



Welcome to...  
**Saginaw  
 Charter  
 Township**  
 FALL 2019



# SAFETY NEAR OUR SCHOOLS



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Summer is coming to a close and the school year has once again begun. During the summer months, we may have grown accustomed to the limited activity and traffic around most of our schools. Now, with our schools back in session, the activity and traffic have increased noticeably. In an effort to keep our students, visitors and motorists safe, our increased attention is needed as we pass by our schools. Here are a few tips to refresh our memories.

### School Zones

- Most school zones have a 25 mph speed limit during the beginning and ending of the school day.
- Please slow down and be ever vigilant for students in the area.
- Avoid distractions - cell phones, texting, eating and last minute appearance touch-ups.
- Patrol officers will be in the school zones to monitor driving habits.

### Crossing Guards

- Police Crossing Guards may be assigned near schools to help students who walk to school to safely cross the streets.
- Police Crossing Guards wear yellow reflective vests and have portable stop signs. Be vigilant for them as they walk into the cross walk to cross our children.

**STOP for the bus**  
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**YELLOW LIGHTS FLASHING**  
 SIGNALS: Prepare to stop. Take caution. Children are preparing to enter/exit the bus.

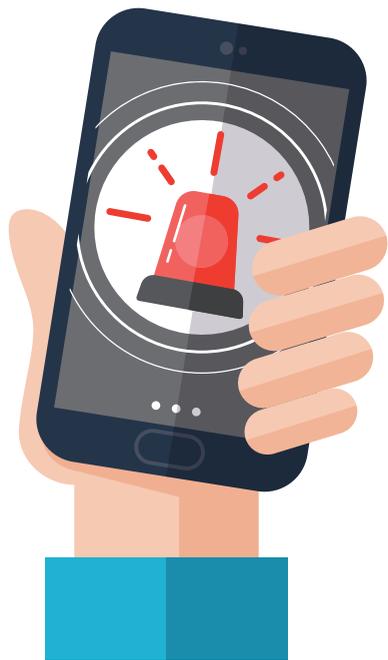
**RED LIGHTS FLASHING**  
 SIGNALS: Stop no closer than 20 feet from the bus. Children are entering/exiting the bus.

**ALL LIGHTS OFF**  
 SIGNALS: Proceed with caution. Check your surroundings for children crossing.

**YELLOW HAZARD LIGHTS**  
 SIGNALS: Proceed with caution. Pass with care. Check your surroundings for children crossing.

**STOP SIGN**  
 SIGNALS: Stop no closer than 20 feet from the bus. Children are entering/exiting the bus. **DO NOT PASS.**

# SIGN UP TODAY



Several years ago, Saginaw County 911 launched an emergency notification tool that can notify Saginaw County residents in the event of emergencies such as severe weather, Amber Alerts or other incidents that could have an impact on the community. However, in order to maximize the benefits of the system, residents need to sign up.

By entering your contact information in a self-registration portal at [www.saginawcounty.com/911](http://www.saginawcounty.com/911), you will receive timely alerts via cell phone and e-mail.

## EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION FAQ'S

### What is the emergency notification system used for?

The Saginaw County 911 emergency notification system may be used in any situation that threatens harm to life and/or property or is deemed hazardous by emergency personnel. This may include inclement weather, man-made disasters, crime, pandemics, hazardous material incidents, and more.

### How many phones can I register per registration?

At this time, you can enter up to three phones per registration. In the event that you need to register

more numbers, you simply enter another registration with another valid email address.

### Do I have the ability to specify which notifications I wish to receive?

Saginaw County 911 will determine which notifications are mandatory. You will have the ability to opt out of non-critical notifications when completing the self-registration form on [www.saginawcounty.com/911](http://www.saginawcounty.com/911).

### What information is captured in the Self Registration Portal?

The Self Registration Portal collects your name, address, home phone, cell phone and e-mail.

### What if I don't receive the verification email?

When using a personal email account (e.g., Yahoo, Hotmail, etc.), your email provider may have considered it Spam. Check the Spam folder in your email account. If you find and select this email message, right click on it to set the 'Sender' and 'Not Spam.'

"Work" email addresses may not accept the verification email if your organization has specific screening processes in place. Therefore, please contact your organization's I.T. department and ask them to accept emails from [www.saginawcounty.com/911](http://www.saginawcounty.com/911) in order to receive authorization.

### What is the purpose of the map on the right hand side of the Self Registration Portal screen?

After you enter your address, a push pin will reflect your exact location on the map.

**My address is not plotted correctly on the map. How do I fix this?** First, be sure you entered your address correctly. If verified, you may adjust your location by moving the pin found on the map. This is accomplished by right clicking on the pin and moving your mouse to reflect the proper position.

### How do I get updates once you notify me of an incident?

You must call 1-877-653-4133 for updates to any information you have received. At this time, there is no online (internet) postings for updates. This voice service will provide any up-to-date information we can give you.

**Whom do I contact if I have additional questions?** For more information, please contact Director Randy Pfau at Saginaw County 911, 989-797-4590.

## Community Development: Tips on Flood Safety & Insurance

It's time to look about your property and take preventative measures to minimize the effects of localized flooding. Here are some tips to help:

**Local Flooding Hazard** – The primary flood hazard areas are located within the 100-year floodplain or Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). In Saginaw Township, these SFHA's are generally near the Tittabawassee River. During a flood event, water elevation and velocity greatly increases.

**Flood Warning** – Flooding in SFHA's can be predicted in advance of it occurring, giving reasonable warning for preparation and evacuation. The National Weather Service (NWS) accesses weather and river data to determine when flood warnings will be necessary. Typically, an official warning from NWS is issued 24 hours in advance of the Tittabawassee River reaching official flood stage. When a flood watch or warning is issued, you can tune in to local radio stations 790 AM WSGW, 96.1 FM WHNN or local television station WNEM channel 5 CBS or [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) online for the latest flood levels and road closures.



**Flood Safety** – There are a few roads and low-lying areas in Saginaw Township that are quickly covered by water during yearly flooding events. If you come upon a "Road Closed" barricade while driving, please locate an alternate route. Most injuries and deaths in flooding events occur when unsuspecting citizens drive into flooded roadways. In as little as two feet of water, your vehicle can become buoyant. This could cause the vehicle to be swept downstream into a deeper water hazard or river.

**Maintain Drain Systems** – As simple as it sounds, keeping smaller drains and

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## PLANNING AND ZONING

As surprising as it seems to write this, the fall season is right around the corner here in Mid-Michigan. We appreciate all of the hard work that our residents and businesses have put into maintaining and improving their properties throughout the course of this year! As we head into the latter part of 2019, some notes on frequent code enforcement questions and concerns that come into our office:

### GRASS AND WEEDS

Grass must be kept to no more than eight (8) inches in height, throughout the year, in Saginaw Township. Landscaped areas must be kept in reasonable condition so as to appear attended to. Property owners are required to destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed-bearing stage in order to protect resident health from exposure to allergens and other particulates.

### TREES, SHRUBS AND HEDGES

While the Township does not enforce specific maintenance standards for trees, hedges, and shrubs, we ask everyone to maintain these in a respectable manner, whether or not the vegetation is in public

view. Trees are not directly addressed through the International Property Maintenance Code, and as such the Township is generally unable to require removal or alterations to trees.

### YARD WASTE, LEAVES, AND BRUSH

Yard waste (including leaves) and brush are treated differently from one another (per state law) and are disposed of differently. Brush and larger branches – up to four feet long and two to six inches in diameter – should be bundled together with twine (not wire or tape, please). One bundle of brush will be picked up with the

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE FROM

# SAGINAW TOWNSHIP RECREATION

Fall is right around the corner and you can always count on Saginaw Township Recreation to provide the very best in recreation and leisure programming for our residents and the surrounding communities. Following is a list of programs we will be offering this fall:

### YOUTH BASKETBALL

#### Boys & Girls (K – 6th Grade)

These leagues are designed to be fun and to teach the fundamentals of basketball. There will be separate leagues for boys and girls and will be broken down by grade level. The Kindergarten league will be mixed with both boys and girls. All leagues will consist of an 8 game schedule and will begin in December. **Early registration: Oct 1st-17th** (\$50); **Open registration: Oct 18th-30th** (\$60).

### MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Register your team of friends, co-workers, family, etc. and show us what you've got. It's a great way to stay active during the winter months. This league consists of a 10 game season that will begin in December. **Early registration/ Team Fee: October 14th-November 4th** (\$325); **Open registration: November 5th-15th** (\$335).

### 9th - 12th GRADE WINTER BASKETBALL

This league will consist of 8 games and will begin in January, 2020. Teams will be formed by a draft following a skill drill. **Early registration held November 18th-December 5th** (\$55); **Open registration December 6th-19th** (\$65). Don't miss out – sign up early!

### CENTER COURTS SENIOR BASKETBALL

This time is set aside for those **50 & over** looking to keep their game sharp in a non-competitive atmosphere! Stop in every **Tuesday & Thursday from 9-10 a.m.**, beginning in October, and get your game on! Drop-in (\$2); punch card for 20 visits (\$20).

### ADULT WINTER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

(Women's Power, Recreational and Coed Leagues) Women's Power Volleyball League will play on Monday evenings and Women's Recreational and Coed Leagues will play on Wednesday evenings. A 7 game schedule will be played in each league along with a post season tournament beginning in late November. **Registration will be held October 14th-November 1st.** Team Fee - \$97.

### CENTERED ON YOU

This LOW IMPACT circuit training program will be held at Center Courts on Thursday mornings from 9-10 a.m. Low impact exercise has many benefits that include increasing your strength, endurance, flexibility, balance and cardiovascular health. Classes will be held **every 6 weeks beginning September 19th.** \$40 per six week session.

### YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

This class is for those new to Yoga or those wanting a basic flow class. This introduction to Yoga will focus on foundational Yoga postures, teach you how to breathe and help you feel

more comfortable in the Yoga practice. Classes will be held on **Thursdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. beginning September 26th.** 6 weeks \$48, or \$10 drop in.

### HATHA YOGA

Hatha Yoga is a complete path leading to physical health and mental clarity. Emphasis is placed on developing strength, flexibility and balance, along with concentration and breath control. Classes will be held on **Mondays 5:30-6:30 p.m. beginning September 23rd.** 6 weeks \$48, or \$10 drop in.

### CHAIR YOGA

Chair Yoga is a modified form of Hatha Yoga for all ages, especially for seniors or those experiencing chronic injury or illness. This form of exercise is done sitting or standing while using a chair for support. Stretching and breathing techniques will be stressed to help increase mobility and calm your mind. Classes are held **at Center Courts every Wednesday from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. beginning in September.** Sign up for a 6 week session for \$30 or drop-in for \$6.

### DANCING FOR FITNESS

This low-impact program offers a way for those over the age of 50 to help with strength, flexibility and improve circulation all while having fun! Grab your friends (or come and make new ones) with this fantastic class! Classes are held **every 6 weeks on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at Center Courts.** You can sign up for either twice a week or three times a week. **Registration fee: 2 days a week (\$42); 3 days a week (\$56).**

### CARDIO POUNDING

Beat boring workouts with Cardio Pounding! This program combines a lightly-weighted drumstick, music, rhythm and movement for a full body cardio and strength building workout. Classes are held on **Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** (Beginners) and **6:45-7:45 p.m.** (Intermediate). Classes will be held **every 5 weeks beginning September 17th.** \$40 per five week session.

### MUSIC FOR MUNCHKINS

#### (Ages: 1-5 years)

Ms. Michele brings musical fun wherever she goes! Your child will participate in musical activities through educational and traditional songs, dancing, singing, playing instruments and participating in circle time activities. Music for Munchkins is a great way for your child to socialize with other children and feel the magic of music! This class meets **every Wednesday evening from 5:45-6:30 p.m. and every Friday from 10:00-10:45 a.m.** \$38 per 4 week session (1st child); \$32 (second child); or \$10 drop-in.

### CENTER COURTS PLAYGROUP

#### (Ages: 3 and under)

Help establish your child's large motor skills by participating in our Center Courts Playgroup. Work with their running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as helping them develop social skills and meet new friends! Playgroup is offered **every Tuesday and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. beginning in September!** Don't miss out on all the fun! \$2 drop-in per child or \$24 punch card for 15 visits.

### PICKLEBALL AT CENTER COURTS

Pickleball is a cross between badminton, tennis and table tennis. It is played on a badminton-sized court with paddles, a wiffle ball and a net that is lowered to 34 inches. This sport is easy to learn for people of all ages and athletic abilities. Open play will be offered on **Mondays (7-10 a.m.), Wednesdays and Fridays (7 a.m.-12 p.m.) and Sundays (2-5 p.m.) beginning in September.** Punch cards: 20 visits (\$40); 10 visits (\$25); 5 visits (\$15); drop-in (\$5).

### TABLE TENNIS

Stop by for fast spins, chops & smashes. All skill levels welcome. Open play is held on **Sundays from 2-5 p.m. beginning in September.** Adults (\$5); 17 & under (\$2).

### FALL FUN FESTIVAL

Join us on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20th from 2-4 p.m. at Center Courts** for our Fall Fun Festival. This event will include many great activities, both indoors and outdoors, that the fall season brings our way. This family-friendly event will include tethered hot air balloon rides, a Trick or Treat walk, costume contests, food trucks, face painting and so much more! Come join the Fun!

### CENTER COURTS SHOPPING EXPO

Enjoy a fun-filled day of shopping **at Center Courts on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** Shop a wide variety of products including Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Thirty-One, Color Street, Tozy Tea and so much more. Over 50 vendors and crafters all under one roof – don't miss out! Free admission.

### HALLOWEEN COED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Saginaw Township Recreation will be hosting a Halloween Coed Softball Tournament at Olson Park on **Saturday, October 19th.** The tournament is double elimination and we encourage teams to get in the spirit and wear Halloween costumes! **Register through October 11th.** \$150 entry fee.



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### TOWNSHIP CONTACTS

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Clerk's Office	791-9830
Community Development	791-9865
Department of Public Services	791-9870
Fire Department	792-9691
Fiscal Services	791-9820
Manager/Supervisor	791-9800
Parks and Recreation	791-9860
Police Department	793-2310
Treasurer	791-9840
Water Department	791-9880

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## Safety Near Schools CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

- Every year our crossing guards encounter "near misses" from drivers who are not paying attention.

### School Buses

- Pay special attention to school buses as they pick up and drop off students.
- Saginaw ISD has produced a graphic explaining when a motorist is required to stop for a school bus. Please review the graphic on page 1.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when a school buses lights begin flashing.

As you drive past a school, think safety. As motorists, we need to be attentive and watch for students and other drivers who may not be as attentive. As a community, our children's safety is of the greatest priority. Please help keep our children safe.

## Flooding CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

ditches free of debris can dramatically improve the outflow of water run-off from low-lying areas. It is illegal to dump materials into these waterways. If you observe any waterways adjacent to your property that are filled with sediment, vegetation, debris or if you see illegal dumping, please contact Saginaw County Department of Public Works at 989-790-5258 or the Saginaw County Road Commission at 989-752-6140 to report any concerns with drains.

**Flood Hazard Maps & Floodplain Determinations** – The Saginaw Township Community Development Department (CDD) maintains copies of Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for SFHA's in Saginaw Township. You can view the most recent FIRM's at Saginaw Township Hall at 4980 Shattuck Road in the CDD. The CDD maintains a record of received elevation certificates, as well.

**Flood Insurance** – According to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), a home located within the SFHA has a 26 % greater chance of being damaged by a flood over the life of a 30-year mortgage than by fire or other loss. Your homeowner's insurance will typically not cover flood damage.

Because Saginaw Township participates in the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS), anyone who owns or rents property within Saginaw Township can purchase flood insurance through a licensed local insurance agent at a reduced rate.

**Filling & Construction Permits** – If you are considering grading, filling, building construction or building renovations there are special regulations that may apply to your project.

Ray Hausbeck, Building Inspector, is available to assist citizens with their floodplain and drainage related questions or concerns at 989-791-9865 or rhausbeck@saginawtownship.net.

## Planning & Zoning CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

trash each week. Yard waste – the smaller branches and twigs, grass clippings, leaves, and similar items – should be placed in paper yard waste bags or in properly marked cans with a yard waste sticker. Yard waste is picked up April through November. Notices regarding yard waste pickup may also be available to view on the Township's website, [www.saginawtownship.net](http://www.saginawtownship.net). Remember that residents may also utilize the brush drop-off site upon arrangement with the Township.

Have a question about something in your yard, or your neighborhood, or something you've seen in the Township? Don't hesitate to give us a call at 989-791-9865 or simply stop by our office! We are grateful to work on behalf of you, our residents and business community.

### SNOW REMOVAL

Folks, we aren't ready to think about snow just yet at Township Hall... but when it does come later this year, please ensure that public walkways, including sidewalks, are cleared and usable by our residents. The Township's Department of Public Services plows more than 50 miles of sidewalk on major streets throughout the winter, and maintaining our neighborhood pathways to these sidewalks makes everyone's efforts much more worthwhile.



### 2020 ELECTIONS

The first election scheduled for 2020 is the Presidential Primary, which will be held on Tuesday, March 10th. It is designated a "closed primary" which means voters must choose either a Republican or Democratic ballot. However, the State can change that date up until October.

The next election, the Primary, will be held Tuesday, August 4th. The General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd.

### REGISTER TO VOTE

If you are new to the Township or just turned 18 and not yet registered to vote, you may register at any Secretary of State Office or at the Saginaw Township Clerk's Office.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Are you a "Snow Bird"? Do you need an absentee ballot? Before you leave town contact or stop in to the Clerk's Office and fill out the absent voter application. When the ballots are available, we will mail yours to the requested address you put on your application.

Mark your calendars with these important dates and remember to **VOTE!**



### BRUSH DROP OFF SITE Fall Schedule

Saturdays and Sundays  
Sept. 7 through Nov. 24, 2019  
9 a.m-3 p.m.

The site will accept brush and tree trimmings only and nothing larger than 6 inches in diameter.

The brush site is located at 5790 W. Michigan, next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. It is open to Saginaw Township residents only.

No commercial haulers are permitted.