

Board of Commissioners Update

FROM YOUR MACOMB COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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Winter 2011-12



Dear Neighbor,

I am pleased to serve as both your county commissioner and representative voice.

The Board of Commissioners encourages open communication with our constituents, and feedback at our meetings. You will find my contact information throughout this newsletter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions as we work to build a Macomb County that is a strong leader in emerging industries such as defense, health care, and electric battery technology.

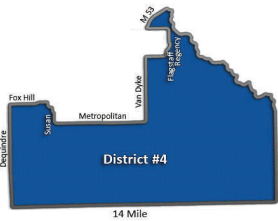
To attend a board meeting, check www.MacombBOC.com for dates and agendas, or call our office at (586) 469-5125. The BoC meets on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, 1 S. Main, Mount Clemens.

Happy Holidays,

David Flynn

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Macomb County
Commissioner

District 4

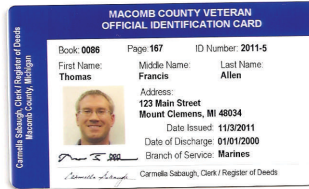


**Macomb County
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of the City of
Sterling Heights**

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County-issued Veteran ID Cards Now Available

A new photo ID card is now available to Macomb County veterans through the Office of Clerk/Register of Deeds, Carmella Sabaugh.

Many businesses offer veterans special benefits, discounts, or services as a way to express gratitude for their service to our country. The ID card can be a way to provide veterans with proof of service (while being more portable than DD214 forms), and the card does not exclude some veterans (as in the case of health care ID cards). The cards are an optional form of ID, and are available to veterans at no additional cost to the county.

Veterans may obtain a card by bringing the following to the county clerk's office:

- Military discharge papers: (such as a DD214)
- Photo identification: (MI driver's license, or MI ID card)
- \$10 fee: (cash, check, credit card)

Not all merchants offer special services or discounts to veterans, but an unofficial list of participating businesses is available at:

www.themilitarywallet.com.

For more information regarding the veterans photo ID card, please call the Clerk/Register of Deeds office at (586) 469-5205. Assistance with any other veteran-related issues can also be directed to Veterans Services at (586) 469-5315.

Ethics Ordinance Leads the Way

The Board of Commissioners has adopted an ordinance establishing a standard of ethics for all public servants in the county (county employees, elected officials, commissioners and appointees). This makes Macomb the largest county in Michigan to have a dedicated ordinance, and the only county in the tri-county area.

The ordinance helps reinforce a culture of transparency and accountability which the Board has long worked toward, and raises the ethical bar even higher for public servants than previous policies. Several ordinances and examples from the State Attorney General's office, the Michigan Municipal League, and the new Macomb County charter were used as models to craft the document.

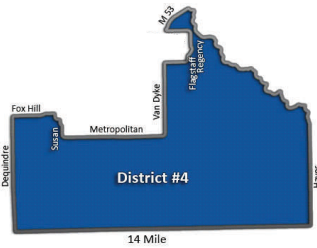
It aggressively address issues such as nepotism, gifts and gratuities, inappropriate use of county time and property and it calls for personal disclosure by officials to prevent conflicts of interest pertaining to county business.

The ordinance takes effect January 1, 2012.



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Events Around Macomb County

7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 12: Investing Fundamentals: This event will be held at the Sterling Heights Public Library, 40255 Dodge Park, and will offer an introductory-level overview of elements that make up the financial markets: exchanges, primary and secondary markets, stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Learn how to avoid common investing pitfalls and make more-informed investment decisions. Optional 15-minute, one-on-one counseling sessions are available for free upon pre-registration. For details or registration (required), visit www.shpl.net or call (586) 446-2640.

8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 13: Sterling Heights Regional Chamber New Member Orientation: Find out what your Chamber of Commerce has to offer by touring the offices and meeting staff. You will also hear presentations to better familiarize you with Ambassador Corps and Online Advantage, member benefits, marketing and website utilization, sponsorship opportunities, BRAG networking, and the Chamber's online monthly magazine, "Regional Connection." The day starts with a continental breakfast, courtesy of Office Depot. To register, visit www.shrcci.com, or call (586) 731-5400 for details.

6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 26: Child ID Program: Parents can get a free ID card for children listing all vital information which can in be given to local authorities in case of emergency. Created with help from the National CHIP foundation and law enforcement officials, the system ensures that fingerprints meet industry standards by capturing all vital information required by the Amber Alert system. Child IDs will be issued on a first come, first serviced basis. It is advisable to arrive early. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Call (586) 446-2640 with questions. This event will be held at the Sterling Heights Public Library, 40255 Dodge Park.

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: Economic Forecast for Macomb County - 2012: Economic expert and President of Macomb Community College Dr. Jim Jacobs will deliver his annual economic analysis and forecast for 2011. The event will be held at Zuccaro's Banquet & Catering in Chesterfield. To register, visit www.shrcci.com, or call (586) 731-5400 for details.

Macomb County Holiday Closures:

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County offices and courts will be closed on the following days:

- January 2 (New Year's Day)**
- January 16 (MLK, Jr. Day)**
- February 20 (Presidents Day)**



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) 469-5235

Land File Division: (586) 469-5312

Senior Citizen Services: (586) 469-6313

Sheriff's Department: (586) 469-5151

Treasurer's Office: (586) 469-5190

Veterans Services: (586) 469-5315

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City of Sterling Heights ~ Mayor Richard Notte

www.sterling-heights.net

(586) 446-2489

Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Warren Consolidated Schools ~ Superintendent

Dr. Robert D. Livernois

www.wcskids.net

888- 4WCS-KIDS

Utica Community Schools ~ Superintendent

Christine M. Johns, Ed.D.

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