



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

WINTER 2016



Please slow down and give heed to Mother Nature during these winter months. Saginaw Township Police Department values your safety and the safety of others.

Safety First This Winter

With the winter months fast approaching, snow, ice and possibly freezing rain are always a possibility. These weather occurrences can often cause for some hazardous traveling conditions. In order to keep our roadways safe and to reduce accidents, drivers are reminded to slow down and use caution when road conditions become treacherous. Quite often, it is not even safe to travel the posted speed limit during some of these severe storms. The first snowfall usually sees an increase in "fender bender" type accidents as some drivers forget to adjust their driving habits to the conditions. Please slow down and give heed to Mother Nature during these winter months. Saginaw Township Police Department values your safety and the safety of others. Thank you for driving carefully.

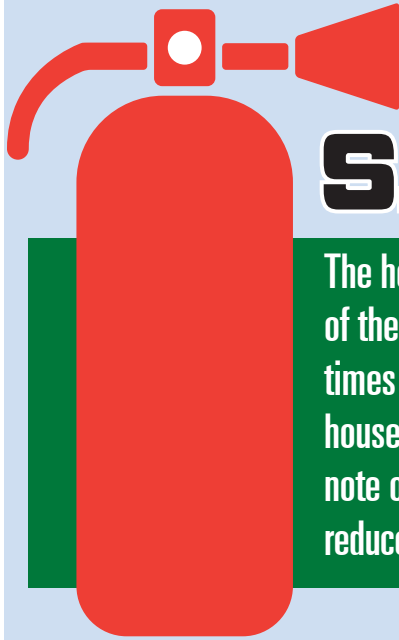
As the winter months continue to stretch on, some residents look forward to taking a vacation or extended vacation to escape the cold climate. Saginaw Township Police Department would like to remind our residents that we offer a house check program. Residents can contact the police department and have their



My family and I are enjoying another wonderful holiday season sharing special time together. My wife, Judi, and I began our celebration of the holidays with a delicious Thanksgiving dinner she prepared for our entire extended family. As

always, everything was absolutely delicious! Before we knew it, it was time to decorate for our celebration of Christmas and everyone getting back together to share our gifts of love for one another. What a blessing!

The holidays wouldn't be complete without jumping in the car a few times to drive around town and look at all the beautifully decorated homes and sparkling lights. Once again,



HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS

The holiday season is one of the most dangerous times of the year for household fires, so take note of these tips to reduce your risk.

CHRISTMAS TREES

It takes less than 30 seconds for a dry tree to engulf a room in flames, according to the Building and Fire Research Laboratory of the National Institute for Standards and Technology. A Christmas tree is almost explosive when it catches fire.

TIP: Keep trees well-watered, keep away from heat sources like a fireplace or heat vent. A heat source was too close to the Christmas tree in one of every five (18%) fires.

COOKING

Cooking is the top cause of holiday fires according to the United States Fire Association. The most common culprit is food that is left unattended.

TIP: Never leave food unattended, if you have to leave the kitchen then take something with you as a reminder, like an oven mitt or a spoon. Make sure you have a fire extinguisher that is rated for all types of fires.

If you are planning to deep-fry your holiday turkey, do it outside, on a flat level surface at least 10 feet away from the house. Make sure the turkey is thawed first before putting it into the hot oil.

CANDLES

The incidence of candle fires is four times higher during December than during other months. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), four of the five most dangerous days of the year for residential candle fires are Christmas/Christmas Eve and New Year's/New Year's Eve (The 5th is Halloween). Candles started (9%) of home Christmas tree structure fires.

TIP: To reduce the danger keep at least a one foot space between the candle and anything that can burn. Set candles on sturdy bases or cover with a hurricane globe. Never leave flames unattended. Before bed,

walk through each room to make sure candles are blown out. Consider flameless LED candles.

FIREPLACES

Soot can harden on chimney walls as flammable creosote, so before the fireplace season begins, have your chimney inspected to see if it needs cleaning.

TIP: Screen the fireplace to prevent embers from popping out onto the floor or carpet, and never use flammable liquids to start a fire in the fireplace. Only burn seasoned wood, no wrapping paper. When cleaning out the fireplace put embers in a metal container and set outside to cool for 24 hours before disposal.

DECORATIVE LIGHTS

Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use. Electrical problems were factors in one-third (31%) of home Christmas tree structure fires.

TIP: Never use lit candles to decorate the tree, always inspect the light strings and throw away cracked or frayed wires or sockets. Don't run more than three strings of lights end to end. Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

NFPA – Nineteen percent of home Christmas tree structure fires were intentionally set. Nearly three-fourths of the intentional Christmas tree fires occurred in the 15 days after Christmas and may have been related to disposal.

U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated annual average of 230 home structure fires that began with Christmas trees in 2006-2010. These fires caused an annual average of 4 civilian deaths, 21 civilian fire injuries and 17.3 million indirect property damage.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke detectors and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a cabinet away from children.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.



Free Smoke Detectors

The Saginaw Township Fire Department (STFD) has teamed up with the American Red Cross on installing 10 year lithium sealed smoke detectors (up to three) in the homes of all Saginaw Township residents. This is a free program. Our team of firefighters will be installing them for you.

Please contact the STFD at 989-792-9691 to be put on the list.

CLERK'S OFFICE NEWS

2016 Election Results

To see Saginaw Township Election results go to: www.saginawcounty.com

Go to the County Clerk's page and click on "Quick Links" then Elections.

Here are some of Saginaw Township's statistics from the November 8, 2016 General Election:

- 32,023 registered voters
- 22,786 voted
- 71% voter turnout
- 16,600 went to the polls to vote
- 6,186 voted absentee ballots
- 11,077 voted for Trump/Pence
- 10,263 voted for Clinton/Kaine

Supervisor votes:

- Braun – 16,026

Clerk votes:

- Wazny – 14,786

Treasurer votes:

- Gerhardt – 14,361

Trustees votes :

- Connolly – 10,729
- Gorney – 10,695
- Howell – 10,687
- Kelly – 11,318

Parks & Recreation Commission votes:

- Biver – 10,904
- Cleveland – 11,008
- Ryan – 11,641
- Whelton – 10,910
- Murawaski – Write-in

School Board Members votes:

- Colucci – 12,157
- Smith – 10,137

SAGINAW TOWNSHIP RECREATION

**CHECK OUT WHAT SAGINAW
TOWNSHIP RECREATION
HAS TO OFFER**



7TH AND 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL

Separate leagues for Boys & Girls

This league is set up to help hone the skills of the players, as well as help them to establish an understanding of team work. Teams will be formed by a draft following a skill drill. This is a 10-game season beginning at the end of February.

Early registration will be open January 4th – 16th, and is individual registration only. Space is limited, so make sure to get in on early registration!

BOYS LACROSSE

Saginaw Township Recreation is now offering 10U, 12U and 14U lacrosse leagues! This is an individual registration activity, and signing up guarantees a spot on a team! Registration includes tournaments, U.S. Lacrosse membership, indoor practices and equipment, if needed. Lacrosse is one of the fastest growing sports in America!

Early Registration opens January 9th – 27th! The season runs from March through May. Sign up before it's too late, and don't miss out on early registration.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

This competitive league will have teams formed by a draft after a skill drill session. A 10-Game Schedule will begin in January. This is the perfect way to keep your high schoolers active during the winter time!

Registration is open through December 19th!

5TH – 8TH GRADE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

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 session will be held to determine teams.

Registration: January 4th – February 3rd. Don't miss out!

ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE *Women's Power, Recreational and Coed Leagues*

The Women's Power leagues will play on Monday evenings and the 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 February.

Registration will be held January 4th – 20th.

YOGA & CHAIR YOGA

Center Courts offers Yoga classes, taught by certified instructors, every week.

Yoga has been proven to benefit moods, increase vitality, flexibility and strength, and improve health.

Register in the Recreation Office at Center Courts! Classes meet Wednesday Mornings!

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 improve circulation while at the same time having fun! Grab your friends or come and make new ones with this fantastic class!

Classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00-11:00 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 PM to 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 offer Music for Munchkins with "Music Michele," so that both you and your child can have fun and learn about music and rhythm and creative expression together! This program is for ages 1 to 5.

This class meets every Wednesday evening and every Friday morning! Come in now to sign up for the next session!

CIRCUIT TRAINING

Join Shannon Hope, AFAA certified, in her Circuit Training class to get you working towards your fitness and health goals!

This class is perfect for those looking for a fun, motivating workout opportunity with a dedicated instructor and other fitness classmates aiming towards achieving their own fitness goals!

Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.! Stop by the Recreation Office to register!

CENTER COURTS PLAYGROUP *Ages 3 and under*

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

Held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.! Don't let them miss out on all of the fun!

BRIDGE FOR TEENS

Considered the finest card game ever invented! Free bridge playing and instruction. Taught by Bob Ciaffone, a member of the Saginaw Bridge Club. Bridge is a game that not only is fun and competitive to play, but also helps to develop problem-solving strategies, as well as helping to get better at math.

Aimed towards high school-age students!
This will be every Monday starting January 9th right after school!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS CONTACT SAGINAW TOWNSHIP RECREATION AT 989-791-9860.



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2017 Business & Rental License Renewals

The Saginaw Township Clerk's office will send out business license renewals and rental business license renewals on December 30, 2016. There are 1663 businesses and 512 rental businesses in Saginaw Township. These licenses provide the Township with emergency contact information along with the type of business and the addresses of rentals.

TOWNSHIP CONTACTS

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| 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 |

CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL AND HOLIDAY TRASH



Fresh cut Christmas trees will be collected as trash at the curb throughout the month of January during your normal trash pick-up. Residents do not need to remove ornaments, tinsel, garland or other decorative items, and trees can be put to the curb with or without a tree bag. Trees that are frozen to the ground or covered with snow will not be collected until they can be safely accessed by the driver. Also keep in mind that the

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HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING DRIVE RETURNS



Mid Michigan Waste Authority is teaming up with Saginaw Township to make this holiday season a little greener. The Holiday Light Recycle Drive will run through January 15, 2017. Bring any size and style of indoor and outdoor string lights to the Department of Public Services at 4870 Shattuck Road during normal business hours, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. To learn more, visit the MMWA website: www.recyclemotion.org.

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Safety first

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address placed on the house check list. Officers during their shift will check the houses of residents while they are away. We also encourage residents to get to know their neighbors and have their neighbors also keep a watchful eye on their house while they are away. If anyone should notice suspicious persons or activity around a home or in their neighborhood, the police department encourages residents to contact 911 immediately so that an officer can respond to check the neighborhood. Working together we can hopefully prevent crimes from occurring and ensure the safety of our neighborhoods and community.

On behalf of Saginaw Township Police Department may you have a blessed holiday season and a safe year ahead.

Supervisor

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several of our Department of Public Services employees decorated our Township buildings with festive lights and garland for all of us to enjoy. I encourage you to take your family out to see them.

I hope you have the opportunity to spend some special time with your loved ones this holiday season. Let this time spent together be a priceless expression of your love for them. As we look forward to a joyful and prosperous New Year, let's cherish all our blessings.

SUPERVISOR TIM BRAUN