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from the township board

Dear Residents:

We hope you had a Happy Holidays and have a great New Year.

While 2020 was challenging, we still celebrated several accomplishments including:

- Township of Excellence designation by the Michigan Township Association for the 2nd time.
- Launch of new Township website
- Celebrated 3-Millionth car at the Delta GM Plant and the return of the Acadia
- Completion of the I496 Freeway project and the Waverly Pathway project
- DNR Parks grant to provide improvements to Sharp Park
- Planning and Implementation of several infrastructure improvement projects in Water and Sewer including the planning and preparation for a new \$78 million Waste Water Treatment Plant
- The Township also oversaw record setting voter turnout in the August primary and November General elections. The Township had 27,314 registered voters for the November election and a voter turnout of 77.91%. Thank you to all our election workers and those who helped throughout the election.

Board of Trustees News:

We welcome a new addition to our Board, Trustee Beth Bowen began her first term November 20. Trustee Bowen will join Supervisor Kenneth R. Fletcher, Clerk Mary R. Clark, Treasurer Dennis R. Fedewa, Trustee Fonda Brewer, Trustee Andrea M. Cascarilla, and Trustee Karen J. Mojica. We also say goodbye and thank you for 12 years of service to our retiring Treasurer Howard A. Pizzo. We look forward to addressing some of the key challenges in the Township over the next four years.

Covid-19:

While the Pandemic continues, we want to assure you we are doing everything we can to continue to provide the services we provide. Despite having to shut our buildings to the public, we continue to provide services by appointment. Please call us at 323-8500 or email if you have any questions, as we are here to serve. One of the hardest services to provide are recreational programming. We will continue to find creative ways to engage the public – however, it is obviously difficult to provide any in-person programming during these times.

While 2020 was a difficult and challenging year for everyone, we hope that 2021 brings a fresh start!





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senior adult recreation

The Delta 39'ers (50+) 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 1/1, 1/18, and 4/2.

Inclement Weather Policy

If Waverly Community Schools are closed due to weather then all 39'ers activities, classes, and events are also cancelled. Activities, classes, and events will be rescheduled when possible.

Registration

Pre-registration is required for all activities, unless noted with an *. **Registration for classes begins Tuesday, January 5, at 8 a.m.,** register at any time for trips.

39'ers Newsletter

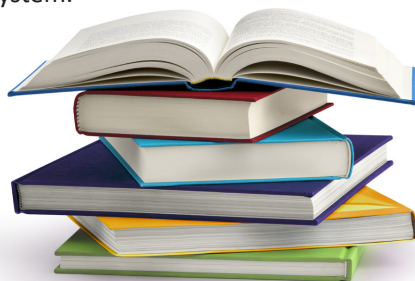
Interested in receiving the 39'ers Newsletter? Call the office with your mailing address or email address and we will add you to our mailing list.

39'ers Gift Certificates

39'ers offer gift certificates in a variety of denominations. Gift certificates can be used for trips, classes, footcare, and chair massage. A great gift for any occasion.

Library*

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



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, three buffet lunches, 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). Early Bird Discount of \$25 per person if you register early. Trip Insurance recommended. No refunds after the final payment deadline. More information on this trip is coming soon. Call 484-5600 for more information. SR807

More 2021 Trips to be announced

Covid-19 Information

Thank you for being a loyal and supportive patron of Delta Township 39'ers. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

Delta Township is committed to the health and safety of our participants. The township is continuing to monitor the Covid-19 pandemic as the situation continues to change. In keeping with the evolving regulations all activities and events are subject to postponement or cancellation. You will be notified of any changes if you are enrolled in a class.

The following safety measures have been put in place for the safety of everyone.

Class & Activity offerings and class sizes are limited to comply with social distancing guidelines.

A mask or face covering must be worn at all times when inside a Delta Township building.

Participants are asked not to arrive more than 5 minutes before class time or congregate after the ending of the class. Please do not come to class if you are not feeling well.

Additional requirements may become necessary and will be communicated as needed.

Health Services

Foot Care

Includes: Toenail cutting, foot bath, and foot massage. Minor calluses and rough areas. Corns are a medical procedure therefore this procedure is not performed. Three days a month. Call for an appointment. \$30

Fitness & Exercise Classes

Jazzercise LO*

Build balance and flexibility, tone your whole body, charge up your metabolism. Modified movements/ lower intensity for all fitness levels. T/Th, ongoing, 3:30-4:25 p.m., \$52 (16 classes), prorating and \$5 drop in fee, register in class, Community Center

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, 1/11-2/17 (no class 1/18), 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., \$40 (10 classes), SR1720a, M/W, 2/22-3/24, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., \$40 (10 classes), SR1720b, Community Center

Senior Core and More

Focusing on the core namely your 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, 1/11-2/12 (no class 1/18), 9:30-10:15 a.m., \$56 (14 classes), SR4721a, M/W/F, 2/15-3/26, 9:30-10:15 a.m., \$72 (18 classes), SR4721b, Community Center

Tai Chi

Tai Chi Qigong Shibashi

Easy and beginning class in which you will learn the movements. Th, 1/21-3/25, 10:10-11:10 a.m., SR4701, \$48 (8 classes), Room 303

Tai Chi Beginning

Putting the movements into flowing rhythmic patterns. Th, 1/21-3/25, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., SR4702, \$48 (8 classes), Room 303

Yoga*

Gentle yoga which includes stretching and strengthening. Restarting 1/26
Tu, 10-11 a.m.
W, 10-11 a.m.
Th, 10-11 a.m.
\$2 drop-in fee per class, Room 304

Zumba Gold

Dance-fitness workouts specifically designed for the active older adult. M/W/F, 1/11-2/12 (no class 1/18), 10:30-11:15 a.m., \$56 (14 classes), SR1717a
M/W/F, 2/15-3/26, 10:30-11:15 a.m., \$72 (18 classes), SR1717b, Community Center

Classes Genealogy

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

Tu, 1/19-3/9, 1-3 p.m., \$32 (8 classes), SR1723, Room 302
Tu, 1/19-3/9, 6-8 p.m., \$32 (8 classes), SR1724, 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, 1/20-3/10, 6-8 p.m., \$77 (8 classes), SR1749, Room 302
Th, 1/21-3/11, 3-5 p.m., \$77 (8 classes), SR1756, Room 302

Learn To Crochet – All Levels

Basics to learning techniques and troubleshooting. F, 1/29-3/26, 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$36 (9 classes), SR1746, Room 304

Learn To Knit – All Levels

Basics to learning techniques and troubleshooting. M, 1/25-3/22, 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$36 (9 classes), SR1745, Room 304

TCOA Meals

The Tri-County Office on Aging remains open. Among other services, the Meals on Wheels home delivery program continues to operate with increased safety precaution. While all TCOA Congregate Senior Dining sites are currently closed, individuals age 60 and over and their caregivers are eligible to participate in a food pick up opportunity at locations across the region in all three counties. Pickups will include packs of 5 frozen meals.

Meal pick up must be arranged in advance by calling Tasha Stetler at 517-887-1393 to schedule a pickup appointment. Callers will be asked to give their name, phone number, address, and birthdate. The only qualification is to be over 60 years of age or providing primary care for someone age 60+. Please make sure you have a way to heat the meals, microwave is preferred. Special arrangements may be available to those that cannot heat the food, and for those unable to get to a pick up location.

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 10 a.m. for walkers, Free, Lansing Mall Food Court



sports programs

All of our youth athletic programs are recreational in nature. Each program will introduce the child to the basic skills of that sport while stressing the fundamentals and fun of the game.

All program dates are "anticipated" for the 2021 season. Programs are subject to change due to any COVID restrictions/executive orders that may be in place when programs begin.

For all athletic program details and online registration links, please visit each sports link on our township website at www.deltami.gov/parks.

Youth Athletics

Youth Basketball (TBD)

Currently Delta Township has been communicating with the Waverly School District in regards to our basketball program. They will re-evaluate their protocols in 2021 and will inform Delta on when/if we can host a basketball program. All updates will be posted on the basketball page of the township website.

Youth Spring Soccer

The participant has the choice of playing traditional soccer or micro soccer. Games begin 4/24/21 and run on Saturdays for 6 weeks at Mount Hope Park. Practices will start the week of 4/12/21.

Registration Deadline: F, 3/19/21

Age: 4-13 as of 4/24/21

Dates: Week of 4/24/21-6/12/21

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

\$10 late fee after 3/19/21, if space permits (late fees are not refundable)
\$15 for athletic jersey if needed

We are looking forward to another great season at Mount Hope park this summer!

Itty Bitty Kickers – 3 year olds

Practices and games will be held on Saturdays within a 50 minute time block. 4x4 rules and a size 3 ball will be used. The program starts 4/24/21 and runs on Saturdays for 5 weeks. Registration Deadline: F, 3/19/21
Age: 4-13 as of 4/24/21
Dates: Week of 4/24/21 - 5/22/21
Fee: \$30 Res/\$35 Non-Res
\$10 late fee after 3/19/21, if space permits (late fees are not refundable)
\$15 for athletic jersey if needed

Youth T-Ball

Participant can choose the Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday program. The program starts the week of 6/10/19 and runs for 6 weeks at Mount Hope Park. Deadline: F, 5/21/21
Age: 4, 5-6 as of 6/14/21
Fee: \$40 Res/\$45 Non-Res
\$10 late fee after 5/21/21 if space permits (late fees are not refundable)
\$15 for athletic jersey if needed



Youth Girls Softball Coach Pitch

Program runs on Mondays and Wednesdays. Starts on 6/14/21 and runs for 6 weeks at Mount Hope Park. Deadline: F, 5/21/21
Age: 6-8 or 9-11 as of 6/14/21
Fee: \$40 Res/\$45 Non-Res
\$10 late fee after 5/21/21 if space permits (late fees are not refundable)
\$15 for athletic jersey if needed

Youth Boys Baseball – Ages 6/7 Coach Pitch

Program runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Starts week of 6/15/21 and runs for 6 weeks at Mount Hope Park. Deadline: F, 5/21/21
Age: 6/7 as of 6/15/21
Fee: \$40 Res/\$45 Non-Res
\$10 late fee after 5/21/21 if space permits (late fees are not refundable)
\$15 for athletic jersey if needed

Youth Boys Baseball – Ages 8/9 Machine Pitch

Program runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Starts week of 6/15/21 and runs for 6 weeks at Mount Hope Park. Deadline: F, 5/21/21
Age: 6/7 as of 6/15/21
Fee: \$40 Res/\$45 Non-Res
\$10 late fee after 5/21/21 if space permits (late fees are not refundable)
\$15 for athletic jersey if needed

Youth Basketball Camp

High intensity, multi-tasking drills will be used to increase mental and physical speed of play. Basketball University will supply the instructors and equipment. No refunds after 5/5/21. Deadline: 5/4/21
Camp Dates: 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26
Grade/Time:
1st/2nd – 5:45 p.m.
3rd/4th – 6:45 p.m.
5th/6th – 7:45 p.m.
Fee: \$40 Res/\$45 Non-Res
Location: Waverly East Gymnasium

Coach's Meeting

Information regarding league coaches meetings will be passed along by the Parks and Recreation Office to coaches.

Mount Hope Concession Stand

Remember that the concession stand will be open to get some yummy treats at all league games.

Adult Athletics

Adult Indoor Volleyball

Currently Delta Township has been communicating with the Wavelry School District in regards to our indoor volleyball program. They re-evaluate their protocols in 2021 and will inform Delta on when/if we can host a indoor volleyball program. All updates will be posted on the volleyball page of the township website.

Summer Adult Softball Leagues

Leagues Offered:

Men Dbl- 20 games: M, Tu, Th, & F

Men (40+) Dbl- 20 games: Su

Coed Dbl- 20 games: W, F

Coed Single- 10 games: W, Th, & F



Locations:

Erickson Park, Sharp Park, or Delta Mills Park

Season Begins:

Week of April 26, 2021 and runs for 10 weeks.

Team Registration:

The sponsor fee is due at the time of registration. Sponsor fees are not refundable unless another team is found as a replacement. Only full team registrations are accepted.

Early Bird Team Registration:

3/1/21-3/5/21

Get your team in to a Delta Township league at a special early bird rate! Limited spots available. Teams are taken on a first come, first served basis. Registrations turned in AFTER 3/8/19 will pay "Regular Team Registration" Fees.

Early Bird Sponsor Fees:

Men's Doubleheader – \$225

Coed Doubleheader – \$265

Coed Single – \$165

Regular Team Registration:

3/8/21-3/26/21

Limited spots available. Teams are taken on a first come, first served basis. Registrations turned in AFTER 3/26/21 will pay "Late Team Registration" Fees.

Regular Sponsor Fees:

Men's Doubleheader – \$275

Coed Doubleheader – \$315

Coed Single – \$215

Late Team Registration:

3/29/21-4/2/21

If leagues are not already full, we will accept registrations until April 2, 2021. No team registrations will be accepted after 4/2/21.

Late Sponsor Fees:

Men's Doubleheader – \$325

Coed Doubleheader – \$365

Coed Single – \$265

Player Fees:

All players are required to pay a \$15 player fee for every team they play on.

Umpire Fees: (per team/per game)

Men's Doubleheader – 2 umpires \$20/game, \$400/season

Coed Doubleheader – 1 umpire \$15/game, \$300/season

Coed Single – 1 umpire

\$15/game, \$150/season

A.S.A. Umpire Information:

Interested in becoming an A.S.A. certified umpire and working in Delta Township? Please visit our website www.deltami.gov/parks to find the 2021 Umpire Training Flyer. This flyer will provide information about free clinics and mechanics/rule interpretation sessions being offered. Please note that assignment opportunities may vary. District 11 umpires are required to be registered with A.S.A. (cost \$40), please visit www.masasoftball.org for more information.

Coed Kickball Leagues

Do you miss those fun games of kickball that you played as a kid? Are you looking to get together and have fun with your friends? Then sign up now and join our Adult Coed Kickball League. For league rules and a registration form please visit our website at www.deltami.gov/parks.

Deadline: F, 4/9/21

Leagues: M or W

Season Begins: M, 4/26/21 or

W, 4/28/21

Fee: \$150/team (10 games)

Location: Sharp Park and Delta Mills Park

Coed Sand Volleyball Leagues

Leagues are 4 vs 4 – coed rules apply (2 males, 2 females).

Teams provide their own volleyball. Limited spots available.

Teams are taken on a first come, first served basis. For

league rules and a registration form please visit our website at www.deltami.gov/parks.

Deadline: F, 7/7/21

Leagues: W

Season Begins: W, 7/21/21

Fee: \$100 per team (10 games)

Location: Sharp Park

youth & adult classes

Pilates – Monday

M, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
1/11-3/29 (No class 1/18)
\$60 Res/\$72 Non-Res
Enrichment Center, Rm 303

Zumba – Monday

M, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
1/11-3/29 (No class 1/18)
\$72 Res/\$84 Non-Res
Enrichment Center, Rm 303

Strength, Flexibility & Core

W, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
1/13-3/31 (12 meetings)
\$65 Res/\$75 Non-Res
Community Center, Upper Floor

Zumba Toning & Abs

W, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
1/13-3/31 (12 meetings)
\$78 Res/\$90 Non-Res
Community Center, Upper Floor

Pilates, Ballet, and Barre Fitness

Th, 5:15-6 p.m.
1/14-4/1 (12 meetings)
\$65 Res/\$75 Non-Res
Enrichment Center, Rm 303

Zumba – Thursday

Th, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
1/14-4/1 (12 meetings)
\$78 Res/\$90 Non-Res
Enrichment Center, Rm 303

TRX Suspension Training

Th, 7-7:45 p.m.
Session 1: 1/14-2/18

Session 2: 2/25-4/1
Community Center, Lower Floor
\$42 Res/\$48 Non-Res

Gentle Yoga Flow

M, 6-6:45 p.m.
Session 1: 1/25-3/1 (6 weeks)
\$42 Res/\$48 Non-Res
Session 2: 3/8-4/12 (7 weeks)
\$49 Res/\$56 Non-Res
Community Center, Upper Level

Jazzercise

Tu/Th, 5:45-6:45 p.m.
Ongoing, Starts 1/5
\$46/month
Community Center, Upper Level
Call Sandy for info. 517-285-0066

Jazzercise LO

Tu/Th, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Ongoing, Starts 1/5
\$46/month
Community Center, Upper Level
Call Sandy for info. 517-285-0066

Karate- Youth (5-14yrs)

Tu, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Session 1: 1/12-2/16
Session 2: 2/23-3/30
\$25/individual
Community Center, Lower Level

Karate for Families

Tu, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Session 1: 1/12-2/16
Session 2: 2/23-3/30
\$50/family
Community Center, Lower Level

Karate for Adults (15+)

Tu, 7:30-9 p.m.
Session 1: 1/12-2/16
Session 2: 2/23-3/30
\$30/individual
Community Center, Lower Level

Creative Dance 1 (Online)

Tu, 4-4:30 p.m., 1/19-3/9
3-4 years
\$56 Res/\$64 Non-Res

Virtual on Zoom (10 spots)

Creative Dance 1 (In-Person)

Sa, 9:30-10 a.m., 1/23-3/13
3-4 years
\$56 Res/\$64 Non-Res
Community Center, Upper Level

Creative Dance 2 (Online)

Tu, 4:35-5:15 p.m., 1/19-3/9
5-6 years
\$56 Res/\$64 Non-Res
Virtual on Zoom (10 spots)

Creative Dance 2 (In-Person)

Sa, 10:15-10:55 a.m., 1/23-3/13
5-6 years
\$56 Res/\$64 Non-Res
Community Center, Upper Level

Ballet Dance 1 (Hybrid: In-Person & Online)

Tu, 5:40-6:25 p.m., 1/19-3/9
7-9 years
\$56 Res/\$64 Non-Res
Enrichment Center, Rm 303
(5 spots In-Person, 5 spots Online)

Jazz Dance 2 (Hybrid: In-Person & Online)

Tu, 6:40-7:35 p.m., 1/19-3/9
9-11 years
\$60 Res/\$68 Non-Res
Enrichment Center, Rm 303
(5 spots In-Person, 5 spots Online)



All class dates, times, and locations are subject to change

Register by visiting www.deltami.gov/registration • 323-8555

library information

The Delta Township District Library is working hard to ensure the safety of everyone while offering everything possible to keep you up-to-date at home!

Current Business Hours

DTDL is open the following hours for carside pickup and phone/chat assistance:

Tuesday-Friday, 12-6 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday, 12-4 p.m.

Carside Pickup Service

Have your holds delivered to your car with contactless service. In addition to library materials, you can also access remote printing, Take It & Make It kits, BookPage, and more via carside. The service is currently available Tuesday-Friday, 12-6 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, 12-4 p.m. Materials can be returned in our outdoor book drop 24/7. Visit dtdl.org/carside for more information.

Digital Services

DTDL cardholders have free access to a large variety of services digitally. Enjoy ebooks, audiobooks, comics, movies, music, TV shows, and magazines through Hoopla Digital, Woodlands Downloadable Library, and RBDigital Magazines. Get crafty with Creativebug art tutorials, learn a new language with Mango Languages, and research your next big purchase with Consumer Reports. For more information on how to access our digital services, visit dtdl.org/digital.

Virtual Programs

Many of DTDL's popular programs have gone virtual, including storytimes, Paws for Reading, book clubs, gaming, homework help, and more. Visit dtdl.org/events for a full schedule and to register for programs.

BookMatch

Are you running out of ideas on what to read and miss browsing the books? DTDL staff can help! BookMatch is the library's personalized reading recommendation service. Answer a few questions about your reading preferences and library staff will respond with personalized suggestions for you or your child. You can choose to receive a list by email or have staff place the books on hold for you for carside pickup. Visit dtdl.org/bookmatch to get started!

Take It & Make It

Looking for fun crafty activities for you or your kids? DTDL offers free Take It & Make It kits for youth and adults, available via carside pickup. Visit dtdl.org/make-it to request a kit.

Virtual @ Your Service

Book a one-on-one appointment with library staff for personalized assistance with digital collections, devices, and more. Each 25-minute appointment can be held online via Zoom or over the phone. Contact Adult Services at 517-321-4014 x4 to make an appointment.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

For past and new participants, DTDL is once again offering our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, with new logging options. The program encourages families to read 1000 books to their children before they start Kindergarten. For each 100 books you read, you'll earn a free book and sticker from DTDL, available for carside pickup. Call 517-321-4014 x3 for more information.

Story Line & Library Line

Love storytime and want more? Now you can listen to a story right at home by simply calling the library. A children's story, as well as an adult short story or poetry, is updated every week by our staff. The children's story also includes an activity you can do at home that ties into the reading. Call 517-321-4014 and press 8 for a children's story and press 9 for an adult short story.

For more information about any of the library's services and programs, visit dtdl.org or call 517-321-4014. Follow us on Facebook (@deltatwplibrary) for updates.



utilities information

Pharmaceuticals Getting into the Environment: A Growing Concern

Prescription and non-prescription drugs are becoming a growing concern as more and more of them are being detected in United States rivers and waterways. Pharmaceuticals in water are an area of growing scientific interest because the long-term affect on animals and people is largely unknown. The United States Geological Survey found that 80 percent of the watersheds sampled nationally contained at least one type of pharmaceutical chemical.

The Environmental Protection Agency feels the importance of individuals adding pharmaceutical chemicals to the environment has been largely overlooked. During the last three decades, the focus of chemical pollution has focused almost exclusively on pollutants, such as metals (lead, silver, etc.), pesticides (DDT, Diazinon, etc.) or gasoline and its by-products. The occurrence of pharmaceutical drugs in the environment has only recently become a main focus, which is due in some part to improvements in analytical testing methods for many of these drugs.

People add pharmaceutical chemicals to the environment when unused or expired medications are flushed down a toilet or washed down a sink. For many of us, we have been trained to get rid of old or unwanted drugs in this fashion. This practice evolved partly from our desire to keep potentially dangerous drugs out of the hands of others, especially children. However, this practice is probably the least environmentally friendly method of disposing of old or unwanted drugs.

When these drugs enter the sewage system, they go to the local wastewater treatment facility. Wastewater treatment facilities, however, are not designed or equipped to "filter out" these chemicals. Once these drugs leave a person's house, there is a very real chance of them entering our nation's waterways. The good news for now is that the concentrations of these drugs that are being found are extremely low.

What can be done to help keep pharmaceuticals out of the environment? Obviously, people cannot stop taking the medicines that make them well or healthy and are prescribed by their doctors. So, what can be done?

The proper disposal practice will vary depending on where you live and the resources available to you. Consumers should always check to see if their pharmacy has a drug recycling program that disposes of unused or expired drugs in an environmentally safe manner. Some pharmacies have mail-back programs and disposal kiosks for unused medicines. If the pharmacy does not, encourage them to start one. Some communities have household hazardous waste collection sites or days and may accept unused and unwanted medicines.

In February 2007, the Office of National Drug Control Policy issued federal guidelines for the proper disposal of prescription drugs. They are as follows: "Take unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers and throw them in the trash. Mixing prescription drugs with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter, and putting them in impermeable, non-descript containers, such as empty cans or a sealable bag, will further ensure the drugs are not diverted. Flush prescription drugs down the toilet only if the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs doing so. Scratch out all your personal information on the empty medicine packaging to protect your identity and privacy. Throw the packaging away.

For persons with access to the internet more information may be found at <https://www.fda.gov/forconsumers/consumerupdates/ucm101653.htm>. When the need to dispose of pharmaceutical drugs at home does arise, please remember to help protect our environment by following the guidelines listed here in this article.



What Does “Flushable” Really Mean?

Sewer utilities across the country are having a huge problem, and the problem is “flushable” products. Pre-moistened personal wipes labeled as “flushable” as well as other products like flushable toilet cleaning sponges and some women feminine products are creating an enormous problem. While these products may swirl down the toilet with ease, most don’t disintegrate, creating serious problems as they work their way through aging sewage systems on their way to the treatment facility. These so-called “flushable” products cause pumps to jam, equipment to break or simply use more energy to operate. This can lead to sewage backups and potentially sewage backing up into a customer’s basement.

Industry experts estimate these issues cost U.S. utilities between \$500 million and \$1 billion annually to clear clogs, unjam pumps, or replace equipment altogether. The number of manpower hours to alleviate these issues is also becoming extremely burdensome to sewer utilities. Other items, such as disinfectant wipes and facial cloths not meant to be flushed are also contributing to these problems. 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. Why is toilet paper ok to flush while other so-called “flushables” are not? It rapidly loses strength when it gets wet. It breaks into pieces during the flushing action of a toilet and continues to break apart simply by moving through the sanitary col-

lection system. It does not require the force of a mechanical device to break into pieces. It has short fiber lengths that are unlikely to re-rope or entangle with other materials. It is biodegradable and will not reduce the quality of biosolids. These qualitative properties of toilet paper should apply to any product that calls itself “flushable”.

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. Who knows, you may just be saving yourself the burden of a plugged pipe or sanitary sewer backup into your basement.

Winter Storage of Lawn and Garden Chemicals

Now is a good time to properly take care of those lawn and garden chemicals that are sitting on a shelf in your garage or shed. Our first recommendation would be to buy only the amount of chemicals needed for a specific job to minimize the amount that needs to be stored, but for those who have some that need to be stored, be sure to store pesticides and fertilizers in their original containers. Containers need to be tightly sealed for storage to minimize the amount of moisture that enters the container.

We also recommend that you follow manufactures directions for storing each chemical. Most liquids and some dry pesticides and fertilizers should be kept from freezing. Freezing temperatures and moisture can cause ruptures in some types of containers and may alter the chemical quality of some liquid products, reducing its effectiveness. Dry materials, such as fertilizers, may not be damaged by freezing temperatures but do not tolerate moisture. Damp-

ness reduces the shelf life of many chemicals and can cause deterioration of metal or paper containers. Keep in mind that most fertilizer products are combinations of chemical salts that attract moisture. Store chemicals on a shelf or location off the floor to minimize the chance of drawing moisture, to allow adequate ventilation, and to minimize access by children and pets. Important: Always store these chemicals out of the reach of children. If possible, designate a ventilated cabinet for lawn and garden materials and keep it locked. Do not store powders, dusts, and granules close to liquid pesticides such as three way broadleaf herbicides etc. The ingredients in this material and others are volatile and may contaminate other products held in close storage. Adequate ventilation is also important.

Safety tip: Keep cleaning supplies, such as rubber gloves, kitty litter, and paper towel, near the areas where these chemicals are stored to aid in the cleanup of any spilled chemicals. Do not dump these products in the sink, on the ground, or into a storm drain. Residents that have old or unwanted pesticides or herbicides may drop them off at Ingham County’s Health Department on Tuesdays and Thursdays, May-September, between the hours of 2-6 p.m. You do not need to be an Ingham County resident to take advantage of their pesticide disposal program. For more information, call (517) 887-4312 or visit <http://hd.ingham.org/DepartmentalDirectory/EnvironmentalHealth/WasteManagement/Recycling.aspx> and click on Waste Management and then Household Hazardous Waste Home Page. Eaton County residents may also visit <http://www.eatoncounty.org/383/Resource-Recovery---Recycling> for more information on recycling of household hazardous waste items.

election information

2021 Special Election

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 – Special Election

Voter Registration Deadline –

Election Day - Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Ballots will be available after March 20, 2021

Registering to Vote on or Before April 19, 2021:

- Any Secretary of State branch office
- Delta Township Clerk's Office 7710 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI
- By Mail
- Online – Michigan Secretary of State website www.michigan.gov/vote

Register to Vote After April 19, and including Election Day (Same Day Registration):

- 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 name and current Delta Township address. Digital copies are acceptable.
- Additional weeknight and weekend hours will be available prior to each scheduled election as listed above. 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 on Election Day, you must register to vote at the Delta Township Clerk's Office in person.

For any questions regarding voter registration or elections, please contact the Clerk's Office at 323-8500. Visit the Secretary of State website for addition-

al election information at www.michigan.gov/vote or the Delta Township website at www.deltami.gov.

Absentee Ballots

Who is eligible to receive an absentee ballot?

All REGISTERED VOTERS are eligible to receive an absentee ballot upon request. A reason is no longer required.

How do I get an absentee ballot?

- Voters are required to submit a written request to receive an absentee ballot
- Applications can be found online at www.deltami.gov or www.michigan.gov/vote
- Applications can be returned by:
 - Mail
 - Email deltatwp21520@deltami.gov
 - Online through www.michigan.gov/vote
 - In person at the Delta Township Clerk's Office
 - Drop Box- north side of Township Administration Building

Permanent Absentee Application Voter 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. To be placed on the "Permanent Absentee Application" list:

- Call the Clerk's Office Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at 323-8500
- Submit online at www.deltami.gov

Returning Your Absentee Ballot

There are several options for returning your Absentee Ballot:

- Mail your ballot back to the Delta Township Clerk's Office
- Return your ballot to the Delta Township Clerk's Office
- Box located inside the Administration Building

- Outdoor Drop Box on the north side of the Township Administration building

Make sure to follow all instructions for properly filling out your Absentee Ballot, including signing the outside of your envelope prior to return. Your ballot must be returned to the Delta Township Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on May 4, 2021. Ballots arriving after May 4, 2021 by mail will not be counted.

Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act ("MOVE Act")

The MOVE Act as signed into law affords all active uniformed service, spouse, dependents, and merchant marine, stationed inside or outside the United States and civilians residing indefinitely or temporarily overseas the option of requesting an "electronic" transmitted, faxed or mailed absentee ballot. The voter must submit a written request or utilize the FPCA form requesting ballot every calendar year (January 1 – December 31), and must be filled out in its entirety. The FPCA completed form can be utilized to register to vote and/or apply for absentee ballot and can be emailed to deltatwp21520@deltami.gov or faxed to 323-8599 to the attention of the Clerk's Office. The FPCA form used for this request is available at our website at www.deltami.gov for your convenience. Additional information including contact information for Michigan's city and township clerks, sample ballots for you to view for upcoming election or candidate and proposal information can be viewed through the Michigan Voter Information Center (MVIC) website maintained by the Michigan Department of State at www.michigan.gov/vote.

Picture ID Requirement When Voting in Michigan

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 can vote like any other voter by signing an affidavit of voter not in possession of identification.

Election Worker Recruitment for May 4, 2021 Special Election 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
- Chairs-In-Training
- All positions are paid positions, \$12-\$18/hr.

• Paid training for hired position.
• 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.

Passport Drives

The Delta Township Clerk's Office accepts passport applications by appointment only during regular office hours Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. year around. The Delta Township Clerk's Office will be offering eleven extended hours passport drives during 2021. 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):

2021 Passport Drive Dates

Tuesday, January 5 – 5-7 p.m.
Thursday, January 21 – 5-7 p.m.
Monday, February 1 – 5-7 p.m.
Wednesday, February 17 – 5-7 p.m.
Tuesday, March 9 – 5-7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 14 – 5-7 p.m.
Thursday, May 13 – 5-7 p.m.
Monday, June 14 – 5-7 p.m.
Tuesday, July 13 – 5-7 p.m.
Wednesday, August 11 – 5-7 p.m.
Thursday, September 16 – 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 in the form of a personal check or money order payable to the U.S. Department of State and (2) Payable to Delta Township for the acceptance fee (\$35) and picture (\$12 if 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. 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.



Should You Be Paying City Income Tax?

With income tax time rapidly approaching, Delta Township wants to eliminate some of the confusion residents have regarding the issue of the City of Lansing income tax. Delta Township does not have an income tax. Some Delta residents with a Lansing address may believe they owe city income tax; or, more frequently, their employer may have withheld city income tax over the year.

Many times, an employer will automatically withhold taxes when the address is Lansing. A Lansing address relates only to the United States Postal authorities for delivering mail. A Lansing address may mean that a person lives in Delta Township and therefore is not subject to city tax.

- Persons living within the City of Lansing pay a one percent tax, no matter where they work.
- Delta residents that work in the City of Lansing, pay one-half percent income tax.
- The following businesses located in Delta are subject to city income tax because of a 425 Agreement with the City of Lansing: GM-Delta Manufacturing Complex, located on Millett Highway, 7009 W. Mt. Hope currently vacant (formerly YanFeng), Bridge-water Interiors, L.L.C., and Avancez (formerly Android).
- Delta residents that live and work in Delta Township do not pay income tax other than businesses listed above.

Residents that are registered to vote in Delta Township or pay their water and sewer bill to Delta Township are Delta Township residents. If residents discover that their employer withheld City of Lansing income taxes in error, simply contact the Clerk's office and they will provide the employer with proper identification. If you have any questions regarding whether or not you are a Delta Township resident, please contact the Clerk's office and they will be happy to assist you, 323-8500.

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safety tips and more

Please Keep Fire Hydrants Clear

Have you noticed the fire hydrant nearest your home? Is it partially (or even fully) obstructed by snow or other debris? The Delta Township Fire Department is asking all residents and businesses to take a look at their nearest fire hydrant and ensure that it is clear three feet in each direction. In case of a fire, firefighters need immediate access to the hydrant for water supply. Any obstruction, including snow may cause a delay when firefighters try to get water to extinguish a fire. If there is a delay in obtaining water, someone may be injured or even killed because water is not available as soon as possible. Remember – the life you save may be your own.

A Clearly Marked Address May Save Lives

Imagine yourself responsible for providing life-saving aid in the event of a heart attack. You are dispatched to an address, 6421 East Saginaw Highway. You recognize the street name and know how to get the general vicinity of the call. Seconds could mean the difference between life or death. You turn the ambulance onto the street and start checking for the right address numbers. You pass one house, no numbers, you pass another, no numbers, and finally the fourth house has a number, 6459. You've gone past the house....somewhere behind you there is a person dying from a heart attack.

This scenario is played over and over again every day across America! A house that is on fire with smoke visible from the street is easy enough to find, but someone with a life-threatening injury or illness in-

side a home or in the backyard, may be harder to find than most of us realize. Take the time and properly mark your home and mailbox. Some simple steps that can be taken to help the timely arrival of emergency personnel are:

- Place block-style numbers on the house, visible from the roadway
- The numbers should be a minimum 4 inches tall for residential, 6 inches tall for commercial
- The numbers should be in direct color contrast to their background
- The numbers should be under or near exterior lighting to help make them visible at night
- Place the address numbers on both sides of your mailbox
- Use reflective numbers to increase nighttime visibility
- If possible, send someone out to the curb to flag down emergency personnel
- If possible, at night have someone turn the front porch lights on and off to signal emergency personnel

No one expects or wants an event requiring emergency personnel to happen to them, but last year alone the Delta Township Fire Department responded to thousands of calls. This year one of those may be to your house.

Carbon Monoxide Detector

Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and tasteless. It is produced by incomplete combustion of fuels including oil, coal, gasoline, propane, wood, natural gas, diesel fuel, charcoal and kerosene. Carbon monoxide exposure can cause headaches, nausea, fatigue, dizziness and other symptoms. Prolonged exposure brings more severe symptoms, including confusion, disorientation,

convulsions and unconsciousness. In severe cases, it can be fatal. The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends installing a carbon monoxide detector in each level of your home, especially near bedrooms.

Home Fire Safety Checklist – Simple Changes That Could Save Your Life

Change your smoke detector batteries. Replace old batteries with fresh, high quality batteries to keep your smoke detector working yearlong. After inserting a fresh battery in your smoke detector, check to make sure that the smoke detector is working by pushing the safety test button.

Count your smoke detectors. Install at least one smoke detector on every level of your home including the kitchen, basement, family room and, most importantly, outside of every bedroom.

Vacuum your smoke detectors. Each month, clean your smoke detector of dust and cobwebs to ensure their sensitivity.

Change your flashlight batteries. Keep working flashlights near your bed, in the kitchen, basement and family room. Use it to signal for help in the event of a fire. To make sure your emergency flashlights work when you need them, use high quality alkaline batteries.

Install fire extinguishers. The IAFC recommends a multi- or all-purpose fire extinguisher that is listed by an accredited testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratory. Know how to use it before an emergency happens.

Plan and practice your escape.

Create at least two different escape routes and practice them with the entire family. Children are at double the risk of dying in a home fire because they often become scared and confused during fires. Make sure your children understand that a smoke alarm signals a home fire and that they recognize its alarm.

Winter Driving Tips

Use caution and common sense when driving in the winter. Vehicles cannot stop as fast on icy and snowy roads.

Watch for scattered slippery spots, especially on overpasses, bridges and underpasses.

Keep a shovel, warm blankets and bags of sand and/or cat litter in the trunk which can be used in case of emergency.

If your vehicle does become stuck and you are unable to free it, run the engine and heater only for short periods of time and with the window partially rolled down. Make sure that end of the exhaust pipe is unobstructed.

Stay in your vehicle in case of emergency.

Keep the gas tank and windshield washer reservoir full.

Make sure wiper blades and snow tires are in good condition prior to the start of the winter season. Clear snow and ice from windows, mirrors, hood, roof, headlights, taillights and trunk. Use low-beam headlights in snow and fog.

When applying the brakes on either snow or ice, avoid locking the brakes thereby allowing you to maintain steering control of the vehicle while

obtaining maximum braking efficiency. On vehicles equipped with anti-lock brakes, do not pump the brake pedal - instead apply steady pressure.

Motorists who change lanes or merge on icy or snowy roads should proceed with caution. Watch out for other drivers.

Always wear your safety belt.

If you see a large plume of snow or yellow flashing lights, stay back - it is probably a snowplow clearing the road.

Keep telephone numbers for local tow service and/or roadside assistance in case your vehicle becomes disabled or stuck in the snow

Proper Generator Use

Take the Appropriate Steps to Stay Safe

The following information, developed by the American Red Cross with technical advice from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Fire Protection Association (publisher of the National Electric Code®) and the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, is provided to address questions about using a generator when disaster or emergency strikes.

How to Buy a Generator

If you choose to buy a generator, make sure you get one that is rated for the amount of power that you think you will need. Look at the labels on lighting, appliances, and equipment you plan to connect to the generator to determine the amount of power that will be needed to operate the equipment.

For lighting, the wattage of the light bulb indicates the power needed. Appliances and equipment usu-

ally have labels indicating power requirements on them. Choose a generator that produces more power than will be drawn by the combination of lighting, appliances, and equipment you plan to connect to the generator including the initial surge when it is turned on. If your generator does not produce adequate power for all your needs, plan to stagger the operating times for various equipment.

If you cannot determine the amount of power that will be needed, ask an electrician to determine that for you. (If your equipment draws more power than the generator can produce, then you may blow a fuse on the generator or damage the connected equipment.)

How to Use a Generator at Home

The primary hazards to avoid when using a generator are carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from the toxic engine exhaust, electric shock or electrocution, and fire. Follow the directions supplied with the generator. Every year, people die in incidents related to portable generator use.

Never Use a Portable Generator Indoors

This includes inside a garage, carport, basement, crawlspace, or other enclosed or partially-enclosed area, even with ventilation. Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent CO buildup in the home. The CO from generators can rapidly lead to full incapacitation and death, but CO can't be seen or smelled. Even if you cannot smell exhaust fumes, you may still be exposed to CO. If you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak while using a generator, get to fresh air RIGHT AWAY - DO NOT DELAY.

Because you may have windows open to get fresh air while the power is out, be sure to place the generator away from windows, doors, and vents that could allow CO to come indoors. To avoid electrocution, keep the generator dry and do not use in rain or wet conditions. To protect the generator from moisture, operate it on a dry surface under an open canopy-like structure, such as under a tarp held up on poles. Do not touch the generator with wet hands.

It is a good idea to install battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery back-up in your home, according to the manufacturer's installation instructions. If CO gas from the generator enters your home and poses a health risk, the alarm will sound to warn you. Test the battery frequently and replace when needed.

Be sure to turn the generator off and let it cool down before refueling. Gasoline spilled on hot engine parts could ignite.

Store fuel for the generator in an approved safety can. Use the type of fuel recommended in the instructions or on the label on the generator. Local laws may restrict the amount of fuel you may store, or the storage location. Ask your local fire department for additional information about local regulations. Store the fuel outside of living areas in a locked shed or other protected area. Do not store it near a fuel-burning appliance, such as a natural gas water heater in a garage. If the fuel is spilled or the container is not sealed properly, invisible vapors from the fuel can travel along the ground and can be ignited by the appliance's pilot light or by arcs from electric switches in the appliance.

Plug appliances directly into the

generator. Or, use a heavy duty, outdoor-rated extension cord that is rated (in watts or amps) at least equal to the sum of the connected appliance loads. Check that the entire cord is free of cuts or tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.

Never try to power the house wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet, a practice known as "backfeeding." This is an extremely dangerous practice that presents an electrocution risk to utility workers and neighbors served by the same utility transformer. It also bypasses some of the built-in household protection devices.

Future Generator Safety Considerations

The only recommended method to connect a generator to house wiring is by having a qualified electrician install a power transfer switch. This switch must be installed in accordance with the National Electrical Code® (NEC), which is published by the National Fire Protection Association, as well as all applicable state and local electrical codes. Call a qualified electrician or check with your utility company to see if they can install the appropriate equipment.

For power outages, permanently installed stationary generators are better suited for providing backup power to the home. Even a properly connected portable generator can become overloaded. This may result in overheating or stressing the generator components, possibly leading to a generator failure. Be sure to read instructions that come with the generator to make sure you operate it within its limitations for power output.



Robbery Prevention Tips for Residents from the Delta Patrol

- Trust your instincts. If you sense trouble, get away as soon as possible.
- Show confidence. Walk at a steady pace, keep your head up and avoid carrying lots of packages...It can make you look defenseless.
- Do not wear headphones or look at your cell phone when walking.
- Don't look like an easy target. Robbers want someone who will provide the least resistance. If you look like you know where you are going, walk with your head up and eyes alert.
- Be observant and remain alert. Look around. Be aware of your surroundings and the people in them.
- Walk in well-lit areas. If possible, do not walk alone.
- Be aware of your surroundings. If you think you are being followed, go to a crowded area.
- Do not carry large amounts of money.
- Be extra cautious in transitional spaces. (e.g., walking from your car to your house or walking to your car from a business). If your keys are equipped with a panic button, have your finger ready to press it. Always have your keys in-hand before you reach the door.
- If you observe suspicious behaviors, call the police to investigate. What are suspicious behaviors? Out of the ordinary for you area and the time of day.

parks & rental facilities

Park Shelter & Pavilion Rentals

Delta Township park shelters and pavilion are available for rental. Shelters can be rented at Sharp Park, Delta Mills, and Grand Woods. The pavilion at Grand Woods is available for rental as well. Most shelters include access to electricity, grills, restrooms, and playgrounds.

Reservations are taken starting on the first business day of the year for dates between May 1 and September 30. Reservations may be made over the phone by calling 323-8555 or in person at the Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries office in the Delta Township Administration Building. Full payment is due when reservation is made. Refunds will only be issued for cancellations made at least 21 calendar days prior to the rental date.

Sessions Available

Half Day: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Half Day: 4-9 p.m.

Full Day: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Shelter Reservation Fees

Sharp Park, Delta Mills Park and Grand Woods Park

Half Day: \$50 Res/\$60 Non-Res

Full Day: \$80 Res/\$100 Non-Res

Pavilion Reservation Fees

Grand Woods Park

Half Day: \$75 Res/\$85 Non-Res

Full Day: \$130 Res/\$150 Non-Res

Check availability and reserve by calling 323-8555.



Grand Woods Shelter

Rental Facilities

Looking for indoor space to host your next group event or family gathering? Contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 323-8555 to find out how you can rent the Joseph E. Drolett Community Center or Enrichment Center.

Joseph E. Drolett Community Center

The Joseph E. Drolett Community Center is located on the corner of Canal Road and Willow Highway and features a bi-level floor plan that seats up to 100 people on the upper floor and 70 people on the lower floor. The entire building is handicap accessible, air-conditioned, and non-smoking. Use of the kitchen, oven, stove, sink, electricity, tables, and chairs are included in the rental.



Community Center, Upper Floor

Enrichment Center

The Enrichment Center is located at 4538 Elizabeth Road and has an Activity Room and several classrooms that can be reserved. The entire building is handicap accessible, air-conditioned, and non-smoking. Activity Room rentals can accommodate up to 75 people and include use of the kitchen, sink, refrigerator, microwave, electricity, tables, and chairs. Classroom rentals can accommodate up to 40 people and include use of electricity, tables, and chairs.

Rental Fees

Joseph E. Drolett Community Center (this facility can be booked up to 2 years in advance)

F, 12 p.m.-1 a.m., \$265 Res/\$315 Non-Res*

F, when booked with Saturday, \$145 Res/\$195 Non-Res

Sa, 8 a.m.-1 a.m., \$400 Res/\$500 Non-Res

Su, 11 a.m.-12 a.m., \$285 Res/\$335 Non-Res*

*Rental fees on township holidays are \$400 Res/\$500 Non-Res

Enrichment Center Activity Room (can be booked up to 1 year in advance)

F, 4-11 p.m., \$180 Res/\$240 Non-Res*

Sa, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., \$250 Res/\$310 Non-Res*

Su, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., \$250 Res/\$310 Non-Res*

*Rental fees on township holidays are \$280 Res/\$340 Non-Res

Enrichment Center Classrooms (Limited Availability)

M-Th, 5-9 p.m., \$15 per hour Res/\$25 per hour Non-Res

Two hour rental minimum.

A damage deposit of \$250 and a copy of your renters or homeowners insurance policy are required with all facility rentals.

Check availability for any of these facilities by calling 323-8555

invasive species

Invasive Species Injectors now available for Rent through Local Conservation Districts

The Mid-Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) has made invasive species injectors available to local landowners in Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, and Ionia counties. These injectors are useful for local residents to treat small infestations of invasive Japanese, giant, and Bohemian knotweeds and are best used when knotweed is in bloom- August into October. Through this injector rental program, the Mid-Michigan CISMA hopes to empower local citizens in invasive species management.

For more information, contact Eaton Conservation District at (517)543-1512 x 5 or sue.spagnuolo@macd.org.

Invasive species injectors will be available for four-day rental sessions with a refundable deposit. Contact your county conservation district to learn more and reserve your rental dates:

Clinton Conservation District: 989-224-3720 ext. 3
 Eaton Conservation District: 517-543-1512 ext. 5
 Ingham Conservation District: 517-676-2290 ext. 2
 Ionia Conservation District: 616-527-2098

The Mid-Michigan CISMA is funded in part by the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program through the Departments of Natural Resources, Environmental Quality, and Agriculture and Rural Development.

What is an Invasive Species?

An invasive species is one that is not native and whose introduction causes harm, or is likely to cause harm to Michigan's economy, environment, or human health. A non-native designation can refer to a plant from other continents, regions, or ecosystems. Once in a new area, these invasive plants establish and spread quickly, free from their natural competitors.

Some invasive plants in Michigan are also identified as prohibited or restricted plants. Prohibited plants cannot be sold or grown in Michigan and the plants, fragments, seeds or a hybrid or genetically engineered variant thereof are prohibited. Restricted plants are those that may occur within the state and are generally considered as nuisances or economically detrimental. Learn more about prohibited and restricted species at www.michigan.gov/invasives.

What can You do?

- Learn to identify native and invasive plants in your area.
- Report invasive species to the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network at www.misin.msu.edu or use their smartphone app.

You can find species profiles and learn to identify species using the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network at www.misin.msu.edu

Want to learn more about the Mid-Michigan CISMA? Visit www.inghamconservation.com/mm-cisma.



Example of injector in Japanese knotweed stem

For more information visit www.inghamconservation.com/mm-cisma

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.

Closed Holidays

The Recycling Center will be closed

December 26, 2020

January 2, May 1, May 29, July 3,
September 4, November 27,
and December 25, 2021

*Residential Use Only -
No Commercial*

Christmas Tree Recycling

Delta Township residents may dispose of their natural Christmas trees **December 26 through January 31** at the Parks and Recreation Maintenance Building, which is located on Administration Drive. Please remove any Christmas lights, wires, string, and ornaments from the tree. If transporting the tree in a bag, please remove the tree from the bag before dropping it off. The trees will be chipped and used for various landscape projects around the township.



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. Collection of these items will take place between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. on the following dates: January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, June 19, July 17, August 14, September 18, and December 18. There will be no collection in October and 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.

Yard Waste – Not Accepted December-March

Yard waste is not accepted during the winter months of December through March. The yard waste bins at the recycling center are removed for the winter. Yard Waste Recycling will be accepted starting April 7, 2021

Metals Accepted Year-Round

Below is a listing of metal items accepted year round at the Recycling Center. All items must be 80% metal or more to be accepted for recycling. The listing is not limited to the items below, but is a general listing. If you have a question regarding the acceptance of an item, please ask the recycling center attendant: appliances – washers, dryers, cook stoves, water heaters, water softeners, furnaces, steel dishwashers (no all plastic dishwashers), steel and aluminum lawn furniture or swing sets, lawn mowers, rototillers, weed whackers, spreaders (fluids must be drained), gas and charcoal grills, pots and pans, basketball poles (no cement), wire or metal fencing bundled, fence poles (no cement), metal cabinets and shelving, metal yard ornaments, steel doors and storm doors with glass removed, scrap metal, sheet metal, cast iron, metal sinks and metal burning barrels (must have open tops and be clean). **NO GAS OR OIL CANS ARE ACCEPTED.** Tin and aluminum cans (cleaned and flattened), as well as items mostly composed of metals will be accepted.

Acceptable 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), and 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.

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

Delta Charter Township
7710 West Saginaw Highway
Lansing, MI 48917

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

ECRWSS
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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

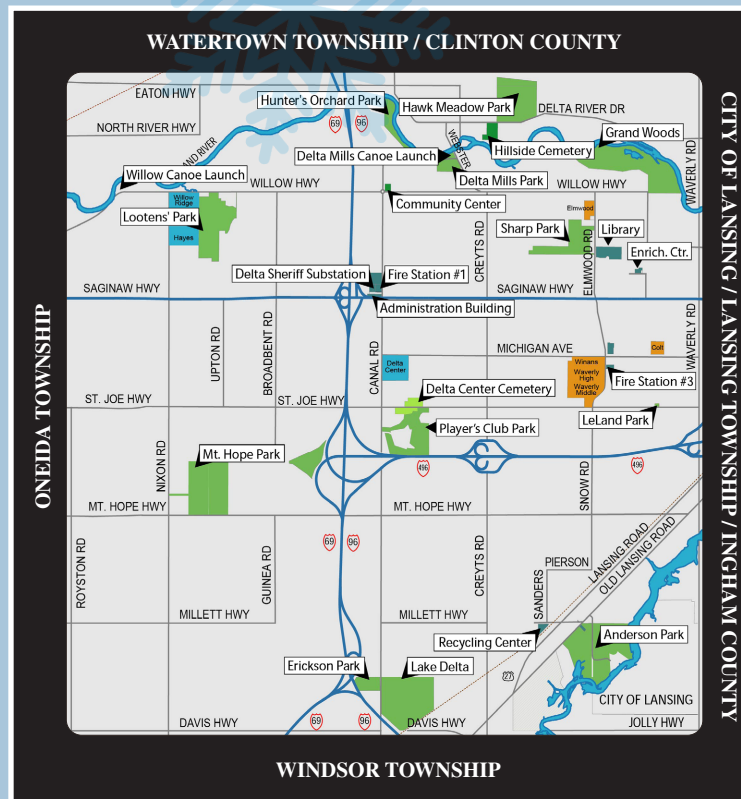
Lootens Park
East of Nixon Road on
Willow Highway

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.*