

# County Administrator's Digest

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## **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

County department directors and court administrators have been working to learn of any impacts on the various services provided under the County umbrella of departments, courts, offices and agencies. Thus far, we have learned of little if any impact though this could change at any time.

The major areas that the County receives federal funding are Public Health, Community Mental Health, Circuit Court including Friend of the Court, Michigan Works, and WEMET. Other areas such as the Sheriff's Office receive smaller amounts of federal funding.

At this point either due to the nature of services being classified as "essential" or due to the vagaries of the budget allocation process, we know of no significant budget impacts to Ottawa County at this time. The budget allocation process has provided funds such that Michigan Works can operate between 2-3 months and would have to close their offices if the federal budget standoff continues beyond this time and if no other action to provide more federal funding is taken.

We will keep you updated as we learn more.

## **OTTAWA COUNTY'S FALL LOCAL QUADRANT MEETING**

Shortly after I began my duties as County Administrator in December 2003 we initiated quadrant meetings with local units of government. These meetings have been a time to meet with city, village, and township elected and appointed leaders twice per year in each quadrant of the County. As the years went on and communication improved, partially through providing the County Administrator's Digest to local unit officials, we decided to hold these meetings once per year. This year we will hold one meeting on October 29 from 2-4 PM at the Fillmore Administrative Complex (12220 Fillmore St., West Olive, MI 49460) in the Main Conference Room.

I invite all local unit officials to attend for an interesting and informational meeting.



## OTTAWA COUNTY'S EIGHTH ANNUAL WATER QUALITY FORUM



register now  
 ottawa county  
 water quality forum 2013  
 november 25 • 8:30AM

This year's distinguished speakers will feature the initiatives and research that is being conducted to preserve one of our most valuable resources – **Water**.

View the agenda, register or print a registration form at [www.miOttawa.org](http://www.miOttawa.org). Registration fee is \$12 online or \$10 by mail and is limited to the first 150 participants. Registration must be received by November 20. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please contact Misty Cunningham at 616-738-4898 or [mcunningham@miottawa.org](mailto:mcunningham@miottawa.org) with questions.



## SEPTEMBER OCCDA STATISTICS (Tim Smith)

The call volume and incident numbers handled through Central Dispatch for September 2013 were:

**Total Incidents** – 9,419 down 5.7% over September 2012 and down 4.2% YTD over 2012

**Fire Incidents** – 1,121 down 3.3% over September 2012 and down 1.4% YTD over 2012

**Law Incidents** – 8,298 down 6.0% over September 2012 and down 4.6% YTD over 2012

**911 Calls** – 8,621 down 1.3% over September 2012 and down 4.6% YTD over 2012

**911 Hang Up calls** - 941 down 7.3% over September 2012 and down 15.9% YTD over 2012

**Wireless 911 calls** – 90% of 911 calls for September 2013 and 87.8% of 911 calls YTD 2013

**911 calls answered in 10 seconds or less** - 92.4% for September 2013 and 92.8% YTD 2013

(NENA recommended standard is 90% within 10 seconds)

### **GVSU CELEBRATES 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**Many of you know that I teach evenings at the college level and did so for GRCC for 13 years. This year I changed it up a little and now teach Thursday nights for GVSU, PA 307, Local Politics & Administration. President Haas sent the following note to staff on September 30, which marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of students attending GVSU.**

Please join me in acknowledging a significant milestone for our university. It was 50 years ago today that 226 individuals became the first students to attend classes at Grand Valley. We call them our Pioneer Class.

Today we remember them for making that first step that started it all. They demonstrated what it means to be a Laker for a Lifetime by having the courage to engage in a truly innovative and entrepreneurial new college at a time when there wasn't much here but some equally brave faculty and staff, cornfields and our 'Lakes' halls.

As we enjoy our 18<sup>th</sup> year of being one of America's top 100 best college buys and one of the 100 largest universities in the country, we should remember that we owe much to these brave pioneer students, faculty and staff. We are so pleased that today nearly 25,000 students continue that legacy.

Thank you for all you do to keep the momentum going!

Thomas J. Haas, President

### **GVMC WEEKLY UPDATE** (John Weiss)

[Click here](#) for the most recent update.



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## Work on Regional Prosperity Initiative Begins

Over 125 leaders from our region met recently at Fifth Third Ballpark to discuss the Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative. The meeting was called by GVMC, the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission, Maca-

tawa Area Coordinating Council, the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission and The Right Place. The session was hosted by the Whitecaps and we appreciate the use of their facility.



Bill Rustem, Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Snyder explains the Governor's vision for the Regional Prosperity Initiative to over 125 business, government and education leaders from our 13 county West Michigan Region.

Bill Rustem and Sara Wycoff from the Governor's Office, Dave Wrensenski representing MDOT, Doug Smith from MEDC and Chris Harkins of the Department of Technology, Management and Budget presented the vision for the Regional Prosperity Initiative.

We have begun the process of preparing the grant application and meetings have been held with a representatives of a few of the targeted service providers. The final grant application has to be submitted by November 1, 2013.

The key participants for this program represent regional planning, transportation, higher education, workforce development, economic development and adult education. All of these service providers will be represented as we develop a leadership structure.

While award of the grants is expected in January, we will begin preliminary work and organizational development immediately. This will allow us to hit the ground running when the grants are awarded.

The process requires development of a 5 year Regional Prosperity Plan, establishment of regular monthly meetings of the Board and dashboard requirements for transparency.

We will keep you informed as we progress.!



**GVMC Breakfast Meeting Honoring  
Mayor Jim Buck with Special Guest  
Senator Carl Levin**



**Monday November 4, 2013**

**L. William Seidman Center**

**\$20.00 Per Person**

**8:00-9:30 am**

**Seating will be open at 7:30 am**

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