

The Township Update

MISSION STATEMENT

To establish innovative, effective and efficient public policy and funding for services, fiscal management, community planning and development; to encourage internal and external communications.

Fall/Winter 2003/04

Where Have The Recyclers Gone?

by Ronald Lee, Township Manager and Monica Duebbert, General Manager MMWA

On a recent drive I was left to wonder, *“where have the recyclers gone? Have they gone off to college and taken their good habits with them?”* This may explain the absence of recycle bins and recyclable materials left curbside on Mondays and Tuesdays in the Township.

Another possibility is our teens with appetites for snack foods are recycling somewhere else, leaving the household with less to recycle. Or perhaps we have become indifferent... *“Why should I recycle when others are not?”*



Whatever the reason, recycling is as important today as it was when recycling first started with gusto in Saginaw Township in the 1990's. The area's landfill currently has room for about 17 more years of trash. If you remember how fast those snack-munching youngsters grew up and left the nest... 17 years will be here before we know it.

As an environmentally responsive and responsible community that implemented our own recycling program in 1991, Saginaw Township takes pride in doing our part to protect the environment. But there is more we can do. Refuse generation rates continue to climb with Michigan residents generating an incredible 9.1 pounds of trash per person per day! Recycling needs to take on a renewed importance.

Currently, about 22% of the Townships residential wastestream is being recycled. However, 51% of the residential trash generated here and across the country is paper - one of the most recyclable materials. It's time Saginaw Township got back to the basics of recycling.

“IF YOU CAN RIP IT, YOU CAN RECYCLE IT” is the current public education campaign promoted by the Mid Michigan Waste Authority (MMWA). This campaign is targeted at increasing the recycling level for paper and paper goods. The Authority is a cooperative governmental entity formed to provide cost effective, environmentally sound, and integrated waste management services. As a founding member of MMWA, Saginaw Township has grown with MMWA and is one of the current 30 member communities utilizing its residential solid waste services, which were introduced in 1995.

Let's support the campaign to reduce our waste by recycling paper along with our plastic bottles, glass jars and metal food cans. Recycling has never been simpler. Just place junk mail and catalogs, newspapers, phone books, etc. in a brown paper bag and put it in, or place it next to your recycling bin.

Another paper product called chipboard or boxboard used for cereal, cookie and cracker boxes, should also be placed in a brown paper bag. All these recyclable materials can be set at the curb on your regular trash day.

Each of us can easily recycle. Together, Saginaw Township residents can make a lasting difference. Just think, by recycling all the allowable paper items, we could cut our trash in half!

For a free copy of The Loop Guide, a helpful brochure with tips for recycling and handling various refuse materials, please call MMWA at (989) 755-2716. And Get Ripping!

To purchase a recycle bin, (\$7.00) at Saginaw Twp. Hall, 4980 Shattuck Rd., (989) 791-9850.

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New Storm Water

A Public Education Announcement for the Citizens of Saginaw Charter Township

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) (Storm Water Permit - Saginaw Charter Township)

By: Herb (Sonny) Grunwell, Assistant Director of Public Services, Rob Grose, Assistant Director of Community Development & Russell Beaubien, Project Engineer at Spicer Group

Do you use the waters of the State for recreational activities such as swimming, boating, fishing, or other water sports? If you enjoy these water sports and you believe it is important to have clean water in our lakes, rivers and streams, then you will be interested in what your community is doing to address water quality in this region. Have you ever dumped antifreeze or oil down the drain in your street, or dumped lawn clippings into the drain in your back yard? Did you know those drains and storm sewer systems go directly to the rivers in our area? Those drainage systems do not receive any treatment. Under new federal regulations your community must keep its rainwater (storm water) discharges from the storm water drainage systems as clean as possible. You can help in this endeavor. In the future we will be educating everyone in the Saginaw Area on how you can help keep our rivers and lakes cleaner. There will be a series of short articles during the next year that will provide you with information that will help keep our water resources clean. We may also ask you to complete and return simple surveys to help us develop programs to keep our storm water clean. The Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority (SASWA) cannot succeed without your help. If you want to learn more about why keeping our storm water clean is important read on.

Pursuant to the regulations set forth in the revised Clean Water Act of 1972 (CWA), Saginaw Charter Township Government must now acquire and maintain an annual permit to discharge storm water from our community. Prior to the Clean Water Act of 1972, we had no formal system to evaluate the quality of storm water being discharged into our streams, rivers, and lakes. CWA regulations now control and prohibit the discharge of any pollutant into the waters of the United States from a point source unless a NPDES permit authorizes the discharge. A point source is a discharge from a pipe, ditch, channel, etc... The NPDES program is designed to track point sources and establish control measures to minimize the discharge of pollutants.

A permit to discharge storm water? Municipalities have been discharging storm water for years. What is the problem with that? Well, yes, communities, business, and industry have been discharging into waters of the state and our nation for years. But what has been the quality of those discharges? The quality has not been very good. But it is getting better! During the 1990s the Large Municipal areas and industry had to begin cleaning up their discharges through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) portion of the Clean Water Act as amended in 1987. They all had to obtain a NPDES permit to discharge storm water into waters of the state and develop a plan and procedures to keep the storm water clean. Overall, these programs have been having an effect on our nations water resources. The waters are becoming cleaner. But we still have work to do. Now as a new millennium begins so begins our opportunity to carry this Clean Water Program farther. It is time for all of us to begin to take measures to clean the waters that are so important to us as a source of drinking water and recreational opportunities.

A few examples of prohibited discharges into storm sewers include the following: sanitary wastewater illegally connected to a storm drain system; effluent from septic tanks; car wash and laundry detergents; improper disposal of auto and household toxins such as used motor oil and pesticides. These types of illicit discharges pose a serious threat to the environment and the welfare of the citizens of our country. *(Continued on page 3.)*

er Regulation

The NPDES program in the State of Michigan requires all communities within the boundaries of urbanized areas with a population density of at least 1,000 people per square mile to obtain a permit to discharge storm water. In Saginaw County, municipalities and affected agencies have joined together and applied for a "Watershed Approach General Permit" which outlines a defined watershed and a holistic approach to planning for water quality. This type of permit was selected because of its cooperative effort for cost sharing for plan implementation. The communities and agencies affected by the NPDES program have formed the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority (SASWA) in order to organize their efforts to obtain the required storm water discharge permits. SASWA has contracted with three consultants to assist in the permit process: Spicer Group Inc, Smith Bovill, P.C., and Heritage Accounting, P.C.

The first step in complying with the Watershed Approach permit process involved a Notice of Intent (NOI) submittal to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality prior to March 10, 2003. The NOI included the following information:

- ✓ Geographical scope of the watershed district.
- ✓ A description of the storm water drainage system.
- ✓ An Illicit Discharge Elimination Plan (IDEP), and
- ✓ A Public Education Plan (PEP).

A major focus of the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority in the upcoming year will be the Public Education Plan (PEP). Information pertaining to the new storm water regulation will be passed on to all Saginaw County residents through various communication mechanisms. We will also be providing you with some preventative maintenance ideas on how you can help keep our receiving streams, rivers, and lakes free from pollutants.

THE SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY CANNOT SUCCEED WITHOUT YOUR HELP!

FYI - Based upon the 2000 Census information, the following municipalities, state and local agencies, and school districts, including Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) are located within the Saginaw Urbanized Area and automatically required to apply for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit by March 10, 2003. **The following municipalities have applied for the permit:** City of Saginaw, Saginaw Charter Township, City of Zilwaukee, Buena Vista Charter Township, Bridgeport Charter Township, Thomas Township, James Township, Spaulding Township, Tittabawassee Township, Kochville Township, Carrollton Township, Saginaw County Road Commission, and the Saginaw County Public Works Department. Additionally, Birch Run Township had to comply as they were in the Flint Urbanized Area and SVSU / Saginaw Correctional Facility were included as part of the Saginaw UA. **The school districts affected are as follows:** Carrollton Township Schools, Saginaw Township Community Schools, Saginaw Intermediate School District, Bridgeport-Spaulding Township Schools, and Swan Creek Schools. Additionally, these entities have worked cooperatively to form the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority (SASWA) to jointly work on the plans needed for the NPDES permit.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Saginaw Township Police Department News.....

Reported by: Stephen C. Renico, Chief of Police

District Resource Officers

The police department proudly announces the assignment of three new District Resource Officers, one for each patrol district. The new District Resource Officers have received extensive training in community policing and will be available to assist residents with establishing Neighborhood Watch programs and dealing with community concerns.

The Officers and Their Assigned Areas Are:

East District: **Officer Chris Fredenburg.** The East District is east of Mackinaw, north of Weiss, west of I-675, and south of Tittabawassee Rd.

North District: **Officer Beth Collison.** The North District is north of State St., west of Mackinaw, east of the Tittabawassee river, and south of Tittabawassee Rd.

South District: **Officer Henry Reyna.** The South District includes all of Saginaw Township south of State St.

In addition to working with community groups, the officers will be teaching **TEAM** training in area schools. The TEAM program stands for **Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring** and is intended for grades K-12. The program will replace our former D.A.R.E. program.

The Resource Officers will also be working closely with apartment communities through our **Crime Free Multi-Housing program**. If you are a resident of an apartment community and would like more information on how to make your community a safer place, call your District Resource Officer.

Anyone wishing to speak to your District Resource Officer about establishing or reviving a **Neighborhood Watch program** may call (989) 791-7226 during normal duty hours. Or e-mail us at: investigations@saginawtownship.net

Announcing 3-1-1 Service in Saginaw County

Residents who want to report a routine crime or need information regarding law enforcement services, but who are reluctant to call 9-1-1 may now call 3-1-1. The new 3-1-1 service is a non-emergency number that connects the caller to an operator at Saginaw County Central Dispatch. The use of 3-1-1 will free up the 9-1-1 emergency lines for emergency calls. 3-1-1 calls will be answered in the order they are received after all incoming 9-1-1 calls are answered.

Saginaw County Central Dispatch is the 3rd busiest dispatch center in the State and handles approximately 370,000 incoming calls every year.

Important Numbers:

Police/Fire/Medical Emergency	9-1-1
Non-emergency	3-1-1
Saginaw Township Police	
Records	(989) 793-2310
Investigations	791-7226
Crime Information Hot Line	791-7233
www.saginawtownship.org/police	

Residential Security

Residential Security Has Four Basic Components:

- **Lights** - Leave a yard light on to help light up your neighborhood. When you are going to be away in the evening, always leave your interior lights on timers - a dark house in the early evening is a dead giveaway that nobody is home.
- **Locks** - Install deadbolt locks on all exterior doors but don't stop there - lock the deadbolt when you leave your home. Installing a deadbolt lock on a door and failing to use it only adds to the weight of the door.
- **Neighbors** - A good neighbor is one of the best defenses against residential crime. Get to know your neighbors and agree to watch out for each other. When your neighbor goes on vacation, agree to pick up his mail and newspaper and check his house. Undoubtedly, he will do the same for you. If you see or hear anything suspicious, call 9-1-1 immediately.
- **Common Sense** - Always arrange for your lawn to be mowed or your driveway shoveled when you are on vacation. Nothing says "this house is unoccupied" like long grass in the summer and a snowy driveway in the winter. And, because Saginaw Township has regular trash pickup each week, share a bag of trash with your neighbor and ask him to do the same. That way, every house on the block has trash at the curb for pickup.

If you would like more information on residential security, call your District Resource Officer at (989) 791-7226.

Department of Public Services News...

Reported by: Jerry Francis, Director of Public Services and Recreation

Construction Update

DPS Projects in Saginaw Charter Township

COMPLETED PROJECTS - Spring/Summer 2003

- Peace Lutheran School
- Dr. Lafleur Medical Facility
- Gatehouse Manor #2
- Churchill Lane Extension
- Installed new water main on McCarty Rd., Bay Rd. to Fashion Square Blvd.
- Sawmill Phase III
- Lawndale Farms Phase I
- Chestnut Grove

FALL 2003 PROJECTS

- Lawndale Rd. sewer extension
- Winterwood Lane extension
- Gatehouse Manor #3
- Princeton Place #5
- Lawndale Farms II



Yard Waste

Curb side pick-up will end Tuesday, November 25, 2003 and resume Monday, April 5, 2004.

Brush Site

Brush site hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday on the specified weekends.

For the remainder of 2003, the site will be open on weekends beginning Saturday, September 6, 2003 thru Sunday, October 26, 2003.

Community Development News...

Reported by: Matt Reno, Director of Community Development and Planning

Do I Need a Permit?

In Most Cases, The Answer Will Be, Yes!

The charging statement of the permits section of the Michigan Building Code (MBC section 105) indicates that plans, permits and inspections, are required on any construction where the work is intended to:

"...enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of, a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace, any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system, or to cause any such work to be done".

The remainder of this code section deals with specific exceptions to the requirements for a permit. This language is very broad and indicates that most work will require a permit of some type. However, there remains a great deal of rumor and misinformation throughout the industry.

For example, many homeowners believe that a permit is not required to move an interior nonbearing wall in their house. This is false. A permit and inspection is required to assure that the minimum requirements of the code are maintained in that dwelling. *(Continued on page 7.)*

Saginaw Township Treasurer's Office News...

Reported by: William J. McQuillan, Treasurer

Winter 2003 Tax Bills

Winter 2003 tax bills will be mailed on or before December 1, 2003. They are all mailed on the same day, but it may take several days for the postal service to make all the deliveries. If you do not receive a bill by December 15, please contact our office at **(989) 791-9840**. Persons who recently moved or changed their mailing address should be especially alert. We try to forward tax bills that are returned to us, but we do not send second notices.

Taxpayers who have financial institutions pay their taxes (escrow accounts) will still receive the original tax bill. Each taxpayer should retain this copy for income tax purposes and their personal records. The escrow agent receives a copy of the tax bill and pays the taxes for you. If you want to ensure that they have received the correct tax amount due, please contact them directly. The Treasurer's office will not be able to verify this information.

When paying in person, please bring the entire tax bill so that the top half can be stamped paid and returned to you for your records. If you mail the payment and do not need a receipt, please enclose the small bottom portion of the bill for our records. There is also a drop box by the front door (facing the corner of Center and Shattuck Rds.) for depositing payments after hours.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD.

The deadline for winter tax payment is Tuesday, February 17, 2004 (the regular February 14 due date falls on a holiday weekend). Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on February 18, a 3% penalty fee will be added to the bill. Real property taxes will be transferred to the Saginaw County Treasurer on March 1, 2004.

We Welcome You to Look Up Taxes on Our Website

www.saginawtownship.org (Under property information)

All property in the township is listed by owner, address, and property number, so it is possible to look up assessed values, tax amounts, and whether the taxes are paid. You can print copies or also see if the tax bill was paid by your escrow agent.



Saginaw Township Fire Department News...

Reported by: Richard Powell, Fire Chief

Be Safe - Not Sorry

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors Save Lives

As Fall changes our landscape, we adjust our wardrobes to protect us from the autumn chill. Modern day appliances provide for our creature comforts as our homes barrier frigid winds. To keep us comfortable and safe, the appliances we rely on must be maintained by licensed professionals. Furnaces, chimneys and the exhaust from water heaters should be thoroughly inspected each year to insure proper ventilation. Carbon monoxide detectors should be a staple in every home, along with an ample supply of smoke detectors. Install carbon monoxide detectors as specified by the manufacturers installation guide. Smoke detectors should be on the ceilings, preferably centered in rooms, in each bedroom and immediately outside sleeping rooms. Smoke detectors must be at the top of every staircase and on each level of the home. Consider electrically wired, interconnected smoke detectors - when a single detector goes into alarm the entire house will alarm for rapid notification. Never hesitate to call 911 to report an activated smoke or carbon monoxide detector - we prefer you are safe, rather than sorry. The fire department will conduct a thorough investigation to determine the cause of the alarm, at no charge. In the event the fire department monitor confirms the presence of carbon monoxide in the home, Consumers Energy will be dispatched, with no expense to the homeowner.

Always Plan Ahead!

Plan now for winter emergencies. Consider purchasing an emergency generator to run the furnace, refrigerator and minimal lighting. Use gas-fired generators outside only, not in the garage or near doors or windows. Never rely on an oven or portable fueled heating devices to supplement heat - they are sure sources of carbon monoxide. And always, practice fire drills in the home and plan a special meeting place to make certain all is safe.

Fire Safety Education Available

The fire department routinely provides fire safety educational programs for schools, business and civic groups, hospitals, nursing homes and senior citizens organizations. The fire prevention bureau is available to assist seniors with smoke detector maintenance and can instruct your family on the proper use of fire extinguishers, home safety practices and fire evacuation procedures.

Linda Schluchter, Supervisor of Fire Prevention, Education and Code Enforcement Operations

In December 2002, a new officer position was appointed in Saginaw Township's Fire Department. Linda Schluchter was promoted to the newly created "Supervisor of Fire Prevention, Education and Code Enforcement Operations", which is responsible for supervising the Department's Fire Prevention Bureau. The Prevention Bureau is responsible for conducting fire investigations, inspections, fire and life safety education programs, and building, fire sprinkler and alarm plan review. The Bureau administers the International Fire Code and the International Property Maintenance Code. Linda, formerly the Senior Fire Inspector, has been employed by Saginaw Township for more than 20 years.

SAGINAW TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT NON-EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER IS: (989) 792-9691.

Zael Memorial Library News...

Reported by: Alice Houlihan, Zael Librarian

The Zael Memorial Library Offers Many Fall & Winter Programs for Children, Young Adults, and Our Adult Patrons.

Introduction to The Internet Classes

Our popular Introduction to the Internet classes will be taking place on the first Tuesday of every month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Zael. The classes are taught by our adult reference librarians. Class members will learn the basic skills needed to "surf the 'net'". The class is free. To register, call Zael at (989) 799-2771 and ask for the Information Desk.

Join The Teen Advisory Group

Zael's Teen Advisory group will be meeting again in October. Our group of teens (any interested teenager is welcome at meetings) serves as an informal advisory group to the library staff. Their suggestions include types of materials teens would like to find at their local library, and which library programs would be of interest to their age group. A date will be announced for the meeting in September. Call Zael Reference for further information.

Zael Friends Volunteer Group

The Zael Friends Volunteer Group will begin their monthly meetings this fall. They meet at Zael on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. They will be having their annual winter paperback booksale, with the date and time announced later this fall.

Endowment Fund Contributions

The Zael Memorial Library Endowment Fund is a permanent endowment to help insure the continued well being of Zael Library. The Fund recently received an important contribution from the estate of Shirley A. Bauer, one of our patrons. Her gift of over \$30,000 will help to ensure high quality library service in the years ahead. The Endowment Fund is administered through the Saginaw Community Foundation. For information about the Endowment Fund, or to make a contribution, call Branch Manager Alice Houlihan at (989) 799-2771.



Clerk's Office News...

Reported by: Timothy Braun, Clerk & Lori Vondette, Deputy Clerk

Election Consolidation

There are a few bills which have been introduced in the State House to consolidate elections. These bills propose to have four regular election dates in February, May, August, and November of each year. The dates would be the fourth Tuesday in February; and, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, August, and November. The bills also require that school elections be governed by Michigan election law. School districts would no longer administer and operate their own elections. In Saginaw Township there is already an agreement between the school district and the township by which the township administers the elections for the school district. The consolidation plan is meant to increase voter turnout by establishing the same month and day of elections each year so voters will always know when they vote.

Secretary Land Selects Statewide Voting System

On August 4th Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced that Michigan has adopted the optical scan voting system for election processing. Having every precinct in the State of Michigan using the optical scan system will make voting easier for voters and election workers alike. It's nice to know that Saginaw County has been using this system since 1996. Upgrading the entire state to optical scan paves the way for further improvements in making Michigan's voting process more efficient, accurate, and convenient. The State will pay for the new equipment through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds. Since our township already uses the optical scan equipment we may receive money to update to the newest version of these units.

Business License Renewals

Business licenses are renewed every year at a cost of \$10. A renewal form will be mailed out on December 1, 2003 and is due by December 15, 2003. If there is a change in ownership or address, a new business license application must be filled out with the Clerk's office.

To contact the Clerk's office call (989) 791-9830.

The Children's Department of Zael Memorial Library Offers Programs for Children & Their Loving Adults.

Mother Goose Times

We are offering our Mother Goose Times story time for children 18-24 months of age and a loving adult on Tuesdays in November, 4 thru 25, and again on Tuesdays in February, 3 thru 24 at 10:30 a.m. Registration is required for this half-hour of nursery rhymes, flannel board stories, songs and fun for all. Registration will begin in October for the November session of Mother Goose Times, and in January for the February session.

Parent/Child Playgroup

Parent/Child Playgroup will be offered on Tuesdays, March 16 thru April 13, from 10-11:00 a.m. Registration starts in February and is required for this program. Playgroup is designed for children 1-3 years of age and a loving adult.

Preschool Story Time

The Preschool Story Time for children 3-5 years of age is held every Thursday night at 7:00, and Friday morning at 10:30. Parents are welcome to attend with their children. No registration is required for this drop-in story time held each week, year round, unless the library is closed for holidays or inclement weather.

Book Beat

Book Beat is a craft program offered for older students in grades 1-6. "Trick or Treat, the Library's Neat" will be on Thursday, October 30 at 4:00 p.m. There will be ghoulish stories, a craft, bingo and treats. Thursday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m will see "Jingle Bells, Books Are Swell." "Be My Valentine" will be held on Thursday, February 12 at 4:00 p.m, with stories for and from the heart and a craft.

Please Contact Kathy Thornhill or Amy Knickerbocker at (989) 799-2771 for program and registration information.

Saginaw Township Parks & Recreation News...

Reported by: Linda Buska, Assistant to the Director of Recreation

Recreation Department Programs at Center Courts This Season:**Boys/Girls Basketball**

This league is open to Boys (3rd - 6th Grade) and Girls (3rd - 8th Grade). The registration will be held October 1, 2003 - October 17, 2003. This is individual registration only. A ten (10) game season will be played on Saturdays beginning in December. Registration fee is \$25 per participant (includes a numbered shirt).

Men's Basketball

Registration for the Men's Basketball League will be held October 20, 2003 - November 7, 2003. The season will begin in December and continue through a ten (10) game schedule with a tournament at the end of the season. The team fee is \$275 and player fees are \$7/\$14.

Men's Sunday Basketball

This Men's Basketball League will be played on Sunday's only beginning in December. Registration for the Sunday Only League will be held October 20, 2003 - November 7, 2003. Team fee is \$275 and player fees are \$7/\$14.

Women's & Coed Volleyball Leagues

Registration for the Women's & Coed Volleyball Leagues will be held November 3, 2003 - November 14, 2003. The Women's Power League will play on Monday nights. The Women's Recreational League will play on Wednesday nights and the Coed League will play on Monday or Wednesday nights. A (7) game schedule will begin in late November. Team fee for each league is \$80 and player fees are \$6/\$12.

9th - 12th Grade Basketball

The Recreation High School Basketball League registration will be held December 1, 2003 - December 12, 2003. This is individual registration only. Teams will be formed by a draft. A ten (10) game schedule will begin in January. Registration fee is \$30 per participant (includes a shirt).

7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball

Registration for the Boys 7th & 8th Grade Basketball League will be held January 5, 2004 - January 16, 2004. This is individual registration only. Teams will be formed by a draft. A ten (10) game schedule will begin in February. Registration fee is \$25 per participant (includes a numbered shirt).

Pavilion Rentals

The Recreation Office will start accepting reservations for the pavilions in Harvey Randall Wickes Recreation Complex, located on McCarty & Hospital Roads and Olson Park, located on Center Road beginning January 2, 2004. The pavilions are great for family reunions, graduation parties, birthday parties, etc.

For more information on any of our programs please call the Saginaw Township Recreation Office at (989) 791-9860, or visit us on the web at:

www.saginawtownship.org

**Center Courts News...**

Reported by: Melissa Thompson, Field House & Activities Coordinator

Open Gym

Center Courts started its fall schedule on September 8. Open gym will run Monday through Friday 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Family Day

Sunday is Family Day from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Families Only Please! (Walkers are always welcome.)

Walking Track

The second floor walking track is open 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday from 8-4:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12-5:00 p.m.

Exercise Programs at Center Courts

We are also offering several exercise programs throughout the winter months. Call Center Courts (989) 791-9860, or check us out online at www.saginawtownship.org for more information.

Community Rooms

Looking for a room to host a meeting or a party? Check out Center Courts' Community Rooms. Rooms are available to rent (7) days a week. Call Center Courts for more information.

Buy a Brick or Join The Supporting Wall

Center Courts is still accepting donations for engraved bricks and for the Supporting Wall. The engraved bricks are located on both sides of the front entrance walkway and cost \$25 & \$50. The Supporting Wall is located inside Center Courts in the North Hallway. The engraved plaques offer several levels of support starting at \$500. For more information on how you can make a donation to Center Courts please contact either Center Courts (989) 791-9860, or the Manager's office (989) 791-9800.

Community Development News...

Reported by: Matt Reno, Director of Community Development and Planning

(Continued from page 5.) These requirements might include minimum room sizes, hallway and corridor widths, any changes to the plumbing, mechanical, or electrical systems, and any fire blocking that may be required.

Another myth would lead you to believe that you do not need a permit to construct a storage building on your residential property as long as there is not a concrete floor or foundation. This, again, is false. A permit is required for all detached accessory structures that are greater than 200 square feet or more than one story. This requirement includes the installation of a pre-constructed building that you might find at a local home improvement store.

Additionally, permits and inspections are required when a water heater is replaced, or when the furnace or air conditioning is changed in a building. These inspections are intended to verify that the installation meets the accepted levels of safety for the residents of the home.

The best course of action is to contact the local code official during the planning stages of a project and find out if a permit is required for your specific project.

To contact the Community Development Department call (989) 791-9850.

To contact Planning/Zoning call (989) 791-9865.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR



This schedule is subject to change. Please telephone Township Hall (989) 791-9800 to confirm meetings. A schedule of these meetings and other Township information is maintained on the Saginaw Township Website.

www.saginawtownship.org

October	November	December	January	February	March
10/01 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	11/05 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	12/03 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	01/01 Twp. Offices closed for the holiday	02/04 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	03/03 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.
10/08 Board of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	11/10 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	12/08 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	01/07 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	02/09 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	03/08 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.
10/13 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	11/12 Brd. of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	12/12 Brd. of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	01/12 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	02/11 Brd. of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	03/10 Brd. of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.
10/20 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Center Courts Conf. Rm.	11/17 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Center Courts Conf. Rm.	12/15 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Center Courts Conf. Rm.	01/14 Brd. of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	02/17 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Center Courts Conf. Rm.	03/15 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Center Courts Conf. Rm.
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Recycling Works! Saginaw Charter Township's residents recycled sufficient goods to give us a \$32,632.77 rebate for the past two years. This allows us to keep our annual rate for trash services at \$115 per year. Please do your part and reduce, reuse, recycle and compost.

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A planned community identified with pride and excellence in living, medical care, regional/local shopping and recreational activities; where the quality of life is desirable and safe; where government is unobtrusive and economical yet effective and efficient in the management of land, infrastructure, services and recreation; which serves as a model for innovation and regional cooperation, welcomes diversity and focuses on the future.

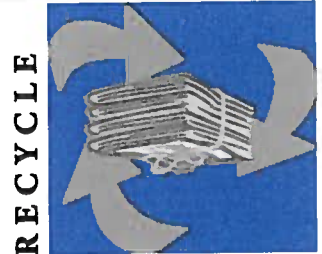
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