

SEPTEMBER 2025



COUNTY OF SAGINAW

NEWSLETTER



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Chairman Jack Tany and Commissioner Mark Piotrowski were recently recognized as a "Certified County Commissioner" by the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC). MAC's Commissioner Academy is a professional development program for commissioners incorporating a series of events and workshops focused on the day-to-day responsibilities of a Michigan county commissioner.

 **SAVE THE DATE**

TRUNK OR TREAT

**Saturday,
October 25th, 2025**

5 - 7 PM

**1915 Fordney St,
Saginaw, MI 48601**





WE ARE OPEN!

Construction is complete
and we cant wait to see
you in the new space!



Contact Roselyn to RSVP
for lunch or stop by and
say hello!

**Saginaw County
Commission on Aging**

MARIE E. DAVIS SENIOR CENTER

233 Roosevelt Austin Ave.

Contact Roselyn: (989) 758-2441
Center Hours: Monday-Friday
9:00 AM-2:30 PM

Board of Commissioners
Suzy Koeplinger, Board Coordinator
BOC@saginawcounty.com

COUNTY OF SAGINAW BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

County Services Committee

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 - 4:00PM

Budget/Audit Committee

Thursday, September 4, 2025 - 4:00PM

Labor Relations Committee

Monday, September 8, 2025 - 4:00PM

Executive Committee

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 - 4:00PM

Board Session

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - 5:00PM

Meeting cancellations posted on

www.saginawcounty.com

2025

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

SAGINAW COUNTY

ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL



September 2025

Meet Joe Duncan, SCACC's newest Animal Control Officer



Please join us in giving Joe a warm welcome to SCACC!

Joe has been in the public safety sector for 13 years, but he knew when he was a child his ultimate goal was to work in animal welfare. Joe has amazing compassion and dedication which is what makes him so good at his job. He recently went on a call where a dog in the home needed to be euthanized, leaving behind a grieving child. Joe went above and beyond for the child by creating a paw print in clay and returning to the home to give it to the child. Joe said, "It's not just about the animals- it's about their people too." We couldn't agree more! He plans on bringing more community based awareness to Saginaw County. He loves meeting people in the community and seeks to travel to schools with Kimber (the spaniel mix pictured) to talk to kids about handling animals with care. We can't wait to see the good impact he brings to Saginaw County!

Become a Foster for SCACC!

Do you have a safe space for a delicate shelter animal to land? Experience in bottle feeding kittens? Want to take a pup out for a day at the park? SCACC wants to hear from you!

We are seeking short and long term fosters for cats and dogs. We provide the food and healthcare, you provide the space and love!

Contact Alicia, our Kennel Manager at aslack@saginawcounty.com to become a foster today!

SCACC Baby Shower!

Kitten season has been very busy this year, and we're throwing a baby shower donation drive! We need most urgently:

- 🐾 Wet Kitten Paté
- 🐾 Dry Kitten Food
- 🐾 Cat Food
- 🐾 Pee Pads
- 🐾 Wet Puppy Food



SCACC Volunteers Move to Better Impact



As many have heard, SCACC has been in the process of transitioning to a brand-new program to assist with the logistics of having 60+ active volunteers and more wishing to join us every day! We are thrilled to announce that our chosen platform is **Better Impact**, and it's ready to launch. This platform will enable our volunteers to track hours, sign up for specific shifts and events, and enable us to share training modules to increase volunteer knowledge on topics pertaining to the shelter and animal behavior. As more volunteers join us on the new platform, we will begin implementing these new features!

We will be hosting orientations once a month and are looking forward to seeing some new faces! Apply today via this link: <https://www.saginawcounty.com/departments/animal-care-control/shelter-forms/>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Saginaw County Animal Care & Control is accepting volunteer applications via Better impact!

If you love working with animals and making a difference in your community, this is the opportunity for you!

Scan the QR codes or visit the link below for more information and to apply today!



SCACC
(989) 797-4500
<https://bttr.im/a5v18>

Commission on Aging
Jessica Sargent, Director
jsargent@saginawcounty.com
 Human Services Committee

Saginaw County Commission on Aging

Services, programs & opportunities for older adults age 60+



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to sign-up for
the monthly
newsletter

START FINDING HELP

Information & Referral
 Transportation
 Meals on Wheels
 Care Management
 Case Management
 In-Home Support
 Caregiver & Kinship Support
 Minority Outreach
 Project Lifesaver
 Free 911 Cell Phones for Seniors
 Emergency Food Assistance

START ENRICHING YOUR LIFE

Activity & Dining Centers
 Carry-out Meals
 Foster Grandparent Program

START MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Volunteer Opportunities:
 Meals on Wheels Driver
 Meal Packers
 Senior Center Helpers
 Office Helpers
 Entertainers
 Gardeners
 Volunteer your own skills

*Donations accepted and can be made payable
to the Saginaw County Commission on Aging*

📞 **989-797-6880**

🌐 www.saginawcounty.com

📍 2355 Schust Rd, Saginaw, MI 48603

📘 Like us on Facebook!



SAGINAW COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING AND SAGINAW YMCA



SENIOR HEALTHY LIVING EXPO



Vendors



Raffle and Prizes



Giveaways



Tours and more

BOX LUNCH WITH RSVP- DONATION OF \$2.25

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3, 2025

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

at the Saginaw YMCA

1915 Fordney Street

Lunch Served @ 11:30 a.m. in the

Friendship Senior Center

RSVP for box lunch by September 23rd

by calling SCCOA @ 989-797-6880

1730 S. Washington Ave, Saginaw, MI 48601
info@saginawzoo.com saginawzoo.com
 (989) 759-1408



Senior Day AT THE ZOO



Friday, September 26th, 2025
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Seniors 60+, enjoy FREE admission into the Zoo.
 Train & Carousel tickets are \$1 per person, per ride

From 11 a.m.-2 p.m., join the Saginaw County Commission on Aging for live music from David Britton and a light picnic lunch served at Noon.

It will be an afternoon of music, food, and fun at the Zoo.

To RSVP for your lunch contact Commission on Aging at 989.797.6880 by September 16.

Meal donation: Suggested \$2.25 for 60+ and \$5 for guests <60.





It's Medicare Open Enrollment October 15th—December 7th

This is the time to see if you can find:

Lower premiums * Extra benefits * Higher quality * A plan that better fits your health needs

Location:

**Saginaw County
Commission on Aging**



**Date: October 27th,
November 17th & 24th**

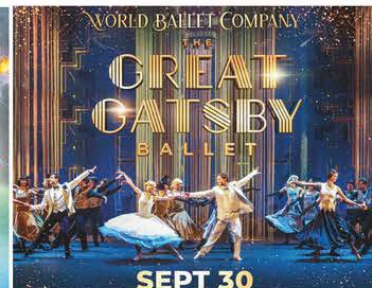
**Please Call:
989-893-4506
to Schedule an
appointment**

**Plans change every year and so
can your health needs.**

Even if you are happy with your current plan, it may be changing costs, coverage or both for 2026:

- Read the Annual Notice of Changes mailed to you by your plan.
- Check the plan formulary—the list of covered prescription drugs—to make sure yours are covered.
- Look for plans that best meet your changing health, life and financial needs

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



Full Lineup, Tickets & Info!

www.doweventcenter.com

989-759-1320

Box Office Hours: Thu, 10am-2pm
Fri, 10am-5pm

Emergency Management
Mark Przybylski, Director
mprzybylski@saginawcounty.com
County Services Committee



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!!Be Ready Saginaw County!!

September's Objective: RECOVERING FROM A DISASTER

Disasters happen anytime and anywhere without warning. When disaster strikes it is easier to cope when you are prepared.

!!BeReady Saginaw County!!
 recommends having a basic understanding of post-disaster recovery steps.

What Type of Assistance Is Available?

- For longer-term housing needs, FEMA may have services to assist you. To be eligible, your primary residence must have been destroyed or become uninhabitable because of the disaster.
- Please note these programs are usually in a form of low interest loans and must be repaid. It is wiser to update your homeowner's insurance to cover potential losses more adequately.
- For detailed information, contact FEMA at 1-800-621-3362 or visit www.fema.gov.

Tips for success....

Help others. Assist your community in their efforts toward recovery. This will benefit others and may reduce your own post-disaster anxiety.

What Should You Do Within 48 Hours After a Disaster?

- Find your family. The American Red Cross maintains a disaster-based database called the "Safe and Well List" to help find loved one. Go to <https://safeandwell.communityvos.org/zf/safesearch/search>.
- Get food and water. Volunteer agencies will set up stations in and around the disaster area.
- Find a place to stay. Contact friends or relatives outside the area, as well as the Red Cross.
- Take precautions should you want to return home. Heed the warnings of local officials in the area if it is still too dangerous for traveling.

How Do You Find a Place to Stay?

- The American Red Cross and other volunteer agencies will set up shelters for people that cannot return home. Go to www.redcross-saginaw.org/ or call 1-800-482-2411 for shelter information.
- Remember – pets are not permitted in public emergency shelters for health and space reasons. Contact the Saginaw County Animal Care and Control Center at (989) 797-4500 to find out what locations are sheltering pets.

How Can You Best Cope with Disaster-Related Stress?

- Disasters affect people in different ways. It is very normal to feel anxious, or have profound sadness, grief or anger after a disaster.
- Accept help from volunteer agencies. Do not feel compelled to handle things alone if help is available. The local Red Cross can connect you with the appropriate agencies. Contact them at 1-800-482-2411.
- Get as much food, water, exercise, and rest as possible.
- Spend time with family and participate in memorials, religious services, and other fellowship activities.

COMING IN OCTOBER FROM THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Beginning next month, the Office of Emergency Management will begin spotlighting important emergency response information about a variety of topics that include fire, hostage incidents, lockdowns and medical emergencies just to name a few. These emergency response guides can be located on the County Connect page under Safety. Please take a moment to review each of the subjects and prepare yourself to act if and when you need to and watch for a topic each month in the County Newsletter beginning in October.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Emergency Management Office at (989) 790-5548.

Go Great Lakes Bay CVB
Ann Bruzewski, President & CEO
annb@gogreat.com
County Services Committee

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 Go Great Lakes Bay of Michigan 984-
 574-1091
Kayla@gogreat.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Ann K. Bruzewski Named President & CEO of the Great Lakes Bay
 Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau**

The Great Lakes Bay Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau (GLBRCVB) is proud to announce that Ann K. Bruzewski has been appointed as the new President and Chief Executive Officer, effective August 1, 2025. Bruzewski, a visionary leader with extensive experience in tourism and hospitality management, will succeed Dr. Annette M. Rummel who served the bureau with distinction.

In her new role, Ms. Bruzewski will oversee all operations and initiatives of the GLBRCVB, the Bay, Midland and Saginaw County CVB organizations, and the Go Great Foundation, utilizing her expertise to further elevate the region as a premier destination for both leisure and business travelers. Her appointment comes at a pivotal time as the Bureau executes its Destination Blueprint aimed at enhancing visitor experience, promoting economic growth, and broadening the tourism offerings across the entire Great Lakes Bay Region.

"Ann brings a wealth of leadership experience and a solid track record of success in the travel and tourism industry," said Elizabeth Lumbert, Madam Chair of the Board for the GLBRCVB Board of Directors. "We are confident that Ann's innovative approach and passion for tourism will lead our region into a prosperous future."

Ann K. Bruzewski has over two decades of experience in hospitality and destination management and marketing, having previously held leadership roles at Northwood University and MidMichigan Health. She is known for her strategic vision and commitment to sustainable tourism development which aligns with the Bureau's goals to motivate additional overnight visits, extend visitor stays, and provide compelling destination experiences.

"I am honored to lead the Great Lakes Bay Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau," said Ann K. Bruzewski. "I look forward to growing our destination by working with our talented team and our partners to showcase our region's unique offerings and create unforgettable experiences for our visitors."

Ann will lead the bureau in implementing initiatives to disperse visitors across the destination, foster community engagement, and leverage the strategic partnerships to position Pure Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region as a destination of choice for travelers worldwide.

About Great Lakes Bay Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau: The Great Lakes Bay Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau is dedicated to promoting and enhancing the economic activity of the region through tourism. By connecting with partners and stakeholders, the organization aims to showcase the incredible offerings of the destination and welcome visitors with genuine hospitality.

For further information, please contact: Elizabeth Lumbert, Madam Chair of the Board, Great Lakes Bay Regional CVB, (989) 752-7164, info@gogreat.com

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Ann Bruzewski, President & CEO
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County Services Committee

Revenue for Great Lakes Bay hotels fell 3% compared to the year prior in June, reaching \$12.6M for the month. This was due to a 2% decline in Average Daily Rate YOY to \$130, which led to a 3.2% decrease in Revenue Per Available Room to \$84.

Hotel demand declined 1%. Saginaw County saw the highest demand growth at 3.7% YOY.

Social media impressions were down 36% YOY in June, engagements declined 38.8% over the same period. Contrast from the month prior, paid social helped drive more than 60% of traffic to gogreat.com in June.

Executive Summary
June 2025



Highlights

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Hotel demand declined 1.0% YOY, and due to just a slight 0.2% increase in supply YOY, occupancy fell 1.2% YOY. Saginaw County saw the highest demand growth at 3.7% YOY, while Midland County saw the largest decline at 13.9% YOY.

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U.S. hotel performance has slowed, with June RevPAR (\$111) down 1.2% YOY, and demand declining 0.8%. Overseas arrivals to the U.S. were also down 3.4% YOY. While some markets saw growth YTD (Argentina +23%, Italy +9%, Taiwan +8%), other markets remain down (South Korea -11%, Germany -9%, France -8%).

Employment in the U.S. remains stable, with each month of 2025 so far adding over 100,000 jobs. The June unemployment rate held steady at 4.1%. Core inflation dropped to 2.9% in May, though it's expected to rise to around 3.4% this year due to tariff pressures.



Hotel Demand
96.6K
-1.0% YOY



Hotel ADR
\$130.20
-2.0% YOY



MBS Checkpoint Volume
11.7K
+4.9% YOY



Hotel Occ Tax
\$148.3K
-2.4% YOY
(April 2025)



Social Media Audience
40.5K
+22.7% YOY



Website Sessions
37.0K
-4.2% YOY



L&H Jobs
13.8K
+0.0% YOY



2025 BWELL Race Series Strides Towards Wellness

Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025

Starts and ends at Saginaw YMCA
1915 Fordney St., Saginaw, MI 48601

REGISTER NOW!



10K: 7:30am start

5K: 9am start

3K Turtles & Hares: 9:15am start



PARTICIPANT FEES

5K or 10K Race/Walks

With shirt: \$30 • Without shirt: \$25

Senior (60+) with shirt: \$25

Senior (60+) without shirt: \$20

Family code of 3: *10 people for a \$5 discount per participant*: email bwell@saginawcounty.com

3K Turtles & Hares:

FREE to all participants

BWell Double Challenge for Change (10K and 5K)

With shirt: \$50 • Without shirt: \$40

Senior with shirt: \$40 • Senior without shirt: \$30



PACKET PICK UP

Saginaw YMCA
1915 Fordney St., Saginaw, MI 48601
Friday, September 26, 4pm-6pm
Saturday, September 27, 7am-9am

For more information, visit bellsaginaw.org
and follow **BWell Saginaw** on Facebook



Brought to you by Dig Deep Races, the Saginaw YMCA, and sponsors!





September Events



SAGINAW COUNTY PERCOLATOR BREAKFAST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Top 10 Security Practices You Must Implement

September 4, 2025

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

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

September 4

LAST CHANCE
Golf Outing

September 10, 2025 | Fortress Golf Course, Frankenmuth
8 a.m. Registration | 9 a.m. Shotgun Start | 12 p.m. Lunch
\$400 Foursome | Register at SaginawChamber.org, Lisa@SaginawChamber.org or 989-757-2115

This 9-hole straight scramble golf outing features continental breakfast, grilled lunch, games, contests, prizes, drink tickets, business connections, and more!

Sponsors: Storm Master Exteriors

September 10

THE SAGINAW COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

September 11, 2025 | 5 - 7 p.m.

The Point

6235 Gratiot Road, Saginaw, MI 48638

A free Member networking event | www.SaginawChamber.org

September 11

CEO Mixer

Executive Insights. Emerging Talent.

Thursday, September 18, 2025 | 5 - 7 p.m.
Old Town Wonder, 122 S. Michigan Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48602

Saginaw County Young Professionals Network members are invited to network with local C-suite executives in a relaxed setting.

CONSCIOUS CAPITALISM
Great Lakes Bay Region

September 18

EVENTS AT THE CASTLE

September & October 2025

SEPTEMBER 1

MUSEUM CLOSED
Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 9

LUNCH & LEARN
12:00 PM
Allie Seibert: "Bloodstained: Exploring Michigan's Darkest Murders Lost to Time"

SEPTEMBER 16

PAGES OF HISTORY BOOK CLUB*
12:00 PM
Abra Berens by A Practical Guide to Cooking with Fruit

SEPTEMBER 18

HISTORY AFTER HOURS
5:30 PM
"Unsolved Saginaw: The Murder of Saginaw Doe," with Dr. Katherine Ellison

SEPTEMBER 23

LUNCH & LEARN
12:00 PM
Annmarie Batkoski-Sullivan and Board:
"50 Years of Positive Results Downtown"

OCTOBER 2

MEMBER APPRECIATION
5-7 PM
Savor & Celebrate

OCTOBER 7

FLASHLIGHT TOUR
6:30 & 7:30 PM
(Registration Required)

OCTOBER 12

CEMETERY WALKING TOUR
1:30 AM
Explore Oakwood Cemetery
(Registration Required)

OCTOBER 14

LUNCH & LEARN
12:00 PM
Tom Trombley: "One Last Look at the 1884 Saginaw County Courthouse"
(Gallery Talk to Follow)

FLASHLIGHT TOUR

6:30 & 7:30 PM
(Registration Required)

OCTOBER 16

HISTORY AFTER HOURS
5-7 PM
"Goessert v. Cleary: Michigan Barmaids Fight for Civil Rights," with Dr. Amy French

OCTOBER 18

HANDS ON HISTORY
11 AM-NOON
Lumbering

OCTOBER 21

PAGES OF HISTORY BOOK CLUB*
12:00 PM
Michigan Haunts: Public Places, Eerie Spaces by Jon Milan

OCTOBER 23

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
10:30 AM
Halloween Trick-or-Treat
Costumes Encouraged!

OCTOBER 28

LUNCH & LEARN
12:00 PM
Purple: Organized Crime in a Small Town, documentary by Benjamin Tigner

*In collaboration with Hoyt Library



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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Saginaw County  **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**



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.



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



MMR Launches Michigan's First Pre-Hospital Blood Transfusion Program



Mobile Medical Response (MMR), in partnership with the Saginaw-Tuscola Medical Control Authority, Covenant HealthCare, and Versiti, is proud to announce a groundbreaking initiative; the ability to administer blood transfusions before a patient even reaches the hospital. This makes MMR the first EMS agency in Michigan to carry and administer blood products in the field.

MMR paramedics in Saginaw and Tuscola Counties will now be able to give blood to patients experiencing a life-threatening hemorrhage, whether from trauma or a medical emergency. Early transfusion improves oxygen delivery to vital organs and can significantly increase a patient's chance of survival. Other studies have also shown that patients require less blood in the hospital the earlier it is administered.

Paramedics will also administer tranexamic acid (TXA) to prevent further bleeding and will carry blood on specially equipped Rapid Response Vehicles, kept at precise temperatures and warmed before infusion. Backed by strong national research and proven outcomes.

With only 1–3% of EMS agencies nationwide offering this service, MMR is proud to lead the way in Michigan.

Medical Examiner
Randy Pfau, Director
rpfausaginawcounty.com
Courts & Public Safety Committee



Saginaw County Office of Medical Examiner

1600 N. Michigan Avenue
 Saginaw, Michigan 48602
 Office: (989) 790-5533 Fax: (989) 790-5466
 Email: medicalexaminer@saginawcounty.com
 Daniel Spitz, MD, Chief Medical Examiner
 Russell L. Bush, MD, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner



2025 Monthly Itemized Report

Month	ME-Cases	Non-ME Cases	Total Cases	Autopsies	Cremation Permits
January	67	89	156	19	195
February	58	79	137	17	172
March	64	60	124	21	142
April	58	45	103	14	140
May	51	54	105	13	144
June	62	58	120	23	130
July	63	58	121	20	156
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
Total	423	443	866	127	1,079

- Cost per autopsy: \$2,600
- Cost per Cremation Permit (paid by Funeral Homes): \$63.00



Homegrown.

SCHOMAKER FARMS
1103 Leddy Road, Saginaw

Twilight Grower Gathering

Join us for an evening of education, fun and community. Connect with other local growers while we learn about our host, Ryan & Taylor Schomaker of Schomaker Farms and tour their operation!

This event will be a potluck so please bring a dish to pass and your own tableware, if you're able.

Tuesday, September 23rd
5:00pm-7:00pm
Schomaker Farms
1103 Leddy Rd. Saginaw, MI




Register with the QR code or by going to www.SaginawCD.com



Native Plant Sale

Order by: September 19th
Pick-up in office: September 23rd & 24th
www.SaginawCD.com




TIRE RECYCLING

September 19, 9am-2pm

The Andersons
485 S. Hemlock Rd. Hemlock, MI

October 3, 10am-2pm

Frank E. Anderson Celebration Park
1830 Fordney St. Saginaw, MI

VEHICLE - SEMI - TRACTOR

\$1 - \$5 - \$15

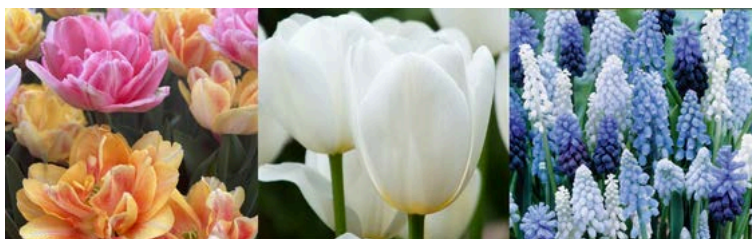
Saginaw County residents only
Must be clean & off the rim

CASH & CHECK ONLY

Scan to register or visit
www.SaginawCD.com



989-781-1720 Ext. 5
www.SaginawCD.com



Fall Bulb Sale

Order by: September 30th
Pick-up in office: October 21st & 22nd
www.SaginawCD.com



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

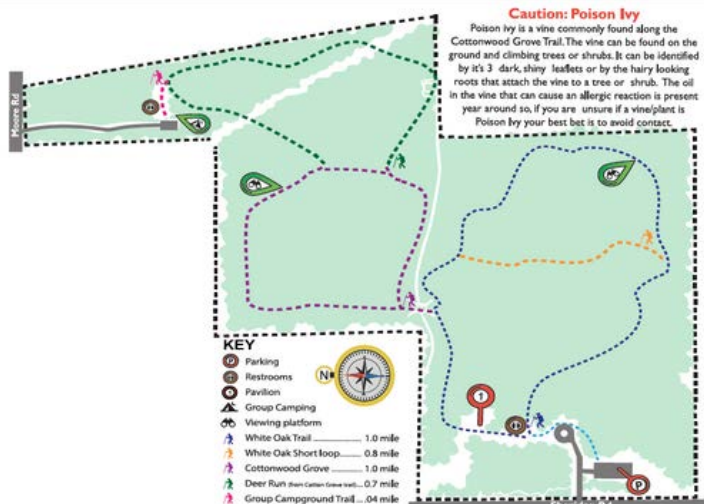
Saginaw County Parks & Recreation Price Nature Center

If seclusion is more your style, then this is the place for you! Located 5 miles south of Saginaw, this park offers nearly three miles of hiking trails through its 186 acres.

Additionally, the park offers one pavilion available for rent, grills and a new playground.

A group campground is also available for those interested in rustic camping. Campground may be reserved through the Parks office.

September 8, 2025	Monday
9:00am - 10:00am	• Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
September 10, 2025	Wednesday
9:00am - 10:00am	• Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
5:30pm	• Soggy Doggy
September 12, 2025	Friday
9:00am - 10:00am	• Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
September 15, 2025	Monday
9:00am - 10:00am	• Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
September 17, 2025	Wednesday
9:00am - 10:00am	• Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
September 19, 2025	Friday
9:00am - 10:00am	• Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
September 20, 2025	Saturday
11:00am	• 4th Annual Pints & Paddles
September 22, 2025	Monday
9:00am - 10:00am	• Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
September 24, 2025	Wednesday
9:00am - 10:00am	• Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
September 26, 2025	Friday
9:00am - 10:00am	• Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
September 29, 2025	Monday
9:00am - 10:00am	• Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)



For information on County parks, events, and classes, click the link below:
[Saginaw County Parks & Recreation](http://www.saginawcounty.com/parks-recreation)

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Human Services Committee

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

Six food safety tips when grilling outside

Tara Hovis, Michigan State University Extension

Mark Rankin, District 9 Director, rankinm1@msu.edu

Updated from an original article written by Jeannie Nichols, Michigan State University Extension.



Figure 1 Photo:Pixaby

Whether you grill outside all year long or just in warm weather, by yourself or for a large gathering — MSU Extension has simple tips to make your food safe.

As the weather turns warmer, people everywhere head outside to grill. Take these [precautions](#) to make sure that no one will be getting sick from the food you prepare and serve.

- Always **wash your hands** with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before, during, and after handling food. This includes switching between tasks, like prepping raw meat and ready-to-eat foods.

- Use separate utensils, cutting boards and serving dishes for raw and cooked foods. Never serve any food on the same dish that held raw meat, poultry, or fish. Thoroughly wash each item with warm, soapy water before re-using. Keep clean cookware and utensils handy to serve cooked food to avoid spreading bacteria from raw meats, poultry or seafood.
- Marinate food in the refrigerator, not on the countertop or outdoors. If you plan to use some of the marinade to brush on during grilling for sauce on the cooked food, be sure to set some aside before mixing the marinade with raw meat, poultry, or seafood.
- It is safe to partially cook the meat in the microwave or stove only if it goes directly to the grill to finish cooking. Think of it as all one cooking process and cook the meat thoroughly all at once. If you must cook ahead, you can also cook the meat completely and then cool it fast for reheating on the grill later.
- Use a food thermometer to make sure meats reach [safe internal temperatures](#). Simply checking the color of the meat is not enough to ensure safety. Using a thermometer also ensures that your meat is not overcooked.

Food	Minimum Temperature Degrees, in Fahrenheit
Chicken or turkey	165
Ground beef patties	160
Steaks	145 (medium rare) to 160 (medium)
Pork chops	145

To keep your grilled foods hot (above 140 degrees Fahrenheit) and to avoid overcooking, move the product to the side of the grill rack, just away from the heat.

Never leave perishable food out of the refrigerator for more than two hours. When outdoor temperatures reach 90 degrees Fahrenheit, food should not be left out for more than one hour.

Don't take any chances with your family and friends health: keep cold foods cold, and hot foods hot. And when in doubt, throw it out.

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