



# QUARTERLY NEWS & UPDATES

FROM YOUR OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## E-VERIFICATION TO BE REQUIRED FOR COUNTY CONTRACTORS



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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 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 in both parties, 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!

### 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).

### OAKLAND COUNTY 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 Kelsner for his community service and also to commemorate the Thirtieth Anniversary of the MSU Championship team of 1979. Kelsner and teammate Magic Johnson helped MSU beat Larry Byrd's Indiana State for the NCAA Championship, the first in school history.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



**October 11, 2009**, The Oakland County Parks & Recreation Mobile Recreation units roll into Clawson for a day of Adventure Sport, Go Cache and Go Fish.

**Reservable sites + Halloween fun = a great fall family weekend!** Campers may now reserve **24 select sites in advance** at Addison Oaks and Groveland Oaks!

**Saturday, Sept. 26:** Listen to spooky stories around the campfire or visit the haunted island at **Groveland Oaks' Haunted Hallows.**

**Oct. 17 and 24:** If the scary stuff isn't for you, enjoy a friendly hay ride at **Addison Oaks' Boo Bash**, so popular it's held TWO Saturdays in a row!

Both campground events also include pumpkin carving and painting, campsite decorating contests, trick-or-treating and other Halloween festivities.

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

Dear Neighbors,

*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,

Jim Runestad  
Commissioner

**Oakland County Commissioner Jim Runestad serves District #6 representing the townships Waterford and White Lake.**