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from the township board

Dear Residents:

2020 has certainly been a year we will never forget. The pandemic has affected all our daily lives and routines. Sadly it has affected the programming we can offer in the short-term. Fortunately, throughout the pandemic, Delta residents have many beautiful parks to enjoy and utilize while other recreational opportunities are temporarily restricted.

The Township invests into its parks utilizing grant programs through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Recent examples include the new Mount Hope Park, Old River Trail Pathway connecting Delta Mills and Hunters Orchard, Willow Canoe Launch, and the redesigned Delta Mills Canoe launch.

The Delta Park system provides amenities for everyone of all age groups. We have additional improvements on the way slated for next year including:

1. Delta Mills Restroom Renovation – Renovate an old wellhouse into restroom building on east side of park near Webster.
2. Hunter's Orchard Park Pathway – Complete a 10 foot wide pathway to create a fully accessible nature trail within the park.
3. Mount Hope North Baseball Fields – two additional ballfields to complete a quad of diamonds.
4. Mount Hope Park Perimeter Pathway – A 10 foot wide pedestrian pathway along the north and west boundaries of Mount Hope Park creating a large loop to connect in with existing pathways.
5. Hawk Meadow Pathway Paving – Pave existing pathways on the western boundary of Hawk Meadow.

In the absence of our full compliment of youth, adult, and senior programs, these grants and parks investments are critical to providing recreational opportunities close to home.

Election News:

The primary election on August 4 had a record number of voters for a primary. It was the first primary election in which any registered voter could vote by absentee ballot for no reason. The Clerk's office issued 10,590 absentee ballots. Of those, 8,191 were returned for a return rate of 77%. In addition, 2,073 cast ballots at the polls on August 4.

We will need election workers for precinct polling locations in November. If you are interested, please contact the Delta Township Clerk's office at 323-8500.





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COVER IMAGE

Willow Canoe Launch - The Willow Canoe Launch opened in 2019 and is already a very popular spot in Delta Township for canoers and kayakers alike. The area has a ADA accessible launch as well as an able bodied launch. The launch is located at 6507 Willow Highway, Grand Ledge.

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senior adult recreation

The Delta 39'ers are in the Delta Enrichment Center (4538 Elizabeth Road). Office hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the phone number is 484-5600.

The office will be closed and there will be no activities on: 9/7, 11/3, 11/26, 11/27, 12/24, and 12/25. All activities canceled after 2:30 p.m. on 11/2 and all day 11/3.

Registration

Pre-registration is required for all activities, unless noted with an *. Registration for classes begins: **Tuesday, September 1, at 8 a.m.**, register at any time for trips.

Cards & Games*

Drop in only. No partner needed. Restarting 9/8

Bingo*

M/W/F, 1-3 p.m., \$1, Activity Room

Bridge (Social/Contract)*

M, 1-4 p.m., \$1.50

Cribbage*

W, 12:30-3 p.m., \$1.50

Euchre*

M, 6-9 p.m., \$1.50

Th, 6-9 p.m., \$3

Mahjong*

2nd & 4th F, 12-3 p.m., \$.50

Pinochle*

Tu, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., \$1.50

Scrabble*

M, 10 a.m.-12:45 p.m., \$.50

Th, 1-3 p.m., \$.50

Room 300

Classes

Easy & Yummy Cooking

Learn to make one simple and quick dish in each class.

Tu, 9/8, 9/22, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, & 12/8, 3-5 p.m., \$70 (7 classes), SR4753, Activity Room

Genealogy

Getting started, the resources, and how to preserve your information.

Tu, 9/22-11/17 (No class 11/3), 1-3 p.m., \$32 (8 classes), SR4723, Tu, 9/22-11/17 (No class 11/17), 6-8 p.m., \$32 (8 classes), SR4724, Room 302

Intro to Creative Writing

Learn or improve techniques for translating imagination to the written page. Nurture existing ideas. Discover new ones. All writing levels welcome. (supply fee included)
W, 9/16-11/4, 6-8 p.m., \$77 (8 classes), SR4749a, W, 11/11-12/30, 6-8 p.m., \$77 (8 classes), SR4749b, Th, 9/10-10/29, 3-5 p.m., \$77 (8 classes), SR4756a, Th, 11/5-1/7 (No class 11/26 & 12/24), 3-5 p.m., \$77 (8 classes), SR4756b
Room 302

Learn To Crochet – All Levels

Basics to learning techniques and troubleshooting.
F, 9/18-10/30, 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$28 (7 classes), SR4746a, F, 11/6-12/18 (No class 11/27), 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$24 (6 classes), SR4746b, Room 304

Learn To Knit – All Levels

Basics to learning techniques and troubleshooting.
M, 9/14-10/26, 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$28 (7 classes), SR4745a, M, 11/2-12/14, 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$28 (7 classes), SR4745b, Room 304



No Fear Computer Class

Learn computer skills, the internet, and email.

Basics

W, 9/9-10/28, 1-2:30 p.m.

W, 11/4-12/23, 1-2:30 p.m.

Free (8 classes), SR4705, Room 301

Beyond The Basics

W, 9/9-10/28, 3-4:30 p.m.

W, 11/4-12/23, 3-4:30 p.m.

Free (8 classes), SR4705, Room 301

Health Services

Alzheimer Support Group*

Male Caregiver Support

Group*

3rd W, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Room 302,

Free

Ataxia Support Group*

3rd W, 1-3 p.m., Room 302, Free

Chair Massage

2nd & 4th T. Call for an appt. \$12

Foot Care

Three days a month. Call for an appointment. \$30

Library*

Books, jigsaw puzzles, and a computer is available. We have a take one, leave one system.

Luncheons

Lunch

Reservations are required and must be called in by noon the day before. Call for a menu/reservations.

M/W/F, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.,

\$3.50 suggested donation for ages 60+, \$6 charge ages 59 & under.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch at local restaurants. Call to sign up. Cost is on your own.

4th Tu, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Fitness & Exercise Classes

Arthritis Foundation Exercise*

Improve strength, flexibility, and range of motion. Exercises can be done in a seated or standing position. Restarting 9/8
Tu, ongoing, 1-1:45 p.m., \$2 drop in fee per class, Room 304

Chair Exercise*

This fun class is designed for seniors in any physical condition. Cardio is included. Resistance bands available for \$4 each. Restarting 9/9
M/W/F, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Lansing Mall (Food Court), \$1 drop in fee or \$20 punch card (20 visits)

Jazzercise Lite*

Build balance and flexibility, tone your whole body, charge up your metabolism. Modified movements/ lower intensity for all fitness levels. Restarting 9/9
M/W, ongoing, 3-3:45 p.m., \$52 (16 classes), prorating and \$5 drop in fee, register in class, Room 304

Senior Barre Fitness

A full-body workout that combines ballet-based movements, weight conditioning, core-focused exercise, and stretching by emphasizing precision, and form. Please wear soft-soled shoes (i.e.: isotoner slippers or socks).
M/W, 9/21-10/28, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., \$48 (12 classes), SR4720
M/W, 11/9-12/9, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., \$40 (10 classes), SR4720, Room 303

Senior Core and More

Focusing on the core namely you abdominal muscles and lower back. These exercises will develop strength, balance, flexibility, and joint stability. Beginners are welcome. Bring water, a mat, and towel with you.
M/W/F, 9/21-10/30, 9:30-10:15 a.m., \$72 (18 classes), SR4721a
M/W/F, 11/4-12/11 (No class 11/27), 9:30-10:15 a.m., \$64 (16 classes), SR4721b, Room 303

Tai Chi

A gentle and relaxing workout.

Qigong Shibashi

An easy and beginning class in which you will learn the movements.
Th, 9/10-10/29, 10:10-11:10 p.m., SR4701a
Th, 11/5-1/7 (No class 11/26 & 12/24), 10:10-11:10 a.m., SR4701b
\$48 (8 classes), Room 303

Beginning

Th, 9/10-10/29, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., SR4702a
Th, 11/5-1/7 (No class 11/26 & 12/24), 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., SR4702b
\$48 (8 classes), Room 303

Yoga*

Gentle yoga which includes stretching and strengthening. Restarting 9/8
Tu, 10-11 a.m.
W, 10-11 a.m.
Th, 10-11 a.m.
Th, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
\$2 drop in fee per class, Room 304

Zumba Gold

Dance-fitness workouts specifically designed for the active older adult.
M/W/F, 9/21-10/30, 10:30-11:15 a.m., \$72 (18 classes), SR4717a
M/W/F, 11/4-12/11 (No class 11/27), 10:30-11:15 a.m., \$64 (16 classes), SR4717b, Room 303

Treadmill*

M-F, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Free

Pacers Walking Club*

Walk daily year round. Sign up by logging your miles in the Food Court. Monthly newsletters with information on activities and events.
Mall opens at 7 a.m. for walkers, Free, Lansing Mall (Food Court)

Trips

Mackinac Island/Grand Hotel 4 Day/3 Night Package

Includes: motor coach, ferry, and horse drawn taxi transportation; Grand Hotel lodging (rooms are luck of the draw), baggage handling, three breakfasts, and three five-course dinners, carriage tour, and many special activities. Do as much or as little as you want.

Not included: lunch on way home, bus drivers' tips, taxi drivers' tips, and carriage tour driver's tips (\$1-\$2 per person suggested).

M-Th, 10/26-10/29,
Double Occupancy \$901,
Single Occupancy \$1,182,
Triple Occupancy \$807,
prices are per person.

*Call for availability SR80



aquatics & events

The Delta Enrichment Center (4538 Elizabeth Road) is home to the Aquatics Office. The pool is located at Waverly East Intermediate School (3131 W. Michigan Ave.) Enter Through Door # 14.

In the event that the Waverly Schools are closed due to inclement weather, all pool activities will be cancelled that day. Information on possible closings can be obtained by calling 484-9322. No street shoes are allowed on the pool deck. Swimmers must shower before use. Infants must wear a swim diaper (not a regular diaper) in the pool. All participants are expected to wear appropriate swimming attire, which must respect the comfort and modesty of others. No persons over the age of 5 are allowed in opposite gender locker rooms.

The pool will be closed on the following dates:

September 5-7, 2020

November 26-29, 20120

December 23, 2020-January 3, 2021



You may purchase punch cards:

1- At the Delta Aquatics Office, located inside the Delta Enrichment Center. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Cash, Check and Debit/Credit Cards are accepted.

2- On the pool deck with a check (made payable to: Delta Township); sorry no cash or credit cards are accepted on the pool deck.

3- Over the phone at 484-5600. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover are accepted. Phone orders will be delivered to the pool twice a week. Refunds will not be issued for new or partially used punch cards.

Covid-19 Information

Due to the Covid -19 pandemic all the dates and times are tentative and dependent on the state of Michigan and Waverly schools reopening the indoor pool.

Delta Township will be doing everything they can to hold activities safely after the pool does reopen. We will be following all national, state and local guidelines to help combat the spread of the corona virus. A few of the things we will be doing are to: clean the locker rooms and pool areas at least once a day.

All staff will be wearing masks when not in the water. Capacity for classes may be limited in order to comply with accepted social distancing guidelines.

Delta Township is also asking for your help to limit the spread of the virus.

This includes asking patrons to not come to the pool if experiencing any signs or symptoms of the Covid-19 virus.

To not attend the pool if you come in contact with anyone with the virus.

Patrons will be required to wear a mask upon entering the building and leave it on until the exit except for while they are in the pool or showering.

If you are in the higher risk category for the Covid -19 virus we recommend that you do not attend any aquatics activities until it is considered safe to do so by medical personal.

Additional requirements may become necessary and will be communicated as soon as they are determined to be needed.

Pool Rentals

Great for birthday parties, scout troops, youth groups, specialty classes, and more! Call 484-5600 or visit www.deltami.gov/parks for information on renting the pool for your special occasion. \$65 per hour, two hour minimum includes 1 ½ hours of pool time and lifeguard (30 minutes locker room time).

Adult Water Exercise

Ages 18+

The exercise classes listed are each 45 minutes long, are ongoing, and can be joined at any time.

Participants do not need to be swimmers to participate! Your first visit to one water exercise class (of your choice) is free!

CLASS SIZES MAY BE LIMITED DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCE GUIDELINES.

\$55 for 10 visits w/punch card: age 54 and under

\$50 for 10 visits w/punch card: age 55 and over

\$7 per person drop-in fee

Arthritis Foundation Aquacise

See Adult Water Exercise for prices. M/W/F, 11-11:45 a.m.

Arthritis Plus

Foundation Aquacise

See Adult Water Exercise for prices. Tu/Th, 10-10:45 a.m. and 11-11:45 a.m.

Splash Aerobics

See Adult Water Exercise for prices. M/W/F, 9-9:45 a.m.
M/W, 6-6:45 p.m.

Deep Water Aerobics

Takes place in 9ft deep water.

See Adult Water Exercise for prices.

M/W/F, 10-10:45 a.m.

Tu/Th, 9-9:45 a.m.

M/W, 5-5:45 p.m.

Lap, Open, and Family Swims

\$35 for 10 visits with punch card or

\$4 per person, per visit drop-in fee

(Please bring correct change!)

Lap Swim

Ages 18+

See Lap, Open, and Family swim for prices.

M-F, 12-1 p.m.

Adult Open Swim

Ages 18+

See Lap, Open, and Family swim for prices.

M/W/F, 3:30-5 p.m. and

M/W 6:45-8 p.m.

Classes and program times may change without notice. Please check the website at www.deltami.gov/parks for up to date information.

Swim Lesson Registration

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic Delta Township will not be offering swim lessons this fall or until it becomes safe to resume this activity again.

Winter Swim Lessons

Registration begins on TBD

**Movie at Mount Hope Park**

Come and join your friends and neighbors for one last movie in the park this fall! Arrive early and enjoy beautiful Mount Hope Park and take advantage of pre-movie activities including: lawn games, concessions, music, playground, and the walking path. Activities will start at 7 p.m. and the movie will start at approximately 8 p.m. Bring a blanket or low back chair to enjoy watching the movie. Social distancing will be expected.

F, 8/18, movie starts around 8 p.m. – The Sandlot – Rated PG (this movie does have some adult language)

FREE

**Outdoor Pint-Sized Picassos – Parent Participation**

Let us provide the materials and clean-up while your child provides the creativity. There will be a couple different projects each week. We will use different types of paints, crayons, glue, collage materials, and more. The easels will also be available every week for the children to use. No need to register in advance. **This class will be held outside on picnic tables so please dress appropriately.**

Th, 9/17-10/22, 10-11 a.m., Ages 2-5 (please no older siblings as we have very limited space), \$1 per child per week – adults are free, Outside of Room 301, Enrichment Center

Coming Soon! Delta Parks Bingo

Coming this October we will have a bingo card incorporating things to do at the parks in Delta Township. The card will be available on our website, facebook, and you can also call the office at 323-8555 and a card can be emailed or sent to you in the mail. Once you get a bingo from completing the items listed on the card you will turn it into the Parks & Recreation Department for a candy prize. You will have the entire month of October to get a bingo.

Other Upcoming Special Events

Please keep on eye out for upcoming special events on our facebook page, the Delta Township Parks & Recreation email newsletter, and our website. As restrictions change we will do our best to get your favorite events back up and running. As for now we hope everyone stays healthy and safe.

youth & adult classes

All class dates and locations are subject to change or cancellation
****All class sizes are subject to being decreased in order to follow social distancing guidelines recommended by the CDC****

Creative Dance I (Ages 4 years)

(Outdoor / Zoom Hybrid)
 Sa, 9/12-10/17, 9:15-9:45 a.m.
 \$32 Res/\$38 Non-Res
 Sharp Park Shelter/Zoom

Creative Dance II (Ages 5-6)

(Outdoor / Zoom Hybrid)
 Sa, 9/12-10/17, 9:55-10:35 a.m.
 \$42 Res/\$48 Non-Res
 Sharp Park Shelter/Zoom

Jazz Dance I (Ages 7-9)

(Outdoor / Zoom Hybrid)
 Sa, 9/12-10/17, 10:45-11:25 a.m.
 \$42 Res/\$48 Non-Res
 Sharp Park Shelter/Zoom

Ballet Dance I (Ages 7-9)

W, 9/9-10/14, 4:45-5:25 p.m.
 \$45 Res/\$52 Non-Res
 Community Center, Upper Level

Ballet Dance II (Ages 9-11)

W, 9/9-10/14, 5:35-6:30 p.m.
 \$45 Res/\$52 Non-Res
 Community Center, Upper Level

Jazz Dance II (Ages 9-11)

W, 9/9-10/14, 6:40-7:35 p
 \$45 Res/\$52 Non-Res
 Community Center, Upper Level

Toddler & Me Dance (18mo.-3yrs)

Tu, 9/8-10/13, 10:30-11 a.m.
 \$28 Res/\$34 Non-Res
 Sharp Park Shelter

Karate (Ages 5-14)

Tu, 9/22-10/27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. OR
 7:30-8:30 p.m.
 Tu, 11/10-12/15, 6:30-7:30 p.m. OR

7:30-8:30 p
 \$25 Individual, \$50/Family Rate
 Community Center, Lower Level
 *Register and pay fees in class

Karate for Families (Ages 5+)

Tu, 9/22-10/27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. OR
 7:30-8:30 p.m.
 Tu, 11/10-12/15, 6:30-7:30 p.m. OR
 7:30-8:30 p
 \$50 Activity Fee (per family)
 Community Center, Lower Level
 *Register and pay fees in class

Adult Karate (Ages 15+)

Tu, 9/22-10/27, 7:30-9 p.m.
 Tu, 11/10-12/15, 7:30-9 p.m.
 \$30/Individual, \$60/Family Rate
 Community Center, Lower Level
 *Register and pay fees in class

Jazzercise (Ages 16+)

T/Th, 9/22-12/15, 5:45-6:45 p
 No Class 11/3 or 11/26
 \$46 per month
 Community Center, Upper Floor
 *Register and pay fees in class
 For more information, call Sandy at
 285-0066

Jazzercise Low Impact (Ages 16+)

T/Th, 9/22-12/15, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 No Class 11/3 or 11/26
 \$46 per month
 Community Center, Upper Floor
 *Register and pay fees in class
 For more information, call Sandy at
 285-0066

TRX Suspension Training

Th, 9/24-10/22, 7-7:45 p.m.
 \$35 Res/\$40 Non-Res
 Th, 10/29-11/19,
 7-7:45 p.m.
 \$28 Res/\$32 Non-Res
 Community Center,
 Lower Floor



Strength, Flexibility and Core

W, 9/23-12/16, 5:30-6:15 p
 \$72 Res/\$84 Non-Res
 Enrichment Center, Room 303

Pilates – Mondays

M, 9/21-12/14, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
 No Class 11/2
 \$66 Res/\$76 Non-Res
 Enrichment Center, Room 303

Pilates, Ballet & Barre Fitness – Thursdays

Th, 9/24-12/17, 5:15-6 p.m.
 No Class 11/26
 \$66 Res/\$76 Non-Res
 Enrichment Center, Room 303

Zumba – Mondays

M, 9/21-12/14, 6:30-7:30 p
 No Class 11/2
 \$78 Res/\$88 Non-Res
 Enrichment Center, Room 303

Zumba – Thursdays

Th, 9/24-12/17, 6:05-7:05 p
 No Class 11/26
 \$78 Res/\$88 Non-Res
 Enrichment Center, Room 303

Zumba Toning & Abs

W, 9/23-12/16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 \$84 Res/\$96 Non-Res
 Enrichment Center, Room 303

Gentle Yoga Flow

M, 9/21-10/26, 6-6:45 p
 \$38 Res/\$44 Non-Res
 Enrichment Center, Room 304

Intermediate Yoga Flow

W, 9/23-10/28, 6-7 p
 \$44 Res/\$50 Non-Res
 Enrichment Center, Room 304

Online/Zoom Dance Classes

10/19-12/6 (6 weeks)
 Schedule and Registration TBD

sports programs

Youth Fall Athletics

With current executive orders and restrictions in place due to Covid-19, Delta Township will be offering the following youth programs this fall in accordance with social distancing guidelines.

Fall Youth T-Ball

This 5-week Program will run from 9/14 to 10/15 with make-up days on 10/20 & 10/22.

No refunds after 9/15/20.

Deadline: F, 9/4/20

Ages: 4-6 as of 9/14/20 (4 & 5/6)

Days: 4 year olds – Tuesdays & Thursdays

5/6 year olds – Mondays & Wednesdays

Time: TBD

Fee: \$30 Res./\$35 Non-Res.

\$15 for athletic jersey if needed

Location: Mount Hope Park

Fall Soccer Clinics

The Michigan Rush Lansing Soccer Club will be hosting clinics again this fall. These are skill development clinics that focus on the mastery of foot skills and ball striking. There will be a total of 6 clinics during the fall. Each clinic will consist of 3 nights per week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). Days are subject to change.

Deadline: Participants can register up to the day before a clinic or until a clinic is full.

Ages: 5-12

Groupings: 5-8 & 9-12

Dates: 9/15-10/22

Time: TBD

Fee: \$25

Location: Mount Hope Park

Due to Gym Location restrictions as a result of COVID-19, the following fall program has been postponed until further notice:

Youth Coed Basketball Camp

Update Coming in October 2020

Adult Fall Athletics

Halloween Adult Coed Kickball Tournament

Come play kickball under the lights. Halloween costume contest, bon fire, team photo, tournament t-shirt, and much more! Only full team registrations will be accepted. For registration form and more information visit our website at www.deltami.gov/parks.

Deadline: 10/2/20

Date: Sa, 10/17/20

Ages: 18+

Fee: \$20 per person

Location: Erickson Park



Thank you to our Summer Coaches and Instructors

A big thank you to our volunteer t-ball and baseball coaches for a great summer league and Michigan Rush Lansing for our fun soccer clinics. We loved having all of you out at Mount Hope Park for our first summer season!

Adult Coed Indoor Volleyball

Teams play six against six. Each team must have at least three males and three females, twelve players per team limit. Only full-team registration will be accepted. There are no individual player fees.

Deadline: F, 12/18/20

Dates: Tu, 1/5-2/23/21

Times: 6 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Ages: 16+

Fee: \$125 per team (8 matches)

Location: Waverly East Intermediate School

2021 Winter Programs

Coed Youth Basketball

An eight-week instructional program which stresses fun and fundamentals of the game. Practices and games are held on Saturdays within a one-hour time block. Coaches will be parents who want to volunteer. Please mark registration forms if you are interested in coaching. Coaching packets will be provided for season. Basketball University will provide high intensity coaching during multiple weeks throughout the season.

Deadline: F, 12/11/20

Dates: S, 1/9/21-2/27/21 (make-up date 3/6/21)

Ages: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10

Fee: \$40 Res./\$45 Non-Res.

\$10 late fee after 12/11/20, if space permits.

\$15 for athletic jersey if needed

Location: Waverly East Intermediate School

All winter programs are subject to change depending on current executive orders/restrictions during the scheduled duration of the program.

utilities information

2019 Annual Water Quality Report

Our 2019 Annual Water Quality Report is available for our customers. This includes information about your water, where it comes from, and what the tests tell us. Here are two ways to access your copy:

1. Visit www.deltami.gov/waterquality
2. Obtain a paper copy by calling 323-8570

To Flush or not to Flush?

During the coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic, many local stores are finding it harder if not altogether impossible to keep toilet paper in stock. People began hoarding it shortly after the first cases of coronavirus appeared in the United States. Many customers may have already found themselves in the position of having to use alternatives to toilet paper. Utility workers across the country understand the challenges that people face because of the shortage of toilet paper, but customers need to understand the consequences of flushing alternatives down their toilets.

Many customers have the mindset that they want to flush wipes and other paper/cloth items to get the germs out of the house, but these items are not designed to break up in the wastewater. By design, toilet paper is made to break down when it's flushed. By the time it reaches the treatment plant, it has completely disintegrated into very fine parts that do not affect pumps and other operations at the treatment facility. Now is not the time to flush anything other than toilet paper, even if the package says it's flushable, please do not flush. Even these "so-called" flushable wipes or disinfectant cleaning cloths can bind with fats, oils and grease and wreak havoc at a nearby lift-station or even your own home's plumbing.

If a backup occurs inside the homeowner's house or in pipes on private property, it is the owner's responsibility for fixing and paying for any cleaning or damages. Also, from a community and public health perspective, it is critical that wastewater treatment plants continue to operate properly so they can disinfect sewage and avoid untreated discharges.

Utilities across the country are trying to stress to their customers the message of the "3 Ps" meaning only flush pee, poop, and toilet paper. The wastewater industry has long considered toilet paper as the benchmark for any product that is labeled as "flushable", since toilet paper

is flushed constantly and utilities do not see it causing problems.

Please remember: just because you CAN, doesn't mean you SHOULD!

These items should not be flushed:

- Paper Towels
- All-purpose cleaning wipes (even if packaging says flushable)
- Facial Tissues
- Baby or personal hygiene wipes
- Disposable diaper liners
- Cotton Swabs
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Napkins
- Cat Litter
- Fats, Oils, and Grease
- Food Scraps

So, the next time you go to do the convenient thing and flush that product, help out your sewer utility and ask yourself, is this really "flushable"? Is it only one of the three Ps? If the answer is no, please don't flush it. Find another way to properly dispose the items or product.

Mercury A Persistent Problem

Persistent: Existing for a long or longer than usual time or continuously; continuing to exist despite interference or treatment; degraded only slowly by the environment [Merriam Webster]. Mercury is a persistent pollutant! Once it reaches the environment it can remain in sediment and be released into the water for a long time. The Delta Township Utility Department remains persistent in our efforts to make sure that less mercury is being discharged; however, we are finding that despite efforts at "interference or treatment" mercury is a persistently difficult pollutant to reduce or eliminate. We have made some progress but continue to need the support of our residents.



The good news in the ongoing battle is that we are beginning to see a consistent reduction in amount of mercury received at the treatment facility which results in lower levels remaining following treatment and less going into the environment.

There is a large component to controlling mercury that the Utility Department has no control over, however, and that is the mercury that could potentially be discharged from homes. If you have never completed an inventory of your home to identify sources of mercury it would be beneficial to do so. Items that could potentially have mercury include: thermometers, thermostats, fluorescent lamps, mercurochrome, button-cell batteries, some older paints, chemistry sets and weights/counterweight in grandfather clocks. A more extensive list can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/mercury/mercury-consumer-products>.

Instructions on how to clean up small mercury spills can be found at https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/mercury/docs/residential_hg_spill_cleanup.pdf

If you feel you have been exposed to mercury and have questions about potential health affects you can call your local poison control center at 1-800-222-1222.

Most importantly, NEVER DISPOSE OF MERCURY BY FLUSHING DOWN A DRAIN OR TOILET! This includes any residual powder that might result from breaking one of the new high efficiency light bulbs. These bulbs contain low levels of mercury so handle with care!

The Utility Department will be glad to answer any questions you may have in regard to mercury sources, proper handling, disposal, or other related queries. Feel free to call us from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 323-8570.



The Eaton County Sheriff's Office wants to work with you to prevent or reduce criminal activity. Thefts from Motor Vehicles are crimes in which thieves take valuables from parked cars. You can significantly reduce your chance of becoming victim by following a few simple tips:

Vehicle Burglary is a Crime of Opportunity



Who provides the burglar with the opportunity?

The victim provides the burglar with the opportunity by leaving their vehicle unlocked or their window open.

Most thefts occur when valuables are left unattended. The property stolen is left in plain view where anyone walking by the car can see it.

This crime can be prevented by taking a few steps to make your car unattractive to potential criminals.

Prevention Tips

- Lock your car – The majority of vehicles burglarized are unlocked
- Hide or remove all valuables from the vehicle – Items in the open make your car a bigger target
- Park in well-lighted areas – Many vehicle burglaries occur at night and proper lighting will help deter potential thieves
- Report suspicious behavior –

What is suspicious behavior?

- Out of the ordinary for your area
- Out of the ordinary for the time of day
- Someone looking into cars or trying door handles
- NEVER presume someone else has already reported the behavior
- Call 911 or the non-emergency number 372-8217



election information

Delta Township Precinct Location Information

Below is listing of Delta Township precinct locations and addresses for the upcoming General Election on November 3, 2020 in Delta Township. If you are unsure of your polling location or have lost your voter identification card, please contact the Delta Township Clerk's Office at 323-8500 for a replacement card.

*****Precinct 12 has a temporary location change for 2020 elections due to Covid-19. All voters in Precinct 12 ONLY (Our Savior Lutheran Church) will be temporarily re-located to Mt. Hope Church – Spyn Center at 202 South Creyts Road, Lansing for the August 4 and November 3, 2020 elections. All voters in Precinct 12 were sent a mailing regarding this change.*****

Precinct	Location	Address
1	St. Gerard Church	4437 W. Willow Hwy. Lansing
2	Joseph E. Drolett Community Center	7550 W. Willow Hwy., Lansing
3	Riverview Church West Venue	7533 W. St. Joseph Hwy., Lansing
4	Delta Twp. Fire Station	811 N. Canal Rd., Lansing
5	Delta Twp. Library	5130 Davenport Dr., Lansing
6	Delta Twp. Enrichment Ctr.	4538 Elizabeth Rd., Lansing
7	Faith Bible Church	5211 W. St. Joseph Hwy., Lansing
8	St. David's Episcopal Church	1519 Elmwood Rd., Lansing
9	Calvary Lutheran Church	6301 W. St. Joseph Hwy., Lansing
10	Riverview Church West Venue	7533 W. St. Joseph Hwy., Lansing
11	Grace Bible Church	1000 South Canal Rd., Lansing
12	Mount Hope Church - Spyn Ctr.	202 Creyts Rd., Lansing
13	Mount Hope Church - Spyn Ctr.	202 Creyts Rd., Lansing
14	Community Baptist Church	7832 W. Mt. Hope Hwy., GL
15	South Church	5250 Cornerstone Dr., Lansing
16	South Church	5250 Cornerston Dr., Lansing

2020 Scheduled Elections

November 3, 2020 – General Election

Voter Registration Deadline – Election Day - Tuesday, November 3, 2020

The General Election, scheduled both state and nationally, will be electing the President of the United States on November 3, 2020, along with many more partisan, and non-partisan offices. In a General Election all parties (Republican and Democrat and minor parties; Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, U.S. Taxpayers and Working Class) that are represented in Michigan will be on the ballot. In General Elections voters have the choice of voting; **“Straight Ticket” Vote the party of your choice. Nothing further needs to be done in the partisan section of the ballot. “Split Ticket” Voters may vote a straight ticket AND vote for individual candidates of your choice or “Mixed Ticket” Vote for the individual candidates of your choice in each office. The Nonpartisan and Proposal Sections of ballot must be voted separately.** When voters choose to vote each office individually the only restriction is, voters must only vote for the number of candidates allowed to be elected as identified under the office heading for each office on the ballot. If the voter votes for more candidates than is allowed the votes within that office will not count. In a precinct, if voter does over-vote or makes any other mistake, the voter should let an Election Inspector know so the ballot can be spoiled and replaced to vote correctly. If you are voting by absent voter ballot, please contact the Clerk's Office at 323-8500 for

instructions on how to spoil, return the spoiled ballot, and get a new ballot issued. If residents will be out of the community on Election Day or need any information regarding the upcoming election, contact the Township Clerk's Office at 323-8500.

The Delta Township Clerk's Office will be open for extended hours on the following dates to process voter registration applications and absent voter applications for the November 3, 2020, General Election.:

Thursday, October 22, 2020 – 5-7 p.m.
 Sunday, October 15, 2020 – 1-4 p.m.
 Monday, October 26, 2020 – 5-7 p.m.
 Saturday, October 31, 2020 – 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday, November 1, 2020 – 1-4 p.m.

New Rights for Michigan Voters – Registering to Vote through Election Day

Proposal 3 “Promote the Vote” was a Constitutional Amendment that was passed overwhelmingly by Michigan voters in the General Election in November of 2018 by a margin of 66.8% Yes and 33.2% No. This constitutional amendment brought about the following changes for Michigan Voters for voter registration:

Registering to Vote up to 15 days prior to Election:

Register to vote at:

- Any Secretary of State branch office
- Your township, city or county clerk's office
- A designated state agency
- By Mail
- Online through Secretary of State Office (will be available by end of 2019).

Register to Vote – 14 days before election and including Election Day (Same Day Registration):

Register to vote at:

- Voter must appear in person at the Delta Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours and up until 8 p.m. on Election Day. Residency and identification verification will be required. Documents must have the voters name and current Delta Township address. Digital copies are acceptable.
- Additional weekend hours will be available the weekends prior to each scheduled election. Contact the Delta Township Clerk's Office at 323-8500 for additional information.

Can I register to vote at my polling precinct on Election Day?

NO, if you are not registered before Election Day, you **must register in person to at the Delta Township Clerk's Office**. A voter registering Election Day has choice to either vote by absentee ballot at the Clerk's Office, or to take their registration receipt to their precinct and vote, the close of polls is 8 p.m.

For any questions regarding voter registration or elections, please contact the Clerk's Office at 323-8500. Visit the Secretary of State website for additional election information at www.michigan.gov/sos or the Delta Township website at www.deltami.gov.

New Rights for Michigan Voters – Voting by Absentee Ballot

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS are eligible to receive an absentee ballot once a written request or application has been received. A “reason” is no longer required under the Michigan Constitution.

Absent Voter Automatic Application List

Delta Township maintains a list of voters who automatically are mailed an application for an absentee ballot for all elections scheduled in Delta Township. A voter can request to be placed on the “automatic application list”. Once an application is returned and ballots are available, the ballot will be mailed to voter. A Voter can vote the ballot in comfort of their home and then return ballot by mail, in person to the Delta Township Clerk's office or drop off at gray drive up night deposit box located on north side of Delta Township Administration Building.

To be placed on our Automatic Absent Voter Application List please call the Clerk's Office Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at 323-8500. If you would like to sign up electronically go to the Delta Township website at www.deltami.gov. Select the Government heading at top and from drop down list click on Election and Voter Registration. Select the Absent Voter Information tab and go to “Automatic Absent Voter List Request” and complete form online. An application for an absent voter ballot will be sent for all scheduled elections in Delta Township.

Picture ID Requirement When Voting in Michigan

Michigan voters who vote at the polls and in person absent voter requests must comply with the requirement of showing picture identification. The most common sources of picture identification are your driver's license or a state ID card. The following forms of picture identification may also be used if they are current:

- Federal or state government-issued photo identification (Driver's license or state identification card from any state).

- U.S. passport
- Military ID card with photo
- Student ID card with photo from high school or an accredited institution of higher education
- Tribal ID card with photo.

Voters without picture identification: Michigan election law anticipates that not all voters will have picture identification. Voters who do not bring picture identification to the polls or do not possess picture identification can vote by signing an affidavit of voter not in possession of identification.

Election Worker Recruitment

Delta Township is seeking election workers for the following positions: electronic pollbook inspectors, help desk inspectors, general inspectors, absent voter counting board inspector, precinct chairpersons, absent voter counting board chairperson and chairs in training to work elections. November 3 is the remaining Election Day for 2020. All positions are paid positions. Chairpersons are paid \$18/hour, Chairs in Training are paid \$15/hour, and Help Desk Inspector, Electronic Poll Book Inspector, and General Inspectors are paid \$12/hr. All required training is paid at the hourly rate applicable for the position you are hired for. To qualify to work in Delta Township, an individual must be a registered voter within state of Michigan, have no felony convictions, complete an application, and attend mandatory training prior to every election. The positions require applicants to be available for long hours on Election Day.

If interested, please contact the Delta Township Clerk's Office at 323-8500 or stop by the office to complete an application at 7710 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI.

Delta Charter Township – Serving Your Community on a Board or Commission

Throughout the year, the Delta Township Board appoints residents interested in serving their community to various boards and commissions. Those boards and commissions include the Library Board; Planning Commission; Zoning/Sign Board of Appeals; Economic Development Corporation; Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Commission; Complaint Review Committee; Mechanical & Building / Property Maintenance Board of Appeals; Plumbing Board of Appeals; Electrical Board of Appeals; Fire Board of Appeals; Tax Board of Review and Board of Water & Light Representative. Please note some positions require specific skills or Delta Township residency.

The Delta Township Clerk's Office accepts applications from citizens who wish to be considered to serve on township boards or commissions. If you are interested in becoming more active in your community, please call the Clerk's Office at 323-8500 to request an application or see our website at

<https://www.deltami.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Delta-Boards-Commissions-Application-new.pdf>

Passport Drives

The Delta Township Clerk's Office accepts passport applications during regular office hours Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. year around.

The Delta Township Clerk's Office will be offering two more extended hours passport drives during 2020. The Delta Township Clerk's Office will be open extended hours on the following dates for the acceptance of passport applications (Form DS-11 ONLY):

2020 Passport Drives

Wednesday, September 9 – 5-7 p.m.

Thursday, September 24 – 5-7 p.m.

Please visit the U.S. Department of State website for documentation requirements, fees and applications at www.travel.state.gov. Two payments will be required: (1) Payable to U.S. Department of State for processing of your passport, and must be a personal check or money order as the payment is mailed with the passport application to the U.S. Department of State and (2) Payable to Delta Township for the acceptance fee and pictures, if picture is purchased through Delta Township. One official passport quality photo is required when submitting a passport application (Form DS-11 ONLY) and can be obtained at the Clerk's Office for a \$12 fee per applicant. The fee(s) due to Delta Township can be by cash, check or credit/debit card. For questions or further information please call the Delta Township Clerk's Office at 323-8500.



recycling programs

Delta Township Recycling Center

5717 Millett Highway

Winter Hours: November-March

Tuesdays – 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wednesdays – 12-6 p.m.
Saturdays – 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Summer Hours: April-October

Tuesdays – 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wednesdays – 12-8 p.m.
Saturdays – 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Closed Holidays

The Recycling Center will be closed
September 5, November 28,
and December 26.

*Residential Use Only -
No Commercial*

Bicycles

Bicycles are accepted in any condition at the recycling center. They are refurbished and returned to the community by The Kids Repair Program. Volunteers are needed to work with staff to teach kids bike repair, bike safety, and bike maintenance. Volunteers may also help with supply inventories, grant writing, office support, or public relation materials. For more information call 517-755-4174.

American Flag Disposal

Boy Scout Troop 111 has located their American flag collection container at the recycling center. They will ensure the flags are included in one of their formal flag retirement ceremonies.

Electronics Recycling

Delta Township offers a monthly (Saturday) event for electronics and freon recycling. A fee of \$.50 per pound will be charged for electronics and a fee of \$20 each will be charged for freon containing items. Examples of electronics include microwaves, PCs, laptops, servers, printers, copiers, scanners, LCD screens, plasma/LED/flat screens, CRT monitors, CRT televisions, projections, monitor/televisions, cell phones, answering machines, and remote controlled items. Collections of these items will take place between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. on the following remaining dates for 2020: 9/12 & 12/19. There will be no collection in October or November. A fee of \$30 will be charged for the recycling of carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. For questions or more information please call the Clerk's Office at 323-8500.

Accepted Recycling Items

Delta Township's Recycling Center accepts the following products or materials to be recycled: cooking oil, polystyrene foam, household batteries (please tape the circuits on lithium, 9 volt and larger batteries), cellular phones, ink cartridges, plastics with #1-7 symbol on bottom, metals, clear and colored glass, paper, boxboard, CFL bulbs, and phone books. Please remove all lids and caps from plastic containers prior to recycling. Pop or beer box containers, containers designed to go in the freezer or refrigerator, or plastic containers that hazardous waste comes in, such as motor oil or anti-freeze, are not accepted. For a complete listing of items accepted at the Delta Township Recycling Center and to obtain the monthly recycling newsletter visit www.deltami.gov.

Fall De-Leafing

Yard waste recycling will be available **free** for **Delta Township residents only, October 17-December 5**. Identification and resident verification is required.

Yard Waste

Yard waste will be accepted through October 14 and open to all Delta Township residents. Fees apply (see below) and identification and resident verification is required. Please call the Clerk's Office at 323-8550 if you have any questions.

2020 Rates

\$1.25 per 30-gallon paper bag or \$8.50 per cubic yard

Vehicles

Based on Average Approximate Depth

S10 Pickup – \$12 level load (1.4 cubic yard)

Full Size Pickup – \$23 level load (2.7 cubic yard)

Mini Van w/open back – \$8.50 per foot (1 cubic yard)

Trailers

4'x6' – \$6 per foot (.9 cubic yard/foot)

4'x8' – \$8 per foot (1.2 cubic yard/foot)

5'x8' – \$10 per foot (1.5 cubic yard/foot)

6'x10' – \$15 per foot (2.2 cubic yard/foot)



For more information visit www.deltami.gov or call 323-8500

Delta Charter Township
7710 West Saginaw Highway
Lansing, MI 48917

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

ECRWSS
PRSTD STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 718
Lansing, MI

**Delta Township
Administrative Offices**
7710 West Saginaw Highway
323-8500, 323-8599 (Fax)
Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Waverly East
Intermediate Pool**
3131 West Michigan
(office located at the
Enrichment Center,
4538 Elizabeth Road)
484-5600
Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hillside Cemetery
6415 Delta River Drive
Information: 323-8500

Delta Center Cemetery
7301 West St. Joe Highway
Information: 323-8500

Enrichment Center
4538 Elizabeth Road
484-5600
Rental Information: 323-8555

**Delta Township
District Library**
5130 Davenport Drive
321-4014
<http://www.dtdl.org/>
@deltatwplibrary

Recycling Center
5717 Millett Highway
Information: 323-8500

April 1-October 31
Tuesday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wednesday 12-8 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

November 1-March 31
Tuesday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wednesday 12-6 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Joseph E. Drolett
Community Center**
7550 West Willow Highway
Rental Information: 323-8555

Delta Fire Station #1
811 North Canal Road
321-6622 (Non-Emergency)
Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Delta Fire Station #2
7720 W. Grand River Ave.
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Delta Fire Station #3
215 Snow Road

**Eaton County Sheriff/
Delta Patrol**
7708 Administration Drive
372-8217 (Non-Emergency)
Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

EATRAN 371-3312 (Eaton Co.)

Anderson Park
3207 Wardell Road

Delta Mills Park
7001 Old River Trail

Erickson Park
4220 South Canal Road

Grand Woods Park
4500 West Willow Highway

Hawk Meadow Park
6160 Delta River Drive

**Hunter's Orchard
Park**
7242 Old River Trail

Lake Delta
3½ miles south of Saginaw
Highway on Canal Road

LeLand Park
½ mile west of Waverly on
St. Joe Highway

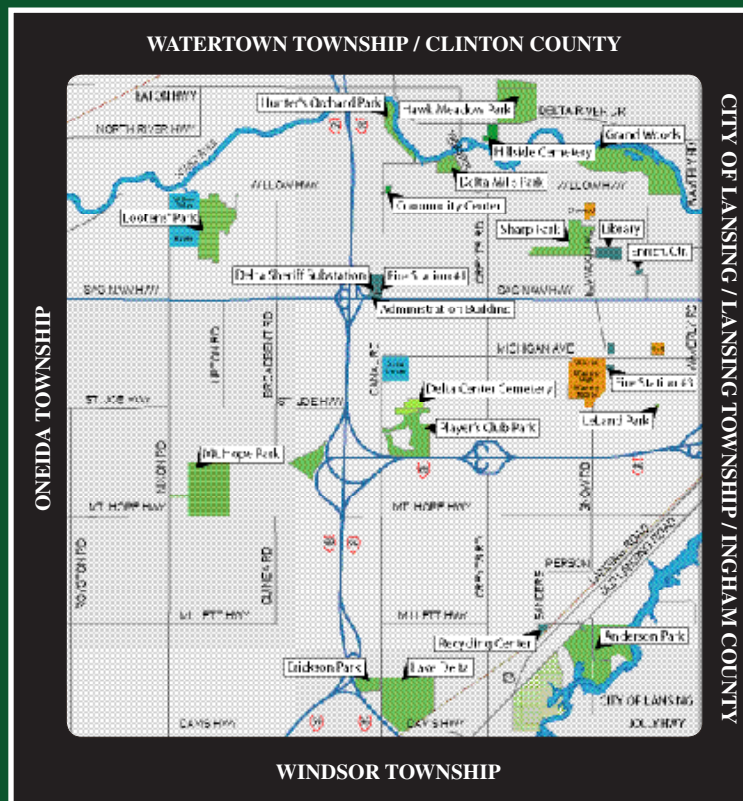
Lootens Park
East of Nixon Road on
Willow Highway

Mount Hope Park
7419 East Mt. Hope Highway
Grand Ledge

Player's Club
South of St. Joseph on Canal

Sharp Park
1401 Elmwood Road

Willow Canoe Launch
6507 Willow Highway
Grand Ledge



*For a department directory including phone numbers and an overview of responsibilities, please see page 3.
Unless specified, all addresses are Lansing, MI 48917.*