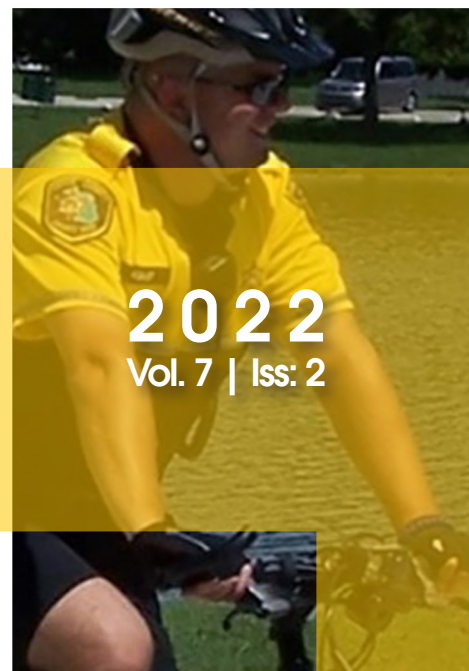




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Updates from Around the Township



Delta Energy Plant

On August 23, the Delta Township Board, along with the entire Lansing Region celebrated the grand opening of the Lansing Board of Water & Light's (BWL) Delta Energy Plant. The new natural gas-fired plant replaces outdated coal-powered plants and can generate 250 megawatts. The new facility is also significantly cleaner, more reliable, and more efficient to run. Delta Township

is proud to be the home of Mid-Michigan's newest clean energy source, making our community and the surrounding areas more attractive and cost-efficient options for substantial economic development now and into the future.

Amazon Warehouse

Progress continues at Amazon's one-million sqft warehouse facility located near Creyts Rd. and I-496. The building is expected to be completed in 2023 and fully operational in 2024.



Ultium Cells Plant

Ground clearing and footing placements are underway at the future site of the Ultium Cells Battery plant located West of GM's Delta Plant. Delta Township staff and consultant continue to work with Ultium on infrastructure needs for 2.8 million sqft facility, which is estimated to be completed by 2025.

LOCAL BUSINESS PROJECTS

Now Open/ Under New Ownership

- Wild Flour Bakery
- Skin Studio 211
- Beauty and Grace Spa
- Delta Energy Park - BWL Natural Gas-Fired Power plant
- Auto-Owners (South Campus)
- Bath & Body Works
- Lansing Elite Dental (Remodel)
- Boot Barn
- US Armed Forces Recruiting Office
- Affordable Dentures & Implants

New in the Lansing Mall

- Appliance 4 Less
- The Venue by Eleven 11 Events
- Daily Dealz
- Delicious Delights Cakes LLC
- Twentyone28 Fitness
- Great Lakes Empowerment Services (Winter 2021)

Under Construction/ Renovation

- GM Ultium Cells Plant
- Crumbl Cookies
- Capital Area Sportsman League
- Auto-Owners (Remodel of North Campus Building)
- Youngs Beauty 4233 W. Saginaw Hwy (Demolition and Remodel)
- Amazon Fulfillment Center
- Meijer Distribution (Expansion)
- Farm Bureau (Remodel)
- Palmer Bush Jensen (Remodel at New Location)
- New Eatery located at 4901 W. Saginaw Hwy.
- Consumers Credit Union
- Olive Garden

Delta Township Public Safety Millage Proposals

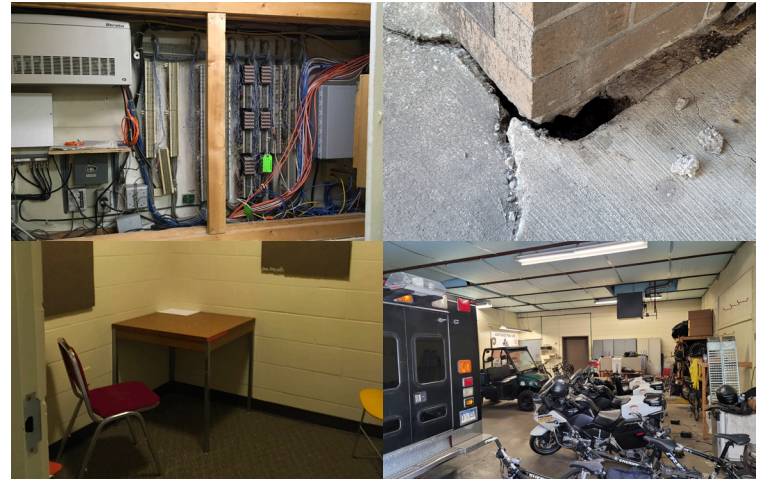


Delta residents will be asked to consider two ballot proposals in November that if approved by the voters would aid the Township in maintaining and enhancing public safety for its citizens and provide an adequate facility for deputies and the community.



Proposal 1: Operating Millage

The operating millage will levy a tax of up to 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on all taxable property in the Township, over a period of ten years for the purpose of providing funds for police, fire, and public safety operating expenses, services, and contract services.



Proposal 2: New Sheriff's Substation Bond

The bond proposal will levy a tax of approximately 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on all taxable property in the Township, over a period of ten years, to pay for the issuance of up to \$15 million in bonds for the purpose of building a new Sheriff's Substation to replace the current facility.

If Approved, These Proposals Would Allow Delta Township To:

- Supplement rising costs for police and fire services that currently account for 44% of the general fund budget
- Attract and retain public safety personnel to preserve and enhance service levels
- Maintain response times
- Make continued investments in equipment and training
- Replace the substation that has documented structural deficiencies and is functionally inadequate
- Provide enhanced building security
- Improve facilities for female deputies, evidence processing, and witness and victim interviews
- Increase energy efficiency and provide for upgraded technology

How Would This Affect Taxpayers?

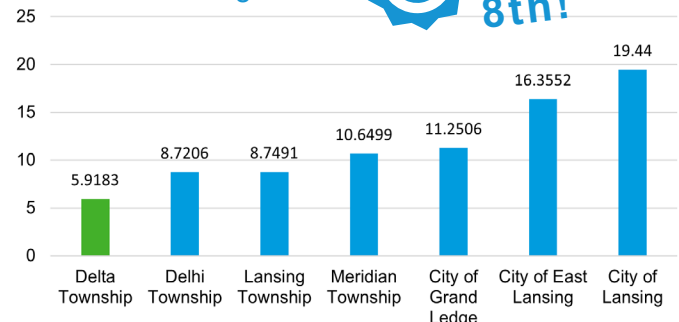
If both millages pass, the average property owner in Delta Township can expect to pay an additional \$200 in taxes per year (equivalent of \$16.67 per month) based on an average home market value of \$200,000 and a taxable value of \$100,000.

| Approximate Market Value | Taxable Value | Cost Per Year for 2 Mills | Cost Per Month |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| \$150,000 | \$75,000 | \$150 | \$12.50 |
| \$200,000 | \$100,000 | \$200 | \$16.67 |
| \$250,000 | \$125,000 | \$250 | \$20.83 |
| \$300,000 | \$150,000 | \$300 | \$25.00 |

To calculate the exact amount, divide your taxable value by 1,000 and multiply by two.

Paid for by Delta Charter Township. 7710 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917

Delta Township will continue to have the lowest local millage rate!



For more information visit deltami.gov/PublicSafety

Delta Rocks! All Summer Long Concludes - Participants Say “Bring it Back!”



The Delta Rocks! All Summer Long event series concluded in August with our final music in the park event. Throughout the summer event-goers had the opportunity to participate in variety experiences including movie and music in the park, Kids Mud Run, July 3 Fireworks, Moneyball Basketball Tournament, and Delta's first Beer Fest, to name a few. Participants were excited for this year's lineup and are already looking forward to next year.

CIA Listening Sessions

Over the past several months, the Delta Township Saginaw Highway Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) has held panel discussions with various stakeholders as they begin the process of putting together a corridor improvement plan.

To kickoff these panel discussion the CIA Board heard from Transportation entities including MDOT, Eaton County Road Commission (ECRC), CATA, EATRAN, the Capital Area Disability Network, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, and the Tri-County Bicycle Association to share their thoughts on the overall traffic history and characteristics, the future of the corridor, and the opportunities and challenges of public and multi-modal transportation options.

They have also hosted members of other area CIA boards to discuss their challenges and insights to possible opportunities for our CIA.

Waverly Pool Closed for Much Needed Renovations

Recently, the Delta Aquatics center, located at Waverly East Middle School was closed as the school district moves forward with significant renovations to the pool and surrounding facilities.

These major renovations will provide Delta Township residents with sub-

stantial upgrades to the pool area, entrance, and locker rooms including new family-friendly bathrooms.

The renovations are expected to be completed in early 2023 and are a welcomed addition to our aquatics program. Check our Facebook page for periodic updates on this project.

75th Annual Delta Township Fireworks Display

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| Bronze Sponsors Bob Weldon - Delta Township Parks & Recreation Commissioner Amy Kious - Delta Township Parks & Recreation Commissioner Brian Reed & Family Brunette Appraisal Company Diane Manetz Doble Family, Justin and Cara EagleMonk Pub and Brewery Jeff & Lisa Hicks Family McCoy Law Meadowar Jewelers Mendez Family, Ernesto & Ambre Rob & Wend Spagnuolo | | In Kind Sponsors The Lansing Columbian Association |

Delta Breaks Ground on the New Water Resource Recovery Facility

On June 7, Delta Township broke ground on Phase 1 of the new Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF).

This major capital improvements project has been in the planning and preparation phase for nearly four years and the Township is extremely excited to get the construction phase underway.

Additionally, the project will not only replace nearly 40-year-old equipment and structures but will help to expand plant capacity for current and future growth, as well as help to meet stricter



water discharge standards improving the water quality in the Grand River and surrounding water tables.

For more information about this project please visit www.deltami.gov/projects.

Nominations for the 2022 Community Awards Are Now Being Accepted

The Delta Township Community Awards Program is returning for its 16th year and there is a lot to celebrate. We are currently seeking nominations for the 2022 Community Awards Program. This year's program is unique as we not only get to celebrate and highlight the outstanding contributions made by citizens, businesses, and organizations helping to make our community a great place to live, work and play, but we are also celebrating the Township's 60th Anniversary of becoming a Charter Township.

The purpose of this program is 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 30, 2022 by 3:00 p.m. 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 Include:

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 2022-2023 (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 dedi-



cation in serving and promoting Delta Township through volunteer contributions that has 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.

All nominations must be submitted no later than Friday, September 30, 2022, at 3 p.m. Nominations may be submitted online (a printable PDF version is also available). If you choose to fill out a hard copy nomination form, please return it via email to awards@deltami.gov, by mail to the Manager's Office, 7710 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917, or via fax to 517-327-1703.

Delta Achieves Gold Status as Green Community

In May, Delta Township was recognized with a Gold Status for environmental leadership by the state-wide Michigan Green Communities program. As part of the 2021 Michigan Green Communities (MGC) Challenge, participating communities were awarded gold, silver, or bronze seals of achievement reflecting environmental leadership. Delta Township was reconized for its Coordination between regional partners to increase non-motorized transportation elements into new infrastructure (Waverly Pathway); Collaboration between Delta staff, the community, and Michigan State University to remove invasive plant species from parks; Investment of water bottle filling stations to divert plastic water bottles from landfills; and past installation of public EV charging stations.



Delta Recognized as Five-Star Community

Delta Township has been recognized for its successes and efforts in contributing to Michigan's entrepreneurial growth and economic development in the annual eCities study conducted by researchers at iLabs, University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research. For the 11th consecutive year, Delta Township was honored as a five-star community. The Township is among 178 other communities across the state that was recognized this year.



Delta Township works extremely hard to attract new businesses to the area, be a leader on regional economic development opportunities, encourage job growth among our existing businesses, and continues to work closely with both businesses and residents to grow spherically to encompass the work, life and recreational needs of our community.

Delta Hosts Grand Re-opening for Pickleball Courts



In June, the Township concluded the resurfacing project for the Delta Mills pickleball courts. The new Hureculan court-top will provide a much stronger, weather-resistant playing surface for not only our own robust delegation of pickleball players here in Delta, but for those visiting our facilities, as well.

Recently, the Delta Area Pickleball Association (DAPA), a 501c3 organization, was formed by a group of residents and avid pickleball players with the intentions of fundraising and supporting efforts to maintain and improve pickleball facilities within Delta Township. The group has the ability to accept donations, and also host fundraising events or tournaments that will contribute to future facility projects.

We're on Instagram!

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Annual Water Quality Report



The 2021 Annual Water Quality Report is available for our customers. This includes information about your water, where it comes from, and what the tests tell us. Download the full report by visiting the link below. To obtain a paper copy please contact the Delta Township Utility Department by calling 517-323-8570.

[Deltami.gov/waterquality](https://deltami.gov/waterquality)

Talk of the Township

Stay up to date on your Delta Township news and information. Sign up for our monthly e-Newsletter *Talk of the Township*.

Visit our website to view past issues and to register to receive this publication.

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East/West Pathway Gets Critical New Repairs



In late spring, the East-West Pathway underwent critical repairs due to undermining of the pathway right next to the bridge over Carrier Creek. These significant repairs ensure the pathway will continue to be a safe and essential part of our non-motorized infrastructure here in the Township.

DTDL Adds New Van for Public Outreach



DTDL adds their first-ever Outreach Van! Moving forward, DTDL will appear at events across the community. Check their Facebook page for posts about outings and programs, so you can plan to drop by and say hello!

NEW Fulltime Hires

AnaMaria Roosa

Account Clerk II
Accounting Department

Diane Stehouwer

Accountant
Accounting Department

Erik Dehring

Engineering Technician
Engineering Department

Jacob Kleinhenz

Engineer 2
Engineering Department

Justin Burns

Paramedic/Firefighter
Fire Department

Alejandro (Alex) Gutierrez

EMT/Firefighter
Fire Department

Carter Shaw

EMT/Firefighter
Fire Department

Joseph Kordenbrock

EMT/Firefighter
Fire Department

Alex Seaton

EMT/Firefighter
Fire Department

Owen VanDerBos

EMT/Firefighter
Fire Department

Alecia Harlow

EMT/Firefighter
Fire Department

Brendan Cassel

EMT/Firefighter
Fire Department

Nathan Hamilton

EMT/Firefighter
Fire Department

With the hiring of nine new firefighters, the Delta Township Fire Department is now fully staffed. To assist in attracting and maintaining personnel the Township is also paying to provide the training necessary to becoming certified paramedics for several of the new firefighters. This will ensure that each member of our department is fully trained to best serve the public

Delta Township Welcomes Kyla Moore as Director of Human Resources



Delta Township is proud to welcome Kyla Moore as the newest member of our Human Resources Department. Kyla will serve as the

Human Resources Director and comes to Delta Township after many years of service at the State of Michigan with the Secretary of State, Civil Service Commission serving the MI HR Service Center, Department of Technology, Management, and Budget, Michigan Department of Transportation, and most recently Human Resources Manager for Michigan Department of Corrections. Kyla earned a bachelor's degree in Human Resources from Davenport University, as well as her master's degree from Central Michigan University. Kyla brings a great mix of education with experience, and expertise to bolster the Delta Township Administration.

Kyla lives in Delta Township with her spouse Dameon and their COVID puppy French Bulldog Norie. Together they have two children, a daughter named LaShay and a son named Dameyon. In her spare time, she enjoys baking and getting to know people.

Delta Township Retirements



After 47 years of service to the residents of Delta Township, Dave Swink has retired to a life of leisure and new adventures. Swink,

who served as the Water Distribution Supervisor in the Utility Department, officially retired on April 15.

Engineering Technician Tim Hogg has been with the Township since 1985. Tim began his career with Delta in the Planning Department before moving to the Engineering Department.



Storm Water Specialist/Construction Inspector Walt Kulasa had been with Delta Township for 36 years. Walt

began his career with Delta in the Utility Department before moving to the Engineering Department.



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