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From the Township Board

Delta Prioritizes Excellence in Public Safety

One of the critical components of the Delta Township Strategic Plan is to provide excellent public safety services. The Township took critical steps this year to preserve and enhance our public safety efforts:



1 Thank you to our residents who voted to approve a public safety millage. This additional funding was needed to keep pace with rising costs in our contract with Eaton County for police coverage (Delta Patrol) as well as the Delta Township Fire Department. Roughly 60% of voters voted in favor of the millage which is projected to raise nearly \$1.7 million per year for 10 years.

2 The Township recently approved a six-year collective bargaining agreement with our fire department. This partnership provides tremendous stability and the ability to recruit for the talent needed to protect our community. Contract highlights include reduced work hours, the addition of battalion chiefs, provisions for maternity and paid leave for the birth or adoption of a new child, tuition for paramedic school, paramedic bonuses, and very competitive wages. The Delta Fire department serves Delta with roughly 47 full-time personnel.

3 The Township recently renewed its contract to provide Fire and EMS services for Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority (Eagle and Watertown Townships). This contract has been in place since 2011 and provides additional funding for staffing and equipment to service this area. This partnership is a great example of multi-jurisdictional cooperation.



4 Last year the Township received a State Grant to purchase a \$1.6 million aerial platform fire truck. This highly specialized piece of equipment is necessary for multi-story buildings. This apparatus is currently in construction and the Township looks forward to delivery around May.



New Sheriff Substation Bond Proposal

In 2020, the Township hired a consulting firm to complete a full study of all of the Township's facilities, which determined the Sheriff's Substation to be functionally inadequate with several failing systems. Since then, the Township had moved forward with a preliminary design for a new sheriff's substation facility to house our Delta Patrol, as it discussed possible funding sources. This led the Township to place a bond issue on the ballot this past election to fund the replacement of the building, however, the bond issue failed to pass. Currently, Township officials are discussing future plans for public education and a bond to rebuild this facility. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Manager's Office at 517-323-8590.



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senior adult recreation

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 1/16.

Delta 39'ers 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.

Delta 39'ers Registration

Winter Registration Begins on **Tuesday, January 3, 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.

Delta 39'ers 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.

Delta 39'ers Gift Certificates

We offer gift certificates in a variety of denominations. They can be used for trips, classes, foot care, and chair massage. 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, 12-3 p.m., \$1.50

Euchre*

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

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

Mahjong*

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

Pinochle*

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

Scrabble*

M, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$.50

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

Classes

Genealogy

Join Jim and have fun learning how to get started in genealogy, the resources, and how to preserve your information for future generations.

Tu, 1/17-3/7, 1-3 p.m., \$32

(8 classes), SR1723

Tu, 1/17-3/7, 6-8 p.m., \$32

(8 classes), SR1724, Room 302

Learn To Crochet– All Levels

From learning the basics to learning techniques and troubleshooting to make your projects go smoother.

F, 1/20-3/17, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., \$36 (9 classes), SR1747, Room 302

Learn To Knit – All Levels

From learning the basics to learning techniques and troubleshooting to make your projects go smoother.

M, 1/23-3/20, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., \$36 (9 classes), SR1145, Room 302

No Fear Computer Class - Basics

Learn copy & paste, email basics & safety, file management, windows, security & safety, web browsers & basic functions, and more.

W, 1/18-3/8, 1-2:30 p.m., Free (8 classes), SR1705, Room 301

No Fear Computer Class - Beyond The Basics

Learn beyond the basics computer, internet, and email skills and more. Plus a simple intro to Windows 11.

W, 1/18-3/8, 3-4:30 p.m., Free (8 classes), SR1705, Room 301

Powerful Tools for Caregivers - NEW

The focus of this workshop is to help caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for someone else. This workshop will benefit you whether you are caring for someone who lives at home, in a nursing home, or across the country. Topics include stress management, relaxation, communicating in challenging situations, dealing with difficult emotions such as anger, guilt, depression, and more.

M, 2/27-4/3, 1-3:30 p.m., Free (6 classes) SR1762, Room 302

Soulful Story Cards

A workshop to shed light on old stories holding us back and give ourselves permission to create new stories, opening opportunities for insights and wisdom. The cards become signposts for moving forward with intention in living life more fully. This Intentional Creativity class requires no artistic skill. (Supply fee included)

Th, 3/9, 3/16, & 3/23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$37 (3 classes), SR1758, Room 302

Luncheons

Lunch

Come and join us for lunch. Reservations are required and must be called in by noon the business day before you want to attend. Call for a menu/reservations. M/W/F, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., \$3.50 suggested donation for ages 60+, \$6 charge ages 59 & under.

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

Chair Massage

A 15-minute chair massage. 2nd & 4th W. Call for an appt. \$12

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

Instructors Wanted

Looking for fun individuals who would like to share their expertise with others. Program opportunities can range from dance, group exercise, art, music, photography, foreign language, jewelry making or any special interest programs for ages 50+. Compensation is available for instructors. Scheduling is flexible and determined by your availability and facility schedule. If interested, please contact Tammy at topdyke@deltami.gov.

Fitness & Exercise Classes

Arthritis Exercise*

Improve strength, flexibility, and range of motion. Exercises can be done in a seated/standing position. 2nd & 4th W, ongoing, 1-1:45 p.m., \$2 drop-in fee per class, Room 304

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

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, 1/9-2/15 (no class 1/16), 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., \$44 (11 classes), SR1720a M/W, 2/20-3/29, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., \$48, (12 classes), SR1720b 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, 1/9-2/3 (no class 1/16), 9:30-10:15 a.m., \$44 (11 classes), SR1721a M/W/F, 2/6-3/3, 9:30-10:15 a.m., \$48 (12 classes), SR1721b M/W/F, 3/6-3/31, 9:30-10:15 a.m., \$48 (12 classes), SR1721c Community Center, Upper Level

Sense of Balance - NEW

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 at class.

Tu & Th, 1/10-1/26, 1:15-2:15 p.m., \$24 (6 classes), SR1761a
Tu & Th, 2/7-2/23, 1:15-2:15 p.m., \$24 (6 classes), SR1761b
Tu & Th, 3/7-3/23, 1:15-2:15 p.m., \$24 (6 classes), SR1761c
Room 304



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 that people of any age can do it. M/W/F, 1/9-2/3 (no class 1/16), 10:30-11:15 a.m., \$44 (11 classes), SR1717a M/W/F, 2/6-3/3, 10:30-11:15 a.m., \$48 (12 classes), SR1717b M/W/F, 3/6-3/31, 10:30-11:15 a.m., \$48 (12 classes), SR1717c Community Center, Upper Level

Treadmill*

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

Delta 39'ers Trips

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

Toledo Museum of Art & Glass Pavilion

The Toledo Museum of Art's collection of more than 30,000 works of art ranks among the finest in the United States. In the more than 35 galleries, Sculpture Garden, and Glass Pavilion discover important, popular, and outstanding works of art.

Includes: motor coach transportation, docent guided highlights tour of the Toledo Museum of Art, docent guided tour of the Glass Pavilion, free time for a glass blowing demo, and free time for lunch on your own and visiting the gift shop. Not included: lunch and bus driver's tip (\$1-\$2 per person suggested). Registration deadline: 3/15
Th, 4/20, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., \$87, SR858

Kalamazoo Air Zoo

This is a highly charged, multi-sensory atmosphere that goes beyond anything you've ever seen. The Air Zoo features amusement park-style rides, full-motion flight simulators, a 3D/4D Missions Theater, Magic Planet, Paratrooper Jump, as well as historical exhibits. It also displays the world's only remaining SR-71B Blackbird and XP-55 Ascender. Includes: motor coach transportation and admission to the Air Zoo. Not included: lunch and bus driver's tip (\$1-\$2 per person suggested). Registration deadline: 5/1
Tu, 5/23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$79, SR847

The Wine Bus

This bus takes us down to the Irish Hills. Chateau Aeronautique Winery was founded in a hangar overlooking the runway in 2009. In 2017 they moved to a new 8,000 square foot facility on 28 acres in the Irish Hills. Located in an 1870's Schoolhouse, Cherry Creek Cellars takes pride in Crafting Michigan-made wine, cider, and beer for everyone in a picturesque vineyard setting. You can find your "own" place among the lakes at The Winery North of 12. Come experience their unique tasting experience. Their spacious tasting room sits on 5 acres and has two large patios.

Includes: motor coach transportation, lunch and wine tasting at Chateau Aeronautique Winery Irish Hills, wine tasting at The Winery North of 12, and wine tasting at Cherry Creek Cellars. Not Included: bus driver's tip (\$1-\$2 per person suggested). Registration deadline: 5/22
Th, 6/22, 10:45 a.m.-6:30 p.m., \$119, SR824

Toledo Zoo & Aquarium

The Toledo Zoo and Aquarium is one of the tops in the country. The aquarium features 3,000+ aquatic animals in 178,000 gallons of water. The zoo houses an internationally-famous Hippoquarium®. Other exhibits that make this zoo special are Arctic Encounter, Frog Town, Cheetah Valley, and Primate Forest. Includes: motor coach transportation and admission to the Toledo Zoo and Aquarium. Not included: lunch and bus driver's tip (\$1-\$2 per person suggested). Registration deadline: 7/5
Th, 7/27, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$99, SR832

Mystery Trip

The destinations are a Mystery, join us to see where we are going. Includes: motor coach transportation, lunch, and admission(s)/tour(s). Not included: bus driver's tip (\$1-\$2 per person suggested). Registration deadline: 7/19
Th, 8/10, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., \$110, SR840

Shipshewana Brown Bag Tour

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

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, SR836

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: motor coach, ferry, and horse drawn taxi transportation; Grand Hotel lodging (rooms are luck of the draw), baggage handling, three breakfasts, lunch on arrival day, two 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). Call the Delta 39'ers at 517-484-5600 for more information.

Upcoming Trips

www.deltami.gov • 484-5600

special events

Daddy Daughter Dance

Dance to your favorite music in the elegant surroundings of the Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel. You will also enjoy refreshments, a corsage for the lady, photographs, and more. The dance is open to all young ladies and the adult male of their choice. Dinner is on your own. If you would like to eat at Bordeaux in the hotel you must call them for reservations at 391-1307.

M, 2/6, 7-9 p.m.

No refunds after 2/4

\$10 per person (Delta Township residents)

\$12 per person (non-residents)

Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel



Mother Daughter Dance

Dance to your favorite music, enjoy refreshments, and leave at the end of the evening with a photo and a special surprise for the young lady. The dance is open to all young ladies and the adult female of their choice. Dinner is on your own. If you would like to eat at Bordeaux in the hotel you must call them for reservations at 391-1307.

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

No refunds after 3/31

\$10 per person (Delta Township resident)

\$12 per person (non-residents)

Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel



Mother Son Dance

Dance to your favorite music, enjoy refreshments, and leave at the end of the evening with a photo and a special surprise for the young man. The dance is open to all young men and the adult female of their choice. Dinner is on your own. If you would like to eat at Bordeaux in the hotel you must call them for reservations at 391-1307.

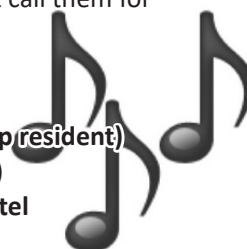
M, 3/6, 7-9 p.m.

No refunds after 3/3

\$10 per person (Delta Township resident)

\$12 per person (non-residents)

Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel



How to Register for the Dances

Register online at www.deltami.gov/registration or call 323-8555. Register now as space is limited. Please do not call the hotel except to make dinner reservations. **Please note dinner is not included in the fee for the dance.**

If you would like to dine at Bordeaux, the hotel's restaurant, reservations can be made by calling 391-1307.

Payment for dinner must be made at the restaurant at the time of dinner.

Pint-Sized Picassos – Parent Participation

Let us provide the materials and clean-up while your child provides the creativity. There will be a couple different projects each week. We will use different types of paints, crayons, glue, collage materials, and more. The easels will also be available every week for the children to use. No need to register in advance.

Th, 1/19-2/9, 10-11 a.m., Ages 2-5, \$1 per child per week

Room 301 in the Enrichment Center

Easter Bunny Meet & Greet

The Easter Bunny will be visiting Delta Township for a meet and greet with area children. Don't forget to bring your camera to get a picture of your child with the Easter Bunny. Children will also have the opportunity to participate in a Easter craft. No need to register in advance. Sponsored by the Delta Township Parks and Recreation Department.

Th, 4/6, 6-7 p.m.

Delta Township Enrichment Center

Free



enrichment classes

Pilates - Monday

M, 5:30- 6:15 p.m.
1/9-3/27 (No Class 1/16)
\$60 Res/\$72 Non-Res
Enrichment Center, Room 303

Zumba - Monday

M, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
1/9-3/27 (No Class 1/16)
\$72 Res/\$84 Non-Res
Enrichment Center, Room 303

Strength, Flexibility, and Core

W, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
1/11-3/22
\$60 Res/\$72 Non-Res
Community Center, Upper Floor

Zumba Toning and Abs

W, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
1/11-3/22
\$72 Res/\$84 Non-Res
Community Center, Upper Floor

Pilates, Ballet and Barre Fitness

Th, 5:15-6 p.m.
1/12-3/23
\$60 Res/\$72 Non-Res
Enrichment Center, Room 303

Zumba - Thursday

Th, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
1/12-3/23
\$72 Res/\$84 Non-Res
Enrichment Center, Room 303

TRX Suspension Training

Session 1: Th, 7-7:45 p.m.
1/12-2/16
\$40 Res/\$46 Non-Res
Session 2: Th, 7-7:45 p.m.
2/23-3/23
\$33 Res/\$38 Non-Res
Community Center, Lower Floor

Jazzercise LO

Tu/Th, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Ongoing, Starts January 2nd
\$59/month
Community Center, Upper Floor
Call Sandy for info. 517-285-0066

Gentle Flow Yoga

Th, 6-6:45 p.m.
1/12-3/2
\$64 Res/\$72 Non-Res
Drop-In Available Online
Enrichment Center, Room 304

Get Your Glutes in Gear

M, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
1/9-2/27
\$64 Res/\$72 Non-Res
3/6-3/27
\$32 Res/\$36 Non-Res
Community Center, Upper Level

Smile While You Sweat

Th, 7:15-8 p.m.
1/12-3/23 (11 sessions)
\$88 Res/\$99 Non-Res
Community Center, Upper Level

Karate- Youth (6-13yrs)

Tu, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Or 7:30- 8:30 p.m.
1/10-3/14
\$35/individual
Community Center, Upper Floor

Karate for Families

Tu, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Or 7:30-8:30 p.m.
1/10-3/14
\$60/family
Community Center, Upper Floor

Karate for Adults (14+)

Tu, 7:30-9 p.m.
1/10-3/14
\$40/individual
Community Center, Upper Floor

Delta Dance Connection

Youth Dance Classes
Ages 18mo – 13yrs
Tu, W, Sa
Offers a variety of dance classes
Register at:
www.deltadanceconnection.com
Contact Ms. Shannon at:
ShannonSimonDance@gmail.com

Home Alone (Ages 10-15)

Th, 2/2
6-7:30 p.m.
\$10 Res/\$12 Non-Res
Enrichment Center, Activity Room



Mom 2 Mom Sale

Looking for a place to sell your child's items? Spaces are available for sellers to reserve either in-person or at our online catalog. For more sale information or to reserve your spot, visit www.deltami.gov/registration
Sa, 3/11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Early Bird Admission (9 a.m.) - \$2/adult (cash only)
General Admission (10 a.m.) - Free
Joseph E. Drolett Community Center

Class Registration

Class registration begins on Tuesday, January 3 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.

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

aquatic programs

The Pool is currently undergoing a renovation. This renovation is currently on schedule, and we are tentatively set to reopen in early February 2023.

Check the website at www.deltami.gov/parks for the most up-to-date information on the exact reopening date.

Hiring Lifeguards and Instructors

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

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.

Punch Cards

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.

For up to the date protocols visit the aquatics page on the Delta Township website at www.deltami.gov

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.
T/Th, 10-10:45 a.m.

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

Adult Open Swim

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

Pool Closings

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.

The pool will be closed on the following dates:

Friday, April 7, 2023

Monday, May 29, 2023

Pool Information

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.

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



sports programs

Adult Athletics Summer Adult Softball Leagues

Leagues Offered:

Men Dbl- 20 games: M, Tu, Th

Men (40+) Dbl- 20 games: Su

Coed Dbl- 20 games: W

Coed Single- 10 games: Th

Locations: Erickson Park, Sharp Park or Delta Mills Park

Season Begins: Week of April 24, 2023 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:

2/27/23-3/3/23

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 3/3/23 will pay "Regular Team Registration" Fees.

Early Bird Sponsor Fees:

Men's Doubleheader – \$240

Coed Doubleheader – \$280

Coed Single – \$180

Regular Team Registration:

3/6/23-3/24/23

Limited spots available. Teams are taken on a first come, first served basis. Registrations turned in AFTER 3/24/23 will pay "Late Team Registration" Fees.

Regular Sponsor Fees:

Men's Doubleheader – \$290

Coed Doubleheader – \$330

Coed Single – \$230

Late Team Registration:

3/27/23-3/31/23

If leagues are not already full, we will accept registrations until March 31, 2023. No team registrations will be accepted after 3/31/23.

Late Sponsor Fees:

Men's Doubleheader – \$340

Coed Doubleheader – \$380

Coed Single – \$280

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

\$24/game, \$480/season

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

Coed Single – 1 umpire

\$15/game, \$150/season

For all athletic program details and online registration links, please visit each sports link on our township website at https://www.deltami.gov/departments/parks_recreation/athletic_programs/index.php

Coed Kickball Leagues

Do you miss those fun games of kickball? Are you looking to get together and have fun with your friends? Then sign up now and join our Adult Co-ed Kickball League!

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

Deadline: F, 4/7/23

Leagues: M or W

Season Begins: M, 4/24/23 or W, 4/26/23

Fee: \$150/team (10 games)

Locations: Sharp Park and Delta Mills Park

Youth Athletics

Delta's youth athletic programs are recreational in nature. Each program will introduce the child to the basic skills of that sport.

Youth Spring Soccer

Micro Leagues – Ages 4, and 5/6.

Traditional Leagues – Ages 5/6, 7/8, and 9/10. Games will be played on Saturdays for 6 weeks at Mount Hope Park. Practices will start the week of 4/17/23.

Registration Deadline: F, 3/31/23

Age: 4-13 as of 4/29/23

Dates: Week of 4/29/23-6/10/23

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

\$10 late fee after 3/31/23, if space permits

\$15 for athletic jersey if needed

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 4/29/23 and runs on Saturdays for 5 weeks.

Registration Deadline: F, 3/31/23

Age: 3 as of 4/29/23

Dates: Week of 4/29/23-6/3/23

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

\$10 late fee after 3/31/23, if space permits

\$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. Assist-U will supply the instructors and equipment. No refunds after 5/3/23.

Deadline: 5/2/23

Camp Dates: 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24

Grade/Time:

1st-3rd – 6:15 p.m.

4th-6th – 7:15 p.m.

7th-9th – TBD

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

Location: Waverly East Gymnasium

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

community awards



Delta Township hosted its 16th Annual Community Awards Event on October 28 at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West. Over 150 people gathered to celebrate the outstanding nominees. This year the Township presented four awards including:

Rita LaMoreaux **Citizen of the Year**

Rita LaMoreaux is a lifelong Delta Township resident who spent the whole of 30+ years serving her community through various organizations. Giving back to her community is important to Rita. In 2005, Rita founded the Delta Township Historical Society, to aid in documenting and maintaining local historical artifacts related to our community. Rita has been a great supporter of community events. She and her husband Dave, not only support community events financially through personal sponsorships but are avid promoters and attendees. Additionally, Rita is Co-Chair of the Lansing Community College Alumni Committee, Youth Service Co-Chair and Grants Committee Chair of the Delta-Waverly Rotary Club, Capital Area College Access Network and Association of Fundraising Professionals Capital Region, and Treasurer of the Irish American Club of Mid-Michigan. Rita has received professional and community service awards for her service including the National Young Agent Liaison of the Year from the Insurance Agents and Brokers of America (2017) and Delta-Waverly Rotary Club Rotarian of the Year (2018).

Brian Magaswaran **Young Person of the Year**

Brian Magaswaran is a senior at Lansing Catholic High School and was nominated for his dedication and excellence in aca-

demics, the arts, athletics, and volunteerism. He is a member of the Lansing Catholic High School Band, the Varsity Tennis Team, and was named homecoming King. Brian has a passion for serving others which has led to his community service for numerous

causes and organizations including Habitat for Humanity, and Religious Youth Programs, as well as being the founder and co-president of Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica chapter at his school. Brian plans to continue his community service efforts by entering the medical field.

The Smoke N' Pig BBQ **Business of the Year**

Having always had a strong desire to open his own business, in the spring of 2016, Gabriel Jones decided to follow his dream and The Smoke N' Pig BBQ was born out of a desire to serve great food while serving his community. In partnership with family and close friends, the Smoke N' Pig BBQ grew from its humble beginnings as a traveling smoker and a couple of folding tables, to being Delta Township's first licensed food truck in 2017, to a storefront, with current plans to further expand. Over the course of their rapid growth, they have focused on serving excellent, award-winning food, which earned them first place for best ribs during the 2016 Smokin' Jazz and BBQ Blues Fest in Brighton, Michigan. Since then, they have won numerous awards for their ribs and beef brisket. Gabe and his stellar food are also a staple in the community, providing support through the sponsorship of numerous benefits for various organizations, charities, local schools, and Township events including the Knights of Columbus, St. Gerard Church, Waverly High School Athletics, Lansing Catholic Athletics, and Cardboard Prophets where they help to feed the homeless population across the Lansing area. Additionally, co-owner Brian Torok volunteers as a member of

the Delta Township Saginaw Highway Corridor Improvement Authority Board for the Township.

The Delta Community Choir **Community Organization of the Year**

The Delta Community Choir is celebrating its 10th year as a community organization. Under the Direction of Ellen McKenzie, the choir has between 40-60 members, who donate their time and talent to making beautiful music to share with the community. The choir was created to build community through song by providing individuals with a forum for community service, music education, and self-expression through the choral arts. Additionally, through song, the choir brings people together to produce significant support for area non-profits. The choir does not charge admission to its spring and winter concerts; instead, concertgoers learn about a selected local nonprofit during the concert and then have the opportunity to make freewill donations to that organization at the conclusion of the performance. This enhances the quality of life for residents, who experience quality arts entertainment while supporting local causes that exist to further improve the quality of life for those less fortunate in our community. Through its performances, the Delta Community Choir has generated more than \$36,000, with 100% of those dollars going to support local non-profit organizations, many of which are located in or are supporting the Delta Township community. Congratulations to all of this year's nominees and recipients. Please find attached a photo of this year's honorees.

Photo Cutline: Pictured (L to R): Supervisor Kenneth R. Fletcher, Citizen of the Year Rita LaMoreaux, Community Organization of the Year recipient the Delta Community Choir, Member Caleb Phelps and Director Ellen McKenzie; Business of the Year Recipients Bryan Torok, Mary Torok, Gabriel Jones, Kerissah Ries, and Steve Fountain of The Smoke N' Pig BBQ; Young Person the Year Brian Magaswaran, and Clerk Mary R. Clark.

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library information

Tutor.com

Tutor.com is free with your DTDL card and provides on-demand tutoring, homework help, test preparation and writing assistance 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 don't have access to digital collections, you can still get library materials. Learn more at dtdl.org/booksbymail.

@ Your Service

Get a one-on-one session covering tech help, library resources, resume review, and more. Register for an appointment at dtdl.org/@.

Legal Help

Are you representing yourself in a current legal issue? Do you need court forms, legal information or help contacting a lawyer? Visit the Adult Services desk for help from the Michigan Legal Help website.

Battle of the Books 2023

Our 15th annual program will include engaging reads, fun programs, and friendly competition. Form a team, read the books, and compete in trivia battles. Open to kids in fourth grade & up, teens, and adults. Learn more and register at dtdl.org/battle.

Winter Reading Challenge

Experience all the feels this winter! January 1-31, earn fun emoji-themed badges for logging reading, completing activities, submitting book reviews, and earning bingo. Log your activities on Beanstack and enter to win a Meijer gift card. Visit dtdl.beanstack.org.

Winter 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.
Virtual Book Chat - Third Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
Practice English: Conversation and Resource Hour
Fourth Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m. (virtual), 5-6 p.m. (in person)

DTDl's **Short Story and Poetry Contest** runs January 1 – March 10, 2023. Ages 6-Adult are welcome to submit their work. Learn more at dtdl.org/shortstory.

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

Learn helpful shortcuts, file organization, and other basic tips in **Computer Basics**, January 9 & 23 at 6 p.m.

Grab your friends and play **The Euphorigen Investigation**, ages 16+. January 11 (in-person), January 12 (virtual), 6-7:30 p.m..

Parents, caregivers, and educators are invited to join us for an important conversation on **Surviving Screen Time** and how it impacts our youth. Presented by CMH, Wednesday, January 18, 6-7:30 p.m.

Share your extra seeds and pick up new seeds for this year at our **Seed Swap** on February 25, 1:30-3 p.m.

Get cooking with an easy and delicious plant-based **Potluck and Virtual Cooking Demo** from VegMichigan on February 22. Attend virtually or join our in-person watch party. Samples from Veg Head, Lansing's new vegan restaurant, available while supplies last. Learn more and register at dtdl.org/events.

Youth Programs (Weekly programs begin January 9)

Stories & Crafts – Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. (ages 3-5)
Game On – Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m. (8-18)
Baby/Toddler Storytime – Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. (0-2)
Stress Busters – Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. (7-14)
Music & Movement Storytime – Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
Homeschool Connect – Fourth Mondays, 2-3:30 p.m.
PJ Storytime – First Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
Virtual Playgroup – Second Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. (0-5)
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.

Kids in grades K-3 can get hands-on with fun STEAM activities like cooking, robotics, gardening, and composting at our **STEAM Saturdays** each month.

Tweens and teens can join our **Healthy Kitchen** on Friday, January 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m., and get tips for eating healthy and make some tasty new recipes.

Bring your family to the library on Saturday, February 4 for **Take Your Child to the Library Day!** Enjoy a library scavenger hunt and receive a free book to take home.

Our popular **Fandom Fest** is back for ages 13-18 on Friday, February 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Share your fandom frenzy with other teens with trivia, food, and more.

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., \$275 Res/\$350 Non-Res*

F, when booked with Saturday, \$195 Res/\$270 Non-Res

Sa, 8 a.m.-1 a.m., \$425 Res/\$525 Non-Res

Su, 11 a.m.-12 a.m., \$335 Res/\$400 Non-Res*

*Rental fees on township holidays are \$425 Res/\$525 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/\$325 Non-Res*

Su, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., \$250 Res/\$325 Non-Res*

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

Enrichment Center Classrooms (Limited Availability)

M-Th, 5-9 p.m., \$25 per hour Res/\$35 per hour Non-Res

Two hour rental minimum.

A damage deposit of \$300 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

elections & more

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.

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 Elections

Delta Township has no elections scheduled in 2023 at the time of this publication. Please see the Delta Township website at www.deltami.gov or contact the Clerk’s Office at 323-8500 for any updates.

Potential 2023 Election Dates

The dates for 2023 elections are as follows:

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

2024 Election Dates – Presidential Election Year

TBD – Presidential Primary

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Registering to Vote through Election Day

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’s 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 are required. Documents must have your 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 on Election Day, you **must** register to vote at the Delta Township Clerk’s Office in person. However, when a voter registers on Election Day at the Delta Township Clerk’s Office, a voter has the choice to either vote by absentee ballot at the Clerk’s Office, or to take their registration receipt to their polling precinct on Election Day and vote until close of polls at 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/vote or the Delta Township website at www.deltami.gov.

How do I get an absentee ballot?

Proposal 2 of 2022 will change the process. Information will be shared regarding the new process as soon as it is available.

Automatic Permanent Absent Voter Application List

Delta Township maintains a list of voters who automatically are mailed an application for an absentee ballot for elections scheduled in Delta Township. A voter can request to be placed on the “automatic absent voter application list”. Once an application is returned and ballots are available, the ballot will be mailed to voter. Voter can vote ballot in comfort of their home and then return ballot in any of the methods listed above.

To be placed on our Automatic Absent Voter List please call the Clerk’s Office Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at 323-8500. If you would like to sign up electronically go to

the Delta Township website at www.deltami.gov. Select the Government heading at the top of the page and then select Elections and Voter Registration. From the list that displays, select “Automatic Absent Voter List Request” and complete the form online.

Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (“MOVE Act”)

The MOVE Act as signed into federal 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. For your convenience, the FPCA form used for this request is available at our website at www.deltami.gov. 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

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

- Federal or state government-issued photo identification (Driver’s license or state identification card from any state).
- U.S. passport
- Military ID card with photo
- Student ID card with photo from high school or an accredited institution of higher education
- Tribal ID card with photo.

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

Election Worker Recruitment

Delta Township is seeking election workers for the following positions: electronic poll book inspectors, help desk inspectors, general inspectors, absent



voter counting board inspector, and chairs in training to work elections. All positions are paid positions. Chairpersons are paid \$20/hour, Chairs in Training are paid \$18/hour, Electronic Poll Book Inspector are paid \$15/hour, Help Desk Inspector, and General Inspectors are paid \$14/hour. All required training is paid at the hourly rate applicable for the position for which you are hired. 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. Potential election dates in 2023 are May 2, August 8, and November 7. Anticipated election dates in 2024 are Presidential Primary (TBD), May 7, August 6, and November 5. If interested, please contact the Delta Township Clerk’s Office at 323-8500 or stop by the office to complete an application at 7710 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI.

Delta Charter Township – Serving your community on a Board or Commission

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

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

did you know?

Passport Drives

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 for 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, January 9 – 5-7 p.m.
 Tuesday, February 7 – 5-7 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 8 – 5-7 p.m.
 Thursday, April 13 – 5-7 p.m.
 Monday, May 8 – 5-7 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 6 – 5-7 p.m.
 Wednesday, July 12 – 5-7 p.m.
 Thursday, August 10 – 5-7 p.m.
 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 taken within six months of application 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.

www.deltami.gov

Winter Taxes

Winter 2022 taxes are due on **Tuesday, February 14, 2023**. Please consider submitting your payment well in advance of the day it is due, to avoid unforeseen circumstances that result in a late payment. Interest and penalty charges that are incurred for late payments cannot be waived. Real property taxes are turned over to Eaton County for collection on March 1, 2023. Tax information is available 24/7 at www.deltami.gov – click on Property Information on the home page.

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 income 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 Township are subject to city income tax because of a 425 Agreement with the City of Lansing: GM-Delta Manufacturing Complex located on Millett Highway, Ultium Cells, LLC located at 7111 Davis Highway, Charlotte, MI 48813, Amazon Warehouse, 7009 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI 48917, Bridgewater Interiors, L.L.C., 2369 S Canal, Lansing, MI 48917, and Avancez, 2051 S Canal, Lansing, MI 48917.**

Delta residents that live and work in Delta Township do not pay income tax other than if they are working at the 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 you are a Delta Township resident, please contact the Clerk's office and they will be happy to assist you, 323-8500.

s a f e t y t i p s

Don't Blame the Weather! Drive Slow on Ice & Snow

Most winter driving crashes are not caused by the weather, but by drivers' failure to adjust to road conditions. "Drive slow on ice & snow" is the theme for our winter driving safety program, and our #1 tip for staying safe on wintry roads. Here's why:

- Most winter driving crashes can be attributed to drivers going too fast for the roadway conditions. When this happens, drivers can lose control, leave their lane, or even leave the roadway.
- On snowy and/or icy roads, it can take up to **ten times longer** to stop your vehicle. Slowing down and allowing more room between your vehicle and the one ahead of you gives you more time to react and brake, thus reducing your crash risk.
- Michigan speed limit laws require drivers to move at a speed that is "reasonable and proper" for the road conditions. This means that even if you are driving at or under the posted speed limit, you could still get a speeding ticket if the road conditions make that speed unreasonable for safe driving.
- By making adjustments in speed and handling when road conditions are bad, you can take charge of your winter driving safety.
- Don't use cruise control on ice and snow. If your car skids, the cruise control will accelerate to maintain a constant speed - spinning your wheels even faster and increasing the chance you will lose control of your vehicle

With the holiday season approaching, DELTA PATROL offers these tips for crime prevention when out shopping:

- **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
 - Out of the ordinary for the time of day



s a f e t y t i p s



Holiday Fire Prevention Tips

Pick only fresh Christmas trees - you will know it's fresh if the needles are firmly attached.

When the tree is in your home, keep plenty of water around the base. A dry tree is the source of more than 1,000 home fires every year! Remove tree promptly after the holidays. Every day in the house the tree gets a little drier.

Do not use lights with worn insulation, broken plugs and loose sockets. They can cause fires, shocks and even electrocution. Do not overload electrical sockets. Turn off all inside and outside holiday lights before going to bed.

Keep space heaters away from curtains, bedspreads, furniture and other flammable materials. Warn children of the dangers of space heaters, such as fire or getting burned. Be sure fireplace openings are covered with a sturdy metal screen or heat-tempered glass. This reduces chances of a fire from escaping sparks or wood. Make sure any stockings hung by the fireplace are removed before lighting a fire.

A Great Gift Idea: 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.

Simple Things 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.

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.

The Life You Save May Be Your Own

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.



When Is Ice Safe?

The simple answer is never; no ice is safe ice. This is the message that the Coast Guard advocates. The reality is that people will be on the ice for a variety of recreation opportunities including fishing, snowmobiling, skating and skiing. The Michigan DNR does not measure ice thickness and there is no reliable "inch-thickness" to determine if ice is safe. Your safety is your responsibility!

Guidelines

Test ice thickness and quality using a spud, needle bar or auger.

Strongest ice: Clear with bluish tint.

Weak ice: ice formed by melted and refrozen snow. Appears milky.

Tools You'll Need

- Spud: Long-shank with a chisel-like end that's used to chip a hole in the ice. Use this when the ice isn't too thick.
- Auger: Corkscrew-like device with a cutting blade that operates like a hand drill to make a hole in the ice.
- Lifejacket
- Ice picks/claws
- Two-way communication device (Make sure it receives signal)!

Ice Covered by Snow:

Should always be considered unsafe.

Snow acts like an insulating blanket and slows freezing process.

Ice under snow is thin and weak.

A recent snowfall can melt existing ice.

Caution:

Stay off ice with slush on top. Slush ice is only half as strong as clear ice and indicates the ice is not freezing from the bottom.

A sudden cold front with low temperatures can create cracks within a half-day.

A warm spell may take several days to weaken ice and cause the ice to thaw during the day and refreeze at night.

Ice weakens with age.

If there's ice on the lake but water around the shoreline, be extra cautious.

Stronger the current on the lake, the more likely the ice will give to open water. Avoid areas of ice with protruding debris like logs or brush.

If You Do Break Through the Ice:

Remain calm

Don't remove winter clothing. Heavy clothes won't drag you down, but instead help provide warmth.

Turn in the water toward the direction you came from, this is most likely the strongest ice.

If you have ice picks, dig the points of the picks into the ice while vigorously kicking your feet to pull yourself onto the surface by sliding forward on the ice

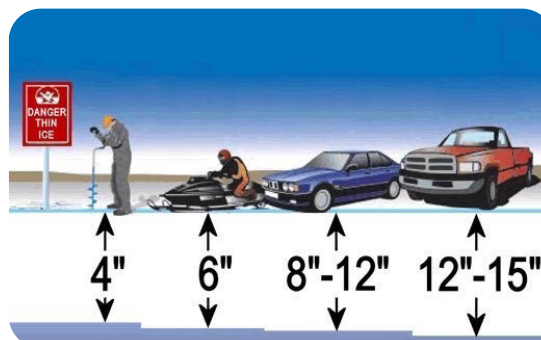
Roll away from the area of weak ice.

Rolling on the ice will distribute your weight to help avoid breaking through again.

Get to shelter and remove your wet clothing, redressing in warm, dry clothing and consume warm, non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated beverages as soon as you can.

Call 911 and seek medical attention if you feel disoriented, have uncontrollable shivering or have any other ill effects that may be symptoms of hypothermia, which is a life-threatening condition

Courtesy of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources



utilities information

Winter Storage of Lawn & 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 MANUFACTURERS 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. Dampness reduces the shelf life of many chemicals and can cause deterioration of metal or paper containers. Keep in mind that all 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.

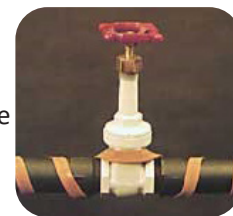
IMPORTANT: ALWAYS STORE THESE CHEMICALS OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN. IF POSSIBLE, DESIGNATE A VENTILATED CABINET FOR LAWN AND GARDEN MATERIALS AND KEEP IT LOCKED.

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. Old, unwanted, or spilled materials that have been cleaned up can be brought to the Eaton County Household Hazardous waste collection day typically held in the spring.

Protect Water Pipes & Your Water Meter

Cold winter weather can cause water pipes and water meters in areas such as crawlspaces, garages and basements to freeze if not protected. HOMEOWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO PROTECT WATER METERS FROM FREEZING. We recommend that you KEEP THE HEAT ON at a level that is sufficient to protect pipes and meters from freezing. As the cold winds shift direction, be aware that cold air could enter a small crack in a foundation, window, or opening in the siding possibly causing pipes and/or water meters to freeze. If you are gone for a period of time, you may want to have someone check periodically to be sure the heat source is still working throughout the cold weather. If pipes and/or the water meter are built into a cabinet, you may want to leave the access doors to the cabinet open during extreme cold spells to allow enough heat to circulate around the meter. If pipes are in an outside wall, special care needs to be taken to ensure that rooms next to the pipes are kept warm enough to radiate heat through the walls to keep these pipes from freezing.



Pipes and meters that are not in heated areas, such as in garages and under mobile homes, will also need protection from the cold. Often insulation and heat tapes are wrapped around them to keep them from freezing. Be sure to follow manufacturer's instructions when installing heat tapes. Check heat tapes often to be sure they are plugged in and working properly.

Some of our water customers prefer to winterize their homes rather than leave heat on. Upon request, the Township will turn the water off to your home at the street in the fall and back on in the spring at a cost of \$25. Requesting this service will not inactivate your water and sewer accounts. The ready to serve monthly charges will still be billed to the customer's account. Customers who choose to winterize their homes need to blow the water out of all pipes using a compressor that does not leave an oil residue, aka a breathable air compressor. In addition, these customers need to pull and empty all of the water out of the water meter inside the house. However, the pipe from the meter to the street still holds water and may still be subject to freezing and splitting. Opening the valve inside the home will allow some of the remaining water to evaporate. Be aware that any buildings that sit through the Michigan winter months without heat are subject to drawing moisture that can cause problems when this moisture freezes during the extreme cold months.

Vehicle Lights – Green Color

If you wonder why or what the flashing green or green and yellow lights you see on certain vehicles mean please read on.

In May of 2016, the governor signed into law the use of flashing green or green and yellow



lights for public works vehicles. Green lights are designed to get better visibility in all weather conditions. Green lights indicate there is a municipal worker (i.e. State, County, City, or Township worker) either driving or working in the roadway. Green flashing lights are prohibited for private individual or commercial use. So when you see vehicles with these lights flashing please slow down and drive with caution around them.

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 collection 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.

Annual Water Quality Reports

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

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

Please Help Keep Fire Hydrants Free of Snow

The Township is looking for volunteers to help with keeping fire hydrants visible in front of residential homes. This is a major concern for public safety. Firefighters need quick access to a water supply from hydrants to fight fires. Citizens can assist by making sure that they do not pile snow on or near a hydrant. If possible, they should be cleared at least a shovel’s width on each side to allow Fire Department access. Commercial and retail businesses are also requested to assist in clearing the snow from around hydrants that may be located on or near their properties.



stormwater smart

SIX TIPS TO STAY STORMWATER SMART IN THE SNOW



SHOVEL

Shovel snow onto vegetated areas. Grass and plants will act as a natural filter as the snow melts, reducing runoff into stormdrains that lead directly to rivers and streams.

PLAN AHEAD

Shovel and scrape trafficked areas early and often. De-icers work best when there is only a thin layer to remove.



USE LESS

A little bit of salt goes a long way! Apply de-icers sparingly and remove slush once the snow melts to prevent refreezing.

RECYCLE

Save money by sweeping or vacuuming salt solids for re-use after the storm!



STORE

Practice good housekeeping by storing de-icers under a roof or other cover to minimize polluted runoff.

WINTERIZE

Winterize your vehicles to ensure there are no leaks. Avoid washing the car in the driveway to keep dirty water out of the storm sewer.



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 24, 2022

April 8, May 27,

July 4, September 2,

November 25, and

December 23, 2023


*Residential Use Only -
No Commercial*

String Light Collection

December 14-January 31

Recycling available during regular hours of operation at the: Delta Township Administration Building and Delta Township Recycling Center. Available for string lights ONLY. Both LED and Non-LED string lights will be accepted. No other electrical or electronic items will be accepted.

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 events 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. A new collaboration with the Eaton County Resource Recovery will allow for monthly events. Collection of these items will take place between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the following dates: January 14, February 18, March 18, April 22, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 12, September 16, October 28, November 18, and December 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.

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 19, 2023.

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.

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.

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

Delta Charter Township
7710 West Saginaw Highway
Lansing, MI 48917

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

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

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

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

Hillside Cemetery
6415 Delta River Drive
Information: 323-8500

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

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

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



Recycling Center
5717 Millett Highway
Information: 323-8500

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

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

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

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

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

Delta Fire Station #3
215 Snow Road

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

EATRAN 371-3312 (Eaton Co.)

Anderson Park
3207 Wardell Road

Delta Mills Park
7001 Old River Trail

Erickson Park
4220 South Canal Road

Grand Woods Park
4500 West Willow Highway

Hawk Meadow Park
6160 Delta River Drive

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

Lake Delta
3½ miles south of Saginaw
Highway on Canal Road

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

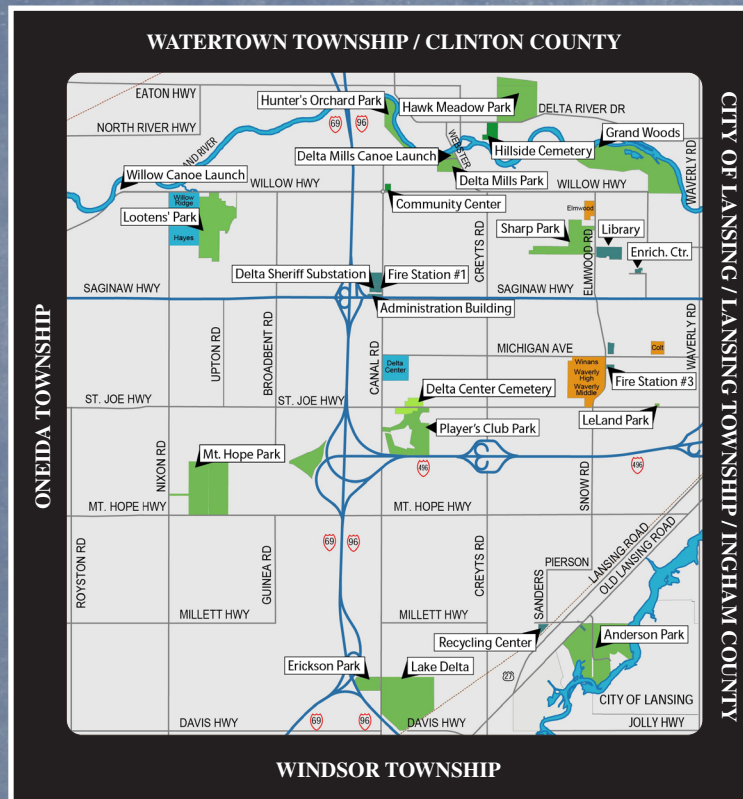
Lootens Park
East of Nixon Road on
Willow Highway

Mount Hope Park
7419 East Mt. Hope Highway
Grand Ledge

Player's Club
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.*