



QUARTERLY NEWS & UPDATES

FROM YOUR OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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FEDERAL E-VERIFY NOW A REALITY IN OAKLAND COUNTY

Businesses seeking contracts with Oakland County Government must use the Federal E-verify program to demonstrate that they are employing only legal workers. This requirement became a part of the county's purchasing policy after the Oakland County Board of Commissioners established the policy by resolution on July 30, 2009.

E-verify is an internet-based system operated by the Department of Homeland Security in partnership with the Social Security Administration. The system allows participating employers to verify electronically the employment eligibility of a prospective new employee. For more information about the E-verify program, call 248-858-0511 or go online to www.oakgov.com/purchasing. Register to use E-verify here: <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll/>.

SMALL BUSINESS LOANS ARE POSSIBLE WITH COUNTY PROGRAM

This April, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, in partnership with the county administration, have been successful in its efforts to provide micro loans for small businesses. This initiative will help small businesses and entrepreneurs who qualify to secure loans ranging from \$500 to \$35,000.

As an alternative to traditional lending institutions, this program will help those businesses who may not quite fit traditional loan guidelines, by offering greater flexibility and opportunity for those seeking a loan. For more information, call the Oakland County MicroLoan Program at 248-460-3973 or download an application at www.micced.org.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS RUNNING OUT?

We can help. The page below provides information for unemployed/displaced workers within Oakland County.

Go to: www.oakgov.com/health/program_service/community_resources.html or call (866) 500-0017.

WATCH THE BOARD IN ACTION

The new, more visible Board taped two of four board meetings to be cablecast countywide this summer.

To view the meetings, tune to the **Comcast Demand Channel**, or view online at: <http://swocstudios.pegcentral.com> or www.civiccentertv.com.

COMMISSIONERS REMEMBER THE HOLOCAUST



Commissioner Steven Schwartz (2nd from left), along with Commissioners Shelley Taub and Marcia Gershenson presented Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus Executive Director Stephen Goldman with a proclamation in remembrance of the Holocaust. The message of the Commissioners was to urge people to learn more about that horror, and never to forget it.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR THE COMMISSIONERS

In cooperation with the county administration, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners continues to support initiatives that improve the climate for businesses in Oakland County. With the support of several Emerging Sector initiatives, since the 2004 inception of this new growth area, Oakland County has reported over \$1.5 billion in new business investments to date.

This growing area of our economy has helped retain 8,000 jobs, created over 21,000 new jobs while attracting new industries which are defined as Emerging Sectors, like Advanced Electronics, Advanced Materials/Nanotechnology, Aerospace, Alternative Energy, Communications & IT, Defense/Homeland Security, Entertainment, Fast Growth, Health Care/Life Science and Robotic & Automation. These industries of the future continue to find a home in Oakland County.

For more information, go to www.businessdevelopment@oakgov.com or call 248-858-8706.



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Dear Neighbors,

Oakland County is a great place to live, work and play.

This newsletter shares just a few of the great services that your county government provides.

As your commissioner, I value your input on how to make the county better.

Please contact me with any of your suggestions.

Best Wishes,

Steven H. Schwartz

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Commissioner

Oakland County Commissioner Steven H. Schwartz serves District #14 and represents the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills.