

# BUSINESS CRIME WATCH

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## Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, or CPTED, examines crime problems and the ways various features of the environment afford opportunities for undesirable and unwanted behaviors. CPTED strives to eliminate criminal opportunities in and around your property by identifying problem areas and effecting change. Where these techniques have been applied to problem settings, crimes of opportunity have decreased by as much as 90%.

CPTED strategies are effective when applied to building or store interiors. Studies have shown that the application of CPTED techniques may reportedly decrease security problems by up to 50% and increase sales by as much as 33%.

## Target Hardening

'Target Hardening' is a crime prevention strategy derived from CPTED. This strategy involves incorporating security improvements to a residence or premises, which will reduce the likelihood of a criminal identifying that location as an easy target.

## Business Strategy

### *Basic Risk Assessment*

#### Exterior

- Are the views of your property obscured from the street?
- Are there any hiding spots around your windows or doors?
- Do you or your customer's park in poorly observed areas or in lots far away?
- Is your property regularly trespassed?
- Are there "weapons of opportunity" in the landscaping? (ie. Loose river rocks)

#### Interior

- Is your office equipped with computers?
- Can strangers enter your building without talking to a receptionist or employee?
- Do employees routinely ignore unescorted strangers beyond the reception area?

## Next steps to improving your business security

- Ensure that you have a good video surveillance system that is prominently displayed both inside and outside of the premises.
- Employers should ensure that cameras are checked regularly and are in good working order, capable of capturing quality unobscured images.
- Increase business visibility from the street.
- Increase parking visibility from your business.
- Direct the approach of visitors to observable areas using see-through fencing, gating or landscaping that doesn't affect views.
- Decrease "weapons of opportunity." (ie. Remove rocks or chain items down)
- Ensure all entering customers are visible by either a receptionist or employee. (Restrict unmonitored movement in your office area.)
- Evaluate lighting in the evening hours for areas of shadow and contrast, particularly in relation to entry points. Consider wire-screened, motion activated lights for dark areas.

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## Did You Know?

Bonds, loans and other financing options, on both state and local levels, will help get your business up and running in Bay City. Here are some examples.

### **Tax-Exempt Industrial Development Revenue Bonds**

The Michigan Strategic Loan Fund or the Economic Development Corp. of the City of Bay City can provide the maximum allowable use of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds financing. IDRBs lower the cost of borrowing to approximately 70% to 80% of prime rate for eligible capital expenditures. This is due to the federal tax exemption on interest paid to the bond borrower (and state taxes in certain cases). Use of bond proceeds is limited to acquisition of land, machinery and equipment; and construction, renovations or acquisition of buildings.

### **Taxable Revenue Bond**

The Taxable Revenue Bond (TRB) provides companies with potentially longer term financing (10-20 years), often at a fixed rate and lower cost than conventional financing, and is exempt at the state and local level if purchased by Michigan taxpayers. These bonds are not restricted by the IRS, and can be used to finance projects of more than \$10 million. They can be used as working capital and to finance commercial, pollution control, agricultural and recreational projects.

### **Small Business Administration 504**

For qualified small businesses, the Single Business Administration 504 program can provide subordinated, fixed-asset financing at long-term Treasury bond rates. Loans are limited to the lesser of \$750,000 or 40% of project financing requirements.

## Loan Guarantees

Through local banks, the City of Bay City works with the Single Business Administration and the Rural Development Agency on projects that require loan guarantees from one of those agencies to secure private financing on eligible projects.

## State Venture Capital

The Alternative Investments Division of the Michigan Department of Treasury offers a pool of venture capital for qualified, fast-growing companies seeking equity funding. Typically, the venture capital program is used to support new, high-tech companies on the cutting edge of industrial technology.

## Tax Incremental Financing

Tax increment-financing capture taxes generated from new capital investment except school millage and debt millage. The "capture" can be used for a variety of purposes including, but not limited to, project-related infrastructure improvements, i.e. road, water, sewer and site development (such as land balancing, mass grading and landscaping). Tax increment financing can be used through a Local Finance Development Authority, a Downtown Development Authority or a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

More information is available on the City of Bay City website at [www.BayCityMI.org](http://www.BayCityMI.org)

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## Bridges

Remind your employees to plan extra time for bridge openings. Bay City has 4 drawbridges that are manned 24 hours a day during the Shipping season from April 1 - December 31.

Bridges need open for the passage of recreational vessels only from 3 minutes before to 3 minutes after the hour and half-hour, and the Liberty Street and Lafayette Street Bridges need open for the passages of recreational vessels only from 3 minutes before to 3 minutes after the quarter-hour and three-quarter hour.

### Liberty Bridge Maintenance

June 4 – 27 Bridge traffic will be detoured



Work includes pavement patching, mechanical maintenance, lighting, and general overall maintenance. Traffic will be detoured over Vets Bridge.

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## 2018 Infrastructure Projects



- Water main replacement along **JFK Drive**, near the **Bay County Community Center** is scheduled for the spring of 2018.
- **First Street**, between Washington and Madison, will be reconstructed in the summer of 2018 due to underground utility and street conditions.
- **Johnson Street**, between Water and Woodside, will be reconstructed in the summer/fall of 2018 due to underground utility conditions.
- **Wenona Avenue**, between North Union and Hart, will be cold milled and resurfaced along with water main reconstruction in the summer of 2018 in cooperation with Bangor Township.
- Currently under **design** is the reconstruction of **Trumbull Street** between Center and Woodside. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2019, with utility relocations in 2018.
- A design survey and geotechnical (soils) study is being conducted on Clara and Dean Streets to determine the cause of the settlement in the area and to prepare for road reconstruction tentatively scheduled for 2020.

You can find construction updates at the following link:

<https://www.baycitymi.org/596/Construction-Projects>

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## Tall Grass & Weeds Management

A kind reminder:

Section 110-27 states *“It shall be the duty of each owner, possessor or occupier of land, and of every person having charge of any land within the City, to cut or remove and destroy all noxious weeds. Noxious weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants, and vegetation other than trees or shrubs; provided, however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens. All noxious weeds shall be cut or removed and destroyed on or before May 1 of each year. Thereafter, all noxious weeds shall be cut or removed and destroyed before they reach a height of six (6”) inches on lands adjacent to a residence or a height of eight inches on vacant lands or commercial property and, in any case, as necessary to prevent all noxious weeds from going to seed or otherwise spreading or becoming a detriment to the public health.”*

The grass program runs from May 1 through October 31. Failure to comply will result in the City undertaking the cutting and/or clean up, and presenting the property owner with a bill for services.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Code Enforcement at (989) 894-8176 or by email to [scoggin@baycitymi.org](mailto:scoggin@baycitymi.org).

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## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- [Charter Commission Meeting](#)  
June 12, 2018, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Conference Room 306
- [Zoning Board of Appeals](#)  
June 12, 2018, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Commission Chambers
- [Historic District Commission](#)  
June 13, 2018, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM @ Commission Chambers
- [Planning Commission](#)  
June 20, 2018, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Commission Chambers
- [Charter Commission Meeting](#)  
June 26, 2018, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Conference Room 306
- [Historic District Commission](#)  
June 27, 2018, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM @ Commission Chambers

### City Commission

- [Finance Policy Meeting 6/4/18 @ 6:30](#)  
June 4, 2018, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM @ Commission Chambers
- [City Commission Meeting](#)  
June 4, 2018, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- [Finance Policy Meeting](#)  
June 18, 2018, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- [City Commission Meeting](#)  
June 18, 2018, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

### Community Development Block Grant/CDCs

- [South End Citizens District Council](#)  
June 21, 2018, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Fremont Child & Senior Center
- [Columbus Avenue Citizens District Council Meeting](#)  
June 20, 2018, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM @ Conference Room 306
- [Northwest Citizens District Council](#)  
June 20, 2018, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM @ Linsday School
- [Northeast Citizens District Council](#)  
June 27, 2018, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM @ Conference Room 317

### Special / Community Events

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- [Outdoor Movie Night featuring "The Perfect Game"](#)  
June 1, 2018, 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM @ Southwest Little League Field  
Lights, Camera, Action Movie Nights featuring "The Perfect Game"
- [River Scene Music Festival](#)  
June 2, 2018, 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM @ Wenonah Park
- [River Scene Music Festival](#)  
June 3, 2018, 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM @ Wenonah Park
- [Downtown Bay City Farmers Market](#)  
June 7, 2018, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM @ 800 block of Jefferson Avenue at Center Avenue

- [Outdoor Movie Night featuring "Despicable Me"](#)  
June 8, 2018, 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM @ Southend Little League Field  
Lights, Camera, Action Movie Nights featuring "Despicable Me"
- [YWCA Riverside Art Festival](#)  
June 9, 2018, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM @ Downtown Bay City
- [YWCA Riverside Art Festival](#)  
June 10, 2018, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM @ Downtown Bay City
- [Downtown Bay City Farmers Market](#)  
June 14, 2018, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM @ 800 block of Jefferson Avenue at Center Avenue
- [Outdoor Movie Night featuring "Wonder"](#)  
June 15, 2018, 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM @ Northeast Little League Field  
Lights, Camera, Action Movie Nights featuring "Wonder"
- [Father's Day Fly-In Pancake Breakfast](#)  
June 17, 2018, 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM @ James Clements Airport
- [Downtown Bay City Farmers Market](#)  
June 21, 2018, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM @ 800 block of Jefferson Avenue at Center Avenue
- [Bay City Country Music Festival](#)  
June 22, 2018, 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM @ Wenonah Park
- [Outdoor Movie Night featuring "Coco"](#)  
June 22, 2018, 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM @ Bay County Child & Senior Center  
Lights, Camera, Action Movie Nights featuring "Coco"
- [Bay City Country Music Festival](#)  
June 23, 2018, 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM @ Wenonah Park
- [Downtown Bay City Farmers Market](#)  
June 28, 2018, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM @ 800 block of Jefferson Avenue at Center Avenue
- [St Stanislaus Polish Festival Road Race](#)  
June 28, 2018, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ City Streets
- [Great Lakes Bay Pride Festival](#)  
June 30, 2018, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM @ Wenonah Park

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## National Night Out 2018

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Together, we are making that happen. On Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 8pm neighbors throughout Bay City and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on their front porch lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and law enforcement.

The Bay City Department of Public Safety will be hosting our National Night Out event at Uptown Bay City. This event will have games and prizes for the kids, numerous public safety vehicles, non-profit organizations, music, a bounce houses, food, games and a cook off. We would like to invite your organization to come join us. You are welcome to set up a booth or table to provide information about your organization, sponsor an event, or donate a prize.

# 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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