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**Saginaw  
Charter  
Township**  
SUMMER 2017

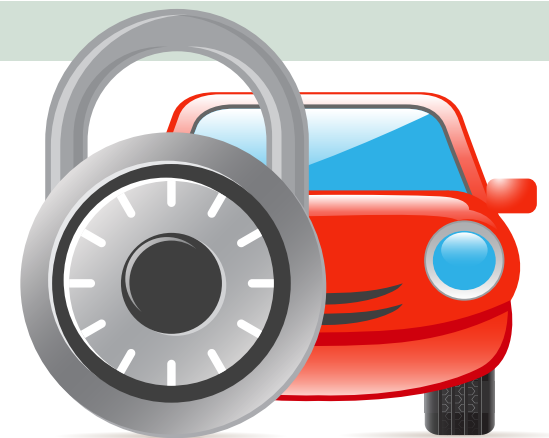
# OPEN BURNING

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. Please 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 small recreational fires contained within a pit or approved burning container. Recreational fires shall be in a pile that does not exceed three feet in diameter and two feet above

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## "Lock It or Lose It"

Saginaw Township Police Department has kicked off its 6th Annual "Lock It or Lose It" Campaign. The campaign runs from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. Saginaw Bay Underwriters and Frankenmuth Insurance have once again partnered with Saginaw Township Police Department Crime Prevention Officers to promote the campaign and to reduce thefts from motor vehicles. Residents are encouraged to follow three simple steps in an effort to prevent from becoming a victim of a larceny.

- Remove valuable items from your vehicle.
- Lock your vehicle when parking in your driveway or other public place.
- Report any suspicious persons that you might see late at night in your neighborhood or in a parking area. Thieves typically ride their bicycles or walk through

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# TOP 5 SUMMER CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Summer is fast approaching and with that comes cleaning up yards, camping and plenty of outdoor activities. Here are the top 5 issues Saginaw Township Code Enforcement sees this time of year. Please be considerate and follow these guidelines:

## Trash Collection

It is the season for cleaning garages, sheds, basements, closets, and any other area of one's home or property. Keep in mind, Waste Management will not collect trash bags or containers over 50lbs. nor will they dispose of trash placed in containers larger than 35 gallons. Note that trash/yard waste/recycling/bulk items are not to be placed at the road or curb more than 14 hours prior to collection and all containers are to be removed from the road or curb no later than 12 hours after collection. If you believe Waste Management missed your items for collection, contact Mid Michigan Waste Authority as soon as possible to report this at 989-781-9555.

## Grass

Per the International Property Maintenance Code, Chapter 3, Section 302.4, "All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from



weeds or plant growth in excess of **eight-inches (8")**." Code enforcement will address grass which appears to be nearing 8". This also includes long grass/tall weeds along houses, accessory structures, trees, flower beds etc.

## Unlicensed Vehicles

Unlicensed vehicles are vehicles with no visible license plate or expired tabs. This category is a year round issue; however, the number of cases regarding expired tabs are higher at the beginning of the year when the color

of the tab having not changed to the current year's color is more noticeable. Code enforcement has learned more times than not, tabs were not placed on the vehicle due to forgetfulness. We learned on a few occasions, our letters have alerted vehicle owners that their tabs were not expired but had been stolen.

## Recreation Vehicles

Thus begins the season of camping. Residents bring home their RV's to prepare them for the season. During

this time code enforcement cases involving recreational vehicles parked on the grass or parked in the driveway for extended periods of time are higher than usual. Saginaw Charter Township Zoning Ordinance #423, Section 302 (10) which sets the following guidelines for the storage of recreational vehicles on residential properties: *The parking of recreational vehicles and equipment, including travel trailers, campers, boats and similar recreational equipment, is prohibited within the required yard areas of any "R" district, except recreational vehicles and equipment are permitted for periods not to exceed five consecutive days, whereupon said vehicle shall be completely removed from the property for a minimum of eight hours. The vehicle and/or equipment shall be parked on a dust-free, weed-free surface.*

## Vehicles Parked On The Grass

Vehicles of any kind are prohibited from parking on the grass. Saginaw Charter Township Zoning Ordinance #423, Section 403 (4) (b) which states: "off street parking for residential uses shall have a durable, smooth and dustless surface consisting of asphalt, concrete, crushed stone or similar surface."

## Registered to VOTE?

If you are not yet registered to vote you may register at the Saginaw Township Clerk's Office. Our office is linked to the Michigan Secretary of State's office so these changes are fast and easy. With our SOS link, you will receive a new address sticker for the back of your license within approximately 10 days.

## Have an Address Change?

Did you just move into Saginaw Township, or have you changed your address recently within the Township? Would you like to save yourself a trip? Another easy way to register to vote if you move and don't have time to come into Town Hall is just go online. The United States Postal Service has an online service in which you can change your address for \$1 by using your credit card. When you complete the address change and transaction, a **VOTE** icon pops up. You are then prompted to register to vote at your new address.

## Rental Properties in Saginaw Township

Do you have a condo, home, or duplex for rent? If so, did you know licenses are required for all rental properties in Saginaw Township?

Landlords of single or multiple properties must apply for a Rental Business License for an annual fee of \$10. Once a license is issued, a renewal notice will automatically be mailed to you at the beginning of each year. For more information or to download the application visit [www.saginawtownship.org](http://www.saginawtownship.org). Once on the website, click on Departments, Clerk, and then Licenses. The second paragraph



pertains to Rental Business Licenses. Click on the link for the printable application. Fill out the application and mail it in or drop it off with the \$10 annual fee.



## Summer Taxes

Summer taxes will be payable July 1 through September 14 at the Saginaw Township Treasurer's Office. Delinquent taxes will incur a 1% interest charge per month beginning September 15. An additional 3% penalty will be added to delinquent taxes from February 15 - 28, 2018. After March 1, 2018, any taxes not paid will be sent to the Saginaw County Treasurer's Office.

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# SAGINAW TOWNSHIP RECREATION

## Youth Summer Programs 2017

### "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 31-August 3 at Center Courts**. This camp will focus on the fundamental skills. **Registration open thru July 19**. Registration fee: \$65.

### JUNIOR "BUMP IT UP" VOLLEYBALL CAMP

This camp for **1st-3rd Grade Girls** offers a unique experience to learn the fundamentals while having fun! The net will be slightly lowered giving the girls an added sense of success. This camp will be held **July 31-August 3**. **Register thru July 19**. 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. All activities, games and crafts will reflect the given theme. There are morning and afternoon camps with before/after care provided. **Registration going on now**. 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 26-28 at Olson Park from 9 AM-1 PM**. **Registration open thru June 16**. 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 20-22**. **The camp will be held at the Saginaw Township Soccer Complex and will run from 6 PM-7:30 PM**. **Register thru June 16**. 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 is open to Girls K-8th Grade** and will be offered **July 24-27 or August 8-11**. **Registration going on now**. 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**. **Registration going on now**.

### JUNIOR COMPETITIVE TENNIS CLINIC

Also in partnership with the Greater Midland Tennis Center, this clinic is designed for youth **14-18 years** that are looking to compete at the high school level. Clinic will be offered **Mon/Wed July 10-19** at the **Olson Park Tennis Courts**. **Registration open thru June 30**.

### 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 19-22 or July 31-August 3**. Each session will be held from **9:00-10:30 AM**. Classes cover rules, putting, chipping, full swing and on-course instruction. **Registration going on now**. 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 19-22**. Camp will focus on ball handling, passing, shooting, and rebounding. **Registration open thru June 16**. Registration fee: \$65 (First Child) | \$60 (Second Child).

### 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 24-27**. **Register thru July 11**. Registration fee: \$77.

### 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 31-August 2**. **Registration open thru July 17**. 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 girls**. Camp focus will be on passing, ball handling, rebounding, footwork, defense and teamwork. This camp will be held at **Center Courts, June 19-22**. **Register thru June 16**. Camp fee: \$45 (2nd-3rd grade girls) | \$60 (4th-6th grade girls)

### JUNIOR BASKETBALL CAMP

John Wilson, former Heritage High School Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, will be conducting this camp for **Boys and 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 7-10 at Center Courts**. **Registration open thru July 26**. Registration fee: \$60.

### MUSIC FOR MUNCHKINS

Ms. Michele brings musical fun wherever she goes! Your child will participate in musical activities, dancing, singing and finger plays which will benefit their motor skills, listening skills and encourage creative movement. This pre-school readiness class allows children **(1-5 years)** to experience music through educational and traditional songs, 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! Classes held **July 12-28 on Wednesdays 5:45-6:30pm or Fridays 10:00-10:45 am**. Register thru July 10.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CAMPS, CONTACT SAGINAW TOWNSHIP RECREATION AT 989-791-9860.**

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## Open Burning

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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 where the smoke or odor is bothering others is prohibited, and occupants will be made to put the fire out. Permits are available at the Fire Department during normal business hours.

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 no later than 11:00 p.m. Burning is not permitted if winds exceed ten miles per hour. On-site fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck shall be available. Failure to follow the burning rules are subject to a civil infraction.

The Fire Chief or his/her designee shall have the authority to terminate any fire determined unsafe or is a nuisance to others.

**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.**

## Party On McCarty

<b>JUNE 15</b> .....	Motown
<b>JUNE 29</b> .....	Craft Beer
<b>JULY 13</b> .....	80s Night
<b>JULY 27</b> .....	Margaritaville
<b>AUG. 10</b> .....	Country Night
<b>AUG. 24</b> .....	Classic Rock



## Saginaw Charter Township

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 Saginaw, MI 48608-6400  
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 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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## YARD WASTE AND BRUSH DROP OFF SITE



The Yard Waste Program for Saginaw Township will continue through Tuesday, November 26. Yard waste includes grass clippings, sod without dirt, twigs (less than 2" diameter), leaves, etc. No root balls or stumps. Yard waste must be in large paper bags or containers (35 gal. or less) marked Yard Waste. Yard Waste stickers are available at the Township offices. Brush and tree trimmings are picked up weekly on regular trash pickup day. Brush is limited to one bundle per week. Bundles may be no larger than 3' x 4' in size.

The Brush Drop Off Site is located at 5790 W. Michigan, next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The hours are 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays only. 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 only. The remaining dates for 2017 are as follows:

**JUNE** 17th & 18th    **JULY** 15th & 16th  
**AUGUST** 19th & 20th  
**EVERY SATURDAY & SUNDAY –**  
**SEPTEMBER 2 THRU NOVEMBER 26**

## Lock it or lose it

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subdivisions and neighborhoods late at night looking for unlocked vehicles. The thieves enter the unlocked vehicles and steal items of value. If you see individuals riding their bicycles through the neighborhood late at night or walking up and down driveways, call 9-1-1 immediately. An officer will be sent to your neighborhood to see if these individuals might be breaking into vehicles. Following the above simple steps can help greatly in preventing something from being stolen from your parked vehicle.



Remember the three simple steps: *Remove your valuable items. Lock your car. Report any suspicious activity.* Let's show the criminals that there are no opportunities to steal from vehicles in Saginaw Township neighborhoods. We win. They lose. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

## SPRAY POOL HOURS

The tile around the Spray Pool is being replaced. As a result, the opening date is still being determined. The earliest opening date will be Monday, June 19th. This pool is for children four feet and under with proper swim attire. No food or toys are allowed inside the pool area. The Spray Pool hours will be:

**Monday-Friday • 12-7 p.m.**  
**Saturday & Sunday • 12-6 p.m.**

## Summer Taxes

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### Request for Summer Tax Bill Deferment or Delayed Payment until February 14

Under the authority of Section 211.51, M.C.L., as amended, a qualified taxpayer may claim a deferment upon filing an "Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes" form with the Saginaw Township Treasurer prior to September 15. This form indicates your intent to defer the penalty or interest on summer property taxes of your homestead property until February 14. Forms are available from the Saginaw Township Treasurer's Office. To qualify for the deferment you must certify that your gross household income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed \$40,000 and meet one of the following classifications:

1. 62 years of age or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death
2. Paraplegic, Quadriplegic
3. Eligible Serviceperson, Eligible Veteran, Eligible Widow or Widower
4. Blind
5. Totally and Permanently Disabled

For more information, please contact the Saginaw Township Treasurer's Office at 989-791-9840 or visit [www.saginawtownship.org/departments/treasurer](http://www.saginawtownship.org/departments/treasurer).

## SPECIAL WASTE DROP OFF DAYS

Mid Michigan Waste Authority is once again providing Saginaw Township residents an option for safe disposal of household special waste items. All events will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\*unless specified otherwise) at Mid Michigan Waste Authority's Community Resource Recovery Center: 2063 S. Miller Road, Saginaw (between Ederer Road and Swan Creek Road). Bring ONLY accepted materials on the appropriate day. For more details, please contact Mid Michigan Waste Authority at 989-781-9555 or visit their website: [www.recyclemotion.org](http://www.recyclemotion.org).

### TECH TUESDAYS

July 11 • August 1 • September 5

### PAINT WEDNESDAYS

July 5 & 12 • August 2 & 9  
 September 6 & 13

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

June 22 • July 27

### ALL IN ONE DROP OFF

\*August 24 (3-7 p.m.) • September 23