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Share your VISION!

The Delta Township Saginaw Highway Corridor is the lifeblood of business, travel and recreation to and through Delta Township. It also serves as a main artery for regional travel, the Township's industrial district, and some of the area's largest employers. Over the years this vital corridor has grown and changed from a two-lane rural road to major connection route with over 40,000 vehicles traversing it per day. In an effort to gain insight and input from our residents and visitors on how they envision the future corridor, the Delta Township Saginaw Highway Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) is asking you to participate in a public input survey to help drive future planning efforts for this four-mile stretch of business investment, path to recreational opportunities, and the heartbeat of our great community. Please visit the website below or scan the QR code to complete the survey. Your input matters.

www.deltami.gov/CIASurvey

Join the Delta Township Saginaw Highway Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) in planning for the future! Please help us by filling out a survey to identify what you like, don't like, and areas of concern. We will use this information to help prioritize our next steps in planning for the future.



Three Reasons to Share Your Vision!



Help identify project and policy priorities along the corridor



Inform long-term planning and coordination efforts



Call attention to issues that are important to you

For more information about the Delta Township Saginaw Highway Corridor Please visit www.deltami.gov/cia.

Brought to you by the Delta Township Saginaw Highway Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA).



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senior adult recreation

Delta 39'ers

The Delta 39'ers is for people ages 50 & over. No membership fees or residency requirements.

The Delta 39'ers are in the Delta Enrichment Center located at 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing, 48917. Classes are held in the Enrichment Center unless otherwise noted. The office hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the phone number is 517-484-5600. The Delta 39'ers office will be closed and there will be no Delta 39'ers activities on 9/4, 11/23, 11/24, 12/22, & 12/25. All activities cancelled after 2:30 p.m. on 11/6 and all day 11/7.

Weather Policy

If Waverly Community Schools are closed due to weather, then all Delta 39'ers activities, classes, and events (except trips) are also cancelled. The activities, classes, and events will be rescheduled when possible.

Registration

Winter Registration Begins on Tuesday, August 29, at 8 a.m. Registration is required for activities, classes, events, and trips (unless noted with an *). Register at any time before deadline for trips.

Program Guide

Want to receive our program guide? Call our office with your mailing address or email address and we will add you to our mailing list.

Gift Certificates

We offer gift certificates in a variety of denominations. They can be used for trips, classes, and footcare. A great gift for any occasion.

Cards & Games*

Drop-in. No partner needed. Room 300 (Bingo is in the Activity Room)

Bingo*

M/W/F, 1-3 p.m., \$1, (12 card max)

Bridge (Social/Contract)*

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

Cribbage*

W, 1-3 p.m., \$1.50

Double Pinochle*

1st & 3rd F, 11:30 a.m.-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., \$1.50

Pinochle*

Tu, 12-3 p.m., \$1.50

Scrabble*

M, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$1.50

Th, 1-3 p.m., \$1.50



Health Services

Alzheimer & Dementia Caregiver Support Group*

This group is for the caregivers, it offers support, education, and problem solving.

1st W, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Free, Room 302

Alzheimer Male Caregiver Support Group*

This group is for male caregivers, it offers support, education, and problem solving.

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

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.

Tu., Call for an appointment. \$30

Activity Room

Treadmill*

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

Classes

Genealogy

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

Tu, 9/12-10/31, 1-3 p.m., \$32 (8 classes), SR4723, Room 302

Tu, 9/12-10/31, 6-8 p.m., \$32 (8 classes), SR4724, Room 302

Learn To Crochet – All Levels

Basics, learn techniques, and troubleshoot current/new projects.

F, 9/8-10/27 (no class 9/15), 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., \$28 (7 classes), SR4747a, Room 302

F, 11/3-12/15 (no class 11/24), 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., \$24 (6 classes), SR4747b, Room 302

Learn To Knit – All Levels

Basics, learn techniques, and troubleshoot current/new projects.

M, 9/11-10/30 (no class 9/18), 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., \$28 (7 classes), SR4745a, Room 302

M, 11/6-12/11, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., \$24 (6 classes), SR4745b, Room 302

Medicine Basket Painting Class

Come and join us as we use inquiry to discover, rediscover, and embrace the unique gifts you offer to the world. No art skills required. All materials provided.

Th, 9/21, 9/28, & 10/5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$37 (3 classes), SR4767, Room 302

Fitness & Exercise Classes

Jazzercise For Seniors*-All Levels

A fun low impact class to build balance and flexibility, tone your whole body, and charge up your metabolism with pulse-pounding beats.

Tu/Th, ongoing, 11-11:45 a.m., \$28

(8 classes/paid monthly) or \$5

drop-in fee, register & pay in class,

Community Center, Upper Level

Pacers Walking Club*

The Pacers Walking Club is back. Walk daily year-round. Sign up by writing your name in the communal logbook located in the Food Court area, start walking, and log your laps. For the next month, you will see your name printed so you can continue to track your laps. Monthly newsletters that include leaderboards as well as information on activities and events.

Mall opens at 11 a.m. M-Sa & Noon on Sunday, Free, Lansing Mall (Food Court)

Senior Barre Fitness

A full-body workout combining ballet-based movements, weight conditioning, core focused exercise, and stretching by emphasizing precision, and form. You will develop a leaner, more toned body, and a calmer relaxed mind.

Please wear soft-soled shoes. Bring a Pilates ring to class. M/W, 9/11-11/15 (no class 11/6), 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., \$76

(19 classes), SR4720

Community Center, Upper Level

Senior Core and More

This class focuses on the core, specifically your abdominal muscles and lower back. Low impact ab exercises are a great way to stay strong without injury. Beginners are welcome! Please bring a mat, a small FitBall, an exercise band, water, and towel. Optional a pair of 1 or 2 lb weights.

M/W/F, 9/11-10/13, 9:30-10:15 a.m., \$60 (15 classes), SR4721a

M/W/F, 10/16-11/17 (no class 11/6), 9:30-10:15 a.m., \$56 (14 classes), SR4721b

M/W/F, 11/27-12/15, 9:30-10:15 a.m., \$36 (9 classes), SR4721c

Community Center, Upper Level

Sense of Balance

A fun class using proven methods to combat age-related movement and balance loss. This class will include strength, balance, and flexibility training in sitting and standing positions. Bring an exercise band to class or purchase one in class.

Tu & Th, 9/5-9/21, 1:15-2:15 p.m., \$30 (6 classes), SR4761a

Tu & Th, 10/3-10/19, 1:15-2:15 p.m., \$30 (6 classes), SR4761b

Tu & Th, 10/31-11/21 (no class 11/7), 1:15-2:15 p.m., \$30 (6 classes), SR4761c

Tu & Th, 12/5-12/21, 1:15-2:15 p.m., \$30 (6 classes), SR4761d

Room 303

Tai Chi

Tai Chi Qigong Shibashi

Provides a gentle and beautiful stretch routine which promotes flexibility and is deeply relaxing.

In this easy and beginning class you will learn the movements.

Th, 9/21-11/9, 9:30-10:30 a.m., \$48 (8 classes), SR4701a,

Th, 11/16-1/4 (no class 11/23), 9:30-10:30 a.m., \$42 (7 classes), SR4701b,

Room 303

Tai Chi Beginning

Consists of slow movements and putting the Qigong movements into flowing rhythmic patterns.

Th, 9/21-11/9, 10:40 a.m.-11:40 p.m., \$48 (8 classes), SR4702a,

Th, 11/16-1/4 (no class 11/23), 10:40 a.m.-11:40 p.m., \$42 (7 classes), SR4702b, Room 303

Yoga* – All Levels

Gentle yoga practice which includes stretching and strengthening yoga postures. Yoga reduces stress, improves circulation, increases flexibility, and improves balance.

Tu/W/Th, 10-11 a.m., \$2 drop-in fee per class, Room 304

Zumba Gold

A series of fitness programs designed to take the exciting Latin and International dance rhythms and bring them to the active older adult. Easy to follow so that people of any age can do it.

M/W/F, 9/11-10/13, 10:30-11:15 a.m., \$60 (15 classes), SR4717a

M/W/F, 10/16-11/17 (no class 11/6), 10:30-11:15 a.m., \$56 (14 classes), SR4717b

M/W/F, 11/27-12/15, 10:30-11:15 a.m., \$36 (9 classes), SR4717c

Community Center, Upper Level

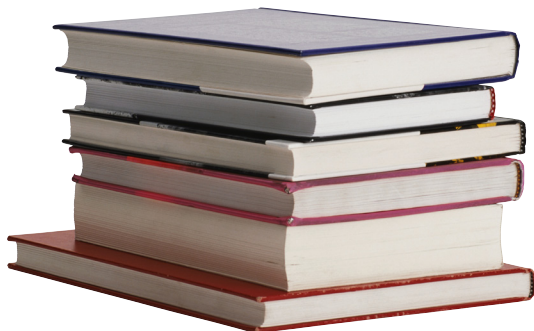
Lunch

Come and join us for lunch. We offer a dine-in service as well as a to go option. Please call for the menu or reservations for either option. Reservations are required and must be made by noon, the business day before you want to attend.

M/W/F, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., \$3.50 suggested donation for ages 60+, \$6 charge ages 59 & under

Library*

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

**Trips**

The Delta 39'ers is for people ages 50 & over. Register at any time before the deadline for trips. Register early as there is limited seating. To register call the Delta 39'ers at 517-484-5600

Shipshewana Brown Bag Tour

Guided tour, home cooked lunch in an Amish home, Jam tasting, visit Yoder's Dept, Store, Amish bakery, Amish noodle store, Amish bulk food store, Yoder's Meat and Cheese Shop and special gifts to fill your brown bag.

Includes: motor coach transportation, guided tour, lunch, and special gifts.

Not Included: bus driver's tip (\$1-\$2 per person suggested).

Registration deadline: 8/9

Th, 9/28, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., \$130

Mackinac Island/Grand Hotel

4 Day/3 Night Package

This trip is for people 50 years and over. We welcome guests 21-49 years of age that share the same room.

Includes: Accommodations (rooms are luck of the draw) at the Grand Hotel (including baggage handling). Three full breakfasts, lunch on arrival day, two buffet luncheons, afternoon tea and cookies, three five-course dinners, nightly demitasse, and a complimentary champagne/wine reception. Motor coach transportation to and from the Delta 39'ers, ferry transportation to/from the island and horse drawn taxi to/from hotel and ferry dock. Special activities: horse drawn carriage tour of the island, lectures, fudge bingo, movies, tournaments, contests and much more. Most activities are free however, a few require a small fee. Do as much or as little as you like.

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 before 5/24.

\$425 minimum deposit per person required at time of registration. Full payment due before 8/18.

T-F, 10/24-10/27,

Double Occupancy \$1,007,

Single Occupancy \$1,247,

Triple Occupancy \$982,

prices are per person.

Please call Delta 39'ers for more information at 517-484-5600

aquatic programs

The Delta Enrichment Center (4538 Elizabeth Road) is home to the Aquatics Office. The pool is located at Waverly East Intermediate School (3131 West Michigan Avenue) use Door #14 on SE corner of school.

Lifeguards/Swim Instructors Wanted

Delta Township is actively looking to hire several lifeguards and swim instructors. If you are interested, please contact the Enrichment Center office at 517-484-5600.

In the event that Waverly Schools are closed due to inclement weather, all pool activities are also cancelled. 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. No persons over the age of 5 are allowed in opposite gender locker rooms. There is a family locker room available for this purpose.

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

Swim Lesson Registration

Check the website for swim lesson information later this year. Look for the aquatics page at www.deltami.gov/parks

Lap/Open/Family Swim

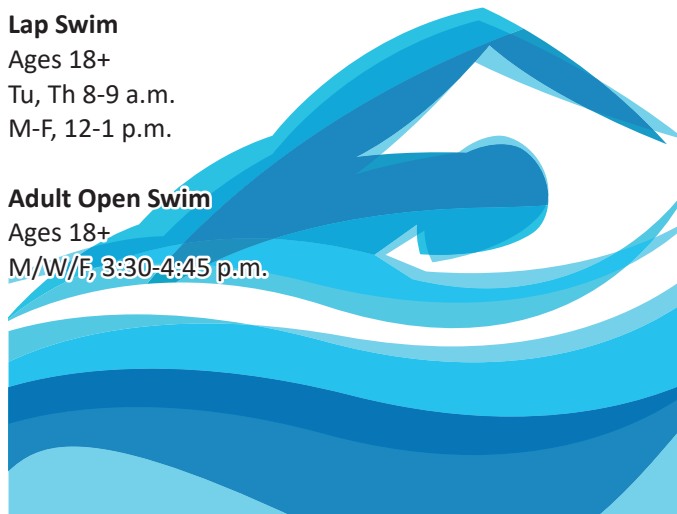
\$35 for 10 visits with punch card or \$4 per person, per visit drop-in fee, exact change please

Lap Swim

Ages 18+
Tu, Th 8-9 a.m.
M-F, 12-1 p.m.

Adult Open Swim

Ages 18+
M/W/F, 3:30-4:45 p.m.



Adult Water Exercise

Ages 18+

The exercise classes listed are each 45 minutes long, 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! \$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 (exact change please)

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, 11-11:45 a.m.

Splash Aerobics

See Adult Water Exercise for prices.
Tu/Th, 9-9:45 a.m.
M/W/F, 10-10:45 a.m.

Deep Water Aerobics

See Adult Water Exercise for prices.
M/W/F, 9-9:45 a.m.
Tu/Th, 10-10:45 a.m.

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, checks, 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, Discover, and American Express 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.

Pool Closed

M, 9/4
Th-Sa, 11/23-11/25
F-M, 12/22-1/1

enrichment classes

Pilates - Monday

M, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
9/11-11/20 (No Class 11/6)
\$55 Res/\$65 Non-Res
Enrichment Center, Room 303

Zumba - Monday

M, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
9/11-11/20 (No Class 11/6)
\$65 Res/\$75 Non-Res
Enrichment Center, Room 303

Strength, Flexibility, and Core

W, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
9/13-11/15
\$55 Res/\$65 Non-Res
Community Center, Upper Floor

Zumba Toning and Abs

W, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
9/13-11/15
\$65 Res/\$75 Non-Res
Community Center, Upper Floor

Pilates, Ballet and Barre Fitness

Th, 5:15-6 p.m.
9/14-11/16
\$55 Res/\$65 Non-Res
Enrichment Center, Room 303

Zumba - Thursday

Th, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
9/14-11/16
\$65 Res/\$75 Non-Res
Enrichment Center, Room 303

TRX Suspension Training

Session 1: Tu, 6:15-7 p.m.
9/12-10/3
\$26 Res/\$30 Non-Res
Grand Woods Park Shelter
Session 2: Tu, 7-7:45 p.m.
10/10-11/21 (No Class 11/7)

\$39 Res/\$45 Non-Res
Community Center, Lower Level

Jazzercise LO

Tu/Th, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Ongoing, Starts Sept 5
\$59/month
Community Center, Upper Floor
Call Sandy for info. 517-285-0066

Yoga + Meditation

M, 6-6:45 p.m.
9/11-10/16
\$58 Res/\$64 Non-Res
Community Center, Upper Level

Anxious to Anchored

M, 5:45-6:45 p.m.
10/23-12/11 (no class 11/6)
\$97/person
Community Center, Upper Level

Parent/Caregiver & Toddler Yoga

Session 1: M, 10-10:40 a.m.
9/11-10/16
Session 2: M, 10-10:40 a.m.
10/23-11/27
\$36/person
Enrichment Center, Room 303

Family Yoga

Session 1: Tu, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
9/12-10/17
\$36/person
Session 2: Tu, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
11/14-12/12
\$30/person
Community Center, Upper Level

Get Your Glutes in Gear

M, 7-7:45 p.m.
Session 1: 9/18-10/30
\$56 Res/\$63 Non-Res

Session 2: 11/13-12/18
\$48 Res/\$54 Non-Res
Community Center, Upper Level

Smile While You Sweat

Th, 7-7:45 p.m.
Session 1: 9/21-11/2
\$56 Res/\$63 Non-Res
Session 2: 11/9-12/21
No Class 11/23
\$48 Res/\$54 Non-Res
Community Center, Upper Level

Karate- Youth (6-13yrs)

Tu, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Or 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Session 1: 9/12-10/31
Session 2: 11/14-12/19
\$35/individual
Community Center, Upper Floor

Karate for Families

Tu, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Or 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Session 1: 9/12-10/31
Session 2: 11/14-12/19
\$60/family
Community Center, Upper Floor

Karate for Adults (14+)

Tu, 7:30-9 p.m.
Session 1: 9/12-10/31
Session 2: 11/14-12/19
\$40/individual
Community Center, Upper Floor

Unlocking Your Creativity – As Taught by Escape Rooms!

New Program for Teens
M, 5:30-7 p.m., 9/18-11/6
\$99/person
Ages 14-19 yrs
Location: The Pod Escape Room,
934 Elmwood Rd.

Class Registration

Class registration begins on Tuesday, August 29 at 8 a.m. (except for those that indicate *Register and pay fees in class). Full class descriptions can be found at www.deltami.gov/registration. For questions or more information please call 323-8555.

special events

Trick-or-Treat Trail

Come and “trick-or-treat” the Sharp Park trail at the displays set up by local businesses and groups. A \$1 fee per child will be collected at the park and will be used for future parks events. We encourage everyone to wear costumes and bring your own trick or treat bag. If you are a business or civic group and would like to have a table, please call us at 323-8555 or visit www.deltami.gov to obtain a form. Trail shuts down at 7:30 p.m.

Tu, 10/10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. (rain date is 10/11)

**\$1 per child (while candy supplies last)
Sharp Park**

North Pole Express Mailbox

Back for 2023 we will once again have our North Pole Express Mailbox where area youth



can drop their letters to Santa until December 18! The mailbox will be located on the Southside of the Delta Township Administration Building located at 7710 West Saginaw Highway beginning in December.

Letters will be regularly picked up by Santa’s most trusted helpers and will be hand-delivered to the big man himself. Santa will read and respond to each letter with a return address. For more information or for questions, please contact the Delta Township Parks and Recreation Department at 323-8555.

Mom to Mom Sale

Looking for a place to sell your child’s items? Spaces are still available to reserve so visit our online catalog for more vending information and to reserve your spot today at www.deltami.gov/registration.

Space Only (Resident) – \$20
Space w/table (Resident) – \$25
Space Only (Non-Res) – \$30
Space w/table (Non-Res) – \$35

**Sa, 10/14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Early Bird Admission (9 a.m.) – \$2/adult**

General Admission (10 a.m.) – Free

**Admission paid at door – Cash Only
Joseph E. Drolett Community Center**



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. The easels will also be available every week for the children to use. No need to register in advance.

**Th, 10/19-11/9, 10-11 a.m., Ages 2-5, \$1 per child per week
Room 301 in the Enrichment Center**

Parks Bingo

Back 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 can turn it into the Delta Township Parks and Recreation Department for a prize. You will have the entire month of October to get a bingo. Have fun and enjoy the parks!

Daddy Daughter Dance, Mother Son Dance, and Mother Daughter Dance

Dance to your favorite music in the fun surroundings of The Venue. You will also enjoy refreshments, a corsage for the young lady for Daddy Daughter, a special surprise for the young man for Mother Son and a special surprise for the young lady for Mother Daughter, photo opportunities, and more. The dances are open to all young ladies/young men and the adult male/female of their choice. Dinner is on your own. To register for the dances please visit www.deltami.gov/registration or call the Delta Township Parks and Recreation Office at 323-8555. Sponsored by Delta Township and The Venue.

M, 2/5 - Daddy Daughter, 7-9 p.m.

M, 3/4 - Mother Son, 7-9 p.m.

M, 4/8 - Mother Daughter, 7-9 p.m.

\$10 per person (Delta Twp residents)

\$12 per person (non-residents)

The Venue



sports programs

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: Fr, 12/29

Dates: Tu, 1/9-2/27

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

Ages: 16+

Fee: \$125 per team (8 matches)

Location: Waverly East Intermediate School



Youth Coed Basketball Camp

High-intensity multi-tasking drills will be used to increase mental and physical speed of play. Assist U will supply the instructors and equipment. No refunds after 10/4

Deadline: Tu, 10/3

Dates: W, 10/4-10/25 (make-up date 11/1)

Grade/Time:

1st/2nd-5:45 p.m.

3rd/4th- 6:45 p.m.

5th/6th- 7:45 p.m.

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

Location: Waverly East Intermediate School

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.

Deadline: F, 12/8

Dates: S, 1/6-2/24 (make-up date 3/2) – 8 weeks

Age (Coed): 5-6, 7-8, 9-10

Fee: \$40 Res/\$45 Non-Res. \$10 late fee after 12/8, if space permits.

\$15 for athletic jersey if needed

Location: Waverly East Intermediate School

Youth Coed Spring Soccer

Participants have the choice of playing traditional (6v6, 7v7, or 8v8) or micro (4x4) soccer. Participants, coaches, and parents will learn soccer skills and rules.

Deadline: F, 3/22

Practices: Begin the week of April 15, 2024 on a weekday chosen by the coach and lasts for 8 weeks.

Games: Saturdays, 4/27-6/8

No Memorial weekend games (make-up date 6/15)

Age: 4-10 as of 4/27

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

\$10 late fee after 3/22, if space permits (late fees are not refundable) \$15 for athletic jersey, if needed

Location: Mt. Hope Park

Itty Bitty Kickers

Practices and games are held on Saturdays within a 40-minute time block. Micro soccer rules and size 3 soccer balls will be used.

Deadline: F, 3/22

Dates: Sa, 4/27-6/1 (make-up date 6/8)

Age: 3 as of 4/27

Fee: \$25 Res/\$30 Non-Res. \$10 late fee after 3/22, if space permits. (Late fees are not refundable) \$15 for athletic jersey, if needed.

Locations: Mt. Hope Park

Thank You to our Volunteer Coaches!

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community awards

Do you know an outstanding individual, business or organization who gives back to the Delta community and should be recognized for their efforts?



Delta Township is currently seeking nominations for the 2023 Community Awards. The purpose of these awards are to shine a light on the positive influences that your friends, neighbors, and family members are making throughout our community, and we need your help to identify these unsung heroes.

Be sure to check out all four categories of nominations. **Deadline for nominations is Friday, September 29, 2023.** Nominations can be submitted through the online entry form(s) found at deltami.gov/communityawards on the left-hand side of the screen (hard copies of forms are available upon request.)

Nomination Categories:



The **Citizen of the Year Award** will honor selected individual citizens whose extraordinary contributions go “above and beyond” to enhance the quality of life and general reputation of the township.

The **Young Person of the Year Award** is limited to high school seniors 2023-2024 (whether traditional high school or home-schooled) who have made a positive contribution to the community, is an example to their friends, may have excelled in academics, music, arts, athletics, etc., or has successfully faced personal challenges. A scholarship will be awarded to the selected individual.



The **Business of the Year Award** will honor selected Delta Township businesses or businesspersons who have been responsible for exceptional outcomes between and among businesses, governments, and nonprofit organizations; OR, have served as a role model for other businesses; OR, have gone above and beyond the scope of business to support and promote Delta Township.

The **Community Organization of the Year Award** will honor selected groups or organizations for their dedication in serving and promoting Delta Township through volunteer contributions that have impacted the quality of life in Delta Township, provided leadership over a period of years, thereby contributing to the township’s character, and/or made a valuable contribution that has enhanced the quality of life for residents of Delta Township.



Upon completion of the form, please follow-up with a quick email to awards@deltami.gov, to let us know you have submitted your nomination. For questions, please contact Mary Worland at 517-323-8590.

library information

Tutor.com

Tutor.com is free with your DTDL card and provides on-demand tutoring, homework help, test preparation and writing assistance for students in grades K-Adult in over 60 subjects. Tutors are available 2-9 p.m., 7 days a week. Visit dtdl.org/tutor.

Books by Mail

If you can't make it to the library for carside service and need more than just access to digital collections, you can still get library materials. Learn more and fill out an application at dtdl.org/booksbymail.

@ Your Service

Did you know you can schedule one-on-one help at the library for more than just tech help? @ Your Service can provide assistance for a wide range of topics, including connecting to community resources and teen job skills. Visit dtdl.org/@ for more information.

Call for Editors

DTDLE is looking for writers, editors, teachers, and readers of all backgrounds and experience levels to be volunteer editors for our 2024 Short Story Contest. Fill out the interest form at dtdl.org/shortstory. Need more information? Email bhruscik@dtdl.org or call 517-816-8256 and leave a message.

Fall 2023 Programs

See some highlights below and visit dtdl.org/events for a full schedule and to register for programs.

Adult Programs

Books and Brews – First Tuesdays, 7 p.m. at EagleMonk
Monthly Movies – Third Tuesdays, 12 p.m.
AARP Presents – Second Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.
Virtual Book Chat – Third Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m.

Join us **Sunday Afternoons**, 12-3 p.m., for self-led adult activities, including games and puzzles (September & October) and Come Write In – NaNoWriMo (November).

Join us for **Cairns & Beacons**, a virtual lecture series on current events. Attend the presentation on the first Thursday of the month at the library or watch from home. Come back the second Thursday for dinner and discussion. (September's events are second/third Thursdays.)

Revitalize your garden with our **Perennial Plant Swap** on September 22, 4-6 p.m. Bring your extra blooms and trade them with others. MSU Extension Educator Brent Crain will answer your questions and provide expert tips

on closing your garden for the season.

September is **Suicide Prevention** Awareness Month. CMH will share resources for parents/caregivers for discussion and seeking help. Monday, September 25, 6-7:30 p.m.

Learn how to operate your smartphone with our **Computer Basics: Smartphones** class. October 10 (Android) and October 24 (iPhone), 10-11 a.m.

Stress Less with Mindfulness is a four-class series for adults and seniors that introduces mindfulness concepts and practices to reduce stress and related symptoms. Join us Tuesdays in November, 10-11:30 a.m.

Brad Coates (@teachameleon) talks tea with us and offers four different samples to try at **Tea Tasting: Intro to Loose Leaf Tea** on Saturday, November 4, 1-2 p.m. One lucky participant will win a tea enthusiast gift package!

Youth Programs

Weekly programs begin in September.
Stories & Crafts – Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Game On – Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m. (ages 8-18)
Baby/Toddler Storytime – Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Stress Busters – Thursdays, 3 p.m. (3-6) & 4:30 p.m. (7-14)
Outdoor Storytime – Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
Homeschool Connect – Fourth Mondays, 2-3:30 p.m.
PJ Storytime – First Tuesdays, 6 p.m. (second Tue in Nov)
Teen Book Club - Second Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m. (13-15)
Tween Book Club – Third Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. (9-12)
Virtual Storytime – First Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
Family Movie Matinees – Last Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.
Outdoor Adventures – Second Sundays, 1-2 p.m.

Paws for Reading continues this fall with sessions each month. Kids can practice their reading with a therapy dog!

Join us for a **Teen Movie Night** on Friday, September 22, 4:30-8:30 p.m., with crafts, trivia, and food (ages 13-18).

Calling all **Mario Kart** players! Compete in our Nintendo Switch tournament for ages 8-16 on Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

A partial **Solar Eclipse** will be visible in Michigan on October 14, 2023! Join us from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to safely observe the sun with free solar-viewing glasses and enjoy a variety of hands-on activities.

For more information please visit dtdl.org or call 517-321-4014.

delta twp fire



Don't Waste Your Waste

Yard waste has many valuable uses in the home landscape. They can help retain soil moisture, retard weed growth and enrich the soil.

Burning yard waste not only wastes the value of these materials in the landscape, it also increases the risk of wild-fire. Over one-third of Michigan wildfires are caused by debris burning.

Yard waste can be recycled by either mulching or composting. Mulching simply refers to any technique where organic matter (such as grass clippings, leaves, small brush, etc.) is spread in thin layers on top of the ground and left to decompose naturally. Grass clippings, leaves and compost can be placed around garden vegetables and flowers to keep down weeds and retain moisture. Leaves can also be chopped up with a lawn mower and left on the lawn to decompose.

Yard waste can also be easily prepared for composting. Composting can be done in a variety of ways. With passive methods, the yard waste is left in a pile to decompose over time. Active methods carefully control the decomposition

Fire Prevention Open House

The week of October 8-14, 2023 is Fire Prevention Week.

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, the Delta Township Fire Department will be hosting its annual Open House from **6-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2023** at the Central Fire Station located at 811 North Canal Road. Fire personnel will be on hand to explain equipment and answer fire safety questions. Some of the scheduled events include:

- Fire trucks and ambulances, along with their equipment
- A real fire hose for children to spray
- Family fire safety house
- Eaton County Central Dispatch
- Free blood pressure clinic
- Free helium balloons
- Eaton County Sheriff's Department
- Helicopter ambulance on display
- Capital Area Safe Kids Coalition
- Fire prevention and safety brochures
- Refreshments

If you have any questions, please call 321-6622. Hope to see you at our Open House!

process to create compost faster. Both mulching and composting add valuable organic material to the soil. Organic material helps retain moisture and nutrients needed for plant growth.

Burning Permit

Delta Township residents must obtain a burning permit for any open burning (bon fires, burn barrels, etc.) within the township.

Burning of yard waste or use of a burning barrel is only allowed in areas zoned agricultural. Burning permits are available at no charge at www.deltami.gov/burnpermit. Please call 517.321.6622 or visit the website for a complete list of Delta Township's burning regulations. The Delta Township Burning Ordinance is strictly enforced.

Campfire Safety

How to Put Out the Campfire

A roaring fire is both a success, and a responsibility. It is your job to properly maintain and extinguish your camp-fire so that future campers can do the same.

Maintaining Your Campfire

As you're enjoying your campfire, remember these safety tips:

Once you have a strong fire going, add larger pieces of dry wood to keep it burning steadily

Keep your fire to a manageable size

Make sure children and pets are supervised when near the fire

Never leave your campfire unattended

Never cut live trees or branches from live trees

Extinguishing Your Campfire

When you're ready to put out your fire and call it a night, follow these guidelines:

Allow the wood to burn completely to ash

Pour lots of water on the fire, drown ALL embers, not just the red ones

Pour until hissing sound stops

Stir the campfire ashes and embers with a shovel

Scrape the sticks and logs to remove any embers

Stir and make sure everything is wet and they are cold to the touch

If you do not have water, use dirt. Mix enough dirt or sand with the embers. Continue adding and stirring until all material is cool. Remember: do NOT bury the fire as the fire will continue to smolder and could catch roots on fire that will eventually get to the surface and start a wildfire.

REMEMBER: If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave!

Don't burn dangerous things! Never burn aerosol cans or pressurized containers. They may explode.

Never put glass in the fire pit. Glass does not melt away, it only heats up and shatters. Broken slivers of glass are dangerous.

Aluminum cans do not burn. In fact, the aluminum only breaks down into smaller pieces. Inhaling aluminum dust can be harmful to your lungs.



Safety Rules for Safe Bus Riding

It's time for our kids to go back to school! Please review these important safety rules with your children.

School will be starting before long and in order to keep children safe while on and around buses the following rules should be followed:

Be at the bus stop early. The bus driver may not see you running for the bus if you are late; you could slip and fall under the wheels.

Wait for the bus in a safe place away from the road and the cars that are driving by. Stay back from the curb until the bus has come to a complete stop. Sit down as soon as possible. There may be other people waiting to get on and if it takes too long for everyone to get on other drivers may get impatient and go around the bus. Someone could get hit if this happens.

Stay seated at all times, "back to back" and "bottom to bottom." Take off your backpack and put it in your lap. Keep your hands, arms and head inside the bus at all times. A bus is wider than a car; it gets very close to trees and poles and you could be seriously injured if you have any body parts outside the bus.

Please don't eat or drink on the bus. You could choke on the food and the driver may not see you.

Listen to the bus driver and follow directions. The bus driver's instructions are for your safety.

Leave the bus carefully using the handrail so you won't fall.

Take 10 giant steps past the front of the bus before crossing in front of it. You should be able to see the driver's face. Remember, if you can't see his face he can't see you.

Wait for the bus driver's signal telling you it is safe to cross the road.

Look LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT yourself before crossing the road. The driver may not see everything.

Stay away from the bus if you drop or forget something. NEVER go back to pick up something in the road; get an adult to get it for you. If you forgot something on the bus, you can always get it later. The bus driver can't see you if you are too close to the bus.

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election information

Elections

With the passing of Proposal 2 “Promote the Vote” at the November 8, 2022, General Election, voters will see some changes and added options for voting in the upcoming future.

The “Promote the Vote” will expand voting options for voters. Below is a list of a few things that will benefit voters from the passage of this proposal.

- 9 days of early voting.
- State funded postage for absentee applications and ballots.
- Allow voters a single registration for absentee ballots for all future elections.
- Military and Overseas voters’ ballots will be counted if post marked by Election Day.

More information will be coming in near future. Please see the Delta Township website at www.deltami.gov. All updates will be posted as they become available.

2023/2024 Elections

Please see the Delta Township website at www.deltami.gov or contact the Clerk’s Office at 517-323-8500 for any updates.

2023 Election Dates

The dates for 2023 elections are as follows:
Tuesday, November 7, 2023

2024 Election Dates – Presidential Election Year

Tuesday, February 27 or March 10 (determined by the Michigan Legislature) – Presidential Primary
Tuesday, May 7, 2024
Tuesday, August 6, 2024
Tuesday, November 5, 2024

If residents will be out of the community on any Election Day or need any information regarding an upcoming election, contact the Township Clerk’s Office at 323-8500.

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

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 at the Delta Township Clerk’s Office. A voter registering on Election Day has the 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.

Absentee Ballots

How do I get an absentee ballot?

Proposal 2 of 2022 creates a change to the process. A voter choosing an automatic ballot to be mailed will have to do nothing UNLESS they chose to have their ballot mailed to an address other than their registered address.

To be placed on our automatic permanent absent voter ballot list:

- Call the Clerk’s Office Monday – Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at 517-323-8500.
- Submit online at www.deltami.gov

Automatic Permanent Absent Voter Application List

Delta Township will continue to maintain a list of voters who chose to have an application for an absentee ballot mailed for all elections scheduled in Delta Township.

To be placed on our Automatic Permanent Absent Voter Application List:

- Call the Clerk's Office Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 517-323-8500.
- 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 in the postage paid envelope
- Return your ballot to the Delta Township Clerk's Office:
 - Box located inside the Administration Building at Clerk's Office (east entrance)
 - Outdoor walk-up Drop Box on east side of Township Administration Building.
 - Outdoor drive-up 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 Election Day**. Ballots arriving after Election Day will not be counted per Michigan Election law except military/overseas ballots.

Picture ID Requirement When Voting in Michigan

Michigan voters who vote at the polls and in-person absent voter requests will be asked to show 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 easily vote by signing an affidavit of voter not in possession of identification.

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 517-323-8599 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.mchigan.gov/vote. MOVE ballots postmarked by election day will be accepted for tabulation within 6 days after any specific election day.

Election Worker Recruitment for 2023/2024 Elections

Delta Township is seeking election workers for the following paid positions:

- Electronic Pollbook Inspectors - \$15 per hour*
 - Help Desk Inspectors - \$14 per hour*
 - General Inspectors - \$14 per hour
 - Absent Voter Counting Board Inspector - \$14 per hour
 - Chair in Training - \$18 per hour*
- * requires specific skills and training

- 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 or a portion of 9 days of early voting.

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

did you know?

Passport Drive

The Delta Township Clerk's Office accepts passport applications during regular office hours Monday – Friday by appointment only year around. If you are planning travel in 2023 it is recommended applicants apply 4 to 6 months prior to travel dates.

The Delta Township Clerk's Office will be offering several dates with extended hours passport drives during 2023. 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)**:

2023 Passport Drives

- Monday, September 11 – 5-7 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 10 – 5-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 15 – 5-7 p.m.
- Thursday, December 14 – 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 (\$15 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.



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2023 Property Taxes

Summer tax bills were mailed on July 1, 2023. Winter tax bills will be mailed on December 1, 2023. Two factors this year will result in higher property tax bills in 2023.

- (1) Two public safety millages were passed by Township voters that take effect in tax year 2023.
- (2) Due to inflation, the annual taxable value increase on properties that did not change ownership in 2022 is 5%, which is higher than previous years. (The inflationary increase is determined by state statute MCL 211.34d and affects all taxable values in Michigan). Homeowners (including those who escrow their tax payments) may want to consider taking steps now to prepare for increased property tax bills.

Bill Increase Example

An example of a tax bill using the same millage rates as 2022, the 5% increase in taxable value and the 2.1 mill increase due to the public safety voted millages is as follows:

Example calculation on home with market value of approx. \$190,000

	2022	2023
Taxable Value - 5% Increase	\$90,611.00	\$95,141.55
Summer Tax	\$1,835.71	\$1,927.50
Winter Tax	\$1,641.83	\$1,723.92
2.1 Mill Increase	\$0.00	\$199.80
	\$3,477.54	\$3,851.21

Estimated Increase \$373.67
Example cost per month \$31.14

If the Property was Purchased in 2022

Homeowners who purchased their home in 2022 will see an uncapping of their taxes in 2023. It is important NOT to just use the value of the taxes the previous owner paid when estimating the taxes on a newly purchased home. When someone remains in their home for several years, the annual taxable value increase of the property is capped at the rate of inflation or 5% (whichever is lower). Once the home is sold the value "uncaps" and is raised to the current market value of the home. This typically results in increased property tax bills and an escrow shortage, which can be an unexpected shock to new homeowners.

Questions

For additional information on taxable value calculations, please contact the Assessing Office at 517-323-8520. For questions about tax payments, please contact the Accounting Office at 517-323-8510.

delta township trails

Connecting To Our Community

East-West Pathway

Location: Spans E-W from Maycroft Road to Canal Road

Distance: ~2.5 miles of paved trail

Local Connections: Delta Township Library, Sharp Park, Lansing Mall, Horrock's Market



East-West Pathway

Mount Hope Park

Location: 7419 East Mount Hope Highway • Distance: ~1.2 miles of paved trail

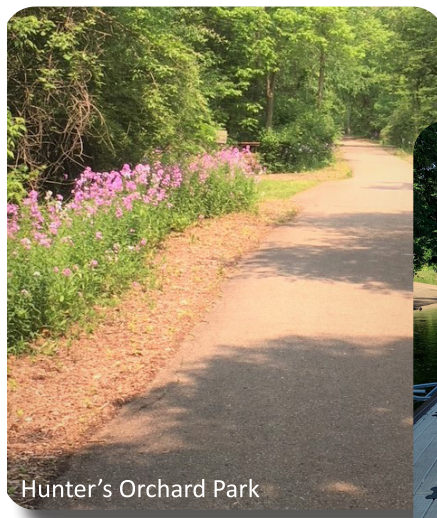
Local Connections: Mount Hope Sports Complex, Pointe West and Ashford Manor Subdivisions

Old River Trail Pathway

Location: Spans from Delta Mills Park to Hunter's Orchard Park, 7001 Old River Trail

Distance: ~.25 paved trail that connects to Hunter's Orchard Trail (1.5 miles of trail)

Local Connections: Pickleball Courts, Basketball Court, Playground, Sledding Hill, and a Softball Field



Hunter's Orchard Park

Hunter's Orchard Park Trails

Location: 7242 Old River Trail

Distance: ~1.5 miles of paved and un-paved trails

Local Connection: Delta Mills Park, Armstrong Hills, and Delta Mills Estates neighborhoods

Hawk Meadow Park Trails

Location: 6160 Delta River Drive

Distance: ~4.5 miles of paved and un-paved trails

Local Connection: Capital Area Bird Sanctuary across the street

Player's Club Park Trails

Location: 925 S. Canal Road

Distance: ~2 miles of un-paved trails

Local Connection: Player's Club Subdivision



Delta Mills Canoe/Kayak Launch

Anderson Park Bike Trails

Location: 3207 Wardell Road

Distance: ~1.5-2 miles of un-paved trails

Local Connection: Village of Millett

Middle Grand River Water Trail

Location: Spans E-W throughout township

Launch Sites: Grand Woods Park, Delta Mills Park, and West Willow Canoe Launch

Local Connections: Grand Woods to West Willow is ~2-2 ½ hour paddle

Grand Woods Park Trails

Location: 4500 West Willow Highway

Distance: ~2.9 unpaved trails, Local Connection: West Willow Highway and River Ridge Subdivision



Mount Hope Park Pathway

utilities information

Fats, Oils & Greases

The Delta Township Utility Department would like to remind everyone, when grease washes down the sink, it sticks to the insides of the pipes that connect your home or business to the sanitary sewer system. At some point, these fats, oils and greases may build up enough in the pipes to create a blockage. These blockages, when they occur, can be difficult and expensive to correct for both the Township and the property owner. Garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the sewer lines. Products that claim to dissolve grease may only be creating more problems by moving these substances further down the sewer line where they become even larger blockages.

Residents and businesses can help:

Residents can help by:

- Not pouring grease down sink drains or toilets
- Scraping grease and food into the trash.
- Pouring grease into a suitable container and allowing it to cool before placing in the trash.
- Try to minimize the use of your garbage disposal

Restaurants/Businesses can help by:

- Recycling their oil and grease.
- Not pouring fats, oils and greases into sinks or floor drains
- Properly maintaining grease traps/interceptors and cleaning them at the appropriate frequency.

Fats, oils and greases that collect in sewer lines potentially lead to big problems, but there are other things that should never enter the sanitary sewer system. The following is a list of “what not to flush” that will help in minimizing mechanical problems at pump stations and the wastewater treatment plant.

They are:

- Flushable wipes, or cleaning wipes of any kind.
- Paper towels
- Disposable diapers
- Feminine personal hygiene products
- Condoms
- Cotton balls and swabs
- Razor blades, needles and syringes

Remember, the only thing that should ever be flushed down a toilet is human waste and toilet paper.

Water Service Line Valves are IMPORTANT!

All water service lines have valves. The first valve is buried out by the street and is called a curb stop. This is owned and operated by the utility department. It is used for discontinuation of service, maintenance and repair. Next, there is a valve by the water meter on the upstream or street side of the meter. This valve is owned by the utility department and is used to perform maintenance of the water meter. Next, there is a valve on the downstream or homeowner’s side of the meter. Maintenance of this valve is the responsibility of the property owner and should be used by the homeowner and/or their contracted plumber for maintenance of the plumbing inside the home.

It is very important that the homeowner locate and identify the homeowner’s valve inside their home before an emergency arises. Should a pipe break or begin to leak, these valves can be used to stop the water flow before contacting a plumber or the utility department for assistance. The sooner the water can be turned off, the less water damage there will be to the home and its contents.

If you have any questions, please contact the Delta Township Utility Department at (517) 323-8570.

For more information visit www.deltami.gov or call 323-8570

protect our waters

PET WASTE AND THE ENVIRONMENT



Pet waste isn't just a nuisance in yards and parks: it's full of bacteria that can make people and aquatic habitats sick. When left on the ground, precipitation and sprinkler runoff can wash pet waste (and the bacteria it carries) into storm drains. Since most storm sewers discharge into rivers, lakes, and streams without undergoing any treatment, runoff polluted with pet waste and other contaminants can impair our surface water resources.

With 80% of people (and therefore most of America's 90 million dogs) living in developed areas where stormwater isn't treated before discharging into our rivers, the impact of pet waste-contaminated runoff is amplified. It doesn't stay where it's left, as its bacteria can be swept up and concentrated downstream. Considering that dogs are relative newcomers to the ecosystem, the fact that they produce 10 million tons of waste each year in the U.S. alone indicates a significant environmental impact.

When beaches are closed in the summer, it's often due to high levels of bacteria, especially *E. coli*. While failing septic tanks, wildlife, and poorly managed livestock can also introduce bacteria into the watershed, pet waste is a major contributor. In fact, due to the high protein, highly processed diets of modern dogs, their waste can contain more bacteria and pathogens by weight than that of cows. Just one gram of dog waste can contain as many as 23 million fecal coliform bacteria! It can also contain salmonella, giardia, and other bacteria and parasites that spread disease and impair water quality.



Help Keep Our Waterways Healthy

There are many threats to the health of our watershed, but picking up after our pets is a simple and easy way to limit one source of pollution.



Bring A Bag: Carry a bag (preferably biodegradable) when walking pets and be sure to pick up after them. Clean up pet waste in your yard frequently.

Clean It Up: Pick up pet waste from your yard or hire a pet waste removal company to clean it on a routine basis. Pick it up before rain, watering your yard, or cleaning patios and driveways. Never hose pet waste into the street or gutter.

Dispose of the Waste: Throw it away with the household trash, flush it, or bury small quantities in your yard where it can decompose slowly. For the latter, dig a hole one foot deep. Put three to four inches of waste at the bottom of the hole. Cover the waste with at least eight inches of soil. You can bury the waste in several different locations in your yard, but keep it away from vegetable gardens!

In recent years, sources of pollution like industrial wastes from factories have been greatly reduced. Now more than 60 percent of water pollution comes from things like residential car washing, cars leaking oil, fertilizers from farms, lawns and gardens, pet waste, and failing septic tanks. All these sources add up to a big pollution problem, but each of us can do small things to help clean up our water, and that adds up to a pollution solution!

FALL YARDCARE TIPS

TO PROTECT OUR STORMWATER



REDUCE

POLLUTION

Raking leaves prevents pollution by keeping them out of storm drains, which carry leaves directly to local lakes and rivers. These decomposing leaves contain excessive nutrients that can harm water quality, clog storm drains, and lead to flooding.



REUSE

FERTILIZER

Extra nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus are great for lawn fertilizer! Instead of bagging leaves, you can mulch them into small pieces using a lawnmower and spread them across your yard.



RECYCLE

COMPOST

Don't want to spend time bagging leaves or spreading them across your lawn? Backyard composting of organic waste creates natural soil additives for use on lawns and gardens, and can be used as potting soil for house plants.



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 2, November 25,
and December 23.

*Residential Use Only -
No Commercial*

2023 Yard Waste 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)**

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 1 p.m. on the following remaining dates for 2023: 9/16, 10/28, 11/18, & 12/16. 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.

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.

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.

Fall De-Leafing

Yard waste recycling will be available free to Delta Township residents only, October 14-December 2 on Wednesday and Saturday. Please note regular yard waste fees will apply on Tuesday. Identification and resident verification is required.

Yard Waste

Yard waste will be accepted through October 11 and open to all Delta Township residents. Fees apply (see left) and identification and resident verification is required. Please call the Clerk's Office at 323-8550 if you have any questions.

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.



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

Delta Charter Township
7710 West Saginaw Highway
Lansing, MI 48917

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PAID
Permit No. 718
Lansing, MI

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

**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



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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 – Closed
2023 Season**
3½ miles south of Saginaw
Highway on Canal Road

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

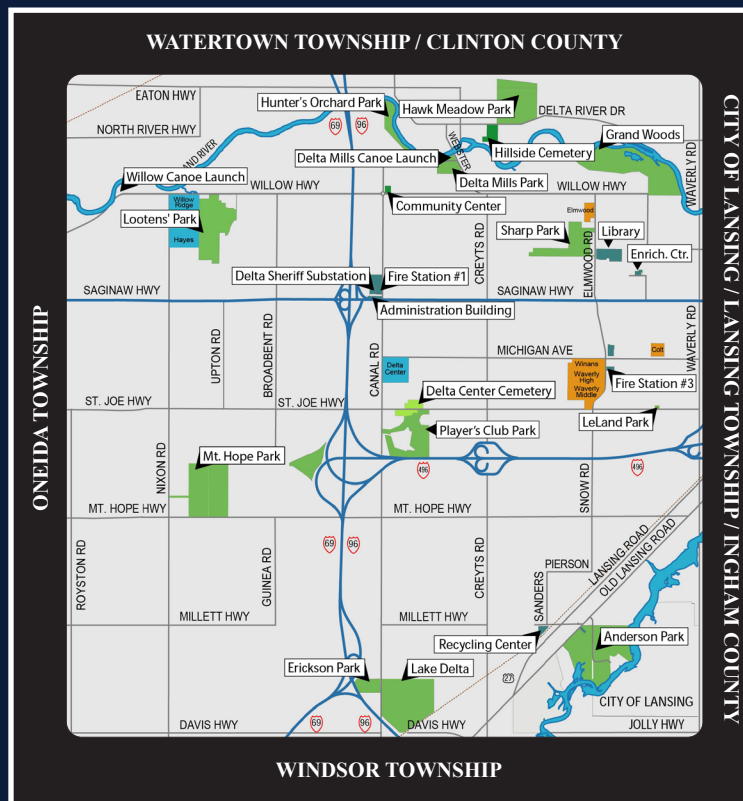
Lootens Park
East of Nixon Road on
Willow Highway

Mount Hope Park
7419 East Mt. Hope Highway
Grand Ledge

Player's Club
925 South Canal Road

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.*