



# QUARTERLY NEWS & UPDATES

FROM YOUR OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## BOARD REVIEWS COUNTY SPENDING FOR 2009/2010 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET



In July, the budget ritual began with Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson providing the Board of Commissioners with a recommended budget for fiscal years 2009-2010. During this process, the Board reviews the \$425.7 million 2009 and the \$420 million 2010 proposed general fund budgets. We looked closely at budget-line items for all county departments' spending through the Board's Finance and Personnel committees.

In August, finance and personnel meetings were held requiring each department to explain their spending and budget reductions. Budget reductions for 2009 totaling \$2.5 million and \$16.5 million for 2010 have been met. Meeting these reductions were critical to balancing the county's budget. By law, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners must adopt a balanced budget by October 1, 2008.

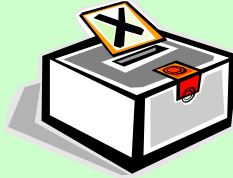
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### 2008 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN...



View the results of the annual "Share Your Thoughts" survey at [www.oakgov.com/boc](http://www.oakgov.com/boc).

See how those in your community responded.

### TETHER PILOT PROGRAM UPDATE

Oakland County's six-month pilot electronic monitoring program has proven to be successful with an average of 31 low-risk prisoners being released with tethers per day.

These prisoners stayed on tethers an average of 37 days. With this program, the county saved more than 800 jail days, significantly, reducing the jail population.

Thirty-four prisoners completed their sentences. Only five prisoners tried to defeat their tethers, all were quickly apprehended and re-incarcerated.

*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,*

*Eileen T. Kowall  
County Commissioner*

### COMMISSIONER'S CIRCLE



#### White Lake Students Attend Youth Day

Pictured are the students of Lakeland High School along with Teacher Brian Howe (back row) and Commissioner Kowall.

### EVENTS CALENDAR

#### Childhood Obesity Conference

Scheduled for September 27th, beginning at 8:30 am. Call 248-209-2500 or 888-263-3867 to register. Registration required. Oakland Schools located at 2111 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

#### Oakland County Law Library

Offers free Family Law Clinics October 1st, 15th, 29th from 1 -3 pm at library located at 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac. Call 248-858-0012 for more information.

#### Free Vision & Hearing Screening

Oakland County Health Division offers service for children 3 years of age to 12th grade. Call 248-424-7070. for more information.

***Oakland County Commissioner Eileen T. Kowall serves District #6 representing the townships of Waterford and White Lake.***