



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

SPRING 2016

HEARTSAFE COMMUNITY

Early last year, Detective Sgt. Scott Malace and CPO Adam Nothelfer began working with Lynn Schutter and Ken White of Mobile Medical Response (MMR) on becoming the first community in Michigan to be designated a HeartSafe Community. This designation is based on accreditation that is overseen and administered through the auspices of MMR using a minimum set of standards that have been established based upon the population of a community. Communities that meet the established criteria, such as cities, townships or even college campuses, can apply to have their community designated as "HeartSafe".

A HeartSafe Community is a public health initiative intended to help more people survive after sudden cardiac arrest. The HeartSafe Community concept works by creating criteria that support the "cardiac chain of survival" as described by the American Heart Association. The goals that support this chain of survival include widespread CPR instruction, public access to auto-



mated external defibrillators (AEDs) and aggressive resuscitation protocols for first responders and area hospitals.

This past September, the Saginaw Township Board approved a resolution designating "Saginaw Charter Township a HeartSafe Community." This will start the journey to achieve official status. On January 30, 2016, at the annual "Shocks & Saves Charity Hockey Game," Saginaw Township was presented with the official accreditation for having met all requirements to be a HeartSafe Community.

The committee is currently seeking volunteers to assist with board positions for "HeartSafe Community - Sag-

inaw Township" and other community members to actively teach Hands Only CPR to the citizens of Saginaw Township. If you are interested in volunteering for this committee, please contact either Crime Prevention Officer Adam Nothelfer or Detective Sgt. Scott Malace at the Saginaw Township Police Department by calling (989) 791-7210.

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

State of the Township – 2016



In 1984, I was first elected as Clerk in Saginaw Charter Township. It was the same year that the first cell phone appeared on the market. It weighed 2 pounds, held a charge for just 30 minutes and cost nearly \$4,000. Obviously, things

have changed. Though government has a reputation for slowly adapting, Saginaw Township has embraced technology. It has helped make us smarter, more efficient and more responsive.

We know, too, that technology has changed the way you live and your expectations. We live in a world of instant gratification. We know you want answers quickly and access to information digitally. At the State of the Township, this year, we shared with you how we have upgraded – not just our technologies, but the way in which we are using technology. This is not just technology for technologies sake. We like to think of it as an upgraded operating system for local government.

To see complete details of the State of the Township and to find out how we are using technology in local government, please visit www.saginawtownship.org.

– Supervisor Tim J. Braun

Tips on Flood Safety & Insurance

It's time to look about your property and take preventative measures to minimize the effects of localized flooding.

Here are some tips to help:

LOCAL FLOODING HAZARD

The primary flood hazard areas are located within the 100-year floodplain or Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). In Saginaw Township, these SFHA's are generally near the Tittabawassee River. During a flood event, water elevation and velocity greatly increases.

FLOOD WARNING

Flooding in SFHA's can be predicted in advance of it occurring, giving reasonable warning for preparation and evacuation. The National Weather Service (NWS) accesses weather and river data to determine when flood warnings will be necessary. Typically, an official warning from NWS is issued 24 hours in advance of the Tittabawassee River reaching official flood stage. When a flood watch or warning is issued, you can tune in to local radio stations 790 AM WSGW, 96.1 FM WHNN or local television station WNEM channel 5 CBS or www.weather.com online for the latest flood levels and road closures.

FLOOD SAFETY

There are a few roads and low-lying areas in Saginaw Township that are quickly covered by water during yearly flooding events. If you come upon a "Road Closed" barricade while driving, please locate an alternate route. Most injuries and deaths in flooding events occur when unsuspecting citizens

drive into flooded roadways. In as little as two feet of water, your vehicle can become buoyant. This could cause the vehicle to be swept downstream into a deeper water hazard or river.

MAINTAIN DRAIN SYSTEMS

As simple as it sounds, keeping smaller drains and ditches free of debris can dramatically improve the outflow of water run-off from low-lying areas. It is illegal to dump materials into these waterways. If you observe any waterways adjacent to your property that are filled with sediment, vegetation, debris or if you see illegal dumping, please contact Saginaw County Department of Public Works at (989) 790-5258 or the Saginaw County Road Commission at (989) 752-6140 to report any concerns with drains.

FLOOD HAZARD MAPS & FLOODPLAIN DETERMINATIONS

The Saginaw Township Community Development Department maintains copies of Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for SFHA's in Saginaw Township. You can view the most recent FIRM's at Saginaw Township Hall in the Community Development Department at 4980 Shattuck Road. The Community Development Department maintains a record of received elevation certificates, as well.

FLOOD INSURANCE

According to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) a home located within the SFHA has a 26 % greater chance of being damaged by a flood



over the life of a 30-year mortgage than by fire or other loss. Your homeowner's insurance will typically not cover flood damage.

Because Saginaw Township participates in the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS), anyone who owns or rents property within Saginaw Township can purchase flood insurance through a licensed local insurance agent at a reduced rate.

FILLING & CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

If you are considering grading, filling, building construction or building renovations there are special regulations that may apply to your project.

Matthew Reno, P.E., Director of Community Development, is available to assist citizens with their floodplain and drainage related questions or concerns at (989) 791-9865 or mreno@saginawtownship.net.

Open Burning

Spring is the time of year we like to get out, clean up our yards, and get ready for summer. For some, part of that spring cleanup ritual is gathering and then burning the material we find laying in the yard or maybe using it to have a small campfire. Open burning generates many calls to the Saginaw Township Fire Department on the rules of open burning. Please be aware that Saginaw Township has adopted an open burning ordinance that allows minimal open burning with restrictions.

The most common complaint is smoke from a fire going towards a neighbor's house. Be considerate to your neighbors and the smoke you are generating. Burning is a privilege and should be treated as such. There are alternatives to open



burning such as curbside pickup of small brush and yard waste, and a brush site is available to Saginaw Township residents on scheduled days at their facility on West Michigan.

If you must burn, a permit is required to conduct all open burning, excluding cooking fires contained in a barbecue pit, fireplace, barbecue grill, smoker or other receptacle specifically designed for cooking food over an open fire, or for small recreational fires contained within a pit or approved burning container or receptacle. Recreational fires shall be in an approved burning container or receptacle specifically manufactured and sold for recreational burning or a pile that does not exceed three feet in diameter and two feet above ground level. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 15 feet of any structure and 20 feet from the property line. Open burning and recreational fires that will be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmo-

spheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.

Open burning on land other than property occupied by a one and or two family dwelling is prohibited. All fires, including open burning and recreational fires, shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Open burning, which requires a permit, shall be done during daylight hours only. Recreational fires shall be extinguished not later than 11:00 p.m. Burning is not permitted if winds exceed ten miles per hour and a responsible adult, at least eighteen years of age, shall be present at all times until extinguished ashes are cold. On-site fire-extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.

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

SAGINAW TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Summer Programs

GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Leagues will be forming for Girls Softball in the following age divisions: **5 & 6 Year (T-ball), 8 & Under (Coach Pitch), 10 & under, 12 & under and 14 & under.** Games will begin in June.
Early Registration: April 1-29, 2016.

Volleyball Camp (9th-12th Grade)

Saginaw Township Recreation will be offering a volleyball camp for **9th-12th grade girls.** This camp will offer sessions for Setters/ Hitters and All Skills. **Camp will be held in June at Center Courts.**
Register April 1-May 31, 2016.

"BUMP IT UP"

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Volleyball camps will be held for **4th-6th grade and 7th-8th grade girls at Center Courts.** These camps will be offered in June and August. Camps will focus on the fundamental skills and techniques with emphasis on passing, setting, attacking and blocking skills. **Registration begins April 1.**

SUMMER THEMED DAY CAMPS

Summer Day Camps will be held in our Township Parks for children ages 4-10 yrs. We will be offering themed camps throughout the summer! All activities, games & crafts will reflect the given theme!
Registration starts April 1!

BASEBALL CAMP

SVSU Head Baseball Coach and SVSU Assistant Coaches will be directing a skills and drills camp for **Boys 8-12 yrs.** This camp is broken down by age and skill level. Players will learn from college coaches and receive individual, hands-on baseball training! **Camp will be June 20-22 at Olson Park from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Register April 1-June 7, 2016.**

SOFTBALL CAMP

This is open to **3rd-8th grade girls** and will be held at **Olson Park in June.** The camp will focus on pitching mechanics, throwing, fielding, batting & base running.
Registration will open April 1!

LACROSSE CAMP

Dimitri Tsiros, Heritage H.S. Boys Varsity Lacrosse Coach will be directing a lacrosse camp for **4th-8th grade boys.** Camp will take place **June 21-23 at White Pine Middle School.** Camp will run from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Sign up April 1-June 7, 2016.

TENNIS CLINICS

Tennis clinics for youth ages **3-18 yrs.** will be held at the **new Olson Park Tennis Courts!** Clinics for **10 & Under** will be played on smaller courts with smaller equipment that is scaled to a child's size. Instruction for **11-14 year olds** will be offered for beginner and advanced levels. We will also be offering instruction for youth **14-18 years** that are looking to compete at the high school level. Clinics will be held in **June-July-August.**
Registration opens April 1.

JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

Adam Fairchild, Head Golf Professional at the Sawmill Golf Club will be directing golf clinics open to golfers ages **8 -16 years.** **Camps will be offered in June and August** at the Sawmill Golf Club. Classes cover rules, putting, chipping, full swing and on-course instruction.
Registration: Opens April 1, 2016.

For more information on any of these programs contact Saginaw Township Recreation at (989) 791-9860. Visit us at www.saginawtownship.org or find us on Facebook!

CHEER CAMP

Center Courts will be holding a cheer camp for girls who are interested in learning the fundamentals of cheerleading. **Camp is open to Girls K-3rd grade and 4th-8th grade.** Camps will be held **July and August.** Campers will learn chants, crowd response cheers and age appropriate stunts.
Registration: Opens April 1, 2016.

BASKETBALL CAMPS

Several basketball camps will be held at Center Courts this summer. Camps will be offered to youth **4 years-12th grade.** Each camp will be directed by different coaches including SVSU coaches and local high school varsity coaches. **Registration for the following basketball camps will open April 1, 2016:**

- **Hawks Hoop** – 7th-12th Grade Boys
- **Hoop Dreams** – Boys 1st -3rd / 4th-6th Grade
- **Jr. Basketball Camp** – Boys and Girls 4-9 yrs.
- **Center Courts/SVSU Basketball Camp** – Girls 2nd-8th Grade
- **Schumacher Basketball Camp** – Boys & Girls 5-16 yrs.


ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Registration for Men's, Women's & Coed Softball Leagues will open on April 1. The Men & Women Leagues will be played Monday-Thursday beginning in May and the Coed Softball League will be played on Sundays beginning in early June.

ADULT BEACH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

Beach Volleyball leagues will be forming for Women's Power/Recreation and Coed teams. Leagues are played at Harvey Randall Wickes Park on Hospital Road on Monday & Tuesday nights beginning in June.
Register April 1-22, 2016.

Peddlers or Solicitors



A permit is required for a peddler or solicitor before they are permitted to travel from door to door or place to place. The permit fee is \$50 per peddler and the application must be filed with the Clerk's office at least 14 days prior to the requested start date. This permit must be carried at all times and is applicable for a thirty (30) day period, each additional month is \$10 with a maximum of one (1) year. The additional months must be applied for at the time the application is turned in. A solicitor is also required to fill out a permit but there is no cost. Peddlers or solicitors shall only operate Monday - Saturday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. or dusk, whichever comes first, and Sunday between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Below are a few tips, as a resident, you may wish to consider before allowing anyone to solicit at your home:

1. Ask for their credentials.
2. Ask them to present their permit from the Saginaw Charter Township Clerk's Office.
3. If they do not have a permit, you may inform them that Saginaw Charter Township requires a permit and they could receive an application from the Clerk's Office.
4. You may call the non-emergency police number, (989) 793-2310, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. After 5:00 p.m. call the Central Dispatch non-emergency number, (989) 797-4580, to report the peddler or solicitor.
5. If you refuse to have peddlers or solicitors at your home, you may post a sign on your door or in your yard.

CLERK'S WEBSITE

For Saginaw Charter Board meeting minutes and additional information on business licenses, permits, voter registration, or election results to: www.saginawtownship.org and click on Clerk's Department. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact the Clerk's Office at (989) 791-9830.



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Fax: (989) 791-9815
www.saginawtownship.org
Business Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pathway Rules & Guidelines



1. The pathway should only be used during daylight hours. If you have to use a flashlight to walk and see, it is too dark.
2. Trash should be thrown in the appropriate receptacle.
3. Do not trespass on others' property. The homes near the pathway belong to your neighbors, be respectful and mindful of their space.
4. The pathway is for pedestrian and cyclist use only. No motorized vehicles are allowed.
5. Pets must be on leashes at all times when walking. Always remember to clean up after your pets.

TOWNSHIP CONTACTS

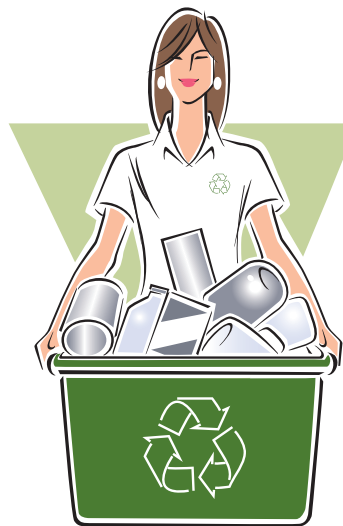
Assessing	791-9810
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Community Development	791-9865
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Parks and Recreation	791-9860
Police Department	793-2310
Treasurer	791-9840
Water Department	791-9880

Celebrate Earth Day with Mid Michigan Waste Authority

Celebrate Earth Day at the Children's Zoo at Celebration Square in Saginaw with Mid Michigan Waste Authority on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy fun activities, including trash-to-treasure crafts, giveaways, demonstrations, displays and much more! Admission is free to the first 400 people who bring a recyclable beverage container.



Trash Etiquette



Now that spring is on our doorstep, it is important to remember the rules governing trash and yard waste collection and disposal. Saginaw Township's curbside solid waste program is administered by Mid Michigan Waste Authority. The program provides weekly curbside pickup for trash, recycling, limited bulky items, and residential yard waste. Trash collection for residences north of Weiss Street is on Tuesdays, while collection for those south of Weiss is on Mondays. However, the Township's ordinance requires that no refuse and/or recyclables shall be placed at the curb for collection more than 14 hours prior to the morning of the time scheduled for collection. This means trash should be placed no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the evening prior to your collection day. Please keep this in mind to help prevent roadside clutter within your neighborhood. The yard waste program begins Monday, April 4 and continues through Tuesday, November 29, 2016.

Handicap Accessible Addition to Township Hall

Last year, a barrier free handicap accessible enclosed ramp addition was added to the Township Hall's north entrance near the Clerk's Office. This entrance provides a more convenient and safe manner to enter the building. Several handicap parking spaces have been provided to accommodate the new entrance. Stop in and check it out!



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