



Welcome to...
**Saginaw
Charter
Township**


WINTER 2019


TIPS FOR A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON





With the holidays approaching, the Saginaw Township Police Department would like to offer some safety tips to help assure safe and happy holidays for the 2019 – 2020 season. We would like to remind everyone that during this time of year there is always a potential for criminal activity to occur with increased people shopping and residents leaving their homes for extended periods of time. Please remember to call 9-1-1 without delay to report any suspicious activity or criminal incidents in order for our patrol officers to respond quickly and efficiently. May your holidays & New Year bring health, happiness, and good fortune to each and every one of you.


 Be aware of your surroundings.


 Follow gut instincts, if something does not look or feel right, stop & re-think.


 Text or call family before leaving and after you have arrived at your destinations.


 Turn on your home lights prior to leaving if you may return home after dark.


 Walk in well lighted areas and when others are present if possible.


 Try to park in well lighted areas when shopping.

 Do not overload your hands with packages or items while walking to and from vehicles.

 Always lock your doors, home and car, no matter how long you are away.

 Keep valuables locked in the trunk of your vehicle and out of sight.

 Be confident! Look people in the eyes and let them know you are aware of their presence.

 Avoid package thefts at home by either having plans to be home when the package is delivered or make arrangements to have the package delivered to a neighbor or family member that is home. If you're able, invest in a motion activated Wi-Fi camera system covering your delivery area so you are notified immediately when a delivery is made.



HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

The holiday season is one of the most dangerous times of the year for household fires, so please take note of these safety tips to help reduce your risk.



CHRISTMAS TREES

From 2013-2017, U.S. fire departments responded annually to an average of 160 home fires that started with Christmas trees. In addition, fire departments responded to an average of 780 residential structure fires per year that began with holiday decorations, excluding Christmas trees. It takes less than 30 seconds for a dry tree to engulf a room in flames. Please keep your Christmas tree watered and away from heat sources such as fireplaces or heat vents.



CANDLES

The incidence of candle fires is four times higher during December than during the other months of the year. According to the National Fire Protection Association, four of the five most dangerous days of the year for residential candle fires are: Christmas, Christmas Eve, New Year's Day, New Year's Eve. The fifth is Halloween. Candles start (9%) of home Christmas tree fires. Keep at least one foot of space between candles and anything that can burn. Set candles on a level, sturdy base or cover with a hurricane globe. Never leave candles unattended. Before bed, walk through each room to make sure candles are blown out. Consider using flameless LED candles.



FIREPLACES

Soot can harden on chimney walls as flammable creosote, so before the fireplace season begins, have your chimney inspected to see if it needs cleaning. Screen the fireplace to prevent embers from popping out onto the floor or carpet, and never use flammable liquids to start a fire in the fireplace. Only burn seasoned wood; do not burn wrapping paper. When cleaning out the fireplace, or a wood stove, put the embers in a metal container and set outside to cool for 24 hours before disposal.



DECORATIVE LIGHTS

Only use lights that are labeled by an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are designed only for indoor or outdoor use; make sure to check. Electrical problems were factors in one-third (31%) of home Christmas tree fires. Never use lit candles to decorate the tree, always inspect the light strings and throw away cracked or frayed wires or sockets. Don't connect more than three strings of lights end to end and always follow manufacturer recommendations. Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

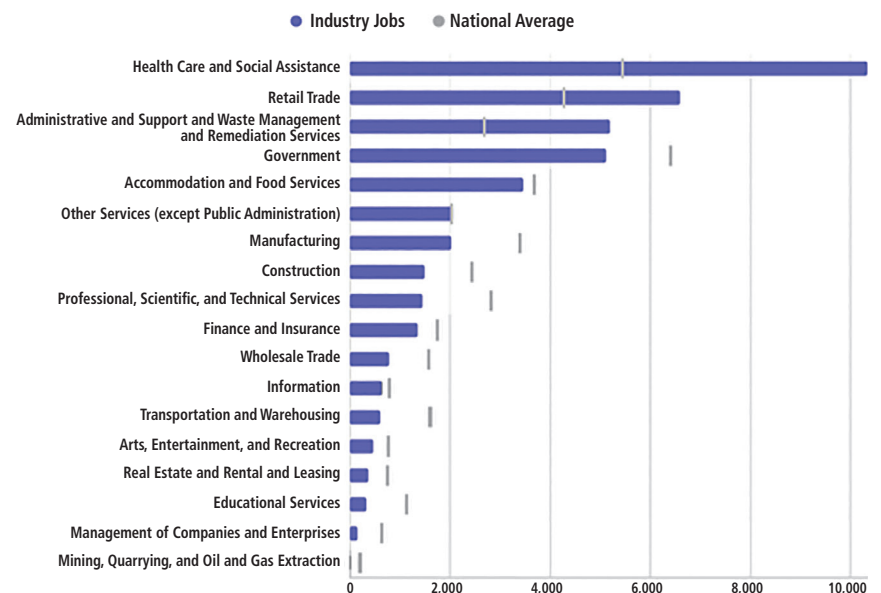
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT —

THE MANY, MANY REASONS SAGINAW TOWNSHIP IS A GREAT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS

Saginaw Township's history as a major center of commerce within the Saginaw Valley extends back nearly 200 years to its establishment in 1831. Fast forward to the present day, and the U.S. Census estimates that 3,791 total firms operate in our community, with total employment of about 30,767 people split between the 48603, 48604, and 48638 ZIP codes. Interestingly, the 48603 ZIP code specifically features about 37 percent more people working

in the district than living there, indicating that this is an attractant center for commerce in the region. Saginaw Future, Inc., the economic development organization servicing Saginaw County, maintains a wide set of data about industry and employment in the Saginaw Township area. Health care and social assistance continue to provide the greatest categorical share of industry jobs in the Saginaw

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CHECK OUT WHAT SAGINAW TOWNSHIP RECREATION HAS TO OFFER:



HOLIDAY JR. BASKETBALL CAMP

This two day camp is for boys and girls, ages 4-9 years, who want to learn the fundamentals of basketball including shooting, passing and dribbling. Camp will be taught by John Wilson, Nouvel High School Girls Varsity Coach on December 26th & 27th from 9:00-11:00 am. Registration is open thru December 20th (\$40).

CHRISTMAS BREAK SNAPOLOGY WORKSHOPS

Come explore the world of Snapology in four different workshops during Christmas break for ages 5-12! On December 26th, come create your favorite 3-D Toy Story characters & build the claw game. December 27th, come explore and experience the pride lands, dig for bugs and meditate with Rafiki in this Lion King workshop. On January 2nd, open up Snapology's secret stash of Mini-Figures and shrink yourself to mini-figure size. The final workshop is on January 3rd where you will create your very own LEGO city. Each class runs 9:00-12:00 pm (each workshop: \$38 first child; \$35 second child).

SNAPOLOGY ABC's & 123's

Snapology has reinvented the way we learn our ABC's & 123's! These classes will help your child build letters and models of letters learning phonics and creativity. Classes are held Mondays 10:30-11:30am beginning January 6th (\$36/4 week session or \$10 drop-ins welcome).

9th – 12th GRADE BASKETBALL

This competitive league will have teams formed by a draft after a skill drill session – individual registration only. The season consists of an 8-game schedule that will begin in January. This is the perfect way to keep high schoolers active during the winter time! Registration is open through December 20th (\$65).

7th AND 8th GRADE BASKETBALL

Separate leagues for Boys & Girls. This league is set up to help hone the skills of the players, as well as help them to establish an understanding of team work. Teams will be formed by a draft following a skill drill as this is individual registration only. This 8-game season will begin at the end of February. Early registration will be open January 3rd - 22nd (\$55). Space is limited - make sure to get in on early registration!

BOYS LACROSSE

Saginaw Township Recreation is offering 12U and 14U lacrosse leagues! This is an individual registration activity, and signing up guarantees a spot on a team! Registration includes tournaments, league games, indoor practices and equipment, if needed. Lacrosse is one of the fastest growing sports in America! Early Registration will be held January 3rd – 23rd! The season runs from March through May. Don't miss out on early registration.

GIRLS 5th – 8th GRADE VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

This is an introduction to volleyball and a way to develop skills, including passing, serving and the overall concept of the game. Leagues are split up between 5th/6th grade and 7th/8th grade. This is an 8-game season, and a skill drill session will be held to determine teams. Registration: January 2nd – January 31st (\$50).

ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Women's Power / Women's Recreational / Coed Leagues
The Women's Power leagues will play on Monday evenings and the Women's Recreational and Coed leagues will play on Wednesday evenings. A seven game schedule will be played in each league along with a post-season tournament beginning in February. Registration will be held January 3rd– 24th. (Team Fee - \$97).

SENIOR BASKETBALL DAYS

This program is for those 50 & over looking to keep their game sharp in a non-competitive atmosphere! Senior Basketball Days are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00am-10:00am. Stop in and get your game on! Punch cards (\$20).

CHAIR YOGA

Center Courts offers Chair Yoga every week. Chair Yoga is a modified form of Hatha Yoga for all ages & especially helpful for seniors or those experiencing chronic injury or illness. This class meets Wednesday mornings from 11:00am-12:00pm (\$30 a session or \$6 drop-ins welcome).

DANCING FOR FITNESS

Fun and low-impact, this program offers a way for individuals, particularly those over the age of 50, a way to help with strength and flexibility, and improve circulation while at the same time having fun! Bring your friends (or come and make new ones) with this fantastic class! Classes held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Center Courts. You can sign up for either twice a week (\$42) or three times a week (\$56).

STRETCH & STRENGTH

Move through a variety of low impact exercises to increase muscular strength, range of motion and functional fitness to enhance your daily living. This class will focus on strength, balance & stretching to get you feeling great to start your day. Mondays 9:00-9:45 am (\$30 session or \$6 drop-ins welcome). Please bring a mat and set of light hand weights (2-5 lbs.).

CARDIO POUNDING

Beat boring workouts! This class combines music, rhythm, and movement for a full body workout. Feel the beat, feel the burn! All levels are welcome Tuesday nights from 5:45-6:45 pm. Punch cards or drop-ins available.

PICKLEBALL AT CENTER COURTS!

Pickleball is a fun and increasingly popular sport for all ages that combines table tennis, tennis and badminton. The game is played on a badminton size court using paddles and a whiffle ball. Equipment is provided if needed. Open play is held on Mondays (7am-10am), Wednesdays and Fridays (7:00am-12:00pm) and Sundays from 2:00pm-5:00pm. Punch cards or drop-ins available. Come join the fun!

MUSIC FOR MUNCHKINS

Ms. Michele brings musical fun wherever she goes! Your child will participate in musical activities, dancing, singing and finger plays which will benefit their motor skills, listening skills and encourage creative movement. This class (ages 1-5 years) allows children to experience music through educational and traditional songs, playing instruments, and participating in circle-time activities. Class meets every Thursday evening from 5:30-6:15pm and every Friday morning from 10:00-10:45am! Four week sessions (\$38) or drop-ins (\$10) are welcome!

CENTER COURTS PLAYGROUP

Ages 3 and under. Help establish your child's large motor skills by participating in this playgroup. Have fun running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as helping them develop social skills and meet new friends! Held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.! Drop-in for only \$2. Come join the fun!

We offer online registration at www.saginawtownship.org or find us on Facebook at Saginaw Township Recreation!

For more information on any of these programs contact 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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Community development

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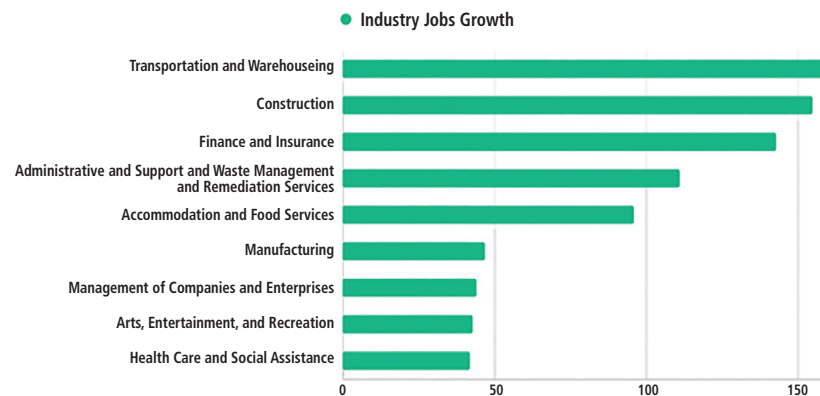
Township area, followed by retail employment.

Interestingly, the three categories of greatest recent total employment growth in the Saginaw Township area are transportation and warehousing; construction; and finance and insurance.

The local economy of Saginaw Township and our surrounding communities will continue to

evolve in coming years and decades... and Saginaw Township will continue working with our stakeholders and partners to attract and assist this private investment. If you have a business idea but aren't sure where it might fit in our community, please stop in and talk to us, or give us a call at (989) 791-9865. Saginaw Township is online at www.saginawtownship.org.

Top Growing Industries



SAGINAW TOWNSHIP TAXES

Winter taxes are payable December 1 through February 14, 2020. After February 14th, a 3% penalty fee will be assessed through March 2nd (since February 29th falls on a weekend).

Beginning March 3rd, unpaid property taxes will be payable to the Saginaw County Treasurer, 111 S. Michigan. Summer 2019 taxes are also payable to Saginaw Township through March 2nd. **We do not send second notices for Summer taxes!**

If your taxes are paid through an escrow account, please keep the tax bill for income tax filing.

Taxes are payable in person at

4980 Shattuck Rd. or by mail (P.O. Box 6400, Saginaw, MI 48608-6400). Make checks payable to Saginaw Township Treasurer. If you pay in person, please bring the entire bill so that we may stamp the upper portion paid for you. If you pay by mail, your cancelled check is your receipt. Credit cards accepted at the Treasurer's office or online with a 3% fee to the credit card company. Payments may not be made over the phone. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A drop box for payments is located at the main entrance of Saginaw Charter Township Hall, facing Shattuck and Center roads.

The Saginaw Township offices will be closed on December 24, 25, & 31, 2019; January 1 & 20, 2020 & February 17, 2020.



2020 ELECTIONS

March 10, 2020 –
Presidential Primary

The first election for 2020 is designated a "closed primary" which means voters must choose a ballot. Since there will be Proposals on the ballot, voters will have to choose from three ballots; a Democratic, a Republican or a Proposals only ballot. Both Democratic and Republican ballots will have the Proposals on it.

For Saginaw Township residents there will be three (3) Proposals on the ballot. They are as follows:

Saginaw County Parks & Recreation
Renewal Proposal

Saginaw County Event Center
Renewal-Increase Proposal

Michigan State University Extension
New Proposal

August 4, 2020 – Primary
November 3, 2020 – General

If you would like to vote an absentee ballot, visit the Saginaw Township Clerk's Office, call 989-791-9830 or go to the link below to fill out an application:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/AbsentVoterBallot_105377_7.pdf

2020 BUSINESS & RENTAL HOUSING LICENSE RENEWALS –

At the end of December, the Clerk's office will mail out business and rental housing license renewals. The renewal fee is still \$10 and is due by February 15, 2020, without penalties. These licenses provide the Township with emergency contact information along with the type of business and the addresses of rentals.