

# Lenawee County

Newsletter

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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

### MARTIN D. MARSHALL, ADMINISTRATOR

The month of July saw “constructive” activity at the County. The Judicial Building parking lot has been rebuilt and repaved. The Solid Waste plan for a recycling station within the City of Adrian received approval from the City of Adrian Planning Commission. And the newly appointed Land Bank Authority approved organizational documents to become fully operational.

The county has been participating in district library discussions from which the City of Adrian withdrew in July. Lenawee County remains committed to supporting the county library and to the exploration of a district library to provide ongoing secure funding for library services. Lenawee County did not initiate the district library discussion, but has since identified clear benefits to the district library planning process.

The Lenawee County Library will be in the “*Department Spotlight*” next month but it is important to note that the county library currently serves all 99,000 plus residents of Lenawee County. The current budget indicates an operational cost of \$7.30 per resident, about a quarter of the per capita cost of any other library operation in the county. Another accepted cost comparison is the rate per library card holder. On this basis the county library is again the lowest cost at \$33.50 compared to costs that range as high as \$161. The county library is a very efficient and effective organization.

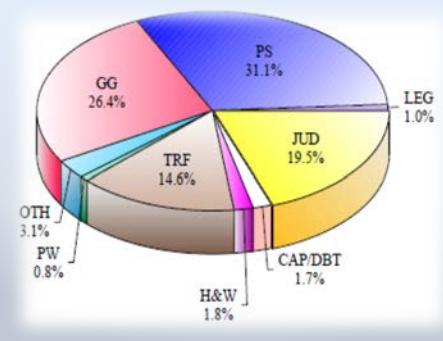
The county fair was in July and as always, the Sheriff’s Department was well represented as they worked the fair, several elected officials were in attendance, and the Solid Waste Committee distributed educational materials on recycling.

## COUNTY BUDGET

At a glance:

Public Safety.....	31.1%
General Government.....	26.4%
Legislative/Judicial.....	20.5%
Transfer Out.....	14.6%
Health & Welfare.....	1.8%
Capital/Debt.....	1.7%
Public Works.....	0.8%
Other Services.....	3.1%

County Tax Rate..... 4.9412  
(per \$1,000 assessed evaluation)



## Lenawee Economic Development

The LEDC presented an update to the Board of Commissioners and reported on recent successes including 5 new manufacturing projects resulting in \$18.4 million in investments, 17 new jobs, and 638 jobs retained. They have assisted in providing \$237,855 in EPA grants to local businesses which resulted in \$1,519,145 in local investments, and have assisted the County in issuing a total of \$1,695,000 from the Business Revolving Loan Fund that resulted in \$2,787,000 of local investments and 97 new jobs. There are currently 13 projects in the pipeline for business expansions or start-ups.

The LEDC has also applied for a \$172,000 loan through the USDA’s Intermediary Relending Program and will be offering small business loans.

The LEDC may be reached at (517) 265-5141.

## Updates

**Lenawee County Health Code:** The Board of Commissioners has agreed to explore revisions to the County Environmental Health Code that provide for the reliable restriction of the use of groundwater as a means to prevent exposure to hazardous substance.

**Gerber Park (Deerfield Township):** In April, construction bids were received for improvements to Gerber Hill Park. General site work of the project includes a stone parking area, fencing, a gate, and educational signs. Both a new fishing pier and picnic shelter will be added to the park. The project is expected to be completed in September 2012 for a cost of the approximately \$107,000, of which \$69,000 is paid for by a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the remaining funds were from private donations.

**Lenawee Co Tax Sale:** Of the 94 properties available, 37 were sold at the recent tax-foreclosure auction. Sales totaled \$573,943; which is approximately \$300,000 less than total delinquent taxes owed. Unsold properties will be available at the September sale.

## Elections



Primary Election- August 7, 2012  
General Election- November 6,  
2012

Polls will be open  
7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Official Candidate and Proposal information can be found on the homepage of the county website.

Anyone interested in obtaining an Absentee Ballot should contact their local city or township clerk.

**Lenawee Department On Aging**  
0.2500 mills

**Lenawee Medical Care Facility**  
0.1896 mills

Currently the LDA has a \$400,000 budget deficit being filled with reserve funds and while reserve funds decline, the senior population continues to grow. An additional 0.25 mill tax is required to maintain operations

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Medical Care Facility "Annual Parade Around our Home"** Monday - August 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. If anyone has any antique/classic cars they would like to drive in the parade, please call 517-263-6794 ext 258.
- The **Lenawee County Health Department Annual Blood Drive** is Aug. 30, 2012 - Call to schedule an appointment 517-264-5203
- **County Library:** The Library has activities scheduled all month long throughout the county. Extreme couponing, small business marketing on facebook, book sales, lego contests, and many others. Please visit <http://www.lenawee.lib.mi.us> or call 263-1011
- **Maurice Spear Campus 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-** September 15, 2012

## Department Spotlight

**Lenawee Department on Aging**  
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Tom MacNaughton, Director  
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*"To provide quality services that enable persons who are age 60 and over to live independently with dignity."*

The Department on Aging is the county's source for services to the growing number of seniors within the county. The LDA operates and provides the following:

- **Senior Centers** in Addison, Adrian, Blissfield, Hudson, Morenci, Onsted and Tecumseh
- **Home Delivered Meals** to those who are unable to leave their home and are unable to prepare meals
- **Home Care Assistance** in the form of personal care and homemaker services for those with functional needs
- **Foster Grandparent Program**
- **Respite** services to give relief to 24-hour per day caregivers
- Arranging **transportation** for those who are unable to drive and have no other way to get to medical appointments
- **Daybreak Adult Day Services**
- **Health insurance counseling** through the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP)
- **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program**
- Coordinate the **Commodity Food Programs** with distribution at the Adrian Senior Center

There are many **volunteer opportunities** in home delivered meals, foster grandparents, medical escorts, respite program, tax preparation, senior centers, and commodity food distribution. *Please call the office for more information.*