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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,**

**Eileen T. Kowall**

# OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NEWS & UPDATES

**SUMMER 2004 ISSUE**

## RED OAKS GOLF COURSE REOPENS

On May 5, 2004, the Red Oaks Golf Course reopened after 3 years of construction and renovations. Located in Madison Heights, Red Oaks is the county's only south end golf course. New expansion, parking and seating accentuates the beautifully landscaped 1,200 square foot terrain with a new 2,700 square foot clubhouse. The 9-hole \$1.2 million golf course designed by Jerry Matthews provides something for all golf enthusiasts.

Rates for 9-holes of golf are reasonable. Prices are \$12 per county resident and \$15 per non-county resident. Holiday and weekend rates increase by \$1. For more information, call 248-541-5030 or go to the website at [www.co.oakland.mi.us/parksrec](http://www.co.oakland.mi.us/parksrec). Red Oaks Golf Course is located at 29600 John R in Madison Heights.

## 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 repellent 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](http://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 a new 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.