

JUNE 2025



COUNTY OF SAGINAW

NEWSLETTER



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of Saginaw**

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Saginaw County Animal Care & Control Celebrates Grand Opening of Surgical Center

Saginaw County Animal Care & Control along with the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce celebrated the grand opening of the surgical center with a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 30th. The surgical center has been a long awaited community resource that will offer low cost spay and neuter services along with microchipping, vaccines, deworming, and heartworm testing.

Picture L to R Michelle Spranger: MI Pet Alliance, Rachel Horton: SCACC Director, Eugene Seals: President, Chamber of Commerce, Chief Ruth: City of Saginaw Police Chief, Jack Tany: Chairman, Board of Commissioners



Animal Care & Control
Rachel Horton, Director
rhorton@saginawcounty.com
Courts & Public Safety Committee

SAGINAW COUNTY

ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

June 2025



SCACC and Paws & Beyond Training & Adoption Event



SCACC and Paws & Beyond join forces! Join us all day **June 22nd** for a fun-filled day of \$25 adoptions, free behavior consults by Paws & Beyond staff, and discounts on training classes with an adoption! Already have a pup? Bring them by for a \$5 microchip!

Spay It Forward, Saginaw!

Want to make an impact? Donate to our **Spay It Forward Fund** today to help local pet parents in need access vet care. Help us keep healthy pets where they belong – in loving homes! Donate via our **PayPal** or by check. Please make checks payable to Saginaw County Animal Care & Control.

Checks can be mailed to **SCACC**
5615 Bay Rd, Saginaw, MI 48604

Upcoming Vaccine Clinic

We will be hosting a half-day vaccine clinic this June!

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page, **Saginaw County Animal Care & Control**, for scheduling details and to reserve your appointment slot!



Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development Grants



MDARD has awarded us a total of \$13,145 for the 3 grants we submitted to the animal welfare fund. Thank you MDARD for your generosity!

\$2,900 has been awarded for our Microchip & Vaccinate Saginaw initiative.

\$8,000 has been awarded for our Spay & Neuter Saginaw initiative.

\$2,245 has been awarded for our Paws on Patrol Training initiative.

Commission on Aging
Jessica Sargent, Director
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Human Services Committee



SENIOR PROJECT FRESH

ATTN: IMPORTANT PROGRAM CHANGES

The State of Michigan will be transitioning to an online application process for SPF coupons. This means Commission on Aging will no longer distribute physical coupon books and/or maintain wait lists for this program. While the changes are not finalized, here is what we do know:

- The online application launch was delayed will now be available: *June 1, 2025*
- We do not have an exact website or link for registration, but you can go to the State of Michigan website www.michigan.gov and search for "SENIOR PROJECT FRESH". Information will likely be posted here.
- Individuals will sign up online to receive a QR code or card (like a credit/debit card) that is loaded with \$25 and will be mailed to your address. Coupons can only be used at participating Farmer's Markets.
- Any individual who received SPF coupons in the last (2) two years SHOULD receive a postcard in the mail with instructions on how to sign up.
- At this time, we do not know what Farmer's Markets will be participating in the program or how long the application will take to complete. Nutrition Education will be a part of the process.
- The total number of coupon books is allocated by County, but it is first come, first serve. We encourage anyone that is able to register on their own to do so as soon as possible on or after June 1.
- Once all coupon books are gone, the online system will ask if you want to sign up to be on the wait list. We encourage doing this, as in previous years, there has been additional funding come in the later part of the year and you may still receive coupons if you sign up.



Residents who are aged 60 or older with a total household income of \$28,952.50 or less for an individual, or \$39,127.50 for a couple, are eligible to apply for the program.

Residents who are aged 55 or older who belong to a Michigan federally recognized tribe or urban tribal group are also eligible.

Benefits must be obtained in the county in which the applicant lives. The program runs from June 1 to October 31 each year.

**SUPPORT STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH A
COMPUTER/INTERNET CONNECTION AS FOLLOWS:**

***NOTE YOU MUST HAVE A CELL PHONE OR ACTIVE E-MAIL ACCOUNT TO REGISTER.**

***Scheduled dates below may change depending on availability and/or need.**

Brady:

June 4, 2025 10am-12pm

Freeland:

June 3, 2025 10am-2pm

Buena Vista:

June 3, 2025 9am-2pm

June 5, 2025 9am-2pm

Frankenmuth:

June 10, 2025 10am-12pm

Chesaning:

June 6, 2025 12:30pm-2:30pm

Friendship:

June 2, 2025 9am-1pm

June 5, 2025 9am-1pm

Eleanor Frank/Main Office:

June 2, 2025 3pm-5pm

June 4, 2025 9am-5pm

June 6, 2025 2pm-5pm

June 9, 2025 9am-5pm

Hemlock:

June 11, 2025 11:30-1:30pm

Maple Grove:

June 10, 2025 9am-2pm

**Contact Rita Jimenez with any
additional questions:**

989-797-6880

South Colony

June 2, 2025 10:30am-12:30pm

JUNE 2025

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2025 Saginaw County Senior Picnic



Saginaw
County
Commission
on Aging

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025 - 10AM TO 1PM

AT HAITHCO PARK

Gates Open 9AM (no early admittance)



Join Commission on Aging for
a fun day at the park!

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT,
DELICIOUS LUNCH,
HEALTH FAIR EXHIBITS,
GAMES & PRIZE DRAWINGS.**

All guests must be 18 years or older.
Lost tickets cannot be replaced.

**Tickets are available at Senior
Centers May 1-30 and through
June 6 at the main COA office.**

Tickets will be collected at the
entrance for prize drawings
along with a recommended \$2.25
Lunch Donation. Admission is \$5
for guests under 60.

A limited number of tickets will
be available at the entrance.

Saginaw County Commission on Aging, 2355 Schust Road

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The Dow Event Center
Kevin Murphy, General Manager
kevin@doweventcenter.com
County Services Committee



Katheryn Kelly
Register of Deeds
kkelly@saginawcounty.com
County Services Committee

The Register of Deeds office will be closed Thursday June 12th and Friday June 13th to allow for scheduled electrical work.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Phone (989) 790-5270

Email rod@saginawcounty.com

Go Great Lakes Bay CVB
Annette Rummel, Travel Trailblazer
(989) 245-1223
County Services Committee

The following provides our latest forecast update for the County of Saginaw and the Great Lakes Bay region. I've included the summary below.

- Room revenue is expected to grow 1.3% in 2025 and 2.2% in 2026.
- Economic conditions support travel growth on an annualized basis.
- US policy is no longer expected to be neutral for the economy in 2025 but will represent a drag due to the accelerated timing of tariffs and the uncertainty associated with them. We expect GDP to grow 2.0% in 2025 following an estimated 2.8% expansion in 2026.
- The North American trade war progressed in a dramatic fashion recently. Though the initial duties announced on March 4 were eventually watered down, tariff rates on US imports from Canada and Mexico are still at double-digit levels.
- Our internal recession models indicate that a looming downturn is unlikely, despite rising recession risks. Household balance sheets are healthy, layoffs remain low, and the economy has weathered more significant shocks in recent years without falling into a recession.
- Trump Administration policies and pronouncements are resulting in a negative sentiment shift toward the US among potential international travelers. We expect the negative impact on international travel to the US to be strongest in 2025, however the expectation is that US citizens will vacation domestically. A potential recession in Canada and Mexico, and a relatively strong US dollar are expected to be headwinds for travel starting this year.



Go Great Lakes Bay Market Indicators
 March 2025

March was a good month for Great Lakes Bay hotels compared to last year illustrated by a +16 YOY increase in demand resulting in an equal +10% YOY gain in occupancy to 49.8%. Weekend occupancy outpaced weekday at 62.1% and 44.8%, respectively.

ADR was -6.6% YOY less than last year at \$120.96 but was offset by the growth in demand resulting in a +9.4% YOY gain in revenue to \$9.3M for the month. Weekend ADR contributed the most at \$133.32 to the average ADR compared to weekday at \$113.95.

The March performance of two other key travel indicators was mixed illustrated by -3.6% YOY less leisure & Hospitality jobs at 12.6K but +6.3% YOY growth in MBS International airport throughput.

Overseas arrivals to the US dropped 11.6% in March representing the first meaningful decline since the pandemic. Easter - which shifted from March last year to April this year - contributed to weakness, but continued the negative trend from February (-2.4%). Most notable were declines in visits from Mexico and Canada.

Despite economic headwinds and declines in international visits, air travel held steady with a slight drop of 0.2% YOY for the month of March but remained above 2019 levels (+4.2%). US hotel occupancy remained level at 63.6%, down just 0.3%. ADR of \$162 was up 1.1% YOY, and RevPAR of \$103 up 0.8%.

Tourism Indicators
 % change relative to same month in previous year



49.8%

Hotel Occupancy

▲ 10.1% YOY, ▼ -6.3% vs. 2019



\$9.3M

Hotel Revenue

▲ 9.4% YOY, ▼ -6.3% vs. 2019



9.9K

Airport Throughput

▲ 5.3% YOY, ▼ -24.6% vs. 2019



12.6K

Leisure and Hospitality Jobs

▼ -1.6% YOY, ▼ -6.0% vs. 2019

Saginaw County Health Department
Christina Harrington, Health Officer
charrington@saginawcounty.com
 Human Services Committee

Saginaw County HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Advocating for Sustained, Flexible Funding from State Public Health Sub-Committee

Health officer Christina Harrington, MPH, testified before the Michigan House of Representatives Public Health Sub-Committee this month to advocate for sustained, flexible funding to continue local efforts to build the public health infrastructure and to continue driving the BWell Saginaw coalition charged with improving Saginaw's top three health priorities: maternal/child health, obesity/chronic disease, and mental health/substance use. The

meeting Harrington attended — by invitation from Representative Amos O'Neil — was focused on maternal and child health. She was able to share data about Saginaw's infant mortality rates and address the importance of having the type of funding that allows LOCAL communities to address their specific needs rather than strict "categorized" funding that often goes unspent or has laborious compliance requirements.



Room 312 Opens to Offer Community Resources

The health department has opened Room 312 at its 1600 North Michigan Avenue location for new, walk-in services. Anyone who lives or works in Saginaw County can visit, Monday through Friday, 8am-4:30pm, for FREE. Among its premiere offerings is a body composition scanner — technology that looks a bit like a scale and shows you what your body is made of—not just your weight, but how much of that weight is muscle, fat, and water. It gives a detailed picture of what's going on inside a body. It can reveal things like: How much fat you have and where it's located (like belly fat).

- How much muscle you have in different parts of your body (like your arms or legs).
- Your bone mass and water levels.

It usually takes just a few minutes and is safe, painless, and helps you track your health and fitness more accurately than a regular scale. The only things you "take off" are your shoes.

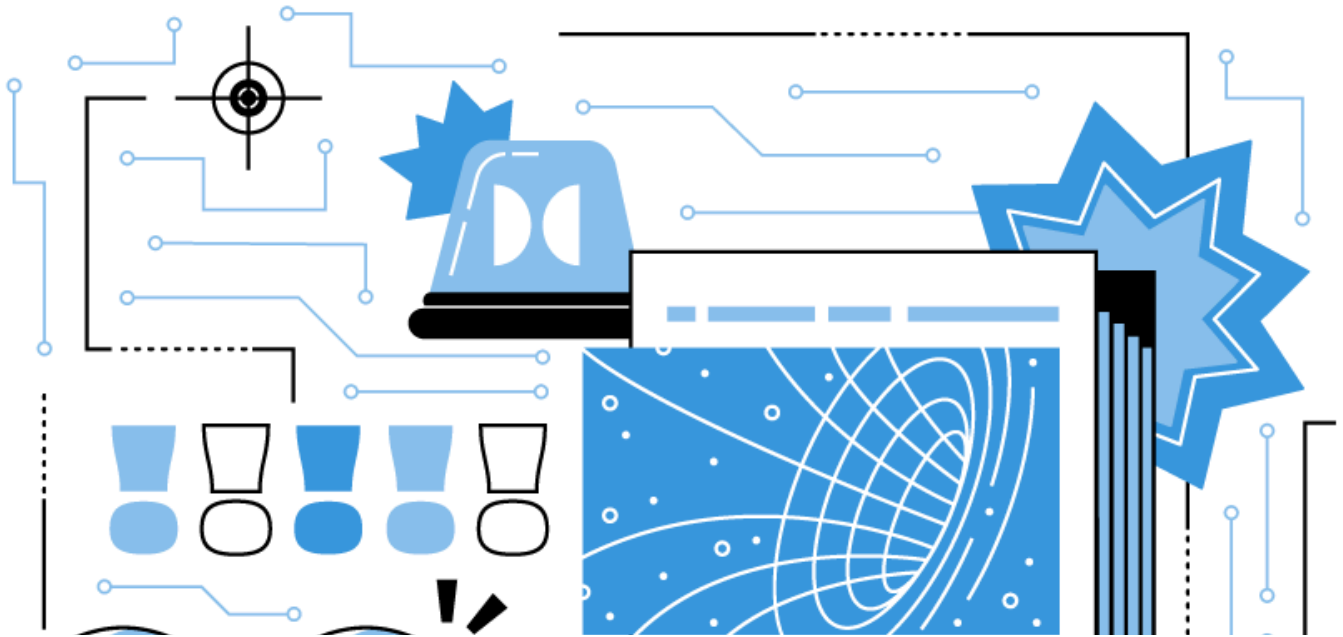
The health department's body composition scanner is one of only a few in Saginaw. It was purchased with grant dollars as a resource to help healthcare providers and the public combat Saginaw County's staggering obesity statistics. Scan results are presented to each person as a printout that can remain confidential or be shared with a physician or trainer.



Other services offered in Room 312 are:

- Blood pressure checks
- Blood glucose/cholesterol screenings (no fasting required)
- Free COVID tests
- Coupons for free radon test kits and smoke detectors
- Emergency preparedness family planning tools

Information Technology
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County Services Committee



In this week's scam, you receive an email that appears to be from Coinbase, a platform that allows you to buy, sell, and store cryptocurrency (crypto). The email says that a new wallet address has been set up to make withdrawals from your account. Wallets are tools that are used to manage crypto that you sell or receive. An unexpected email about a new wallet might alarm you, since it might seem like someone is making unauthorized purchases on your account.

The email contains what appears to be a customer support phone number and urges you to call if you do not recognize the new wallet address. However, calling the number won't actually connect you to Coinbase support. Instead, your call will be answered by a scammer who will try to steal your login information. If you give them any personal or login information over the phone, the scammer will use it to take control of your account and crypto wallet!

Follow these tips to avoid falling victim to a phishing scam:

- Never share passwords or login information over the phone. A legitimate organization will never ask you for this information.
- Never contact customer support using the information provided in an email. Always visit an official website to locate an organization's contact information.
- Be wary of any messages urging you to act quickly. These are often phishing scams meant to trick you.



VETERAN & FIRST RESPONDER SUICIDE AWARENESS WALK

22 MILES

IN REMEMBRANCE OF
THE 22 WHO TAKE THEIR
LIVES DAILY IN THE U.S.
AND TO SUPPORT THOSE

AT RISK



ARRIVE 5:30AM HEMLOCK VFW POST 7302

SAFETY BRIEF @ 5:45 DEPARTURE 6:00 SHARP

MERRILL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7:20*

WHEELER TOWNSHIP HALL 9:00*

BRECKENRIDGE AMERICAN LEGION 10-10:30*

MARATHON ST. LOUIS 12:00*

ST. LOUIS VFW 13:00*

END VFW ALMA 15:30*

*times are approximate

- Free entry, no registration.
- Water & snacks provided at stops.
- Food provided at end of walk.
- Shuttles back to your vehicle.
- Walk any distance, a few steps, ½ mile....
- Join us at any stop to show support.
- ALL are welcome!
- Donations and support welcomed.

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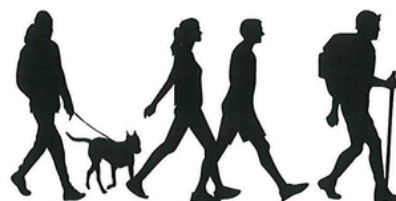
NOBODY walks alone...

ROUTE MAP



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT BRENT BEDORE, CHAPLAIN,
eaglesoars4evr@gmail.com

989-574-8230



Medical Examiner
Randy Pfau, Director
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Courts & Public Safety Committee

Month	ME-Cases	Non-ME Cases	Total Cases	Autopsies	Cremation Permits
January	66	90	156	19	195
February	58	81	139	17	172
March	64	57	121	21	142
April	58	45	103	14	140

Mobile Medical Response (MMR)
Melissa Dukarski, Marketing Coordinator
jmdukarski@mobilemedical.org
Courts & Public Safety Committee



Travis Howze:

Post Traumatic Purpose

Horizons Conference Center

6200 State St., Saginaw, MI 48603

Saturday, June 21, 2025

9am to 1pm

Doors open at 7:30am

Hosted by:
Mobile Medical Response

Bringing mental health awareness to First Responders, Military Personnel, Veterans, Corrections Officers, Dispatchers, Healthcare workers and their significant others.

Scan the QR Code on the right to registration. Tickets are \$40.00 each!

If you have any questions, please email Melissa at mdukarski@mobilemedical.org



Mosquito Abatement
Bill Stanuzek, Director
stanuszek@scmac.org
Human Services Committee



NEW FACILITY OPEN HOUSE

check us out!

JUNE 27

11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

705 N. TOWERLINE RD
SAGINAW MI, 48601



**LOOK
LEARN
LUNCH**

- Tour our innovative operations center
- See our equipment up close
- Meet our dedicated staff

- Learn how we work to protect public health & enhance quality of life in our community
- Discover the science behind mosquito surveillance and control

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Available for purchase

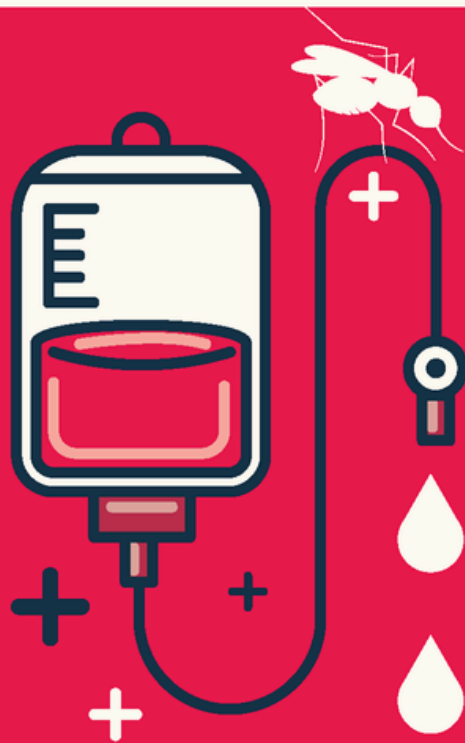
**SAGINAW COUNTY MOSQUITO
ABATEMENT COMMISSION**

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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705 N. Towerline Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48601





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**SAGINAW COUNTY
PERCOLATOR
BREAKFAST**
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

 The Dow Championship: Par for the Region

 Thursday, June 5, 2025

 7 a.m. Networking Begins
7:30 - 9 a.m. Breakfast + Program

 Dow Event Center
303 Johnson Street, Saginaw, MI 48607

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

June 5



THE SAGINAW COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

**BUSINESS
AFTER HOURS**

 June 19, 2025 | 5 - 7 p.m.

 Urban Racquet Sports Foundation

 Garber Courts, 1760 Fordney Street, Saginaw, MI 48601




A free Member networking event | www.SaginawChamber.org

June 19



**SAGINAW COUNTY
CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**


June Events




YPN Connect:
Saginaw Social

 Thursday, June 19, 2025

 5 - 8 p.m.

 5 p.m. Scottish Inn, 5:45 p.m. Saginaw Old Town Junction,
6:30 p.m. Jake's Old City Grill, and 7:15 p.m. Liquid Lounge

 Food and beverages are available for purchase.

June 19

Young Professionals Network

  **\$50 Lifetime Membership**

Mission

To support the attraction and retention of young talent to the Saginaw County and Great Lakes Bay Region while developing the next generation of leaders.

Benefits

- Access to monthly networking events, and quarterly professional development and service events
- Preferred registration to professional development events
- Opportunities to connect with established professionals and mentors
- Free subscription to the YPN monthly newsletter which includes YPN news, updates, and member-only information
- Opportunities to voice your opinion and work toward a better Saginaw

Interested in Joining?
Visit our website:
www.saginawchamber.org/ypn

YPN Membership



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.



SCAN ME



989 781 9555



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2025 CLEAN SWEEP COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Saginaw Bay Watershed Pollution Prevention/Chemical Collection Program

**Dispose of your unwanted
Pesticides, Herbicides & Insecticides (Only)**

May 8
June 12
July 10
August 14
September 11
October 9

Take a picture
to remember
the dates!

Second Thursday
of each month.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:

Call (989) 758-3685

Held in Saginaw County
Location given with appointment.

No Fertilizers,
Crop Oil or
Surfactants Accepted!



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FREE Program!

Who can use this program?

Any Michigan homeowner, farm, greenhouse, nursery, golf course or other end user of pesticides can use this service for free.

Dealers and persons for hire may use these collections to dispose of pesticides at cost.



Neighborhood Revitalization 2025

You're invited!

There's something powerful about watching a home come back to life. A fresh coat of paint. A porch repaired. Some fresh landscaping. It's not just about how things look—it's about how people feel. Over and over again, we hear that recipients of neighborhood revitalization efforts feel a new sense of pride for the place they call home.

That's what **Neighborhood Revitalization 2025** is all about.

When we work side by side—neighbors, volunteers, friends—we're not just fixing up houses. We're lifting each other up. We're reminding families that they matter. That their homes matter. That their neighborhood is worth investing in.

And the energy is contagious. There's laughter, teamwork, and a real sense of purpose. Whether you're wielding a paintbrush, planting flowers, or cheering someone on, you're part of something bigger than yourself.

We welcome volunteer groups, work teams, and individuals of all skill levels. If you're ready to roll up your sleeves and help bring out the best in our communities, there's a place for you here.

Come help us make 2025 a year of transformation, connection, and pride—for the families we serve, and for everyone who takes part.

We hope we'll see you there!

Save the Dates
Neighborhood Revitalization 2025
 Covenant Neighborhood
 June 10, 11, 12, 13 & 17, 18, 19, 20

Habitat for Humanity along with Covenant HealthCare are bringing together homeowners, volunteers, and community partners for our 3rd year together to participate in this high energy home preservation event where we will work together to fix several homes. Under the guidance of Habitat staff, volunteers will complete services such as power-washing, gutter cleaning, yard cleanup, exterior painting, and minor repairs.

Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity | COVENANT HealthCare

f Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity | lindsayolgine@sshfh.org

New this year – We will have two evening Neighborhood Revitalization sessions on Thursday, June 12th and Wednesday, June 18th. These sessions will run from 5 pm – 9 pm with a 4:30 pm meal and orientation time.

We will be back in the Covenant Neighborhood and home base is located at 1107 N. Oakley.

To volunteer with a group please contact **Lindsay Olgine** at lindsayolgine@sshfh.org or by calling 989-753-5200 x 225. To volunteer as an individual please scan this QR code or sign up at sshfh.galaxydigital.com



Home Maintenance Classes

Habitat for Humanity, in partnership with the City of Saginaw, proudly offers free Home Maintenance Classes for the Saginaw community. These hands-on classes are designed to empower homeowners with the skills and knowledge they need to confidently care for their homes.

Each session runs twice a week for five weeks, with every class covering a different essential topic—ranging from electrical and plumbing

basics to weatherization, lawn care, and home safety and security. Space is limited, so registration is required. Participants must attend all classes in the session.

Many homeowners have never had someone show them how to maintain their property or handle minor repairs. That's exactly what these classes aim to change.

Led by longtime instructor Foster Moore—who brings over 15 years of experience teaching with

Habitat—these classes not only help participants tackle everyday maintenance but also guide them on how to work effectively with contractors for larger projects.

Classes will resume this fall, and the full schedule will be posted on our Facebook page: @HabitatSaginaw and our website: sshfh.org.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain practical skills and confidence as a homeowner—sign up for a session and see the difference it can make!

MSU Extension
Mark Rankin, Director
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Human Services Committee



MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY | **Extension**

Health & Nutrition with MSU Extension

MSU Extension offers Nutrition Education classes for EVERYONE! Many individuals face challenges in making healthy food choices due to limited access to affordable, nutritious foods and a lack of nutrition education. MSU Extension nutrition programs provide practical solutions by offering accessible nutrition education and promoting healthier, budget-friendly lifestyle choices. Each series typically runs for a four to six-week period offering classes once per week. Learn how to shop healthily while staying on a budget, read nutrition fact labels, incorporate healthy eating into your lifestyle, and go home with tips to practice your new skills at home! Participants gain hands-on cooking experience as well as partake in other fun, interactive activities that reinforce a healthy diet. By joining the series, each participant receives greater confidence in making healthy choices for themselves and their families, a book complete with healthy cooking and nutrition information, handouts and recipes. Participants will also receive small kitchen tool. See the information below for an up-coming class.

DATES:

4 Week Series
 Tuesdays
 June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

TIME:

10:00 am-11:00 am

LOCATION:

MSU Extension Office
 Center of Hope
 723 Emerson Street Saginaw,
 48607

NO COST

Pre Registration

Required

To Register

email:

salo@msu.edu



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If you have questions you can email them
to: salo@msu.edu

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Parks & Recreation
Brian Lechel – Director
blechel@saginawcounty.com
County Services Committee



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact Information:

Brian Keenan-Lechel, Director
(989)274-7215

35th Annual ‘CATCH ME IF YOU CAN’ FAMILY FISHING FESTIVAL on June 7TH Saginaw, Michigan (5/21/25) – Does your family want to give fishing a try but aren’t sure where to start? Or are you an experienced fisherfamily ready to test your skills against hundreds of others? Saginaw County Parks and Recreation has your answer – Register today for our FREE fishing festival happening on June 7th at William H. Haithco Recreation Area (2121 Schust Rd, Saginaw, MI 48603). The first 150 kids registered will receive a free fishing pole, light tackle, and learn some skills to hook the big one. Bait is also provided on site while supplies last. Free ice cream sundaes from 10:30AM-12PM as the event concludes.

The family fishing begins at 8:00 AM and ends at 11:00 AM on June 7, 2025. Onsite registration available until 9:00 AM. The event falls on the [MDNR’s free fishing weekend](#), where fishing licenses are not needed for adults in State of Michigan lakes, streams and rivers. Adults and children can fish together & have their fish entered in the contest. This event is catch, measure, and release only, although Haithco Lake typically falls under State of Michigan fishing rules and regulations. Trophies will be awarded for the family/participant who catches the largest fish and the most legal sized fish. Additional giveaways via a prize raffle.

Saginaw County Parks and Recreation would like to thank our partners for helping make this event possible: 102.5 WIOG, Garber Chevrolet, Glastender, Saginaw Bay Walleye Club, Saginaw Optimist Club, Saginaw Conservation District, MSU Extension and Trout Unlimited-Mershon Neumann Heritage Chapter. A special thanks to our local partners & volunteers who will be onsite to assist with rigging poles and teaching children about the sport of fishing!

For additional information and registration for ‘Catch Me If You Can,’ please visit <https://www.saginawcounty.com/departments/parks-recreation/>.

Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Office is located at 111 S. Michigan Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48602. For additional questions you can call the Saginaw County Parks Office at (989)790-5280.

Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission is a county-wide organization that operates seven parks throughout the county: Imerman Memorial Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Ringwood Forest, Price Nature Center, William H. Haithco Recreation Area, Saginaw River Headwaters Rec Area, and the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail. These parks provide nearly 900 acres of parkland and 11 miles of rail trail, woodland trails for hiking, boat launches, fishing access sites, a swimming beach, splash pad, playgrounds, dog park, game courts, picnic shelters, and many diverse programs.”

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**Saginaw County Community
Mental Health Authority
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Human Services Committee**

SCCMHA joins Stand Up for Medicaid town hall at SVSU

SCCMHA CEO Sandra Lindsey was one of several speakers at a town hall hosted by Indivisible and Women of Michigan Action Network (W.O.M.A.N.), held at Saginaw Valley State University.

The town hall – Stand Up for Medicaid – saw over 200 people attend in opposition of the proposed \$880 billion in federal cuts to Medicaid, which would result in Michigan losing \$16 billion in funding over the next 10 years, if passed.

Ms. Lindsey spoke on the seriousness of how these cuts would impact Michigan residents, such as:

- Over 1 million children who receive health coverage through Medicaid.
- 168,000+ seniors who depend on Medicaid for long-term services and supports, including nursing home care and home-based assistance.
- 300,000+ people with disabilities including, mental health conditions and substance use disorders, who use Medicaid to access services that help them live and work in their communities.
- 740,000+ low-income adults and working families depend on Medicaid to cover the cost of basic health care needs through the Healthy MI Program.

Also speaking at the event were Catherine Macomber with the SVSU College of Social Work, SVSU social work student Laurel Hammis, Allison Wilcox of W.O.M.A.N.,

and Jean Irwin, a local resident, who is also a caretaker/guardian of someone served by Medicaid.

Speakers encouraged the public to contact their legislators to oppose these federal cuts to Medicaid.

Saginaw County and City of Saginaw issue proclamations for Mental Health Awareness Month

Persons served by SCCMHA were in attendance at the monthly meetings for both the Saginaw City Council and the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners, as they recognized May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

The Saginaw City Council meeting, held on Monday, May 5, issued their proclamation to start the meeting, as members of the Bayside Lodge Clubhouse and members of the Consumer Leadership Group were there to receive the proclamation.

Saginaw County's Board of Commissioners issued their observance of the holiday on Tuesday, May 20. Mental Health Awareness Month is recognized in May as a time to raise awareness and reduce the stigma around behavioral health issues and how it can impact all of us, whether personally or through our friends and families.

SCCMHA CEO Sandra Lindsey hosts Mental Health presentation at Hoyt Library

CEO Sandra Lindsey held a presentation at the Hoyt Library to discuss mental health awareness, the history of SCCMHA and its role in the community, the Michigan Mental Health Code, and varying other information regarding SCCMHA to attendees.

SCCMHA is planning on holding another similar presentation later in 2025.

Training and registration information is available at:
<https://www.sccmha.org/training/mental-health-first-aid/>

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Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority offers FREE Mental Health First Aid Training. Click the below link to find out more and to register.

[SCCMHA Mental Health Training](#)

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Courts & Public Safety Committee

Saginaw County 911: Steadfast in the Storm

When extreme weather swept across Saginaw County during the early hours of May 16, Central Dispatch stood at the forefront of the emergency response effort. Dispatchers managed over 130 emergency calls during a two-hour time frame. This is a clear testament to their resilience and professionalism under pressure.

From downed power lines and roadway hazards to fire alarms and urgent medical calls, emergency services across the county were dispatched in rapid succession, and through it all, Central Dispatch ensured that communication remained clear, timely, and accurate.

This night serves as a powerful reminder of the essential role that 911 plays in our community. From coordinating with police, fire, EMS, and utility providers to relaying life-saving information to first responders, Central Dispatch is the unseen backbone of emergency response by ensuring that help arrives quickly, that resources are efficiently deployed, and that citizens receive the support they need in their most vulnerable moments.

EVENTS

AT THE CASTLE

May & June 2025

MAY 13

LUNCH & LEARN

12:00 PM

Terry Pruitt, The NAACP and Saginaw Civil Rights

MAY 15

HISTORY AFTER HOURS

5:30 PM

"Saginaw County's Amusement: The Story of Riverside Park," with Sandy Schwan

MAY 20

PAGES OF HISTORY BOOK CLUB*

12:00 PM

My Murder: A Novel by Katie Williams**MAY 26**

MUSEUM CLOSED

Memorial Day

JUNE 4

JAZZ ON JEFFERSON

4 PM-8 PM

JUNE 7

SUMMER KICKOFF

11 AM-1 PM

Touch-a-Truck & More

JUNE 10

LUNCH & LEARN

12:00 PM

Snacks & Artifacts: "Our Weirdest Items"

JUNE 11

BEARS, BEAVERS & BATS-OH MY!

11 AM-12 PM

Presented by Chippewa Nature Center

JUNE 17

PAGES OF HISTORY BOOK CLUB*

12:00 PM

Silent Springs the Panther: Historic Accounts of Michigan Big Cat Arttacks by Aaron Veselenak**JUNE 18**

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS IN THE SAGINAW VALLEY

11 AM-12 PM

Presented by Bay City State Park Visitor Center

JUNE 19

GROW WITH US STORY TIME

11 AM-1 PM

Come and plant seeds with us

HISTORY AFTER HOURS

5-7 PM

Special Juneteenth "Slice of History" Event

JUNE 24

LUNCH & LEARN

12:00 PM

Bevin Cohen, "Let's Talk Tomatoes"

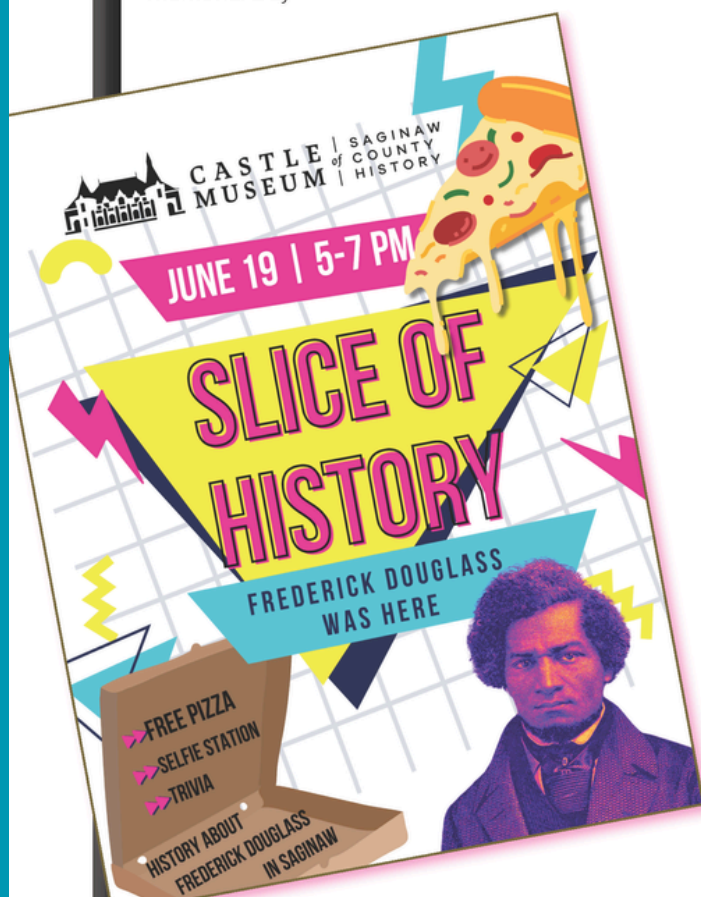
JUNE 26

WHAT'S THE BUZZ ON MOSQUITOS

12:00 PM-1 PM

Presented by Saginaw Mosquito Control

*In collaboration with Hoyt Library



Castle Museum

PROGRAMS



JUNE

- 7** Summer Kickoff with the Delta College Learning Channel & Saginaw Public Libraries
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 7** Community Helpers Touch-a-Truck Event
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 11** Bears, Beavers & Bats-Oh My! presented by **Chippewa Nature Center**
11 a.m.-Noon
- 18** Animal Encounters in the Saginaw Valley presented by **Bay City State Park Visitor Center**
11 a.m.-Noon
- 19** Preschool Story Time: Grow with Us & Plant Seeds
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 26** What's the BUZZ on Mosquitoes? presented by **Saginaw County Mosquito Control**
Noon-1 p.m.

JULY

- 2** Fourth of July Fireworks Painting presented by **The Castle Museum**
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 9** Hands ON History: Handmade Toys presented by **The Castle Museum**
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 10** Preschool Story Time: Let's Go to the Zoo! presented by **The Castle Museum**
11 a.m.-Noon
- 16** Michigan Rocks and Fossils presented by **Saginaw Public Libraries**
10 a.m.-11 a.m.
- 23** Mid-Michigan Children's Museum Spy Camp Week
(Register with MMCM at michildrensmuseum.org)

AUGUST

- 6** Puppet Show presented by **Saginaw Public Libraries**
10 a.m.-11 a.m.
- 7** Preschool Story Time: It's Dino-Time
11 a.m.-Noon
- 14** Junior Archaeology presented by **The Castle Museum**
11 a.m.-1 p.m.



Saginaw County Sheriff Department
William Federspiel, Sheriff
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Courts & Public Safety Committee

Corrections Officer week was May 4-10
 and National Police Week May 11-17.

We were thankful to have Team One
 sponsor and provide lunch to our office.

We had 3 corrections officers from our
 jail enter and complete the academy.
 Graduation was held May 1st.

Please welcome and congratulate our
 new deputies: Dep. Christian Salazar,
 Dep. Tameicia Davis-Reeves, Dep.
 Alexander Webb.

We held our Annual Awards Ceremony
 May 22nd honoring our employees and
 those in the community.



Lt. Russell Kolb, Lt. Travis Henige, Lt. Ebony Rasco,
 Sheriff Bill Federspiel



Dep. Christian Salazar, Dep. Tameicia Davis-Reeves,
 Dep. Alexander Webb, Lt. David Kerns, Lt. Ebony Rasco,
 Lt. Travis Henige, Undersheriff Miguel Gomez



Dr. Twannie Gray, LMSW
 with Brandell Adams,
 SCDP Chair



Undersheriff Miguel
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Sheriff and Command staff

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Commission on Aging	2355 Schust Road, Saginaw, MI 48603	https://www.facebook.com/SAGINAWCOA
Courthouse	111 S. Michigan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48602	www.saginawcounty.com
Early Voting Center	618 Cass Street, Saginaw, MI 48602	https://www.facebook.com/SaginawCountyClerk
Family and Juvenile	3360 Hospital Road, Saginaw, MI 48603	www.saginawcounty.com
Health Department	1600 N. Michigan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48602	https://www.saginawpublichealth.org/
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