

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.

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Timothy J. Braun,
Saginaw Township Supervisor

STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP, 2006

Saginaw Township encountered a great deal of changes during 2005.

One might say it was,

A Year of Transition. Our longtime Department of Public Services Director and friend, Jerry Francis passed away in October. For 27 years his passion and great vision was felt throughout our community and across the county. He will long be remembered for his positive impact on Saginaw Township. The Department of Public Services is now led by Herb "Sonny" Grunwell. Transitioning within the department has been seamless. Those of you who are acquainted with Sonny, know that he is a thoughtful and driven person who will undoubtedly leave his mark on our community as well.

We also bid farewell to our Fire Chief of 15 years, Rich Powell. Under Chief Powell's guidance, our Fire Department became one of the best trained and well respected on-call departments in the State of Michigan. The search for a new Fire Chief led us right back to Saginaw County. We were very fortunate to lure Jim Peterson from Thomas Township. His open approach with the firefighters and cooperative relationship with other departments have already made a significant impact on moving this department in a positive direction.

Many of the initiatives that we embarked upon last year involved quality of life issues. To elevate the professionalism of the Planning Department, Saginaw Township hired its first certified planner, Bridget Smith. During her short time with the Township, she has made a considerable impact on our community. Her work with the Pedestrian Pathway and Road Study Committees are just two examples of the contributions that she has made to us.

Initiatives Undertaken in 2005 My first State of the Township Address last year focused on "New Horizons" for our community. At that time, I outlined several initiatives that Saginaw Township was going to undertake to help improve the "Quality of Life" for our residents and business community. Preserving our neighborhoods and working as a team to make them better was one of my main talking points. I also shared with you my vision for reinvesting in our business districts.

Code Enforcement Early last spring, we added an additional Code Enforcement Officer. The Township Board and I strongly believe that expanding our staff to two code enforcement officers provides us with the opportunity to be proactive in our approach to addressing property maintenance issues. Many of you may not realize that the majority of the homes in Saginaw Township, some 37%, were constructed between 1950 and 1969. Obviously, homes ranging in age from 36 to 55 years old tend to develop maintenance issues related to leaky roofs, outdated windows, and other exterior problems.

Your Township Board is committed to maintaining and improving the appearance of our community. One of the steps we have taken to address "curb appeal" in residential and commercial areas, involves enforcing existing ordinances that prohibit vehicles from being parked on lawns. I am sure that some of you have been exposed to neighbors who continually park their cars on the front lawn. While this may seem trivial to some, parking vehicles on the lawn is generally one of the first indications that an area is transitioning into the early stages of deterioration.

The impact of our code enforcement efforts is starting to make a difference. With that in mind, one of our goals for the upcoming year is to build upon the relationships that have been established between the code enforcement personnel and the Police Department's District Resource Officers. Using our police officers and code enforcement personnel in this fashion will undoubtedly allow us to make great strides in maintaining a safe, attractive, and desirable community.

Pedestrian Pathways During the past year, a steering committee consisting of Township residents and business owners was formed for the sole purpose of drafting a Pedestrian Pathway Plan. This committee met numerous times to formulate an overall strategy for constructing pathways in our community. Committee members garnered input from the public through a community-wide survey. The survey asked residents questions related to their preferences in terms of walking and their desire for pathways. The majority of our residents enjoy walking, biking, and jogging. Nearly 85% of the survey respondents indicated that pedestrian improvements are important. The plan is in its final draft form and is expected to be adopted within the next few months. *State of the Township continued on pages 2, 3 & 4*

STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP - OUR COMMUNITY MOVES FORWARD

Continued from page 1 By now, many of you have probably heard that our Township Board has tentatively approved construction of the first 1/2 mile of pathway. This first phase of the project is located within the Consumers Energy right-of-way lying between Shattuck Rd. and the Universal Drain. A trail head, consisting of a parking area and pathway extension to Center Courts will also be installed.

Local Road Program Our local road program continues to be very popular. This program provides an incentive to residents who wish to have their neighborhood streets resurfaced. The Township matches 1/3 of the total cost of a project, up to 1,000 dollars per household. To date, over 2.6 million dollars has been invested in our local road system, including 800,000 dollars by the Township and almost 1.9 million dollars by residents. Several neighborhoods are being considered for future participation in this program including Huntington Woods and Lathrup Park.

Traffic Calming Program Another initiative that started this past year involves traffic calming within neighborhoods. As I have said many times, our neighborhoods are one of the most important assets that our community has to offer. Our police officers will tell you that one of the major complaints they receive from residents deals with vehicles speeding through residential neighborhoods.

We are undergoing the first of what I am sure is to be several neighborhood traffic calming projects. This program is designed to address issues such as speeding and cut-through traffic. We have found that there are a number of ways to improve traffic flow and reduce speed in neighborhoods. Some of it involves education, but quite frankly, it involves all of us as residents driving slower. This program will play a significant role in preserving the character of our neighborhoods.

Road Study Committee Earlier last year, the Township Board appointed a Road Study Committee to work directly with the Planning Department and our consultant Spicer Group to improve the safety, traffic flow, and overall aesthetics of the Township's roadways. This committee has met several times throughout the course of the last 12 months. They have established a five year Roadway Capital Improvement Plan that focuses on providing a safe and efficient way of moving vehicles, while at the same time being cognizant of protecting our neighborhoods.

Working closely with the Road Commission and MDOT, helps our community take control of its own destiny, at least where roads are concerned. I am sure that many of you have heard about the Road Commission's policy on removal of trees within its road right-of-way. As you have probably also heard, both the Township Board and our staff have very strong feelings toward preservation of trees within our community. After numerous meetings with the Road Commission and other communities, we were successful in urging them to change the policy to be more community friendly.

Improving our Business Districts Saginaw Township is no longer considered a bedroom community. Our taxable value is one of the highest in Mid-Michigan, exceeding 1.3 billion dollars. During the past year we have made substantial strides in and around our commercial corridors. Our focus is on retaining the existing businesses, while at the same time trying to attract new ones into the area along State Street and the Bay and Tittabawassee Road corridors.

Bay and Tittabawassee Road Corridors Our Cardinal Square project is moving forward along the Bay and Tittabawassee Road corridors. Last fall, Saginaw and Kochville Townships were awarded a streetscape grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of 1 million dollars. The purpose of the grant is to implement our Cardinal Square design elements along Bay Road from Schust north to Trautner Drive. This streetscape project includes street furniture, decorative street lighting, street trees, pedestrian crosswalks, and brick pillars and fencing at key locations. Final design for Cardinal Square has begun, and construction is expected to occur in the spring of 2007.

State Street We are watching and encouraging the redevelopment of State Street. During the course of the past eight to ten years, substantial changes have occurred along State Street. Several new and exciting projects are also on the immediate horizon. The Menard's project, to be built on the old Twilite Drive-In property, is one of them. We are also optimistic that the owners of Green Acres Plaza will be making a significant reinvestment in this long-time State Street anchor. Currently, construction is also underway for the expansion of Wal-Mart and included in this project is 220,000 dollars in additional landscaping to beautify the property and buffer it from the adjoining neighborhoods.

Campus Business District What began last March as a concept has moved closer to reality. The Campus Business District that I unveiled to you last year is in the process of being incorporated into the Township's Comprehensive Master Plan. You may recall that this district is being proposed along Tittabawassee Road from Mackinaw, west across to Center, and three-fourths of the way through the next mile. The district is intended to be developed as a Business Park with an emphasis on attracting manufacturing firms, particularly medical device manufacturing.

We have been working closely with Saginaw Future, Saginaw County's economic development corporation, to facilitate this project. Saginaw Future has taken several important steps to promote this project. This Business Park project, because of its large scope, will take a considerable amount of time, effort, and coordination to become successful. However, I think you and others will agree; it will be worth it. This project will enhance Saginaw Township, but more importantly, provide a significant economic development opportunity for Saginaw County.

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STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP - A SAFE AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

Business of the Year Awards Recognizing successful businesses who have contributed to the community through investment, reinvestment, and civic involvement is extremely important in fostering growth and development. The Business of the Year Award program was expanded to include five categories. The categories and winners for 2005 are as follows:

- ▶ **New Construction Award:** **FIRST STATE BANK** for their first branch, located at 5424 State Street.
- ▶ **Renovation and Redevelopment Award:** **SHERATON FOUR POINTS** for their substantial reinvestment and complete renovation at 4960 Towne Centre.
- ▶ **Expansion and Redevelopment:** **PROGRESSIVE MEDICAL** at 4200 Fashion Square Boulevard, for their commitment to improving the look and function of their offices.
- ▶ **Adaptive Reuse of an Existing Facility:** **WIMSATT BUILDING MATERIALS** at 3460 Bay Road, in recognition of their efforts to transform a vacant industrial building into an attractive showcase for their products and the Township.
- ▶ **Architectural Design:** **Dr. Kevin Bone** at 4170 State Street, in recognition of his demonstrated commitment to quality architecture and design.

Public Safety My first commitment is to continue to provide strong public safety for our community. Our firefighters and police officers do an outstanding job and are very well respected by our citizens - young and old. We must continue to support their efforts by providing them quality training, equipment, and access to new technology.

We have one of the best trained and equipped on-call Fire Departments in the Saginaw Valley, if not the state. The men and women who comprise this force of volunteers are dedicated and diligent in protecting life, limb, and property. Several notable accomplishments were achieved by the Fire Department this year. They include:

- ▶ The addition to Station One that included a personal protective equipment (turnout gear) storage room, a hose tower heater, replacement of the concrete in front of the station, barrier free sidewalks, and additional storage rooms.
- ▶ Continuing our excellent training and readiness programs. This includes the Fire Fighter Academy that involves approximately 300 hours training in basic and advanced fire fighting techniques, extrication, hazardous materials, medical, terrorism and much more. The fire inspectors are also continuously receiving training in code changes and updates, and they along with our public fire education personnel conducted 575 programs reaching 72,584 people in 2005.
- ▶ Our Special Rescue Team is second to none. Special rescue includes high angle rescue, trench rescue, hazardous materials, and special situations. Our Special Rescue Team was a key part of the successful extrication of the worker buried in a trench in Bay City last year.

Likewise, our Police Department remains vigilant and watchful over our community and your businesses. During the course of the last year, Chief Pussehl examined the long-term staffing needs of his department and determined the financial resources needed to meet those needs. It is my goal to see our Police Department become self-sufficient in its funding. Currently, it is not. Chief Pussehl has assembled a long-term planning committee that has been meeting to address this critical issue.

Currently, Saginaw Township has 43 sworn police officers. These officers handled over 14,200 calls for service, including 1,300 motor vehicle accidents. Our investigation division conducted follow-up investigation of over 1,100 criminal complaints.

SOME OF THE OTHER NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS MADE BY OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT DURING THE PAST YEAR INCLUDE:

- ▶ Medically trained officers responded to 751 medical emergency calls and provided medical assistance.
- ▶ Police Bicycle Unit members logged 603 miles and 103 hours on the police bicycles riding through neighborhoods and business areas.
- ▶ We graduated the 6th Citizens Police Academy which provided an opportunity for 10 citizens to learn more about the Police Department.
- ▶ The District Resource Officers continue to promote the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program and work in partnership with many of the Township's apartment complexes. Our goal is to maintain an excellent quality of life for citizens renting apartments in our community.
- ▶ The District Resource Officers recently implemented a Business Watch program for our businesses. This program focuses on providing businesses with a comprehensive security analysis of their operation, including crime prevention tips related to employee theft and shoplifting.

Foundations for Success In 2006 We have much planned for 2006. We will continue to build upon the great work that was started last year. First and foremost, "quality of life" issues remain a high priority, including the enhancement of our neighborhoods and business corridors. Every decision we make will hinge upon four core community values or guiding principles.

FOUR CORE COMMUNITY VALUES/GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. Providing For a Safe Community.
2. Promoting a Neat, Clean Attractive Community With Beautiful Neighborhoods.
3. Providing Quality of Life Opportunities.
4. Maintaining a Professionally Well Run, Efficient Government...one that provides high quality services to its residents. *Continued on page 4*

STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP - GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING

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2006 Initiatives With these four principles as a guide, this year we intend to:

- ▶ Hire additional police officers.
 - ▶ Resurrect neighborhood associations throughout the Township with the help of our District Resource Officers, Code Enforcement Officers, and the Lathrup Park Homeowners Association.
 - ▶ Draft and adopt an ordinance that restricts commercial traffic in residential neighborhoods.
 - ▶ Adopt a comprehensive approach and policy to neighborhood traffic calming.
 - ▶ Retain and improve our status as a strong regional commercial destination. We will continue to focus on revitalizing our commercial corridors and place an emphasis on making our business corridors more attractive.
 - ▶ Investigate ways to use newly passed legislation which provides for Corridor Improvement Districts.
 - ▶ Encourage and continue the partnerships between the Police Department and local businesses.
 - ▶ Find new ways of working in partnership with the residents of Saginaw Township, especially new homeowners. We want to formally welcome them to our community and let them know about their neighborhood association, how to contact the Township, and ways in which they can help make improvements to their neighborhood.
 - ▶ Further develop a positive Homeowner Recognition Program.
 - ▶ Develop a Decorative Streetscaping Program.
 - ▶ Continue our Local Road Resurfacing Program.
 - ▶ Expand our Neighborhood Watch Program.
- Construct 1/2 mile of pathway, update and replace our park equipment, and provide for bleacher replacement at our little league parks.

Our Biggest Challenge Lies Ahead To all of us, public safety, including crime prevention, is extremely important. I feel very strongly about this issue and consider it our biggest challenge. Crime does not stop at our borders, and we can no longer afford to concentrate only within our boundaries. I have no doubt that there are ways in which all communities in Saginaw County can work together to make the entire County and Saginaw Township safer.

The Saginaw County Crime Prevention Council, a committee that was formed by several concerned business leaders, is recommending a proposal entitled "No Boundaries Law Enforcement". This is a comprehensive approach to public safety, designed to keep our homes, families, and businesses safe throughout Saginaw County.

I am sure in the next few months you will begin to hear some of the details associated with this proposal. At this point, the proposal includes increasing the county-wide public safety millage from .34 to 1.6 mills. This includes one tenth of a mill for providing education and training to all of the volunteer firefighters in Saginaw County. The remaining 1/5 mills will be utilized to put an additional 56 police officers on county streets.

Currently, the proposal will allow Saginaw Township to hire an additional 5 police officers, which will be totally funded by this millage. These new Saginaw Township officers will concentrate their efforts on road patrol, crime analysis, crime suppression, fraud, and narcotics. Some of these officers will be a part of special units that will attack crime county-wide. The County Prosecutor's office will increase by three members to handle the additional case load that is anticipated by the increase in officers.

This proposal needs to be given serious consideration by our residents. While I can't speak for our entire Township Board, as Supervisor of Saginaw Township and a life long resident of Saginaw County, I will tell you that fighting crime on a county-wide basis will inevitably enhance the quality of life for all of us here in Saginaw Township.

What does this all mean? In spite of the difficult economic forces that face us, we need to be optimistic about our future and be proactive. We need to continue to move forward. Standing still is not an option for this Township. Our Township Board understands, just as successful businesses understand, that we must have a broad perspective. Not only do we need to concentrate on improving our Township, we must remain focused on improving Saginaw County and the region as a whole. Saginaw Township will continue to work with neighboring communities where mutual needs and benefits are demonstrated.

In Closing... Let me say this - I love our community. It is filled with people who genuinely care for families, children, and the elderly. It is a community that creates economic opportunity for all, and where visitors immediately feel our hospitality and warmth.

Staff members around Township Hall often hear me say, "another successful day". It is, but not without challenges. As your Supervisor, this is what I see for our Township. I see all of us, as a community, as a group of residents and businesses - working together, collectively, to make great things happen. We will be successful, and when we are successful, the entire Saginaw Community is successful.

Yes, it is indeed another successful day and great things are happening!

Timothy J. Braun

LOOKING OUT FOR OUR FAMILIES & NEIGHBORHOODS

Saginaw Township Police Department Our Commitment

To Work Closely With Our Citizens & Businesses

"The Saginaw Township Police Department is committed to working closely with our citizens and businesses in order to provide a safe environment for everyone to enjoy this great community. Preventing crime is key in maintaining a safe environment. Larceny or theft of property seems to be the most prevalent type of criminal activity".



The image of the nosy neighbor peering through the shades of their window watching the neighbors has been the perceived concept of Neighborhood Watch Programs for many years. But today, Neighborhood Watch has a new look.



Neighborhood Watch is a proven method to reduce criminal activity, improve the quality of our community, and even increase property value. Neighborhood Watch Programs are limited only by your imagination and the willingness of you and your neighbors to become actively involved. The Saginaw Township Police Department is seeking opportunities to develop new programs or expand upon our existing ones.

In the past, Neighborhood Watch groups typically met once a year with a police officer that would talk to them about locks and lights, and then there was little or no follow up with the residents. Although this information is still very valuable, today's groups regularly work together with the police and learn much more about crime prevention efforts. Groups often meet several times a year, either with police or just within their respective neighborhoods. Groups today host a variety of safety programs including: Child ID events, Bike Safety rodeos, personal safety seminars, Identity Theft courses, Residential Security Surveys, and so much more. Police Officers from the Crime Prevention Unit coordinate the programs, and help organize and often teach many of these safety courses with the assistance of participating members.

Several of our neighborhoods within Saginaw Township have existing neighborhood associations that meet regularly. These groups are excellent opportunities to begin Neighborhood Watch efforts. Crime Prevention Officers can attend association meetings or events and offer safety information to residents and their families.

Many Neighborhood Watch groups have turned their programs into neighborhood social gatherings. Summer picnics, Halloween events, and Christmas parties are opportunities for neighbors to gather socially as well as with police to learn about safety and security issues.

The most valuable concept behind Neighborhood Watch is simply getting to know your neighbors and becoming involved in your community. If you personally know your neighbors, and they know you, you both are much more likely to watch out for each other's homes and families, thus preventing criminal activity.

If you are interested in learning more about Neighborhood Watch Programs or how to protect your family and residence, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at: **791-7231**.

By: Officer Brian Kanicki

Saginaw Township Fire Department Our Focus

To Prevent Fires Through Enforcement & Education

"The mission of the Saginaw Charter Township Fire Department is to enhance the quality of living in our community by preventing or minimizing injury and loss of life or property resulting from fire or other emergencies, natural or man caused, that may occur within the jurisdictional boundaries of the charter township we serve".



QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH EDUCATION & TRAINING

When I envision quality of life, I think of beautiful neighborhoods with children playing in their yards, families picnicking in gorgeous parks, an excellent school system for our children, well maintained streets, a municipality working to reduce blight, knowledgeable and responsible local officials and of course, a dependable, trustworthy public safety system.

Saginaw Township has all this to offer and more. Along with other departments in Saginaw Township, the Fire Department is devoted to making this a community we can all be proud of. The fire department is continually working hard to stay current and proficient in the latest fire fighting technologies and techniques, inspection programs, and public fire education.

Through our training bureau, fire fighters are expected to meet competencies in every aspect of fire fighting. In 2005 our fire fighters trained 6,776 hours, spent 9,611 hours on emergency incidents, and compiled 2,287 hours of station duty. As the township grows and the responsibilities and services required of the fire department become broader, our call volume also grows. In 2000 the fire department responded to 640 emergency incidents. In 2005 we responded to 882, a 38% increase. Even with the rapid growth Saginaw Township is experiencing, we are prepared for whatever challenges the future holds. Our fire inspectors are kept current in code changes by attending seminars, state updates, and conference classes. Their mission is to make the businesses you frequent and the community you travel safe through fire inspections, and education.

Public fire education is an area where the department continues to grow. In 2005 our Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 575 fire and life safety educational programs, reaching 72,584 people. These programs are making a difference by providing quality education to all of our citizens from small children to senior citizens. Our public fire educator is in the schools eight months a year teaching two programs, **Risk Watch** and **Learn Not to Burn**. Both programs are nationally recognized and teach children fire and burn prevention, bicycle safety, poison prevention, firearms injury prevention, water safety, and much more. We also offer additional programs including station tours, fire extinguisher programs, senior programs, and other activities residents request.

EDUCATION & TRAINING PROVIDE THE FOUNDATION TO SUCCESS.

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THESE PROGRAMS ARE SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF YOU!

If you are interested in any of the programs the fire department offers, please contact us. We always welcome the opportunity to meet, train and educate our residents. Contact the Saginaw Township Administrative office at: **792-9691**.

By: Jim Peterson, Saginaw Township Fire Chief

NEAT, CLEAN, ATTRACTIVE NEIGHBORHOODS

Being concerned for their neighborhood and our community, residents frequently ask these questions...

Q Can I park on the grass?

A: No. The parking, placement, storage, or selling of cars, RV's, trailers, or similar equipment is not allowed on any surface except concrete, asphalt, or other approved material.

Q Where can I park my RV, utility trailer, or similar equipment?

A: Your best option is to contact a Code Enforcement Ofc. for a personal **on-site** review of your property and storage needs.

Q: Where can I park my unlicensed vehicle?

A: Any unlicensed or inoperative vehicle must be parked, placed, or stored inside of your garage.

Q: Is there a regulation that governs the length of my grass?

A: Yes. If your grass exceeds ten (10") inches in height, you are likely to receive an enforcement notice in the mail. If the grass is not cut in the specified time; the Township will cut it and send you the bill.

Q: Can I sell a car in front of my home?

A: The occasional sale of a personal vehicle is allowed. However, the vehicle must be parked on concrete, asphalt, or other approved material at all times. (Parking on the grass is prohibited in all cases.)

Q: Can I post signs on corner poles advertising my garage sale?

A: No. Placards, posters, circulars, show bills, handbills, political signs, cards, leaflets, or other advertising material is prohibited from being placed or posted in any public easement or right-of way.

Q: When can I place my garbage, recycling, and yard waste at the road for pick-up?

A: Items must be placed at the curb or street after 5 p.m. The night before your scheduled pick-up day, and before 7 a.m. the day of the pick-up.

Q: Can my neighbor run a business from his home?

A: Yes, but only under certain conditions. The Zoning Ordinance contains regulations for the operation of a Home Occupation. Contact the Staff in our Zoning Office for further information.

Remember, the Saginaw Township Code Enforcement and Zoning Staff is here to help promote a neat, clean, attractive community with beautiful neighborhoods. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at **(989) 791-9865** or feel free to visit our website at: <http://saginawtownship.org>

By: Matthew Reno, Director of Community Development and Planning

FAMILIES CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. PLEASE RECYCLE

Recycling Lets support the campaign to reduce our waste and future costs by recycling paper along with plastic bottles, glass jars, and metal food cans. Paper, newspapers, and boxboard should be put loose in a separate bin or placed in a brown paper bag. Cardboard boxes must be flattened and cut down to 2' x 3'. Do not put recycling materials in plastic bags. Trash, recycling, and yard waste should be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. Bins are available at the Township Hall for \$7.00. The Loop Guide which gives information and tips for handling various refuse materials can also be obtained at the Township Hall or by calling the Mid Michigan Waste Authority at **781-9555**.

Yard Waste Pick Up Yard waste pickup will begin on Monday **April 3** and ends Tuesday, **November 28**. Yard waste should be put into either the Kraft brown yard bags or 33 gallon containers marked with yard waste stickers available at the Township offices. One bundle of brush is allowed for pick-up each week. The bundle should be 3' x 4' and bound. Additional brush can be disposed of at the Township Brush Site during operating hours.

Brush Site The Site is located at **5790 W. Michigan** next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. It will be open weekends beginning Saturday, **April 15 thru Sunday, May 28; June 17 & 18; July 15 & 16; and August 19 & 20 and September 16 thru October 29**. The hours are **10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Brush must be no larger than 6" in diameter. Proof of Saginaw Township residency is required. Sorry, no commercial haulers.

Sewer Backups All sewer backups should be reported immediately to the Department of Public Services at **791-9870**. Department personnel will provide assistance in determining the cause and possible solutions to your problem.

Lawn Watering Schedule Saginaw Township will continue in 2006 to participate in the alternate lawn watering schedule. Beginning **June 1 and continuing through August 31**. Even numbered addresses may water lawns on even numbered days (6122 can water on the 2, 4, 6, etc.) Odd numbered addresses on odd numbered addresses on odd numbered days (6123 waters on the 1, 3, 5, etc.)

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

SERVING YOU & OUR COMMUNITY

Zauel Memorial Library

Friends of Zauel Library Thanks to our Friends for the wonderful volunteer work they perform raising money for the library. We receive a continuous influx of donated books from the community that need sorting. Many hours are spent selecting books for sale, as well as preparing for, and conducting the sales themselves. Money raised by the Friends is made available to the library for needs above and beyond that provided by the operating budget. In recent months our Friends have been especially helpful as they have awarded us with new shelving, computer workstations, a brochure rack, storage cabinets, and a CD storage cabinet, as well as money for the purchase of new books, talking books, music CD's, DVD's, and videos for the collection.

Expanded Children's Computer Stations We are planning to expand from four to six children's computers this spring. New wiring, workstations, chairs, and two new computers will be added to meet increasing demand.

Summer Reading Program The 2006 Summer Reading Program is scheduled for June 5 – July 21. Pre-schoolers, seniors, and all ages between, are encouraged to participate in this ever-popular program. Once again, finishers will be rewarded with water bottles and t-shirts! Also, don't forget to attend the *Summer Reading Festival*, which will be held at Zauel on Saturday, July 22, to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program!

First Grade Reading Celebration During the months of April and May, first grade teachers and classes from area schools will be invited to the library for stories, puppets, cookies, punch and a tour of the building.

Computer Classes Scheduled classes include: *Introduction to the Internet*, on Wednesday, April 5, 1:00 – 3:00 pm; *Microsoft Word – Basics & Beyond*, on Friday, May 26, 9:30 am – noon and Thursday, August 10, 1:30 – 4:00 pm; and *Introduction to Excel*, on Friday, May 26, 2:00 – 4:00 pm and Thursday, August 10, 9:30 – 11:30 am. Space is limited, so be sure and register early by calling us at 799-2771.

Adult & Teen Programs

Cathy Macomber, with the Alzheimer Association, will return to present a series of Monday evening programs scheduled from 7-9 pm, including: *Partnering with your Doctor*, on April 3, *Taboo: Intimacy & Sexuality* and *Taking the Keys*, on May 1, *Depression and Alzheimer's*, on May 8, and *Medication and Holding a Family Meeting*, on May 15.

There will be a *One Book, One Community* book discussion for teens and adults on Wednesday, April 19, at 7 pm. Zauel's Bill O'Brien will lead discussion of the book, *My Sister's Keeper*, by Jodi Picoult.

Children's Programs

Dad's & Kids Program There will be a special program for Dads and their Kids, 1st – 6th grade on Saturday, April 8, 2:30 – 4:00 pm.

Children's Movie *Freaky Friday* will be shown on Monday, April 17, at 3 pm.

Mother Goose Times Tuesdays, May 9 – 30, 10:30 – 11:00 am, for 18-24 month olds and a loving adult. Registration required. Call the Zauel Children's Department at 799-2771.

TLC Playgroup Teaching-Learning-Connecting. Tuesdays, September 12 – October 10, 10-11 am, for children 1-3 years and a loving adult. Registration required. Call the Zauel Children's Department at 799-2771.

Preschool Storytime every Friday, 10:30 am.

By: Thomas H. Birch, Zauel Head Librarian

Saginaw Township Treasurer's Office

Summer Tax Bills Will Be Mailed

June 30, 2006

Again this year, a portion (1/3) of the County Operating millage will be transferred from the winter bill to the summer bill. Now 2/3 of the County tax, or approximately 3.2 mils, will be collected in the summer and the remaining 1/3 (1.6 mils) in the winter. For example, for a home with a taxable value of \$50,000, the taxpayer would pay an additional \$80 over last year, with a corresponding decrease in the winter bill. The third and final transfer of the County Operating tax will occur in the summer of 2007. At that time, the entire Saginaw County Operating millage (currently 4.8558 mils) will be collected with the summer bill.

When paying tax or water bills by mail, always include the small stub, or payment portion, to ensure credit to the proper account. When paying in person, bring the entire bill, so we can stamp your half paid and return it to you for your records. If you pay in person and do not bring the payment stub, there is a \$1.00 charge to research the account.

Save Yourself A Trip & \$1.00 Every year, beginning in January and continuing through April 15, we receive an inordinate amount of requests for copies of tax bills for income tax purposes. A copy of your taxes showing the date of payment may be printed off the Saginaw Charter Township web site at:

www.saginawtownship.org Assessor's link

By: William J. McQuillan, Saginaw Township Treasurer & Kathy Metropoulos, Deputy Treasurer

Saginaw Township Clerk's Office

"I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty."

John D. Rockefeller Jr.

2006 ELECTIONS The Clerk's office will be busy this year with three scheduled elections. The first is the **school election** held on **May 2nd**. There are five (5) candidates running for two open seats on the school board and a bond proposal. The **Primary election** will be **Tuesday, August 8th** and the **General election** **November 7th**.

Remember you must be registered at least thirty (30) days prior to any election in order to vote. You may register at any Secretary of State's office or the Saginaw Charter Township Clerk's office.

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

What do you do if a peddler comes to your door?

Please turn to page (8) for more Clerk's information.

HELP KEEP OUR WATERSHED CLEAN AND FREE OF POLLUTANTS

Summer is here and so is the time to clean up around the yard, perform maintenance on household items, and throw out unwanted substances. This is also a good time to think about the watershed we live in and how to protect it.

One of the single greatest sources of water quality problems in a watershed is polluted storm water runoff from area residences. The polluted storm water runoff is not necessarily deliberate, but a result of the public not knowing what to do with unwanted substances normally found around the house, or what steps to take in general. The following precautions are a few ways to ensure that you are following the proper measures in protecting and preserving your local watershed:

Preventative Pollution Ideas:

- ❖ Keep pet waste cleaned up from: lawns, sidewalks, and streets and away from drainage ditches and storm drains.
- ❖ Keep fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides off paved surfaces and out of drainage paths. Use minimal amounts and follow all label directions.
- ❖ Do not wash or sweep debris, or spilled materials, into storm drains.
- ❖ Conserve the amount of water you use! Extra water overwhelms wastewater treatment plants and water retention basins, especially during heavy rains, and contributes to combined wastewater overflows.
- ❖ Do not dispose of grass clippings, leaves, brush or other lawn and garden waste in a drain, ditch, or street with a storm sewer.
- ❖ Make certain that all of the wastewater and wastewater from your home or business is directed to a sanitary sewer or a properly functioning and approved on-site septic system. Not in storm drains or roadside ditches.
- ❖ Properly operate and maintain your on-site septic system. Discharges from malfunctioning systems can impair water quality (including the water quality at public bathing beaches). Septic system maintenance information is available from the Saginaw County Public Health Department (758-3686).
- ❖ Dispose of household chemicals, automotive fluid waste, and other household hazardous waste materials properly, not in storm drains or roadside ditches.

Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority: In an effort to help protect and preserve our watershed's future health, the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority (SASWA) in compliance with Federal and State regulations has developed and implemented an Illicit Discharge Elimination Plan. This program is designed to locate, prioritize, and eliminate unauthorized discharges and illicit connections within the watershed. The plan is very complex; however, it was developed in such a way to address all of our issues associated with illicit discharges and connections.

If you are interested in finding out more about the plan, visit www.saswa.org where the entire plan can be reviewed.

By: Herb "Sonny" Grunwell, Director of Public Works and Recreation

WHAT IF A PEDDLER COMES TO YOUR DOOR?

You may not be aware that a **PERMIT** is required for a peddler or solicitor before they are permitted to travel from door to door, place to place, or on the streets. The permit fee is \$50 per peddler and an application must be filed with the Clerk's office at least 14 days prior to the requested start date. This permit must be carried at all times and is only applicable for a thirty (30) day period each year. Peddlers or solicitors shall only operate between the hours of 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

BELOW ARE TIPS YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER BEFORE ALLOWING ANYONE TO SOLICIT AT YOUR HOME:

- ▶ Ask for their credentials.
- ▶ Ask them to present their permit from the Saginaw Charter Township Clerk's Office.
- ▶ If you feel threatened or uneasy you may call **911**. or the non-emergency police number **(793-2310)** between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or, **(797-4580)** after 5:00 p.m.

CLERK'S WEBSITE

Visit us on the Web for Saginaw Charter Township Board meeting minutes and additional information on business license, permits, voter registration, or election results at: <http://saginawtownship.org> Clerk's link. Please refer to page (7) for election information.

By: Shirley Wazny, Clerk & Lori Vondette, Deputy Clerk

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE

Saginaw Township Parks & Recreation

Summer is a great time for the entire family to get involved in a Saginaw Township Recreation Program!

Our programs are designed to improve everyone's quality of life whether you want to improve your golf swing, have your child hone their athletic skills, or just stay active during the summer. We have something for all ages.

SUMMER CAMPS/CLINICS

Kids Camp - Ages 7, 8 & 9 Get your child off the couch and away from the T.V. with this fun filled camp! Children will learn team work through activities and games while meeting new friends their age!

Session #1 June 19 - June 23 (Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

Session #2 July 17 - July 21 (Cost: \$85 / 2nd child \$75)

Kids Camp Jr. - Ages 4, 5 & 6 Supervised, coordinated, fun! Children will learn teamwork through activities and games while meeting new friends their age! Camp held at Center Courts.

Session #1 June 12 - June 16 (Time: 12:30-4:30 p.m.)

Session #2 July 10 - July 14 (Cost: \$60 / 2nd child \$50)

Music for Munchkins - Ages Toddlers-Pre-school This music program is an exciting and fun educational program that fosters creativity, body awareness, language and social skills. vocalist Michele Spitz will provide musical experiences for you and your child using her guitar, songs, rhythm instruments, finger plays, movement activities and more! **TIME AND DATES NOT YET DETERMINED. PLEASE CALL!**

Cheerleading Camp - Ages 6-8 & 9-12 Learn new cheers and have fun with Northwood Timberwolves Cheerleading coach Julie Felske. Children will learn to jump techniques, cheers and chants at the great camp. Session #1 June 12-June 15 (Time: 1 - 3 p.m. / 3-5 p.m., Cost: \$35)

Jr. Golf Clinics - Ages 8-16 Held at The Sawmill Golf Club, where Club Pro Adam Fairchild will instruct students on basic golf swing and on course etiquette.

Session #1 June 19-June 22 (Time: 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m. OR

Session #2 August 14-August 17 (9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Cost \$90)

Saginaw Township Golf Lessons - Ages 13-Adult Held at The Sawmill Golf Club, where Club Pro Adam Fairchild will instruct both beginners and intermediate players on rules, etiquette, putting, chipping and full swing.

Session #1 May 8 & 10 (Time 5 p.m.-6 p.m., or 6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.)

Session #2 May 22 & 24 (Cost: \$50)

Tennis Clinics - Ages 4-17 Camps held at Olson Park and Heritage High School, where Jim Teal and his coaching staff will instruct on the fundamentals of tennis.

Session #1 June 19-June 29 (Session #2 July 10-July 20 Cost: \$28-\$55)

High School Varsity Tennis Camps - 9th-12th grade boys & girls Held at Heritage High School and conducted by Jim Teal and Bob Quinn with over 70 years of team coaching combined.

Session #1 June 19-June 20 (Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Cost: \$75)

Session #2 July 10-July 20

High School High Performance Tennis Camp - 9th-12th grade boys and girls Held at Heritage High School and directed by Jim Teal and SVSU head coach Mike Major. Focus of camp on stroke analysis and production.

Session #1 August 7-August 9 (Time: 9 a.m.-12 noon Cost \$75)

Dave McDonald Basketball Camp - 3rd-12th grade boys Held at Center Courts and Heritage High School gyms this camp is conducted by Dave McDonald and staff. Camp will teach basic to advanced instruction in skills. (Cost: \$70 / 2nd Child \$50)

Session #1 June 12-June 15 (9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Grades 3rd-8th)

Session #2 June 12-June 15 (6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Grades 9th-12th)

Conley's Instruction Camp - 1st-8th grade girls / 1st-4th grade boys Held at Center Courts and directed by Heritage High School Varsity Coach Tim Conley and Staff. Camp will cover fundamentals of the game of basketball. (Cost \$75 / 2nd child \$65)

Session #1 June 19-June 23 (8 a.m.-10 a.m. 5th -8th grade girls)

Session #2 June 19-June 23 (10 a.m.-Noon 1st-4th grade boys & girls)

Information by: Linda Buska, Manager, Center Courts & Recreation

Schumacher Basketball Camp - Ages 5-16 boys & girls Held at Center Courts and directed by Coach Dennis Schumacher this camp will focus on developing fundamental skills.

Session #1 July 24-July 27 (Time 9 a.m.-12 noon Cost \$75)

Stars Shooting Camp - 1st-8th grades, boys and girls Held at Center Courts and directed by John Wilson 2004 Saginaw Valley League Coach of the year. Camp emphasis will be on various shooting techniques.

Session #1 July 31-August 3 (9 - 11:30 a.m. 1st-8th grade boys Cost: \$65)

Session #2 July 31-August 3 (1 -3:30 p.m. 1th-8th grade girls Cost: \$65)

Jamie Matthews Jr. Basketball Camp - Boys and Girls ages 4-8 Camp directed by Saginaw Valley State University head men's basketball coach Jamie Matthews and players. Camp features 8 ft rims & smaller balls to ensure success. Camp goals include Fundamental Skills, Shooting, Passing & Dribbling.

Session #1 August 7-10 (Time: 10 a.m.-12 noon Cost: \$50)

Jamie Reed Volleyball Camp - 4th-12th graders Held at Center Courts this camp will provide the opportunity to work on the fundamental skills and techniques of volleyball. Camp taught by Heritage varsity coach Jamie Reed. (Cost \$60 - \$85)

Session #1 June 26-28 (2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. 4th-6th grade)

Session #2 June 26-28 (12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. 7th-9th grade)

Session #3 June 26-29 (9 a.m.-12 noon 10th-12th grade)

Winners Circle Football Day Camp - 9th-12th grades Held at Heritage High School and directed by Head Football Coach Bruce Bendix and staff. The focus of camp will be the veer offense and defensive fundamentals. Session - July 24-26 (Time 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost: \$75)

Junior Football Camp - 4th-8th grade Held at Heritage High School and directed by Ron McLeod, Saginaw Township Elementary Athletic Director. This camp is designed to prepare young football players for the upcoming season by working on fundamental skills and techniques.

Session - July 27 & 28 (Time 9:30 a.m.-12 noon Cost: \$45)

Baseball Camp - ages 10-18 Held at Olson baseball complex and directed by Wendell Nehmer and a staff of coaches with years of high school, college and pro baseball experience.

Session - June 19-21 (Time: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost: \$120)

CENTER COURTS FITNESS CLASSES

Yoga Calm your mind, ease your spirit and relax your soul by signing up for Yoga.

Pilates Learn a new way to breath, gain great and amazing abdominal strength and become flexible by signing up for Pilates.

Get to the Core Aerobics Get your body in shape with this Cardio workout that will incorporate interval training that will help Sculpt and Define your body.

SUMMER RECREATIONAL LEAGUES

Girls Softball - T Ball 6-7 year olds

Your child will learn the basics of softball in this fun program.

10 & Under Your child will become more skilled in this fun program.

12 & Under Your child will learn more in-depth softball strategies and skills in this program.

14 & Under Your child will hone their skills to prepare them for competitive softball.

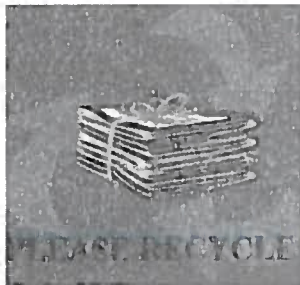
Men's/Women's/Coed Softball, Men's Morning Softball, Adult Beach Volleyball, Horseshoe League, Senior Shuffleboard, Stan Musial/Connie Mack/Mickey Mantle Youth Baseball

***Don't forget about Saginaw Township Recreation's "Buy A Brick" promotion. Leave your mark on our great community by purchasing a brick at Center Courts or the Playscape!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF OUR PROGRAMS PLEASE CALL THE SAGINAW TOWNSHIP RECREATION OFFICE AT 791-9860, OR VISIT US ON THE WEB AT: <http://saginawtownship.org>









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SAGINAW TOWNSHIP HALL FACILITIES 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. <http://saginawtownship.org>

April	May	June	July	August	September
YARD WASTE PICK-UP 04/03 - 11/28	05/03 Planning Mtg. 7 p.m. Brd. Rm.	ALTERNATE LAWN WATERING 06/01 - 08/31	07/04 Twp. OFFICES CLOSED ALL DAY FOR HOLIDAY	08/02 Planning Mtg. 7 p.m. Brd. Rm.	09/06 Planning Mtg. 7 p.m. Brd. Rm.
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04/10 Twp. Board Mtg. 7 p.m. Brd. Rm.	05/08 Twp. Brd Mtg. 7 p.m. Brd. Rm.	ART SHOW ENDS 06/09	07/10 Twp. Board Mtg. 7 p.m. Brd. Rm.	CAN-AMERA WEEKEND 11, 12 & 13 HOME	09/13 Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Brd. Rm.
04/12 Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Brd. Rm.	05/10 Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Brd. Rm.	06/12 Twp. Board Mtg. 7 p.m. Brd. Rm.	07/12 Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Brd. Rm.	08/14 Twp. Board Mtg. 7 p.m. Brd. Rm.	BRUSH SITE OPEN 09/16 - 10/29
04/14 Twp. OFFICES CLOSED 12:00-5:00 P.M. FOR HOLIDAY BRUSH SITE OPEN 04/15-05/28	05/15 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Center Courts Conf. Rm.	06/14 Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Brd. Rm.	BRUSH SITE OPEN 15 & 16	08/16 Planning Mtg. 7 p.m. Brd. Rm.	09/20 Planning Mtg. 7 p.m. Brd. Rm.
04/17 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Center Courts Conf. Rm.	05/17 Planning Mtg. 7 p.m. Brd. Rm.	06/19 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Center Courts Conf. Rm.	07/17 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Center Courts Conf. Rm.	BRUSH SITE OPEN 19 & 20	09/18 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Center Courts Conf. Rm.
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Assessor...791-9810 Building...791-9850 Clerk...791-9830 Fire Dept. Non-Emergency...792-9691 Police Dept. Non-Emergency...793-2310 Zoning/Code
 Enforcement...791-9865 Public Services...791-9870 Fiscal Services...791-9820 Recreation...791-9860 Treasurer...791-9840 Water & Sewer...791-9880

OUR VISION

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.