

The Township Update

SAGINAW TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT NEWSLETTER

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Township Manager Ronald Lee

PLANNING: A Pro-Active Look at Making the Suburbs Work

You know you live in the Suburbs when -

*-you need a car to get everywhere and you don't have to go more than 2 miles;
-there's an inch of water ponding in your back yard and you want to know what
the Township is going to do about it;
-the transit bus doesn't go much further than where you live, but it will take you
all the way into the City; and
-you finally realize that rural townships don't grow up to become cities, but
bigger townships.*

Yes, these are signs of life in the "burbs," and it signifies growth. However, another symbol of growth is traffic and the congestion it sometimes produces. In this sense, growth can be seen as a two-edged sword. To some, it means a new life, new opportunities and a chance to be part of a developing culture. To others, it means newcomers, higher population density and more traffic. This is the suburban planner's dilemma, or maybe I should say the planner's challenge....." to accommodate growth in the most amenable way and with the least impact to the people."

This issue of *The Township Update* explores two characteristic issues of suburban growth: traffic and development. Through sound community planning, Saginaw Township tries to stay abreast of the development trends facing the Township. Always mindful of the future, the Township needs to take the necessary steps toward influencing its destiny as a major retail hub and bedroom community in the Saginaw Metropolitan area. Assistant Director for Community Development, Rob Grose describes the corridor planning efforts taken by his staff. As well as a design study now being conducted by the Saginaw County Planning Department.

◀ MANAGING TRAFFIC IN SAGINAW TOWNSHIP ▶

By: Rob Grose, Assistant Director of Community Development
& Bridget Smith, Planner, Spicer Group

Costly improvements are not always the solution to improving traffic flow, safety and congestion problems. Roads, like many other resources, also need to be carefully managed. It has been demonstrated time and again that communities that employ access management strategies can extend the useful life of their roads at little or no cost to taxpayers.

Access management is defined as "a process that provides or manages access to land development while simultaneously preserving the flow of the traffic on the surrounding road system in terms of safety, capacity and speed."

The need for better access management becomes obvious as motorists drive along Bay Road and State Street. Driveways have been placed too close together, making it difficult to enter and exit certain businesses. For instance, Bay Road, from Weiss Street to Tittabawassee Road, has approximately one driveway every 50 to 60 feet. Too many driveways can confuse drivers, as they become uncertain when turns into or out of driveways will be made. According to the American Association of State Highway Officials, as the number of driveways increase so do the number of accidents.

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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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Too many driveways can be dangerous and can negatively affect business owners.

Research conducted by Saginaw Charter Township and Spicer Group, Inc. have found that if a business is difficult to reach, more than half of Saginaw Township residents surveyed said they will avoid that business.

SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT YOU MAY HAVE ENCOUNTERED DRIVING ALONG BAY ROAD OR STATE STREET ARE RELATED TO TOO MANY DRIVEWAYS. THESE INCLUDE:

- ▶▶ Driveways placed too close together so that it is difficult to enter and exit
- ▶▶ Driveways too close to intersections
- ▶▶ Driveways directly across from one another, which can make it more difficult to turn and increase the rate of crashes
- ▶▶ Vehicles lining up at intersections block driveways and can cause long waits for those trying to exit a business
- ▶▶ Several driveways in a row slow down through-traffic and increase the time spent waiting to enter and exit driveways.

In addition, when there are no turning lanes available along a street, each turning vehicle slows traffic and reduces the carrying capacity of the road. Unfortunately, once this occurs it is often too late to correct. A community that manages access to a roadway, during the planning of a development project, will provide convenient and safe access to the site while preserving the flow of traffic.

Successful access management protects and enhances property values while preserving the public investment in our roads. Transportation officials and planners are showing more interest in access management because of increasing traffic congestion, traffic safety issues, and the rising costs of road improvements. Good access management can:

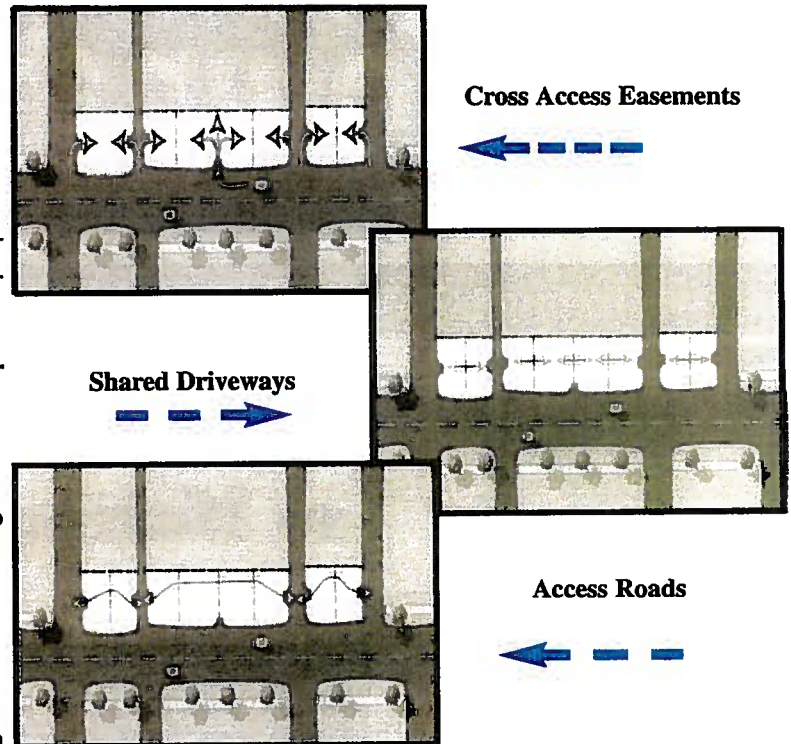
- ✓ Reduce accidents,
- ✓ Preserve roadway capacity and the useful life of roads,
- ✓ Decrease travel time and congestion,
- ✓ Improve access to properties,
- ✓ Maintain travel efficiency and related economic prosperity.

Saginaw Township is continually exploring ways to improve access management along our roadways. All development projects are consistently reviewed for compliance with pertinent ordinances and access management principles. However, the challenge lies not so much with the new projects, but rather in retrofitting the older sites to conform to today's standards. This can prove to be extremely difficult and challenging. As an example, many business owners feel that it is crucial to the success of their operation that they have a driveway specifically designated for access to their property as opposed to sharing a driveway with an adjoining property owner. This is especially true when dealing with an existing business. It is awfully difficult for an existing business owner to understand that closing a curb cut, which has been in existence for years, is in the best interest of his/her business.

The Township is in the process of addressing this situation by developing incentives for businesses to do several things, including:

- ▶▶ Closing, combining or relocating curb cuts
- ▶▶ Requiring a minimum distance between curb cuts for new development
- ▶▶ Planning for new secondary or grid streets (like Fashion Square Boulevard and Towne Center) to provide alternate access to businesses.
- ▶▶ Requiring businesses to share drives and parking when feasible
- ▶▶ Making provisions at the back of lots for secondary roads or parking areas that could connect to future developments.

Several incentives are being considered for businesses that improve access to their site by instituting one of the techniques listed above. One such incentive is a reduction in the number of parking spaces required for their property thereby providing additional land upon which the businesses can expand. Ultimately implementing these standards will make it easier for customers to enter and exit their business, thereby ensuring continued economic prosperity for Saginaw Township.



(Please see Parking Lot Cross Access diagram on page 3.)



BUILDING A COMMUNITY RECREATION/FITNESS CENTER:

Keeping You Informed

By now, many have seen the developmental sign board on Center Road, across from Heritage High School marking the site of this much needed facility. Once built, the multiple purpose building will accommodate a wide range of physical fitness uses including basketball, volleyball, indoor walk/jogging, group calisthenics, etc.. The building is expected to be operated day and evenings to accommodate second and third shift workers who desire fitness activities that can fit their schedules. Since first discussed, the Township has also received inquiries about other possible uses such as including meeting rooms for various non-profit groups, as well as a practice area for sports clubs (school and non-school). A preliminary concept of the recreation center was prepared by Architect Rick Keith (Wolgast Design). The estimated cost is \$2.3 million.

Currently, all Township indoor recreation programs are conducted within school buildings. The need for a separate recreation center was realized upon seeing many of the Township indoor recreation programs competing for the same floor space and available times with the School District. The School's Community Education Program has become widely successful, as well as, other programs offered at school which has affected our having access to the buildings. Access is available, but at very awkward times. For example, men's basketball is sometimes scheduled to start at 10 pm weekdays.

Wanted: Help In Funding Construction-

Efforts at fund raising continue toward the goal of raising \$1.5 million to construct the Community Recreation/Fitness Center. Various gifts and donations have been received. Our largest grant to date is a matching grant of \$50,000 from the Frances Goll Mills Memorial Fund, administered by Citizen's Bank. Funding proposals are now being considered by other area foundations, as well as by the State of Michigan's Clean Michigan Initiative.



Future site of the Saginaw Township Community Recreation/Fitness Center.
(Developmental sign pictured above by: Wolgast Design of Saginaw.)

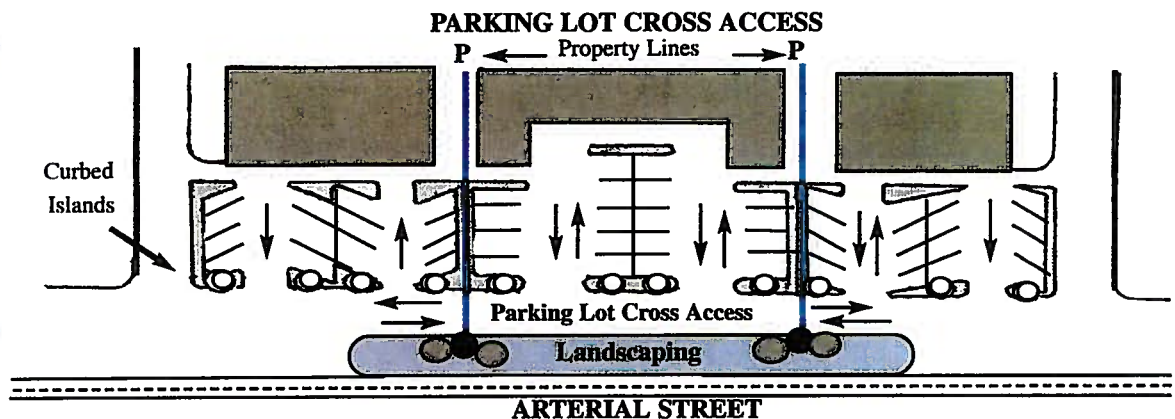
A fund raising committee Chaired by Dr. William McQuillan has been formed to coordinate strategies for raising additional funds. The Committee is comprised of Steve Kelly, John Kunitzer, James Van Tiflin, Jeri Dambro, Dr. Jerry Seese, Dan Andrews, David Abbs, Michael Keenan, Wendy Dornseifer and Ron Lee. If you are interested in helping the Committee, please notify Ron Lee at (517) 791-9800 or Email manager@saginawtownship.net

Donations and gifts can also be directed to a special fund established by the Township which is designated for the Community Recreation/Fitness Center (formerly known as the Field House*).

[*Originally thought of as a Field House, recreation experts have advised our concept of the various uses of the multiple purpose facility more readily describes a Community Recreation Center.]

Managing Traffic in Saginaw Township

(Parking Lot Cross Access
diagram from article on pages
1 and 2.)



A Plan for Traffic, Growth and Redevelopment

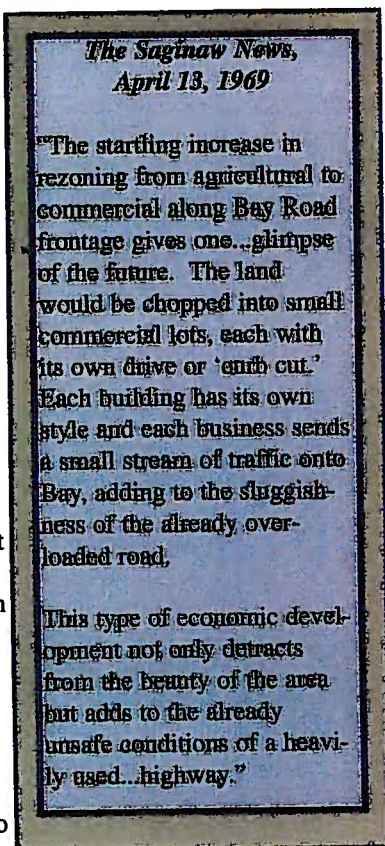
By: Rob Grose, Assistant Director of Community Development
Rob Eggers, Planner, Spicer Group

Concerns about congestion, safety, traffic and appearance of Bay Road/M-84 have been present for decades. Bay Road was the first heavily developed commercial corridor in Saginaw Charter Township. As residential development in the City of Saginaw expanded, it encouraged residential developments, industrial, office and commercial land use along Bay Road into Saginaw Charter Township. Because development of Bay Road occurred in stages, with the first development at Weiss and Bay, there are different land uses. A number of light industrial uses exist in this stretch of the corridor. As the road progresses toward Tittabawassee, there is a shift in land use to almost entirely commercial.

This Corridor Study should be seen as a complementary study to the Tittabawassee Road Corridor Study. These studies are two in a series of three corridor plans planned for Saginaw Charter Township. These plans are designed to address and secure continued economic vitality, proper land use planning and smart controlled development along the major thoroughfares in Saginaw Charter Township.

Starting just southeast of Saginaw Charter Township, Bay Road/M-84 originates at Court Street, west of the Saginaw River. Bay Road travels north through Saginaw Charter Township, into Kochville Township and then into Bay County, where it ends in Bay City. The study area for this project encompasses Bay Road itself and one-quarter mile east and west. Weiss Street serves as the southern border of the study area with Tittabawassee Road as northern border.

Research for the plan has already begun. Residents in Saginaw Charter Township and business owners with frontage on Bay Road have received surveys asking for their views on Bay Road. Shopper surveys, held at various commercial businesses along the corridor, were also conducted, to gauge the opinions of people living inside, or outside the Township, who drive Bay Road. If you'd like to participate in an internet version of this survey, or to learn more about the corridor study, visit www.spicergroup.com/bayroad/. The information received from these surveys aids planners in developing the plan and ensures that residents, business owners and others who use Bay Road are involved in the planning process.



ENFORCEMENT AND THE ART OF COMPROMISE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

By: Matthew Reno, Director of Community Development & Planning

Anyone who works in municipal community development ought to look for a seminar on the art of negotiations followed by another class on how to compromise. That is what the job of local government code enforcement seems like when trying to find the delicate balance



Director of Community Development & Planning
Matthew Reno and Code Enforcement Officer Susan Coggin

between the rights of private property owners and the expectations of the community as a whole. This balance is found by review and adherence to the applicable regulations on one hand and the consideration of compromise in light of specific details on the other.

Like all compromises, there will be those residents that expect an aggressive approach to government and those that believe that less is more. A prime example of this is a citizen that wants to sell his personal vehicle from his front yard. The zoning ordinance does not typically allow for retail sales in a residential district. Therefore, a strict interpretation would indicate that Saginaw Township should initiate enforcement action to stop this practice. On the other hand, it would appear reasonable to view this not as an act that would define the property use as retail in nature, but as a type of short-term condition that might occur to any of us. This reasonable view leads to a problem of determination. How many cars might this person be permitted to sell at a time, or in a year, before the nature of the property use has changed? Since the laws, regulations, ordinances, and policies cannot cover every happenstance and situation, these determinations are left to the enforcement staff as directed by the administration of the Township.

Since we do not live on an island, it becomes imperative that we have a reasonable acceptance of the diversity of our community. Our acceptance must come from our belief in the individual freedoms that we enjoy as citizens of the United States.

There will always be those Saginaw Township residents that fall on either side of this issue, some flip-flopping depending on the focus of the enforcement. However, since the Township continues to grow, businesses continue to prosper, and property values continue to increase, it then seems reasonable to assume that the appropriate level of regulations and enforcement has been achieved. This position leads us to be vigilant of changes and trends that require adjustment to policies and practices to assure that the place where we raise our families and spend our lives remains the community that we want it to be.



DEPARTMENT BY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk's Office News...

Reported by: Timothy Braun, Clerk & Lori Vondette, Deputy Clerk

Election News

Tuesday, August 8, 2000, was the Primary Election. Only 23.54% of Saginaw Charter Township voters cast ballots in the election. Saginaw Charter Township officials, Supervisor George L. Olson, Clerk Timothy J. Braun and newly elected Treasurer William J. McQuillan ran unopposed. There were five (5) contenders for the four-seat office of Township Trustee. The four candidates who were elected to appear on the November 7, 2000, General Election ballot representing the Republican party are: Barbara N. Ewend, Mark A. Schaeff, Steven G. Gerhardt and Richard Neiderquill. There were six (6) previously elected Commissioners running for what will become the five(5)-seat office of the Saginaw Township Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commissioners elected to appear on the November ballot for the Republican Party are: Gotto F. Kabobel, Vern Korkus, Lawrence V. Patterson, Ralph Tucker and Jack P. Cleveland. The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 7, 2000.

Remember to VOTE November 7th!!

Voting Absentee?

The last day to pick up an Absentee Voter's ballot is Saturday, November 4, 2000 at the Saginaw Township Clerk's office. (The office will close at 2:00 p.m. on November 4.) Applications to receive a ballot through the mail can now be obtained by stopping by the office or, an application can be mailed to you at your request. But remember, ballots can only be given to the applicant. This is in accordance to federal and state election laws. To obtain an absentee ballot or for more information please call the Saginaw Township Clerk's office at: (517) 791-9830.

Business License Renewals Due December 15

Q: Why do I need a license to operate a business?

A: The purpose of the program is to assist the Township with information so that we can provide businesses with better police and fire protection. The information on the Business License application supplies the police department with emergency phone numbers in case of a burglary or destruction of property. The fire department is also aided by having this emergency information readily available. The Business License application also includes listing hazardous chemicals stored on the business site. This information is invaluable to our firefighters when responding to a fire at a business location.

For more information on business licensing, call the Clerk's Office at (517) 791-9830.

Assessing Office News...

Reported by: David Kern, Director of Assessing

The Assessor's office will begin the process of reviewing and updating its records including the re-photographing of each home in Saginaw Charter Township. This project is scheduled to be completed during the next two years.

You may note that the Assessing office staff will be utilizing marked Township vehicles to accomplish this task.

Saginaw Township Police Department News...

Reported by: Stephen C. Renico, Chief of Police

Thefts From Cars

During the past several months, we have experienced a rash of thefts from unlocked cars. Property taken includes laptop computers, cell phones, purses, wallets, a TV, cash, check books, clothing, jewelry, golf clubs and compact discs.

Because these thefts are being committed by a group of young, unskilled, opportunistic offenders, simply locking the car could have prevented many of them. In fact, the Saginaw Charter Township Police thieves in these cases usually prowl neighborhoods on bikes or on foot and try car doors. If the door is locked, they go on to the next car. On those fairly rare occasions when they broke a window to gain entry to a locked car, it was because they saw something inside that was worth the effort. Then they often used some blunt object found nearby such as a landscaping rock to break a side window.

Therefore, even locking your car doesn't always guarantee you won't become a victim. That is why we encourage you to go one step further — **take the time to remove and secure any valuable personal property and then lock your car.** If thieves can't see something to steal, they will generally leave you alone.

We need your help! Neighbors or the victims themselves have witnessed many of these thefts. In some of the witnessed thefts, the incidents weren't reported to the police until several hours later. If you see or hear something that makes you suspicious, please call **9-1-1** immediately! Don't confront the individual because doing so may put you in harms way. Call **9-1-1** and stay on the line with the dispatcher if requested to do so.

Traffic Radar Trailer

Many of you who travel Shattuck Rd. have seen the traffic radar trailer that was parked in front of Police Headquarters for several weeks. We will be placing the trailer in various subdivisions throughout Saginaw Township, particularly those areas where speeders have been a continuing problem. Look for the trailer in your neighborhood in the coming months.

Citizen's Police Academy

Planning continues for the department's first Citizen's Police Academy. This has turned out to be a more ambitious undertaking than we originally thought so we are behind schedule. However, the first academy, which will last for 10 weeks, will start later this year and will be limited to 15-20 attendees. There will be a three-hour class each week for ten weeks and two Saturday classes of four hours each for a total of 38 hours. Topics will include: firearms safety, investigative techniques, patrol operations, crime scene search, criminal law and a police ride along.

If you would like to be on the list of potential attendees, please call the Saginaw Township Police at (517) 793-2310 or (517) 791-7225 and have your name added. Attendees will have to pass a background check and attendance at every class is required.



Saginaw Township Fire Department News...

Reported by: Richard Powell, Fire Chief

Your Fire Department has an active Prevention and Education Program service component available for community groups. We have a variety of short (fifteen to thirty minute) activity oriented programs suitable for children as young as three and adults whose age knows no limit.



Children from Tigger Tykes day care facility learn about fire safety from Fire Safety Educator Roger Klomp of the Saginaw Township Fire Department. (Tigger Tykes day care is sponsored by the Saginaw Twp. School District.)

Primary among our programs for children are the **Learn Not to Burn** curriculum that focuses on fire prevention and safety education, and the new **Risk Watch** program that includes safety education in a total of eight areas. In the **Risk Watch** program are presentations on fire, bicycle, bus, poison prevention and other related topics. Fire Department personnel now conduct these programs in schools and in our fire stations but we are available to travel to any venue you chose.

STFD programs for senior citizens are normally conducted in senior citizen housing complexes or community centers. Topics included in our offerings for these groups are burn prevention, slip prevention and general safety measures appropriate for seniors.

All STFD Educational Programs are accessible by calling the Fire Department at (517) 792-9691.

In addition to the educational programs, the Fire Department will work with any community business or group in a comprehensive prevention and educational review of its facilities and operations. Included in this service is an inspection of the facility for fire safety protections. The Fire Department also offers training to employees of Township businesses that can include fire extinguisher training, evacuation and sheltering in place training, and a number of similar topics.

Prevention Inspections and Business Programs may also be scheduled by calling the Fire Department at (517) 792-9691 or, access the Fire Department Web Site at www.stfd.com to learn more about our programs and services.

The best part of the Prevention and Education Programs offered by Saginaw Township Fire Department - the programs will be presented at times you find most desirable for your operations, and we do not charge for materials used and distributed at the sessions. The Fire Department will also design education and training programs to meet your specific needs.

Please call, we are ready to serve you!

Saginaw Township Treasurer's Office News...

Reported by: Daniel McConnell, Treasurer & Kathy Metropoulos, Deputy Treasurer

Winter 2000 tax bills will be mailed on or about November 30, 2000. They are all mailed on the same day, but it may take several days for the postal service to make all the deliveries. If you do not receive a bill by December 15, 2000, please contact our office at (517) 791-9840. Persons who recently moved or changed their mailing address should be especially alert. We try to forward tax bills that are returned to us, but we do not send second notices.

Taxpayers who have financial institutions pay their taxes (escrow accounts) will still receive the original tax bill. Each taxpayer should retain this copy for income tax purposes and their personal records. The escrow agent receives either a computer disk, listing, or copy of the tax bill. If you want to ensure that they have received your tax amount due please contact them (by phone or by mail) personally. The Treasurer's office will not be able to verify this information.

When paying in person, please bring the entire tax bill so that the top half can be stamped paid and returned to you for your records. If you mail the payment and do not need a receipt, please enclose the small part of the bill for our records. There is also a drop box by the front door (facing Shattuck Rd.) for dropping in payments after hours. We do not accept payment by credit card.

The deadline for winter tax payment is Wednesday, February 14, 2001. Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on February 15, a 3% penalty fee will be added to the bill. The Township Treasurer will collect real property taxes through February 28, 2001. On March 1, unpaid real property taxes become the responsibility of the Saginaw County Treasurer. Personal property taxes (township businesses) remain the Township's responsibility.

For any additional information, please feel free to contact our office at (517) 791-9840. Most importantly, please call our office if you do not receive your tax bill by the middle of December.

Zauel Memorial Library News...

Reported by: Trish Burns, Zauel Librarian

Programming for children has always been a major focus at Zauel Library and the upcoming year is no exception. The library has programs for all ages, including toddlers.

Traditional programs have focused on reading to children, which is one of the best ways to get children interested in books, as well as improve their comprehension later on in school. New programming still follows this main idea.

Over the next six months, the library will provide basic storytimes, *Mother Goose Times*, *Parent Child Workshops*, and *Bookbeat*.

- ▶ *Mother Goose Times* focus on toddlers ages 18-24 months. Toddlers learn songs, do fingerplays, all while a loving adult works along with them.
- ▶ *Parent Child Workshops* offer a chance for parents and their 1-3 year olds to interact with professionals from the music, nutrition, and art fields in an atmosphere of fun and learning.
- ▶ *Storytimes* combine listening to stories with crafts and flannelboards - great for the 3-5 year olds.
- ▶ *Bookbeat*, our newest program, lets elementary age kids share their favorite books, enjoy puppet shows, and learn about other authors they may like.

Please call the Zauel Library at (517) 799-2771 and speak to the staff in the Children's Department for more information.



Department of Public Services News...

Reported by: Jerry Francis, Director of Public Services & Recreation

Construction update on DPS Projects in Saginaw Charter Township:**Completed Projects - Spring/Summer of 2000**

- » Watermain replacement on Brockway from Wieneke Road to Fromm Drive
- » Paving of the parking lot at the Playscape Park
- » Sanitary Sewer project on Shattuck Road

NOTICE: Yard Waste curb side pick up will end Tuesday

November 28, 2000 and resume Monday April 2, 2001.

Brush site will be open on weekends beginning Saturday April 14 thru Sunday May 20, 2001. The hours are 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. In addition the site will be open the third weekend of June, July, and August, and then weekends beginning September 8, 2001 thru October 28, 2001.

Annual alternate day lawn & garden sprinkling program will begin May 15, 2001 and extend to September 15, 2001.

Saginaw Township Parks & Recreation News...

Reported by: Linda Buska, Assistant to the Director of Recreation

Registration for the Fall/Winter programs will be held on the following dates:

Boys/Girls Basketball (3rd. - 8th. Grade Girls and 3rd. - 6th. Grade Boys) October 2, 2000 - October 20, 2000.

9th. - 12th. Grade Basketball - December 4, 2000 - December 15, 2000.

7th. & 8th. Grade Boys Basketball - January 2, 2001 - January 19, 2001.

Men's Basketball - October 23, 2000 - November 10, 2000.

Women & Coed Volleyball Leagues - November 1, 2000 - November 17, 2000.

Spring/Summer Registration will begin April 2, 2001 for the following programs:

- » Men's Softball
- » Women's Softball
- » Coed Softball
- » Men's Morning Softball
- » Baseball - (Team Registration Only) Stan Musial (19 & Over), Connie Mack (18 & Under), Mickey Mantle (16 & Under)
- » Girls Softball - 8 & Under (T-Ball), 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under
- » Shuffleboard Leagues
- » Horseshoe League
- » Beach Volleyball
- » Golf Clinics - (Adult & Youth)
- » Tennis Clinics
- » Boys Basketball Clinics
- » Girls Basketball Clinics

Pavilion Rentals

The Recreation Office will start accepting reservations for the pavilions in Harvey Randall Wickes Recreation Complex, located on McCarty & Hospital Roads and Olson Park, located on Center Road beginning January 2, 2001. These pavilions are great for family reunions, graduation parties, etc.

For more information on any of these programs please call the Saginaw Township Recreation Office at : (517) 791-9860.

Congratulations To The Citizens Of Saginaw Township

Due to the diligent efforts of customers of the Saginaw Charter Township water system we have completed another successful summer using the alternate day sprinkling program.

Since implementing the plan throughout the Metropolitan Water District in 1998, the maximum daily usage has remained well below our targeted goal of 40 million gallons a day.

The alternate day sprinkling program is not designed primarily as a water conservation plan, although it works that way sometimes. The program is used to relieve the peak demand days in the summer when water usage would come close to the water plants daily processing capacity.

Again, thanks for a job well done!

Jerry Francis,
Director of Public Services & Recreation

Fiscal Services News...

Reported by: Virginia Gottschalk, Director of Fiscal Services

How the Township Uses revenue from Water & Sewer Bills

Water bill revenue is used only to cover the costs of purchasing water and providing it to our residents. To keep our distribution system in good repair, we maintain a list of mains that need replacement and spend around \$400,000 each year to replace those in greatest need. This list is kept updated so that our replacement program operates at optimum efficiency.

The following is a breakdown of how your water payments were spent in the past year.

		Annual cost per customer
Purchase water from the City of Saginaw	\$2,202,876	\$167
Distribution system & meter maintenance	928,595	70
Replacement of mains	374,930	29
Administration & billing	115,653	8
		\$274 (\$68.50 per qtr.)

All types of customers are included in the 13,206 meters used to calculate the average above. In addition to the amount billed for water, most customers also are billed for sewer services. Sewer bill revenue also is used only to cover the cost of sewage collection, treatment and basins to reduce storm water overflows into the rivers.

The following is a breakdown of how your sewer payments were spent in the past year:
















		Annual cost per customer
Sewage treatment	\$1,878,484	\$142
Debt on storm retention basins	563,785	43
Collection system maintenance	303,064	23
Capital outlay for equipment & plant	283,677	21
Debt on treatment plant improvements	180,480	14
Administration	105,150	8
		\$251 (\$62.75 per qtr.)

On average, it cost the Township \$131.25 per customer each quarter to provide water and sewer services.



Saginaw Township Government Newsletter

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Developments, Recreation, Planning...**

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Vision for the New Millennium

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.

Community Calendar

This schedule is subject to change. Please telephone Township Hall at (517) 791-9800 to confirm meetings. A schedule of these meetings and other Township information is maintained on the Saginaw Township website: www.saginawtownship.org

October	November	December	January 2001	February	March
10/04 Planning Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.	11/01 Planning Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.	12/01 Tax Collection Starts	1/01 Twp. offices closed	02/07 Planning Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.	03/07 Planning Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.
10/09 Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	11/07 Gen. Election	12/06 Planning Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.	1/03 Planning Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.	02/12 Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	03/12 Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.
10/11 Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.	11/08 Brd. of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.	12/11 Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	01/08 Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	02/14 Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.	03/14 Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.
10/16 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Rec. Office	11/13 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	12/13 Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.	01/10 Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.	02/20 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Rec. Office	03/19 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Rec. Office
10/18 Planning Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.	11/15 Planning Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.	12/18 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Rec. Office	01/15 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Rec. Office	02/21 Planning Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.	03/21 Planning Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.
10/23 Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	11/23&24 Twp. Offices closed	12/20 Planning Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.	01/17 Planning Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Brd. Rm.	02/26 Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	03/26 Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.
10/31 Trick-or-Treat Hours 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	11/20 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Rec. Office	12/22 & 25 Twp. offices closed	01/22 Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.		
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