



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

FALL 2018

## BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY



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As summer comes to a close, many of us find ourselves kicking off another school year. Shopping for school clothes and backpacks, reestablishing bedtimes, and well...you parents know what I mean. Each year at this time we have to change our summer routines and get back into the swing of things. But those of you who are NOT affected by a new school year need to be rethinking your routines as well. Not having children in school doesn't mean you're immune.



BY LT. RICK HERREN  
Saginaw Township  
Police Patrol  
Division Commander

When school is in session the traffic patterns in Saginaw Township change significantly. We see more school buses, increased traffic flow around each of our seventeen schools and more pedestrian traffic at school cross walks. This is especially true in the mornings when we are all traveling to work. How might that affect your day? Have you or will you adjust your routine?

Let's start with children walking to and from school. Within the police department, we get very nervous about our school zones and the speed cars travel through them in the mornings and afternoons. We are also acutely aware that our residential areas have significant increases in school aged children walking to and from school and bus stops. Do you travel through one of these areas as you carry out your daily routine? Have you thought about your speed? I would ask that you do. We will be dedicating enforcement in those areas and would hate to meet you in that way. Please slow down and help us protect our children.

Next, give some consideration to school buses and their precious cargo. Buses travel slower than regular traffic and they stop frequently to pick up and drop off kids. Each year we get many complaints about reckless and careless driving around school buses. A frequent complaint is cars completely disregarding the flashing red lights and stop signs buses use to warn drivers they are stopping. I'd ask that you consider why school buses are painted yellow. When you come

## FIRE DEPARTMENT:

# Quality Of Life Through Education & Training



BY CHIEF  
JIM PETERSON  
Saginaw Township  
Fire Department

When I envision quality of life, I think of neighborhoods with children playing in their yards, families picnicking in parks, having an excellent school system to send our children, well maintained streets, a municipality working to reduce blight, knowledgeable and responsible local officials, and of course a dependable, trustworthy public safety system.

I truly believe Saginaw Township has all this to offer and more. Along with other departments in Saginaw Township, I can reassure you that the Saginaw Township Fire Department (STFD) is devoted to making this a community

we can all be proud of. The STFD is continually working hard to stay current and proficient in the latest firefighting technology and techniques, inspection programs and public fire education.

Through our training bureau, fire fighters are expected to meet competencies in every aspect of firefighting. In 2017, our fire fighters trained 4,203 hours, spent 5,366 hours on emergency incidents, and compiled 1,890 hours of station duty. As the township grows and the responsibilities and services required of the fire department become broader, our call volume also grows. In 2000, STFD responded to 640 emergency incidents; in 2017 we responded to

734. Even with the growth the township is experiencing, we are prepared for the challenges the future holds. Our fire inspectors keep current in code changes by attending seminars, State updates and conference classes. Their mission is to make the businesses you support and the community you travel in are safe through fire inspections and education. Public fire education is an area the department continues to grow. In 2017, our Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 501 fire and life safety educational programs reaching over 15,000 people. This is something we are very proud of and believe these programs are making a difference

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by providing quality education to a variety of age groups, from small children to senior citizens. Our public fire educator is in the schools eight months a year teaching two programs, Risk Watch and Learn Not to Burn. Both programs are nationally recognized and teach children of different age's, fire and burn prevention, bicycle safety, poison prevention, injury prevention, water safety and much more. Other programs we offer include station tours, fire extinguisher programs, senior programs and other activities that residents request.

We believe education and training is the foundation to success. Again, we believe these programs are successful because of you, the residents that want to make a difference. If anyone is interested in any of the programs the fire department offers, please contact us. We always welcome the opportunity to meet our residents.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

# 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](http://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 (CDD) 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 at 4980 Shattuck Road in the CDD. The CDD 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.

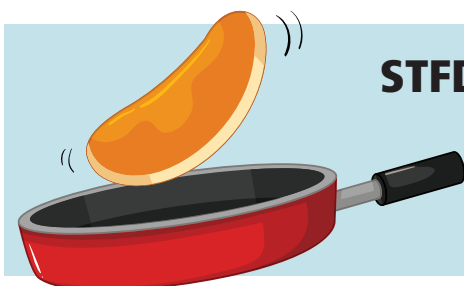
Ray Hausbeck, Building Inspector, is available to assist citizens with their floodplain and drainage related questions or concerns at 989-791-9865 or [rhausbeck@saginawtownship.net](mailto:rhausbeck@saginawtownship.net).

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across one, the color should be a warning that you need to adjust your routine. Slow down and be prepared to stop if necessary. Again, we are going to be watching and probably won't be very accommodating if we have to stop you for it.

Lastly, I'd like to offer one suggestion based on many years of talking with speed zone and school bus violators. In almost every case, the excuse I got was "I'm running a little late" or some variation of that. If all of us recognize now that the new school year is going to affect our daily routine, wouldn't it be wise to give ourselves some extra time in the morning? Set alarms earlier and during the day give yourself a bit more travel time so you don't feel rushed. As humans when, we feel rushed, we feel stressed. When stressed we take chances and do things we wouldn't normally do. Let's not take chances with our kids' safety.

On behalf of the Saginaw Township Police Department I thank you in advance for modifying your personal routines to accommodate our schools, our school buses, and our school children. Let's have a safe school year.



## STFD Pancake Breakfast /Open House

Sunday, October 7th  
Fire Station Two, 3211 McCarty  
From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

# SAGINAW TOWNSHIP RECREATION



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 (K – 6th Grade)

These leagues are designed to be fun and to teach the fundamentals of basketball. There will be separate leagues for boys and girls and will be broken down by grade level. The Kindergarten league will be mixed with both boys and girls. All leagues will consist of a 10 game schedule. Contact the Recreation Department if you are interested in coaching. Early registration: October 1-18 (\$50); Open registration: Oct 19-30 (\$60).

## MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Starting in early December at Center Courts! 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 league consists of a 10 game season, plus a post season tournament. Early registration / Team Fee: October 15 - November 1 (\$325); Open registration November 2-15 (\$335)!

## 9th - 12th GRADE WINTER BASKETBALL

This league will consist of 10 games and will begin in January, 2019. Teams will be formed by a draft following a skill drill. Early registration held November 19th - December 6th (\$55); Open registration December 7-19 (\$65). Don't miss out - sign up early!

## CENTER COURTS SENIOR BASKETBALL

This time is set aside for those 50 & over looking to keep their game sharp in a non-competitive atmosphere! Stop in every Tuesday & Thursday from 9-10 a.m. beginning in October and get your game on! Drop-in (\$2); punch card for 20 visits (\$20).

## ADULT WINTER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE (Women's Power, Recreational and Coed Leagues)

Women's Power Volleyball League will play on Monday evenings and Women's Recreational and Coed Leagues will play on Wednesday evenings. A seven game schedule will be played in each league along with a post season tournament beginning in late November. Registration will be held October 15 - November 2. Team Fee: \$97.

## YOGA

Center Courts offers a Gentle-Flow Yoga Class every Monday evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Students will be led through breathing techniques to quiet the mind and a series of soothing yoga postures to gently stretch and strengthen your muscles. Yoga has been proven to benefit moods, increase vitality, flexibility and strength, and improve overall health. Punch card: 4 classes (\$36); 6 classes (\$54); drop-in (\$10).

## CHAIR YOGA

Chair Yoga is a modified form of Hatha Yoga for all ages, especially for seniors or those experiencing chronic injury or illness. This form of exercise is done sitting or standing while using a chair for support. Stretching and breathing techniques will be stressed to help increase mobility and calm your mind. Classes are held at Center Courts every Wednesday from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Sign up for a 6 week session for \$30 or drop-in for \$6.

## PiYO

What is PiYO? The muscle sculpting of Pilates combined with the strength and flexibility of Yoga. This class is designed to get your

heart rate going as it features various styles of yoga and pilates in continuous movements that flow from one exercise to another. Low impact/high intensity! Classes are offered Monday mornings from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and Tuesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Punch cards: 4 classes (\$28); 6 classes (\$42); 8 classes (\$48); drop-in (\$8).

## SLOW FLOW PIYO

Slow Flow PiYO provides the same strength, flexibility and balance benefits of PiYO but moves at a slower pace with modifications for each move. We use a chair, wall or our very own balance for this class! Class is held Tuesday mornings from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Punch cards: 4 classes (\$28); 6 classes (\$42); 8 classes (\$48); drop-in (\$8).

## DANCING FOR FITNESS

This low-impact program offers a way for those over the age of 50 a way to help with strength, flexibility and improve circulation all while having fun! Grab your friends, or come and make new ones, with this fantastic class! Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at Center Courts. You can sign up for twice a week or three times a week. Registration fee: 2 days a week (\$42); 3 days a week (\$56).

## MUSIC FOR MUNCHKINS (Ages: 1-5 years)

Ms. Michele brings musical fun wherever she goes! Your child will participate in musical activities through educational and traditional songs, dancing, singing, playing instruments and participating in circle time activities. Music for Munchkins is a great way for your child to socialize with other children and feel the magic of music! This class meets every Wednesday evening from 5:45-6:30 p.m. and every Friday from 10:00-10:45 a.m. \$29 per 3 week session (1st child); \$24 per 3 week session (2nd child); \$10 drop-in.

## CENTER COURTS PLAYGROUP (Ages: 3 and under)

Help establish your child's large motor skills by participating in our Center Courts Playgroup. Work with their running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as helping them develop social skills and meet new friends! Playgroup is offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. Don't miss out on all the fun! \$2 drop-in per child or \$24 punch card for 15 visits.

## HALLOWEEN COED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Saginaw Township Recreation will be hosting a Halloween Coed Softball Tournament at Olson Park on Saturday, October 20th. This tournament is double elimination with a toilet bowl championship game. We encourage teams to get in the spirit and wear Halloween costumes! Register through October 9th. \$150 entry fee.

## PICKLEBALL AT CENTER COURTS

Pickleball is a cross between badminton, tennis and table tennis. It is played on a badminton-sized court with paddles, a wiffle ball and a net that is lowered to 34 inches. This sport is easy to learn for people of all ages and athletic abilities. Open play will be offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7-10 a.m. Punch cards: 20 visits (\$40); 10 visits (\$25); 5 visits (\$15); drop-in (\$5).

## TABLE TENNIS

Join us for fast spins, chops & smashes. All skill levels welcome. Open play is held on Sundays from 2-5 p.m. Adults (\$5); 17 & under (\$2).

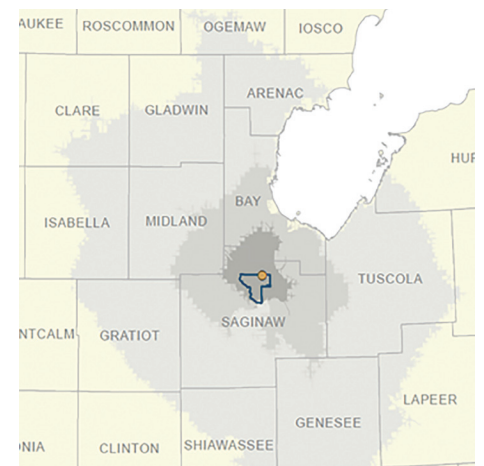
## Planning & Zoning

Saginaw Charter Township has long been, and continues to be, a tremendous location to start or grow your business!

At last count, about 1,600 businesses called Saginaw Charter Township "home" for all or part of their operations. These businesses that comprise the economic backbone of our community – and to some extent, that of the region – employ tens of thousands every day, and range from large multi-national firms to small home occupation enterprises.

Our township continues to attract new commercial investments at an exciting pace – investments that lead to more jobs, produce greater experiences, and create a lasting positive reflection of Saginaw Charter Township on our visitors. Did you know that about 40,000 people work within our township? Part or all of 14 counties in Michigan fall within a 60-minute drive time of Saginaw Township, making our community a terrific spot for those trying to reach the entire Great Lakes Bay Region.

Saginaw Charter Township proudly works to support our local entrepreneurs and private enterprises. We want to assist you if you're interested in investing in our township. For more information contact us at 989-791-9865 or stop in to chat at township hall!



- Area of Interest
- Saginaw Township
- 15 Minute Drive Time
- 30 Minute Drive Time
- 60 Minute Drive Time
- Counties





## Saginaw Charter Township

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### 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 |

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# Buying or Selling Real Estate

Michigan statutes require the filing of Property Transfer Affidavit with the local assessor when real estate title transfers occur. This includes transferring title into or out of a trust. The purpose of notifying the local assessor of the transfer is to allow for a determination of the uncapping of taxable values. Many transfers are exempt from the uncapping provisions and the exemptions are listed on the affidavit. The Property Transfer Affidavit forms are available online or by visiting the Assessor's Office.

When residential property ownership changes, both the buyer and seller must review the principal residence exemption status of the property. Michigan residents are entitled to an 18.00 mill school operating tax exemption for a dwelling that is occupied as their homestead. The seller must rescind the exemption claim for the sold property before claiming a different property as a homestead. Forms to both claim (Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit) and rescind (Request to Rescind Principal Residence) are available online or at the Assessor's Office.



## CLERK'S OFFICE

### Mobile Office - College Tour

The Secretary of State Express SOS Bus will be travelling to colleges and universities around the State of Michigan. If you or someone you know will be 18 before the November 6th General Election and have/has not registered or registered by mail, you can use the Mobile Branch Office when it travels to your college. If a college student is registering for the first time, it is beneficial for him/her to register in person if planning on voting an absentee ballot in November. A first time voter who registers by mail, must vote in person at his/her first election. If that person needs an absentee ballot, he/she can re-register with the mobile branch office to satisfy that requirement.

#### MOBILE BRANCH OFFICE SCHEDULE:

|                |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| September 4th  | Oakland CC                      |
| September 5th  | Wayne State University          |
| September 6th  | U of M - Dearborn               |
| September 10th | Center Michigan University      |
| September 12th | Saginaw Valley State University |
| September 13th | Easter Michigan University      |
| September 17th | Michigan Tech                   |
| September 19th | Northern Michigan University    |
| September 21st | Lake Superior State University  |
| September 24th | Grand Rapids CC                 |
| September 25th | Grand Valley State University   |
| September 26th | Western Michigan University     |
| September 27th | Michigan State University       |
| October 2nd    | U of M - Flint                  |
| October 4th    | Ferris State University         |
| October 5th    | Davenport University            |
| October 8th    | University of Michigan          |
| October 9th    | Oakland University              |

**NOTE:** Any Saginaw Township resident that needs to register to vote may also come to the Saginaw Township Clerk's Office Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm. The last day to register to vote is October 9th.

**Don't Forget to VOTE on Tuesday, November 6th!**

### Brush Drop Off Site

The Saginaw Brush Drop Off Site will be open every Saturday and Sunday through November 25, 2018 from 9am-3pm. The site will accept brush and tree trimmings only and nothing larger than 6 inches in diameter. The brush site is located at 5790 W. Michigan, next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. It is open to Saginaw Township residents only. No commercial haulers are permitted.