



# The Channel

City of New Baltimore  
36535 Green Street

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## TIM WILEY—POLICE CHIEF



### Law enforcement today: *Moving forward together!*

Throughout my career I have been a part of various joint operations involving federal, state, and local police agencies; however, never before have I witnessed such a comprehensive approach of collaborative networking until I attended the recent ribbon cutting of the Selfridge "OIC" Operational Integration Center. At this ceremony I experienced an unparalleled team of joint efforts; each demonstrating their commitment in working together towards a common

cause, our "homeland security on the Northern Border". This multidisciplinary approach involving politicians, military leaders, each level of law enforcement and members of both the press and public truly demonstrated the meaning of teamwork. More can be learned about this epic center at our police department Facebook/website pages or by contacting the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency at Selfridge ANGB.

Speaking of teamwork...this week our building oversight committee will be presenting the final architectural design and bid packages to the Mayor, Larry Smith and City Council members. The new police building is designed to collectively serve as a multijurisdictional law enforcement agency and as a Municipal Meeting Center for the public. The New Baltimore Police Department is looking forward to being a leader in regionalized policing efforts and to serve as a resource center for other agencies responsible for policing in the Bay Area.

As your Chief of Police, I am committed to educating you on new laws that may affect you and your family. Michigan has recently instituted new teen driving laws to curb motor vehicle crashes. As reported in the Macomb Daily "the new laws aim to strengthen the state's existing graduated driver's license program, first introduced in 1996. The program gradually increases privileges as drivers advance through the system and ends when they turn 18.

Drivers with the intermediate licenses won't be allowed to have more than one unrelated passenger under age 21 unless accompanied by a parent or guardian or they are driving to and from school events. The law also prohibits the new teen drivers from getting behind the wheel between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless they are driving to or from work. The previous law allowed them to drive until midnight." It is my understanding that our students would not be in violation of the new law on Prom night, based on it being a school sanctioned event. Our officers and I would encourage all new vehicle operators to take a defensive driving approach during the late evening hours and arrive safely to your final destinations.

As the parent of a couple "up and coming" drivers...not anytime soon, thank goodness...I can appreciate the steps taken by law makers to keep our young drivers and roadways safe for everyone!

*Best Regards,*  
**Timothy P. Wiley**  
*Chief of Police*

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### Mayor

**Laurence C. Smith**

### City Council

Mayor Pro-Tem

**Kenneth C. Butler II**

**Susan Burkhardt**

**Jeffrey Christie**

**David Duffy**

**John Dupray**

**Florence Hayman**

**CITY CLERK—MARCELLA (MARCIA) SHINSKA****2011 ELECTION INFORMATION****ABSENTEE VOTER INFORMATION:**

Should you need to request an absentee ballot, please contact my office at (586) 725-2151 or go to our website [www.cityofnewbaltimore.com](http://www.cityofnewbaltimore.com) complete an application for an absentee ballot and mail it to the Clerk's Office located at 36535 Green Street, New Baltimore, MI 48047. The deadline for an absentee ballot application by mail is 2:00 PM on April 30, 2011.

Election law allows all registered voters to vote by absentee ballot for the following reasons:

- 60 years of age or older.
- Expect to be absent from the community in which the voter is registered for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day.
- The voter is physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
- The voter cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of their religion.
- The voter has been appointed as an election inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where they reside.
- Unable to attend the polls because the voter is confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

If any of these situations exist, you can obtain an absent voter ballot by writing your City Clerk. You must state the reason why you need an absent voter ballot and you must sign the absentee voter ballot application. Please feel free to contact my office and remember that the last day to request an absentee application by mail is 2:00 PM on May 1, 2010.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE BY 8:00 PM THE NIGHT OF THE ELECTION IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED.

**EMERGENCY ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS:**

You may be eligible for an emergency absent voter ballot if a family death or illness requires you to leave your community on Election Day, or you are unable to attend the polls because of personal illness or accident. The emergency must have occurred late enough that you could not file a regular absent voter ballot request. Should an emergency occur you must contact the Clerk's Office before 4:00 PM on Election Day to obtain an emergency ballot.

**FIRST-TIME VOTERS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

If you registered to vote by mail and this is the first time voting, you must do so in person at your assigned precinct. The only exception to this rule would be, if you personally delivered your voter registration to my office, the County Clerk's Office or registered at the Secretary of State, then you may request an absentee voter application. Should you have any questions, I want you to always feel free to contact me at (586) 725-2151 ext. 108.

**PHOTO IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

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- 1). Michigan Drivers license or State Identification card
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- 3). Federal or State Government issued photo identification.
- 4). U. S. Passport.
- 5). Military Identification card with photo.
- 6). Student Identification with photo from your high school or an accredited institution of higher education.
- 7). Tribal Identification card with photo.

**If you forget to bring an acceptable form of identification with you to the precinct you will be required to sign an "Affidavit of a Voter Not in Possession of Picture Identification" form before a ballot will be issued to the voter.**

**...CLERK'S OFFICE (CONTINUED)****VOTING PRECINCTS IN THE CITY OF NEW BALTIMORE**

Precinct 1 - 36535 Green Street, - Council Chambers, City Hall  
Precinct 2 - 36535 Green Street, -Council Chambers, City Hall  
Precinct 3 - 52805 Ashley Street, - Anchor Bay Middle School North  
Precinct 4 - 52347 Ashley Street, - Anchor Bay Elementary School  
Precinct 5 - 51880 Washington Street, - Lighthouse Elementary School

**CITY PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION**

Should an August City Primary become necessary, the Clerk's Office will post the pertinent information along with biography's for all candidates on the City's website at [www.cityofnewbaltimore.org](http://www.cityofnewbaltimore.org)

The following elected positions will be on the August 2, 2011 primary (if required) and the November 8, 2011 City General Election:

Mayor 1 position – two year term  
Council 3 positions - four year term  
Council 1 position – two year term

**REGISTERING TO VOTE FOR THE CITY PRIMARY ELECTION**

The last day to register to vote for the August 2, 2011 City Primary Election is July 5, 2011. To register, just visit the Clerk's office, any Secretary of State or the Macomb County Clerk's office. The City Clerk's office is located at City Hall 36535 Green Street, New Baltimore. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

A U.S. Citizen who will have been a resident for at least 30 days and is 18 years of age by August 2, 2011 may register to vote. If you register by mail, please contact my office to determine your eligibility to vote by absentee ballot.

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The City Clerk's office will be open Saturday, July 30, 2011 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM to accept and process absentee voter ballots. On Monday, August 1, 2011 a citizen qualified to vote as an absentee voter may apply in person at the Clerk's office before 4:00 PM to vote an absentee voter ballot in person in the Clerk's Office.

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**CITY GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

Further information pertaining to the November 8, 2011 City General Election will be in the Summer/Fall issue of channel newsletter and posted on the election page of the city website. Contact the City Clerk for further information.

**CITY WEBSITE:**

The City has a new page on the City's website with information pertaining to garbage service and recycling. This will keep residents informed about these services including special garbage, yard waste, recycling and brush pickup.

**AUTOMATIC WATER BILL PAYMENTS**

The Clerk's Office offers you the opportunity to simplify your life. The City's automatic bill payment program can help you do just that. With Automatic Bill Payment, you can pay your water bill automatically through your participating bank, checking account, or credit union. Simply complete the automatic bill payment authorization form which can be found on the City's website under the water department and/or Clerk's Office. Simply follow the directions on the authorization form. Please feel free to contact the Clerk with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this program.

**WATER BILLS**

With the tough economic times, everyone is squeezed for funds while trying to juggle their budgets. Please remember that you can always pre-pay your water bill. You can make payments ahead of schedule to assist you with your family budget. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact your Clerk at extension 108.



# Books & Bytes by the Bay

MacDonal Public Library  
City of New Baltimore

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## Library Services

In addition to answering your information questions, we provide:

- Downloadable audiobooks, movies, & music (must have a valid library card from our library)



- Books, books on CD, DVD's (feature films, juvenile & educational), music CD's and magazines
- Free Internet connection for SLC members with library cards in good standing (please see our Internet Policy for exceptions) - the library offers Internet Guest Passes at a cost of \$1.00 per day for anyone outside the SLC service area
- Access to wireless connection (must comply with MacDonal Public Library Internet Policy)
- Interlibrary loan of books from other participating Michigan libraries
- Free use of Microsoft Office 2007 programs; WORD, EXCEL, ACCESS, POWERPOINT, & PUBLISHER to assist with your software needs (\$1.00/pg to print black & white, \$.25/pg for color)
- Online databases with full text articles
- Online calendar of events for program registration
- Faxing (receiving or sending) at reasonable rates
- Microfiche reader and printer
- Museum Adventure Pass



Ongoing programs (call the library or visit our website for dates and times):

- Lapsit, Toddler, and Preschool Storytimes
- American Girl Club (kids in 3rd - 6th grades)
- Kidding Around (after school program for kids in K - 2nd grades)
- ATLAS (At the Library After School for kids in 3rd - 6th grades)
- Summer Reading Club
- Teen Tab
- Friends of MacDonal Public Library
- Sit n' Knit and Stitches groups
- Blooms by the Bay Garden Club of Anchor Bay
- Toastmasters International – St. Clair River Club

### MACDONALD PUBLIC LIBRARY

36480 Main St  
New Baltimore, MI 48047

586-725-0273 Fax: 586-725-8360

[www.macdonaldlibrary.org/macdonald/](http://www.macdonaldlibrary.org/macdonald/)

Monday—Thursday 10:00am - 8:00pm  
Friday 10:00am - 5:00pm  
Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm

Margaret Thomas, Director  
Annette M. Goike, Assistant Director  
Mary Jo Beranek, Reference Librarian  
Kelly Marra, Children's Librarian  
Circulation Clerks: Sandi Van Tiem, Sally Waye-Hudson,  
Laurie Laporte, Marilynn Bernhard  
Pages: Lisa Cesaro, Angela Dell, Julia Kinter

**TREASURER'S OFFICE—JEANNE BADE**

Direct Line - (586)716-7604

Fax: (586)725-6927

Email - [jbade@cityofnewbaltimore.org](mailto:jbade@cityofnewbaltimore.org)

Online Tax Look up: <http://newbaltimorecity.is.bsasoftware.com>

**2011 Millage Rates**

Due to the deadline of the Channel, I was unable to provide the exact millage rates prior to publication. I will post the rates as soon as they are available on the Treasurers' page off the City website [www.cityofnewbaltimore.org](http://www.cityofnewbaltimore.org).

**Principal Residence Exemption**

The summer tax bills are mailed the first week of July. Please be sure to review your bill. Make sure if this is your primary residence the bill indicates 100% PRE (top right of bill).

**Important Tax Billing /Due Date Information**

At the present time, all properties located in the city of New Baltimore receive two tax bills per year. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure all taxes are paid. Please contact me immediately if you do not receive a bill.

The summer bill is mailed July 1<sup>st</sup> and payable July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup> without penalty. Beginning September 2<sup>nd</sup> interest at the rate of 1 % per month is accrued.

The winter tax bill is mailed December 1<sup>st</sup> and is payable December 1<sup>st</sup> through February 15<sup>th</sup>. After March 1<sup>st</sup> all payments must be made to the Macomb County Treasurer.

If you pay your property taxes through an escrow account, you will receive a copy of the tax bill for your records and will be noted as a "Courtesy Copy".

**General Tax Information**

In order to ensure accurate billing, it is imperative that any change in your information be communicated to the city. Examples of that change include:

Mortgage Company - call Treasurer at (586) 716-7604

Transfer of Ownership - call Assessing at (586) 725-2151 Ext: 106

P.R.E. - Principal Residence Exemption (Homestead) - Call Assessing at:  
(586) 725-2151 Ext: 106

**Tax Receipt for Payment**

If you are mailing your payment and would like a receipt, please provide a self addressed stamped envelope and I will be happy to send a receipt. When making your payment in person we will stamp the top portion of your bill with the payment received date or provide a receipt.

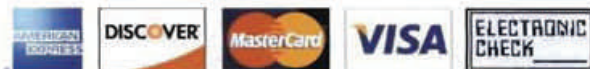
I hope you enjoy a fun, sunny, safe summer!

Fast, Easy, Secure.  
**Pay Electronically**



## City of New Baltimore

Property Tax, Personal Property Tax,  
and Utility Payments



Pay online at

**www.OfficialPayments.com**

Or call

**1-800-2PAY-TAX<sup>SM</sup>**  
(1-800-272-9829)

For phone payments, use Jurisdiction Code 7138.

Official Payments charges a nominal fee for this service. A Fee Calculator is available at [www.OfficialPayments.com](http://www.OfficialPayments.com) to assist in calculating your convenience fee.



Officially Paid.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

There has been much activity in the building department despite economic factors. The building department has been issuing permits for home improvement projects, commercial improvements and new home construction. The building department performs code enforcement functions throughout the City. The building department is also responsible for the implementation of the commercial and industrial certification program, the residential rental inspection program and the sidewalk replacement program.

The following items are the most common issues addressed by the building department. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call or email the building department.

Code Enforcement

Soft-sided tent-like structures are considered temporary structures and are not permitted by the Zoning Ordinance. Please contact the building official for appropriate alternatives.

Boats, trailers, and other recreational vehicles are allowed to be parked in your driveway for a maximum of 72 hours per the City Code. Parking of boats and trailers are not permitted in the street.

All vehicles must be currently licensed. Vehicles that do not have current license plates must be stored in completely enclosed buildings.

Any pool *capable of holding 24 inches of water* or more is considered an above-ground pool and subject to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and the Michigan Residential Building Code. The popular soft-sided temporary pools are considered above-ground pools by these standards and as such require building and electrical permits.

The building department addresses the property maintenance and blight issues for vacant properties through the code enforcement process. Sometimes these issues may take some time to resolve. Please call us if you have any concerns about your neighborhood.

Noxious weeds and grasses shall be cut when reaching 10 inches or more in height. If a property owner fails to comply within seven (7) days of being notified the City will cut the weeds and grasses, the cost of which will be the owner's responsibility.

City Certifications

City certifications are required for commercial and industrial properties. Per Resolution 613 adopted in 2006, a city certification is required to insure that the building complies with safety issues *prior to leasing or a change of occupancy within the building and/or separate units*.

The rental inspection program is still in effect. Single family homes and condominium units that are not occupied by the property owner are rental units and must be registered and inspected.

General Information

Answers to building code questions may only be given by the Building Official. General department questions and zoning information may be answered by the department secretary.

The following codes are currently in effect: 2009 Michigan Building Code, 2009 Michigan Residential Code, 2009 Rehabilitation Code, 2009 International Property Maintenance Code, 2008 NEC and Michigan amendments, 2009 Mechanical Code, 2009 International Fuel Gas Code, 2009 Plumbing Code, and the 2009 Energy Code. The building department also enforces the City Code, which includes the Zoning Ordinance, the Sign Ordinance and the Blight Ordinance.

The fence regulations were amended March 30, 2011. Changes include:

- Added requirements along major or collector roads. (Washington, County Line, Main Street, Green Street/23 Mile Road/M-29, 24 Mile Road, 25 Mile Road)
- A back-to-back relationship must be maintained
- Post side shall be facing toward the property on which the fence is located

Other items remain the same, such as:

- 6 foot maximum height

**...BUILDING DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED)**

O 42" maximum height in front yards – chain link prohibited

Shall not be view obscuring within 15 feet of a driveway

Please be aware that permits are required for most projects, including but not limited to, sheds, decks, at-grade concrete and paver installation, fences, swimming pools, siding, re-shingling and replacement windows. It takes a few days to process permit requests this time of year, so please have patience.

Notice to Contractors

As of June 2008 the State of Michigan enacted new licensing requirements. If you are doing business as a company and are either incorporated or are a limited liability company, you must have two (2) licenses as a residential builder or maintenance and alteration contractor. You must have a license for the company and an individual license for the qualifying officer of the company. Both licenses must be current. State issued licenses are verified prior to the issuance of building and zoning compliance permits. There is an annual fee of \$20.00 to register your builder's license. The State of Michigan enacted substantial penalties for performing work without a license. Additional information may be found at the State of Michigan website [www.michigan.gov/builders](http://www.michigan.gov/builders).

Have a safe summer.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES**

The City's road maintenance program will be updated once our budget for the next few years is able to be predicted. With the tough economic times the State is experiencing there will not be a lot of repairs made in the City until the State and the City's budgets get straightened around. The maintenance schedule for the next several years will have to be restructured to reflect these economic shortfalls.

The DPS will be working on removing more of our dead and dying Ash trees which have been infested by the Emerald Ash Boring beetle again this year. There are many dead and dying trees throughout the City to be removed yet this year. We will be cutting down and chipping the trees and pulling the stumps and filling the holes with black dirt and planting grass seed. The trees will not be replaced at this time but hopefully in the future they may be. If a homeowner wishes to replace the tree removed from in front of their house themselves please check the approved tree list at City Hall.

The winter snow parking ordinance signs at the entrances of many subdivisions have been taken down because of the new ordinance which was adopted by the City Council. The new ordinance, # 175 can be read at the City of New Baltimore's website. Look under recently adopted ordinances. The new ordinance covers winter parking and winter snow-storm emergency guidelines for parking. Please remember next winter that it is illegal to plow or blow snow into the street at any time and sidewalks must be kept clear of any accumulation of snow or ice over one inch.

The DPS will be chipping branches and brush starting the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup>. Please have your brush out to the street early. The brush does not need to be tied in bundles but it is much easier to pick up if it is piled a little neatly with stump end outward toward the street.

Waste Management will be doing the special spring garbage pick up the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>. They will be taking any rubbish put out to the street on the regular pick up day. Please do not put out tires, batteries, waste oil or any hazardous waste. They will take paint if the can is open and kitty litter or sand has been added to dry the paint for disposal.

**MAYOR LARRY SMITH**

Spring has finally arrived. It has been a long cold winter and I for one am happy to have it behind us.

We have had some exciting things happen since our last publication. According to the census, the City of New Baltimore has grown 63.4% since the year 2000. This is the largest population increase in Macomb County for any City. This is an accomplishment that we are extremely proud of and we feel we are progressing nicely.

In moving forward we have purchased a building on M-29 that is going to house our Police Department. This was done without going to the community for a tax increase or a bond issue. It is a pleasure to say that the City Administration has been diligent in their spending and was able to save enough money to make this purchase and do the necessary renovations. In planning further, it looks like we will be able to move the Council Chambers to this new location thereby making some extra space at City Hall. We can now look at the present location of the Police Department and try to figure out the best use for that desirable piece of property on the water front.

We have also received confirmation that we will be starting on a little over one mile of bike path on County Line Road beginning at the High School and working its way south. This project has been on the back burner for more than a dozen years. It will certainly assist with a safety issue for the kids who live in the area and walk to and from school.

Our recreation programs have been greatly expanded and we are now open seven days a week. A complete list of all activities can now be found on line. This is a great improvement over our past practices and has attracted many new residents to the center. I have been assured that the enthusiasm shared by our employees at the center will continue well into the future.

We have had several new houses constructed in the City and have now started on several more. We continue to entertain new business ideas for our downtown section, and we are looking forward to having a Bigby Coffee on Green Street across from City Hall.

It is certainly a pleasure working for the citizens of our community. I cannot believe how time has flown as I am up for re-election this year. I do plan on running again. I feel there are other areas of our City that should be addressed. Thank you for your confidence in me.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

In the next few months we will explain just exactly what the function of the City of New Baltimore Wastewater Treatment Plant is. We will discuss items such as kinds and types of flow we receive, the different structures at the facility, equipment used in the process, laboratory analysis of samples, collection system pump stations, and emergency situations that must be dealt with. We will also introduce you to the personnel that are responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of the facility. I believe in doing this it will give the citizens a better understanding of the role the City of New Baltimore plays in keeping our waters clean for everyone to enjoy. So have a great spring and we'll begin our lessons in the next issue.

Craig Higgins, Plant Supt.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Creating Community Through Fitness and Recreation

50976 Washington New Baltimore, MI. 48047

(586) 725-0291 Fax (586) 725-7484

Hours of Operation Monday –Friday 9:00am-7:00pm Saturday 9:00-12:30pm

**[www.newbaltimore recreation.com](http://www.newbaltimore recreation.com)**

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 \*\*\*Recreation Committee Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month at City Hall at 6pm\*\*\*

### Summer 2011 Parks and Recreation:

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| <b>May</b>    | <b>Beach Opens to the Public (Memorial Day)</b><br><b>NBPR Twilight Amateur Golf League (Starts May 5<sup>th</sup>)</b><br><b>Start of New Baltimore Youth Baseball League</b><br><b>Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. Senior Trip May 4th</b> |
|               | <b>***Soggy Doggy at the “Old Beach” details will be posted on our website soon</b>   |
| <b>June</b>   | <b>Summer Playground begins (Registration begins June 1-10<sup>th</sup>)</b><br><b>Girls Softball (9-12 year old) Registration begins June 1</b>  |
| <b>July</b>   | <b>Anchor Bay Triathlon (July 9<sup>th</sup>)</b>   |
| <b>August</b> | <b>City by the Bay (featuring the Tall Ships) Senior Trip August 11th</b><br><b>Horseback Riding Windermere Equestrian Center</b>   |

Also available and ongoing: Kid & Adult Boxing, Soccer, Judo, Karate, Women’s Exercise, Zumba, Tai-Chi, Princess Ballet, Pom-Poms, Senior Club, Lit’l Friends, Guitar/Voice lessons ,etc.

\*\*\*For additional information on Pavilion Rentals, Fees, Refund Policies, Classes, Programs, etc. please logon to our website or call us at: (586) 725-0291. Our friendly staff will be glad to assist you.

**[www.newbaltimore recreation.com](http://www.newbaltimore recreation.com)**

\*\*\*Register to receive our Monthly E-Newsletter, log on to our website and Click on **E-Mail Sign Up** tab today\*\*\*

You will receive Monthly Schedules and notices of special classes and programs.

**BAY RAMA NEWS**

It's time to mark your calendars again for our 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishfly Festival! We are getting ready to bring another fun filled festival to our town and hope everyone has a chance to come down and spend several days enjoying the festivities we have planned for you this year! The festival runs from June 22 to June 26, 2011. The midway opens Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 3:00, Saturday and Sunday at Noon.

The Miss Bay-Rama Queens Pageant is Wednesday, June 22 at 6:30 pm in the Festival Tent. Our goal is to find a Queen and Court to proudly represent the Anchor Bay area throughout the year. The Queen and her Court are ambassadors for Bay-Rama and the Anchor Bay area during the Bay-Rama Fishfly Festival, at many parades throughout the summer, the New Baltimore's Citizen and Business of the Year Dinner and many other fun events. We look forward to meeting all of the contestant and putting together an exciting pageant. Our goal is to have fun while creating some wonderful memories! Please call pageant coordinator Lisa Edwards for more info (586) 725-5148. Applications are available online, <http://www.bay-rama.com/fishflyfestival/pageant.html>. Final deadline is **June 9th, 2011 by 2:00 p.m. (no exceptions)**

We are only doing one night of Fireworks this year, they are on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at Dusk. The fireworks this year are sponsored by **5/3 Bank**. We will again have a live band in the park for your listening pleasure prior to the fireworks show and there will be refreshments for purchase at the pavilion by the "Pink Postettes" team, as part of their fund raising efforts for the Susan G. Komen Three Day Breast Cancer Walk. Be sure to stop by and show your support. They will be there the whole week during the festival as well.

The Festival Tent Entertainment this year is better than ever! On Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00 pm we have the Queen's Pageant followed by the "N-I-4-N-I" Band until 11:00 pm. Thursday, Fireworks Night, features the very popular "Remedy of Detroit" band from 8:00 to 12:30 pm. Friday night we have a local band with a very large following called the "Monkey Grinders" from 8:00 to 12:30pm. And Saturday we feature the very talented "Planet of Fun" band from 8:00 to 12:30 pm. In addition, on Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 3:00 to 7:00 pm, we have the husband and wife duo called "On Common Ground" for your easy listening pleasure. We will again have the open air area in the tent so feel free to come in and watch the fireworks right from the Festival Tent, enjoy the music, a beverage or two and the show!

Everyone loves a parade and our 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Bay-Rama Fishfly Festival Parade will be the best ever. Come out and join us on Sunday, June 26, 2011 at 1:00 pm on Green Street in beautiful downtown New Baltimore for the one and only Fishfly Festival Parade. You will absolutely enjoy every minute you are watching our floats, marching bands, clowns, dance troops, souped up cars & trucks, and just about anything else you can imagine walking down the street. This year's parade is sponsored by Meijer's.

Remember if you want to be in the ONLY Fishfly Festival Parade in the whole world, you need to call or email Cheryl Hepp at 586-549-7778 or [heppkatz@yahoo.com](mailto:heppkatz@yahoo.com) to come join in the fun. Registration should be done as early as possible, but before June 4, 2011.

Saturday will be packed with festivities for the whole family. Starting at 12:00 at the corner of Main and Washington, under the tent, we will be having "Kid's Day", sponsored by **5/3 Bank of Fair Haven**. Kid's 12 and under are welcome to come and enjoy all the free festivities; play games, win prizes, enjoy the petting zoo, meet Rosco the Clown and get a custom balloon. Be sure to sign up for the Bike Raffle, we will be raffling off a Boys' and Girls' bike (need not be present to win). Also sponsored by **5/3 Band of Fair Haven** is the ever popular Petting Zoo. So be sure to bring the kids down and enjoy the day.

Just a reminder to all parents and kids, during the Bay-Rama Festival, each day there are **FREE** activities/games (that's **FREE** no tickets required!) for kids of all ages to participate in. One day it may be digging for coins, gathering ping pong balls, eating pies, watermelon or pizza, balancing a hula-hoop, bubble gum blowing,

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or chuckin'-a-chicken! These events are absolutely **FREE** and sure to bring a smile to your face and the face of every child! The various contests will be posted each day at the Festival Headquarters at the corner of Washington and Main. They are also listed in the Festival Booklet that will be available throughout the local businesses, as well as posted on the Bay-Rama web site. Be sure to come on out and join the fun each day at the Festival. Did we mention the games are **FREE?!!!**

Bay-Rama is pleased to welcome the Talent Showcase back again this year. This showcase allows area residents, groups, or organizations to come out and perform for the community. It's a great way to get your name out there while having a good time. This year we have already lined up several acts. Thursday night we will showcase "Art In Motion Richmond Dance" from 7-8 pm. Friday night we have Northside Church from 7-8 pm, with a variety of acts to entertain kids of all ages! Saturday night we welcome back for the fourth year in a row, "Czigany World Fusion Dance" belly dancing troop. They will entrance you with their intricate 2 hour program, be sure not to miss it!! New this year will be Matrix Magic Show to perform for you on Saturday Night from 5-6 pm. If you would like to participate in the Talent Showcase, please contact Dawn Wolschleger at (586) 725-5432 for available times. **Please, No Bands!!**

Whether it's trying your hand at cards, pulling the lever on the slots, or taking a roll of the dice, any way you play it, you'll have a blast on one of our casino trips! Where else can you get a ride up to Kewadin on a luxury motor coach, meals, food voucher and gambling money all for \$120 per person bases on double occupancy? The dates for our upcoming trips are May 29-30, July 31-Aug 1, and Sept 25-26. If you're interested in any of these dates, you can book them at the Anchor Bay Pharmacy or you can contact Ron Custer at (586)725-1051 directly. So come on out and bring lady luck along, you're bound to have a great time!

We are continuing our Memorial/Dedication Tree program at Festival Park. Due to the tremendous loss of trees due to the Emerald Ash Bore, we established the memorial/dedication tree program to allow residents of our community to help replenish our park. This program allows you to purchase a tree which will bear a plaque with an inscription of your choice. The tree's are being planted around the park's 1-mile walking path at this time and will fill in other locations as well in time. If you are interested in more information on this program, please contact Larry Gingas at (586) 725-2426. It's a *green* way to say "I love you" for years to come.

This festival is brought to you by the Bay-Rama Committee, an all volunteer organization that dedicates it's time and efforts to bringing our community together for fun family events. We provide funding for all the entertainment, including the bands, fireworks, games, contests, etc. through the generous donations of our sponsors and the profits from our festival, NOT your tax dollars. We strive to help our city and the community come together and enjoy our great town! If you would like to become part of this great organization, we welcome you to join, there is no fee!! We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month (except June, July and December). Meetings are held at "The Cove" in the rear of the VFW Hall across from Kroger's on 23 Mile Road. So come make a difference in your community, you'll have fun doing it!!

**WATER DEPARTMENT**

With the current economic situation we realize homeowners are looking to save money anywhere possible. Checking for and repairing toilet leaks can save wasted water and money. Most high water bills are caused by leaking toilets, homeowners should check the over flow level in the toilet tank. Water level lines are marked on the inside of the tank. Also a major source of high bills has been associated with water assisted back up sump pumps. If you have one, please check to make sure it is in proper working condition. The City is offering second water meters for sprinkling, for more information contact City Hall at 725-2151 ext. 111.

## PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### Merchant Spotlight

#### Dennis Halsted - Anchor Bay Pharmacy

51006 Washington

586.725.3737

#### **How long have you been in business?**

Anchor Bay Pharmacy took over the business of Stribers Pharmacy in 1985. There has been a pharmacy in this building for more than 70 years.

#### **Why did you choose this type of business?**

It was my goal to own a community pharmacy after I graduated from Wayne State University College of Pharmacy.

#### **What unique experience do you provide for your customers?**

Anyone can put medication into a bottle but we give both verbal and written information on their medication, what it will do and what side affects they could experience. We make sure a pharmacist is always available to help solve a patients healthcare questions.

#### **What would you like customers to remember about your business?**

Anchor Bay Pharmacy believes every patient is our most important one.

#### **Please share one memorable experience you have had with your business.**

Just this last month a caregiver came in looking for a medication that was not available anywhere she said. Her mother had a heart arrhythmia and was told by other pharmacists that she could not get the medication for 4 to 5 days.. We had the drug delivered to us the next day.



### New Neighbors

#### Celtic Sisters Candles and Candies

51059 Washington

586.648.7189

[www.candles-candies.com](http://www.candles-candies.com)

[celticsisters@candles-candies.com](mailto:celticsisters@candles-candies.com)

Tues. thru Sat., 10:00am-7:00pm

Sunday, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Closed Monday

Owners Maureen Logsdon and Kelly Klemmer (yep, they're really Celtic Sisters) have created a unique gift shop offering a "wee bit of everything" from artwork to jewelry, painted glass to fine candles from the MI based Lakeshore Candle Company, and of course, candy! Stop in and give them a warm New Baltimore welcome. Everything in the store is hand-made or produced in Michigan!



# SAVE THE DATE

September 3 & 4, 2011

10:00am to 5:00pm

**What:** Art on the Bay - Downtown New Baltimore's Premier Fine Art and Fine Crafts Show  
100+ Artists • Fabulous Food • Wine Tent • Entertainment for the Entire Family

**Where:** The Walter and Mary Burke Park in Downtown New Baltimore (Washington and Front)

**When:** Saturday, September 3rd, 2011 and Sunday, September 4th, 2011 - 10:00am to 5:00pm

"Not your typical Art Show" is how we describe Art on the Bay in Downtown New Baltimore. Why? Because the Walter and Mary Burke Park is located on the beautiful shore of Lake St. Clair providing a stunning backdrop in which to enjoy all of the activities described above. The perfect event to help wind-down the hustle and bustle of the summer season. Relax, Refresh, Reconnect...

**Information:** [www.artonthebay.com](http://www.artonthebay.com) • 586.716.7620 • [jsproat@cityofnewbaltimore.org](mailto:jsproat@cityofnewbaltimore.org)



## CITY OF NEW BALTIMORE MEETING SCHEDULE

All City business meetings are open to the public. Most are also shown on the Community Calendar in every issue of The Channel. Any special meetings, such as public hearings, are advertised in the local newspaper and the City website:

[www.cityofnewbaltimore.org](http://www.cityofnewbaltimore.org). All citizens are invited to attend and are welcome to observe and/or participate. All meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall:

36535 Green Street—New Baltimore

(586) 725-2151

City Council:	2nd and 4th Monday	7:00pm
Planning Commission:	3rd Tuesday	7:30pm
DDA:	2nd Wednesday	7:00pm
Historic District Comm:	1st Tuesday	7:00pm
Citizens Advisory Comm:	4th Thursday	7:00pm
Parks & Recreation:	1st Thursday	6:00pm

Please see the Community Calendar for additional meeting dates and times.

City of New Baltimore  
 36535 Green Street  
 New Baltimore, MI 48047

# CITY DIRECTORY

## WHO TO CALL

Fire-Medical-Police Emergency:..... **911**

Police Non-Emergency:..... (586) 725-2181

Fire Non-Emergency:..... (586) 725-0990

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City Hall Main Number..... (586) 725-2151

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