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Saginaw Charter Township

Fall 2013

Township Hall Construction

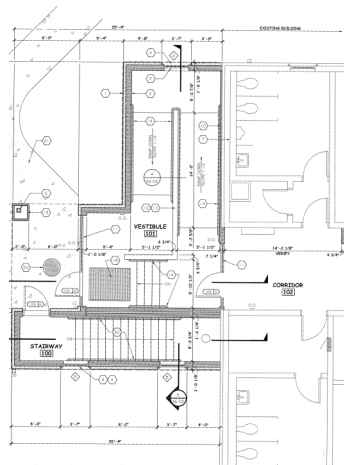
If you've ventured past Township Hall in the past 30 days, we are sure you've noticed the building is undergoing construction. After many years and much discussion, the Township decided to update the building to better benefit our residents. Township Hall was originally constructed in 1966. Many building features such as power assist doors or even handicapped accessibility were not common building practices forty years ago. With Saginaw Township aging, the Township thought it important to ensure that everyone can have access to Township Hall. Further, the standards that we are incorporating into Township Hall are the same standards we would require any business to include if they were renovating. The project costs of the construction were estimated at \$500,000 but with a competitive bidding process, the project was awarded to Wolgast Corporation with a bid totaling \$266,000. Construction began on Tuesday, August 13 and is slated to be complete by mid-October.

Construction Details:

- The north entrance of Township Hall near the Clerk's Office is being removed and renovated. This includes improvements to permit emergency exiting from the lower level Board Room as well as provide safe and easy access for people with mobility limitations into Township Hall. This is especially important at the north end since this area receives visits for everything from absentee ballots

to water bills.

- Three entry systems to the Hall will be replaced for accessibility and energy efficiency and the fourth door (on the south side) will be retrofitted so that it is power assisted.
- A public restroom (again, handicapped accessible) will be available on the lower level, adjacent to the board room; requiring some storage rooms to be reconfigured.
- The Township Board Room will be reconfigured so that the public has access to the emergency exit.
- Dedicated electrical and data outlets will be added to the Board Room as part of the overall goal to establish the Board Room as an Emergency Operations Center for Police and Fire if and when necessary.



Supervisor's Corner

Fall is my favorite time of the year. Saginaw Township is bustling with activity. Our children and grandchildren are back in school working hard and involved in all sorts of activities which keep us on the go. We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful and safe community with the opportunity to realize our dreams. There is so much for us to enjoy during the fall including the changing leaves and all their beautiful colors, walking in one of our school homecoming parades, carving pumpkins and trick or treating, watching our favorite (continued on page 2)



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(continued from page 1) football teams, gathering for a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner, and participating in the lighting of the Christmas tree on State Street. In so many ways fall is very special.

This is the first issue of our redesigned Township newsletter. We hope that you will enjoy it and take the time to stay informed of current happenings and upcoming events, as well as learn some important community information from each of our departments. It is our goal to be as clear and open as possible with you, our citizens, so that the Township continues to be a reliable and trusted local source. We will continue to make improvements that benefit all who live and work within our community.

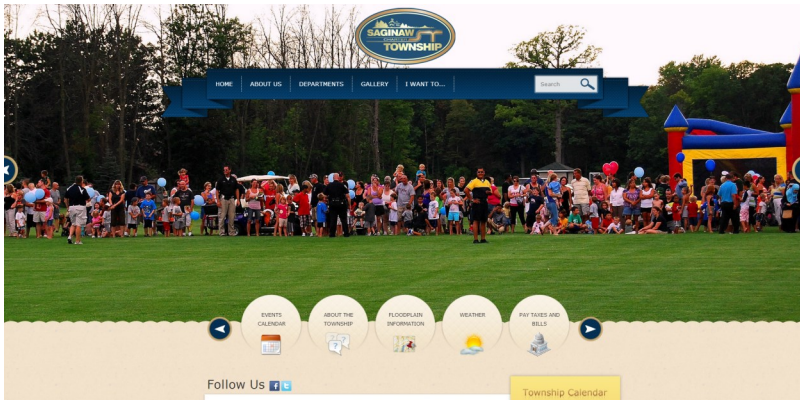
Back to School Safety

With October here and school in full swing, it's important to think about some vital safety reminders related to the start of the school year.

Some School Safety Zone RECOMMENDATIONS from the Police Department include:

- Always drive the posted speed limit of 25 mph in school zones during posted hours.
- Always be attentive and watch for stopping instructions from crossing guards.
- Be cautious of children that may dart out into the roadway.
- Be prepared to stop for School Buses with red flashing lights.
- While in School Zones, always put cell phones down and have both hands on the wheel.

Let's be Safe, Responsible, and Respectful.



New Saginaw Charter Township Website

Saginaw Charter Township is pleased to announce a brand new website interface! It is our hope that this new web presence will make it easier to find what you need among the Township's many services, as well as showcase the best that we as a community have to offer.

www.saginawtownship.org

Pages of Interest:

- [Clerk's Office](#)
- [Comm. Development](#)
- [Fire Department](#)
- [Police Department](#)
- [Parks and Rec](#)
- [Directory](#)
- [Report a Concern](#)

Clerk's Office News

No Elections Scheduled for 2013 in Saginaw Township -

Elections are being held thru-out Saginaw County, but residents in Saginaw Township will not be going to the polls in 2013.

Soliciting in Saginaw Township -

If you have someone come to your door peddling an item or soliciting for a service, residents should first ask to see their Saginaw Township Permit. Solicitors and peddlers are required to carry their permit with them at all times. This permit, which includes a background check for each individual going door-to-door, contact information, and information on what they are selling, is reviewed by the Chief of Police and issued by the Clerk.

Clerk's Office Phone: 791-9830

Saginaw Township Recreation

- Fall Happenings

Summer activities here at Center Courts have come to an end and our Fall schedule is kicking in full throttle. It is the goal of the Recreation Department to provide and promote recreational activities that appeal to and accommodate the current and future needs of our citizens. To insure this goal is achieved, we are again offering up a tremendous fall schedule of activities and events. Here are some of the programs we have to offer.

Youth Basketball - This league is open to boys and girls 1st - 6th Grade. Teams will be formed by draft. Registration will be held October 1-17, 2013.

Music For Munchkins

This class will bring musical fun to you and your child through educational, traditional and silly songs! Your child will enjoy singing, dancing, using rhythm instruments and making musical crafts. These classes are offered Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings for children 1-5 years old.

Center Courts Playgroup

Help enhance your child's large motor skills by participating in this playgroup! Work with your child's running, jumping, throwing & catching. Develop social skills & meet new friends! Playgroup meets every Tuesday and Thursday morning at Center Courts from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Adult Programs

Dancing For Fitness

Fit & Firm

Belly Dance

Pilates & Floor Barre Hybrid With Nancy Silk

Yoga

Chair Yoga

Adult Leagues

Men's & Women's Basketball Leagues - Leagues will begin in October and continue through a 10 game schedule. Team fee includes a post-season tournament. Registration will be October 7 - 24, 2013.

Women's & Coed Volleyball Leagues - Women's Power League plays on Monday nights. Women's Recreational League plays on Wednesday nights. Coed plays Monday or Wednesday nights. Registration will begin November 1st.

Senior Basketball Days - This time is set aside for those looking to keep their game sharp in a non-competitive atmosphere. Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. beginning October 15th. Fifty and over!

Saginaw Township Recreation
Presents:
**THE SPOOKY MONSTER
MAGIC SHOW**
Saturday, October 26th
at Center Courts
Doors Open at 6:00 pm
Carnival Games, Raffles and more
(Not included in magic show ticket price)
Magic Show Starts at 7:30 pm
Magician Gordon Russ will be bringing his unique, kid friendly bag of
Spooky Monster Magic to Center Courts! This show is full of
fun and laughs that the whole family will enjoy!
Magic Show Tickets
\$5 in advance
\$6 day of show
(All proceeds go towards recreation programming!)
For more info contact
Saginaw Township Recreation
3320 N. Center Rd
791-9860

Yard Waste and Brush Drop Off Site

The Yard Waste Program for Saginaw Township began on Monday, April 1 and will continue through Tuesday, November 26. Yard waste includes grass clippings, sod without dirt, twigs (less than 2" diameter), leaves, etc. No root balls or stumps. Yard waste must be in Kraft paper bags or containers (33 gal. or less) marked Yard Waste. Yard Waste stickers are available at the Township offices. Brush and tree trimmings are picked up weekly on regular trash pick up day. Brush is limited to one bundle per week. Bundles may be no larger than 3' x 4' in size.

The Brush Drop Off Site is located at 5790 W. Michigan, next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The hours are 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays only. The site will accept brush and tree trimmings only and nothing larger than 6 inches in diameter. The site is open to Saginaw Township Residents only. The remaining dates for 2013 are as follows:

September 7 - November 24 (Saturdays and Sundays)

Common Grounds Community Garden

The Common Grounds Community Garden's fifth season is coming to a close. The garden began as a partnership between the Saginaw Township Community Schools and Saginaw Township during a community-wide book read. There are more than forty individual plots. Gardeners apply for a space through the office of Community Development at 989-791-9865. Gardeners range from individuals to multi-generational families to church groups and organizations. Each gardener is responsible for their individual plot, including maintenance, watering of their garden, and harvesting their produce. Applications for a community garden plot are available on the Township's website.

Gear Up! For Halloween

Trick or Treat hours in Saginaw Township are from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. on Thursday Oct 31st

Trick or Treat *RECOMMENDATIONS* from the Police Department include:

- Wear bright colored clothing that fits properly.
- Don't let children wear anything that prevents them from hearing or seeing clearly.
- Children should always Trick-or-Treat with an adult.
- Only trick-or-treat in familiar neighborhoods.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Cross only at the corners. Never cross the street between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
- Never enter a stranger's home, even if invited.
- Children should never eat treats until inspected by a parent.



Recreational Vehicle Storage

As winter approaches, RV owners should consider the zoning ordinance requirements for the parking and storage of recreational vehicles. Ideally, RV's are stored outside of required yard areas and never on the grass (Ord. #423-302[10] <http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=13567>). Additionally, owners should be considerate of their neighbors and their subdivision community.

News From State Street

During the past year the State Street Corridor Improvement District has worked to establish a better way of communicating with businesses and residents. If you are looking for news and events regarding State Street please visit recreatestate.org

If you haven't been through the State Street Corridor lately now is the time. Green Acres Plaza has seen a significant increase in visitors. The Country Sampler has expanded its offerings to include a Fireside Café and coffee bar. The Lettuce Lounge, a new restaurant, has opened and Ollie's Discount Store has taken space in the center of the plaza. Saginaw Medical Federal Credit Union was approved to renovate and redevelop the adjacent lot at the corner of Hemmeter and State Street. Across the street, United Financial Credit Union opened early this summer. Further north on State Street, Taco Bell has upgraded its façade and landscaping this fall.

This winter we will celebrate our 3rd Annual Light Up State Street Event on Dec. 1 in the parking lot adjacent to Kroger.

Cooking Safety Tips

from the Saginaw Township Fire Department

Per National Fire Prevention Association, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 157,300 home structure fires that involved cooking equipment per year. These fires caused an average of 380 civilian fire deaths, 4,920 civilian fire injuries, and \$794 million in direct property damage.

Overall, cooking equipment has caused 42% of reported home fires, 38% of home fire injuries, 15% of home fire deaths, and 11% of the direct property damage reported.

Two Types of Cooking Fires:

Fires on top of the stove -

Follow these steps if the flames are small enough:

1. Turn off the burner.
2. Use an oven mitt or potholder to pick up the lid of the pan.
3. Slide the lid onto the burning pan to put the flames out.
4. Slide the lid from front to back so you don't get burned.
5. Leave the lid on until fire has stopped and the pan cooled, 20 min.

Fire in the oven -

If there is a fire in the oven:

- Don't open the oven door.
- Turn off the oven.
- Leave your home and call 911.

Winter Preparedness

As you develop your snow management plans for the coming winter, keep these thoughts in mind. Structures designed to protect property during the winter months, including snow fencing and mailbox guards, shall be **temporary** and only in place during “winter”. Typical installation should occur no earlier than mid-November and removed before April 1st. Additionally, these structures should only be as large as necessary to function properly and installed in such a way as to not obstruct view or create a traffic hazard (Ord. #423 - 303[1] L <http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=13567>).



Localized Flooding

Now is the time to look about your property and take preventative measures to minimize the effects of localized flooding. Keep your gutters and downspouts clean and directed away from foundations. Clear the drains on your property of debris and clutter. Work with your neighbors to grade soils around your properties to protect the grounds and structures. Contact the Community Development Department at 989-791-9865 if you have any questions about the Township’s Floodplain Control Program.

Countdown to Christmas!

Tree lighting on December 1st at 6:30 p.m. located in the Green Acres Plaza (near Kroger’s).

Your business still has time to “sign-up” to participate in this annual event. We are looking for businesses to provide:

- Coupons
- Sponsor “Santa hats”
- Or offer “specials” before, during and after the Tree Lighting ceremony.

Businesses looking to participate should call 791-6850 or visit recreatestate.org

Saginaw County Parks and Recreation

Fall is in the air! The Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission has plenty of opportunities for you to get outside and enjoy the outdoors.

Golf Cart Rides will be provided for those unable to otherwise enjoy the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail. Join staff from the Parks as they guide you down the fall colored trail. Event will take place from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 12th and Sunday, October 27th. Only golf carts driven by Saginaw County Parks staff and volunteers will be allowed on the trail. Pre-registration is required. Call (989) 790-5280 to register. Space is limited!

Other upcoming events include Howl-O-Ween (Canine Costume Contest), Native American Uses of Natural Resources, Cider & Doughnut Hike, Science Alive, Firefly Fun Run/Walk, Holiday Hike and New York City trip! For more information, visit our website at www.saginawcounty.com/parks, find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/SaginawCountyParks or call our office at (989) 790-5280.

Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission is a county-wide organization that operates six parks throughout the county; Imerman Memorial Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Ringwood Forest, Price Nature Center, William H. Haithco Recreation Area and The Saginaw Valley Rail Trail. These parks provide over 550 acres of parkland, including 18 miles of hiking trails, two boat launches, four fishing access sites, a swimming beach, picnic shelters, and many diverse recreation programs.

Development Update

Ten months into the year, the Building Department has issued 27 permits for new single family homes along with permits for six new attached condominium units. In all of 2012, only 11 building permits were issued for dwellings. In addition to keeping busy with new residential construction, our building department has issued permits for 13 accessory structures, 22 additions, 16 demolitions, 45 fence permits, 16 pools, 12 remodels and 19 repairs. What is the value of this residential construction? So far this year the value is more than \$6,164,000. That’s a substantial investment in the neighborhoods of Saginaw Charter Township.

Since January of 2013 we have issued permits for one new office building, two restaurants, and one retail development. Additional renovations, remodels (47) and other work brought the total value of commercial development to \$14,827,783 through September 30 of 2013. Last year, total commercial investment as measured through value of building permits was \$12,333,342.



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| 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 |

More Safe Cooking Tips! -Saginaw Township Fire Dept.

- “Kid free zone” of a least 3 feet around the stove and area where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled up sleeves, loose clothing can dangle onto the stove burners and catch fire.
- Never pour water on a grease fire or carry the pan outside or to the sink.
- Always leave the pan covered until everything is cool. Lifting the lid will let oxygen in, and the fire may re-ignite.
- Never discharge a fire extinguisher directly into the pan of burning grease. The contents will splatter, and probably burn you, and possibly spread the fire.
- Turn pot handles to the center of the stove so children can't reach them.
- Do not cook if you're tired; remember that medications and alcohol can also make you sleepy.
- If you have a cooking fire, just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire...Call 911.
- If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.
- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day, and Christmas Eve.

Upcoming Township Meetings

- Oct. 21, 4 p.m.** - Parks and Rec Commission
- (at Center Courts)
- Oct. 28, 7 p.m.** - Township Board Meeting
- (at Fire Station #1)
- Nov. 5, 8 a.m.** - CID Meeting
- (at Township Hall)
- Nov. 6, 7 p.m.** - Planning Commission
- (at Center Courts, North Meeting Rm.)
- Nov. 11, 7 p.m.** - Township Board Meeting
- (at Township Hall)
- Nov. 13, 7 p.m.** - Board of Appeals
- Nov. 20, 7 p.m.** - Planning Commission
- Nov. 25, 7 p.m.** - Township Board Meeting

For a complete list of calendar dates and times, please visit our website [HERE](#).

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