



Delta Now!

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About This Publication:

Communication with our residents continues to be a priority for the Township. With the evolution of media we recognize the need to connect with our residents on many different platforms. Delta Township currently publishes a quarterly magazine which includes news and program updates. We also maintain a dynamic web-site and social media pages including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, as well as our electronic newsletter "Talk of the Township" and our Delta Township App. This publication is intended to provide an update for some of our efforts over the first part of the year and improve ways to disseminate Delta Township's story.

Delta Township Profile:

By: Supervisor Ken Fletcher on behalf of the Delta Township Board (Featured in the May edition of the Greater Lansing Business Monthly)

Located on the west side of the Capital Area region and nestled between the City of Lansing and the City of Grand Ledge, is Delta Charter Township. The Township covers nearly 35 sq. miles and has a population of 32,408. It is one of only two townships to receive the distinction as a "Township of Excellence" by the Michigan Townships Association and is a five-star honored community by the University of Michigan-Dearborn's School of Business e-Cities study, which measures factors such as entrepreneurship, economic development and job growth.

Delta Charter Township is a growing community, both in population and economic development. Over the last two years alone, the Township has experienced extraordinary new development, including:

- The General Motors \$67 million expansion at the Lansing-Delta Township Plant.
- The addition of a new 55,000 sq. ft. Michigan CAT facility.
- The new 500,000 sq. ft. automated warehouse for Meijer Corporation.
- The 70,000 sq. ft. expansion of the Magna/Dexsys facility.

In addition to the industrial growth, Delta Township has put a focus on renovating the Saginaw Corridor and improving the buildings and businesses along the main travel-way through the area. The Township continues to work with planners and developers to improve the area. A highlight for 2016 will be the redevelopment of the



former Days Inn (Old Motor Lodge) at the corner of Saginaw Highway and Canal Road. The Project will host a new, five-story hotel, restaurant and coffee shop.

Delta Township is a leader in regional cooperation and there is no greater example than the Lansing-Delta GM plant, a \$425 million revenue sharing agreement with the City of Lansing. Additionally, the Township has several shared-service agreements with other municipalities to maximize its top-notch police, fire and assessing departments. In 2015, Delta created a partnership with Eaton County to offer the services of the County Treasurer and Clerk one day a week in the Township Administration building for the convenience of both Delta Township residents and other nearby Eaton County residents. Additionally, the Township recently created an E-Commerce Exchange Zone, located in front of the Eaton County Sheriff's Substation off of Canal Road. This new exchange zone will provide a safer alternative for person-to-person interactions that are a result of online purchases or exchanges. Delta plays a significant role in several other area efforts to help make the region strong.

Another critical focus for the Township is the quality of life for our residents and a significant part of Delta's strategic plan. The Parks and Recreation Department maintains 11 parks and recreational areas (approximately 850 acres) that provide a variety of activities for citizens. Delta recently acquired 60 acres of land through a DNR trust fund grant that will be combined with 60 acres of township property. The Township will soon begin developing this 120-acre area into the new Mount Hope Park. It is also in the process of purchasing Grand Woods Park from the City of Lansing to preserve this asset for Delta Township and the greater Lansing region. Delta Township has focused many of its resources on sidewalks and other non-motorized trails and will continue to develop pathways and walkways connecting its various parks and other cultural amenities. The most popular trail is the East/West Pathway, which connects the Township's Enrichment Center and Library with Sharp Park, the Lansing Mall and expands west to the popular Horrocks Farm Market.

The Township offers an expansive variety of community events throughout the year, including the two popular events: Delta Rocks! Family Festival in June and the July 3 Fireworks display, which brings tens of thousands of people to the Township each summer.

Delta Township is truly a great place to live, work and play. We are especially proud of our diversity and inclusive atmosphere. Our Township, most certainly, is abundant with opportunity. Whether you are a resident of Delta, work in Delta or are visiting, come see what Delta Township has to offer.

NEW Traffic Signals Aim to Make Saginaw Hwy. Safer for Delta Motorists

Two recent traffic studies have resulted in recommendations by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to add new traffic signals to two problematic intersections in Delta Township.

The first intersection, located at the corner of Saginaw Hwy. (M-43) and Delta Commerce Dr., is set to have a traffic light installed sometime this summer to ease the flow of traffic from Delta Commerce Dr. onto M-43.

The second location that was recommended to have a traffic signal added is at the corner of Saginaw Hwy. and Broadbent Rd. This intersection is dangerous for anyone



wanting to make a left turn from either side of Broadbent onto Saginaw Hwy.

The north side of the Broadbent intersection will have to be widened to match the existing lanes on the south side of the intersection. A time frame for the addition of the new traffic signal will be identified once a design is complete and funding is available. These projects will help to improve traffic flow and safety in the Township.

Brownfield Project Clears Way for New Business in Delta

The former Days Inn Hotel at 7711 W. Saginaw Hwy. has been demolished, paving the way for a new five story Hilton Garden Inn, along with a restaurant, Starbucks, and retail space. Delta Township worked closely with developers to create the first fully executed Brownfield plan in the township.



The new Hilton Garden Inn is currently working through the site planning process and hopes to begin construction by the end of this summer.

Brownfield redevelopment projects are used as a tool to assist with the redevelopment of existing sites where conditions, such as contamination or functionality make it cost prohibitive for developers to take on a project under normal circumstances. For the old Days Inn property, enlisting a Brownfield plan has resulted in taking a blighted property and replacing it with a new \$14 million development and adding nearly 50 new jobs. This project helps address the Township's goal of improving the appearance and redevelopment of Saginaw Hwy.

The Delta Township Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is discussing a facade and building improvement program aimed at Saginaw Hwy. between Waverly Rd. and Elmwood Rd. The program would leverage EDC funds with private development funds to improve the look of the buildings along the Saginaw corridor.

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LOCAL PROJECTS

Now Open!

- **Wayback Burgers**
5021 W. Saginaw Hwy.
- **Lake Trust Credit Union**
7007 W. Saginaw Hwy.
- **Aspen Dental**
5139 W. Saginaw Hwy.
- **Michigan Caterpillar**
7650 Millet Hwy.
- **District 5 Extreme Air Sports**
820 S. Waverly Rd.
- **Tabooli Restaurant**
698 S. Waverly Rd.
- **ATI Physical Therapy**
5849 W. Saginaw Hwy.



Commercial Projects Under Construction



- Gander Mountain
- Rally's Restaurant
- Central Pharmacy
- Chick-fil-A Restaurant

- Classic Fitness
- 7th Day Adventist MI, HQ
- Rule Eye Care Associates

Industrial Projects Under Construction

- Magna-Dexsys Addition
- Munters Corporation
- Meijer Warehouse
- TFT Global Warehouse



Projects Under Review

- Gro-Solar Farm
- Pepper Ridge Apartments
- Panera Bread
- Hilton Garden Inn
- Verndale Apartments
- Rainbow Child Care

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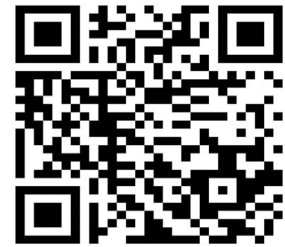
Delta Township became one of the first municipalities in the state to release a smartphone app to engage with township residents and customers.

The mission of this app is simple: provide a one-stop location for the most relevant information township residents, customers, and visitors are seeking in a convenient package accessible by any smartphone.

Mobility and simplicity of data and information is in high demand. It is our goal with this app to provide easy access to the most relevant township information right in the palm of your hand.

The app provides easy fillable forms, up-to-date databases including cemetery records; provides information on all recreation and event activities including mobile event registration; provides maps of all parks and trailways, as well as lists area restaurants and shopping opportunities. In addition,

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the app serves as a critical information portal for emergency information for weather and public safety situations. Are you looking for a new home in Delta Township? Our app can assist with that too. Look up available homes for sale in the area.

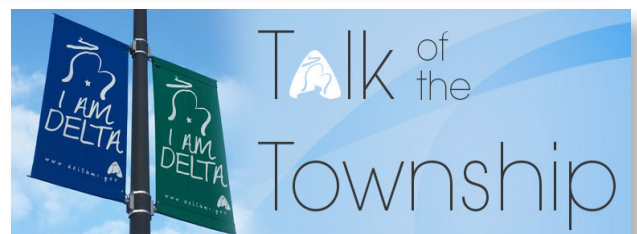
The app is available for download in the Google Play Store and Apple App Store. Please search Delta Township to find the app. For more information and easy links to the Delta Township App please visit <http://www.deltami.gov/app>.

The Delta Township App and "Talk of the Township" are part of an ongoing effort to increase timely, accurate communications on multiple platforms between the Township and its businesses, residents and visitors.

Keep Connected with "Talk of the Township"

"Talk of the Township" is Delta Township's monthly e-Newsletter. It is designed to keep our residents, businesses, and organizations informed about the great things taking place in the township.

Every fourth Tuesday of the month, this digital publication is filled with news and information about ongoing



projects, new developments, and events coming to Delta Township. If you are interested in signing up for this digital publication, please visit the link below. Sign up at bit.ly/talkofthetownship. View past issues at bit.ly/DeltaNews.

Delta Township Creates New E-Commerce Exchange Zone

Delta Township added a new E-Commerce Exchange Zone in March to accommodate in-person exchanges that are the result of online transactions or purchases.

The new exchange zone is located in the parking lot of the Eaton County Sheriff Department's substation at 7708 Administration Dr. This area provides 24-hour surveillance in a safe, well-lit environment.

After several national stories were aired involving incidents of theft and violence following online interactions and person-to-person meetings, the Township was among several communities across the country to enact a designated safe exchange zone.

Delta Township is the first municipality in mid-Michigan to have a designated exchange zone available for residents and visitors alike. The E-Commerce Exchange Zone will enhance the delivery of excellent public safety services to our residents.



Major Parks Projects Bring More Outdoor Fun to Delta Township



Getting outside is at the heart of Delta's Parks and Recreation Program and contributes greatly to the quality of life for Delta Township residents. There are many new exciting developments going on in Delta Township parks.

Addition of Grand Woods Park

Grand Woods Park, which was approved by the City of Lansing on June 27 for purchase by Delta Township, boasts a number of amenities. The park contains exceptional outdoor recreational opportunities for residents and non-residents, including a disc golf course. With its amenities, Grand Woods Park is a regional destination for residents and visitors alike. It's popular with schools for cross-country

events, and the local disc golf group helps maintain and develop their course.

“The Delta Township Parks and Recreation Department works hard to meet the diverse and changing recreational needs of its residents, making Delta Township a great place to live, work and play.”

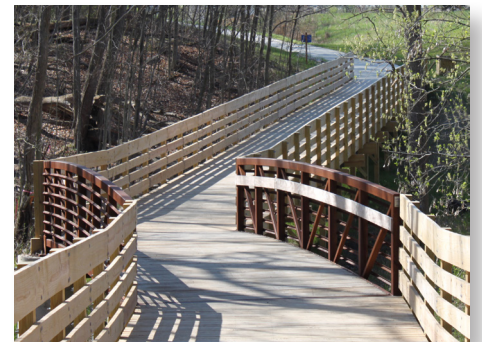
*Marcus Kirkpatrick
Parks and Recreation Director*

Development of Mt. Hope Park

A new land acquisition of 60 acres, combined with 60 acres already owned by the township, will expand athletic and outdoor recreation opportunities with the development of Mount Hope Park. The 120 acre area will likely feature baseball fields, soccer fields, and pathways. A Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant made the land acquisition possible, and the Delta Township Parks and Recreation Department is working on the planning phase for this future development.

Delta Mills Makes Way for Pickleball

At Delta Mills Park tennis courts are being converted to pickleball courts to keep up with the demand for this fast-paced paddleball sport. The courts are expected to be completed in September of this year. Funds for this project are provided by a grant the Township received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.



Non-Motorized Pathways

The growing interest in trails and walkable communities inspired the development of the East-West Pathway, a 2.5 mile trail that connects neighborhoods, businesses, the Delta Township District Library, township parks, the Delta Enrichment Center, and the Lansing Mall. The Township continues to look at developing more non-motorized options, such as sidewalks, bike lanes, pathways, and trails.

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517-323-8520

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517-323-8530

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517-323-8500

Engineering
517-323-8540

Parks and Recreation
517-323-8555

Planning
517-323-8560

Utilities
517-323-8570

Non-Emergency Numbers

Delta Twp. Fire Department
517-321-6622

Eaton County Sheriff's Dept.
517-327-8217

For All Emergencies Dial 911

Other Delta Services

Delta Twp. District Library
517-321-4014

Delta Twp. Enrichment Center
517-484-5600

Eaton County Satellite Office
Located in the lower level of the
Delta Twp Admin. Building
517-816-8222

Clerk's Office Hours:
1st & 3rd Fridays of the month
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Treasurer's Office Hours:
2nd & 4th Fridays of the month
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Keep Up on Summer Lawn Maintenance

With all of the warm weather the last couple of months, we are well into the lawn mowing season. It seems like every time we turn around, the grass needs to be cut and our gardens need weeding. It is no small task to keep your lawn from becoming an urban jungle, but it is a necessary task in order to encourage and maintain the character of residential neighborhoods.

Delta Township has a Noxious Weeds ordinance to help fight blight and preserve the aesthetic appeal of our community. Visit bit.ly/Noxious-Weeds to read the full ordinance. For questions or if you wish to file a complaint about a property you may contact the Engineering department at 517-323-8540 or fill out an online form at: bit.ly/Weed-Complaint.



Key Points You Should Know:

- Your lawn should be no more than 12 inches in length.
- The Township has the authority to mow any lawn at the cost of the property owner if the property doesn't comply with the weed ordinance.

The Delta Township Board will be discussing its sidewalk ordinance and how to better enforce snow removal in the winter to ensure walkability for all residents.

Eaton County Clerk and Treasurer Hold Office Hours in Delta Township



Delta Township continues to participate in efforts to promote regionalism and explore collaborative solutions to better serve our residents. As part of this effort we work with many other government agencies through cooperative agreements to enhance services. Delta Township has partnered with the Eaton County Clerk's and Treasurer's office to offer office hours in the Delta Township administration building.

Please see the Eaton County Satellite Office schedule to the left for hours of operation.

County Treasurer services:

- Principle residence exemptions
- Veteran property tax exemptions
- Tax certifications
- Working with people to resolve their delinquent tax matters
- Provide foreclosure assistance
- Provide income tax assistance

County Clerk and Register of Deeds Services:

- Marriage applications, certificate pick-up and filings of solemnized marriages
- Assumed name certificates
- Certified birth, death, marriage, and assumed name certificates, as well as military discharge papers
- Campaign finance - statement of organization filings
- Candidate - affidavit of identity filing
- Concealed pistol license applications
- Probation restitution payments
- Voter registration for county residents
- Funeral home pickup of certified copies of death records
- County veteran's peddlers license

2016 Delta Township Community Awards

Nominations are being sought for the 11th Annual Delta Township Community Awards Program.

The Young Person of the Year Award was established in 2009 to honor a selected high school senior who has made a positive contribution to the community, is an example to their peers, may have excelled in academics, music, arts, athletics, etc., or has successfully faced personal challenges. A \$2,000 academic scholarship will be awarded to the selected individual.

The Community Organization of the Year Award was established to honor selected groups or organizations for their dedication in serving and promoting Delta Township through volunteer contributions to a project, program or ongoing activity 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.



The Citizen of the Year Award was established in 2005 to honor selected individual citizens whose extraordinary contributions go "above and beyond" to enhance the quality of life and general reputation of the township, encourage excellence in community stewardship, and inspire acts of distinction.

The Business of the Year Award was established to honor a Delta Township business or business person who has been responsible for exceptional outcomes among businesses, governments, and nonprofit organizations; OR, has served as a role

model for other businesses; OR, has gone above and beyond the scope of business to support and promote Delta Township.

All nominations must be submitted no later than Monday, October 3, at 5:00 p.m. Nominations may be submitted online at: bit.ly/DeltaCommunityAwards.

The Community Awards program helps to create a community identity, promote involvement, and celebrate all the positive things happening in Delta Township.

Delta Township Boasts a AAA Bond Rating

In 2015, Delta had its "AAA" Bond Rating affirmed by Fitch Ratings. This is great news for Delta residents as it illustrates a solid, diverse, local economy and improving tax base. Delta Township was also recognized for its manageable debt burden and its prudent steps proactively funding long-term liabilities. One way this is helpful is that it will allow Delta Township to proactively refinance library bonds to save substantial taxpayer dollars. This meets our goal of reacting appropriately to economic trends and continuing sound fiscal policies.

We are currently working on rewriting the township zoning ordinance to conform to more contemporary standards that will help encourage growth in the community. Our goal is to evaluate current codes and update them as needed.

Delta Senior Council: Staying Active After 50

Delta Township has an active senior council that focuses on events and activities for seniors in our community and helps to develop ideas about how to improve the services and quality of life for seniors in Delta Township.

The Senior Council consists of senior representatives, age 50 and up, who are residents of Delta Township. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Barbara Sherbo Kellogg, Recreation Coordinator at bkellogg@deltami.gov or call 323-8555.

Delta works hard to support community events that attract families to the Township's recreational facilities. The Township has more than 700 events throughout the year hosted by the Parks & Recreation Department and the Delta Township District Library.

Food Trucks Are Rolling Into Delta Township

On June 12, the Special Transitory Food Unit Ordinance (also known as the Food Truck Ordinance) went into effect in Delta Township. Registered food trucks are now allowed to operate within the township and could bring some exciting new food options to the area.

Anyone wishing to operate a special transitory food unit within the township must be registered with the Delta Township Planning office. You can read the ordinance in its entirety and download an application at bit.ly/Delta-Food-Trucks.



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The Delta Township Board has set a goal to improve ways to disseminate the Township's story. You are receiving this mid-year update which communicates some of the positive happenings that have taken place over the past six months.



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