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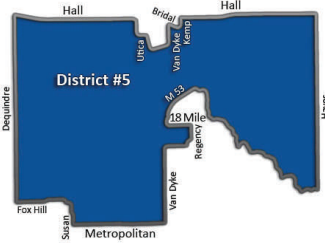


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Dear Neighbor,

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 and public involvement at our meetings. 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. You will find my contact information throughout this newsletter.

To attend a monthly full board or committee meeting, check www.MacombBOC.com for meeting 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,

Ray Gralewski

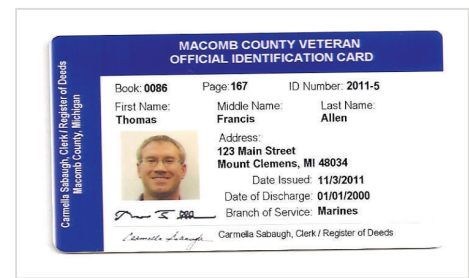
County-issued Veteran ID Cards Available

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.) The card also 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.

Ordinance Leads 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.

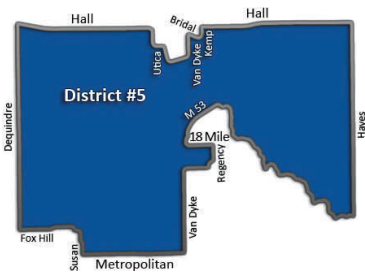
The ordinance addresses issues such as nepotism, gifts and gratuities, inappropriate use of county time and property and sets guidelines for disclosure to prevent conflicts of interest pertaining to county business.

Summit Promotes Collaboration, Debuts R-PATH

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners recently hosted a productive 2011 Southeast Michigan Regional Summit with neighboring Oakland, Wayne, Washtenaw, and St. Clair counties, and members of the Detroit City Council.

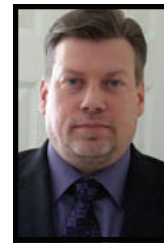
The group discussed opportunities for mass transit and regional collaboration, and the event was anchored with a presentation and panel discussion by transit officials from Denver, Colo. on the benefits of mass transit, and the "lessons learned" while developing an RTA.

Officials also announced the formation of Regional Partners Advocating Transit Here (R-PATH), which will work in support of the creation of a Regional Transit Authority (RTA) in southeast Michigan.



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Community Events

Sundays, through Jan. 29: Sunday Movies: Held every Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Recreation Center/Dodge Park, most movies are approximately 1 hour in length and free. No reservations/tickets required!

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.

6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 26: Child ID Program: Parents can get a free ID card for children listing all vital information which can 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.

Macomb County Office 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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