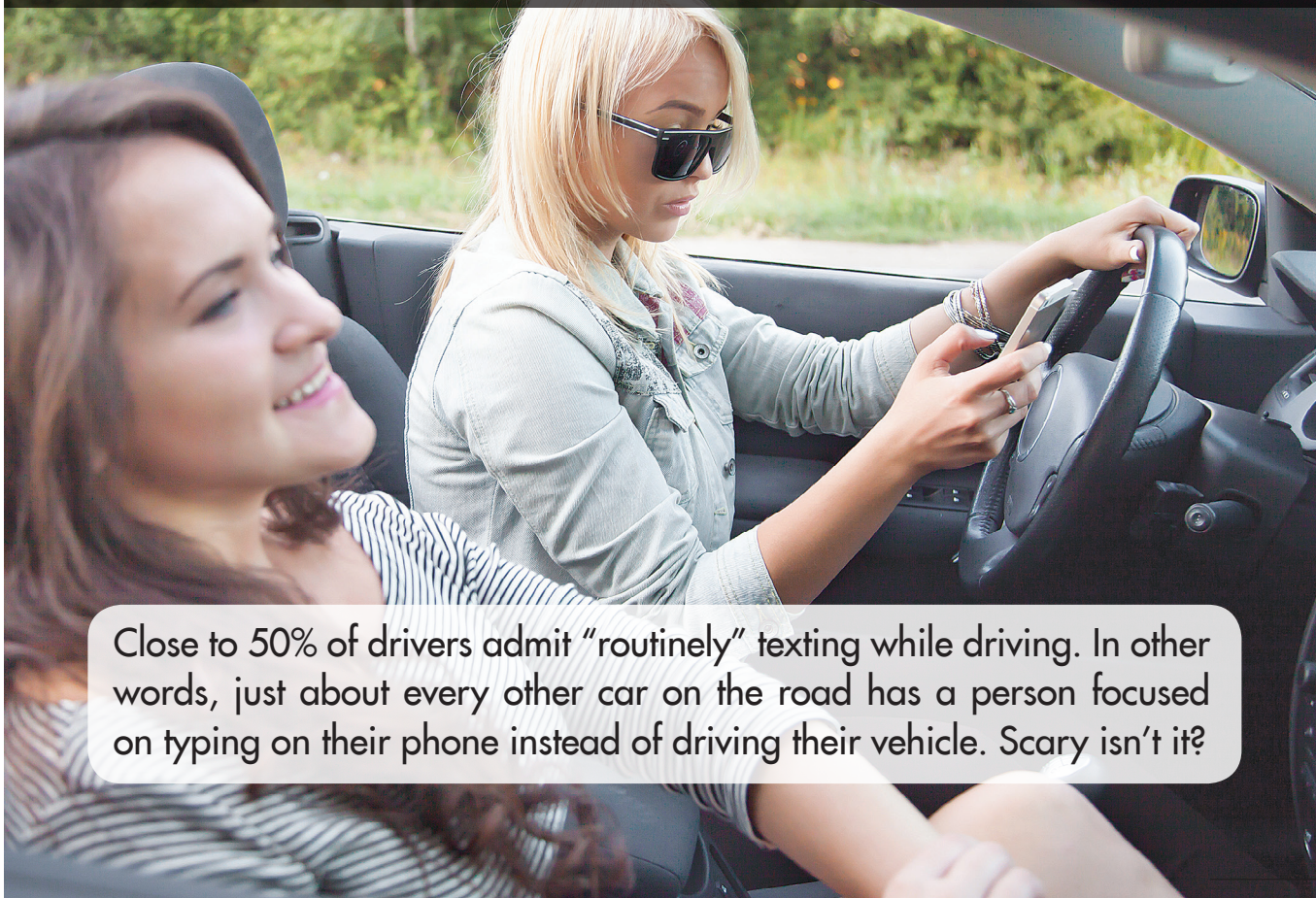




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SPRING 2018

# DISTRACTED DRIVING



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BY LT. RICK HERREN  
Saginaw  
Township Police  
Patrol Division  
Commander

One of the components of my position at the police department is fielding concerns expressed by Saginaw Township residents. Many of those calls are reporting speeding problems on our streets. Ask anyone you know what the biggest problem on Township streets is and chances are they'll say "speeding". But...if you ask a police officer, they'll tell you distracted drivers.

I bet many of you have seen distracted driving and didn't even realize it. Sure there are the obvious signs like the person in front of you looking down as they travel along, or putting on makeup, or eating, or reaching into the backseat. Have you ever seen someone who suddenly swerves or slams on the brakes for no apparent reason? How about that car that sits at a green light? Or the last second lane change cutting you off so they can turn into a parking lot. There are many other examples but in almost every case the driver you



# FOUNDATION SYSTEMS

We have all been told that if we want something to last we must start with a solid foundation. This statement seems very obvious for building construction, so let's explore foundation options.

A foundation is constructed to transfer all live and dead loads that are imposed on a structure through its lifetime to the earth it rests on. Therefore, the foundation needs to be the strongest part of a structure. However, before you can select a foundation type, you will need to get some information on the soils it will be resting on.

This information can be obtained from a soils testing professional, design professionals, local builders and building inspectors. Soil testing professionals will drill holes and analyze actual soil conditions at specific locations. Design professionals, local builders and building inspectors will have knowledge of soil conditions in the areas they work.

Once you have determined what the soil conditions are in the area of your proposed structure you will need to select a foundation type. The four types of foundation systems that are most commonly used in this area are:

- Cast in-place concrete
- Pre-cast concrete
- Concrete block
- Treated wood



Each foundation type has its benefits and drawbacks, more often than not, the foundation system is selected based on its cost and ease of erection. For example, for construction in the middle of winter, temporary heat and protection can be greatly reduced with precast concrete and treated wood foundations. However, these foundations cannot be back-filled prior to the pouring of the basement floor and construction of the first floor system.

Consult your design professional, builder or building inspector for help making your decision. After all, it may be the most important decision you make on your building project.

— RAY HAUSBECK  
Assistant Director, Community Development

## Driving

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are seeing is distracted. In other words, doing something other than driving in a safe manner.

Did you know that the State of Michigan keeps statistics on distracted driving and its influence on traffic crashes? As officers, when we complete a crash report we specify whether the investigation showed that distracted driving played a role in the incident. Those distractions can be manual (taking your hands off the steering wheel), visual (taking your eyes off the road), or cognitive (taking your mind off what you are doing).

In 2015, there were 7,516 crashes in Michigan where distracted driving was found to be the cause or at least a contributor. Those incidents accounted for 3,472 people injured and 28 people killed. Distracted driving alone accounts for about 5% of both categories each year and it has been steadily rising. It's sad that something so easily avoidable has had and will continue to have such a profound effect on so many people.

Here is a distracted driving stat I bet we all will agree on just from our own daily observations. Of those distracted driving crashes I talked about in 2015; 753 involved the use of a cell phone.

Recent surveys from insurance carriers and transportation safety groups across the United States have all showed similar figures that point to cell phones impacting safe driving. Ninety-eight percent (98%) of the driving population has a cell phone. Upwards of 80% of drivers indicate that they use their cell phone while operating their vehicle. About 60% of those who do so admit they don't have "hands free" capability but use their phone anyway. Close to 50% of drivers admit "routinely" texting while driving. In other words, just about every other car on the road has a person focused on typing on their phone instead of driving their vehicle. Scary isn't it?

I have been an officer for 23 years and I can tell you, that in my career, the frequency of crashes has risen consistently with the increase in cell phone availability and use. I don't have the empirical data that it's all because of cell phones, but I know what I have seen. There is a connection there somewhere.

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## Preview of the Upcoming 2018 Elections

The scheduled elections for 2018 are the Primary, August 7 and the General, November 6. Listed below are the offices up for election:

**US Senator** – 6 year term

**US Representative** – 2 year term

4th District – Precincts 13 – 16

5th District – Precincts 1 – 12

**Governor** – 4 year term

**Attorney General** – 4 year term

**Secretary of State** – 4 year term

**State Senator** – 4 year term

32nd District – all of Saginaw

Township

**State Representative** – 2 year term

94th District – all of Saginaw

Township



**Saginaw County Board of Commissioners** – 2 year term

District 1 – Precincts 12 & 15

District 2 – Precincts 10 & 11

District 3 – Precincts 4, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14 & 16

District 4 – Precincts 1, 5 & 6

District 11 – Precincts 2 & 3

**Saginaw County Millage** – Saginaw County Senior Citizens Millage renewal

**Possible Ballot Proposals** – they could appear on the ballot in 2018 and they are on the Secretary of State website: [www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633\\_8723-428570--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8723-428570--,00.html)

**Protecting Michigan Taxpayers** – To end the state's prevailing wage law.

**Keep Our Lakes Great** – To enact the Great Lakes Pipeline Safety Regulation Act.

**Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol** – To allow under state law the personal possession and use of marijuana by persons 21 years of age or older.



# SAGINAW TOWNSHIP RECREATION

## ADULT & YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS

### GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Leagues will be forming in the following age divisions: **5 & 6 Year (T-Ball), 8 & Under (Coach Pitch), 10 & Under, 12 & Under, and 14 & Under.** Games begin in **June.** **Early Registration ends April 26th.**

### ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

This league consists of a 7 game season, plus a post-season tournament. Sunday afternoon games beginning in June. **Register thru May 24th.**

### MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE & WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

League games played Mon-Thurs nights beginning May 14th with Men's league playing 16 games and Women playing 14 games. **Register thru April 26th.**

### "BUMP IT UP" VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Jamie List, Saginaw Township Recreation Youth Volleyball Coordinator, will be directing this camp for **4th-6th Grade & 7th-8th Grade Girls.** This camp will focus on the fundamental skills. Camp will be held **August 6th, 8th, 9th, 10th at Center Courts.**

### 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! Camp will be held **August 6th, 8th, 9th, 10th at Center Courts.**

### BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Women's Power League and Co-Ed League will play Mondays. Women's Recreational League will play Tuesdays. Teams play 4v4 with an 8 game schedule plus a post season tournament. **Register thru May 22nd.**

### SNAPOLOGY CAMP

This STEAM camp is for **ages 5-12 years** and will provide a fun, interactive environment for children to learn and create design concepts using LEGO bricks, K'Nex, and technology. There are morning and afternoon camps, with before/after care provided. Camps will be held **June-July-August** at Center Courts.

### 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 18th-20th at Olson Park from 9 AM-1 PM.**

### LACROSSE CAMP

Jim Jesko, Heritage HS Boys Varsity Lacrosse Coach will be directing a Lacrosse camp for **3rd-8th Grade Boys.** Camp will take place **June 19th-21st at the Saginaw Township Soccer Complex from 6-7:30 PM.**

### 10U LACROSSE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

This program is open to **Boys 8-10 years** old who want to learn the basics and fundamentals of lacrosse. Focus will be on teaching skills, rules of the game & having fun! The program will be held on **Mondays, April 23-May 30 from 6:30-7:30 PM at the Saginaw Township Soccer Complex.** Register **NOW** thru April 18th.

### CHEER CAMP

This camp is for **Girls K-6th Grade** who are interested in learning the fundamentals of cheerleading. Camp will be instructed by Donna Schantz, St. Charles Varsity Cheer Coach, and will be offered **August 13-16th at Center Courts.**

### 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 **in June-July-August.**

### JUNIOR COMPETITIVE TENNIS CLINIC

Also in partnership with the Greater Midland Tennis Center, this clinic is designed for **youth 14-18** that are looking to compete at the high school levels. Clinic will be in **July at Olson Park Tennis Courts.**

### EARLY BIRD GOLF LESSONS

Open to all golfers, **ANY AGE.** Adam Fairchild, Head Golf Professional at the Sawmill Golf Club will direct golf lessons to golfers that are just beginning or looking to improve their skills. Lesson dates are **May 14th & 16th from 6-7 PM at the Sawmill Golf Club.**

### JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

Adam Fairchild, Sawmill Golf Club, will also be directing golf clinics open to golfer's **ages 7-16 years.** **June 25th-28th or July 30th-August 2nd.** From **9-10:30 AM at Sawmill Golf Club.** Classes cover rules, putting, chipping, full swing and on-course instruction.

### HOOP DREAMS BASKETBALL CAMP

John Wilson, Nouvel HS Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, will be directing a basketball camp for **1st-8th Grade Boys.** This camp will be held at **Center Courts June 18th-21st.** Camp will focus on ball handling, passing, shooting, and rebounding.

### 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 23rd-26th.**

### CENTER COURTS/SVSU GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

Jamie Pewinski, SVSU Head Women's Basketball Coach, and SVSU 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 **July 16th-18th at Center Courts.**

### JUNIOR BASKETBALL CAMP

John Wilson, Nouvel HS Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, will be conducting this camp for **Boys & Girls ages 4-9.** Camp features 8' 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 6th, 8th, 9th, 10th at Center Courts.**

**REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 2nd  
FOR ALL CAMPS & LEAGUES**

For more information on our programs visit us at [saginawtownship.org](http://saginawtownship.org), find us on Facebook or call Saginaw Township Recreation at 791-9860.





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Community Development	791-9865
Department of Public Services	791-9870
Fire Department	792-9691
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Police Department	793-2310
Treasurer	791-9840
Water Department	791-9880

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## 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.

## SMOKE DETECTORS

When you travel to the local store to either replace your smoke detectors or install new ones, you believe the purchase will be a simple one. However, when you get there you are inundated with choices. It is important to know the difference in smoke detectors and how they work, before you buy.

Most importantly, you should have smoke alarms on each level of your home and outside of each sleeping area. If you leave your bedroom doors closed, alarms should be installed inside the bedrooms, as well.

There are two basic types of residential smoke alarms, ionization and photoelectric. Regardless of which type you purchase, smoke detectors should be replaced every ten years.

There are different types of power supplies that make a difference in which one you buy. Most of the newer homes today are hard wired with a battery backup, in case the power goes out. The batteries in those models still need to be replaced. There are ten-year tamper proof detectors with lithium batteries that do not need replacing. These are

becoming popular because you do not have to worry about the batteries for ten years.

Lastly, there are detectors that use nine-volt batteries that need to be replaced every six months. These are less expensive than the ten-year tamper proof.

**Ionization** smoke alarms respond best to fast raging fires.

**Photoelectric** smoke alarms respond best to slow smoldering fires.

For the best protection, it is recommended you have both ionization and photoelectric detectors. In addition to individual



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ionization and photoelectric alarms, combination alarms that include both technologies in a single detector are available. For each type of smoke alarm, the advantage it provides may be critical to life safety in some fire situations. Home fatal fires, day or night, include a large number of smoldering fires and a large number of flaming fires. Now one can predict the type of fire you may have in your home or when it will occur.

If your smoke alarm is chirping (or beeping), it is usually an indication that the battery is dying and needs to be replaced.

## Saginaw Township Yard Waste Program and Brush Drop Off Site 2018

The Yard Waste Program for Saginaw Township will begin Monday, April 2. 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 Saturday, April 7. 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 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**APRIL 7 – MAY 27**

**JUNE 16 – 17**

**JULY 21 – 22**

**AUGUST 18 – 19**

**SEPT. 1 – NOV. 25**

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

## Election preview

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**Clean Michigan Committee** – A proposal to amend the state constitution of 1963 – to require a part-time legislature that must complete its regular session each year by April 15.

**Raise Michigan** – Provide workers with the right to earn sick time for personal or family health needs, including domestic violence and sexual assault.

**MI Time to Care** – Provide workers with the right to earn sick time for personal or family health needs.

**Voters Not Politicians** – Create an independent citizens redistricting commission.

**Abrogate Prohibition MI** – Make the use of the cannabis plant lawful in Michigan.

**Michigan One Fair Wage** – Gradually increase the hourly minimum wage from \$10.00 in 2019 to \$12.00 in 2022.