

APRIL 2025



COUNTY OF SAGINAW

NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the County of Saginaw

Welcome to the new County of Saginaw monthly newsletter! This newsletter is meant to engage you in what's happening in and around Saginaw County.

Content will focus on County of Saginaw departments and partners. If you have something in your community that you would like us to highlight please feel free to send it to me!

Enjoy, and if you have any questions, comments or feedback please email me!

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County of Saginaw Leadership

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HEALTHSOURCE
Saginaw *Leading the way to recovery*

**WE'RE HIRING
FOR HEALTHCARE CAREERS**

APPLY NOW

Visit our Website for a full list of opportunities:
healthsourcesaginaw.org/careers




Help us add Sparkle to Prom Memories!

**Be the Difference in the Prom Experience
of area young women by donating your
Loved but still Lovely Prom Attire & Accessories
to the**

**Saginaw County Health Department's
BWell Boutique**

Opening January 2025
All items are Free to Boutique Shoppers

Items can be dropped off at the
Saginaw County Health Department
Room 509
Monday - Thursday 9am - 4:30pm
for additional information contact
Cari Hillman 989-758-3804

We are also seeking monetary
donations to pay for
dry cleaning

Under "Fund"
drop down box
Select "BWell Saginaw"



"Even small acts of kindness can make a profound difference to somebody else"
Misha Collins

**Saginaw County Welcomes
Leadership Saginaw**

On March 19, the Saginaw Leadership class of 2025 had the opportunity to meet with the Judges of Saginaw County. The goal is to allow the class to hear from each court and understand what types of cases they each have jurisdiction over. Thank you to all Saginaw County Judges for allowing Leadership Saginaw into the courtroom and taking the time to educate!



APPLY: DECEMBER 1ST - APRIL 12TH

**WE ARE
hiring**

make a difference in the community

SEASONAL POSITIONS

- Biology Assistant
- Education Assistant
- GIS Technician
- Office Assistant
- Vector Technician (Field Tech)

WE OFFER...

- Variety in Work
- Unique Work Experience
- Team Environment
- Up to 40 Hours/Week
- Starting Wages \$15.25-\$15.50
- Multiple Shift Options

REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 18 years of age by April 1, 2025
- Valid Michigan Driver's License

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Visit our website for more information and application
www.saginawmosquito.com

Mosquito Abatement - New Office Now Open
705 N. Towerline, Saginaw, MI 48601
www.saginawmosquito.com



EVENTS

AT THE CASTLE

March & April 2025

MARCH 11

LUNCH & LEARN

12:00 PM

Christiana Malacara, host of *That's What She Said!***MARCH 13**

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

10:30 AM

Sports Hall of Fame: Baseball Fun

KRASLICE WORKSHOP

6 PM

\$5/PERSON, RSVP REQUIRED

MARCH 17-20

KRASLICE WORKSHOPS

11 AM (AND 6 PM 3/20)

\$5/PERSON PER SESSION, RSVP REQUIRED

MARCH 18

PAGES OF HISTORY BOOK CLUB*

12:00 PM

The Michigan Murders by Edward Keyes**MARCH 25**

LUNCH & LEARN

12:00 PM

Christopher Nakamura from SVSU, History of Lasers

MARCH 26

HANDS ON HISTORY

11 AM-1 PM

Clothing Reproductions

MARCH 31

NATIVE AMERICAN OBJECTS

2-4 PM

Archaeology & Curation Round Table in Partnership with Delta College (Open to All)

APRIL 3-6

COLORFUL TRADITIONS

Times Vary

Free Heritage Craft Demonstrations

APRIL 5

HSSC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

11 AM-1:30 PM

Free for All Castle Guard Members

APRIL 6

I AM A MAN

Exhibit Opens in Centennial Hall

APRIL 8

PAGES OF HISTORY BOOK CLUB*

12:00 PM

Enough to Lose by R.S. Deeren**APRIL 10**

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

10:30 AM

Post Office: Send a Hug

APRIL 12

HANDS ON HISTORY

11 AM-1 PM

Sports

APRIL 15

LUNCH & LEARN

12:00 PM

Beethoven v. Mozart and Saginaw's Music Scene, a Collaboration with the Choral Society**APRIL 17**

HISTORY AFTER HOURS

5:30 PM

The D.H. Burnham & Co. 1919 Plan for the City of Saginaw with Chief Historian Tom Trombley**APRIL 22**

LUNCH & LEARN

12:00 PM

Friends of Roethke Poetry Month with Saginaw's Own, Theodore Roethke

APRIL 24

SCSHoF PRESS CONFERENCE

5 PM (Drinks) 6 PM (Announcements)

*In collaboration with Hoyt Library



POSITIVE RESULTS
downtown
PRIDE in Saginaw, Inc.

**Proud to bring thousands of people
to events in our community every year.**



**Holidays in the
Heart of the City**

20,000
Attendees



**Annual Christmas
Parade**

10,000
Attendees



**Saginaw
Outhouse Races**

1,000
Attendees



**Bringing
Back the Ice**

3,000
Attendees



**Harvest
Days**

5,000
Attendees




**Memorial Day
Parade**

5,000
Attendees





**Friday Night
Live**


45,000
Attendees





**SAGINAW COUNTY
PERCOLATOR
BREAKFAST
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

 50 Years of Positive Results Downtown Saginaw

 Thursday, April 3, 2025

 7:30 - 9 a.m.

 Horizons Conference Center
6200 State Street, Saginaw, MI 48603

Perc is free for Chamber and YPN Members.
However, registration is required.
Register at www.SaginawChamber.org 

April 3



THE SAGINAW COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS
**BUSINESS
AFTER HOURS**

 April 10, 2025 | 5 - 7 p.m.

 Dart Bank and Crossroads Title Agency

 4343 State Street, Saginaw, MI 48603



A free Member networking event | www.SaginawChamber.org

April 10



**SAGINAW COUNTY
CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**

*April
Events*



 **SAGINAW COUNTY
CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**

**Small Business Development Program:
What's in Your Labor Law Toolbox?**

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 | 7:30 - 9 a.m.
Trillium Banquet Center, 6415 State Street, Saginaw

Registration is Required | \$25 Members

SPONSORED BY: GREAT LAKES BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!

April 15



 **Memories & Milestones**

 Wednesday, April 23, 2025

 Check-in & Networking, 11 a.m.
Program & Lunch, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

 Saginaw Valley State University
Curtiss Hall
7400 Bay Road, University Center

 \$35/Person | \$250/Table of 8

Join us for the first-ever
YPN Annual Meeting:
Memories & Milestones. At this
luncheon we will celebrate the
past, present and future of the
Saginaw County Young
Professionals Network (YPN).
We will also present the
Outstanding Young Professional,
Milestone Member and
Legacy Leader awards.
**YPN and Chamber Members are
encouraged to attend.**

Registration closes April 15th.

April 23



Too Toxic to Trash

MID MICHIGAN WASTE AUTHORITY
SPECIAL WASTE DROP OFF DAYS
2025

MMWA is hosting FREE disposal of hazardous waste open ONLY to residents of Saginaw County, Bethany Township, Village of Breckenridge, and Wheeler Township. All events will be held at MMWA's location at 2063 S. Miller Rd., Saginaw, MI. Residents MUST make an appointment.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DATES

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

DOCUMENT SHREDDING DATES

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

MAXIMUM 4 BOXES PER RESIDENT

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Televisions, Computers, Monitors, Hard Drives, Laptops, Keyboards, Mice, Printers, Fax Machines, Scanners, Phones, Tablets, Miscellaneous Cables & Cords.

ACCEPTED HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze, mercury, kerosene, acids, aerosols, fluorescent bulbs, lawn and garden chemicals, lead acid batteries, smoke detectors, glues and adhesives, hobby chemicals, miscellaneous cleaners and corrosives. Paint including spray paint, latex paint, oil based paint, caulk, stain, and varnish.



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Emergency Management Urges you to "Be Ready Saginaw County"

Sheltering vs. Evacuation

SHELTER IN PLACE

Shelter-In-Place generally means that you stay where you are - indoors - and do not go outside until the all-clear is announced by local authorities. The cause for this order may be a hazardous substance that was accidentally released into the air in your community. When the all-clear is announced open all the windows in your home to allow clean air to remove any residual airborne substances in your home. Shelter-In-Place situations normally only last for a few hours.

- Close all doors to the outside and close and lock all windows
- Turn off all air conditioners and all heating systems and switch inlets to the "closed" position. Seal any gaps around window air conditioners with tape and plastic sheeting, wax paper or aluminum foil
- Turn off all exhaust fans in kitchen, bathrooms and other spaces
- Close all fireplace dampers
- Go to an above ground room (not the basement) with the fewest windows and doors. This is usually a bathroom.
- Use tape and plastic food wrap, wax paper or aluminum foil to cover and seal bathroom vents, range vents, dryer vents and other openings to the outside as much as possible (including any obvious gaps around windows and doors)
- Tune into the emergency broadcast system on your radio or television for information and guidance

EVACUATION

Evacuation means that you must leave your home and go to a safer place away from the danger area. This is usually the result of a larger scale and widespread disaster. Devastating severe weather that caused power outages, downed trees, destruction of homes, and unsafe drinking water is an example of the need to evacuate as directed by local authorities. Evacuation may last for several days to several weeks.

If public officials order you to evacuate, take that order seriously and act **IMMEDIATELY**

- Bring your Emergency Kit and be sure to include:
 - Prescription medications
 - Disaster supplies (See November's fact sheet for kit information)
 - Clothing and bedding (one change of clothes and bed roll for each person)
 - Car keys and the keys of the place you may be going
- Turn off the water and gas to your home
- Lock your home
- Use travel routes specified by local authorities. Do not use shortcuts because some areas may be impassable or dangerous
- If flooding is a danger avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges
- Stay away from downed power lines
- Listen to local authorities. They provide the most accurate information and will communicate the location of shelters



Saginaw County Law Day Press Release

Contact Information:
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In honor of Law Day, celebrated every year nationwide on May 1st, SCBA Mock Trials will be held April 3, 2025. We hold these trials early in April to accommodate seniors that have a busy May. Twelve Saginaw County High Schools will be participating in our 2025 program. The schools that have signed up to participate will have students competing as Prosecution attorneys and witnesses; Defense attorney and witnesses; and jurors. Each team is allowed to have two art students compete in our Courtroom Artist Contest.

Courtroom	Prosecution	V	Defense	Artist	Jurors
410 Judge Dicken	Frankenmuth H S TS – Rob Baker AA-Travis Dafoe		Nouvel H S 1 TS- Pete Bartels AA Joe Harrison & Adam Flory		Saginaw United Heritage H S
303 Judge Jurrens	Saginaw United TS-Ashen Baldwin AA-Melisa Hayes AA-Zachary Yancer		Heritage H S TS – Justin Buxman AA-Christopher Swartz	Saginaw United Jamiah McClendon	Frankenmuth H S Nouvel H S 1
306 Judge Fichtner	Birch Run H S TS-Wendy Watson Cole AA- Christopher Enge		Swan Valley HS TS-Darcy Nicholas AA-Nancy Derleth AA- Katherine Boothroyd	Birch Run Phoenix Powell Swan Valley Kolbi Stipanovich	Career Complex St. Charles H S
407 Judge Gafkay	Career Complex TS-Matthew Berchert TS – Greg Tait AA-William Pearson		St. Charles H S TS – Michael Nesbit TS-Tom Princinsky AA-Bill Cowdry & James Hession	St. Charles Cash Isenhower Taylor Ellis	Birch Run H S Swan Valley HS
403 Judge Trice	Nouvel H S 2 TS- Pete Bartels AA Joe Harrison & Adam Flory		Hemlock H S TS-Bryan Sysak AA-Lee Sturtz		Valley Lutheran Merrill H S
302 Judge Clark	Valley Lutheran TS-Lisa Meter AA- Eric Dalek		Merrill H S TS-Suzanna McGraw AA-Tom Fancher	Merrill Lillie Miller	Nouvel H S 2 Hemlock H S St Charles

Career Complex Honor Guard

Members of the Law Day Committee were presented a Proclamation from the County Commissioners on March 18, 2025. Thank you for recognizing the importance of celebrating Law Day each year.

AWARD WINNERS


BRYAN SYSAK
English Teacher
Hemlock High School
GOLDEN APPLE AWARD



JOSEPH HARRISON
Law Office of
Joseph Harrison PC
F H MARTIN AWARD



BISHOP HURLEY COLEMAN
Greater Coleman Temple
LIBERTY BELL AWARD

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www.micounties.org

THE LIFE OF A COUNTY COMMISSIONER

What do county boards do?

Each Michigan county has a county board of commissioners that serves as the legislative and fiduciary (financial decision-making) body. The board is responsible for setting policy (passing resolutions, its main device for stating its policies), as well as providing legislative oversight and constituent services.

AMONG ITS POWERS, A COUNTY BOARD MAY:

- ✓ Purchase or lease real estate necessary for the site of a courthouse, jail, clerk's office or other county building in that county.
- ✓ Determine the site of, remove or designate a new site for a county building.
- ✓ Authorize the sale or lease of real estate belonging to the county and prescribe the manner in which a conveyance of the real estate is to be executed.
- ✓ Erect the necessary buildings for jails, clerks' offices and other county buildings and prescribe the time and manner of erecting them.
- ✓ Borrow money or raise funds through taxes as authorized by law.
- ✓ Provide for the repayment of a loan made by the board, by tax upon the county.
- ✓ Prescribe and fix the salaries and compensation of employees of the county if not fixed by law.
- ✓ Direct and provide for the raising of money necessary to defray the current expenses and charges of the county and the necessary charges incident to or arising from the execution of the board's lawful authority.
- ✓ Pass ordinances that relate to county affairs and do not contravene the general laws of this state or interfere with the local affairs of a township, city, or village within the limits of the county.
- ✓ Require a county officer whose salary or compensation is paid by the county to make a report under oath to the county board.
- ✓ Establish rules and regulations in reference to the management of the interest and business concerns of the county as the board considers necessary and proper.
- ✓ Enter an employment contract with an appointed county manager or other appointed chief administrative officer or a county controller.
- ✓ Remove an officer or agent appointed by the board.
- ✓ Decide appeals under the Freedom of Information Act.
- ✓ Appoint members of the County Board of Road Commissioners (in counties in which the Road Commissioners are not elected).
- ✓ Appoint members of the Board of County Canvassers, which canvasses election results and conducts recounts.

By the numbers

- ▶ **83**
counties
(modern configuration established in 1897)
- ▶ **5 to 21**
number of seats allowed on a county board of commissioners
- ▶ **\$12.9 billion**
total revenue under county oversight (2021 figures)
- ▶ **2,100**
approximate number of regular public meetings held by county boards each year

Who serves on a county board?

Each county may have no fewer than five and no more than 21 commissioners. Following each decennial census, the county's Apportionment Commission, using limits determined by the population of a county (or a County Charter), decides how many commissioners a county will have for the next 10-year period.

TERMS OF OFFICE

County commissioners in Michigan serve four-year terms, as of the elections to be held in November 2024.

A commissioner is elected from a geographic district that is set every 10 years by a County Apportionment Board.

Commissioner elections are on the partisan ballot, with party primaries held in August of the election year.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COUNTY COMMISSIONER?

Attend meetings of the full county board and board committees to which a member is assigned, plus meetings of boards of other civic entities to which the commissioner is appointed by the county board.

Prepare for all meetings by diligently reviewing board packets and affiliated reports provided by county staff and countywide elected officials.

Stay informed on national, state and local issues and policies in which the county government has a role.

HOW DOES A CITIZEN RUN FOR A COMMISSIONER SEAT?

To be placed on a ballot, a prospective candidate must:

- File an affidavit of identity and filing form with the county clerk;
- Pay a \$100 filing fee or submit petition signatures in an amount determined by a county's population; and
- File campaign finance reports as required by state law.

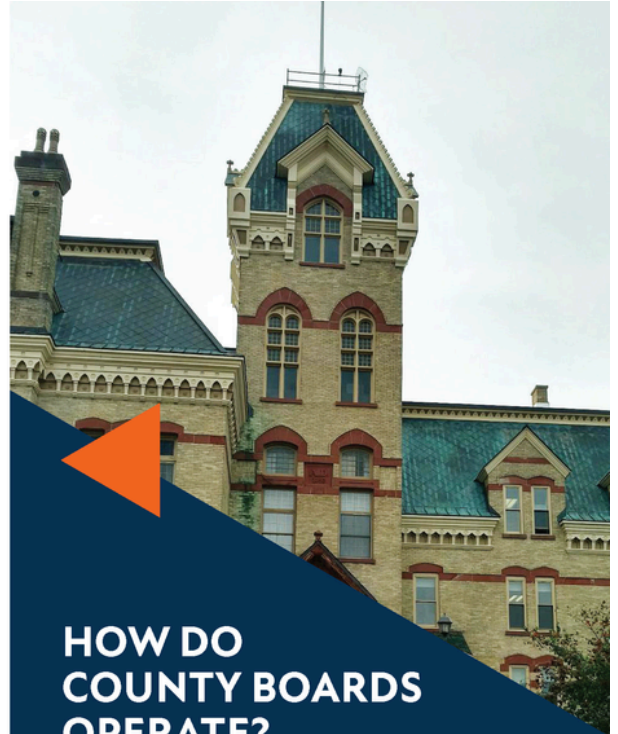
Source: Public Act 156 of 1851 (<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-Act-156-of-1851>)

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HOW DO COUNTY BOARDS OPERATE?

The business which a county board may perform must be conducted at a public meeting of the board held in compliance with the open meetings act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The county board of commissioners of a county shall elect one member as chairperson and one member as vice chairperson. The chairperson shall be elected each odd numbered year for a two-year term, unless the county board of commissioners provides by resolution that the chairperson shall be elected annually for a one-year term.

The county board shall act by the votes of a majority of the members present. However, the final passage or adoption of a measure or resolution or the allowance of a claim against the county shall be determined by a majority of the members elected and serving.



For county map of Michigan,
use the QR code above.





**Monday
April
14**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.**

Saginaw County Health Department Community Blood Drive!

Saginaw County Health Department - Parking Lot
1600 N. Michigan
Saginaw, MI 48602

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED

- Call 866-642-5663
- Visit versiti.org/mi
- Scan the QR code below

Walk ins welcome, as schedule allows.

Superheroes save lives! Superhero Day is celebrated on Apr. 28, but everyone – from Beacon the Bear to YOU – can be a superhero and save lives all month long by donating at our blood drive.



For eligibility questions call
866-642-5663

