

# Board of Commissioners Update

FROM YOUR MACOMB COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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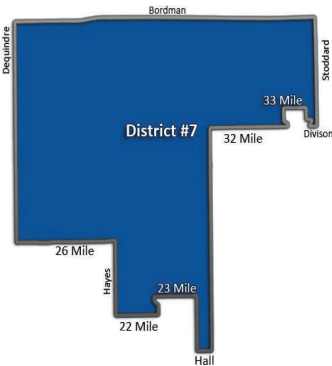


Summer 2011



**Don Brown**  
Macomb County  
Commissioner

## District 7



**Macomb County  
Commissioner Don Brown  
serves District 7,  
representing:**

**Macomb, Ray, Richmond,  
Washington, Armada &  
Bruce townships,  
the Villages of Romeo  
& Armada,  
City of Memphis**

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Dear Neighbor,

*I am pleased to serve as both your commissioner and representative voice at the county level. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions on how we can make Macomb County an even better place to live, learn, or do business.*

*In the meantime, I have great news to share about the restoration of our beloved Macomb Orchard Trail from the damage incurred as a result of clearing done by the power company ITC. As a member of the Macomb Orchard Trail Commission, I recently led negotiations on behalf of the county in which ITC agreed to pay \$500,000 for a vegetation easement along the trail. The money will also cover the replacement of vegetation along portions of the trail in Shelby and Washington townships, where the company will be trimming, cutting, and removing trees along the power line. Any future damage will also be covered. Finally, the county and our residents will get the fair treatment we deserve on this matter! If you have questions about ITC's vegetation management, please call the customer service line at 1-877-482-4829.*

*Best wishes,*

*Don Brown*

## Grab a Paddle and Head to the Trail

Local water enthusiasts have one more reason to explore Macomb County's Lake St. Clair this summer as our new water trail debuts.

The trail, which is suited for all skill levels of open water kayaking and other paddling sports, runs along the shoreline to join trails in both Wayne and St. Clair counties, and is one of the final pieces in a state-wide system of developing water trails.

The project, spearheaded by the county's Lake St. Clair Tourism Development Program in 2010, is funded through a \$10,000 grant from Michigan Sea Grant and a matching contribution from MSU Extension.

In addition to recreation, in Macomb County the trail provides an additional opportunity for lakefront communities



to use their location as a built-in business development tool.

Guide maps to the many sights on the route (which include a shipwreck, MetroBeach, and other natural landscape features) will be available at public buildings such as libraries and municipal buildings throughout the county in August, coinciding with an official trail launch.

## Macomb Green Schools



Launched in 2008 with 45 schools, the state-wide Green Schools Program promotes environmentally responsible projects and education for K-12 students. This year, the Board recognized 101 participating schools at a special ceremony where they received a Green Schools flag and certificate signed by county and state officials. Congratulations to these schools for their achievements: Sequoyah Elementary, Endeavour Middle School, L'Anse Creuse Middle School North, Romeo High School and L'Anse Creuse High School North.

## The Board Wants to Hear from You

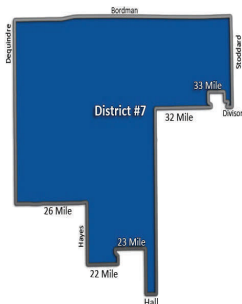
The Macomb County Board of Commissioners (BoC) has a commitment to transparency, communication, and to spending tax dollars as wisely as it can in these challenging times.

The Board encourages feedback and involvement at our meetings. As elected officials from 13 districts, we are the voice of our neighbors in those districts. To be that voice effectively, we need to hear from you, and we need your support.

The BoC meets monthly on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, 1 S. Main, Mount Clemens. Call our offices at (586) 469-5125 or visit [www.MacombBOC.com](http://www.MacombBOC.com) for a meeting schedule.

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## News & Information



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### Your Local Officials:

#### U.S. Representative ~ Candice Miller

www.house.gov  
(202) 225-2106

#### Governor ~ Rick Snyder

*Lt. Governor Brian Calley*  
www.michigan.gov/gov  
(517) 373-3400

#### State Senate (District 11) ~ Sen. Jack Brandenburg

www.senate.michigan.gov  
(517) 373-7670

#### State House of Representatives

www.house.michigan.gov

#### 32<sup>nd</sup> District ~ Rep. Andrea LaFontaine

AndreaLaFontaine@house.mi.gov  
(877) 373-8931

#### 33<sup>rd</sup> District ~ Rep. Ken Goike

KenGoike@house.mi.gov  
(800) 209-3330

#### 36<sup>th</sup> District ~ Pete Lund

PeteLund@house.mi.gov  
(888) 642-4737

#### Armada Township ~ Supervisor John Paterek

www.armadatwp.org  
(586)784-5200

#### Bruce Township ~ Supervisor James Tignanelli

www.brucetwp.org  
(586) 752-4585

#### Macomb Township ~ Supervisor Mark Grabow

www.macomb-mi.gov  
(586) 992-0710

#### Ray Township ~ Supervisor Charles Bohm

www.raytownship.org  
(586) 749-5171

#### Richmond Township ~ Supervisor Gordon Fuerstenau

www.richmondtp.org  
(586) 727-8998

#### Washington Township ~ Supervisor Dan O'Leary

www.washingtontownship.org  
(586) 786-0010

#### Village of Armada ~ President Sherri Cooper

www.villageofarmada.org  
(586) 784-9151

#### Village of Romeo ~ President Michael Lee

www.villageofromeo.org  
(586) 752-3565

#### City of Memphis ~ Mayor Daniel Weaver

E-mail: MemphisCity@banyanol.com  
(810) 392-2385

## Events Around Macomb County

**July 16: Ray Township Recreation Trunk Sale:** Sign up for a parking spot at the townships first trunk sale, held at Ray Township Park. Set up begins at 7:30 a.m. and the event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reserve your spot for \$5 by calling (586) 749-5171.

**Aug. 15-21: Armada Fair:** The Armada Fair is celebrating its 139th year in 2011 with a concert from Steel Magnolias, carnival rides, a truck and tractor pull, demolition derby and more. For a list of events, visit [www.armadafair.org](http://www.armadafair.org).

**Sept. 1-5: Romeo Peach Festival:** This is traditionally a great festival, but this year there are some new events to make it even better! Check out the new outdoor craft show, the business expo, and the farmer's market! For information, visit: [www.peachfestromeo.com](http://www.peachfestromeo.com).

**Sept. 8 -11: Richmond Good Old Days Festival:** Travel back in time for a few days and enjoy the simple pleasures of a classic car parade and cruise, strawberry shortcake social, softball and horseshoe tournaments, outhouse races and so much more. For a full list of events, visit: [ww.richmondgoodolddaysfestival.org](http://ww.richmondgoodolddaysfestival.org).

## Macomb County Phone Numbers:

**Animal Shelter:** (586) 469-5115

**Clerk/Register of Deeds:** (586) 469-5120

**Community Mental Health:**  
Access Center: (586) 948-0222 V/Collect  
Crisis Center: (586) 307-9100



V/TDD/Collect

**Office of the County Executive:** (586) 469-7001

**Substance Abuse Access:** (586) 541-2273

**Friend of the Court:** 24-hour case info: (586) 469-7618

**Health Department:** (586) 586-469-5235

**Land File Division:** (586) 469-5312

**Reference & Research Center:** (586) 286-6660

**Senior Citizen Services** (586) 469-6313

**Sheriff's Department** (586) 469-5151

**Treasurer's Office** (586) 469-5190

**Veterans Services** (586) 469-5315