corporation Counsel- Tim Quinn

Tim Quinn, Bay County Director of Personnel and Employee Relations, has been named the Corporation Counsel. This position became available with the retirement of Marty Fitzhugh.



Tim is a longstanding member of the State Bar of Michigan. he received his J.D. from Cooley Law School.

Department of Administrative Services

The Department of Administrative Services is an Act 139 Department under the Bay County Executive. Its function is to provide general administrative and service functions, carry on public relations, and deal with citizen complaints.



Debra Russell has been appointed the Director of Administrative Services. Her previous title was Executive Assistant to the Bay County Executive and Manager of Administrative Services.

"I welcome this new challenge and the opportunity it provides. Throughout my many years with Bay County government, I have enjoyed working with constituents to assist them in finding answers to their questions and solutions to the issues they encounter. I am dedicated to providing friendly and quality service to our residents of Bay County."

Veteran of the Year- Tom Brady

The 24th annual Veteran of the Year Award recipient is Tom Brady.





**Ways & Means
Committee
Meeting**
April 1

**Board of
Commissioners
Meeting**
April 8

**Personnel
&
Human
Services
Committee
Meetings**
April 15

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.

Tom is a volunteer coordinator and driver for the Bay County Veterans Transportation program. The mission of this program is to take Bay County veterans to and from medical appointments all around the state. Tom drives five days a week to appointments as close as Saginaw and as far away as Detroit. It is a selfless and time consuming job. In addition to driving, he also helps with the maintenance on the vehicles.

Tom is a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a boilerman on board the USS Tidewater AD-31.

Congratulations Tom and thank you for your service. Your dedication to your fellow veterans in need is appreciated.

Mlive Article

[Tom Brady, who drives Bay County vets to medical appointments, receives Veteran of the Year Award](#)

All New Bay County Recreation Newsletter!



The Bay County Recreation and Facilities Division will be producing an E-Newsletter, similar to this one. It will highlight events, updates, and information about all of the recreation sites here in Bay County.

- Bay County Golf Course
- Pinconning Park
- Fairgrounds
- Civic Arena
- Community Center
- Dog Park

The first issue of the Recreation Newsletter will be coming out this month! Be sure to click the button above and sign up. You do not want to miss out on this!

Chronic Pain Self Management

The Bay County MSU Extension is





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Bay 3 TV Channel Change



Due to changes made by Charter Communications, Bay 3 TV has moved.

You will now be able to view Bay 3 TV programming on channel 190.

Viewers can also stream videos and programs [here](#) or watch [Bay County Videos](#).

hosting Chronic Pain Self Management (CPSM) Classes.

CPSM is designed to provide the skills and tools needed by people living with chronic pain to improve their health and manage their pain. As a result, people are better equipped to face the daily challenges of living with chronic pain. Two trained leaders conduct the workshop (one or both may have a lifelong chronic pain).

Learn how to:

- Deal with the challenges of not feeling well
- Talk to healthcare workers and family members
- Overcome stress and relax
- Increase your energy
- Handle everyday activities more easily
- Stay Independent

Bay County Building, Ground Floor
515 Center Avenue
Bay City, MI 48708

Tuesdays 1:00-3:30 p.m.

May 13, 20, 27 and June 3, 10, 24

To Register Call Dawn Earnesty at 989-758-2514

Department of Water and Sewer Awards

The Bay County Road Commission and its Department of Water and Sewer is pleased to have the West Bay County Wastewater Treatment Facility's recent upgrades and improvement project recognized as the Eminent Conceptor Award winner by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan.

"The Bay County Road Commission and the Department of Water and Sewer are honored and pleased to have our innovative facility upgrades and improvements recognized by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan," said Tom Paige, Director, Bay County Department of Water and Sewer.

The Eminent Conceptor Award winner, Fleis and VandenBrink Engineering, Inc., was recognized for its design and delivery of the West Bay County Wastewater Facility upgrades and improvements. Fleis and VandenBrink Engineering, Inc. (F&V) is based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with a local office in Midland, Michigan.



Bay County Recreation Plan



The Bay County Recreation Plan was submitted to the State of Michigan as of February, 28, 2014 for all 16 communities involved.

The West Bay County WWTF and F&V expanded the plant to handle existing flows and two new communities. Precise modeling and design solved major hydraulic bottlenecks and provided significant capacity improvements, all at a fraction of the cost to expanding facilities. Sustainable design increased biosolids treatment capacity for years to come.

In addition, the upgrades included a 50 million gallon clay-lined equalization basin to provide additional capacity and minimize discharges of Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO) from the facility. This basin was filled twice in the first year of operation, eliminating millions of gallons of SSO into the Saginaw River and Bay.

9-1-1 Wall of Excellence

Bay County 9-1-1 conducts quarterly Quality Assurance (QA) reviews.



Normally the top 5 Telecommunicators are recognized for their Excellence in Call Taking. In the 4th Quarter of 2013, an exception was made due to several tie scores.

Bay County Central Dispatch is proud to recognize:

- Stacy Schultz - 100% (Scored 100% in each Quarter of 2013)
- Brent Rubis - 100%
- Matt Mikolajczak - 100%
- Ryan Gale - 99.4%
- Sue Rhoderick - 99.4%
- Denise Williams - 99.4%
- Tina Walraven - 99.4%
- Marc Irish - 99.4%

Their names will be placed on the Wall of Excellence this quarter.

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

4-H Update

Exploration Days 2014

Exploration Days will take place June 18-20, 2014, at Michigan State University. This event is for youth ages 11 through 19. The cost is \$165. This covers meals, lodging session fees and entertainment. The theme this year is "Unleash your Inner Scientist!"

These 3 days are action packed and full of fun. Youth participate in educational sessions and other fun friendship building activities. Exploration Days is a great opportunity to experience a college campus in a safe and inviting



environment. Registration opened on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Registration fills quickly so don't wait until the last minute to register! For forms and sessions options click here to visit the [Exploration Days Website](#).

Leader Banquet

The Leader Banquet took place on Monday, February 24, 2014, at the Lumber Barons Restaurant. Congratulations to all of the volunteers recognized during this event. Thank you, also, to all of the Bay County 4-H volunteers for the time and energy they give to the 4-H program. This program would not be possible without the support of all of you!

Leader of the Year

The 2013 4-H Leader of the Year is Diane Julian from Kaleidoscope 4-H club. Diane has been a volunteer for 17 years. She has dedicated her time and energy to make her club and the Bay County 4-H Program better! Diane is a mentor to youth and new volunteers and her willingness to help is amazing. Congratulations and thank you for your hard work and dedication to this program. If you see Diane, please tell her congratulations and thank you!

4-H SPIN Clubs

4-H SPIN Clubs are SPecial INterest Clubs. SPIN clubs allow youth from around the county to focus on a specific topic of their interest. Do you know someone that is an amazing baker, a robotics enthusiast, or would like to teach kids how to fish? The possibilities are endless with SPIN clubs. If you or someone you know would like to share their knowledge with youth in Bay County contact MSU Extension 4-H Program Coordinator Jodi Wrzesinski at (989) 895-4025 to get your SPIN Club started today!

Bay County will be starting a Quilting and a Bread Making SPIN Club soon. Contact Jodi Wrzesinski to inquire about joining one of these clubs today!

Sincerely,

**Tom Hickner
Bay County**

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