



# QUARTERLY NEWS & UPDATES

FROM YOUR OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## E-VERIFICATION TO BE REQUIRED FOR COUNTY CONTRACTORS



For some time, Oakland County Commissioners have looked at the issue of E-verification for contractors and subcontractors doing business with the county. E-verification is a system that enables employers to connect to a federal database to check an applicant's identification to see if the applicant is who he or she purports to be. Our goal with the E-verification resolution, which I co-sponsored, is to require businesses that obtain contracts with the county to hire U.S. citizens or legal documented workers. This resolution is in keeping with the federal immigration laws' goal of ending the hiring of illegal immigrants. With unemployment at more than 15%, we want to insure that Michigan citizens and legal, documented workers get available jobs.

At our July 30<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, I along with my colleagues successfully passed the E-verification resolution that will set E-verification policies for county contracts. We also encouraged municipalities and the State of Michigan to pursue E-verification policies and seriously look at the implementation of them. We understand the economic implications that are associated with illegal immigration. It is not only fiscally responsible for government officials to take a stand by setting policy; we know it is the right thing to do. It is the law!



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### LET YOUR MOUSE DO THE WALKING

*Save time and gas by using Oakland County services online!* Did you know you can order licenses, permits and certificates via the internet? You can also take advantage of Land and Property Services, Business Services, Court and Legal Services, Education & Career Services, and Recreation Services; you can pay taxes and even apply for a county job. Visit [http://www.oakgov.com/online\\_services](http://www.oakgov.com/online_services).

### EVENTS CALENDAR



#### Walk Michigan/Walk Oakland

Visit an Oakland County park for a chance to win a trip for 2 to Mackinac Island on Labor Day Weekend. July-August 7, 2009.

#### 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Woodward Dream Cruise

See the best in classic cars and experience a day of family fun, food and concerts. Saturday, August 15, all day. Free. Call 248-626-0006.

#### Michigan Renaissance Festival

August 15-October 4. Admission fee required. North of Mt. Holly on Dixie Highway. Call 800-601-4848 for more information.

#### Arts, Beats and Eats – Festival of Hope

Arts, food and music highlight this Labor Day weekend festival designed to raise money for charity. Downtown Pontiac. \$2 gate fee.

#### 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts & Apples Festival

September 11-13, Friday-Sunday. Free (donations are accepted). Rochester Park, Downtown Rochester. Enjoy food and culture.

For other county events, check out this website: <http://www.oakgov.com/parksrec/>

### OAKLAND COUNTY SUMMER BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

*Planning on starting a business?* Let area business leaders help you. Learn legal and financial basics, how to write a business plan, how to get a loan, and what your first steps should be. Call 248-858-8706 for information.

### FORMER MSU GREAT GREG KELSER HONORED



Commissioners honor county resident Greg Kelser for his community service and also to commemorate the Thirtieth Anniversary of the MSU Championship team of 1979. Kelser and teammate Magic Johnson helped MSU beat Larry Byrd's Indiana State for the NCAA Championship, the first in school history.

*Oakland County Commissioner Tim Greimel serves District #11 and represents all or parts of the cities of Pontiac, Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills.*

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,

*Tim Greimel*

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