



Bay County CURRENTS

...a publication for, about and by county employees



Bay County Emergency Services

JULY 2017

Recovery Starts with You!

"During a response to a catastrophic event, communities look to Bay County employees as a source of hope and security. The services we provide get the

how to evacuate, where you and your family will stay, and how you will meet your special needs throughout the disaster are a personal responsibility.

As the tropics heat up, Bay County Emergency Services WANTS YOU TO BE READY!

community back on the path to recovery," said Chief of Emergency Services **Mark Bowen**. "However, as community members themselves with families and homes, employees are just as vulnerable to disasters as everyone else."

It is critical that employees prepare themselves for the effects of a disaster so that when duty calls, we will be able to rise to the occasion and perform our duties.

Why is preparedness important?

Disaster can strike anywhere and at any time. House fires, flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes, hazardous material spills, and acts of terrorism may all force you and your family from your home—temporarily or even permanently.

Responding to and recovering from such events requires advance planning. By being prepared as individuals, we free up valuable resources, enabling our first responders to assist those who are in the greatest need.

Knowing what supplies to have available,

How can I better prepare myself and my family for an emergency?

You can better prepare by getting an emergency supply kit, making a family emergency plan, becoming informed about the different types of emergencies that occur where you live, and getting involved in the community.

Know your employee activation (Tier) level. Make sure your address and contact information is up to date with your supervisor and Human Resources.

Sign up for AlertBay! Go to alertbay.org to sign up for emergency notifications and to develop an emergency plan.

All employees should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive for at least three days if an emergency occurs.

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June 6th & 20th
Bay County
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Continued... The following is a listing of some basic items that every emergency supply kit should include. However, it is important that individuals review this list and consider where they live and the unique needs of their family in order to create an emergency supply kit that will meet these needs. Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time.



- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water- one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food- at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
 - First aid kit
 - Whistle to signal for help
 - Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Fire Extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

For more information on emergency preparedness, go to ready.gov or floridadisaster.org



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Bay County's Newest Firefighters Graduate from First Fast Track Academy

A newly created Fast Track program was implemented for probationary firefighters. This 3-week (120 hour) program excels our Firefighter Trainees by developing crucial skills and knowledge that our service demands of a professional full-time firefighter. It is essential that new firefighters learn the policies and procedures of the division quickly and become a functioning team member as soon as possible. The "Fast Track" program implemented by our (FTO) Field Training Officers) has proven to be an important tool in orientation of new Firefighters to Bay County Fire Services.

The academy prepares the Firefighter Trainee for many responsibilities ranging from routine station duties to operating sophisticated apparatus & equipment during an emergency scene. These skills are reinforced with a task book created for our division. Although each employee (firefighter) is assigned to an individual supervisor (line officer), the team of Field Training Officers work with the each new employee to assure their capabilities to function in our system. Through this program new firefighters quickly progress through the required objectives and complete their probation period able to fully function as part of their assigned unit.

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There are over 2 dozen categories enlisting multiple proficiencies that must be signed off on before a probationary firefighter assumes full firefighting duties. The task book in conjunction with our Fire Training Officer (FTO) program has transformed how we prepare new employees for the job.

When the objectives are completed, the Field Training Officers meet and evaluate the progress of each new employee. The recommendations of the team are then forwarded to the Battalion Chiefs for consideration of granting permanent status to the employee. The "Fast Track Program" is just one example of the leadership and innovation of our FTO line officers. Our Firefighter Trainees now have a firm grasp on the expectations of our department and the services we provide to the citizens and visitors of Bay County. We are blessed to have such high quality leadership in our Fire Services Division.

Submitted by Brook Powell & Fire Chief Brad Monroe



Bay County Builders Services



Bay County Emergency Services

HONOR THE BADGE

WEDNESDAYS at 10:00 WMBB NEWS 13



To see this story visit:

<http://www.mypanhandle.com/news/on-a-mission-for-supplies/733037075>



**Fire Fighter Kevin Shaw
(On A Mission For Supplies)**



Bay County Builders Services is proud to announce that **Stephanie Davis** has passed her **Commercial Mechanical Inspector Exam** and now holds her State of Florida License.

She has worked very hard to obtain this notable and valuable accomplishment.

She is in an elite group of very few female inspectors in the State of Florida. According to our records she is the **first licensed female inspector** for any trade in our Department. Additionally she is currently working toward her second license as a mechanical plans examiner. Her success demonstrates her hard work and perseverance.

Keep pets **inside** on the **4th of July**



Adopt a Pet com



Bay County Emergency Services

The American Heart Association awarded Bay County Emergency Medical Services with the Mission: Lifeline EMS Silver Award for its implementation of quality improvement measures for treating patients who experience severe heart attacks.

Annually, more than 250,000 people nationwide experience an ST elevation myocardial infarction, or, STEMI. This is the most deadly type of heart attack, caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart, requiring timely treatment to prevent death.... Blood flow must be restored as quickly as possible by mechanically opening the blocked vessel or providing clot-busting medication. Often, however, STEMI patients do not receive prompt therapy.

Mission: Lifeline seeks to save lives by closing the gaps separating STEMI patients from timely access to appropriate treatments, and the recognition program highlights emergency medical services demonstrating efforts in improving

systems of care and improving the quality of life for patients. Agencies that receive the Mission: Lifeline Silver Award have demonstrated at least 75-percent compliance for each required achievement measure for one year.



“Bay County EMS is dedicated to making our service among the best in the country, and the American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline program is helping us accomplish that by implementing processes aimed at



improving the quality of care for all acute coronary syndrome patients,” EMS Division Chief Corky Young said. “We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication and achievements in emergency medical care for all cardiac patients.”





Bay County Mosquito Control

GAMBUSIA USE AND MAINTENANCE

Integrated Mosquito Management: Biological Control

Using mosquito fish can be a cost-effective method for reducing mosquito populations before they are able to become adult nuisance or disease vectoring mosquitoes.



"My cost per year is about fifteen dollars after the tanks are set up."

-Kirt Winters of Bay MCP

What are Gambusia?

Mosquito fish, of the genus *Gambusia*, are excellent at eating mosquito larvae. All sizes and ages of *Gambusia* feed on mosquito larvae, and a large female mosquito fish can consume hundreds of larvae per day. Each fish can live for about 1 year, depending on environmental challenges.

Setting up your tank

Place your tank in a shaded area, away from direct sunlight. Partial sunlight is fine. If you do not have a covered area, drill holes near the top edge of the tank and glue a wire screen cover over the holes, so that overflow water can escape out of the tank. Be sure to use a small sized screen so that the little fry (offspring) remain inside. Attach the aerator with tubing of the same size as the outlet, and use PVC piping to reach over the tank's edge and down into the tank. Then connect a line of PVC piping along the bottom of the tank. Drill several holes into the PVC piping that runs along the bottom of the tank. This will allow for air to escape. It is not recommended to drill holes larger than 3/16 inch. Fill the tank with enough gravel, of your choice, to cover the entire bottom (over the piping). Gravel will serve as a natural water filter and it will secure the piping. Check with your Roads Department for gravel at a reduced cost, and consider rinsing the gravel before adding it to the tank. Use pond dechlorinator if you are filling the tank with chlorinated water.

Maintaining your tank

Now you are ready to add your fish. *Gambusia* will eat anything that falls into the tank, plant or animal, including their own young. The addition of aquatic plant life will help deter predatory birds, and provide another source of food. If there is no plant life (including algae) in your tank, you must supply fish food. Feeding can be adjusted from daily to weekly, depending on your work flow. Feed the fish as much as they can consume within 5 minutes time. In cooler temperatures, *Gambusia* will eat less food. They are very hardy and likely will survive in the cold temperatures experienced in Florida.

How to use the fish

Place water into a bucket. To catch fish, it is recommended to use a minnow trap, with food, and then place into the bucket. If you do not have a minnow trap, use a fish net. *Gambusia* can be used in ponds, fountains, unused swimming pools, animal troughs, and any area with standing water. When using in temporary pools, you will have to plan to restock with fish.

- **Small sources, such as fountains or troughs:** 2-3 fish
- **Ponds with surface area less than 200 square feet:** 3-5 fish
- **Larger Sources:** 1 fish for every 20 square feet

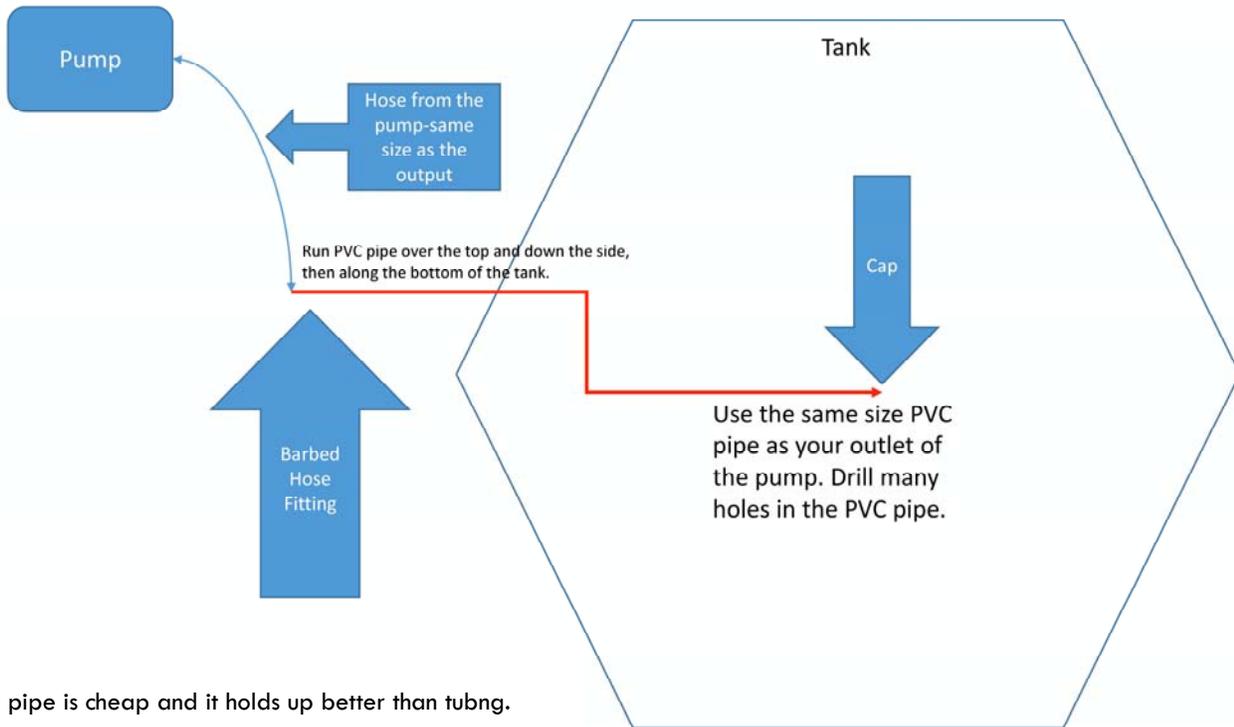
Special thanks to Bay County Mosquito Control for help in producing this guidance document.

"A good estimate is that 6 mosquito fish will take care of a pond 6 feet by 8 feet (surface area of 48 feet) "

-Hillsborough MCP



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PVC pipe is cheap and it holds up better than tubng.

Congratulations to Jason Domico (GIS), Bob Edmunds (Traffic Engineering) & Mike Nelson (Traffic Engineering) for completing the University of North Alabama's GIS Analyst Certification Program.

This rigorous one-year program included classes on "GIS Fundamentals", "Analysis & Editing", "Using AutoCAD in GIS", "Advanced Analysis using ArcGIS", and "Model Builder and Python Programming".



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JULY BIRTHDAYS

NEW HIRES

Justin Marking - Information Systems
 Corey Sanders - Mosquito Control
 Laura Laspee - Panama City Beach Library
 Bryan Lake - Traffic Engineering
 Rachel Vasquez - Transit
 Vanessa Hamstra - Roads & Bridges

Anniversaries

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 10 EMS Division Cox, Charles R.
 10 EMS Division Guillory, Kelly J.
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 10 Utility Services Hamm, Donald E.
 10 Water Systems Coatney, Joseph F.
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Let Freedom Ring!!!

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Enjoy a healthier lifestyle with this hands-on heart-health program!!

Classes will be held at the Florida Department of Health Bay County

597 W. 11th Street

Auditorium - Room 205

Panama City, FL 32401

Tuesdays - August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Keeping the Pressure Down is a University of Florida Extension education program developed by Linda B. Bobroff, Ph.D., RD, LD/N, Professor and Extension Nutrition Specialist, Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences, with Leigh Fish, M.S., RD, former graduate student in the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida (UF), Gainesville, Florida.

We gratefully acknowledge the many county and state Extension faculty who reviewed the Keeping the Pressure Down (KPD) program materials. They are acknowledged individually in the lesson plans.

THE SESSIONS:

Class 1 - Evaluating Your Risk; Building Activity Into Your Life

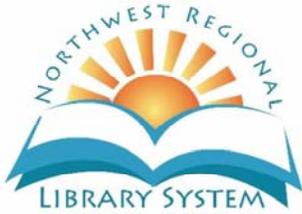
Class 2 - DASHing Toward a Healthier Diet; DASH Diet: Balancing Minerals

Class 3 - Decoding Food Labels; Enhancing Your Lifestyle

Class 4 - Reforming Our Recipes; Eating Out Sensibly

NOTE: Class size is limited to 15.

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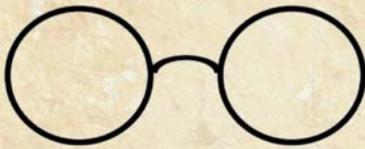


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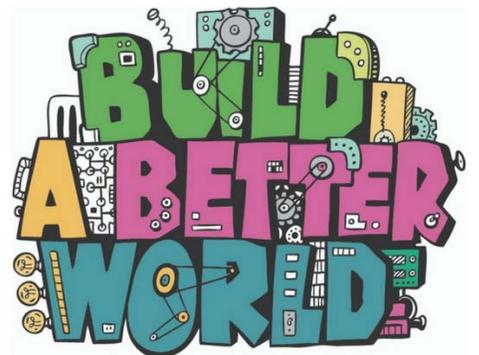


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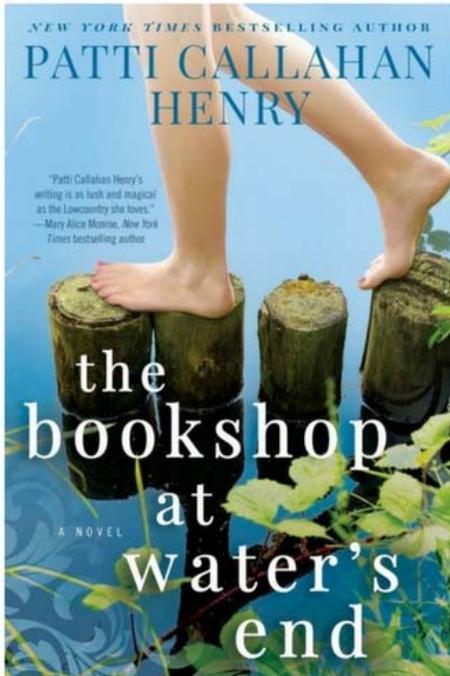
- **COMPUTER BASICS**
July 11 @ 9:30 a.m.
Learn to use a Windows-based computer.
- **INTERNET BASICS**
July 13 @ 9:30 a.m.
Learn to access and use the Internet.
- **MICROSOFT WORD - PART 1**
July 18 @ 9:30 a.m.
Learn to use Microsoft Word.
- **MICROSOFT WORD - PART 2**
July 20 @ 9:30 a.m.
Learn to use Microsoft Word.
(Prerequisite - Microsoft Word - Part 1)

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Visit the Reference Desk or call (850) 522-2107. All classes are held in the Bay County Public Library Computer Lab.

All locations of the Northwest Regional Library System offer Summer Reading Programs for school-aged children starting this June! Bay County Public Library also has Teen & Adult Summer Reading Programs. Check the online events calendar at www.nwrls.com or visit your library for more details!



Luncheon / Author Talk / Book Signing



BOOKS & BITES

*Patti Callahan
Henry*

July 21 @ 12:00 pm

Call 850-522-2100 or visit the Bay County Public Library to reserve your spot!

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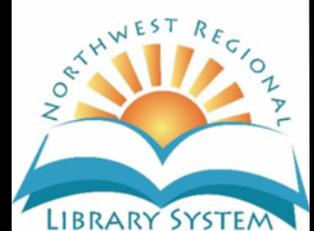


Ukulele Social Club

July 1st @ 10 - 11:30 am

The first part of the class is for beginner basics. The second part is for jammin'! We will have a few loaner instruments available but you are encouraged to bring your own. Ukulele Social Club will meet the first Saturday of the month at 10 am.

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Beginning Dulcimer

July 7th @ 1:00 - 3:00 pm

The first part of the class is a beginner lesson, and then a jam session! Bring your mountain dulcimer or sit in on the class to see if it's an instrument you'd be interested in learning!

