



QUARTERLY NEWS & UPDATES

FROM YOUR OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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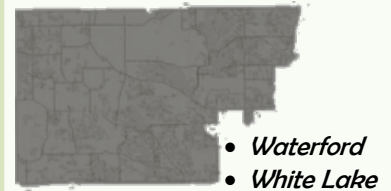
Dear Neighbors,

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,

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SERVING DISTRICT #6



COMMISSIONER RUNESTAD HOSTS OAKLAND COUNTY'S FIRST KIDSPEAK EVENT



Pictured from left to right: (back) Commissioner Michael Spisz, Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard, Commissioner Jim Runestad, County Clerk Lisa Brown, Commissioner Philip Weipert, State Senator David Robertson, President of Foster Care Alumni of America, Robert Thomas; (front) State Senator Michael Kowall, Saba Gebrai, Director of Blue Babies Park West Foundation; State Representative Eileen Kowall, Commissioner Mattie McKinney

Hatchett, Commissioner Marcia Gershenson, Kathleen Straus, Member and Past President of the State Board of Education; and State Representative Klint Kesto.

Oakland County officials gave voice to area youth in the foster system at the County's first ever KidSpeak event on February 24, 2014. The event was organized by Commissioner Jim Runestad, who collaborated with leaders in Oakland County to make the County's KidSpeak event a success.

KidSpeak is a signature event of the Voices for Michigan's Children. This event gave a voice to three dozen high school and college age students from Oakland County and the surrounding counties. Youth speakers provided testimony about their experiences, concerns and successes as they navigate their movement into adulthood. KidSpeak also gave decision makers the opportunity to learn from the youth impacted by the foster care system, so that their decisions could lead to stronger, more efficient and more effective policy and practice.

The event is sponsored by the Mitsi and Albert Scaglione of Park West Foundation, Voices for Michigan's Children; Foster Care Alumni of America-Michigan Chapter; Michigan Youth Opportunity Initiative; and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

GOAL TO ADOPT 2,014 PETS THIS SUMMER

Oakland County Animal Control and Pet Adoption Center needs the public's help in order to win a \$100,000 grant. The goal is to adopt out 2,014 pets during the months of June, July and August. The center is competing for a \$100,000 grant from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and Rachael Ray. For more information go to www.oakgov.com/petadoption or call 248-391-4100.

FREE GUN SAFETY LOCK

Gun Safety Awareness Day was celebrated on June 6, 2014, in Oakland County in recognition of June as National Safety Month. The White Lake Police Department joined with more than 38 law agencies from across the county in an effort to giveaway 2,000 free Project ChildSafe Locks. Free gun locks are available while supplies last. For more information, contact the White Lake Police Department at 248-698-4400.

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

- July 16, 2014 at 7:00pm
 - **County Executive L. Brooks Patterson Budget Presentation**
- July 31, 2014 at 9:30am
- Aug 20, 2014 at 7:00pm
- Sept 4, 2014 at 9:30am

Meetings are held in the Board of Commissioners' Auditorium, 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac and are broadcasted live on our website: www.oakland.michiganliveevents.com

COMMISSIONER RUNESTAD PRESENTS VICTIM SERVICES DISTINCTION AWARDS



Pictured from left to right: Commissioner Jim Runestad, Prosecuting Attorney Jessica R. Cooper, Joe Grazioli, from Parents of Murdered Children, Inc.; Vivian Steinhilper, Common Ground Victim Advocate; Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard, Sylvia Banks from Parents of Murdered Children, Inc.; and Oakland County Sheriff Deputy Jason Dalbec.

On April 17, 2014, the annual Victim Services Distinction Awards were given to individuals and organizations for their extraordinary work on behalf of crime victims. The adoption of Commissioner Jim Runestad's resolution No. 12269 established the Victim Services Distinction Awards in December of 2012. This award focuses on the importance of service providers and their contributions to the more than 4,700 individuals who become victims of crime each year.

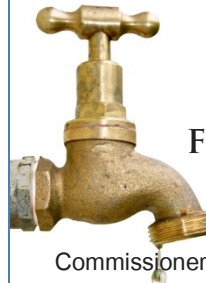
"The individuals and organization that we are honoring are prime examples of what is possible when one dedicates their time and effort to help crime victims. It is their passion and commitment to serve that I applaud. It is always important to honor those who recognize that one may be victimized but does not have to remain a victim. The honorees help victims reclaim their lives by bringing justice and dignity to the process. This is what our honorees do daily in their volunteer and professional roles," Runestad said.

OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER JIM RUNESTAD HOLDS A SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING: BURGLARIES AND DRUGS-- PARTNERS IN CRIME

On April 29, 2014, Oakland County Commissioner Jim Runestad teamed up with the White Lake Township Police Department, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, White Lake Supervisor Greg Baroni, Michigan State Representative Eileen Kowall, Michigan State Senator Mike Kowall and Bryan's Hope to address the rising rates of drugs and burglaries in White Lake Township.

The meeting focused on prevention, awareness and protection. Grandparents, parents and residents learned how drugs are introduced to teens and the warning signs of what to look for if they suspect drug use. Local authorities shared the latest trends and the connections between increased drug use and increased crime in the community. Law makers provided insight on legislation pertaining to this growing problem.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is now providing drug and alcohol testing and the most accurate and reliable test results to the general public as part of their RESULTS program. For more information visit <http://www.oakgov.com/sheriff> or call 248-858-5000.



FEASIBILITY STUDY RESOLUTION

Commissioner Runestad brought forth Resolution #14064, which was passed by the Board to evaluate alternatives to the continued utilization of the Detroit Water and Sewer systems, due to the state of the Detroit Water and Sewer Department and its unmet operating and capital needs. Detroit's Water and Sewer Department provides water services to 34 Oakland County communities and sewer services to 37 towns or townships.

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted to establish the North Oakland County Water Authority as a committee responsible for reviewing alternatives to the continued use of the DWSD. The Board passed resolution #14064 in April which authorized \$3,000,000 to be reassigned to the DWSD Evaluation/Alternatives fund. This will support the ongoing efforts to evaluate meaningful alternatives for water and sewer in Oakland County and its municipalities.