

# BUSINESS CRIME WATCH

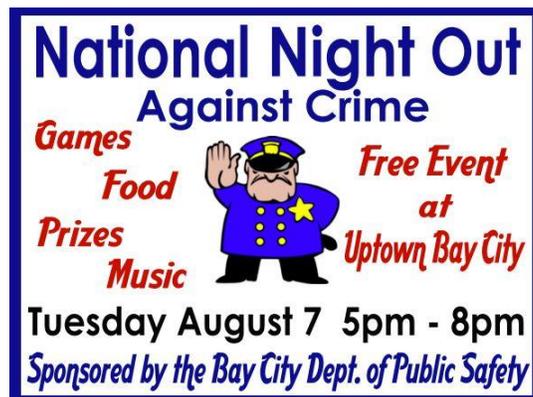
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## National Night Out Tuesday August 7, 2018 from 5pm – 8pm

The 2018 National Night Out Against Crime is one week away! This year's event will be held in Uptown Bay City on Tuesday August 7th from 5pm - 8pm. There will be lots of exciting activities for kids of all ages. We will once again be holding the Best Dish contest featuring some of the best restaurants from Bay City. We will also have lots of games and giveaways for the kids. The Bay Area Family Y will be sponsoring a bounce house, McLaren Bay Region will be distributing bicycle helmets, Graff Chevrolet has donated 4 kids' bicycles, and Meijer will be providing hot dogs, pop and chips. We will have music, games, ice cream, popcorn, over 50 community organizations, lots of public safety vehicles, city utility vehicles, the pedal trolley, and much much more. Mark your calendars to join us on August 7th from 5pm - 8pm for the National Night Out Against Crime.

Some of the community organizations who will be attending:

CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region  
Bay Health Plan  
Ferris State University  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center  
Studio 23  
Bay County Library Systems  
Bay County Health Department  
Mid-Michigan Community Action  
Magic Carpet  
Immanuel Lutheran Church Youth Board  
Bay County Department on Aging  
Wellspring Lutheran Services  
Financial Edge Credit Union  
Bay City Noon Optimist Club  
Bay Area Women's Center  
Central High School  
Immanuel School Board  
Washington Elementary School  
Michigan State Police  
McLaren Bay Region EMS  
Dow Bay Area Family YMCA  
Families Against Narcotics/Hope Not Handcuffs  
Chemical Bank  
Bay City parks and sanitation  
Grace Church  
Bay City Electric Light & Power  
Essexville Public Safety  
Sunrise Pedal Trolley  
Courtyard by Marriott  
Adventure Café  
Graff Chevrolet  
Bay-Arenac Pregnancy to Preschool Partnership  
7-11 Kosciuszko



Northeast CDC  
Southend CDC  
Northwest CDC  
Bridge the Gap  
Clements Electric  
Prairie Farms  
Meijer  
Suzie Q's Restaurant  
The Great Lakes Market  
Coco Loco  
Real Seafood Company  
Bare Bones  
Bay County Prevention Network  
Pregnancy to Preschool Partnership  
Sprint by Fast Wireless  
Friends of NRA  
COPOCO Community Credit Union  
Bay County Sheriff Office  
Mom's Demand Action for Gun Sense  
Hemlock Semi-Conductor  
Great Lakes Bay Health Centers  
Frankenmuth Credit Union  
Zion Lutheran School  
Boys and Girls Club  
Area 9 Special Olympics  
Bay Arenac Great Start Collaborative  
Friends of the Historic Masonic Temple  
Crime Stoppers  
Bay City Public School  
Bay City Housing Commission  
Dutch Village Adventure Park  
Uptown Grill  
Archie's South End  
Villarreal's Authentic Take Out  
That Guys Barbeque  
Tex-Mex

## PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

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The most common stolen property comes from the front area of businesses and most of it is very portable. Carefully consider what to leave in an open outside area and discover ways to make the items less portable.

### **Sculptures & Decorations**

- If it is going to be placed to the front of the business place the item in clear view of the business so that attempts to steal it may be seen.
- Consider placing the item in the center of a pond or within a barrier of soft earth to make it more of a struggle to steal it.
- Take pictures of the sculpture next to a scale rule so that its size and height can be realized. If your sculpture is stolen, submit the pictures with your report. BCDPS will help get the word out via Facebook and newsletters.
- For very valuable items consider the use of electronic security devices such as alarm detectors and video monitoring.
- Install motion-activated security lights on the outside of your business facing your sculptures or decorations. Thieves prefer the cover of darkness and are less likely to steal when in the spotlight.

*There are many inexpensive anti-theft electronic security devices on the market. The various wireless security items/systems are available at local hardware stores and online.*

### **Trees & Shrubs**

Newly planted trees and shrubs are stolen on a regular basis, because the clues are there to be seen. The soil around the new plant looks like it has been freshly disturbed and maybe the plant label hasn't been removed. There are a number of measures you can take to reduce your chances of a theft.

- There are plant anchors specifically designed to protect new shrubs and trees. These consist of a high tensile steel cable which loops around the base of the plant and is attached to an anchoring device which is driven deep into the ground. The design is such that if you try to pull it out the hinged anchor tip digs into the soil around it and won't come out; a bit of a problem if you put it in the wrong place! However, these things generally work quite well and have to be dug out of the ground with the plant thereby buying you time.
- For large specimen trees and shrubs it is possible to anchor them into the ground using three or even four plant anchors. Once the plant has been placed into its planting hole corrosion resistant steel bands are placed over the top of the root ball. These bands are attached to the plant anchors, each of which is driven into undisturbed ground. This action will tighten the metal bands and pull the plant down into its planting hole. Apart from making it difficult to steal it will also help prevent the tree or shrub from being blown around in the wind.
- Similar systems using metal bands and plant anchors, which are available at some garden centers and websites, can be used to secure potted trees and shrubs to the ground.

## **Hanging Baskets**

A cheap method of preventing the theft of hanging baskets or, at least, slowing the thief down, is to attach the baskets to their brackets with heavy-gauge wire. This is best done by looping the wire in and out of the basket, and then running it up one of the chains to the bracket, where it can be wound around a few times before running back down to the basket. For a little more money, use a plastic coated cable sold for locking cycles. Make sure you buy a long one and simply thread that through the basket, locking it to the bracket.

You can actually obtain lockable hanging baskets through the Internet, and from some garden centers and DIY stores. These incorporate a single, central hanging rod that key locks into a special wall bracket; others have a basket that sits on top of a bracket and is locked in place. Alternatively, you can buy a purpose made clamp that secures the hook of a traditional hanging basket to its bracket.

## **GRAFFITI**

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Graffiti today is such an accepted part of youth culture. Others see it as vandalism and a symbol of urban decay. Despite the common association of graffiti with gangs, graffiti is widely found in jurisdictions of all sizes, and graffiti offenders are by no means limited to gangs. Because of its rising prevalence in many areas—and the high costs typically associated with cleanup and prevention—graffiti is often viewed as a persistent, if not an obstinate, problem. Few graffiti offenders are apprehended and some change their methods and locations in response to possible apprehension and cleanups.

As with most forms of vandalism, graffiti is not routinely reported to police. Many people think that graffiti is not a police or "real crime" problem, or that the police can do little about it. Because graffiti is not routinely reported to police or other agencies, its true scope is unknown. But graffiti has become a major concern, and the mass media, including movies and websites glamorizing or promoting graffiti as an acceptable form of urban street art, have contributed to its spread.

Although graffiti is a common problem, its intensity varies substantially from place to place. While a single incident of graffiti does not seem serious, graffiti has a serious cumulative effect; its initial appearance in a location appears to attract more graffiti. Local graffiti patterns appear to emerge over time, thus graffiti takes distinctive forms, is found in different locations, and may be associated with varying motives of graffiti offenders. These varying attributes offer important clues to the control and prevention of graffiti.

For many people, graffiti's presence suggests the government's failure to protect citizens and control lawbreakers. There are huge public costs associated with graffiti and cleaning it up. Graffiti can also contribute to lost revenue associated with reduced retail sales and declines in property value. In addition, graffiti generates the perception of blight and heightens fear of gang activity.

### **Removing graffiti rapidly**

One of the most promising responses to graffiti are consistently getting rid of it, and doing so quickly. The removal process may vary substantially depending on the type of graffiti tool and the type of material vandalized. Rapid removal is the key, remove graffiti within 24 to 48 hours. Although not a huge problem in Bay City, we have seen graffiti behind some of our businesses. Most of the graffiti found in our community is known as "tagging". Tagging is the simplest and quickest form of graffiti, involving only the tagger's initials, symbols, or alias. They are often made with spray paint in large rounded, bubble-style letters and in an unreadable manner. Tagging is not gang related.

Please do your part and make daily checks of your building. If you see graffiti, call 989-892-5900 or report online to [communitypolicing@baycitymi.org](mailto:communitypolicing@baycitymi.org)

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### Notable Dates for the August 7th Election:

August 4, 2018 – 2:00 p.m. Deadline for Absent Voter's Ballots to leave the Clerk's Office.

August 6, 2018 – 4:00 p.m. Deadline to complete an Absent Voter's Ballot in the Clerk's Office.

### August 7, 2018 – ELECTION DAY (7:00 a.m. – 8:00 pm)

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### Bay City July Crime Update

07/16- There was an attempted burglary at a west side auto shop. Entry was attempted by shattering a window which activated the alarm. The alarm was audio and believed to scare off the suspect. This case is under investigation.

07/21- A retail fraud was reported from a west side gas station. The suspect described as a white male in 30's grabbed a case of beer and ran out the door.

07/22- A hit and run was reported to a west side convenience store. A vehicle pulled up and hit the front of the building. The driver then left the scene. This case has been solved and forward to the city attorney's office.

07/23- An attempted burglary to a storage shed was report from a west side elementary school.

07/27- Officers were dispatched to suspicious situation involving a subject running down the street carrying a cash registered. Upon arrival, officers discovered an east side restaurant had been burglarized. Officers also located a suspect in the area matching the description. The case is still under investigation.

07/28- A malicious destruction of property was reported at a west side fast food restaurant. During the night, someone had shattered a front window to the restaurant.

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### Boards and Committees

- [Charter Commission Meeting](#)  
August 14, 2018, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Conference Room 306
- [Zoning Board of Appeals](#)  
August 14, 2018, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Commission Chambers
- [Historic District Commission](#)  
August 8, 2018, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM @ Commission Chambers
- [Planning Commission](#)  
August 15, 2018, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Commission Chambers
- [Charter Commission Meeting](#)  
August 28, 2018, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Conference Room 306

- [Historic District Commission](#)  
August 22, 2018, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM @ Commission Chambers

### City Commission

- [Finance Policy Meeting 7/2/18 @ 6:30](#)  
August 6, 2018, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM @ Commission Chambers
- [City Commission Meeting](#)  
August 6, 2018, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- [Finance Policy Meeting](#)  
August 20, 2018, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- [City Commission Meeting](#)  
August 20, 2018, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

### Community Development Block Grant/CDCs

- [Northeast Citizens District Council](#)  
August 22, 2018, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM @ Conference Room 317

### Special / Community Events

1. [Downtown Bay City Farmers Market](#)  
August 2, 2018, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM @ 800 block of Jefferson Avenue at Center Avenue
2. [Decade Dash Car Show 5K](#)  
August 4, 2018, 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM @ Uptown Bay City and Riverwalk
3. [Alex Burke Memorial Tennis Tournament](#)  
August 4, 2018, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM @ Carroll Park
4. [Hop Riot Beer Festival](#)  
August 4, 2018, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM @ Wenonah Park
5. [Alex Burke Memorial Tennis Tournament](#)  
August 5, 2018, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM @ Carroll Park
6. [National Night Out](#)  
August 7, 2018, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Uptown Bay City
7. [Downtown Bay City Farmers Market](#)  
August 9, 2018, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM @ 800 block of Jefferson Avenue at Center Avenue
8. [Rise 'n Shine Summer 5K](#)  
August 11, 2018, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM @ Dow Bay Area Family YMCA, Riverwak
9. [Urban Salvage Vintage Market - Summer](#)  
August 11, 2018, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM @ Veterans Memorial Park
10. [Brett Young Concert](#)  
August 11, 2018, 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM @ Wenonah Park
11. [Urban Salvage Vintage Market - Summer](#)  
August 12, 2018, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM @ Veterans Memorial Park
12. [Downtown Bay City Farmers Market](#)  
August 16, 2018, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM @ 800 block of Jefferson Avenue at Center Avenue
13. [Southend Citizens District Council Back to School Bash](#)  
August 16, 2018, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Senior & Child Development Center
14. [Hope Glows 5K](#)  
August 17, 2018, 8:00 PM @ Veterans Memorial Park

15. [Chalk Walk Art Festival](#)  
August 18, 2018, 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM @ Downtown Streets - 3rd Street and Water Street
  16. [ArtClash](#)  
August 18, 2018, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM @ Wenonah Park
  17. [Downtown Bay City Farmers Market](#)  
August 23, 2018, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM @ 800 block of Jefferson Avenue at Center Avenue
  18. [1st Annual Line Dancing Under the Stars](#)  
August 24, 2018, 8:00 PM - August 25, 2018, 12:00 AM @ 3rd Street Starbridge
  19. [Ducky Derby](#)  
August 25, 2018, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM @ Bigelow Park
  20. [A Taste of Downtown](#)  
August 25, 2018, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM @ Wenonah Park
  21. [Downtown Bay City Farmers Market](#)  
August 30, 2018, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM @ 800 block of Jefferson Avenue at Center Avenue
  22. [Lone Star Concert](#)  
August 30, 2018, 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM @ Wenonah Park
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## **National Night Out 2018**



**Don't forget to register your organization for National Night Out**

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# 2018 National Night Out Registration Form

Please send your reservation form to [communitypolicing@baycitymi.org](mailto:communitypolicing@baycitymi.org) You may also mail your reservation to the Bay City Department of Public Safety, Community Policing Unit, 501 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Bay City, MI 48708.

The 2018 location will once again be at Uptown Bay City, just north of Dow Corning. Entrance is off of Main Street. You may pull into the Dow Corning parking lot to unload. Vendor parking will then be located on Saginaw Street between 10th & 11th. This year's event will be located outside on the grassy area just to the north of Dow Corning (look for the Dow tent). Please indicate below if you need a power outlet. Bring a table, chairs and pop up tent if needed.

Please include the following:

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of space needed if more than a 10 x 10 area: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Info \_\_\_\_\_

Power outlet: YES or NO

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 8pm. Set up will be from 3pm – 5pm, You may arrive earlier if more time is needed. The event will be held rain or shine.

We look forward to your participation in America's National Night Out Against Crime! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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