

INFORMATION ONLY

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Bregitte Braddock, Chair
Saginaw County Board of Commissioners
111 South Michigan
Saginaw, MI 48602

RE: Marc-ing Report - July 2009

Dear Chair Braddock:

The Marc-ing Report is a summary of activity taking place in departments and/or agencies that report directly or indirectly to the Controller/CAO. The Marc-ing Report can now be accessed through the County web site www.saginawcounty.com/Controller. Please use this site to obtain your copy. Thank you.

If you or other Commissioners should have questions regarding the subject matter presented or believe other issues or departments should be added or deleted, please advise me.

Sincerely,



Marc A. McGill
Controller/CAO

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MARC-ING REPORT- JULY 2009

1. AIRPORT: (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: Charles Cleaver, Administration Director, 790-5209

Capital Improvement Summary: Wind Sock / Beacon Replacement - A \$65,000 project with a local share of \$1,625 has recently been completed. Continuation of various ongoing facility upgrades and repairs including: rehabilitation of the main runway, taxi area and terminal apron as needed and approved.

Instrument Landing System Project: All major construction, easements, and flight line clearance work has been completed and installation of the system electronics are ongoing and at the discretion of the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration). This has been a ten year process with improvements and upgrades along the way.

Five-Year Development Plan and Airport Layout Plan: Staff and advisory group members, in cooperation with an engineering firm, prepare an annual update of a recommended five-year development plan encompassing long term objectives for the airport. This plan is submitted to the airport committee for approval and then forwarded to the state with requests for available funding.

2. ANIMAL CARE CENTER: (Courts and Public Safety Committee)

Contact Person: Valerie McCullough, Animal Care Center, 797-4500

The following are the year to date totals for shelter activities from January 2009 until the end of April 2009:

Road Patrol - Year to Date Totals for 2009

Miles patrolled	19480
Citizen Complaints in reference to animals	454
Animal Bite Cases	153
Non-Confined Strays	1207
Cruelty Calls	474
Confined Strays	224
Injured Animals	73
Dog Packs/Attacking	17

Shelter Activity – Year to Date Totals for 2009

Dog and Cats taken in at the shelter	
Dogs	651
Cats	430
Adoptions and/or reclaimed by owner	
Dogs	319
Cats	127
Euthanized	
Dogs	332
Cats	303

3. **BENEFITS & PAYROLL: (Labor Relations Committee)**
Contact Persons: Amy Deford, Retirement Administrator, 790-5577
Janice Mienk, Payroll & Benefits Supervisor, 790-5216

Open enrollment for medical, dental, vision and life insurance will be held from August 17 – August 28, 2009. Changes in benefits will be effective October 1, 2009.

Reminder: The following changes must be reported to the Payroll Department:

1. Change of address
2. Change in marital status
3. Change in number of dependents
4. Change in direct deposit to banking institution

All changes should be reported within 30 days of the event so that employee files are current and accurate. Since these changes can affect an employee's paycheck, benefits, and/or tax liability, it is important to report them in a timely manner to either Patti Johnson, Payroll Assistant at (989) 790-5516 or e-mail at pjohnson@saginawcounty.com or Janice Mienk, Payroll & Benefits Supervisor at (989) 790-5216 or e-mail at jmienk@saginawcounty.com.

ICMA Education Resources – ICMA has resources available on their website for everyone to access. One of which is InvestSmart at www.icmarc.org/smart which provides educational information about investing, suggestions to help you develop your own investing strategy based on your individual needs and comfort level with risk, and market and policy updates. ICMA also has a variety of investment tool, visit them online at www.icmarc.org.

4. **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: (Executive Committee)**
Contact Persons: Bregitte Braddock, Chair
Suzy Koepplinger, Board Coordinator

MAY 19, 2009 SESSION

REPORTS OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

- Approved use of Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund for Planning Department
- Approved submission of Office of Community Corrections grant request
- Approved Saginaw County Auto Theft Task Force (SCATT) grant request
- Approved providing NACo Prescription drug discount program for residents
- Approved amendment to Vendor/Credit Card Policy #243

RESOLUTIONS

- Approved the Brownfield Plan for Fort Saginaw Mall (Buena Vista Downtown Development Authority)
- Supported adequate state funding to hold counties harmless from the Department of Human Services lawsuit settlement agreement
- Supported the State of Michigan fulfilling its obligations and promises to fully and unconditionally restore Sate Revenue Sharing for all Michigan's 83 counties

JUNE 23, 2009 SESSION

REPORTS OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

- Approved Environmental Health Specialist position for Public Health
- Approved Nutrition Program Supervisor and Home Delivered Meal Aide positions for Commission on Aging
- Approved waiving the purchasing policy and entering an agreement to purchase two security camera systems for the Sheriff's Office
- Approved new Administrative Policy on Cellular Telephones #422

5. BUDGET: (Budget & Audit Committee)
Contact Person: Koren A. Reaman, Financial Services Manager, 790-5218

The Controller's Recommended Operating Budget for fiscal year 2009/2010 will be presented to the Standing Committees and the Budget/Audit Subcommittee on July 27th. The Recommended Budget will be reviewed by the Human Services, County Services, and Courts & Public Safety Committees on August 3, 4, and 5, respectively. On August 6, 2009, the Budget/Audit Subcommittee will consider the budget placed before them in addition to any recommendations made by the committees and forward a proposed budget to the full Board of Commissioners. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on August 25, 2009. At that time, the budget will be laid on the table. At the Board of Commissioners meeting on September 22, 2009, all final adjustments will be offered and the Board will vote to approve the budget.

6. BUILDING AUTHORITY: (Appropriations Committee)
Contact Person: Marc A. McGill, Controller/CAO, 790-5578

The Building Authority last met on Thursday, April 16, 2009. Discussion took place regarding the refrigerated floor, a grant from SMG and a reduction and renewal of a millage for the event center.

The next Building Authority meeting will be scheduled as the need arises.

7. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: (Budget and Audit Committee)
Contact Person: Koren A. Reaman, Financial Services Manager, 790-5218

The Budget/Audit Subcommittee will review Capital Improvement Plan requests for fiscal years 2010-2014 during its meeting on August 6, 2009. Completing this plan is part of the annual budget process and is required to comply with statutory requirements.

8. COMMISSION ON AGING (COA): (Human Services Committee)
Contact Person: Karen Courneya, Director, 797-6880

The Saginaw County Commission on Aging's picnic was held on June 12. This by far is the best picnic that I have experienced while working at COA. The weather was absolutely beautiful; everything went almost exactly as planned; we had enough food and it was delicious; and our attendance this year was close to 700 people.

I want to personally thank the staff of the Parks and Recreation Department for all of their assistance. We appreciate the willingness of the Parks and Recreation Departments' Board of Directors who have worked collaboratively with us over the past three years to ensure that our older adults can enjoy a relaxing and educational day by the water.

9. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS /JAIL REIMBURSEMENT: (Courts and Public Safety Committee)
Contact Person: Mary Amend, Community Corrections Manager 790-5584

The Community Corrections Grant was completed and submitted on June 1, 2009. An additional \$134,733.50 was requested for the FY2010 budget. Additional funds would allow for judges to continue their sentencing practices and grant more offenders the opportunity to participate in the Tri-Cap or P.L.U.S. programs.

Cheryl Konopaska, State of Michigan County Jail Reimbursement Program Coordinator, visited Saginaw County on May 18th to conduct a Jail Reimbursement audit. She and I reviewed inmate booking and release billing information from 2007 and 2008. An out-date-calculation program was implemented for the Jail Population Monitor to use as a result of the audit.

This fiscal year, the CJR program is projecting a revenue shortfall. The shortfall is estimated to be \$4,464,000. It is expected all counties in the State of Michigan participating in the CJR program, including Saginaw County, will not be reimbursed for the months of July, August, and September. Last fiscal year, a majority of the counties in Michigan, including Saginaw County, were not reimbursed for diverted felons for the month of September.

The SCAAP (State Criminal Alien Assistance Program) Grant was completed and submitted. The funds received from the grant will go toward salaries for Correction's Officers. The funds are not awarded until the beginning of FY2010.

10. DOW EVENT CENTER: (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: Stephanie Beyersdorf, Clerk, Dow Event Center Advisory Board, 790-5471

TheDow featured many exciting events for the Saginaw region this spring. TheDow hosted **Gucci Mane** on June 18, **WWE Smackdown/ECW Summerslam** on June 20, and **Diary of Black Men** on June 21. The **Saginaw Sting** concluded its second season. Visit www.saginawsting.com or www.thedoweventcenter.com for details for next season.

There will be a variety of events this summer and fall. **Scarface** and special guests will perform on August 7, 2009. The **Saginaw Spirit** will begin its eighth season with a home opener in Wendler Arena on September 24, 2009, against the Plymouth Whalers. Author and humorist **David Sedaris** will appear at TheDow's Theater on April 20, 2009.

The 2009-2010 Broadway in Saginaw Series features several "retro" shows: **The Rat Pack is Back!** on December 5, 2009; **The Drowsy Chaperone** on January 28, 2010; **The Wedding Singer** on March 23, 2010; and **The Wizard of Oz** on April 7, 2010.

The Dow Event Center boasts various areas to hold meetings, conventions, receptions and other events. The Garden Room is used for smaller banquets and meetings and is attached to an outdoor patio. The Hall is used for larger events and can be divided into three sections. The Theater lobbies are impressive spaces in which to host banquets and receptions. To make arrangements for events in the Hall or Garden Room, please contact Bill Stec, Director of Food & Beverage, at (989) 759-1339.

Call 989-759-1330 to speak with the Box Office, or 989-754-4800 to purchase tickets through TicketMaster. Events are always being added, so please visit the Dow Event Center's web site for an event calendar and seating information at www.doweventcenter.com.

11. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/SAGINAW FUTURE: (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: JoAnne Crary, President, 754-8222

Michigan Solar Advantage Update - In order to meet market demands, the global solar industry is rapidly expanding its research and manufacturing capabilities. Growing solar industry firms are making decisions now about where to site Research & Development and manufacturing facilities and the Great Lakes Bay Region is aggressively moving to position itself as a major hub of that activity. In order to be competitive in attracting solar industry companies to the region, we must be able to quickly provide: unique financial incentives, land acquisition and infrastructure assistance, demonstrate Michigan solar technologies, workforce training in solar technology and access to significant local R&D expertise and capacity.

To address these issues, the Great Lakes Bay Region is asking for support from Michigan policy-makers. Areas of focus include: shovel ready sites, funding for local initiatives from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and specific workforce training. The region is also seeking legislative changes that will enable Michigan communities to provide financial incentives for attracting solar industry companies. Go to www.MiSolarAdvantage.com for more information.

Economic Stimulus Opportunities - The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was signed into law in early 2009 and consists of \$787 billion. The Economic Recovery Package is to be devoted to tax cuts equaling \$288 billion (37%), \$144 billion (18%) is allocated to state and local fiscal relief, and \$355 billion (45%) is allocated to federal social programs and federal spending programs.

The purpose is to jumpstart the economy, lay the foundation for a 21st century economy, increase national competitiveness and create or save more than 3.5 million jobs over the next two years. Regionally, nearly \$5 million has already been allocated to the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! to train up to 1,500 disadvantaged young people. The funding will help train young adults in basic learning skills to providing stipends to help defray the cost of college courses. SFI is monitoring stimulus programs and will provide details as opportunities develop. For more information go to www.michigan.gov/recovery

www.SaginawValleySites.com - www.SaginawValleySites.com is Saginaw County's online property database that features available industrial, commercial, office and retail properties. Currently more than 50 realtors, developers and property owners list nearly 170 properties on the site, which helps market Saginaw County properties to commercial realtors, site consultants, developers and decision makers.

From its launch date on September 22, 2008 to June 15, 2009, www.SaginawValleySites.com has had 1,772 unique visitors from North America, Europe, Middle East, Australia, Asia, and Central and South America. The development and marketing of the site is made possible through grants from the Arnold & Gertrude Boutell Foundation administered by Citizen Bank Wealth Management, and the AT&T Foundation.

Hemlock Semiconductor (HSC) Project Impact - The billions of dollars invested by HSC continue to impact Saginaw County and the Great Lakes Bay Region, along with the employment of over 1,000 construction workers and the expected addition of more than 450 base-jobs. The project also brings national and international attention to Saginaw County providing promotional opportunities. Recently Site Selection magazine named HSC's \$3.2 billion investment in Saginaw County, Michigan and Clarksville, Tennessee as one of the Top Deals in North America for 2008.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke recently announced that Saginaw Future Inc., Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce won the Economic Development Administration's Excellence in Environmental or Energy Economic Development for 2009 for their work done on the HSC project. HSC has been a featured story for a number of publications, including CNNMoney.com and Area Development magazine. Fox News also interviewed Dow Corning Corporation CEO Stephanie Burns on the growth potential for the solar industry. Dow Corning is the majority owner of HSC.

12. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: (Courts and Public Safety Committee)

Contact Person: Timothy Genovese, Director 790-5434

We are in the process of putting together another set of National Incident Management training, both ICS 300 and ICS 400 for all county first responders this fall, (dates to be announced soon). If you are interested in attending the fall classes you may call 989-790-5500.

We are currently working on a Citizen Corp. golf outing scheduled for September 17. If anyone is interested in participating or sponsoring, please contact the Emergency Management Office at 790-5500.

We are also working on our Family Preparedness Day which is scheduled for September 27, 2009 with a rain date of October 4, 2009.

Regional planning and projects continue to take up more and more of our time.

We are continuing to train and recruit new members. Meetings are the second Thursday of every month at the Saginaw County E.O.C. at 6:30 pm. Cert classes (Citizens Emergency Response Training) are scheduled again this fall.

13. EQUALIZATION: (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: James Totten, Director, 790-5262

Summer tax bills and rolls have been processed and sent out to the appropriate units of government. All taxpayers will receive a summer tax bill except the Department of Natural Resources. The county operating millage, 4.8558 mills, will be levied in the summer along with the 6 mills State Education Tax. The taxable value for DNR properties, which had been frozen for several years, was subject to the inflation rate multiplier for 2009 and rose at the same rate as advalorem parcels. The county operating millage is levied on these parcels in the winter.

The October apportionment session of the County Board of Commissioners is the next major order of business for the Equalization Department. The staff is in the process of receiving and posting the Millage requests for the apportionment report. Even though the Board is required to meet in October, the report due date has been changed from the last week in October to November 30th. This is due to the many times a millage proposal was approved at a November election and the report had to be amended.

The County Board of Commissioners shall not authorize the levy of a tax unless the governing body of the taxing jurisdiction has certified that the requested Millage has been reduced, if necessary, in compliance with Section 31 of Article 9 of the State Constitution of 1963 and Sections 211.34d and 211.34(1). The Board also receives certification that all truth in taxation hearings have been held if required (211.23e). The Supervisor of the local unit prepares a roll indicating property taxes to be levied and annexes the required warrant. The copy of the roll with warrant annexed is known as the "tax roll" (211.42)

The department is proceeding with the equalization studies in the various classes of property in Saginaw County. This year the State Tax Commission has mandated one year sales studies in the residential class, if there are enough sales. The STC has also changed the years for the two year studies. For the 2010 studies this will be October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2009. This is for all classes of property. Previously two year studies ran through March 31. This change in dates requires us to analyze sales up to September 30 and affects the establishment of land values and economic condition factors that are used in appraisal studies. This means studies cannot be completed until October, at best. A report on finalized studies is due to the State on December 31. The department will be conducting at least 89 appraisal studies this year.

14. FINANCIAL SERVICES: (Budget and Audit Committee)

Contact Person: Koren A. Reaman, Financial Services Manager, 790-5218

The Financial Services Department continues to provide interim financial reports throughout the year. These reports are intended to identify impending problems so that proper corrective action may be taken to avoid potential year-end deficits.

15. HEALTHSOURCE SAGINAW:

Contact Person: Lester Heyboer, Jr., President/CEO, 790-7888

Raymond Bartels, Commissioner

Marc A. McGill, Controller

Operating results for the four month period ended of April 30, 2009 continue to reflect profits of the Behavioral Medicine Center with operating losses in the Extended Care Center being significantly reduced. The Chemical Dependency Center continues the trend of incurring operating losses in excess of \$350,000 yearly. Operating losses in the Extended Care Center and Chemical Dependency Center are offset by millage support. HealthSource achieved year to date operating income of \$116,379 before the recognition of the value of interest paid by millage monies as contributed capital and cost of removing hazardous materials. For the month of April 2009, HealthSource reported income of \$38,099 after donations, interest, and millage but before contributed capital and hazardous material removal costs compared to budgeted income of \$17,712. HealthSource reported income of \$199,031 for the four month period ended April 30, 2009 after donations, interest, millage, contributed capital, and hazardous material removal costs.

As a result of the Board of Trustees designating \$6,000,000 of operating cash for use in the construction program, unrestricted operating cash balances have been reduced to \$2,541,476 as of April 30, 2009.

HealthSource provided 29,413 days of inpatient care, 1,962 units of Outpatient Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy with 1,814 outpatient visits being made to our psychiatrists and behavioral therapists during the four month period ended April 30, 2009.

All Extended Care Center Neighborhoods, inpatient Psychiatric, Chemical Dependency, and Rehabilitation areas and Psychiatric outpatient areas were completed and are being used to provide services. Removal of hazardous waste and demolition of the four story South building will be completed in June 2009 to enable completion of remodeled areas. The project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2009.

On August 5, 2008 voters of Saginaw County overwhelmingly approved a .20 reduced millage proposal which will provide approximately \$1,000,000 to support losses of the Extended Care Center. Collections of millage funds under the .20 reduced millage will begin in December 2009.

In May 2009 the Governor of the State of Michigan issued an Executive Order (EO) reducing Medicaid funding by 4% for the period July 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009. The effect of the EO is estimated to reduce HealthSource reimbursement by \$125,000 for the three month period. HealthSource presently is able to use existing reserves to address this reduction. However, should the 4% reduction be continued to the State's fiscal year 2010, HealthSource will need to balance its budget by reducing costs and increasing revenues. Cost reductions are inevitable. Funding from the Medicare program for 2008/2009 is anticipated to increase by 2-3%. Medicaid and Medicare are a major source of payment for program services furnished by HealthSource.

16. INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND SERVICES (ISS): (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: Johnathan Miller, Director, 790-5575

ISS is presently involved with a significant number of unique projects, working with departments to meet their specific needs. In addition to providing daily support for the existing computing infrastructure, ISS assists users with solutions their computer problems, working to keep the county's 900+ personal computers up and running for users. ISS also provides support for in-house, canned/retail and outsourced end-user applications, used by county personnel and the public we serve. Some of our current activities include:

Saginaw County Launches its New Website. Over the past several months, ISS has been working with our website redevelopment consultants, to put together a brand new website for Saginaw County. As mentioned, in earlier communications to County departments and Elected Officials, the focus of this redesign effort has been to address deficiencies with navigation, a lack of site search tools, the absence of ADA compliancy, a poor presentation for mobile browsers, and a series of other areas that demanded improvement.

As we have worked toward the launch of this new County web information resource, ISS has been working with departments to get ideas, review what is coming, and insure key needs are not missed. As with any project, the success of this web rollout has been dependent upon ISS collaboration with County Department representatives, and good project management with our web consultants.

As announced, in a June 18th communications to the County, the new website was brought live, and has been accessible to County network users, as well as the public, by Mid-day, on Friday, June 19th. ISS is proud to announce that this launch went off without any major problems or concerns. Following the rollout, ISS has received compliments for County users and Department Heads, in several of our key departments.

Acknowledging that needs change, information changes frequently, and often these changes occur without notice, ISS continues to encourage County Departments to contact us ASAP, if there are questions or concerns about any of the web provided content. The ISS Help Desk can assist users with corrections and answers to concerns raised. Over the next several weeks, ISS will be working with key department representatives, training them to maintain their own sections of the website, and empowering Departments to directly maintain their web content, without the need for ISS to publish updates on their behalf.

ISS would like to take this opportunity, to thank our County Departments, for the time they have given ISS, assisting us with this redevelopment effort; without the collaborative efforts between ISS and our County Departments, the rollout of the new County Website would not have been the success that it is today. Thank you!

18. LABOR CONTRACTS: (Labor Relations Committee)

Contact Person: Jennifer Broadfoot, Personnel Assistant, 790-5507

Negotiations remain ongoing with the Juvenile Detention Supervisors' unit. Negotiations have been opened and remain ongoing with the eight groups with contracts that expired on September 30, 2008. Negotiations are anticipated to begin this summer with the seven groups with contracts expiring on September 30, 2009.

EMPLOYEE GROUP	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	EXPIR. CURRENT CONTRACT
OPEIU - COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEES	167	09/30/09
GELC - PROBATION OFFICERS, DISTRICT COURT	7	09/30/09
TEAMSTERS - PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES	19	09/30/09
POAM - ANIMAL SHELTER EMPLOYEES	6	09/30/08
GELC - PROBATION OFFICERS, FAMILY DIVISION	7	09/30/08
COAM - SHERIFF UNIT III-CAPT. & LT.	3	09/30/08
TEAMSTERS - HEALTH DEPARTMENT/COA EMPLOYEES	106	09/30/08
AFSCME - PROSECUTORS	18	09/30/08
UAW – MANAGERS	64	09/30/08
UAW – PROFESSIONALS	73	09/30/08
UAW – CLERICAL, TECHNICAL & PARA-PROFESSIONALS	26	09/30/08
POLC - SHERIFF UNIT II-SGTS.	14	09/30/09
GELC – DETENTION CENTER SUPERVISORS	4	09/30/07
GELC - DETENTION YOUTH CARE SPECIALISTS	23	09/30/09
POAM SHERIFF UNIT I (312 ELIGIBLE)	43	09/30/09
POAM - SHERIFF UNIT 1 (NON 312 ELIGIBLE)	57	09/30/09

19. MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT: (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: Mike Boyd, Maintenance Director, 790-5235

We have painted the complete referee office in the annex, and are starting work on the clerk's office break room on the first floor. Boards have been replaced and painted for the drinking fountain and the gazebo at Borchard Park along with the concrete being repaired. We have also been working with 911 for the installation of the new tower being placed on the roof. We have been trying to keep up with the fluctuation of weather to keep everyone comfortable. Repair work has been completed on catch basins in the parking lots.

We have installed a new door in the family planning department at the Health Department.

We installed a new mixing valve and repaired an air compressor at the jail along with keeping up with everyday repairs.

We have been getting the parks ready for the busy summer months. With lots of parties and family gatherings the gazebos have been power washed and are ready to go. With all the rainy days and sunny ones too, the grass has been growing like weeds.

20. MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY:

Contact Person: Sandra M. Lindsey, CEO, 797-3400

At last month's Everyday Heroes Banquet the SCCMHA Housing Resource Center was officially named *Salter Place* after Johnnie Salter. When the center staff was thinking of a name for the center, Johnnie's story came to mind. Johnnie had been homeless, had struggled with mental illness and was a survivor of the fragmented systems of help for people who live on disability and in poverty. As you know Johnnie passed away suddenly and unexpectedly last year, but we will always remember him as a partner in caring – as a believer in self advocacy and peer support. But most importantly, Johnnie personified hope, perseverance, optimism and dignity. He was an inspiration to us all.

The goal of the Housing Resource Center is to give consumers immediate and tangible support, whether they are coming to us from the street, from a shelter, from marginal housing, or are in a housing crisis. HRC staff are knowledgeable of all the housing entitlements available. They can immediately help with applications and provide temporary transitional shelter if needed. They can assist with getting a household started. Providing things ranging from dishes to linens, they can even help with laundry for the person who isn't ready to come in off the streets but would like to get cleaned up. They teach about housing rights, help with moving, and share their own stories about recovery. The Housing Resource Center in Saginaw was funded with Block Grant funds from the Michigan Department of Community Health in 2008 and 2009.

On Tuesday, May 12, seventy-five SCCMHA consumers and staff participated in this year's *Walk a Mile In My Shoes Rally* at the State Capitol in Lansing. This event is designed to raise public awareness of mental health and developmental disability issues, combat stigma associated with mental disorders, and to communicate with lawmakers that mental health matters.

The Saginaw County delegation included staff from Customer Service, Recipient Rights, OBRA-Geriatrics, Self Determination, Family Services Unit and Skill Building program sites. The real stars says Annie Midcalf of Customer Service, were the consumers. "The majority of the attendees were the wonderful individuals we serve – both children and adults. They included individuals who are very independent and live on their own" as well as consumers from Community Ties North, Community Ties South, Bayside Lodge and several group homes.

Making the event even more exciting and special, SCCMHA was able to charter a Mitchell Motor Coach bus to transport the group in style to represent Saginaw County. Senator Roger Kahn and Representative Ken Horn were in attendance to support Saginaw County as well. Participants were able to mingle with both gentlemen and have the opportunity to speak about issues on mental health, politics, goals and their stories. Senator Kahn and Representative Horn were both extremely involved with our group and showed great interest and support to the cause of the rally.

Saginaw County's spokesperson for this year's rally was Morgan Notestine. Morgan spoke briefly about his experience with mental illness and overcoming obstacles while achieving his goals. Morgan was assisted by Kyle Owens with carrying the Saginaw County flag this year.

21. MICHIGAN WORKS: (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: Edward Oberski, Director, 754-1144

As part of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! (GLBMW) will be receiving about \$2.2 million to run a summer youth employment program this summer. Michigan Works! expects to spend almost all, if not all of the funding, on a program for youth work experience this summer. The major part of the program will be subsidized employment for youth. This program is very similar to the large summer youth programs that the Michigan Works! System used to operate ten years ago under the Job Training Partnership Act.

The GLBMW staff responsibilities are to provide overall coordination, fiscal management and monitoring of the program. Our service provider will develop worksites, recruit youth, determine eligibility, provide case management services, maintain data on the required computerized management information system, and assure compliance with all safety, wage and hour, child labor and other requirements.

The GLBMW expects to serve an estimated 1,000 participants in this program this summer. The estimated participant county break-out is 620 in Saginaw County, 140 in Midland County, and 240 in Bay County. The participant split is approximately 60% in-school and 40% out of school youth.

The Recovery Act also makes available additional Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult and Dislocated Worker funding beyond existing Program Year 2008 allocations. GLBMW expects to receive an approximate additional \$1 million in Adult funding and \$1.6 million in Dislocated Worker funding. These funds can be used to provide Adult and Dislocated Worker activities in accordance with the WIA regulations. Any allowable WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker activity is allowable using Recovery Act funds. It is expected that the vast majority of this funding will be used for the training of program participants.

22. MOSQUITO CONTROL: (Human Services Committee)
Contact Person: Randall Knepper, Director, 755-5751

Nighttime spraying for adult mosquitoes began on May 15th this season. We experienced a unique situation this year by having a brood of floodwater mosquitoes hatching at the same time as our spring mosquitoes hatched. These floodwater mosquitoes were the result of the heavy rains Saginaw County received during the last few days of April. With two types of mosquitoes on the wing at the same time we expected significant citizen complaint calls throughout the county. However, very cool evening temperatures for late May and early June kept the mosquitoes from flying while minimizing outdoor citizen activities. The end result was far less interaction between humans and mosquitoes than expected for this time of year. The cold weather also severely hampered our nighttime spraying as we typically shut down when temperatures reach 55 degrees and this happened frequently during the long stretch of cold temperatures we experienced. By mid June temperature parameters became more normal and we began to find significant larval breeding of summer mosquitoes in habitats such as catch basins, roadside ditches, tires, and abandoned pools. Applying insecticides to these aquatic habitats have kept our crews very busy the past few weeks.

Our Education Department has just completed another year giving classroom presentations. This past school year; presentations were given to 247 classrooms reaching 7,450 students. Summer activities will include participation in the following events: Girl Scout Day Camp; Birds, Bugs (that's us), Butterflies and Blooms at the Children's Zoo; Farmer's Market; Children' Fun Day, Touch A Truck Day and two Pond Study events sponsored by Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Department.

In conjunction with the American Mosquito Control Association, we held an Open House in observance of National Mosquito Control Awareness Week on June 24th. I hope some of you took this opportunity to visit our facility and learn more about mosquito control.

Our agency hosted its yearly blood drive on June 25th with approximately 30 employees signing up to donate.

Our third and final tire drive of the season will be held the week of July 20th-24th; for details of daily locations please visit our website at www.scmac.org. To date, we have collected and disposed of 6,977 mosquito breeding tires for Saginaw County residents.

23. MSU EXTENSION: (Human Services Committee)
Contact Person: Deanna East, Director, 758-2500

MSUE Agriculture Programs - Emily Sneller, Extension Educator--This past winter brought many educational opportunities for Saginaw County's agriculture producers. Thumb Agriculture Review meetings were held to review the results of agricultural research performed in the Saginaw Valley and Thumb regions while Field Crops Pest Management meetings updated growers on changed and updated pest management strategies. Additionally, Saginaw County was the home to one of the largest grower meetings in recent times, the Soybean 2010 Program, which over 250 individuals attended in order to increase their knowledge in pursuit of increase soybean yields. Numerous meetings were also held in the Saginaw County area to review the new agricultural programs and guidelines initiated in the passing of the new farm bill.

Spring is the beginning of the busy season for agricultural production. Research trials throughout Saginaw County are planted and growing with the intention of gaining valuable information for local growers and agri-business. These trials have a number of objectives including the evaluation of the new Michigan State University nitrogen recommendations for corn, comparison of different corn and soybean varieties, and comparison of soybean and corn planting populations. In addition to these trials, local producers will be working with MSU Extension in order to monitor for a new pest, the Western Bean Cutworm. New to Michigan a couple years ago, the pest is continuing its migration path with expected arrival in Saginaw County this year. This pest poses a significant threat to corn and dry bean crops in our region.

MSUE Michigan Better Kid Care – Child Care Provider Training – Holly B. Tired, Extension Educator/CYFC - During the last quarter, MSUE has offered 10 face to face workshops for local child care providers to help meet their professional development required hours in accordance with DHS licensing. A total of 230 participants took part in these valuable learning experiences for a total of 698 contact hours. A total of 25 child care providers used the checked out independent learning modules as a means of fulfilling some of their training hours, each check out kit is worth 2 hours of training. A total of 7 participants completed a 36 hour basic new child care provider training. Topics covered in these trainings include: basic child development, positive discipline, health and safety, child abuse and neglect, nutrition for children, CPR, business and professionalism, music, math, problem solving, building good consumers, working with parents, taking the stress out of childcare and improving observation skills.

MSUE 4-H Teen Mentoring Program—Deanna East, CED and Jan Wendland, Program Instructor--One of the newest projects in Saginaw County is the 4-H Peer Mentoring Program. In the second year, 83 teen mentors and over 100 younger mentees are involved in the program. This is a 200% increase in participation from last year. Youth involved in the mentoring program reported very positive outcomes. Some outcomes are:

- 92% felt they were more honest
- 84% had better scores and test grades
- 88% felt they had better options for the future
- 80% felt more confident in themselves.

In addition to their regular mentoring activities, youth also research and plan at least one service learning project to “give back” to their communities. This mentoring program is a partnership with the Saginaw County Business Education Partnership. Currently, Arthur Hill, Birch Run, Buena Vista, Carrollton, and Heritage High Schools are involved in the 4-H mentoring program. All youth involved are classified as “at risk”.

24. 911 AUTHORITY:

Contact Person: Thomas McIntyre, Director, 790-5504

Saginaw County 9-1-1 continues to strive toward the updating of its equipment at the center. Saginaw County 9-1-1 Central Dispatch serves as the vital link between the citizens and the public safety agencies in Saginaw County, handling nearly 400,000 calls per year. Our mission is to serve all of Saginaw County’s citizens and visitors by providing prompt, accurate, and reliable access to the county’s public safety agencies; thus, making Saginaw County a safer community in which to live, work, and visit.

Saginaw County 911 Communications is making large strides for the updating the radio communications equipment from the 800MHz analog system and joining the MPSCS (Michigan Public Safety Communication System). The old system was put into place back in 1995 and has served its purpose thru the years. The new 800MHz digital system should be in place for all emergency responders by September of 2009.

We are also updating all equipment within the Saginaw County 911 Communications Center from radio consoles, CAD system, and recording equipment and updating the 911 phone system; this equipment shall be in place by late July and will be tested over the next couple of months. Our target goal will be September of 2009 and with the CAD system is tested and implemented early part of 2010.

25. PARKS: (County Services Committee)

Contact Person: John Schmude, Parks Director, 790-5280

Join us for Basic Fishing on July 18 and August 15 at Haithco Park and July 21 and August 11 at Imerman Park.

We will be Painting in the Park on July 14 and August 4 at Imerman Park and July 18 and August 15 at Haithco Park.

Pond Life will be held on August 12 at Haithco Park. Join Saginaw County Mosquito Abatement and Saginaw County Parks in exploring the edges of Haithco Lake and small ponds to discover frogs, toads, dragonflies and more.

Your little ones will enjoy the Teddy Bear Picnic on July 18 and August 15 at Haithco Park and July 28 and August 18 at Imerman Park.

Utensil-less Cooking will be held on July 21 at Price Nature Center. Learn easy ways to cook with minimal clean-up. This event is free.

Intro to Geocaching is scheduled for August 18 at Price Nature Center. Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. This event is free.

Kayaking classes will take place on July 14, 28, August 11, 25 at Haithco Park. In this beginning class, you will learn the differences between kayak styles and canoes, and discover how stable and easily maneuverable kayaks can be.

You won't want to miss Trail Trekkers on July 9, 16, 23 at the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail. This is part of the annual Walk Michigan program. Enter each night for your chance to win a Grand Prize Labor Day weekend trip to Mission Point Resort on Mackinaw Island. This event is free.

Hear the Jammin Duclimers on July 22 and August 26 at Haithco Park. Bring your lawn chairs and listen to the Saginaw Subterranean Strings Hammered Dulcimer Club. This concert is free for your listening pleasure.

Join us for Dog Days of Summer on July 15, 29, August 12, 26. This event is held within Imerman Park at the Steven A. Kirshenbaum Memorial Bark Park. This is a chance to meet up with friends both human and canine and have a chance to win some cool dog door prizes, courtesy of Pets Supplies Plus.

Let your dog swim in or Soggy Doggy event on September 16 at Haithco Park. Usually the lake is off limits to pets but for this one evening bring them out and let them swim to their hearts content. This event is free.

Children's Fun Day is on July 15 at Haithco Park. Children will have an opportunity to play games and win prizes, run relays, jump rope, meet and greet special guests, see a magic show, make crafts and much more. This event is free.

You'll be able to Touch a Truck on August 5 at Haithco Park. Bring the kids out to see fire trucks, road graders, semi trucks, moving trucks and much more. This event is free.

Lake Swim Mornings will be held on July 11, 25, August 8, 22 at Haithco Park. Whether training for a triathlon or you just like to swim long distances, on these designated mornings swim ¼ mile across 40 acre Haithco Lake.

Walk 3 Trails in 3 Days on September 18, 19, 20. Experience the rail trails in Bay, Midland and Saginaw Counties during this three day trail awareness event sponsored by The Dow Chemical Company.

26. PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT: (Labor Relations Committee)

Contact Person: Jennifer Broadfoot, Personnel Assistant, 790-5507

New Employee Orientation Sessions have recently been held. For employees that missed these sessions, additional sessions will be scheduled in August. Departments with employees who need to attend will be notified by Personnel several weeks in advance of the sessions. If you have any questions regarding the orientation sessions, please call Personnel at 790-5213.

27. PLANNING: (County Services Committee):

Contact Person: Doug Bell, Planning Director, 797-6800

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING – The local road projects that will be funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) have now been approved by the Federal Highway Administration. The Saginaw area will receive \$3,688,000 in ARRA funds for urban Federal Aid-eligible roads that are under the jurisdiction of the Saginaw County Road Commission and the City of Saginaw. A little over \$756,000 in additional road funds under ARRA will be spent in the rural portions of the county.

STARS will also be receiving nearly \$3 million in ARRA funds for transit projects.

ARRA funding which will be used by MDOT on state routes totals about \$13.8 million and will include work on M-13, M-46, M-81, and M-84.

At this time, Saginaw County is receiving a total of over \$21.2 million in ARRA funds for transportation projects. All of these projects must be reviewed and approved by the Saginaw Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (SMATS) before they are added to the area's Transportation Improvement Program and Federal Aid funds are committed to the projects.

MDOT has succeeded in meeting the deadline for obligating \$296.5 million in Recovery Act highway projects three weeks ahead of the June 29 Federal deadline. This means that Michigan will be eligible to receive any ARRA funds that are redistributed from other states. If Michigan receives redistributed funds, a portion may be passed through to the MPO's and local road agencies. The amount of any additional funds will probably not be known until later in July.

28. PUBLIC HEALTH: (Human Services Committee)
 Contact Person: Natasha Coulouris, Health Officer, 758-3818

Health Promotions & Communication - This department continues to disseminate information to key staff and the general public regarding H1N1. This are 2 confirmed cases of H1N1 in Saginaw County.

Environmental Health

Food Service Inspections for May	103
Food Borne Illness Investigations for May	0
ServSafe Food Class Participants Training	37
Temporary Food Licenses granted for May	43
Radon Kits Distributed in May	8
Day Care & Adult Foster Care Inspections	4

Laboratory

Tests performed:	Microbiology	1070
	Serology	1070
	Water	1995
	Drugs	461

Immunizations

Clinic Attendance for May 2009	209
Clinic Attendance for the 2009 calendar year	1,673

TB/CD

TB tests completed (administered and read)	116
Positive TB results	1
Referrals from other agencies	3
TB cases for 2009	0

STD/HIV

# of client visits	197
# of condoms distributed	3036
Genital Herpes	0
Positive Lice Check	0
Positive Syphilis	0
Positive Gonorrhea	12
Positive Chlamydia	21
Cases of NGU	7
Positive Trichomonas	3
Positive HIV	2

Nursing staff met with the Saginaw Public School Sex Education coordinator to discuss incorporating the SCDPH Family Planning Program into High School Health Classes during the 2009-2010 school year. Final approval has been obtained from the school board for the staff to provide presentations which include education on contraceptive devices.

Currently the WIC Program has 101 (St. Charles), 900 (Main Health Department), 71 (Birch Run), and 9 (Chesaning) high risk clients for a total of 1,081.

29. PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION: (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: Jim Koski, Public Works Commissioner, 790-5258

The Dredging of the Saginaw River has begun. The project has received \$500,000 in federal stimulus money to help clear silt from the navigational channel. Luedtke Engineering Co. of Frankfort has been awarded a \$1.9 million contract to pile river spoils into the Dredged Material Disposal Facility. Ships have had to lighten their loads for years on the river, driving up costs and threatening about 200 jobs associated with shipping. The project was delayed late last year due to mechanical troubles with a dredging barge.

The Board of Determination has deemed it necessary to continue with the Allendale Tile District Drain project in Saginaw Township. Construction will begin this fall.

As of June 15, 2009, 70 new soil erosion and sedimentation control permits have been issued compared to 118 permits that were issued for the same period the previous year. This is due to the economy and the decrease of construction in Saginaw County.

30. PURCHASING: (County Services Committee)
Contact Person: Kelly M. Suppes, Purchasing/Risk Manager, 790-5505

Janitorial Services-MI Works Chesaning Facility - An RFP was issued to solicit bids for janitorial services at the MI Works Chesaning location. The Contract was awarded to Rost Cleaning Services for an annual contracted amount of \$7,479.96.

Copy Machine-MI Works Chesaning Facility - Quotes were solicited to purchase a new copier for the MI Works Bay Road Location. A Purchase Order was issued to Konica Minolta Albin in the amount of \$7,761.60. Other quotes were received from Brady Business Systems, Xerox and Michigan Office Solutions.

Drug Forfeiture Home-Shiawassee County - A listing agreement has been entered into with Remax of Owosso to sell a forfeiture home in Owosso, Shiawassee County. The home has been listed on the public market for \$115,000. The agent will receive 6% commission of the accepted offer. The listing agreement runs for 6 months ending on 10/13/09.

Ebay Account - An ebay account has been established to allow the County to post forfeiture and/or surplus property. The ebay seller name is *countyofsaginawsurplus*. During the month of June, we received over \$11,000 in ebay sales for items including: Taxidermy mounts, 1965 Chevy Nova, Blackberry. We will continue to post surplus property as it becomes available.

Temporary Employment Services - An RFP was issued to solicit bids for temporary employment services. A primary contract was awarded to Successful Corporation and a secondary contract was awarded to Trillium Staffing Services. The rates vary upon the classification of the position being filled.

31. RETIREMENT:
Contact Person: Amy J. Deford, Retirement Adm., 790-5577

Retirement Plans – 527 employees are enrolled in the Defined Contribution Program (DC) as of June 19, 2009, while 139 employees remain in the MERS Defined Benefit Plan.