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**Saginaw  
Charter  
Township**

SPRING 2019



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- **Schools**
- **Businesses**
- **Neighborhoods**
- **Rental Communities**



## **SAGINAW TOWNSHIP CRIME PREVENTION**

**S**aginaw Township Police Department has developed an innovative prevention program and has long understood that crime prevention is the key to maintaining an excellent quality of life. This is accomplished not by accident, but by utilizing community policing concepts and strategies which require having a preventative attitude. This in turn creates efficiency within the police department and results in freeing up the time of the community police officers to provide better service.

This preventative posture is accomplished by creating districts and assigning the same patrol officers to the same areas for extended periods of time. This allows the officers to get to know the citizens, business owners, property managers, civic and religious leaders as well as the crime trends of their area.

This is then taken a step further by assigning a case detective to the district along with a Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) to coordinate problem solving and prevention efforts. The nature of assigning the same personnel to the same districts

creates a culture of ownership and accountability. This ownership and accountability leads to a sense of pride and commitment of officers working as a team to ultimately suppress crime.

It is through associations and partnerships that crime fighting efforts and strategies are implemented.

All of this is done while upholding equal rights for all citizens and the Constitution of the United States of America.

Bricks and mortar are key ingredients to any strong foundation. Just as any community has key ingredients to creating a strong foundation, Saginaw Township Police Department has identified four crucial ingredients to building a strong community foundation.

They are **Schools, Businesses, Neighborhoods, and Rental Communities**. Sticking with this theme, if you were to take these ingredients and put their names on individual bricks and secured these bricks with mortar putting the police department's name on all of the mortar, you form a VERY STRONG





**E**ach spring we experience high-water and flooding in areas around the Tittabawassee River. These flooding situations are an area of concern for the fire department. Each year the fire department is called multiple times, primarily to the area of South Center Road and West Michigan, for someone stranded in the water or in their vehicle.

The fire department is dispatched to the incident, firefighters enter near freezing water with wetsuits and a boat to aid the victims. Victims are loaded into the boat and brought to safety. Saginaw Township police officers, MMR, and the Dive Team are also dispatched to the scene. Fortunately, the fire department trains annually on different types of flooding and water rescue techniques incorporating their boat and special equipment.

These types of rescues can be avoided by people understanding the consequences of driving on or through a flooded road. When flooding or high water closes a road, road closure signs are positioned to warn drivers of the high water. Seek an alternative route, and please do not attempt to drive through flooding or high water conditions. It is illegal to drive around these signs, and most likely you will be ticketed. In addition, most insurance companies will not cover the expenses to tow or recover the vehicle, or cover any damages to the vehicle.

Do not drive through water, no matter how deep or shallow you may think it is. The road may be washed out under the floodwaters, causing further problems. You may think the water does not look that deep, and try to make it through. However, it only takes a few inches of water to stall your vehicle, and twelve inches of water for the average vehicle to be swept away. Be especially careful driving at night when it is harder to recognize flooding. Please abide by the road closure signs.

— **Chief Jim Peterson**  
Saginaw Township  
Fire Department



## Clerk's Office News

# IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSAL 18-3

- There are actually five bills (SB 1238-1242), but 1238 is the main bill and the one that amends the Michigan Election Law. Two of the other bills amend the Vehicle Code and Personal Identification Card (PID) Act to reflect the new requirement to automatically register Driver's Licenses/PID applicants, unless they decline; the remaining bills are technical updates to statutory citations.
- Requires the Secretary of State to prescribe audit procedures and requires the Secretary of State and County Clerks to conduct audits, including an audit of results for statewide races in selected precincts.
- Requires all qualified individuals to be automatically registered to vote when performing a driver's license or personal identification card transaction at a branch office, unless the person declines.
- Changes the Secretary of State branch office and mail-in registration deadline from 30 days to 15 days before an election.
- Allows in-person voter registration to occur through election day at the individual's city or township clerk's office. During the 14 days before an election, the individual must provide proof of residency.



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## SWIMMING POOLS



**Swimming pools containing water 24" deep or more require a building permit and inspections to verify proper location and installation.**

**S**pring is in the air and thoughts of lounging/playing in your own back yard swimming pool may have crossed your mind. If not yours, certainly your children's.

Once you have decided to get a swimming pool, before you purchase one or hire a contractor to install one, please contact Saginaw Township's Community Development Department at 791-9865 to discuss the rules and regulations related to the installation/protection of your swimming pool from accidental drowning among other hazards.

Swimming pools containing water that is 24" deep or

more, whether they are in-ground or above-ground, require a building permit and inspections to verify proper location and installation. Some of the issues that the rules and regulations cover are:

- Accidental drowning protection
- Location on property
- Entrapment protection
- Safety glazing
- Electrocutation protection

Have a fun and safe summer with your properly permitted and inspected swimming pool!

— **Ray Hausbeck**  
Assistant Director  
Community Development

# SAGINAW TOWNSHIP RECREATION

## ADULT & YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS



### GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Saginaw Township Recreation will be forming Girls Softball Leagues in the following age divisions: **5 & 6 Year (T-Ball), 8 & Under (Coach Pitch), 10 & Under, 12 & Under, and 14 & Under.** Games begin in **June.** **Early Registration ends April 25th.**

### ADULT COED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

This 7 game season will be played on Sunday afternoons beginning in June. League also includes a post-season tournament. Early registration is open through May 6th.

### MEN'S & WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUES

The Men's softball league consists of a 16 game schedule and the Women's league play a 12 game schedule. All games played Monday-Thursday nights beginning in May. Early registration ends April 18th.

### "BUMP IT UP" VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Jamie List, Youth Volleyball Coordinator, will be directing this camp for **4th-6th Grade & 7th-8th Grade Girls.** This camp will focus on the fundamental skills and techniques with emphasis on passing, setting, attacking and blocking. Camp will be held **August 5th-8th at Center Courts.**

### JUNIOR "BUMP IT UP" VOLLEYBALL CAMP

This is an introduction to the game of volleyball for **1st-3rd Grade Girls.** Learn the fundamental skills of passing, serving and attacking. The net will be slightly lower to ensure success while working on techniques, skills and learning the rules of the game. Campers will play games and have fun! Camp will be held **August 5th-8th at Center Courts.**

### BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Women's Power Volleyball and Coed Volleyball Leagues will play on Monday nights. The Women's Recreational League will play Tuesdays. Teams play 4v4 with an 8 game schedule plus a post-season tournament beginning in June. Early registration is open through April 18th.

### SNAPOLOGY CAMP

This STEAM camp is for **ages 5-12 years** and will provide a fun, interactive environment for children to learn and create design concepts using LEGO bricks, K'Nex, and technology. Morning and afternoon camps will be held **June & July at Center Courts.** Pop-up Snapology workshops will also be offered throughout the summer!

### LACROSSE CAMP

Saginaw Township Recreation will be offering a Lacrosse camp for **3rd-8th Grade Boys.** Instruction will include offense, defense, cradling, checking, catching, passing & scooping. Camp will take place in **August at the Saginaw Township Soccer Complex.**

### CHEER CAMP

Learn the fundamentals of cheerleading in this fun interactive camp! **Girls K-6th Grade** will learn jump techniques, chants and crowd response cheers. Camp will be instructed by Donna Schantz, St. Charles Varsity Cheer Coach and will be offered **August 12th-15th at Center Courts.**

### TENNIS CLINICS

In partnership with the Greater Midland Tennis Center, lessons will take place at **Olson Park Tennis Courts.** These clinics are designed for youth **3-14 years.** The **10 & Under** clinics are designed with courts and equipment scaled to a child's size. Instructions will also be held for **11-14 year olds** for beginner and advanced levels. Clinics will be offered in **June-July-August.**

### JUNIOR COMPETITIVE TENNIS CLINIC

Also in partnership with the Greater Midland Tennis Center, this clinic is designed for **youth 14-18 years** that are looking to compete at the high school levels. The clinic will be in **July at Olson Park Tennis Courts.**

### SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Saginaw Township Recreation will be offering Summer Day Camps **July 15th-19th and August 12th-16th.** Each week is packed with an amazing variety of activities including special events, creating crafts, exploring through science and nature activities and so much more. This camp will be offered to **boys and girls ages 5-12 years.** Join us at Olson Park for an unforgettable summer of fun!

### GIRLS SOFTBALL CAMP

The Summer Sluggers Softball Camp is open to **Girls 3rd-8th Grade.** Focus of the camp will be on pitching, batting, base running, fielding, throwing & defensive strategy. This camp will be held **June 25th-27th at Olson Park Softball Fields.**

### BOYS BASEBALL CAMP

This Baseball Camp is open to **Boys 6-12 years.** Focus will be on hitting, pitching, base running techniques, infield and outfield drills. Camp will be held **June 24th-26th at Olson Park.**

### JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

Adam Fairchild, Sawmill Golf Club, will be directing golf clinics open to golfer's **ages 7-16 years.** Camp will cover rules, etiquette, putting, chipping, full swing and on-course instruction. Golf clubs provided if needed. Camp will be offered **June 24th-27th & July 29th-August 1st at the Sawmill Golf Club.**

### EARLY BIRD GOLF LESSONS

This camp is great for golfers that are just beginning or those looking to improve their skills. Golf clubs provided if needed. Adam Fairchild, Sawmill Golf Club, will be directing these golf lessons at the **Sawmill Golf Club on May 20th & 22nd from 6-7pm.**

### HOOP DREAMS BASKETBALL CAMP

John Wilson, Nouvel High School Girls Varsity Basketball Coach and former Heritage HS Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, will be directing a basketball camp for **1st-8th Grade Boys & Girls.** This camp will be held at **Center Courts June 17th-20th.** Camp will focus on ball handling, passing, shooting, and rebounding.

### JUNIOR BASKETBALL CAMP

John Wilson, Nouvel High School Girls Varsity Basketball Coach and former Heritage H.S. Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, will be conducting this camp for **Boys & Girls ages 4-9 years.** Camp features 8' rims to ensure success and smaller balls for smaller hands. Camp will focus on fundamental skills, shooting, passing, and dribbling. Camp will be held **August 5th-8th at Center Courts.**

**REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1st  
FOR ALL CAMPS & LEAGUES**

**For more information on our programs  
visit us at [saginawtownship.org](http://saginawtownship.org), find us  
on Facebook or call Saginaw Township  
Recreation at 791-9860**







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### TOWNSHIP CONTACTS

Assessing	791-9810
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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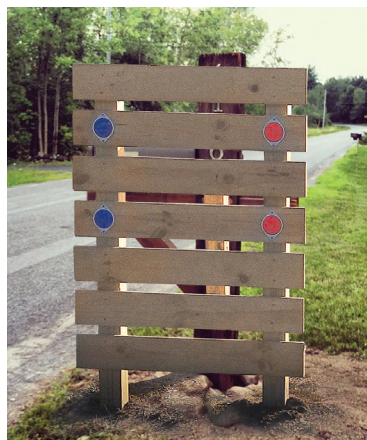


The Yard Waste Program for Saginaw Township will begin Monday, April 1 and continue through Tuesday, November 26. Yard waste includes grass clippings, yard vegetation, sod without dirt, twigs (less than 2" diameter) and leaves. No root balls or stumps. Yard waste must be in Kraft paper bags or containers (35 gal. or less) marked Yard Waste and all cans and bags must weigh less than 50 lbs. each. Yard Waste stickers are available at the Township offices. Brush and tree trimmings are picked up weekly on regular trash pick-up day. Brush is limited to one bundle per week, branches up to 4 feet long and from 2" to 6" around. Bundles may be no larger than 3' x 4' in size. If using a can, branches cannot extend more than 12" above can.

The Brush Drop Off Site is located at 5790 W. Michigan, next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The hours are 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays only. The site will accept brush and tree trimmings only and nothing larger than 6 inches in diameter. The site is open to Saginaw Township Residents only. The dates for 2019 are as follows:



## REMINDER: Remove Mailbox Boards



Temporary structures shall be installed/erected only during winter months and shall be removed by **April 1st**. These structures shall not obstruct one's view or create a traffic hazard. You can direct any questions regarding this regulation, or coordinate your construction plans prior to the installation of any work, to the Department of Community Development at 989-791-9865.

## Crime Prevention

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community foundation. This foundation, in turn, provides stability for the community to grow with protected property values and a healthy tax base.

In Saginaw Township, four programs have successfully developed under one Community Partnership Program umbrella. They are the School Community Partnership Program, the Business Community Partnership Program, the Neighborhood Partnership Program, and the Rental Community Partnership Program.

The successful development and implementation of these programs, confidently puts Saginaw Township twenty years ahead of crime.



## Proposal 18-3

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- Requires the Secretary of State to provide notice to individuals who register to vote in SOS branch offices, by mail, or online, in the 14 days prior to Election Day that he or she is not eligible to vote in the next election unless he or she applies in person at his or her city or township clerk's office.
- Changes the last date that an absent voter ballot can be mailed via first class mail to an elector to 5pm the Friday before the election.
- Allows a person to submit a voter registration and an absent voter application at the same time when registering to vote in person at the clerk's office through election day.
- Requires city and township clerks to be available at his or her office for any combination of at least 8 hours on the Saturday or Sunday immediately before election day to issue and receive absent voter ballots. Clerks are required to post notice and provide notice to the Secretary of State at least 30 days before the election of the hours the office will be open.
- Allows a city or township to specify additional hours and locations that the clerk will be available to issue and receive absent voter ballots. These locations must allow challengers to be present. Clerks are required to post notice and provide notice to the Secretary of State at least 30 days before the election of the additional hours and locations the office will be open when applicable.

*\*Legislative Summary provided by the Michigan Bureau of Elections*