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Public Safety Facility Project Commences

In late fall of 2023, demolition of the old Sheriff's Substation and adjacent storage building commenced in preparation for construction on the new Public Safety Facility to begin in early 2024.

Site preparation is well underway and the project is expected to be completed in early 2025. This project includes a new public safety building with stateof-art technology, expanded facilities for deputies, designated friendly victim interview rooms, and more welcoming and functional public spaces. For up to date information on this project visit www.deltami.gov/publicsafety.



Delta Holds Push-In Ceremony for New 100 Ft. Aerial Platform Truck - Courtesy of State Grant



On January 3, 2024, Delta Township held a push-In Ceremony for the Fire Department's new 100 Ft. Aerial Platform Fire Apparatus (a.k.a. Ladder Truck).

In December 2021, the Delta Township Board approved the purchase of the Ladder Truck in the amount of \$1.6 Million. This unit will replace the 2001 Spartan Smeal 100" Aerial Platform truck (23 years old).

Thanks to the assistance of State Representative Angela Witwer the Township received a \$1.4 Million Michigan Enhancement Grant which was awarded in the 2021-2022 state budget. The remaining \$200,000 was paid for through ARPA funds.

The new apparatus is lighter in weight, lower in height, has a smaller turning radius to accommodate a standard cul-de-sac, 360-degree accessibility for scene placement, two master stream appliances for fire suppression, can be used for high angle & technical rescue (eight story height reach) and matches the interior layout for the other vehicles in the Delta Fire fleet.

New Recreation, Athletics, and Pathway Facilities Slated to Open in 2024



Delta Mills Park Restroom and Parking Lot Project (Spring Final Completion)

Contractors are working to finish a new restroom facility on the east side of Delta Mills Park. This new facility along with the newly paved parking lot, located near the playground and hill (entrance off Webster Road), will be open year around for public use. The

St. Joe Hwy Carrier Creek Sewer Interceptor Project



The Carrier Creek Sewer Interceptor Project will continue in early spring to finish restoration efforts after frost laws are are lifted. The remaining work along St. Joe Hwy will have minimum impact to traffic with only intermittent lane closures. Thank you for your patience during this major infrastructure project. restroom improvements were paid for in part by a \$50,000 grant through the DNR Trust Fund.

Mount Hope Park Baseball Fields and Perimeter Pathway Projects (Spring Final Completion)

Two additional projects are wrapping up at Mount Hope Park. The second half of the perimeter pathway for the park is almost complete. This project has been in the works since the development of Mount Hope Park in 2019 and was paid for in part with a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the amount of \$212,000. Baseball Fields 3 and 4 (including a new championship field) are nearly finished rounding out the baseball field quadrant at the park. New dugouts were also added to all four fields. The new fields sit to the north of fields 1 and 2 and were paid for in part by a \$300,000 grant though the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

These projects continue to demonstrate the Township's commitment to guality of life through investments in recreation, public facilities, and our non-motorized pathway system.

The Township will host ribbon cuttings for the new facilities in the spring of 2024. Please watch our Facebook page for more information.





Ultium Cells Holds First Job Fair for New Battery Plant Plans To Hire 1,700 New Employees From Delta Township Region

In early February, Ultium Cells held its first job fair for their new \$2.6 billion battery facility served by Delta Township. Organizers of the event, which took place at Lansing Community College's West Campus in Delta Township, said the event was for the community to learn about the company and to recruit personnel for numerous high-tech positions.

The battery facility's launch team will continue recruitment efforts throughout 2024 and are presently looking for engineers, supervisors, information technology workers, administrators, and interns. Those hired will have the opportunity for rapid advancement as the workforce increases from the initial hiring group to a fully operational plant with 1,700 employees by the end of 2025.



Once completed, the Ultium Cells plant will support the electric vehicle industry both locally and throughout North America, using the most advanced and efficient battery cell manufacturing processes. The 2.8 million square foot facility is the equivalent of 30 football fields and will have a cell operational capacity of 41 GWh or 41 million (KWh) hours of electricity. For more information about employment opportunities, please visit www.ultiumcell.com/ our-locations/lansing-mi

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LOCAL BUSINESS PROJECTS

Now Open/Projects Completed

- Tin Can
- Meijer
- Famous Philly Steak & Gyro
- Discount Tire
- Bricks & Mini Figs

New In The Lansing Mall

- Best Furniture Outlet
- Zap Zone XL
- The Carters Family Owned Restaurant
- D.U.S. Couture: D.U.S. For Him

Under Construction/ Renovation

- Amazon Distribution Center
- Ultium Cells
- Progressions For Hair
- Kpot Koren BBQ & Hot Pot
- Courtyard at Delta
- Funcity Trampoline Park
- Firehouse Subs
- IPOT Hot Pot BBQ & Sushi
- Midwest Press & Automation



Need assistance opening a new business or relocating an existing business to Delta Township?

Contact the Delta Township Economic Development Office today, we are happy to assist.

> Peter Menser Community & Economic Development Director pmenser@deltami.gov 517-816-8275

Investments Along Saginaw Corridor Total Over \$75 Million Over the Last Five Years

Over the last six months, several new businesses found a home on the West Saginaw Highway Corridor and some corridor mainstays re-committed to doing business in Delta Township for many years to come.

In August, Farm Bureau Insurance completed a \$50M renovation of its 170k square foot headquarters building and the surrounding grounds at 7373 W. Saginaw Hwy.

September brought the grand opening of Consumers Credit Union at 809 N. Marketplace Dr, the first of 4 new locations in the Lansing region.

Best Furniture Outlet opened in November in the former Macys space in the Lansing Mall, offering a 60k square foot showroom featuring many styles of furniture.

In December, Meijer celebrated not only 57 years on W. Saginaw Hwy in Delta Township, but also the completion of its \$13M remodeling project that saw significant upgrades to the 222k square foot store interior as well as a new look to the building façade. Additionally, Zap Zone XL unveiled its \$10M renovation of the 125k square foot former Younkers space in the Lansing Mall.

Looking ahead, Funcity Trampoline Park has already begun renovating the 52k square foot former Dicks Warehouse Sale space at 5801 W. Saginaw Hwy to create a new recreation destination here in the Township, its first location in Michigan. Funcity is planning to be open sometime during the summer of 2024.

Overall, the last five years have seen significant investment along the corridor, which has reached over \$75M total investment.











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For information about local and regional Juneteenth activities and events, please visit www.deltami.gov/juneteenth.

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St. Joe Highway Watermain and Pathway Project to Begin in Summer 2024

This summer the St. Joe Highway Watermain Replacement and Pathway project is expected to commence construction. In 2018, after the completion of a water system reliability study and the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, reports identified St. Joe Highway as a priority corridor in need of watermain

replacement and a shared use pathway for non-motorized connectivity. In 2019, the Township moved forward with evaluations for a project that would serve both needs. Combining these projects allows the opportunities to optimize time, resources, and incurred costs, while simultaneously addressing multiple needs within the community.

The scope of the project is approximately a two mile stretch between Creyts Road and Waverly Road. This



section of pathway will connect to the Waverly pathway located near the southeast boundary of the Township and provide connectivity along St Joe Highway and adjacent neighborhoods to the Snow Road pathway traveling north to Michigan Avenue. Strategic planning of Township projects will ultimately provide a continuous non-motorized pathway from the Waverly Path to Sharp Park and the East-West Pathway with this project being a key component of this north-south non-motorized connectivity. The termination of the St Joe Pathway at Creyts Road will connect with existing sidewalk facilities and sets up the Township for the continuation of future non-motorized connections that align with Delta Township's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, .

Design for the project began in 2019 and over the past

two years the Township has worked with consultants to finalize designs and acquire the necessary 34 easements to move the project forward allowing the Township to send out bids for construction.

Advertisement for bids to construct is anticipated to take place in February 2024 and construction is expected to begin in summer 2024.

For information about this and other Township projects, please visit our website at www.deltami.gov/projects.

CIA District Opens Opportunity for Additional Liquor Licenses in Delta Township

When Delta Township adopted the W. Saginaw Highway Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) district in 2021, a new type of liquor license became available to some types of businesses on the corridor.

A "development district" liquor license is now available to those businesses located within the CIA district that offer restaurant, entertainment, or recreation services, have a seating capacity of not less than 25, and meet certain construction-related investment thresholds.

Issued by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC), following a recommendation by the Delta Township Board, the development district license is equivalent to a Class C liquor license, which allows for on-site alcohol sales and consumption. The number of development district licenses available is based on total investment in the CIA district, with each license requiring at least \$200k in public or private investment.



Over the last five (5) years the W. Saginaw Highway CIA district has seen over \$75 million in private investment. To date, the Township Board has recommended approval of two development district liquor licenses to the MLCC, one for the new Zap Zone at the Lansing Mall and one for The Venue, also at the Lansing Mall.



For more information on the development district liquor license please contact Community & Economic Development Director Peter Menser at 517-816-8275 or pmenser@deltami.gov

Delta Township is Key in Regional Transportation Expansion Efforts

In May 2023, CATA extended their Route 3 beyond the Lansing Mall to include the western-most portion of the Saginaw Highway Corridor west to Marketplace Blvd. as part of their regional expansion efforts after their partnership with EATRAN. Since the extension, ridership has significantly increased prompting more focus on transportation opportunities in and out of Delta Township.

On January 15, EATRAN announced a new connector service from Charlotte to Delta Township. The new Connector will offer improved routing between Charlotte and Delta Township with expanded service hours. This service operates 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Currently, CATA/Eatran are in the planning stages of adding a transfer station in the Township that would act as a regional transportation hub for multiple transportation services.

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What You Need To Know For the 2024 Election Cycle

Proposal 2 "Promote the Vote", which passed in November 2022, expands voting options for voters. Below is a list of a few things that will benefit voters from the passage of this legislation.

- Nine (9) days of early voting for State and Federal elections.
- State-funded return postage for absentee ballot applications and ballots.
- Allow voters a single application for absentee ballots for all future elections.
- Military and Overseas voters' ballots will be counted if the ballot is postmarked by Election Day and received by the election official within six (6) days after the election.



2024 Election Dates

- Tuesday, February 27, 2024 Presidential Primary
- Tuesday, May 7, 2024 Special Election - Waverly Schools Bond Millage Proposal
- Tuesday, August 6, 2024 Primary Election
- Tuesday, November 5, 2024
 General Election

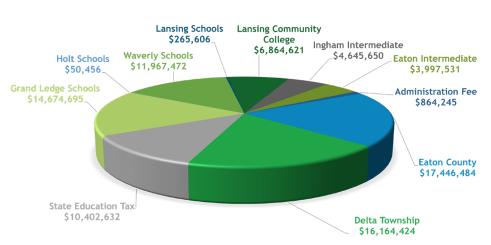
Early Voting:

Early Voting is available at the Delta Township Administration Building, Meeting Room A - 7710 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917 beginning nine days prior to any state or federal election.

Early Voting Schedules for all 2024 elections can be found prior to each scheduled election at: www.deltami.gov/earlyvoting

For information about absentee voting, precinct locations, or other election information, please visit our website at **www.deltami.gov/vote**.

Where Do My Property Taxes Go?



2023 Taxing Authority Tax Dollar Distribution

Total Tax Collected: \$87,343,818

The pie-chart above represents the distribution of property taxes that Delta Township collects on behalf of all Taxing Authorities. Delta Township was responsible for collecting approximately \$87,343,818 in property taxes for the 2023 Tax year, however the majority of that money is passed along to other taxing entities. Delta Township retains approximately 19.5% of the funds collected for General Operating, Paramedic, Public Safety, and Library purposes. The majority of property taxes collected are allocated for educational purposes including the State Education Tax Fund and local school districts.

2024 Township Budget

The 2024 Budget was approved at the October 16, 2023, Board meeting. To view of copy of the Townships Budget visit www.deltami.gov/budget.

Township Fee Schedule

Each year the Delta Township Board reviews the structured fees charged for services. During the November 20, 2023, Board meeting, the fee schedule was reviewed and approved to take effect on January 1, 2024. To view the full fee schedule visit: www.deltami. gov/fees.

2024 Boards & Commissions Meeting Schedule

During the November 20, 2023, Board meeting, the Delta Township Board approved the 2024 meeting schedule. For the meeting schedule visit: www. deltami.gov/meetings.

Municipal Holiday Schedule

The Township Holiday Schedule for 2024 can be found at: www.deltami. gov/holiday.



2023 Delta Twp Community Impact Award Honorees



Delta Township hosted the 17th Annual Delta Township Community Impact Awards Event on November 2 at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West. Nearly 250 people gathered to celebrate the outstanding individuals, businesses, and organizations that were honored during the event.

The Township presented six awards this year including Legacy Award, Citizen of the Year, Young Person of the Year, Business of the Year, Community Organization of the Year, and Community Enhancement Award. The Young Person of the Year recipient was also presented with a \$2,000 Scholarship sponsored by the Delta Side Business Association.



For more information about this year's recipients, please visit www.deltami.gov/ communityawards. *Photo credit: Marvin Hall of Studio M Portraits.*

NEW Fulltime Hires

Mika Takahashi Library Page Delt aTownhip District Library

Antonia Kraus Lifeguard Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Dept.

Susan Schlaybaugh Lifeguard Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Dept.

Adelyne Wood Lifeguard Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Dept.

James Richard Engineering Intern Engineering Department

Marcus Davenport Operator/Controls Tech Asst. Utilities Department

Ethan Ward

Aquatics Coordinator Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Dept.



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www.Deltami.gov/DeltaNews



The **Delta Patrol's temporary location is closed to walk-in traffic** for the duration of the Public Safety Facility Construction project.

For **non-emergency services**, please call 517-372-8217 and a deputy will come to you or will make arrangements to meet at the Delta Township Administration Building.

For **gun permit applications**, please drop paperwork off in the blue drop box located on the north side of the Delta Township Administration Building at 7710 W. Saginaw Highway.

For **all other in-person transactions** with the Sheriff's Office, please visit the Charlotte Office at 1025 Independence Boulevard, Charlotte, MI, 48813.

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