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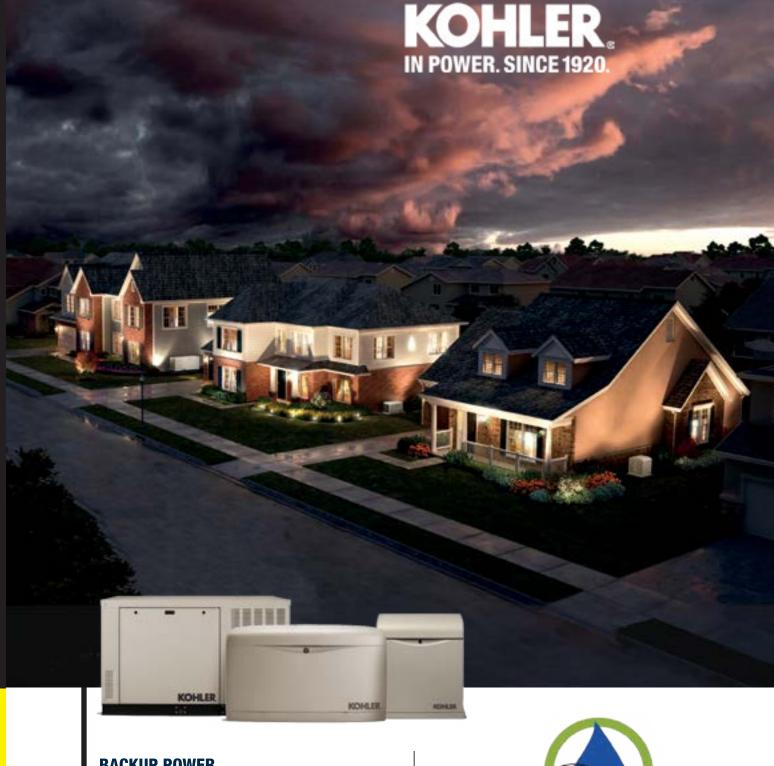
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WELCOME TO OCEANA COUNTY

Explore Oceana is the name for the Oceana County Fact Book. Our intention with the fact book was to create a single publication that would answer all of your questions about Oceana County. We quickly gave up on that idea, but we have tried to give you all the names of the people who might be able to answer the questions that come up, if you live in, own property in or are just visiting the area.

Within these pages, you will find detailed information about all county departments and services as well as information on the townships and communities that make-up Oceana County.

The Oceana County Fact Book is updated yearly to keep things up-to-date and relevant. If you want extra copies and can't find them, stop by the Oceana's Herald-Journal in Hart and we'll have some on hand. And, if you want some for your business, call 873-5602 and we'll bring them out to you. Either way, we want this book to be useful and serve a good purpose. Any ideas are welcome.

Oceana County is one of Michigan's 83 counties and is located in West Michigan, with the county's western border formed by Lake Michigan.

According to the Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University, Oceana County's name was originally thought to

be derived from its location next to Lake Michigan, yet new research attributes the name to political essayist James Harrington's 1656 book "Oceana".

Before the county was founded by European Americans in 1840, it was part of Ojibwe territory. It was formally organized in 1851, and then reorganized in 1855.

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Oceana County is bordered by Mason County to the north, Lake County to the northeast, Newaygo County to the east and Muskegon County to the south.

The estimated 2022 population of the county was 26,973. Geographically Oceana County is 536 sq. miles in size; featuring 43 parks and recreation areas and 20 miles of bike paths. The county includes 16 townships, six villages, one city and one stop light. Census.gov indicates that in 2022 there were 9,789 households and there were 15,654 housing units.

Though the county was first built on the lumber trade, it is now predominately agricultural, with county farmers producing apples, cherries, peaches, corn, soybeans, and much more. Oceana County is known as the "Asparagus Capitol of the World" for its high production of asparagus. The City of Hart, the county seat, hosts the National Asparagus Festival each year during the second full weekend of June.

OCEANA ATTRACTIONS

With its roots dating back to 1872, the Oceana County Fairgrounds are owned and operated by the Oceana County Agricultural Society.

For 150 years the four-day county fair has taken place in late August at the northwest corner of State Street and Polk Road in Hart. The Fair this year is set for Aug. 18-24.

The fair features 4-H livestock exhibits and auctions, agricultural and other exhibits, harness racing, a demolition derby, a midway complete with amusement rides, and plenty of food.

Make plans to spend a day or two, or attend the whole week, to experience all the Oceana County Fair has to offer. Get up close and personal in the livestock barns with a variety of animals raised by area 4-H participants. View the creative, skillful and sometimes mouth-watering exhibits in the exhibition halls. Satisfy your hunger for good food and thrilling fun at the midway in the heart of the fairgrounds. And don't miss the exciting main events that occur every day at the grandstand.

The Oceana County Fair has something for everyone, so bring the whole family.

National Asparagus Festival

In celebration of one of Oceana County's most famous crops – asparagus – the annual National Asparagus Festival takes place the weekend of June 14-15.

This year, the festival marks its 51st year of celebrating the crop and its impact on the county.

Previously alternated between Hart and Shelby each year, most festival activities now are in Hart.

The festival features a queen, dinners, a food show featuring asparagus, arts and crafts fair, kids activities, farm tours, a parade, an entertainment tent and a fly-in breakfast at the Oceana County Airport.

For more information about the NAF visit www.nationalasparagus-festival. org.

William Field Memorial Hart-Montague Bicycle Trail State Park

One of Oceana and northern Muskegon counties' gems known as the William Field Memorial Hart to Montague Bicycle Trail State Park's had its 22.5 mile trail surface re-paved and widened a few years ago.

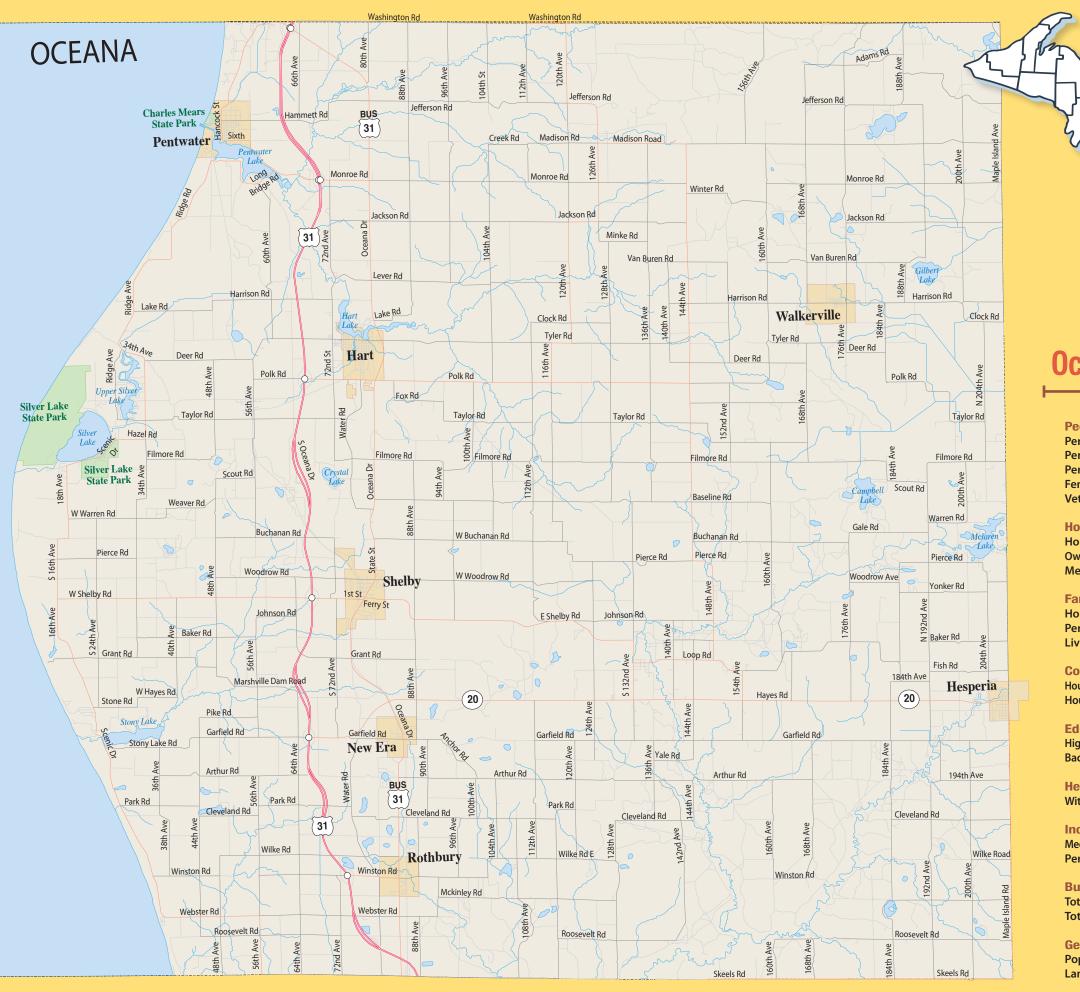
The rail trail connects Muskegon and Oceana counties, passing through some of the most scenic countryside in West Michigan. The origins of the trail go back to 1872, when county residents pooled their resources and donated \$30,000 and the land for the right-of-way to make the area part of a railroad that ran from Grand Rapids to Pentwater. It took another 10 years for the Hart community to raise an additional \$12,000 to get the railroad line to go into Hart. The ensuing bicycle trail was one of the first "Rails to Trails" projects in the State of Michigan. In 1996, it became one of the first two trails to be designated a Michigan Trailway. It also has the proud distinction of being Michigan's first linear state park.

Electric Forest music festival

Originally called the ROTHBURY music festival in 2008 and 2009, The Electric Forest Festival took off in 2011 after a one-year hiatus to become a premier camp-in music festival at the Double JJ Resort in Rothbury.

The festival features Electronic Dance Music (EDM) and other genres on multiple stages throughout the grounds, along with many interpretive activities, drawing more than 40,000 people from across the country.

The 2025 event is scheduled for June 19-22 with dozens of acts, artists and vendors.



Lake

Michigan

Oceana County stats

From the U.S. Census Bureau

People

Persons under 5 years	5.3%
Persons under 18 years	
Persons 65 years and over	
Female persons	49.4%
Veterans, 2016-2020	1,709

Housing

Housing units, July 1, 201916,300
Owner-occupied housing, 2016-202083.5%
Median gross rent, 2016-2020\$725

Families & Living Arrangements

Households, 2016-2020......10,208
Persons per household, 2016-2020...2.53
Living in same house 1 year ago.....88.1%

Computer and Internet Use

Households with a computer, 2016-2020...88.4% Households with internet, 2016-2020...75.7%

Education

High School graduate or higher, age 25+...88% Bachelor's degree or higher, age 25+...19.6%

Health

With a disability, under age 65 years...11.5%

Income & Poverty

Median household income (in 2020 \$)\$51,161
Persons in poverty13.3%

Businesses

Total employer establishments, 2019...484
Total employment, 2019......4,959

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Population per square mile, 2010......51.9 Land area in square miles, 2010......512.07

OCEANA ATTRACTIONS

Little Sable Point Lighthouse

Oceana County is home to one of the state's most historic lighthouses, full of lore, deeply identified with the community and as iconic as castles are to Europe. It also celebrates 150

The red brick Little Sale Point Lighthouse near Mears stands 107-foot-tall. It was constructed in 1874 and includes 139 stairs. Little Point Sable (as it known colloquially) occupies the western-most points of land in Michigan's Lower Peninsula and is set in forested dunes with sandy beaches that attract thousands of visitors each year.

The Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association (SPLKA) opens the lighthouse for tours and climbing May through September. Each summer SPLKA hosts a weekly concert series, Wednesday Night at the Light, at the base of the lighthouse.

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Silver Lake Apple and BBQ festival

Started in 2004 as the Silver Lake Apple Fest, the annual second weekend of September event has grown considerably through the years to become known now as the Silver Lake Apple and BBQ Festival, returning on Sept. 5-6

The festival includes a vendors selling various types of BBQ, an apple pie contest, arts/crafts show and farm fresh apples of Oceana County. There also is a classic auto and truck show and dune buggy show. Most of the activities are at the Golden Township Park at the Silver Lake Sand Dunes.





With nearly 3,000 acres, there's plenty to keep you busy at the Silver Lake Sand Dunes in Oceana County.

The off-road park, which is open from April through October, not only features the magnificent sand dunes, it also takes in the Little Point Sable Lighthouse along Lake Michigan, which is open for tours during the summer months.

The dune area is divided into three sections. Approximately 500 acres on the far northern end is open to personal offroad vehicles where everything from motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, 4x4 trucks, Jeeps and speciality-built dune buggies play all day. The high rolling hills also offer spectacular views of Lake Michigan. Rental vehicles are available for those want-dunes. ing to tackle the dunes themselves.

If driving a motor vehicle on the dunes doesn't suit your taste, you can still experience the dunes in a more pedestrian way. The middle section is reserved for hiking and exploring, and people can fill an afternoon walking through the shifting sands from the Silver Lake shoreline to Lake Michigan.

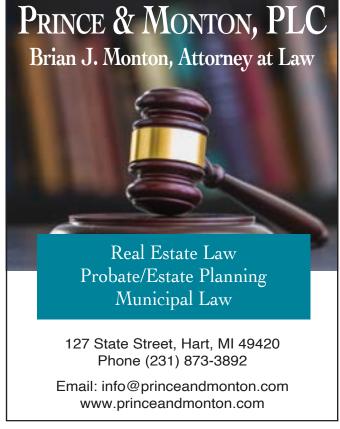
The far southern end is reserved for Mac Wood's Dune Rides, which has provided a means for people to see the dunes since 1930. The approximately 40-minute ride rolls through the hills in speciality-built dune trucks, and knowledgeable drivers not only provide a history of the area, but also understand the physical components of the ever-changing sand

Heroes on the Dunes

started to honor and show appreciation to injured soldiers and their immediate families with a day at the Silver Lake Sand Dunes. Honored guests will have the

This event, which takes place July 19 this year, was opportunity to ride on the dunes, enjoy lunch there and partake of a "Heroes Dinner" later in the evening. There will also be a Heroes Parade down the Lake Michigan beach (in the ORV riding area) and kids activities.





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PARKS & NATURE PRESERVES

Oceana County has several county parks and a nature preserve to provide opportunities for recreation, enjoyment and spending in time in the great outdoors for residents and visitors.

Black Lake County Park

Located on 100 acres in Colfax Township. There are 15 campsites and the park provides great swimming and fishing, as well as a playground for the children. Every campsite has a picnic table and a fire ring.

Cedar Point County Park

Located on Ridge Road, on the border of Golden and Pentwater townships. The park is approximately 205 acres and provides steps to access 133 feet of sandy Lake Michigan beach. Paved parking and porta-johns are provided. This is a great park for picnicking and swimming.

Crystal Valley County Park

Located on Madison Road in Crystal Township. The park provides a baseball/soccer field, tennis/basketball court, picnic area with covered pavilion and fishing deck on Crystal Pond. Well and porta-johns are available.

Doolittle County Park

Consisting of 40 acres located near Gales Pond in Elbridge Township. It is used mainly for hiking and nature trails.

Gales Pond County Park

Located on Filmore Road in Elbridge Township and is just under 19 acres in size. The park has a 2,500-foot handicap-accessible boardwalk that extends across the pond and links up with nature trails along the back portion of the park.

Marshville Dam County Park

An undeveloped park area in Benona Township. It is used mainly for fishing and hiking.

Mill Pond County Park

Located on Loop Road in Ferry Township. This is an eight-acre facility with access to the White River. The park has a picnic area with tables and grills. Porta-johns are provided.

Stony Lake County Park

Located in Claybanks Township, and provides access and a boat launch to Stony Lake. A picnic area with portable toilet facilities is available.

Otto Nature Preserve

This local gem is located in Benona Township. Trail map signs were recently installed by the Oceana Conservation District. The signs are at three locations along the trails to guide hikers through the 80-acre old-growth forest. Trails are marked with orange arrows along the 0.7 mile Oak Trail, and blue arrows along the 0.9 mile Beech-Maple Trail. Most impressive are the two large interpretive signs which provide information about Northern Mesic Forests and the wildlife that call the forest their home. Four new benches were installed along the trails this spring. Signs and benches have been funded by the Community Foundation for Oceana County and local donors.

The trails at Otto Nature Preserve are open to the public year round from dawn to dusk. Visitors are kindly asked to enjoy the woods on foot only, treat it as their own, and please refrain from littering and vandalism.

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Animal Control

2185 W. Baseline, Shelby, MI 49455 **Phone**: (231) 861-5395 **Fax:** (231) 861-0185 **E-mail:** oceanashelter@yahoo.com

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to noon and Sat. 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Appointments can be made for afternoons on weekdays The Oceana County Animal Control Department is under the supervision of the county administrator's office. Responsibilities include dealing with cases of animal cruelty, animal abandonment and animals running at large.

Lost Pets: Call animal control if you have lost your pet or have found a stray pet in the area. Animal control keeps a list of lost-and-found pets in hopes of reuniting pets with their owners.

Adopting a Friend: Law requires that all dogs and cats adopted from a shelter be spayed or neutered. Please remember also that all dogs must be licensed and be vaccinated for rabies.

Dogs and Puppies: The adoption fee for dogs and puppies that are not neutered or spayed is \$95, which includes a \$50 certificate to go towards the spay/neutering and a \$10 towards a rabies vaccine.

Cats and Kittens: The adoption fee for cats and kittens that are not spayed or neutered is \$35, which includes a \$25 certificates towards the spay/neuter and a \$10 certificate towards a rabies vaccine.

Dog License Information: Dog licenses will become available on the first business day in January of each year. Michigan Law requires dogs that are four (4) months or older must be licensed. One year license rates include: \$15 (\$8 spayed or neutered). Three year license rates include: \$40 (\$20 spayed or neutered). Dog licenses will be renewable upon expiration of the rabies vaccination. Dog owners will be required to obtain either a one-year or three-year license based on the dog's rabies vaccination date. A late fee will be imposed if the dog owner does not obtain a dog license by the last day of the month in which the dog's current rabies vaccination expires pursuant to MCL 287.266(3) (f). All spayed or neutered dogs must have proof of sterilization signed by an accredited veterinarian.

Kennel Licenses: The fee schedule for the purchase of kennel licenses is \$10 a year for 10 dogs or less and \$25 a year for more than 10 dogs effective the first business day in January of each year. A fee of double the original license fee will be charged for each previously licensed kennel if the kennel license is applied for after June 1 of each year.

Oceana County Board of Commissioners

All regularly scheduled meetings begin at 11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Board Conference Room located on the main floor of the County Building, 100 State St., Hart.

- **Tim Beggs** (District 1: Benona, Claybanks, Golden and Pentwater townships)
- Joel McCormick (District 2: Shelby and Ferry townships)
- **Craig Hardy** (District 3: City of Hart and Hart and Elbridge township s)
- Paul Erickson (District 4: Colfax, Crystal, Leavitt, Newfield and Weare townships)
- **Robert Walker** (District 5: Grant, Greenwood and Otto townships)

The county board of commissioners is the chief policy and legislative body of county government with seven members elected for two-year terms. The board has statutory duties which include: develop and adopt the annual county government budget; monitor county expenditures; adopt equalization and property assessments; set compensation for all elected officials, appointed officials and county employees; appoint a number of county officials to various boards and commissions; establish management policies of county departments that are subject to the board's managing control; adopt local ordinances; review and adopt grants in aid; provide for county participation in several multijurisdictional human service programs; establish personnel policies and procedures.

Board of Commissioners Committees

(Chairperson and two board members)

• Finance and Administration Committee

(9 a.m. on the first and second regular Board Meeting of each month.)

• Properties, Environment & Economic Development Committee

(9 a.m. on the second regular Board Meeting of each month, if there is business.)

Personnel, Health and Human Services Committee

(9 a.m. on the first regular Board Meeting of each month, if there is business.)

Courts and Safety Committee

(9 a.m. on the first regular Board Meeting of each month, if there is business.)

Building Inspector

844 Griswold St., Hart, MI 49420 **Phone:** 231-873-5355 **Fax:** 231-873-7674 **Hours:** Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

Randy Miller - Building Inspector Kevin Greiner - Electrical Inspector Sonnie Smith - Plumbing Inspector Brooke Sylvester - Coordinator

Connie VanHuis - Building Permit Technician

The building inspector is responsible for ensuring that area construction meets local and national building codes (plumbing, mechanical and electrical) and ordinances, and zoning regulations. The building department also investigates complaints.

County Administrator

100 State St., Suite M-4, Hart, MI 49420 **Phone:** 231-873-4835 **Fax:** 231-873-5914 **Hours:** Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1- 5 p.m.

Tracy Byard - County Administrator Jana Boundy - Payroll Clerk Brittany Bostrom- Accounts Payable

Jessica LaPointe – Financial & Human Resources Coordinator

The County Administrator/Fiscal Officer serves at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners. The responsibilities carried out in this position include: recommends and implements board policies relating to general

county administration including employee relation and labor negotiations, budgeting and financial management, facilities and equipment management and other internal services; oversees the daily activities of the county; serves as liaison to other boards and commissions; supervises the appointed departments of the county; develops and monitors systems and strategies to accomplish the goals and objectives of the board and is accountable to the board of commissioners.

County Clerk

100 State St., Suite 1, Hart, MI 49420 **Hours:** Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Phone:** 231-873-4328 **Fax:** 231-873-1391

E-mail: readie@oceana.mi.us

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Melanie Coon - Oceana County Clerk

Joseph T. Graham-Lattin - Chief Deputy Clerk/Payroll & Elections Clerk

Arlene LaDoux - Deputy Clerk

Kristina Linley- Vital Records & Accounts Recievable

The county clerk is an elected position, serving a four-year term. The clerk is responsible for issuing and the filing of marriage licenses, keeping records of births, deaths, assumed names, co-partnerships, concealed weapons permits, veterans discharges, notary bonds, filings for circuit court, circuit court jurors and processing of passport applications. The clerk administers all election functions required by law, in addition to tabulating ballots and training all election inspectors within the county.





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The Oceana County Drain Commissioner's Office provides for the public health, safety, and welfare of citizens through careful management of the waters and drainage infrastructure of the county. All actions taken through the drain office are governed by principles of environmental stewardship, cost effectiveness, and long-term economic sustainability through proper planning and leadership. Department responsibilities include flood control measures, the development review process, soil erosion control and water quality programs. Another important function of the drain office is the review of all new platted subdivisions, site condos, private roads and all new commercial and industrial sites, checking for adequate drainage for the prevention of future water and drainage problems. The office also administers the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program, Part 91, as established by the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended. This act is designed to keep the soils and sedimentation of the State of Michigan from being deposited into Michigan's lakes and streams.

Economic Alliance

844 S. Griswold St, Ste. 500, Hart, MI 49420 Phone: 231-742-3328 Hours: By appointment

Curtis Bourdette - Business Development Coordinator The Oceana County Economic Alliance fosters economic prosperity as

the central hub for the promotion, support, and growth of Oceana County. The office aims to create a diverse economic environment by strengthening talent, leveraging resources, and supporting the retention, expansion, attraction, and creation of Oceana County businesses.

Equalization Department

P.O. Box 191, Hart, MI 49420 Phone: 231-873-4609 Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

https://oceana.mi.us/government/departments/equalization/

Edward K. VanderVries - Director Kathryn Wright - Deputy Director & Appraiser

Nick Siegel - Appraiser Anna Malmquist, Lori Hogston, Julie Jackson, Vicky Warner

Clerks/Assessment Roll Technicians

Under general direction of the board of commissioners, the equalization department conducts the statutory annual equalization of property tax assessments to create uniformity by property classification among the various taxing jurisdictions. The department is responsible for the maintenance of the assessment and tax rolls and all other tax related data for all units of government except the townships of Benona, Hart, Leavitt and Newfield. The department also insures that assessment standards mandated by the Headlee amendment are maintained, explains departmental procedures, tax laws and the assessment process to the public. It also provides information on property ownership, property descriptions and assessments, prepares and files necessary reports with the State Tax Commission and other affected units of government. An additional responsibility is the issuance and verification of permanent addresses for all municipalities except Hart City and the villages of Pentwater, Hesperia, New Era, Shelby and Walkerville.

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Fax: 231-873-0252 E-mail: help@oceanacountyfoc.com **Hours:** Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oceana County Friend of the Court serves to educate families and assist the court in domestic relations matters (child support and custody issues) to promote the best interest of children. **Helpful Numbers:** 24-Hour KIDS Hotline (Kase Information & Data Systems): 877-543-2660, Oceana's 3-digit county code is "623", which it may prompt you for.

Planning Commission

The planning commission is a local unit of the government that is directed by state statue to establish county development plans that promote the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity and general welfare of county residents. Duties include: may adopt, amend, and implement a master plan; approve a master plan as a guide for development within the planning jurisdiction; shall adopt bylaws for the transaction of business and shall keep public record of its resolutions; shall make a written report to the legislative body concerning its operations and the status of planning activities; educate the public on local planning issues; review and comment on proposed public works.

Planning Commission members

Allen Blohm, 2845 S. Oceana Dr.., Shelby, MI 49455 **Paul Cutter,** 3209 N. 140th Ave., Hart, MI 49420

John Foss, not provided

Bryan Broderick, not provided

Garry McKeen, 821 S Glen Rd., Shelby, MI 49455 Phil Morse, 1921 Oak Ave., New Era, MI 49446

Scott Rumsey, 75 W. Michigan Ave., Hesperia, MI 49421

John Stivers, 8050 W. Stonycroft Rd., Shelby, MI 49455

Gina Loera, not provided

Prosecutor's Office

100 S. State St., Ste. L-14, Hart, MI 49420

Hours: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: 231-873-4608

Joseph J. Bizon - Prosecutor

Kevin Harrington II - Chief Assistant Prosecutor Gabrielle Przekop - Victim Rights Coordinator

Heather Rowe - Office Manager/Legal Secretary III/Digital Evidence

Jane Glerum - Child Support Paralegal Kelsea Popps - Legal Secretary II

Prosecutors' duties include, but are not limited to: prosecution of criminal cases (misdemeanors and felonies) as well as civil infractions; protection of abused and neglected children; establishment of child support for needy children; assisting crime victims; represent and advise county government; member of the redistricting committee every 10 years.





Register of Deeds

100 N. State St., PO Box 111 Hart, MI 49420 **Phone:** 231-873-4158 **Hours:** Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Richard A. Hodges - Oceana County Register Gail Schulte - Chief Deputy Recorder **Linda McLouth** - Deputy Registrar

The County Register of Deeds is elected to a four-year term and is the official keeper of all real property records within the county. The Register of Deeds records real property documents and maintains an index system of those records. The office maintains original plats of all subdivisions and assists local municipalities by furnishing liber and page numbers, and/or instrument numbers, property descriptions, etc. from these plats. The Register of Deeds office maintains an index and copy of all recorded documents pertaining to property located within the county. Financing statements (U.C.C.'s) relating to personal property may also be filed. The Register of Deeds also serves as chairman of the County Plat Board, which reviews and approves all new subdivisions within the county.

Sheriff's Department

216 Lincoln St., Hart, MI 49420 Phone: 231-873-2121 Fax: 231-873-0154

Jail Information: 231-873-3967

Craig Mast - Sheriff Rvan Schiller - Undersheriff

The Oceana County Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement agency in the county. In addition to operating the county jail, the sheriff's office provides for road patrols/traffic enforcement, criminal and fire investigations, marine and snowmobile patrols, a dive team and a posse to name a few. The office of the sheriff is an elected position for a four-year term.

Treasurer

PO Box 227, Hart, MI 49420 **Hours:** Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: 231-873-3980 Fax: 231-873-1391 Website: https://oceana.mi.us/government/departments/treasurer/

Mary Lou Phillips - Treasurer

Monica Otis - Chief Deputy Treasurer

Mindy Whitney and Samantha Tienda - Accounting Clerks II The office of county treasurer was established by the Michigan state constitution (article VII, section 4). The four-year term of office is filled by partisan election. The duties and powers of the county treasurer are provided by state law and by authorization of the county board of commissioners. The two main roles of the treasurer are as the custodian of all county funds and the collector of taxes. Additionally, the treasurer fulfills many other duties. The county receives money from several sources. The principal source of revenue is an ad valorem property tax. Other income is received from state and federal grants, interest income and various service and license fees. Many of the county's departments collect money in the course of their business. This money is periodically transmitted to the treasurer. Besides revenue items, the treasurer is responsible for large amounts of money in various trust and agency funds.



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Oceana County State Representation



governor, was sworn into office Jan. 1, 2019 and began a second term in 2023. A native of west Michigan, she is a lawyer, educator, former prosecutor, state representative and state senator. Gov. Whitmer was first elected to office in 2018.

Gretchen Whitmer, Democrat, Michigan's 49th

Gretchen

Phone: (517) 373-3400

Constituent Services: (517) 335-7858 Mailing Address: Governor Gretchen Whitmer, P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI 48909



State Rep. Curt VanderWall

Curt VanderWall, Republican, from Ludington, was elected to the Michigan State House in 2022 for the 102nd District that serves parts of Mason, Manistee, Oceana and Muskegon counties. He is the owner of Turf Care Mole Man of Ludington. Vanderwall previously served in the State House and the State Senate.

Phone: (517) 373-1747 Email: curtisvanderwall@house.mi.gov Office Address: House Office Building 13-1386, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing MI 48909

Jon Bumstead, Republican, was elected to the Michigan State Senate in 2018, and then elected in 2023 for the 32nd District that serves Mason, Oceana and Benzie counties with parts of Manistee and Muskegon counties. He was sworn into the new district in January 2023. The owner of Burnstead Construction in Newaygo for over 40 years, Sen. Bumstead was first elected to the House in 2010 representing the 100th District. Following two terms in the House, Bumstead successfully ran for the State Senate seat in 2018. **Phone:** (517) 373-1635 Email: SenJBumstead@senate. michigan.gov Office Address: 201 Townsend St., Suite #4600, Lansing, MI 48933 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536

13-1385, PO Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909



State Rep. Joseph Fox

State Senator

Jon Bumstead

Memorial Day Tribute

Oceana County Courts

51st Circuit Court

Susan Sniegowski - Circuit Court Judge • Eric R. Fox - Family Court Judge
Tonya Selig – Court Administrator/Chief Clerk • Julie Sines and Kayla Miller
Circuit Court Deputy Clerk Betty Carter - Juvenile Court Officer
Jennifer Sill & Jonna TenHove - Juvenile Probation Officer Anna R. Rapa Attorney Referee

The circuit court is referred to as the "trial court of general jurisdiction" in Michigan because of its very broad powers. Circuit Court has jurisdiction over all actions except those given by state law to another court. Generally speaking, Circuit Court has original jurisdiction in all civil cases involving more than \$25,000; in all criminal cases where the offense involves a felony or certain serious misdemeanors; and in all family cases and domestic relations cases such as divorce, paternity actions, juvenile proceedings and adoptions. Circuit judges are elected for six-year terms on non-partisan ballots. A candidate must be a resident of the circuit in which the candidate is running, a qualified elector, licensed to practice law in Michigan and at the time of election less than 70 years of age. The Family Division, a division of Circuit Court, has exclusive jurisdiction over all family matters such as divorce, custody, parenting time, support, paternity, adoptions, name changes, juvenile proceedings, emancipation of minors, parental consent and personal protection proceedings. The Family Division also has ancillary jurisdiction over cases involving quardianship and conservatorships and proceedings involving the mentally ill or developmentally disabled.

West Michigan Community Mental Health

Hart office: 105 Lincoln St., Hart, MI 49420 Phone: 231-873-2108 Ludington office: 920 Diana St., Ludington, MI 49431. Phone: 231-845-6294

WMCMH provides mental health services to residents of Mason County on Medicaid, who are under-insured, or have private insurance. WMCMH treats mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders in Mason County, as well as Lake and Oceana Counties.

79th District Court

PO Box 471 Hart, Michigan 49420

Phone: (231) 873-4530 Fax: (231)873-1861

Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

John Middlebrook - District Court Judge

Adriana Facundo - Magistrate/Court Admin.

Damian Gonzalez , Irma Bustos & Hailey Arquette - Deputy Clerks

Crystal Rodriguez - Probation Officer **Pamela Cruz** - Courtroom Clerk

The district court is part of the State Judicial System and operates under the supervision of the Michigan Supreme Court. Serving Oceana County, this district court has one elected judge who serves for a six-year term. The district court has exclusive jurisdiction over the following matters: All civil litigation up to \$25,000; small claims up to \$5,000; traffic and non-traffic violations; landlord/tenant litigation and evictions; land contract forfeitures; garnishments and other creditor collection procedures; arraignments; misdemeanor criminal; preliminary exams; informal hearings; formal hearings; probation and marriages.

Muskegon-Oceana Community Action Partnership

Oceana Action Center: 195 N. Michigan Ave.., Shelby, MI 49455 **Phone:** 231-259-2007. **Fax:** 231-861-7227

Muskegon-Oceana Community Action Partnership serves Muskegon and Oceana counties and is one of 29 Community Action Agencies in Michigan, offering a variety of services to help community members. It is a vital part of Oceana County, providing indispensable help to the disadvantaged.

FiveCAP offers:

- The Emergency Food Pantry provides up to 30 days of food on an emergency needs basis. Call the Mason County office for more information.
- Energy Assistance Programs
- Rent Assistance and Water Program assistance
- Rent the Right Way rental education program

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Oceana County Services

District Health Dept. No. 10

Oceana County Office: 3986 N. Oceana Dr., Hart, MI 49420 **Phone:** 231-873-2193 **Fax:** 231-873-4248 **WIC:** 231-873-5813 **Website:** dhd10.org

Kevin Hughes, MA - Health Officer Sarah Oleniczak - Deputy Health Office Dr. Jennifer Morse - Medical Director

The DHD#10 is a local public health agency whose jurisdiction covers the counties of Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana and Wexford. The population of the jurisdiction is 261,616 making it the 10th largest jurisdiction in the state based upon population and the largest in the state based on geographical area.

Programs/Services: Adolescent Health, Cancer Screening Programs, Communicable Disease, Children's Hearing & Vision, Children's Special Health Care, Community Health Education, Dental Health, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Health, Family Planning, Health Plans/TENCON, Healthy Futures, Immunizations, Maternal, Infant Health Program, Prescription Discount Plans, Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV and WIC Clinics: Cancer Screenings, Family Planning, Flu Clinics, Immunizations, STD and WIC.

Life EMS Ambulance

1275 Cedar Street, NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 **Hours:** M-F 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Phone:** 1-888-LIFE-EMS **Fax:** 231-873-8263

Website: https://www.lifeems.com/ **E-mail:** info@ lifeems.com

Jeff Stockhill - Dir. of Northern Operations • **Jim Herrema** - Dep. Dir. of Northern Operations

Life EMS Ambulance took over management of Oceana County's EMS services on Oct. 1, 2018 after a vote by the county board of commissioners to terminate an agreement with the union that operated Oceana County EMS in favor of a multi-year service agreement with Life EMS. Life EMS, in business for 40 years, serves 10 counties in the greater Grand Rapids area, including neighboring Mason County.

Mason-Oceana Central Dispatch

9160 N. Oceana Dr., Pentwater, MI 49449

Emergency: 911 Non-Emergency Phone: 231-869-5858 Toll Free: 800-364-7332 Administrative: 231-869-7911 Fax: 231-869-5857

Ray Hasil - Director • **Connie Blaauw** - Executive Assistant Located on the Mason-Oceana County line just east of US-31, the Mason-Oceana 9-1-1 Central Dispatch Center is a consolidated dispatch center serving all police, fire department, emergency medical services, and emergency public safety agencies for a total of 50 agencies in the two-county area.

Board Members

The 911 Board meets the third Wednesday of every month in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) within the 911 building. The Mason-Oceana 911 Board of Directors is comprised of representatives of both Mason and Oceana counties, including:

- **Executive Board** Chairperson Craig Mast, Sheriff, Oceana Co. Sheriff's Office; Vice Chair Kim Cole, Sheriff, Mason County Sheriff Dept.; Treasurer Jody Hartley, Mason County Commissioner; and Craig Hardy, Oceana County Commissioner.
- Fire Department Representatives Brad Fritcher, Chief, Ferry Fire Dept.; and Dale Goodrich, Mason Co. Rural Fire Authority Board Member.

 Alternates: Lt. Jesse Bowman, Pentwater FD; and Tom Trenner, Mason Co. Rural Fire Authority Board Member
- EMS Representatives Troy Maloney, Oceana Co. Emergency Management; and Jim Herrema, Deputy Director of Northern Operations, Life EMS.
- **Police Department Representatives** Laude Hartrum, Chief, Pentwater Police Dept.; Chris Jones, Chief LPD; and Rob Davis, 1st Lt. MSP Hart-Post. Alternates: Chief Roy Strait, New Era PD.
- **Board of Commissioner Representatives** Craig Hardy, Oceana County Commissioner; and Jody Hartley, Mason County Commissioner.
- County Sheriff Representatives Craig Mast, Sheriff, Oceana County Sheriff Dept.; and Kim Cole, Sheriff, Mason County Sheriff Dept. Alternates: Ryan Schiller, undersheriff, Oceana County Sheriff Dept.; and Derrek Wilson, undersheriff, Mason County Sheriff Dept.



EXPLORE these area events

Multiple Dates

The Ladder offers so many events. Visit www. theladdercommunitycenter.com/calendar for the complete event schedule.

Civic Band Concerts, Thursdays from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., June 26-Aug 28, Pentwater Village Green, Pentwater.

Thursdays on Main - Hart Makers' Market, 6 - 9 p.m., June 26 - Aug. 28.

Music on the Commons, Thursdays at 7 p.m., downtown Hart, June 26-Aug. 28.

Pentwater Farmers Market, Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Pentwater Village Green, Pentwater, June 2 - Sept. 1.

New Era Farmers Market, second and fourth Thursdays from 4 - 7 p.m., New Era Christian Reformed Church, June 10-Sept. 23.

Night at the Lights Concert Series at Little Sable Point Lighthouse, 7 p.m., June 18, July 16, July 30, Aug. 6, Aug. 20.

May 2 - 3

Oceana County Student Art Show at Oceana Council on Aging, Hart.

May 3

2025 Brews and Beats Craft Beer, Wine, and Cider Festival, 12 - 5 p.m., Village Green, Pentwater.

May 9

Wildflower Walk, 2 - 3:30 p.m., Sponsored by the Oceana Conservation District.

May 10

Harts Hills Bike Race, 7 a.m., Packet Pickup at Hart Pizza, Hart.

May 16 - 17

Thrift and Gift Crawl, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Downtown Hart.

May 17

Golden Township Clean-Up Day, Oceana County Transfer Station, Shelby

May 23 - 26

Memorial Weekend Amateur Salmon and Trout Fishing Derby, sponsored by the Pentwater Sportfishing Association.

May 26

Memorial Day Parades and Observances through-



out the county, various times.

May 29 - June 1

Silver Lake Sand Dunes Jeep Invasion, Golden Township Park, Silver Lake.

June 13 - 15

National Asparagus Festival 2025, downtown Hart.

June 14

Pentwater Community Garage Sale, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Pentwater

16th Pixie Hollow Fairy Meet and Greet with Frozen Friends, 12 - 4 p.m., Lewis Adventure Farm June 21

Garden Club of Pentwater Annual Plant Sale, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Water Tower Park, Pentwater Country Dairy Super Social

June 21 - 22

Spring Festival Arts, Crafts, and Antiques Show, Saturday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Village Green, Pentwater.

June 28

Tacos and Trek for Trail, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Village Green, Pentwater.

Hart Community Wide Garage Sales, Hart

July 2

Hart Sparks Fireworks Celebration, 6 - 10 p.m., downtown Hart

July 3

Pentwater's July 3rd Fireworks, 9:30 - 11 p.m., Charles Mears State Park, Pentwater

July 4

July Fourth Bike Parade at Charles Mears State Park, 9:45 a.m., Charles Mears State Park, Pentwater

Thunder over the Dunes Fireworks, 10:30 - 11:30 p.m., Silver Lake Sand Dunes State Park, Mears

July 6

Stony Lake Sparkler, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Stony Lake Inn, 4722 S. Scenic Drive, Shelby

July 11 - 12

Glow Bash Weekend, Golden Sands Golf Course and Bucket Bar

Shelby Chainsaw Carving Festival, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., downtown Shelby

July 12

60th Annual Pentwater Fine Arts and Craft Fair, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Village Green, Pentwater

July 18 - 19

EXPLORE these area events

Heroes on the Dunes, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Silver Lake Sand Dunes

July 26

Mears Arts and Crafts Fair, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Johnson Square.

August 2

Flower Mania - U Pick Flowers Begin, Lewis Farm Market and Zoo

August 14 - 17

Pentwater Homecoming, Downtown Pentwater

August 16

Shelby Fruit Festival, 12 - 6 p.m., Shelby

August 22 - 23

Pentwater Sidewalk Sales, Downtown Pentwater

August 23

Pentwater Yacht Club Wooden and Classic Boat Show, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Pentwater

September 5 - 6

Silver Lake Sand Dunes Apple and BBQ Festival, Golden Township Park, Silver Lake.

September 12 - 13

A Glow in the Park, 8 - 10:30 p.m., Charles Mears State Park.

September 20

New Era Fall Festival, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., 1st St., New

September 25

Pentwater Harvest Day, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Pentwater Village Green

September 27 - 28

Pentwater Fall Fest, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Village Green, Pentwater

October 3

Golden Fair Parade, downtown Mears

October 4

Art Walk, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., downtown Hart

October 11

Pentwater Oktoberfest, downtown Pentwater

October 12

Stout Stumble 5K/ Walk and Run, 10 a.m., Pentwater

October 17

Fall Colors Forest Foray, 1 - 3 p.m., Otto Nature

October 25

Pentwater Spooktacular, 12 p.m., Downtown Pentwater

November 8

Veterans Day 5K, Getty Park, Shelby

November 11

Veteran's Day Services across the county, multiple locations.

November 28

Home for the Holidays Lighted Christmas Parade, 6:30 p.m., Hart Commons, Hart

November 29

Santa Celebrates Christmas in the Village, 5 - 6:30 p.m., Pentwater Village Green

December 6

Band Craft Fair, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Pentwater Public Schools



ECALENDAR

Michigan State Police Hart Post No. 62

3793 W. Polk Rd., Hart, MI 49420 **Phone:** 231-873-2171 **Emergencies:** 911 **Fax:** 231-873-7700

Lobby Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Counties Covered: Oceana, Lake, Mason and Newaygo

Tpr. Todd Goodrich - Community Service Trooper (He should only be contacted for community outreach and presentation requests. For all other

The Hart Post of the Michigan State Police is part of the state Region 6 service area. It is responsible for police enforcement and services in Lake, Mason, Newaygo and Oceana counties. MSP provides law enforcement and public safety services throughout Michigan.

requests/questions/issues, please speak to the Sergeant on duty.)

SSCENT

Phone: 231-843-7045

The State, Sheriff's, Chiefs Enforcement Narcotics Team (SSCENT) is a multi-jurisdictional illegal drug enforcement task force that serves Manistee, Mason, Oceana and Lake counties.



Road Commission

3501 W. Polk Rd., P.O. Box 112, Hart MI 49420 Hours: Monday - Thursday 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Office Phone: 231-873-4226 Shop Phone: 231-873-3717

Fax: 231-873-7123

E-mail: clerk@oceanacrc.org

Mark Timmer - Managing Director

Renee Curtis - Clerk

Dan Terryn - Shop Foreman

Lori Holmes - Director of Finance/HR

Jeff Balkema - Road Maintenance Coordinator
Randy Smith - North County Foreman
Jeremi Bosch - Sign-Safety Coordinator
Austin Cribley - Engineering Technician

Board Members: Bill Myers, Denis Koch, Lloyd Gowell, Jason LaFever and Andrew Heykoop

The Oceana County Road Commission is a publicly-funded agency which works with the county's townships to improve and maintain public transportation routes. It has a five-member elected board and is responsible for basic road maintenance to ensure safe travel for the motoring public. Services include new construction and preservation of existing roads, brining, snowplowing, mowing, blading, pothole patching, ditching and culvert replacement to name a few. The road commission does not receive any money from property taxes. The bulk of its funds are directed toward snow removal, salt, fuel, equipment maintenance, asphalt and other construction materials.



Medical Care Facility

701 E. Main St., Hart, MI 49420 **Phone:** 231-873-2148 **Website:** www.oceanamcf.org **Hours:** Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Cindy Ochs, DO - Medical Director Christa VanDuinen, RN - Director of Nursing; Amy Rusin, RN - Assistant Director of Nursing

Amanda Lange, LBSW & Tiffany Seals, LBSW - Social Workers
Cindy Leone - Finance Director/Controller

Heather Wathen, CTRS - Recreation Therapy Dir./Vol. Coordinator

Jack Wood - Food Service Director

Brenda Jones - Human Resources
Eric Strsit - Plant Manager

The Oceana County Medical Care Facility is centered on compassion, dignity and respect in a safe environment. Offering nursing home care, rehabilitation care and Alzheimer's/dementia care.

Oceana County Airport (C04)

1805 W. Baseline Rd., Shelby, MI 49455 **Phone:** 231-861-9910 **Fax:** 231-861-0797

Manager Cell: 231-742-0142

E-mail: oceanaairport@yahoo.com
Curt Lohman - Airport Manager

The Oceana County Airport was developed in 1972 on 90 acres of property in Shelby Township. The original runway was 2,000-feet long and was extended to 3,500 feet in 1999 with the assistance of a grant from the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics to accommodate larger aircraft. The airport services general aviation

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air traffic from all over the Great Lakes and provides self-serve fuel along with major and minor maintenance to arriving pilots and customers. The airport also has a courtesy car, spacious lobby, pilots lounge, conference room and plenty of parking for customers.

Oceana County Council on Aging

621 E. Main St., Hart, MI 49420
Phone: 231-873-4461
Website: www.oceanacoa.com
Stephanie Moore – Executive Director
Jaccie Smith – Senior Care Service Coordinator
Kay Butcher - Finance Coordinator
Lisa Nagel - Transportation Coordinator
Tami Smith - Adult Day Service Manager

Board of Directors: Ron Rash, President; Douglas Bacon, Vice President; Frank Doll, Treasurer; Jon Bowen, Secretary; Sally DeFreitas; Emma Kirwin; Michelle Martin: Lori Suttner; and Paula Vanderoutte.

The Oceana County Council on Aging is a non-profit agency that promotes and safeguards the independence and well being of individuals 60 years of age and older by providing services, information and support to the residents of the county.

Oceana County Transfer Station

1615 E. M-20, Shelby, MI 49455 **Phone:** 231-861-6394

Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Oceana County Transfer Station is a waste/recycling disposal site at 1615 E. M-20 in Ferry Township. It accepts all forms of waste/recyclables, including household waste, mattress and springs, appliances, furniture, tires and construction materials among others. The facility is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. A complete list of the waste/recyclables and the associated fees can be found at www.oceana.mi.us/services/transfer-station/



MUNICIPALITIES



Benona Township

7169 W. Baker Rd., Shelby, MI 49455 **Phone:** 231-861-2154 **Fax:** 231-861-7095 www.benonatownship.org

Township Board Members

Meets the fourth Monday of month at 7:30 p.m. Steve Fleming - Supervisor Margie Shaw - Clerk Brandi Neuman - Treasurer John Smith - Trustee Warren VanOverbeke -

Trustee



Claybanks Township

7577 W. Cleveland Rd., New Era, MI 49446 **Mailing address:** c/o 6969 S. Scenic Dr., New Era

Phone: 231-861-5957 **Fax:** 231-893-3966 **Park Phone:** 231-861-8885 www.claybankstownship.org

Township Board Members

Meets the second Monday of month at 7:30 p.m.

Dan Lombard - Supervisor

Mark Kutches - Clerk

Cheryl Rabe - Treasurer

David Rabe - Trustee

Larry Burmeister - Trustee



Colfax Township

5594 N. 192nd Ave., Walkerville, MI 49459 **Phone:** 231-873-4348

Township Board Members

Meets the first Tuesday of month at 7 p.m. David Leonard - Supervisor Corinne Norton - Clerk Shelby Branch - Treasurer

Bradley Norton - Trustee **Stuart Overway** - Trustee



Crystal Township

1499 E. Hammett Rd., Hart, MI 49420 **Phone:** 231-873-8336 **Fax:** 231-873-2403

Township Board Members Meets the third Monday

of month at 7 p.m.
Lee Hyslop - Supervisor
Bethany Seymour - Clerk
Catherine Walker - Treasurer
Jon Stevenson - Trustee
Kyle Oomen - Trustee

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Oceana County Townships



Elbridge Township

2266 E. Polk Rd., Hart, MI 49420 **Phone:** 231-873-4740 **Fax:** 231-873-4136

Township Board Members

Meets the second Tuesday of month at 7:30 p.m. Lance Van Sickle - Supervisor Stephanie Van Sickle - Clerk Vicki Koch - Treasurer Eric Herrygers - Trustee Noah VandeZande - Trustee



Ferry Township

3222 Green St., Shelby, MI 49455 **Phone:** 231-861-0545 **Fax:** 231-861-0493 **E-mail:** www.ferrytwnsp@gmail.com

Township Board Members Meets the third Tuesday

of month at 7 p.m.

David A. Schmieding - Supervisor

Chris Ernst - Clerk

Brenda Dickman - Treasurer Reese Lifer Jr. - Trustee Milton Kreigh - Trustee



Golden Township

5527 W. Fox Rd., P.O. Box 26, Mears, MI 49436 Phone: 231-873-4413 Fax: 231-873-1413 www.goldentownship.org Office Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Township Board Members Meets the second Tuesday

of month at 7:30 p.m.

Robert Draper - Supervisor
Rachel Iteen - Clerk
Connie Cargill - Treasurer
Doug Dykstra - Trustee
Bill Kolenda - Trustee



Grant Township

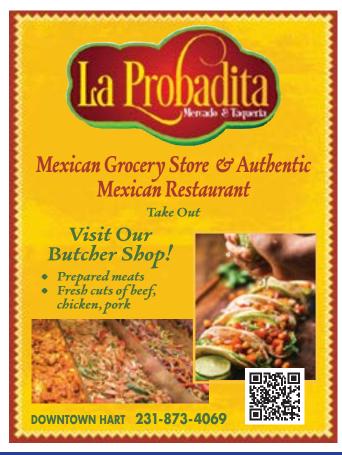
7140 S. Oceana Dr., Rothbury, MI 49452 **Phone:** 231-893-6336 **Fax:** 231-894-5616 **Treasurer's office:** 231-893-0432 **Office hours:** Mondays, Wednesdays

and Fridays 9 a.m. to noon

Township Board Members

Meets the second Tuesday
of month at 7:30 p.m.

Roger Schmidt - Supervisor Shannon Beishuizen - Clerk Joanne Heck - Treasurer William Mischler - Trustee Joan Brooks - Trustee







Oceana County Townships



Greenwood Township

5589 S. 200th Ave., Hesperia, MI 49421

Mailing address: P.O. Box 358,

Hesperia, MI 49421

Phone: 231-854-0202

Township Board Members Meets the second Monday

of month at 7 p.m. Jeff Hunt - Supervisor Linda Hunt - Clerk

Melissa Stroven - Treasurer Alan Deeter - Trustee James Kibart - Trustee



Hart Township 3437 W. Polk Rd., P.O. Box 740,

Hart, MI 49420
Phone: 231-873-2734
Fax: 231-873-0171
www.harttownship.org
Office Hours: Tuesdays
and Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Township Board Members Meets the second Wednesday

of month at 7 p.m.

Jay McGhan - Supervisor
Steven Freed - Clerk
Todd Metzler - Treasurer
Doug Fuchring - Trustee
Lois Alvesteffer-Simmons





Leavitt Township

2401 N. 184th Ave., Walkerville, MI 49459

Township Board Members Meets the second Monday of month at 7 p.m.

Brooke Stapel - Supervisor Naomi Oomen - Clerk Matt Thompson - Treasurer Allen Purdy - Trustee Larry T. Schmitz Jr. - Trustee



Newfield Township

3890 S. 198th Ave., Hesperia, MI 49421

Mailing address: P.O. Box 564,
Hesperia, MI 49421-0564

Phone: 231-854-4702

Fax: 231-854-0755

www.newfieldtownship.org

Township Board Members

Meets the third Tuesday of month at 7 p.m. **Joan David** - Supervisor

Nancy L. Conley - Clerk Mary Hopkins - Treasurer Wayne L. Ferris - Trustee Micah Johnson - Trustee



Otto Township

5458 S. 128th Ave., Rothbury, MI 49452 **Mailing address:** 4262 E. Arthur Rd., Hesperia **Phone:** 231-861-7098

Township Board Members *Meets the second Thursday*

of month at 7 p.m.

Todd Vanett - Supervisor/Zon-

ing Enforcer

Patricia A. Budde - Clerk

Charlena G. Martin, Tree

Charlene G. Martin - Treasurer Kathy Eichenberg - Trustee Mary M. Justian - Trustee



Pentwater Township

500 N. Hancock St., P.O. Box 512, Pentwater, MI 49449 **Phone:** 231-869-6231 **Fax:** 231-869-4340 www.pentwatertwp.org

Township Board Members

Meets the second Wednesday of month at 7 p.m. Lynne Caravos - Supervisor

Maureen Murphy - Clerk Heather Douglas - Treasurer Michael Flynn - Trustee Dean Holub - Trustee



Shelby Township

204 N. Michigan Ave., PO Box 215, Shelby, MI 49455 **Phone:** 231-861-5853 **Fax:** 231-861-6608 **Office Hours:** Monday through

Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Township Board Members

Meets the first Monday

of month at 7:30 p.m.

Richard Raffaelli - Supervisor Bill Glover - Deputy Supervisor Cathy Anderson - Clerk Becky Griffin - Treasurer Scott Meyers - Trustee



Weare Township

6506 N. Oceana Dr., Hart, MI 49420 Phone: 231-873-0144 Fax: 231-873-0562 www.wearetownship.org Township Board Members

Meets the second Monday of month at 7:30 p.m.

Larry Doran - Supervisor Melanie Sayles - Clerk Andy Patterson - Deputy Clerk Jill VanderZanden - Treasurer Byron Miller - Trustee Lane Stotler - Trustee



OCEANA COUNTY VILLAGES









Village of Hesperia Village of New Era Village of Pentwater

33 E. Michigan, P.O. Box 366, Hesperia, MI 49421-0366 **Phone:** 231-854-6205 **Fax:** 231-854-0263 Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.hesperiavillage.com

Village Council Members

Meets second Monday of month at 7:30 p.m. Michael Farber - Village President Vicki R. Burrell - Clerk Joann Borgman – Treasurer Sheri Hunt - Trustee Jennifer Nearanz – Trustee Jovce McDonald - Trustee **Stephanie Halverson –** Trustee Jackie Slocum - Trustee **Donald Bostrum** – Trustee

2589 W. Garfield Rd., New Era, MI 49446 Mailing address: P.O. Box 85, New Era, MI 49446 **Phone:** 231-861-5186 www.neweramichigan.com

Village Council Members

Meets second Thursday of month at 7 p.m. Richard Fessenden - Village

President Natalie Kelly – Clerk Sharon Pepple – Treasurer **Gary Grinwis** – Trustee

Mark Kelly – Trustee Annie Gale – Trustee Michael Deblois – Trustee Austin Cox - Trustee Eugene Zainea – Trustee Village employees Roy Strait - Police Chief

65 S. Hancock St., P.O. Box 622,

Pentwater, MI 49449 **Phone:** 231-869-8301 **Fax:** 231-869-5120 Office hours: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. www.pentwatervillage.org

Village Council Members

Meets second Monday of month at 6 p.m. Mary Marshall - Village President Jared Griffis - President Pro Tem-

Dave Bluhm – Trustee Kathy O'Conner - Trustee **Don Palmer**– Trustee Dan Nugent - Trustee

<u>Village employees</u> Rachel Witherspoon – Village

Rachel Witherspoon – Marina

Rande Listerman - Clerk/Treasurer Katie Anderson - Zoning Adminis-

Laude Hartrum - Police Chief

Village of Rothbury

7804 S. Michigan Ave., Rothbury, MI 49452 Phone: 231-894-2385 Fax: 231-893-4454 www.villageofrothbury.org

Village Council Members

Meets the third Tuesday of month at 7:30 p.m. **Vern Talmadge** – Village President

Troy Voorhees - Trustee Mike Harris - Trustee Jim Fekken – Trustee Autum Drake - Trustee

Denise Kurziel – Trustee Village employees

Dylan Zuniga – Trustee

Brandy Williams - Clerk **Deborah Murphy** – Treasurer



Village of Shelby

218 N. Michigan Ave., Shelby, MI 49455 **Phone:** 231-861-4400 **Fax:** 231-861-7449 **Office hours:** Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. www.shelbyvillage.com

Village Council Members Meets second and fourth Monday

of month at 7 p.m. John Sutton - President Steve Crothers - Trustee Curt Trott - Trustee Crystal Heykoop - Trustee Samantha Gottschalk - Trustee

Dan Zaverl - Trustee Village employees Phil Morse-Village Administrator Crystal Budde - Treasurer/Clerk

Village of Walkerville

121 S. East St., P.O. Box 97, Walkerville, MI 49459 **Phone:** 231-873-5842 **Fax:** 231-873-1773 **Office hours**: Monday and Thursday 3-5 p.m., Tuesday 2:30-6:30 p.m. and Wed. 6-8 p.m.

Village Council Members Meets third Thursday

of month at 7:30 p.m. Mark Rainy Metts - Village President Kellie Payne – Trustee **Gerald Dudley** - Trustee Sue Budde - Trustee Ernest Gilbert - Trustee

Mary Johnson - Trustee

Jennifer Metts - Trustee

Village employees Valerie Aiken - Clerk/Assessor Elizabeth Oomen – Treasurer

City of Hart

407 State St., Hart, MI 49420 Phone: 231-873-2488 Fax: 231-873-0100 Office hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

City Council Members

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of month at 7:30 p.m.

Amanda Klotz – Mayor

member

James Cunningham - Council Catalina Burillo - Council member Dean Hodges - Council member Betty Root - Council member Karen Thomson - Council member Andrew Mullen - Council

City of Hart employees

City Manager: Rob Splane Clerk/ Treasurer: Karla Swihart Deputy Clerk/Treasurer: Lindsay Brown Deputy Clerk/Treasurer: Laci McAuliffe

Assessor: Edward VanderVries Chief of Police: Juan Salazar, Jr.

City of Hart utilities department information

The City of Hart offices coordinate services between the Hart Hydro Plant for electricity, Waste Water Treatment Plant and the Department of Public Works for water. sewer and street maintenance.



Hart Hydro Plant (Electric)

3 Water St., Hart, MI 49420 Phone: 231-873-5367 Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **After Hours Emergency Pager:** 1-877-802-2931

Waste Water Treatment Plant

2687 N. 88th Ave., Hart, MI 49420 **Phone:** 231-873-2259 Office Hours: Monday - Friday 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Superintendant: Paul Cutter

Department of Public Works (Water, Sewer and Streets)

1010 State St., Hart, MI 49420 **Phone:** 231-873-3100 Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Crew Leader: Brad Whitney



Hart Public Schools

Phone: 231-873-6214 Fax: 231-873-6244 Website: www.hartschools.net **Diman-Wolf Early Childhood Center:** 306 W. Johnson St., Hart, MI. 49420 Spitler Elementary: 302 W. Johnson St.,

Hart, MI. 49420 **Phone:** 873-6340 Hart Middle School: 308 W. Johnson St.,

Hart, Ml. 49420 **Phone:** 873-6320 Hart High School: 300 W. Johnson St., Hart, Ml. 49420 Phone: 873-6320

Mark Platt - Superintendent

Andrea Degen - Diman-Wolf Early Childhood Center Director

Brandon Bruce – Spitler Elementary Principal Kevin Ackley - Hart Middle School Principal Ken Byard - Hart High School Principal

School Board

Mike Barefoot Andrw Carter Kayla Dennert **Chad Coker** Irma Hinojosa **Steve Riley Jeff Schaner**

School information

Mascot: Pirate

Colors: Red and Black

Sports: Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Cross Country, Volleyball, Competitive Cheer, Football, Wrestling, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Track and Field, Baseball, Softball and Golf.

Pentwater Public Schools

600 E. Park St., Pentwater, MI 49449 **Phone:** 869-4100 www. pentwater.k12.mi.us

Craig Barter - Superintendent/Principal

School Board

Adam Lamb Ryan Williams Vaughn Thurston-Cox Kelsey Prescott **Amy Baker**

Mark Shotwell Lara Nugent

School information

Mascot: Falcons Colors: Purple and Gold Sports: Boys Soccer, Cross Country, Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Track and Field, Baseball, Softball and Golf.

Hesperia Community Schools

Phone: (231) 854-6185 Website: www.hesp.net

Bryan Mey – Superintendent

Denise Short – Patricia St. Clair Elementary Principal Chad Paine - Hesperia High/Middle School Principal

> **School Board Alan Daniels**

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Michelle Allen **Jason Newman**

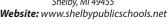
School information

Mascot: Panther Colors: Green and White **Sports:** Cross Country, Volleyball, Football, Wrestling, Boys Basket ball, Girls Basketball, Track and Field, Baseball, Softball and Golf.



Shelby Public Schools

District Central Office: 525 N. State St. Shelby, MI 49455



Shelby Early Childhood Center:

155 E. Sixth St., Shelby, MI 49455 Shelby Elementary School: 525 N. State St., Shelby, MI 49455 **Phone:** 861-4521

Shelby Middle School: 525 N. State St., Shelby, MI 49455 Phone: 861-4521 **Shelby High School:** 641 N. State St., Shelby, MI 49455 **Phone:** 861-4452

Mark Olmstead – Superintendent

Brooke Bunting – Shelby Early Childhood Center Director Steve Bush (Interim) - Shelby elementary School Principal Jessica Danielson - Shelby Middle School Principal Zach Fricke – Shelby High School Principal

> **School Board Brian Hicks**

Ruth A. Myers **Robert Rudat** Scott Stovall

Karen Rice Jason Fleming

School information

Steve Vinke

Mascot: Tiger

Colors: Purple and White

Sports: Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Cross Country, Volleyball, Competitive Cheer, Football, Wrestling, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Track and Field, Baseball, Softball and Golf.



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Walkerville Public Schools

145 E. Lathrop St., Walkerville, MI 49459 **Phone:** 231-873-4850 **Fax:** 231-873-5615 Website: www.walkk12.org

Joseph Conkle – Superintendent/Principal

School Board

Holly Flannery George Wolgamott Albert Tanner **Mark Riggs**

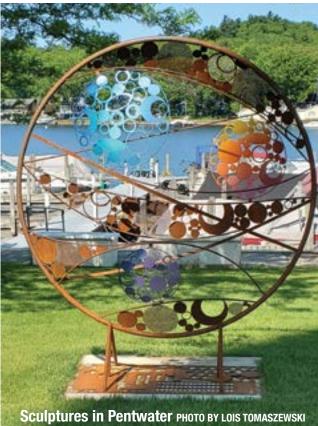
Janaya Hood Michelle Tanner John Kirwin





School <u>information</u>

Mascot: Wildcat Colors: Red and White **Sports:** Boys Soccer, Cross Country, Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Track and Field, Baseball and Softball.







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Pentwater Civic Band





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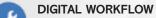
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