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**Saginaw  
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Township**

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## What To Do When Stopped Or Detained By A Law Enforcement Officer



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**T**here have been a number of reports of recent police/citizen contacts resulting in needless, tragic deaths. Saginaw Township Police are committed to protecting this community and it is our goal for everyone to go home safe.

Cooperating with an officer is the best way to ensure everyone's safety. Police officers are human and mistakes can be made but the street is not the place to argue or complain. When a citizen disagrees with an officer they can seek resolution in court or file a complaint with our Department afterwards.

Police will always have a reason to have contact with you; even if it is not readily apparent at the time. It is natural for people to be scared, anxious, angry or confused when stopped by the police and normal for officers to have some or all of those feelings also. Every year officers are killed or seriously injured making "routine" citizen contacts. Staying calm and being cooperative during these interactions will make the contact go smoother and get you underway quicker.

### **What reasons might I be stopped or detained?**

- You look like you need assistance
- You are in the area where a crime just occurred
- You may fit the description of a suspect
- You may have violated a law unintentionally

### **What should I take into consideration when I am stopped?**

- Officers may not be stopping you for the reason you think
- Over-reaction and/or lack of cooperation will complicate the situation

# 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).



# WHERE'S THE FIRE?

## SOUNDING THE ALARM ON FALSE AND UNWANTED ALARMS

The Saginaw Township Fire Department responds to a large number of false and unwanted alarms every year. Responding to false/unwanted alarms unnecessarily puts firefighters and the public at risk. Re-occurring false/unwanted alarms can condition businesses, home owners and firefighters into believing that the

next alarm is more than likely going to be false. Below are a few tips you can use at your home and business to prevent these false, unwanted and sometimes embarrassing alarms..

### Smoke Alarms

- Replace the smoke alarm if it is over ten years old.

- Replace the batteries every year.
- Cover smoke alarms during construction to protect them from dust.
- Place smoke alarms away from furnaces, ovens and bathrooms with a shower.
- Call your alarm company and put

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# SAGINAW TOWNSHIP RECREATION



## GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Leagues will be forming for: **5 & 6 Year (T-Ball), 8 & Under (Coach Pitch), 10 & Under, 12 & Under, and 14 & Under.** Games begin in June. **Early Registration: April 3rd – 28th.** Early Registration Fee: \$40 (T-Ball); \$45 (8-14 & Under). Register May 1st – 17th; \$50 (T-Ball); \$55 (8-14 & Under).

## “BUMP IT UP” VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Jamie List, Youth Volleyball Coordinator at Saginaw Township Recreation, former Heritage HS Varsity Volleyball Coach, will be directing this camp for **4th-6th Grade & 7th-8th Grade Girls.** Camp will be offered **July 31st – August 3rd at Center Courts.** This camp will focus on the fundamental skills. Registration fee: \$65.

## JUNIOR “BUMP IT UP” VOLLEYBALL CAMP

This camp is for **1st – 3rd Grade Girls,** and offers a unique experience to learn the fundamentals while having fun! This camp will be held **July 31st – August 3rd.** Registration fee: \$65.

## THEMED SUMMER DAY CAMPS

**Summer Day Camps for ages 4-10 years old.** Campers are split up between age groups (4-6 yrs., 6-10 yrs.) to be able to provide age-focused activities and crafts that will reflect the given theme. There are morning and afternoon camps, with before/after care provided. Registration fee: \$80 First Camp; \$10 Off Additional Camp(s).

## BASEBALL CAMP

Chris Ebright – SVSU Head Baseball Coach - will be directing a camp for **Boys 8-12 years** that will focus on base running, infield/outfield drills, hitting, pitching and scrimmages. This camp is broken down by age and skill level. **Camp will be held June 26th – 28th at Olson Park from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Camp fee: \$95.

## LACROSSE CAMP

Dimitri Tsiros, Heritage HS Boys Varsity Lacrosse Coach will be directing a Lacrosse camp for

**4th- 8th Grade Boys.** Camp will take place **June 20th – 22nd at the Saginaw Township Soccer Complex from 6 – 7:30 p.m.** Registration fee: \$55.

## CHEER CAMP

**Center Courts** will be holding this camp for girls who are interested in learning the fundamentals of cheerleading. Camp will be instructed by Donna Schantz, St. Charles Varsity Cheer Coach. **Camp will be held July 24th – 27th & August 8th – 11th for Girls K-8th Grade.** Camp fee: \$40.

## TENNIS CLINICS

In partnership with the Greater Midland Tennis Center, lessons will take place at **Olson Park Tennis Courts.** These clinics are designed for youth **3-14 years.** The **10 & Under** clinics are designed with courts and equipment scaled to a child's size. Instructions will also be held for **11-14 year olds** for beginner and advanced levels. Clinics will be offered **Mon/Wed or Tue/Thurs in June-July-August.**

## JUNIOR COMPETITIVE TENNIS CLINICS

Also in partnership with the Greater Midland Tennis Center, these clinics are designed for **youth 14-18** that are looking to compete at the high school levels. Clinics will be offered **Mon/Wed in July** at the **Olson Park Tennis Courts.**

## SCHUMACHER'S BASKETBALL CLINIC

Dennis Schumacher, former Michigan “Coach of the Year,” will be conducting this clinic open to **Boys and Girls 5-16 years old.** Clinic will be held at **Center Courts July 24th – 27th.** Registration fee: \$77.

## JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

Adam Fairchild, Head Golf Professional at the Sawmill Golf Club, will be directing golf clinics open to golfer's **ages 7-16 years.** **Camp dates: June 19th - 22nd or July 31st - August 3rd.** Each session will be held from **9 – 10:30 a.m.** Classes cover rules, putting, chipping, full swing and on-course instruction. Registration fee: \$80.

## HOOP DREAMS BASKETBALL CAMP

John Wilson, former Heritage HS Boys Varsity Basketball Coach will be directing a basketball camp for **1st-8th Grade Boys.** This camp will be held at **Center Courts June 19th-22nd.** Camp will focus on ball handling, passing, shooting, and rebounding. Registration fee: \$65 (First Child) | \$60 (Second Child).

## CENTER COURTS/SVSU GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

Jamie Pewinski, SVSU Head Women's Basketball Coach and SVSU Women's Basketball Players will be conducting a camp for **Girls 2nd-8th Grade.** This camp will provide the opportunity for each child to work on the fundamental skills of basketball. Camp will be held at **Center Courts July 31st – August 2nd.** Registration fee: \$70.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL SKILLS CAMP

Ashley Stelter, White Pine Middle School coach & former Heritage JV coach, will be conducting a camp for **2nd-3rd & 4th-6th grade.** Camp focus will be on passing, ball handling, rebounding, footwork, defense and teamwork. This camp will be held at **Center Courts, June 19th – 22nd.** Registration fee: \$45.

## JUNIOR BASKETBALL CAMP

John Wilson, former Heritage High School Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, will be conducting this camp for **Boys & Girls 4-9 years old.** Camp features 8 ft. rims to ensure success and smaller balls for smaller hands. Camp will focus on fundamental skills, shooting, passing, and dribbling. Camp will be held **August 7th – 10th at Center Courts.** Registration fee: \$60.

## REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 3RD FOR ALL SUMMER CAMPS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE PROGRAMS, CONTACT **SAGINAW TOWNSHIP RECREATION AT 989-791-9860.** Visit us at **saginawtownship.org** or find us on Facebook!

## Police

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- Police are trained to remain in a position that will enhance officer safety
- Police actions and communications are not intended to offend you

### How should I act if I am stopped by the police?

- Remain calm
- Keep your hands visible
- Wait for the officer's instructions before reaching for anything or moving suddenly
- Remain seated if you are in a vehicle
- If a weapon is nearby tell the officer at the first opportunity

The Saginaw Township Police Department appreciates your cooperation during law enforcement contacts. It is our expressed wish that all involved parties are treated with respect and remain safe.

## Alarm

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the fire alarm system into test mode when testing the system during construction.

- Know the difference between a low battery chirp and an alarm.

### Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Replace carbon monoxide detectors if they are over seven years old.
- Replace the batteries every year.
- Do not place a carbon monoxide alarm in close proximity to a fuel-burning appliance.
- Know the difference between a low battery chirp and an alarm.

### Cooking

- Clean the stove and oven often to remove grease and food debris.
- Never leave cooking food unattended.

If you have any questions concerning the tips above or about the Saginaw Township Fire Department please contact the administrative office at 989-792-9691



## Saginaw Charter Township

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 Saginaw, MI 48608-6400  
 Phone: (989) 791-9800  
 Fax: (989) 791-9815  
[www.saginawtownship.org](http://www.saginawtownship.org)  
 Business Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### 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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## SAGINAW TOWNSHIP YARD WASTE PROGRAM AND BRUSH DROP OFF SITE 2017



The Yard Waste Program for Saginaw Township will begin Monday, April 3. Yard waste must be in Kraft paper bags or containers (35 gallons or less) marked Yard Waste. Yard Waste stickers are available at the Saginaw Township offices.

The Saginaw Township Brush Drop-Off Site will open the second weekend in April. It is located at 5790 W. Michigan, next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. 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 on the following **Saturdays and Sundays ONLY from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**April 8 – May 28**

**June 17 – 18**

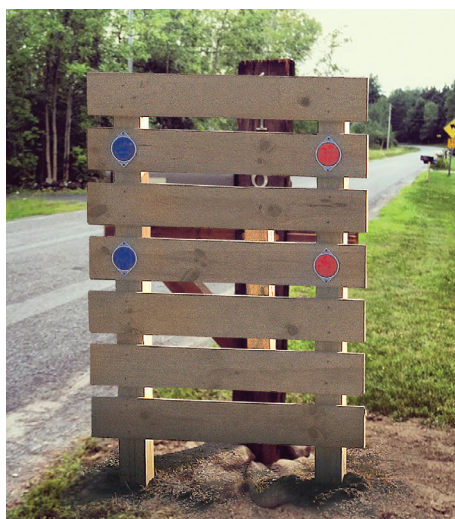
**July 15 – 16**

**August 19 – 20**

**September 2 – November 26**

For more information, please visit [www.saginawtownship.org](http://www.saginawtownship.org) or call 989-791-9800.

## REMINDER: REMOVE MAILBOX BOARDS



Temporary structures shall be installed/erected only during winter months and shall be removed by April 1st. These structures shall not obstruct one's view or create a traffic hazard.

You can direct any questions regarding this regulation, or coordinate your construction plans prior to the installation of any work, to the Department of Community Development at 989-791-9865.



## Keeping Up the Master Voter File

Saginaw Township Clerk's Office maintains the voter file database for all registered voters in the township. In order to maintain accuracy, the Clerk's Office continually updates voter registration records daily by recording people moving in and out of Saginaw Township. In the unfortunate situation of a deceased voter, the Clerk's Office must cancel the voter in the system. Upon notification, we verify that the deceased person was a registered voter before canceling the appropriate record. The Clerk's Office receives notifications or verifications through the following methods:

- Family members may notify the Clerk's Office with name, address, date of birth, and date of the deceased.
- Secretary of State's Office emails a list of deceased voters.
- Mail is returned to the Clerk's Office marked "Deceased".
- Saginaw County Clerk's Office emails list of deceased residents.
- Saginaw Township Clerk's Office checks Obituaries in the newspapers and online.
- Inspectors receive information on Election Day at polling locations.

If you know a loved one that has passed, make sure they are removed from the voter records by notifying the Saginaw Township Clerk's Office at 989-791-9830, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Help keep our records current.