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**Saginaw
Charter
Township**

SUMMER 2019

PLEASE MAKE THE CALL...

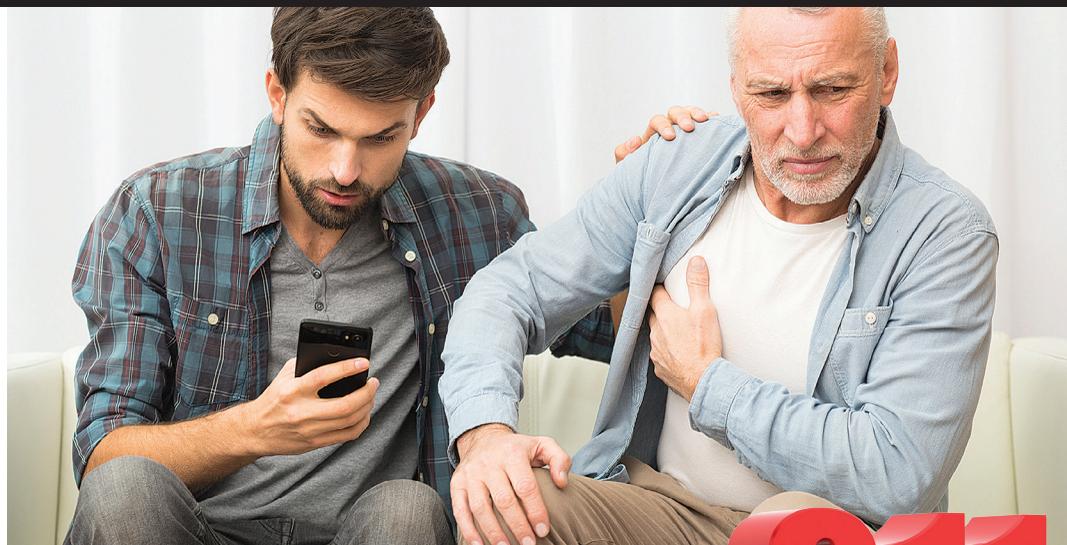


BY LT. RICK
HERREN
Saginaw Township
Police Department

Do you know when you should call 911? Have you ever thought about calling 911 but didn't for some reason?

It seems that, almost daily, citizens come into the police department to report something and tell us they didn't call 911 when it was happening. Many times the person doesn't feel their unique situation "was an emergency" or they "didn't want to bother anyone". Often they just didn't think 911 was appropriate for their situation.

The dictionary defines a crisis as a time of difficulty, trouble, or danger. We think of a crisis as anything you aren't sure how to handle. If you are thinking about calling 911; you probably already should have. The Saginaw Township Police Department's



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911

number one priority is customer service. We want to be there for you in your time of need but we can't come to you if we don't know we are needed.

Saginaw County is very lucky to have a 911 call

center and everyone in the emergency services system encourages all citizens to use it. Our 911 Center is staffed with highly trained personnel who are expert problem solvers. They spend every day

quickly analyzing a myriad of stressful, unusual, crazy situations and immediately recognizing who or what resource is best trained and equipped to respond. Often times they will be able to

solve your issue during the phone call and won't have to involve anyone else. Trust the dispatchers and take advantage of what the 911 Center can do for you.

The 911 dispatcher is a police officer's best friend. They are our first line of communication and the information they gather from you starts the problem solving process. The information they obtain allows us to plan our response and be more efficient once we arrive. But a dispatcher, and through them the police, will only be as good as the person on the other end of the line. If you don't make the call, we can't help you.

Please don't stress about calling 911. It is easy to do and you don't have to practice, plan or rehearse. The dispatcher who answers will ask you a series of questions designed to gather pertinent facts. The dispatcher will use the information they gather from you to direct the appropriate resource to you. Deciding what you need, when you need it, and whether it is a waste of anyone's time is not your responsibility.

Please make the call...

OPEN BURNING & RECREATIONAL FIRES



BY CHIEF
JIM PETERSON
Saginaw Township
Fire Department

Burning generates many calls to our office and to 911 involving open burning, especially in neighborhoods. Many residents do not recognize the smoke generated by open burning or recreational fires can be offensive to their neighbors. Please understand Saginaw Township has adopted and enforces an open burning ordinance that allows minimal open burning. Burning is a privilege, and should be treated as such. We would prefer residents use alternatives to open burning, such as the curbside pickup of small brush and yard waste, and using the brush site that is available to Saginaw Township residents on scheduled days at the facility at 5790 West Michigan.

OPEN BURNING:

If you must burn, a permit is required to conduct all open burning. The definition of open burning is a pile size of 5 feet or less in diameter and 3 feet or less in height. Clean, dry wood is all that is allowed under open burning. Other rules include: you must be a minimum of 50 feet from any structure, the wind must be 10 miles an hour or less, the fire must be attended at all times, and you must have some type of extinguishing equipment such as a garden hose, fire extinguisher, etc. at the site of the open burn. Open burning is allowed from dawn until sunset. Permits are available by calling the fire department at 989-792-9691. As with all burning, be cognizant of the smoke you are generating.

RECREATIONAL FIRES:

No permit is required for recreational fires. Recreational fires are small backyard fires that are used for "recreation", not clearing land or picking

up after a storm.

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 15 feet of any structure. Fires must be in an approved burning container or receptacle specifically manufactured and sold for recreational burning, or in a pit that does not exceed three feet in diameter and two feet above ground level. Recreational fires shall be extinguished no later than 11:00 pm.

Any burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions is prohibited. Be aware of the smoke you are generating, and be respectful of your neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact the Saginaw Township Fire Department at 989-792-9691.

Open burning of leaves, yard waste, ditch banks, household rubbish, tires, building materials, paper product or any products other than clean wood is prohibited.



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Saginaw Township Developments Coming from All Over



The recent stretch from 2017 to now has seen significant commercial and residential property investments in the Saginaw Township community. Ranging from many smaller projects to a few large ones, these investments reflect confidence in "The Township" across the spectrum.

Starting about a decade ago, when the country was enduring through the Great Recession, growth in Saginaw Township and our entire region (and most of the country) slowed tremendously. It took several years, but starting around 2014 Saginaw Township again began experiencing a significant uptick in site investments that has continued through 2019.

The Township had several significant new businesses and expansions of existing Township businesses in 2018. Among companies we welcomed to our community in 2018 were ABC Supply and Macksood's, while numerous local firms were granted approval for expansions or renovations, including (but not limited to) Paint Bull, Serra Toyota, Ya Ya's, Frankenmuth Credit Union, Wilson Ford, Coty's Landing, Aldi, and at least a dozen others. In all, the Township processed more than \$29 million in

permitted building projects last year. Thirty-four (34) site plans were handled in some capacity by the Planning Department in 2018.

Thus far in 2019, the commercial investments in our community have continued! The Saginaw Township Building Department has processed \$6.3 million in permitted projects through the end of April, and staff have met with several potential or

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forthcoming new project stakeholders in recent months. While it is common knowledge that the general retail industry is undergoing some transformations right before our eyes, 90 percent of retail sales are still done in brick-and-mortar stores, and a number of our largest community retailers are performing very strongly right now. We are grateful to the fantastic owners and employees of our Township businesses – all 1,600 and counting – for their continued support of the community and their investments to grow and prosper in Saginaw Township.

SAGINAW TOWNSHIP RECREATION



GIRLS SOFTBALL CAMP

Want to improve your softball skills? The Summer Sluggers Softball Camp will focus on pitching, batting, base running, fielding and throwing techniques. This camp will be held **June 25th-27th** from 8-10am, at Olson Park and is open to **Girls 3rd-8th Grade**. **Registration Fee:** \$65.



"BUMP IT UP" VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Jamie List, Saginaw Township Recreation 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** from 8-9:30am for 4th-6th grades and 9:30-11am for 7th-8th grades. **Registration Fee:** \$65.



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 from 11am-12:30pm**. **Registration Fee:** \$65.

KIDS FEST DAY CAMP

Kids will have a blast this summer at the Kids Fest Day Camp! This week will be packed with an amazing variety of activities and special guests including Dr. Slime, Painterly Pottery, First Responder Day, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Carnival Games for prizes and much more! Come join the FUN! Camp will be held **July 15th-19th from 9am-4pm** at Olson Park. **Registration Fee:** \$135 (2nd Child Discount \$10). Before & after camp care available, if needed.

LAST CALL BEFORE FALL DAY CAMP

Have some end of summer fun in our Last Call Before Fall Day Camp! Each day will be loaded with exciting activities and events that include a visit from the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, a Magic Show, Human Hamster Balls, a Petting Zoo, Inflatables and so much more! Don't miss out on an exciting week of FUN! This day camp will be held August 12th-16th from 9am-4pm at Olson Park. **Registration Fee:** \$135 (2nd Child Discount \$10). Before & after camp care available, if needed.



BOYS BASEBALL CAMP

This Baseball Camp (**6-12 years**) will be instructed by Corky Thompson, Lawrence Tech University Asst. Baseball Coach, and assisted by college baseball players. The camp focus will be on base running techniques, infield/outfield drills, hitting and pitching. Camp will be held **June 24th-27th from 10am-1pm** at the Olson Park Baseball Fields. This is a great opportunity to learn baseball skills from a College Baseball Coach & Players! **Registration Fee:** \$85

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 **August 12th-14th from 6-7:30 pm** at the **Saginaw Township Soccer Complex**. **Registration Fee:** \$55.

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 or July 29th-August 1st** from 9-10:30am at the **Sawmill Golf Club**. **Registration Fee:** \$80.



SNAPOLOGY SUMMER CAMPS

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. Develop your own animated movie, create animal inspired robotic models. Create new inventions and travel to the Nether with Snapology Minecraft or participate in Star Wars activities! Morning and afternoon camps will be held **June 24th-27th and July 22nd-25th at Center Courts**. **Registration Fee:** \$85 for first camp session \$10 off each additional session. Participate in the morning session, afternoon session or stay all day!

SNAPOLOGY POP-UP WORKSHOPS

Your child will have a blast in these Snapology pop-up workshops! These one day workshops for ages 5-12 years, will be held on **July 1st, July 12th, August 2nd, August 9th and August 16th from 9am-12pm** at Center Courts. Each date will feature a different theme for your child to learn, create, build and just have fun with SNAPOLOGY! **Registration Fee:** \$38 each workshop.



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 assisted by St. Charles Cheerleaders. This camp will be offered **August 12th-15th, from 1-3pm at Center Courts**. **Registration Fee:** \$60.

TENNIS CAMPS

Learn the game of tennis and have fun at the same time! With smaller courts, low-compression balls and shorter rackets, young players can produce longer rallies and have more FUN. Saginaw Township Recreation, in partnership with the Greater Midland Tennis Center, will offer lessons for youth **3-5 years** and **K-8th Grade**. Camps will be offered **Tuesdays and Thursdays** at Olson Park **July 16th-August 1st and August 6th-August 22nd**.



COURT WARRIOR TENNIS CAMPS

Get ready to fine tune your skills! This camp is designed for youth **14-18 years** who are looking to compete at the high school level. The Court Warrior Camp will be led by the nationally recognized Greater Midland Tennis Center Instructors **July 16th-August 1st and August 6th-August 22nd** at Olson Park on **Tuesdays & Thursdays** from 1:30-3pm. **Registration Fee:** \$75.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL CAMP

John Wilson, Nouvel High School Girls Varsity Basketball Coach and former Heritage High School 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 from 9-11am at Center Courts**. **Registration Fee:** \$60.



SUMMER JAM BASKETBALL CAMP

Get your game ready for the next level! Mark Oates, Heritage High School Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, will be instructing this camp for **Boys 6th-8th Grade**. Camp will be held **July 22nd-25th from 1-4pm at Center Courts**. Emphasis will be on man-to-man defense, shooting, ball handling, transition drills and much more! **Registration Fee:** \$65.

For More information on our programs visit us at saginawtownship.org, find us on Facebook or call Saginaw Township Recreation at 791-9860.



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SPECIAL WASTE DROP OFF DAYS



Mid Michigan Waste Authority (MMWA) is once again providing an option for safe disposal of household special waste items at MMWA's Community Resource Recovery Center located at 2063 S. Miller Rd.

NEW this year: Residents MUST make appointments. Please call MMWA at 989-781-9555 for details.

Paint, Electronics & Hazardous Waste

Saturday, July 139am-1pm
 Tuesday, July 23.....2pm-6pm
 Saturday, August 24.....9am-1pm
 Thursday, September 122pm-6pm
 Saturday, September 289am-1pm

Document Shredding & Polystyrene Foam

Tuesday, September 172pm-6pm



BRUSH DROP OFF SITE 2019

The Brush Drop Off Site will be open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on the following **SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS ONLY:**

JULY 15 & 16
AUGUST 17 & 18
SEPTEMBER 7 THROUGH
NOVEMBER 24

The Brush Drop Off Site is located at 5790 W. Michigan, next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. 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.

Spray Pool Hours

The Spray Pool is now open! The pool is for children four feet and under with proper swim attire. No food or toys are allowed inside the pool area. The Spray Pool will be open:

Monday-Friday 12-7 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 12-6 p.m.
 (Weather Permitting)

New: "Ballot Selfies" Allowed in Voting Booths

In 2016, Kalamazoo area voter, Joel Crookston sued the Michigan Secretary of State to try to stop Michigan's ban on taking photos of marked ballots or publicly exposing them. He argued that the ban violated his First Amendment right. In 2012, Crookston took a picture of his ballot and posted it on social media. The election officials didn't challenge him, but a lawyer warned him that it was illegal and could disqualify his ballot.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson said, "We reached a resolution that allows voters to have a full opportunity to express themselves, while at the same time ensuring that voters retain the ability to vote in private and without disruption or discomfort." She also stated, "As Michigan's chief election officer, I am committed to policies that encourage and

support voter participation and engagement, along with elections that run smoothly and securely."

Under the settlement agreement, voters will be allowed to take a photograph of their ballot but only while they are within their own voting booth. According to the Secretary of State, the settlement doesn't change existing prohibitions on individuals:

- ✓ Taking "selfies" of themselves, either in the voting booth or anywhere within the area where people are voting.
- ✓ Taking any other type of photograph within the area where people are voting.
- ✓ Sharing images of a voted ballot within 100 feet from the polling place - the buffer zone where electioneering is prohibited.

The State of Michigan will pay for Crookston's legal fees of \$90,000.

