



QUARTERLY NEWS & UPDATES

FROM YOUR OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

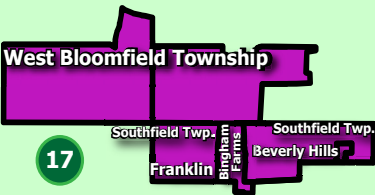
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Dear Neighbors,

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,

Marcia Gershenson
Commissioner

Need help doing your taxes? Oakland County Can Help

Residents in south Oakland County and surrounding neighborhoods can now get tax help year-round, thanks to Accounting Aid Society's new Oakland Neighborhood Tax Center in Ferndale. The Neighborhood Tax Center is located at 1956 Hilton Road, north of Nine Mile and East of Woodward.

The Center offers free income tax and credit preparation to families with annual incomes under \$50,000 and to individuals with incomes under \$25,000. The Center is expected to serve 6,000 low to middle income households and help them receive an estimated \$7 million in federal and state refunds and credits. In addition to free tax preparation, clients will be able to purchase savings bonds, and will have access to utility payment assistance programs.

Those who use the center, as well as all Oakland County taxpayers, can pay their taxes online. The web address is www.paylocaltaxes.com. Online payments will include an Enhanced Access Fee. Also available for a small fee are Tax Statements and Current Tax Profiles.

United Way is providing free preparation and filing for the [Earned Income Tax Credit](#), a federal income tax credit of which many are unaware. [United Way and other agencies](#) also assist Americans who earn less than \$49,000 with tax help at tax preparation sites in Oakland County.

KEEPING SCORE OF THE COUNTY'S BUDGET

For residents who want to see how Oakland County is managing its budget and government operations, go to www.oakgov.com/info_pub/fiscal_scorecard.html.

This webpage gives insight on the county's budget gap, reserves, pension obligations and debt levels. It is very informative for those who are interested in viewing "Oakland County's Fiscal Scorecard" and will have the opportunity to compare the county's performance to other governments across Michigan.

The scorecard details how Oakland County is measuring up, how tax dollars are being used, and how the county maintains its coveted AAA bond rating.

Commissioner Gershenson Greets New Member



Newly inaugurated Commissioners Marcia Gershenson and Robert Hoffman chat after the Inauguration ceremonies January 5th. Commissioner Gershenson is helping Mr. Hoffman get reacquainted with the Board as it now stands. Mr. Hoffman is in his second go-around as a Commissioner.

Need Health Info from Oakland County?

The page below provides information about all county health services available to help county residents, as well as information about other services that assist those who need help.

Click on:

www.oakgov.com/health/program_service/community_resources.html

or call (866) 500-0017.

OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEEK CITIZENS TO SERVE

The Oakland County Board seeks interested Oakland County residents to serve the community on various boards, committees and commissions through appointment. To apply or submit an application go to www.oakgov.com, click on the Board of Commissioners and the Boards, Commissions and Committees links. Call 248-858-0103, for more information.

The 2011 Application Deadlines Are:

Friend of the Court

Citizens Advisory Committee: Thursday, May 12th

Library Board:

Friday, July 22nd

Oakland County Department

of Human Services Agency: Friday, Sept. 23rd

Specific qualifications may be required to be eligible for certain positions listed on the website.

Oakland County Commissioner Marcia Gershenson serves District #17 – Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Franklin and the Townships of Bloomfield, Southfield, and West Bloomfield