



QUARTERLY NEWS & UPDATES

FROM YOUR OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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2011 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



The 2011 Board of Commissioners features a new Chair and new Vice Chair, and eight new members – almost one-third of the board. Michael Gingell, the former Vice Chair, was unanimously elected Chair, taking over from Bill Bullard Jr., who is now the Oakland County Clerk. The new Vice-Chairman is attorney Jeff Matis, an accomplished pilot. Other new members are businessman and farmer Bob Hoffman; Bill Dwyer, a retired police chief; Kathy Crawford, a published author; attorney Mike Bosnic; Beth Nuccio, the director of career services at Baker College and a FIRST Lego Robotics coach; Craig Covey, a former Mayor; Nancy Quarles, a former state representative; and attorney Philip Weipert, who is very active in Southwest Oakland County government and civic organizations.



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COUNTY TO CONTINUE HOUSING COUNSELING

For the last several years, Oakland County has offered counseling services to citizens facing foreclosure on their homes. The program is administered through the county's Community and Home Improvement Division. Funding for the service has been provided by the federal government.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has seen the value of the program, and has granted the county \$93,000 to continue it. The grant was accepted in February.

If you need advice and assistance to try and keep your home from being foreclosed, contact the Office of Housing Counseling in the Community and Home Improvement Division. Call 248-858-5402 or click the URL below: http://www.oakgov.com/chi/housing_counsel/index.html

Commissioner Zack Welcomes a New Neighbor



Commissioner Helaine Zack welcomes the new Accounting Aid Society Center to Ferndale. The Center will help low income families prepare their local income taxes. Pictured are: Tosha Brown of Bank of America, Ferndale Mayor David Coulter, Helaine Zack, Kathleen Hatke Aro of the Accounting Aid Society, Tiffany Douglas of Bank of America, Gilda Jacobs of Michigan League for Human Services and Nina Rodriguez of BOA.

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Need Help from Oakland County?

The page below provides information about many services designed to help citizens, but many don't even know these services exist.

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

Commissioners Take a Pay Cut

For the second year in a row, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners agreed to give back 1.5% of their salaries to match pay cuts taken by county employees.

Commissioners believe "What's good for the goose is good for the gander."

Looking for Some Outdoor Fun?

Check out this website for a host of things to do outdoors in the great weather expected this spring. There are many activities available for the enjoyment of all age groups in our county. www.destinationoakland.com or call: 1-888-OC-PARKS.

Commissioners Meeting Calendar

Thursday, April 21, 9:30am
Wednesday, May 4, 7:00pm
Thursday, May 19, 9:30am

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,

Helaine M. Zack

Helaine Zack
Commissioner

Oakland County Commissioner Helaine Zack serves District #22 representing Royal Oak Twp., Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, and Southfield.