



COUNTY OF SAGINAW

NEWSLETTER



Jared Sanderson, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Ann Marie Batkoski-Sullivan

On September 8, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Parks and Recreation Director was named the Saginaw Community Foundation's Volunteer of the Year! The County of Saginaw is proud to have Brian on our team!

"Brian Keenan-Lechel is a true champion of our community. A devoted family man, loyal friend, and tireless volunteer, Brian has brought countless events to life through his leadership with Saginaw County Parks & Recreation and his long-standing involvement with Positive Results Downtown Saginaw (P.R.I.D.E.), where he has served since 2012, including as President from 2019–2021. His energy, leadership, and heart make Saginaw a better place for us all." - Executive Director, Ann Marie Batkoski-Sullivan

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Board of Commissioners
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Board of Commissioners Regular Committee Meeting Schedule

Human Services Committee Monday, October 6, 2025 - 4:00PM

Courts & Public Safety Committee Tuesday, October 7, 2025 - 4:00PM

County Services Committee Wednesday, October 8, 2025 - 4:00PM

Budget/Audit Committee
Thursday, October 9, 2025 - 4:00PM

Labor Relations CommitteeMonday, October 13, 2025 - 4:00PM

Executive CommitteeTuesday, October 14, 2025 - 4:00PM

Board Session Tuesday, October 21, 2025 - 5:00PM H.W. Browne Airport Al Kaufman - Airport Manager <u>alairport@yahoo.com</u> County Services Committee

Summer is winding down, and Fall weather is upon us. Planes are flying, and the airport is busy! Statistics show arrivals and departures at KHYX are up 144% compared to the same period two years ago, in 2023!

Spring mosquito control operations were a big success this year, with no major problems encountered.

In other news, the airport did have some issues with runway lighting this summer, and these were fixed with some new electronics. Mastic Sealer repaired cracks on Runway 10/28, paid for with a \$52,900 grant from State of Michigan.

Fuel prices are: 100 Low Lead fuel at \$5.65 per gallon (self-serve), Jet A fuel at \$5.90 per gallon (self-serve), and \$7 per gallon (full-serve).

Hangars remain at 100% full capacity.











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Human Services Committee

Saginaw County Commission on Aging

Services, programs & opportunities for older adults age 60+



*SCAN HERE to sign-up for the monthly newsletter

START FINDING HELP

Information & Referral
Transportation
Meals on Wheels
Care Management
Case Management
In-Home Support
Caregiver & Kinship Support
Minority Outreach
Project Lifesaver
Free 911 Cell Phones for Seniors
Emergency Food Assistance

START ENRICHING YOUR LIFE

Activity & Dining Centers Carry-out Meals Foster Grandparent Program

START MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Volunteer Opportunities:
 Meals on Wheels Driver
 Meal Packers
 Senior Center Helpers
 Office Helpers
 Entertainers
 Gardeners
 Volunteer your own skills

Donations accepted and can be made payable to the Saginaw County Commission on Aging

989-797-6880











AGINAW COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING AND SAGINAW YMCA



SENIOR HEALHTY LIVING EXPO



Vendors

Raffle and Prizes



Giveaways



Tours and more

BOX LUNCH WITH RSVP- DONATION OF \$2.25

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3, 2025

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Saginaw YMCA 1915 Fordney Street Lunch Served @ 11:30 a.m. in the Friendship Senior Center RSVP for box lunch by September 23rd by calling SCCOA @ 989-797-6880



It's Medicare Open Enrollment October 15th—December 7th

This is the time to see if you can find:

Lower premiums * Extra benefits * Higher quality * A plan that better fits your health needs

Location:

Saginaw County Commission on Aging

Date: October 27th, November 17th & 24th

Please Call:

989-893-4506 to Schedule an appointment



Plans change every year and so can your health needs.

Even if you are happy with your current plan, it may be changing costs, coverage or both for 2026:

- Read the Annual Notice of Changes mailed to you by your plan.
- Check the plan formulary—the list of covered prescription drugs—to make sure yours are covered.
- Look for plans that best meet your changing health, life and financial needs

The Dow Event Center
Kevin Murphy, General Manager
<u>kevin@doweventcenter.com</u>
County Services Committee





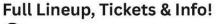


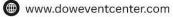


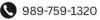












Box Office Hours: Thu, 10am-2pm Fri, 10am-5pm



YMCA OF SAGINAW

TRUNK OR TREAT

1915 Fordney St, Saginaw, MI 48601

Saturday, October 25th 5 - 7 PM





DETAILS:

Trunk or Treat

DJ

STEM Zone

MMR

Fire Department

Travelin Tom's Coffee Truck (for purchase)

Free Haunted
Hallway Inside
(cash donations are

Car decorating contest for all who enter the Trunk or Treat! Winner announced at 6:30 PM.

Prizes for first, second, and third place, sponsored by:



Contact Information Event Coordinator Valentina Gonzales vgonzales@saginawymca.org Emergency Management
Mark Przybylski, Director
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County Services Committee

!!Be Ready Saginaw County!!

October's Objective:

FOOD AND WATER

Disasters happen anytime and anywhere without warning. When disaster strikes it is easier to cope when you are prepared.

!!BeReady Saginaw County!! recommends storing a 2-week supply of food and water.

WATER

- One gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation.
- Children, nursing mothers, and sick people may need more water.
- If the weather is warm, you may need more water.
- Store commercially bottled water or store tap water in tightly sealed clean plastic containers (such as soft drink bottles)

Where can I find these items? Local grocery stores will have the items you need to buy to create an emergency food and water supply.

FOOD

- Store a two-week supply of non-perishable food for each person in the household.
- Pack a manual can opener and eating utensils (forks, spoons, etc.).
- Choose foods your family will eat.
- Select foods that require no cooking, refrigeration, or preparation, and little or no water.
 - Ready to eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables
 - Soups, bouillon cubes or dried soups in a cup
 - Protein or fruit bars
 - Dry Cereal
 - Peanut Butter
 - Dried Fruit
 - Nuts
 - Crackers
 - Canned juices
 - Powdered milk
 - Instant food and food for people with special diets
 - Comfort foods cookies, candy, instant coffee, teabags
 - Pet food

Tips for success......

- Date your food with a marking pen and rotate you supply every 6-12 months.
 Be sure to pay attention to the "Use By" dates and dispose of any outdated items.
- For more information visit www.ready.gov



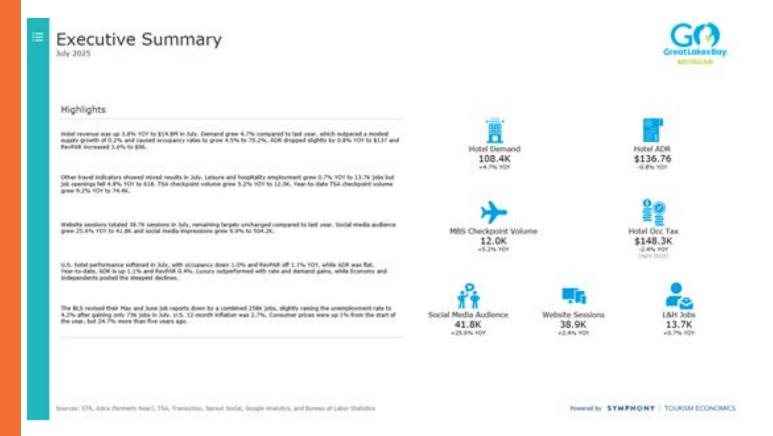


Go Great Lakes Bay CVB Ann Bruzewski, President & CEO <u>annb@gogreat.com</u> County Services Committee

Revenue for Great Lakes Bay hotels was up 3.8% year over year in July. Demand grew 4.7% compared to last year. Occupancy rates grew 4.5% and average daily rate dropped slightly by .8% year over year to \$137 while RevPAR increased 3.6% to \$96. With Saginaw County occupancy up 6.8% year over year.

Website sessions remained largely unchanged compared to last year. Social media audience grew 25.6% and social media impressions grew 9.9%.

U.S. hotel performance did soften in July with occupancy down 1%.

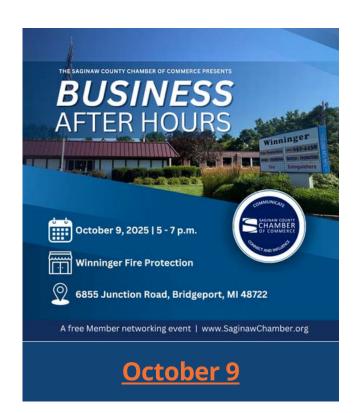




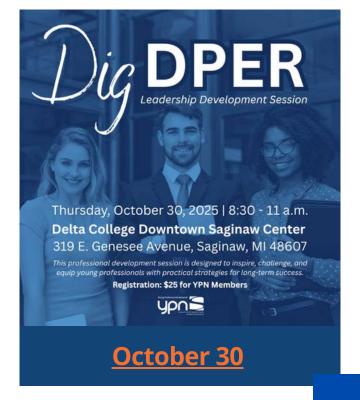


October Events









EVENTS AT THE CASTLE

September & October 2025

SEPTEMBER 1

MUSEUM CLOSED Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 9

LUNCH & LEARN 12:00 PM

Allie Seibert: "Bloodstained: Exploring Michigan's Darkest Murders Lost to Time"

SEPTEMBER 16

PAGES OF HISTORY BOOK CLUB* 12:00 PM

Abra Berens by A Practical Guide to Cooking with Fruit

SEPTEMBER 18

HISTORY AFTER HOURS 5:30 PM

"Unsolved Saginaw: The Murder of Saginaw Doe;" with Dr. Katherine Ellison

SEPTEMBER 23

LUNCH & LEARN

12:00 PM

Annmarie Batkoski-Sullivan and Board: "50 Years of Positive Results Downtown"



OCTOBER 2

MEMBER APPRECIATION 5-7 PM Savor & Celebrate

OCTOBER 7

FLASHLIGHT TOUR 6:30 & 7:30 PM (Registration Required)

OCTOBER 12

CEMETERY WALKING TOUR 1:30 AM Explore Oakwood Cemetery (Registration Required)

OCTOBER 14

LUNCH & LEARN

12:00 PM

Tom Trombley: "One Last Look at the 1884 Saginaw County Courthouse" (Gallery Talk to Follow)

FLASHLIGHT TOUR 6:30 & 7:30 PM

(Registration Required)

OCTOBER 16

HISTORY AFTER HOURS

"Goessert v. Cleary: Michigan Barmaids Fight for Civil Rights," with Dr. Amy French

OCTOBER 18

HANDS ON HISTORY 11 AM-NOON Lumbering

OCTOBER 21

PAGES OF HISTORY BOOK CLUB* 12:00 PM

Michigan Haunts: Public Places, Eerie Spaces by Jon Milan

OCTOBER 23

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME 10:30 AM Halloween Trick-or-Treat Costumes Encouraged!

OCTOBER 28

LUNCH & LEARN 12:00 PM

Purple: Organized Crime in a Small Town, documentary by Benjamin Tigner

*In collaboration with Hoyt Library

Bazaar Address	More Info.	Dates/Time
The Farm at Apple Acres 2282 E. Salzburg Rd. 48706	Fall Craft Show About 50 Vendors 989-450-6035	October 4, 2025 2 PM - 7 PM
Saginaw Zoo 1730 S. Washington Ave 989-759-1408	Sagnaw Zoo Boo \$10.00 Admission Includes: Train & Carousel Rides, Dr Slime's Entertainment Shows, Prizes, Treats Throughout Zoo. Zoo Members Get In Free.	October 4, 2025; October 5, October 11, October 12, October 18, October 19, October 25, October 26, 2025 Each Day 10 Am To 5 Pm
Thomas Twp Parks & Recreation Roethke Park 400 Leddy Rd, 48609	Haunted Train Ride & Haunted House \$10 A Person Children 5 Yrs and Under Free	October 10, 11, 17, & 18, 2025 7 Pm To 11 Pm Tickets To Go on Sale Beginning At 7 Pm. Will Have Food Vendors.
Fashion Square Mall 4865 Fashion Square Mall, Saginaw 48604	Fall Mom 2 Mom Sale & Craft Show	October 18, 2025 11 Am To 4 Pm
Saginaw Soccer Complex 3575 McCarty Rd 48603	Trunk Or Treat	October 18, 2025 4 Pm Thru 6 Pm
MyMichigan Health 1015 S Washington Ave in MyMichigan Health Park	Spooktacular Trunk or Treat Children 12 & Under Appearances by Police & Fire	October 18, 2025 12 Pm Thru 2 Pm Food Trucks on Site
City of Saginaw's "We Love Saginaw Businesses" 1830 Fordney St. In Celebration Park	Trunk Or Treat	October 22, 2025 4:30 Pm Thru 6:30 Pm
SVRC Marketplace	Halloween at the Market	October 24, 2025
203 S. Washington Ave 48607 Lawndale Estates	989-770-0233	4:30pm To 6:30 Pm
4509 Longmeadow Blvd. W 48603 989-799-9680	Craft Show	October 25, 2025 9 Am - 4 Pm
Lakeview Estates 4250 Lakeview W. 48603 989-791-9780	Craft Show	October 25, 2025 9 Am - 4 Pm
YMCA Of Saginaw 1915 Fordney St, Saginaw 48601	Trunk Or Treat	October 25, 2025 5 Pm - 7 Pm
Frankenmuth River Place Shops 925 S Maine St Frankenmuth 48734	Scarecrow Fest 1-800-600-0105 Free Admission	October 18-19; & 25-26, 2025 Noon Thru 6 Pm for More Info See Frankenmuthriverplace.Com/Events

2025 Month Month CLEAN SWEEP COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Saginaw Bay Watershed Pollution Prevention/Chemical Collection Program

Dispose of your unwanted

Pesticides, Herbicides & Insecticides (Only)

May 8 T
June 12 t
July 10
August 14
September 11
October 9

Take a picture to remember the dates!

September 11 Second Thursday of each month.



Call (989) 758-3685

Held in Saginaw County
Location given with appointment.

No Fertilizers,
Crop Oil or
Surfactants Accepted!



Sponsored by:





FREE Program!

Who can use this program?

Any Michigan homeowner, farm, greenhouse, nursery, golf course or other end user of pesticides can use this service for free.

Dealers and persons for hire may use these collections to dispose of pesticides at cost.







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County Services

DIGITAL RISK BRIEFING

▲ Security Awareness Tip - Fake CAPTCHAs



Cybercriminals are now creating fake CAPTCHA tests — the "I'm not a robot" checkboxes or puzzles you normally see when logging into websites. These fakes are designed to trick people into copying and running harmful computer commands. If you follow the instructions, it can install malware called *Lumma Stealer*, which quietly collects things like passwords, saved credit card numbers, and online accounts. The danger is that these fake CAPTCHAs look very convincing, so people often click without thinking.

👉 How to Spot a Fake CAPTCHA:

- Real CAPTCHAs never ask you to paste or run commands.
- Be cautious if a CAPTCHA appears in unusual places (like on news sites or random downloads).
- Always check the web address look for misspellings or extra words.
- · If something feels suspicious, close the page immediately.

Remember: If a CAPTCHA asks for more than a simple click or puzzle, it's not real. Stay alert and contact the ITSC Service Desk if you have questions or concerns!



Image of actual fake CAPTCHA test

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Human Services Committee

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Mindfulness for Better SLEEP

This program combines the benefits of Mindfulness and Sleep Education for Everyone.

Mindfulness has been shown to reduce stress-related symptoms such as worry, depression, physical tension, and may be helpful in managing chronic conditions. Participants will also learn techniques to improve the quality and quantity of their sleep.

The program consists of **6**, **90minute** sessions. Each session will include:

- Mindfulness Lesson
- Mindfulness Practice
- Sleep Education: the relationship between pain and sleep, sleep hygiene, and techniques to improve sleep.
- Goal Setting

This work is supported by the Rural Health and Safety Education program, project award no. 2024-46100-42884, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture. October 6 – November 10 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Online via Zoom
Cost:
Free

Registration:

bit.ly/mfbs_oct or call 810-244-8511

Contact: Liz Williams josaitis@msu.edu

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Parks & Recreation Brian Lechel - Director <u>blechel@saginawcountymi.gov</u> County Services Committee

October 1, 2025	Wednesday
9:00am - 10:00am	Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
October 3, 2025	Friday
9:00am - 10:00am	Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
October 6, 2025	Monday
9:00am - 10:00am	Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
October 7, 2025	Tuesday
10:00am - 2:00pm	Senior Rail Trail Color Tours (Golf Cart Rides)
October 8, 2025	Wednesday
9:00am - 10:00am	Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
10:00am - 2:00pm	Senior Rail Trail Color Tours (Golf Cart Rides)
October 9, 2025	Thursday
10:00am - 2:00pm	Senior Rail Trail Color Tours (Golf Cart Rides)
October 10, 2025	Friday
9:00am - 10:00am	Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
October 13, 2025	Monday
9:00am - 10:00am	Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
October 15, 2025	Wednesday
9:00am - 10:00am	Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
6:00pm	Howl-O-Ween (Dog Costume Contest)
October 17, 2025	Frida
9:00am - 10:00am	Walk with Ease (6 week, 18 session walking experience)
6:00pm	Jack-O-Dash (Halloween Costume Contest & Run/Walk on Candle lit trail)
October 23, 2025	Thursday
8:30am	Headwaters Community Open House

For information on County parks, events, and classes, click the link below:

Saginaw County Parks & Recreation

Imerman Memorial Parlk

Imerman Memorial Park offers a wide variety of activities. With access to the Tittabawassee River, you can fish from shore, or launch your own boat.

The park also offers a bark park, fishing dock, a sand volleyball court, a boat launch, grills, a roller hockey court, basketball courts, tennis courts, a playground and modern restroom facilities along with pit toilets.

Over one mile of hiking trails take you around the park and past each of the four pavilions, which are available for rent

Are you a dog lover? If so you will not want to miss our Bark Park located in the front of Imerman Memorial Park.

The Steven A. Kirshenbaum Memorial Bark Park is open year around, during normal park hours, for your enjoyment. While at the park please follow the posted rules to keep the area fun and enjoyable for all attendees.

Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority Sandra M. Lindsey, CEO sandra.lindsey@sccmha.org Human Services Committee

SCCMHA releases 2024-25 Annual Progress Report

Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority recently completed their 2024-25 Annual Progress Report. This report highlights the accomplishments of SCCMHA over the last year, growth in the agency, new developments and goals for the next year.

The progress report also discusses the recognition of SCCMHA as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC) and the steps taken to earn the recertification, as well as the Mobile Response and Stabilization Services expansion to 24 hours a day, seven days a week and the CrisisConnect program with law enforcement.

To learn more about how SCCMHA has grown over the last year, follow the link to read the 2024-25 Annual Progress Report. https://www.sccmha.org/news-and-information/annual-progress-report.html





Walk A Mile In My Shoes Rally at Michigan State Capitol in Lansing

Persons served and volunteers from Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority (SCCMHA) attended the 2025 Walk-A-Mile in My Shoes Rally hosted by the Community Mental Health Association (CMHA) of Michigan on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025.

Over 50 persons served by SCCMHA, as well as staff and other volunteers traveled to the State Capitol in Lansing to raise awareness for community behavioral health services, encouraging lawmakers to learn and do more for Michigan residents living with an intellectual or developmental disability, mental health challenges or substance use disorders.

The annual rally is attended by representatives from all over the state of Michigan who make statements on how their county's Community Mental Health (CMH) service providers help them, as well as an advocacy walk around the Capitol building.

"In times like this, it's important to make our voices heard by legislation that mental healthcare is vital to all who live in the State of Michigan," said Public Relations Specialist Andrew Fergerson. "SCCMHA is committed to fighting to ensure our persons served have all the resources they need to live their lives to the fullest."

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