

THE TOWNSHIP UPDATE

The tragic loss of lives on September 11, 2001 in New York City's World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in western Pennsylvania has had many far reaching effects. We are aware that many Saginaw Township residents have been touched by these incidents through friends, relatives and business acquaintances that were directly affected by this tragedy. We feel their loss and grieve with them. As Americans, it seems that everything we have come to love about this Nation has been challenged or threatened. But also as Americans, we know this Great Country will prevail. *As Americans, We Need to Stand United!*Ronald Lee, Township Manager

SAGINAW TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT NEWSLETTER

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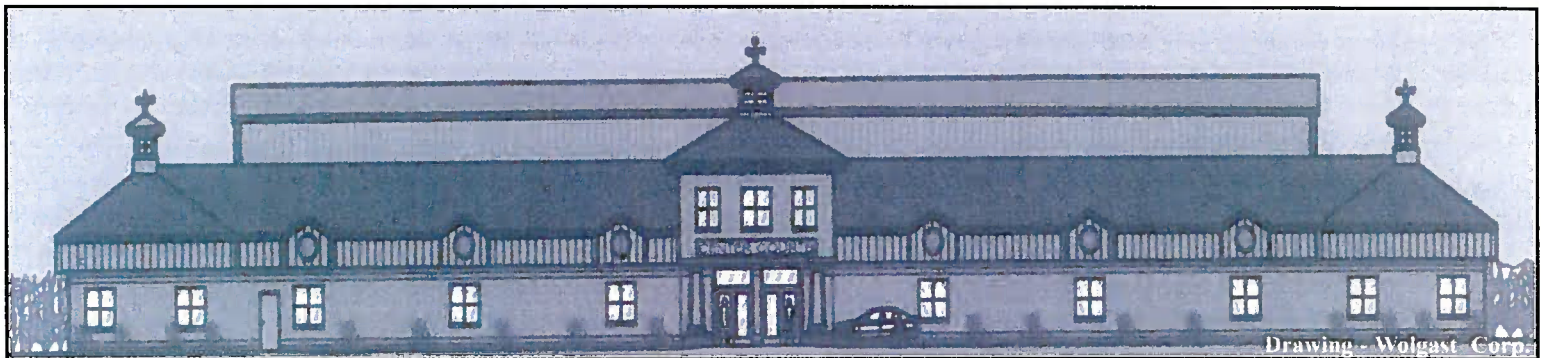
Groundbreaking at The Center Courts



**Township Supervisor
George L. Olson**



A sunny Fall day was enjoyed by all at the recent ground breaking ceremony for The Center Courts. Pictured above from left, Supervisor George Olson and Manager Ronald Lee welcome guests at the groundbreaking ceremony. Pictured at right, Manager Lee breaking ground at future site of The Center Courts. Also in photo, Township Board and major contributors.



Drawing - Wolgast - Corp.

Additional funding is needed for The Center Courts. The recent groundbreaking ceremony at the future site of The Center Courts was an excellent opportunity to thank our major contributors. The 3.4 Million dollar project is expected to go forward in the Spring of 2002. Formal authorization of a State of Michigan Clean Michigan Initiative Program Grant of 750,000 dollars was approved earlier this Fall. I am also happy to report the Saginaw Community Foundation awarded a 10,000 dollar grant. We are still looking for added sources. Major contributors are to be honored by having their names added to The Supporting Wall...a wall showing contributing donors of varying amounts from 500 up to 50,000 dollars. We are now focused on securing the remaining 671,000 dollars estimated to construct the facility.

The Township is also seeking community support by offering engraved Memorial Walkway Bricks for 25 and 50 dollars each and Saginaw Township Elementary Schools have jumped on board by sponsoring a School Brick Competition. The elementary school and student selling the most bricks will be honored by having their school brick engraved and placed in the walkway. With additional community support, our dream of a "field house" will soon become a reality!

George L. Olson,
Supervisor

Those interested in donating to The Center Courts are asked to contact the Saginaw Township Manager/Supervisor's office at: 989.791-9800 or, contact your child's school for information on the School Brick Competition.

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.



Sustainable Places



**Township Manager
Ronald Lee**

By: Ronald Lee, Manager

When we think of "sustainable neighborhoods" in community planning for the Township, we also think of "sustainable business corridors." After all, a major part of our identity that represents today's Saginaw Township is derived from our commercial corridors of Bay Road, State Street and the eventual development of Tittabawassee Road. In varying scales, all three corridors have taken on a regional presence in the Saginaw Metropolitan Area because of the opportunities and amenities they offer.....regional shopping, big box retailing, specialty goods, food, lodging, places for corporate meetings and large conferencing.

To sustain our neighborhood and commercial corridors, Saginaw Township utilizes many of the techniques that contemporary planners use in their tool box of "smart growth" tools such as the master land use plan, sewer and water utility plans, highway corridor planning, zoning, subdivision controls, master condominium controls, sidewalk improvements, code enforcement and road resurfacing programs. One new tool that the Township is looking into is the creation of a Downtown Development Authority.

What is a Downtown Development Authority?

By definition, a Downtown Development Authority (or D.D.A.) is a public body created by a city, township or village under the authorization of Public Act 197 of 1975 (as last amended in 1993). Its specific purpose is to "correct and prevent deterioration in business districts" and to promote economic growth within the Downtown District. All DDA projects must be for a public purpose. Examples of DDA projects include such things as streetscape improvements, sidewalks, access improvements, lighting, and roadways.

The DDA is created by the Township Board through a series of resolutions which establishes the DDA, appoints members to serve on it, establishes the geographic district and calls for a development plan of improvements. There can be more than one plan area in an authority district. The local unit must adopt the development plan before the plans are valid. Before a district can be established, the designated area must show some indication of decline.

Downtowns & Main Streets. Do We Have Them?

In the literal sense, no; but in the functional sense, yes. Literally speaking, Saginaw Township lacks the illustrative image of a downtown that one would find in a city or a village. However, it can be claimed that the Township has a central business district, or CBD. For quite some time, many have argued that the CBD of the Saginaw Metro Area is centered at Bay & Tittabawassee Roads. We would tend to agree with that comment. Furthermore in a township setting, many residents would regard the Bay Road corridor as their "downtown" by virtue of the many average daily trips generated to this corridor.....more than any other location in the Township.

Similar arguments could be said that the Township has a "Main Street," as well. In cities and villages, Main Street is "the strip" that many local businesses like to be located on because of the abundance of traffic and people. It is not necessarily the Central Business District. The strip is the place where people want to congregate and be seen. State Street comes closest to fitting that description in Saginaw Township during the warm weather months.

What Does A DDA Do?

DDA's help provide a setting or environment for success. Through physical design improvements such as streetscapes, improved accessways, sidewalks and street lighting, the work of the DDA has helped create inviting settings for businesses and pedestrians. Instead of a single isolated storefront in a downtown or along a main street, these settings are planned as a continuous streetscape with eye appeal and safety in mind. They are people oriented and people friendly without impeding the advertising of the business owner. Remembering that people go where the jobs are, we must also remember that businesses locate where the people tend to live and congregate. In turn, people tend to also locate in close proximity to quality shopping. (It's a two-way street, so-to-speak.)

Downtown plans and main street plans should not be confused with corridor plans. Corridor plans are oriented toward highway access, traffic safety and aesthetics. They deal mainly with land use planning. Downtown plans and main street plans are design oriented.

Would a DDA Work In Saginaw Township?

That is the question which the Community Development Department is currently looking into with the help of the Planning Division of Spicer Group. As the Township's Official Engineers, its planning section was retained to study the feasibility of having a Downtown Development Authority concept applied to the Bay Road Corridor and to the State Street Corridor. Would a DDA concept work on Bay Road, State Street, or both? If only one district could be created, which corridor needs it the most? Which corridor would realize the most benefit? What public improvements aimed at rejuvenating or sustaining our commercial corridors would work? All these questions will hopefully be addressed by the Spicer Group study which will be finalized in late Fall of this year.



How Do Deed Restrictions Relate to Zoning Ordinances?

By: Rob Grose, Assistant to the Director of Community Development and Planning

Quite often, the Community Development Department receives inquiries from residents regarding the applicability of deed restrictions to their property and how they relate to zoning ordinances. This article attempts to clarify the differences between the two.

Subdivision restrictions, more properly termed restrictive covenants, are privately imposed requirements designed to preserve the character, value and amenities of a residential development. In combination with land use controls imposed by the Township, deed restrictions assure stability and additional protection against change.

Deed restrictions are private contracts between the developer and the purchaser of a lot. Such restrictions are imposed by the developer at the time the subdivision is recorded. As part of a deed, deed restrictions are recorded in public land records. In the case of new communities, except for special situations, deed restrictions most often take the form of blanket provisions that apply to the whole subdivision. The deed restrictions, together with the recorded plat, legally establish a general plan for development.

Well-conceived deed restrictions help both the developer and prospective homeowner protect their investment. The developer can be assured that home construction will meet with planned objectives of the community. This is especially critical during the initial phases, when the developer is attempting to market lots. Homeowners can rest assured that with deed restrictions, all homeowners, will have to adhere to the same set of established construction standards.

Under Michigan's "disclosure law," which went into effect within the last couple of years, the seller of a home must inform potential purchasers that the home and/or property is subject to a homeowners association's deed restrictions.

Deed restrictions do not take precedent over Township regulations such as zoning or subdivision ordinances. Zoning and other land use controls are an exercise of Township authority to maintain and promote public health, safety and general welfare. They set minimum restrictions, and all deeds must stay within those parameters. As such, Township zoning and subdivision regulations must be capable of broad applicability throughout a community. **Newer deed restrictions that may be more restrictive than zoning regulations must be enforced by the homeowners association.**

While Township land use regulations can be changed from time to time, restrictive covenants are very difficult to change. Restrictive covenants run with the land and bind all subsequent purchasers, their heirs and assigns.

Deed restrictions typically govern the use of property and the type, character and location of buildings and other structures. While deed restrictions often extend beyond the regulations enforced by the Township, they can never be less restrictive. For example, setbacks defined by deed restrictions cannot be less than those set by Township zoning ordinance. If a 30 foot front yard is required in a certain area, a deed restriction cannot mandate a 20 foot front yard.

It is through the more restrictive covenants that developers are able to preserve or promote a unique aspect of the community. By regulating the many aspects of property, developers can better define their community. The activities of the owners may also be regulated; commercial enterprises may be prohibited in exclusively residential areas.

It has been common practice over the past 30 to 40 years for deed restrictions to include the creation of a homeowners association. A homeowners association is usually an incorporated, non-profit organization operating under recorded legal agreements. The main purpose of the association is to provide a method of ensuring adherence to protective covenants, and to maintain the quality, character and long-range value of the subdivision.

Usually, the developer of a subdivision will create the association at the initial stage of construction. A set of by-laws and articles of incorporation are established, which each lot owner agrees to with the purchase of their lot.

Enforcement of deed restrictions is the developer's responsibility until the duties are transferred to the homeowners association. Usually, the deed restrictions will specify procedures for transferring these responsibilities. The association or an individual homeowner is ultimately responsible for enforcement. **The Township cannot enforce deed restrictions.**

Enforcement is usually the most serious problem associated with deed restrictions. The homeowners association and all property owners should be aware of the following guidelines that ultimately affect the enforceability of deed restrictions:

1. **Disclosure.** Before purchase, each prospective buyer should understand the contents and responsibilities imposed by the restrictions. Restrictions should be reviewed by personal legal counsel to ensure that individual goals are not in conflict with the subdivision rules.
2. **Consistency.** All lot owners are proportionately affected and legally bound by covenants. Failure to enforce restrictions upon one will ultimately affect the whole.
3. **Remedies.** Actions for not following covenants should be clearly spelled out and understood by each lot owner.

One of the inherent weaknesses of deed restrictions is their dependence on the vigilance of private individuals for enforcement. If a problem does arise, it should be noted that the association is responsible for any conflict resolution. One of the keys to enforcement is consistency. Whether the matter pertains to architectural review or the enforcement of a violation, actions by the homeowners association must be consistent.

DEPARTMENT BY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Zael Memorial Library News...

Reported by: , Zael Head Children's Librarian Kathy Thornhill

Meet our New Branch Librarian



Pictured left to right, Alice Houlihan, Zael Memorial Library Branch Head Librarian and Kathy Thornhill, Children's Department Librarian

Zael Memorial Library Welcomes New Head Librarian

Before highlighting our programs and collections, the staff of Zael Memorial Library would like to introduce our new Branch Head, Alice Houlihan. Alice started with the Public Libraries of Saginaw as a page, and has served as substitute library assistant, library assistant, and upon completion of her Master's degree from Wayne State University, has worked as professional librarian at Hoyt Main Library. Alice is a lifetime resident of Saginaw, and has two sons, Robert, age 17, and 28 year-old Stefan lives in Nashville.

Reading Programs Are Offered For Children of All Ages

Studies show that children who are read to, some say beginning as early as the third trimester, do better in school regardless of socioeconomic levels. With our children's collection and programs for children of all ages, Zael Library can help parents help their children do better in school.

Mother Goose Time for Children 18-24 Months of Age

The Library offers two story times for the youngest children. Mother Goose Time is presented four times a year in four week sessions for children 18-24 months of age who can attend with a loving adult. Children have the chance to learn stories, fingerplays, songs, and nursery rhymes during the story time sessions.

Preschool Story Time for Children Three to Five Years of Age

Our Preschool Story Time is open to children three to five years of age, and is held every Thursday night at 7:00 and Friday morning at 10:30. The 30-minute program includes stories, songs, fingerplays and lots of fun.

Read Along Book and Cassette Kits, or CD s for Older Children

In addition to programs and print materials for families to share, the library offers a variety of popular book and cassette kits for the young ones to listen to and read along, as well as talking books on cassette or CD for older children. We have a large collection of talking books for the parents to enjoy too!

Visit us on the Web: www.saginawlibrary.com

Clerks Office News...

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

Election Reform

The report of the National Commission on Federal Election Reform presented to President Bush on July 31, 2001 made several recommendations already in place in Michigan and Saginaw County. Michigan's Qualified Voter File (QVF) is recognized in the report as a model of what other states should do to implement statewide voter registration. An accurate and efficient voter registration system is essential to building the public's trust in the voting process, and elected clerks do not take this responsibility lightly. Across Michigan they have worked hard to implement QVF, and now it is nationally recognized.

Saginaw County has a long tradition of striving to conduct well-run elections. During her tenure as County Clerk, Gladys June Ormsby worked diligently to provide education and training to local clerks and their precinct workers. Later, in 1993 the need for a new voting system in our county was recognized. We examined the latest technologies and selected the Optech optical scan system. County Clerk Roland Niederstadt worked with us, and with his encouragement most of the local jurisdictions purchased this voting equipment. It has helped us to significantly improve our elections and made voting much more user friendly for our citizens.

Equally important, local clerks from across our county have been working together as members of the Saginaw County Clerks Association. We meet quarterly with the primary focus of each meeting being on voter registration and election administration with emphasis on looking for ways to improve our elections. Recognizing the need for additional training, we have been hosting a statewide user group conference for those communities using the Optech system. Clerks from across the state have joined us here in Saginaw to learn more about this voting equipment. Every clerk has received hands on training, which has been invaluable to all of us who have attended.

Finally, we must also recognize the women and men who work the precincts throughout the county every election day. In Saginaw County these precinct workers are well trained and very knowledgeable concerning election law. They are dedicated to conducting the elections in our county with integrity.

Election reform is nothing new for the clerks and precinct workers in Saginaw County, and our association is very proud of what we have accomplished. By working together major improvements have been made, and we are confident we will continue to do so.

Business License Renewals

Business licenses are renewed every year with a renewal cost of \$10.00. A renewal form will be mailed out on December 1, 2001 and is due by December 15, 2001. If there is a change in ownership or address, a new business license application must be filled out with the clerk's office.

Check Out Our Website

The Clerk's office publishes Saginaw Charter Township Board meeting minutes on the web. For information on business licenses, board minutes, voter registration, or election results go to:

www.saginawtownship.org



Saginaw Township Police Department News...

Reported by: Stephen C. Renico, Chief of Police

Automated External Defibrillators

The Saginaw Township Police Department has received new automated external defibrillators (AEDs) from several benefactors this year. We are thankful for the generosity and community spirit of the Michigan Cardiovascular Institute, Sprint PCS, Covenant Hospitals and the Covenant Emergency Room Physicians. Because of the donations of these outstanding organizations, the police department now has a total of six AEDs available in the Patrol Division.

So far this year, our officers have already saved one life with an AED. This cardiac arrest victim was fortunate to live in Saginaw Township; one of very few communities in the state of Michigan with well equipped trained medical professionals in the police department.

Civilian Traffic Enforcement Surveys Begin

You may have already seen them - carefully selected and trained volunteers who park on your street to monitor the speed of passing motorists. They are the **Civilian Traffic Survey Team** and each volunteer member has received training in the use of the traffic radar unit. They are being assigned to areas where speeding, etc. is a problem. The team members note the speed and the license number of passing motorists who are exceeding the posted speed limit. We will then mail a warning letter to the registered owners of the cars urging them to obey the posted speed. Motorists who receive such a letter should heed the warning. The next time they speed through the area, they may receive a citation from a traffic enforcement officer.

If you are experiencing a continuous problem with speeders, please call the police department at (989) 793-2310 for information on how to get the Traffic Survey Team in your neighborhood.

Crime Information Hot Line

Curious about what happens in and around your neighborhood? If so, you can find out with a simple phone call to the Crime Information Hot Line. That number is (989) 791-7233. You may call to get recorded information, updated daily, about what crimes were committed in Saginaw Township and particularly in your district the previous day. Crime prevention tips and suspect information are generally included.

Patrol Districts

East District: The East Patrol District is the area bordered by Mackinaw Road, I-675, Weiss Street and Tittabawassee Road.

North District: The North Patrol District is the area between Mackinaw Road, Midland Road, State Street and Tittabawassee Road.

South District: The South Patrol District is everything south of State Street.

For more information on your patrol district including Neighborhood Watch areas and those apartment complexes that are participants in the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, go to the police department's website at www.saginawtownship.org and click on the police link.

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Bike Patrol

So far, the department's bike patrol officers have had a busy summer. They have logged over 2,500 miles in the three months since the first of May. Bike officers will continue to ride until the weather turns inclement. If you see one of our officers in your neighborhood, feel free to wave and say hello.

Speaking of the Bike Patrol, we would like to acknowledge the generosity of two businesses that have helped us expand the patrol. First, our thanks go to **Mr. Tom McDonagh of McDonagh Amusements** who runs the carnival each year at Green Acres Plaza. Mr. McDonagh has donated two police mountain bikes to the police department each of the last two years. Secondly, we want to thank **Mr. Ron Blohm from Barney's Blacksmith Shop** who donated new bike racks to the department to replace some of the older ones. Mr. Blohm made the donation in the name of his daughter, Melissa Ann, who died in a car crash last year. Melissa Ann was a college student studying criminal justice at the time of her death.

We gratefully acknowledge these and the many other organizations and businesses that have contributed to our efforts and we certainly appreciate their continued support.

Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

Many of our apartment communities are in different phases of satisfying the requirements of the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program sponsored by the department's Crime Prevention Unit. Successful completion of the program requires a training program for the manager(s), tenants meetings, and an on-site security assessment of the complex itself.

We congratulate **Lakeside Circle and managers Colleen Bluemlein and Dave Kalski** on being the first community to complete the requirements. Following closely is **Ambassador Arms Apartments and manager Tamara Pegley**. Several other apartment communities are close to completing the requirements and we applaud them for their efforts as well.

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is designed to create a crime prevention partnership with management, the residents, and the police department with the common goal of making and keeping the apartment community crime free. For further information on the program you may call the Crime Prevention Unit at (989) 791-7226.

Fiscal Services News...

Reported by: Virginia Gottschalk, Director of Fiscal Services

Automatic Water and Sewer Bill Payment Service

Saginaw Charter Township Government participates in the new Automatic Bill Payment Service through the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank. As a water and sewer customer, you have the opportunity to have your bill deducted from your checking or savings account on the bill due date. If you are interested in signing up for this service, please log on to our website at:

www.saginawtownship.org or, go directly to www.UseDirectPayment.com and sign-up for the service on-line. Fill in all required information fields. Your next water and sewer bill should indicate that the service is activated. (Please pay your water and sewer bill as you normally would prior to sign-up until the service is notated on your next bill.) If you prefer, a sign-up form can be mailed to you. Call the Water Department at (989) 791-9880 and request your sign-up form today!



Saginaw Township Fire Department News...

Reported by: Richard Powell, Fire Chief

Vital Safety Measures for Homeowners and Renters

The Fall/Winter edition of the *Township Update* affords the Fire Department the opportunity to review some basic, often overlooked yet vital, safety measures homeowners and renters might wish to revisit.

Burning Permits

Saginaw Township does not permit the burning of leaves or yard waste. Burning permits for brush and tree limbs are given, for most areas of the Township, by the Fire Department. Information on the issuance of burn permits may be obtained from the Fire Department's web page www.stfd.com or by calling our Headquarters Office at: (989) 792-9691.

Furnace Maintenance

Michigan's cold winters unfortunately result in a number of fires and other emergencies that emanate from our homes heating systems. Homeowners may wish to have furnaces cleaned and serviced by qualified contractors prior to the onset of our heating season. The Fire Department also warn residents not to store combustible materials within three feet of the furnace (as well as your water heater and fireplace).

Wood Stoves

If you use wood stoves, this unit and your chimney may need cleaning and service. We highly recommend chimneys be checked not only for cleanliness but also for serviceability. Poorly maintained chimneys have caused fires in our community.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

The installation of carbon monoxide alarms is also recommended by the Fire Department. Over the past five years we have responded to approximately twelve homes where faulty furnaces or auxiliary heating units had elevated the carbon monoxide levels in the home. A colorless, odorless gas, CO can kill without warning.

Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors are the easiest and cheapest safety measure you can give your family. Smoke detectors should be installed on each level of your residence, in each bedroom and at the top of stairways. Early notification of possible fires in your home is essential for you and your family to exit the structure and call for help.

Change Smoke Detector Batteries When We Fall Back in October

Making sure your existing smoke detectors work is vital to your families welfare. This fall the Fire Department is joining with Energizer Batteries in a Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery campaign. Nearly 90% percent of the homes in America have smoke detectors installed, yet surveys indicated only about half of these work. And the primary problem is no batteries or batteries that are no longer functioning. Please join with us in October, when you move your clocks back one hour, install a new battery in each smoke detector in your residence.

**Community Development News...**

Reported by: Matthew Reno, Director of Community Dev. & Planning

The Single State Code and You

As a result of Public Act 245 - 1999 and effective July 31, 2001, a single set of construction regulations came into force throughout Michigan without local amendment. This is the first time in Michigan history that a building in the Saginaw area, Midland, Lansing, or even Marquette will be constructed under the auspices of the same code requirements. Architects, Engineers, and Building Contractors will now be able to reference one set of documents to design and build anywhere in the state. Of course, there are regional differences such as snow loading in northern Michigan or wind loading along the lake shores.

Additionally, this change in regulations is not confined to building codes, but extends to plumbing and mechanical codes as well. The electrical requirements led the way in this regard when the Michigan Electrical Code similarly came into effect in December of 1999.

The "new" codes also came with changes that will amend the way construction has occurred in Saginaw Township. For example, it was a common practice to construct a detached accessory structure, such as a garage, upon a slab of concrete that "floated" on the ground. Typically, this slab would have a 12 inch below grade thickened exterior edge, or "rat wall". The new code will require that all new detached accessory structures throughout the State of Michigan greater than 400 square feet have a frost-protected foundation system. This type of system would include masonry or poured concrete place 42 inches below grade, or a pole-type system at the same depth. The downside of this requirement for the homeowner is the added cost of construction as well as the frustration that their neighbor was able to construct a similar building in June without this burden.

Another example involves the retrofitting of approved interconnected and hardwired smoke detectors into an existing home when interior alterations, repairs or additions requiring a permit occur, or when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created.

While these are just two examples, citizens should account for the multitude of changes during the planning process of their projects. Community Development Staff can assist by being allowed to review the construction drawings for a project prior to the commencement of any work or commitment.

Assessing Office News...

Reported by: David Kern, Director of Assessing

Check Out Our Web Site www.saginawtownship.org

The employees of Saginaw Township invite its residents to view our web site. The Township web presence is an attempt to provide timely and useful information to the public through the fast growing internet. Each section of our web site is authored and maintained by departmental employees.

The assessors office pages include property information, property sales data, including search capabilities, and township value and millage rate historical information. The site also provides for the printing of commonly used forms and useful links to other relevant web pages. Email correspondence is available to most township departments.

As with all sections of the Saginaw Township web site, we invite your suggestions for additional services and improvement.

Saginaw Township Treasurers Office News...

Reported by: William J. McQuillan, Treasurer & Kathy Metropoulos, Deputy

Winter Tax Bills

Winter 2001 tax bills will be mailed by November 30, 2001. 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, please contact our office at (989) 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 a copy of the tax bill and pays the taxes for you. If you want to ensure that they have received the correct tax amount due please contact them directly. 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 bottom portion of the bill for our records. There is also a drop box by the front door (facing the corner of Center and Shattuck Roads) for depositing payments after hours. We do not accept payment by credit card.

The deadline for winter tax payment is **Thursday, February 14, 2002**. Beginning at 8:00a.m. on February 15, a 3% penalty fee will be added to the bill. The Township Treasurer will collect all property taxes through February 28, 2002. On March 1, unpaid real property taxes must be paid to the Saginaw County Treasurer at the Saginaw County Court House. Personal property taxes (township businesses) remain our responsibility and should be paid at the Saginaw Township Hall.

For any additional information, please feel free to contact our office at (989) 791-9840. Most importantly, please call our office if you do not receive your tax bill by the middle of December.

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 2001**

- ▶ Installed new 12" water main on Center Road from Weiss St. to State St. - completes the replacement of the 12" cast iron water main under Center Rd. from Gratiot Rd. to Shattuck Rd.
- ▶ Four State Street Water Main Crossings - remove, replace, or abandon cast iron water mains under State St. before planned repaving in 2002.
- ▶ Community Recreation Center - install utility crossings across Center Road to service new Fitness Center.

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NOTICE: Yard Waste curb side pick-up will end Tuesday, November 27, 2001 and resume Monday, April 1, 2002.

Brush site

will open on weekends beginning **Saturday, April 20th. thru Sunday, May 19, 2002**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. thru 6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. In addition - the site will be open the third week-end of **June, July, and August**, then weekends beginning **September 7th. thru October 27, 2002**.

Annual alternate day lawn & garden sprinkling program will begin **May 15, 2002** and extend to **September 15, 2002**.

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 1, 2001 - October 19, 2001
- 9th. - 12th. Grade Basketball** - December 3, 2001 - December 14, 2001
- 7th. & 8th. Grade Boys Basketball** - January 2, 2002 - January 18, 2002
- Men's Basketball** - October 22, 2001 - November 9, 2001
- Women & Coed Volleyball Leagues** - November 1, 2001 - November 16, 2001

Spring/Summer Registration will begin April 1, 2002 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
- ▶ Football Clinics
- ▶ Softball 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, 2002. 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: (989) 791-9860. Or log on to the Recreation web site at:














www.saginawtownship.org/rec/



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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 (989) 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 | February | March |
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| 10/03 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 11/07 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 12/05 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 01/01 Twp. Offices Closed New Year's Day | 02/06 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 03/06 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. |
| 10/08 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 11/12 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 12/10 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 01/02 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 02/11 Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 03/11 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. |
| 10/10 Brd. of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 11/14 Brd. of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 12/12 Brd. of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 01/09 Brd. of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 02/13 Brd. of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 03/13 Brd. of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. |
| 10/15 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Rec. Office | 11/19 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Rec Office | 12/17 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Rec. Office | 01/14 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 02/18 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Rec. Office | 03/18 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Rec. Office |
| 10/17 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 11/21 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 12/19 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 01/16 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 02/20 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 03/20 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. |
| 10/22 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 11/22 & 23 Twp. Offices Closed Thanksgiving | 12/24 & 25 Twp. Offices Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day | 01/21 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Rec. Office | 02/25 Twp Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | 03/25 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. |
| | 11/26 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | | 01/28 Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. | | 03/29 Twp. Hall Closed afternoon only Good Friday |

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