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Dear Neighbor,

Oakland County is a great place to live, work and play. This newsletter shares just a few of the great services that your county government provides.

As your county commissioner,
I value your input on how to make the County better. Please contact me with any of your suggestions.

Best Wishes,

Eric Coleman

COMMISSIONER SUPPORTS CITY'S CATALPA PARK EFFORTS

Commissioner Eric Coleman, Vice Chair of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Planning and Building Committee successfully assisted the City of Southfield in negotiating a lease renewal with Oakland County for Catalpa Park. Since 1978, this site has been used for baseball, soccer and outdoor recreational purposes. The new Lease with Option to Purchase agreement allows the City to lease the property until May 5, 2005 for $1 each year. The City has the option to purchase these 22-acres as part of the lease agreement terms.

WEST NILE INFORMATION

As we welcome warmer temperatures and sunny summer days, please take safety precautions to fight the West Nile Virus.

Remember the 3 R's:

Reduce--drain all standing water and areas where mosquitoes breed. Avoid exposure to mosquitoes that carry the virus.

Repel--wear long-sleeve shirts and long pants when going outdoors, especially, during mosquito peak times of dusk and dawn. Place netting over playpens and strollers of children. Apply insect repellant with DEET ingredients as directed by product manufacturers.

Report--potential mosquito breeding sites.

For more information, call the Oakland County Health Division at 1-877-377-3641 or go to the website at www.co.oakland.mi.us./health.

FUNDING APPROVED FOR ROAD COMMISSION TO REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Following the devastating garage fire at the Road Commission for Oakland County this past January, the Board of Commissioners supported special one-time funding of $400,000 to continue Oakland County road projects.

The funding will make certain that the road improvements planned for 2004 throughout Oakland County will continue this year in an effort to reduce traffic congestion.

HIGH DETROIT WATER RATES DISCUSSED AT BOARD MEETING WITH DETROIT MAYOR

On March 25, 2004, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners held an evening meeting to discuss the dramatic increases in the Detroit Water Board water rates.

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick along with Detroit Water and Sewerage Director Victor Mercado addressed the water issue. During the meeting, Mayor Kilpatrick promised to continue the dialogue, review an Oakland County representative nominee to the Detroit Water Board and provide access to information regarding water rates.

On June 3, 2004, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners nominated Mark Adams of Royal Oak to represent Oakland County on the Detroit Water Board. Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick appoints water board representatives. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners will continue to advocate for lower water rates and cost accountability.