



# OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NEWS & UPDATES

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## OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### THE BOARD ADOPTS THE 2008 BUDGET

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners recently adopted the proposed recommended 2008 Fiscal Year Budget of \$708.9 million at the September 20, 2007 Oakland County Board of Commissioners meeting. This budget will help maintain the quality of life that has made Oakland County a great place to work, play, prosper, and live.

### EXPANSION OF THE TETHER PROGRAM MAY OFFER JAIL OVERCROWDING RELIEF

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners are working diligently with the county's judicial and law enforcement branch of government to look at alternatives to jail overcrowding. One effort is to implement a pilot tether program that would allow certain inmates who can not afford bond or has been sentenced to certain non-violent crimes to be released on tethers.

Those participating in the tether program would have to wear a tether until they have completed the sentence for their crime. During that time, they would be monitored closely by law enforcement authorities. If successful, the tether program would free up jail beds by making tethers available free of charge to low-income offenders. Cost for our current tether program is approximately \$500 a month per offender. The Board has been asked to allocate \$150,000 for this six-month test pilot program by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.



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### CITIZENS SOUGHT TO SERVE APPLICATION DEADLINE OCT. 29<sup>TH</sup>

There are current openings for the following boards, committees and commissions:

[Area Agency on Aging](#)

Seeking one senior citizen representative from the general public to serve.

[Building Authority](#) and the  
[Parks & Recreation Commission](#)

each seek one citizen representative to serve a 3-year-term. Applications are available online at

<http://www.oakgov.com/boc/assets/docs/applicationform.pdf>

or call 248-858-0104.

### \$7 FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE October 27, 2007

Make reservations for you and your family to receive a flu shot at one of seven locations provided by the Oakland County Health Division. Clinics located in Clarkston, Hazel Park, Lake Orion, Rochester, Southfield, Walled Lake and Waterford.

For more information on where you can register and location details, go to [www.oakgov.com/health](http://www.oakgov.com/health) or call the Oakland County Health Division's Flu Shot Hotline at 800-434-3358 for updates.

Clinic hours are from 9 am-2 pm. Register online and save time.

### MY HOME, MY FUTURE SEMINARS

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners have teamed up with the Oakland Community Housing Division to host a series of seminars to help residents avoid foreclosure. Go to:

[www.oakgov.com/boc/news/foreclosureavoidance.html](http://www.oakgov.com/boc/news/foreclosureavoidance.html)

or call 1-888-350-0900, ext. 85402 for more information.

The next seminars are slated for Oct. 23, 2007 at the Oakland County Executive's Building, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM INFORMATION

Income eligible homeowners may receive up to \$18,000 for a variety of structural, mechanical, energy conservation, health, and safety related improvements.

For more information about this program call 248-858-5401 or go to [www.oakgov.com/chi](http://www.oakgov.com/chi).

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 commissioner, I value your input on how to make the county better.*

*Please contact me with any of your suggestions.*

Best Wishes,

Karen Spector