



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

FALL 2016



Our residents and the steps they take to prevent and report crime are our number one tool in crime prevention.

You are our best weapon in stopping crime

Saginaw Township's most valuable asset, when it comes to stopping crime, is you. Our residents and the steps they take to prevent and report crime are our number one tool in crime prevention. Given the recent break-ins and burglaries, Saginaw Township Police want you to know what specific things to do to protect yourself, your neighborhoods and your property. The most important thing you can do is call 911 to report a crime or any suspicious activity. If the police are not informed when suspicious activity is afoot then the chance of apprehension is substantially reduced. When you see a crime or suspicious activity, call 911. There is not a non-emergency number and all calls must be routed through 911 in order for an officer to be dispatched. If it looks out of place, call. Do not wait until the next day.

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SMOKE ALARM/ CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

Working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are a vital part of your home safety; everyone should have them installed in their homes. To ensure these devices are in proper working order, regular maintenance is required. This maintenance is simple and inexpensive to perform. The maintenance confirms that the detectors are working properly and helps to avoid unnecessary "false alarms" for you and for us. Below is a list of recommendations to keep your detectors in proper working order.

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Election News

Tuesday, November 8, 2016 marks the date for the U.S. Presidential Election. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. If you have not already registered to vote, the deadline for the November 8th General Election is Tuesday, October 11.

Absentee ballot applications are now available. Pursuant to Election Law, if you meet one of these requirements below, you may vote "absentee":

- Age 60 years old or older
- Unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- Expect to be out of town on Election Day
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- Unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence

If you choose to apply for an absentee ballot, you can go to the Township website at www.saginawtownship.org. On the Clerk's webpage, scroll down to "Do You Need an Absentee Ballot". Click on the link, print the application, fill it out, and return to:

Saginaw Township Clerk's Office
4980 Shattuck Road
Saginaw, MI 48603

Or call the Clerk's office at (989) 791-9830 to request an application.

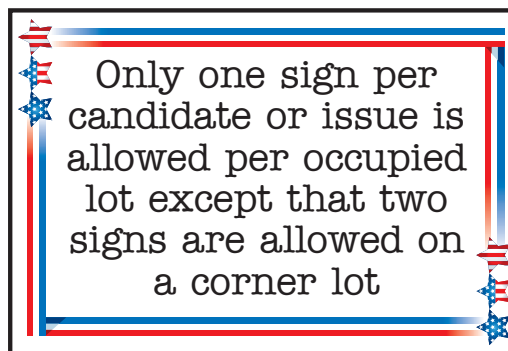
NOTE: For your convenience, drop boxes are available outside the Saginaw Township office building at 4980 Shattuck Road – in the circle drive. Saginaw Township Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 5 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. for absentee ballots only.

POLITICAL SIGNS

With Election Day approaching, Saginaw Township is reminding residents that there are specific rules for display of political signs. The Township rules attempt to balance several goals – aesthetics, public safety, and informing the electorate. To prevent clutter and deterioration, we ask that signs be placed 30 days prior to the election. Signage must be removed within ten (10) days after the election has occurred.

A summary of the general rules include:

- Political signs may only be placed with the property owner's permission.
- Political signs are allowed on occupied (improved) parcels only. Therefore, no political signs are permitted on vacant or unoccupied lots.



- Political signs cannot exceed sixteen (16') square feet in size.
- Only one sign per candidate or issue is allowed per occupied lot except that two (2) signs are allowed on a corner lot.
- Political campaign signs shall not be placed closer than ten (10') feet from the edge of public road for safety purposes.

- Political campaign signs must be removed within ten (10) days after the covered event has occurred.

As with all signs, nothing should be attached to utility poles, street identification posts or other similar structures.



Smoke Alarm

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REPLACE THE BATTERIES.

The easiest way to remember when, is to remember the phrase "Change Your Clocks – Change Your Batteries." Each year as you change your clocks for Daylight Saving Time, change the batteries in your detectors.

Also, most hardwired smoke detectors and "plug in" carbon monoxide detectors have a battery as a backup power supply – check these devices as well and replace the batteries.

WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

Most detectors have two distinct sounds; one is for an alarm, the second is a "chirp" which sounds approximately every 30 seconds and indicates a low battery. If the detector sounds the regular alarm, evacuate the structure and call 911. If the low battery chirp sounds – replace the battery.

REPLACE YOUR DETECTORS.

If your smoke detectors are more than 10 years old, or your carbon monoxide detector is more than 7 years old, they need to be replaced with new devices.

If your home has hardwired smoke detectors, the 10 year time limit also applies to your detectors.

CONSTRUCTION INSIDE THE HOUSE?

Most smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are very sensitive to dust and vapors in the atmosphere of your residence. If you are painting, staining, or sanding inside your house, use precautionary measures to avoid accidental activations of your detection devices.

Please contact the Saginaw Township Fire Department at (989) 792-9691, during regular business hours, with any questions in regards to home fire safety.

Saginaw Township RECREATION 2016

Fall is right around the corner and you can always count on Saginaw Township Recreation to provide the very best in recreation and leisure programming for our residents and the surrounding communities.

Following is a list of programs we will be offering this fall:

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Boys & Girls, 1st – 6th Grade

Designed to be fun and to teach the fundamentals of basketball. There are separate leagues for boys and girls. This is a 10-game season with teams formed by a draft, and leagues will be broken down by grade level. **Early registration opens on October 3! Sign up early for the special early registration price!**

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Girls, 5th – 8th Grade

This is an introduction to volleyball and a way to develop and hone skills, including passing, serving and the overall concept of the game. Leagues are split up between 5th/6th grade and 7th/8th grade. This is an 8-game season, and a skill drill practice will be held to determine teams via a draft. **Registration is open and ends on September 16! Don't miss out!**

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Come inside Center Courts for the Men's Basketball league starting in early December! Register your team of friends, co-workers, family, etc. and show us what you've got. It's a great way to stay active during the winter months. This is a 10-game season, plus a post-season tournament.

Early Registration opens on October 3!

YOGA

Center Courts offers Yoga classes, taught by certified instructors, every week. We offer both morning and evening classes. Yoga has been proven to benefit moods, increase vitality, increase flexibility and strength, and improve health.

Register in the Recreation Office at Center Courts!

DANCING FOR FITNESS

Fun and low-impact, this program offers a way for individuals, particularly those over the age of 50, a way to help with strength and flexibility, and improves circulation while at the same time having fun! Grab your friends or come and make new ones with this fantastic class!

The first session of classes begins in September (Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 – 11 a.m.) at Center Courts. You can sign up for either twice a week or three times a week. Sign up today!

ZUMBA

Ditch the workout! Join the Party! Zumba is a great way to stay active, sculpt the body and burn away stress! These high-energy, Latin-inspired dances will leave you wanting more.

Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.

What are you waiting for? Come and register today!

MUSIC FOR MUNCHKINS

They say that music is one of the most stimulating things for a developing brain. That's why we are excited to be able to offer Music for Munchkins with "Music Michele"! Both you and your child can have fun and learn about music and rhythm and creative expression together! This is great for ages 1 to 5.

The first 3-week session starts on September 14 and meets every Wednesday from 5:45 - 6:30 p.m., and every Friday from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. or 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Drop-in visits are welcome!

CENTER COURTS PLAYGROUP

Ages 3 and under

Help establish your child's large motor skills by participating in this playgroup. Work with their running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as helping them develop social skills and meet new friends!

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 – 11 a.m. starting in September! Don't miss out on all of the fun!

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

This competitive league will have teams formed by a draft after a skill drill practice. This has a 10-Game Schedule that begins in January.

Early registration opens on Nov. 21! Don't miss out, sign up early!

Stopping Crime

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- Light up your residence when you are not there and make the home look occupied. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect a few lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Lock your doors at all times – no exceptions.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked. Place a lock on your garden shed and keep it locked when not in use.
- Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks, bars or cut wooden rods (like a broom handle) are available for better security.
- Consider installing a motion sensitive light in your backyard and for your driveway.



Each year a number of residents have items from their vehicles stolen. Thieves in general are lazy and look for easy targets. Lock your doors and close your windows and sunroof – even in your own driveway. Do not leave valuable items in plain view.

Saginaw Township is a great place to live with thousands of residents living in our neighborhoods, which makes us attractive to criminals. Help us keep Saginaw Township safe by securing your home and car. Report any suspicious activity. Do not hesitate to call 911 if you see something strange or out of the ordinary.



Saginaw Charter Township

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 Saginaw, MI 48608-6400
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 Fax: (989) 791-9815
 www.saginawtownship.org
 Business Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Save The Date!

The State Street Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, December 1. Join us for crafts and activities for kids as well as a special visit from the most famous man in the North Pole.

If you are interested in volunteering or helping sponsor this annual event, please contact adier@saginawtownship.net.

TOWNSHIP CONTACTS

Assessing	791-9810
Clerk's Office	791-9830
Community Development	791-9865
Department of Public Services	791-9870
Fire Department	792-9691
Fiscal Services	791-9820
Manager/Supervisor	791-9800
Parks and Recreation	791-9860
Police Department	793-2310
Treasurer	791-9840
Water Department	791-9880



Kroger Expansion Underway

Selective demolition is underway at the Kroger store on State Street. Contractors are demolishing portions of the former plaza located generally at the northwest corner. Once demolition is complete, they will begin construction of the Kroger expansion. Currently 34,525 square feet, the store will grow to approximately 110,431 square feet.

2016 Summer Taxes – Late Fees

Summer taxes were payable without interest from July 1, 2016 to September 14, 2016. The interest for late payment (computed on the total tax amount) is as follows:

Sept. 15-30	1%
October 1-31	2%
November 1-30	3%
December 1-31	4%
January 1-31, 2017	5%
February 1-14	6%
February 15-28	6% interest plus 3% penalty fee



MARCH 1 All payments for Real Property go to SAGINAW COUNTY

If you are submitting a payment after the due date, please call the Treasurer's Office at (989) 791-9840 to ask for the correct amount due. They will be happy to assist you with other tax inquiries as well.

Saginaw Township Brush Drop Off Site

The Brush Drop Off Site will be open every Saturday and Sunday beginning September 3 through November 27. The hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is located at 5790 W. Michigan, next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Brush and tree trimmings only and nothing larger than 6 inches in diameter will be accepted. The site is open to Saginaw Township Residents only.



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School Safety Tips

Once again, the police department is asking motorists to be extremely careful while driving near our schools and through schools zones. Here are some helpful tips that will keep our children safe as they begin and finish the school day.

- The speed limit in a school zone is 25 MPH. School zones will have signs or flashing lights to remind motorists. Drive slowly and be attentive.
- Police Crossing Guards will be stationed near many of the schools to safely cross children at nearby intersections. Pay attention to the crossing guards as they stop traffic to allow the children to safely cross the roadway.
- Limit the use of your cell phone in school zones. Keep your attention on the road especially during poor weather conditions.
- When the red lights are flashing on the school bus, children are either getting on or getting off the bus. Stop your car and give plenty of distance for the safety of the children.
- Encourage children to walk together and to wear bright clothing so that they can be easily seen.
- If you drive your student to school, follow the directions that are in place at each school for dropping off and picking up students. These directions are in place so that students stay safe.