

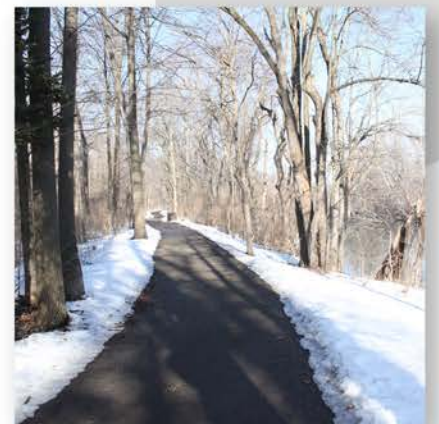


# Delta Now!

Your Semi-Annual Delta Township Update

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## Delta Township Welcomes New Board

In November, Delta residents elected the new Board for the Township. On Sunday, November 20, the Township held an event to swear in the newly elected Board members. Elected to continue their service to the citizens of Delta were Supervisor Kenneth R. Fletcher (pictured below), Clerk Mary R. Clark, Treasurer Howard A. Pizzo,



Also elected to her first term was Trustee Deana M. Newman (pictured below). Newman serves as a Senior Health Policy Analyst for a non-profit public health organization and has been a resident of Delta Township for over 10 years.

We would like to welcome the newly elected Board and look forward to having them serve the residents of Delta Township.



Trustee Dennis R. Fedewa, and Trustee Karen J. Mojica.

Elected to her first term was Trustee Andrea M. Cascarilla (pictured above), who has served on the Delta Township Planning Committee since 2009, is currently the Legislative Director for a local government relations firm, and spent nearly 25 years as lead staff in the Michigan Legislature. She is also a lifelong resident of Delta Township.



## Delta Township Opens New Fire Training Center

Delta Township and Lansing Community College held a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the new Joint Live Fire Training Facility located on LCC's West Campus on November 3. The



training center represents a unique collaboration between local government and a higher learning institution that will aid in providing state of the art live fire training for area fire professionals and students.

The facility has already played host to a live fire training conducted by the International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI) when they held a 3-day fire instructor certification course November 7 through 9.

The training facility will be utilized by LCC fire students, the Delta Township Fire Department, and other metro area fire departments.



### About This Publication:

*With the evolution of media we recognize the need to connect with our residents on multiple platforms. This publication was designed to provide our residents with updates on projects taking place in the Township and how they relate to our strategic plan. In addition to this publication, Delta Township currently publishes a quarterly magazine, produces a monthly electronic newsletter "Talk of the Township", and we maintain a dynamic website and social media pages including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, in addition to the Delta Township App.*



# Delta Township EDC Offers New Facade Improvement Program for Delta Businesses

Businesses along the east end of the Saginaw corridor (Waverly to Elmwood) will now have an opportunity to apply for some financial assistance from a facade improvement program offered and funded by the Delta Township Economic Development Corporation.

This program is part of an effort by the Township's EDC to improve the aesthetics of building fronts along areas of the Saginaw Hwy. corridor that have aged and/or fallen into disrepair and encourage improvements. It has been a goal of the Township



Board to find ways to improve the Saginaw Hwy. corridor and the entrance to the Township, and this too can be one of the tools that is utilized to do that.

The Delta Township Economic Development Corporation meets quarterly and works to improve economic development in Delta. If you have any questions about this program, please call Economic Development Coordinator Ed Reed at 517-323-8560.

## Delta Expands Bike Path System with Willow Hwy Bike Lanes

This summer, the Eaton County Road Commission is planning to resurface approximately 1½ miles of Willow Highway between Elmwood Rd. and Waverly Rd. The project is in the final stages of design. Since learning of the project, the Delta Township Manager, Planning Department, and Engineering Department have been actively working with the Eaton County Road Commission to include the installation of bicycle lanes within the project limits.

The addition of bicycle lanes in this stretch of road is in keeping with the Township's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and when completed will provide uninterrupted bicycle lanes on Willow Hwy. from Canal Rd. all the way to Waverly Rd. Additionally, the Eaton County Road Commission, at the request of the Township, has obtained a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Ad-



ministration of approximately \$73,000 to fund the project. The coordination of the two contiguous projects, is an efficient use of public funding and reduces the cost and disruption associated with installation of the bicycle lanes as compared to a stand-alone project. Delta Township and the Eaton County Road Commission strive to identify and coordinate these types of projects whenever possible for the benefit of the public.

With the addition of this new bike lane Willow Hwy. will now have a bicycle path, effectively connecting Grand Woods Park, Delta Mills Park, Sharp Park, the Delta Township District Library, the East/West Pathway, and the Lansing Mall in a continuous route for the non-motorized public.

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## LOCAL PROJECTS

### Now Open!

- **Chick fil-A**  
5617 W. Saginaw Hwy.  
The October opening was the 5th best of 2,200 stores in the country!
- **Gander Mountain**  
8757 Delta Market Dr.  
Opened in October
- **Munter's Corporation**  
2691 Ena Dr.
- **Jersey Mike's Subs**  
5851 W. Saginaw Hwy.



### Projects Nearing Completion:

- Meijer Distribution Center
- TFT Global
- Golden Corral 730 Elmwood Rd. is remodeling the former Fire Mountain Grill

### Projects Under Construction:

- Rainbow Child Care
- Waverly Vision Center
- Verndale Apartments
- Pepper Ridge Apartments
- Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
- Delta Business Center (former LSJ) is being remodeled into a multi-tenant facility
- Hilton Garden Inn



### Upcoming Projects:

- Panera
- Gilden Woods
- Gro-Solar
- Three buildings at the Southeast corner of Saginaw Hwy. and Harriett St. will be demolished and replaced by two commercial buildings.

## Delta Township Set to Receive Nearly \$500,000 in DNR Grant Funding



The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) recently announced their lists of grant recipients for both the Land and Water Conservation Fund grants and the MDNR Trust Fund grants.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund federal grant program, administered in Michigan by the DNR, supports villages, cities, townships, counties, and the DNR in their efforts to provide better public outdoor recreation opportunities for their residents and visitors. Delta Township's Mount Hope Park Development (Phase II)

was granted \$150,000 under this program. The total cost for this project is estimated at \$500,000 and will include the construction of a picnic shelter, playground, and restrooms.

The MDNR Trust Fund grant program celebrated 40 years of funding high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities for Michigan residents and visitors. Over the past four decades, the Trust Fund has granted more than \$1 billion to state and local units of government to develop and improve outdoor recreation opportunities. Through this program, Delta Township was recently awarded \$337,500 for two projects designed to increase public access to quality outdoor recreation opportunities including a canoe launch and parking area on West Willow Hwy. and new restroom facilities at Delta Mills Park.

Including the 2016 recommendations, Delta Township has been awarded a total of \$850,500 in DNR grant funding for six projects (total cost with matching funds comes to \$1,714,000) since 2014. The projects also include the Mount Hope Park land acquisition, the Delta Mills pickleball courts, and the Hawk Meadow restroom building.

## Sidewalk Snow Removal

Now that the snow has arrived, Delta Township property owners are reminded that they need to make arrangements to clear the snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property. Section 34-92 of the Delta Township Code of Ordinances requires that upon a snowfall of two or more inches that snow and ice be removed from the full width of the sidewalk within 24 hours of a snowfall. The code applies even if the property is vacant or the building on the premises is unoccupied. Contact the Delta Township Planning

Department at 517-323-8560 with any questions regarding the Township's Snow Removal Ordinance.

### Road Plowing Information

A reminder that Delta Township does not remove snow from the roadways. The Eaton County Road Commission (ECRC) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) are the agencies charged with snow removal in Delta Township. For questions regarding snow removal from the roadways, please contact the ECRC at (517) 543-1630 and MDOT at (517) 627-3276.

### 2017 Noxious Weed Ordinance Change

Spring is not far off, at least that is what we are telling ourselves here at the Delta Township Office. As we begin to think about spring and summer lawn maintenance we want to remind residents that beginning this spring, the length of your lawn may not be in excess of 8 inches.

## Grand Woods Park Becomes Official Member of Delta Parks System

Delta Township is proud to welcome Grand Woods Park as an official member of the Delta Township parks system.

The 128 acre park had been leased by Delta Township from the City of Lansing since 1984 and was recently purchased by the Township.

A Grand Opening celebration was held October 9 and was attended by hundreds from the area.

During the event, Delta Township recognized their extraordinary volunteers, without whom this event could not have taken place.

“The park is a vital neighborhood gathering place, maintaining much needed greenspace in our community, adding to our non-motorized path system, and enhancing outdoor recreation opportunities available to citizens and visitors alike.”

~ Kenneth R. Fletcher  
Delta Twp. Supervisor



Supervisor Fletcher along with members of the Board including Trustee Dennis R. Fedewa, Clerk Mary R. Clark, and Treasurer Howard A. Pizzo, held the official ribbon cutting for the park.

## Refinancing Bonds will Save Delta Township District Library Nearly \$1.4 Million

In 2016, Delta Township refinanced general obligation bonds for the Delta Township District Library. The refunding of bonds will save the Library nearly \$1.4 million over the next 20 years.

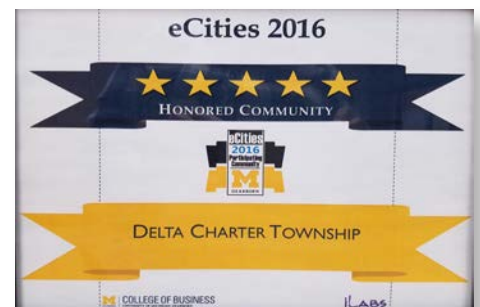
S&P Global Ratings, acting through Standard and Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"), evaluated the Township's credit quality assigning the Township an outstanding rating of "AA+" with a stable outlook. The rating agency cited the Township's strong economy, strong management, good financial policies and practices, strong budgetary performance, very strong budgetary flexibility, very strong liquidity and strong institutional framework in their rationale for rating the Township at this level.

The commitment to responsible fiscal policies and practices allows Delta Township to take advantage of opportunities such as these to save taxpayer dollars.

## eCities Recognizes Delta Township as a Five-Star Community

Delta Township has been recognized for its work of fostering entrepreneurial growth and economic development in the annual eCities study conducted by researchers at iLabs, University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research. The Township was honored as a five-star community along with 21 other communities across the state. Twenty-Two other communities were honored with four-star ratings.

The prestigious recognition marks the fifth consecutive year on UM-Dearborn iLabs eCities list. Delta Township works extremely hard to attract new businesses to the area, encourage job growth among our existing businesses, and to continue to add various amenities for our residents.



The annual eCities research project, uses data supplied by the participants, as well as other public records to assemble a six-factor, 32-item index of entrepreneurial activity, looking at such factors as clustering, incentives, growth, policies, community and education. The study focuses on entrepreneurship because of its importance to expansion and diversification of Michigan's regional economies and the impact small businesses have on job creation. To date, more than 200 communities across Michigan have participated in the study.

### Delta Brownfield Project is Underway!

Delta Township created the first fully executed Brownfield plan in the Township to address the former Days Inn Hotel at 7711 W. Saginaw. The former hotel was demolished and work began in early January on a new five story Hilton Garden Inn, along with a restaurant, Starbucks, and retail space.



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### Non-Emergency Numbers

**Delta Twp. Fire Department**  
517-321-6622

**Eaton County Sheriff's Dept.**  
517-372-8217

**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.

## Delta Departments See New Changes



Rick Kane

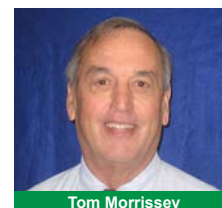


Mike McKane

In recent months Delta Township has undergone some major changes in some of our departments. In the Utility Department Rick Kane, has been selected as the new Director. Rick replaces Tom Morrissey, who retired after 42 years with the Township, all of which were spent in Utilities. Other changes to the department include the promotion of Mike McKane to Assistant Utility Director and the retirement of David Jenkins, a 26-year veteran with the Utility Department. There was also a major change to the Parks Department. After 30 years Barbara Sherbo-Kellogg retired on December 8. Barbara spent much of her time helping to build and plan some of

Delta Township's most popular events, including the *DeltaRocks! Family Festival* and the annual *July 3rd Fireworks Display*. Lastly, Delta Township said goodbye to the employee with the most longevity in Township history. Kaye Melichar, the department assistant for the building department announced her retirement after 46 years of serving the citizens of Delta Township.

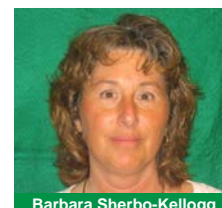
Combined, our recent retirees had nearly 150 years of experience. We wish them luck in their retirements.



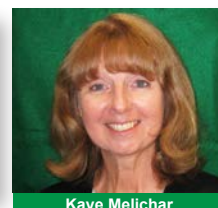
Tom Morrissey



David Jenkins



Barbara Sherbo-Kellogg



Kaye Melichar

## Delta Fire Receives Grant for New Thermal Camera

On September 1, the Delta Township Fire Department was awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$20,000 to purchase two (2) thermal imaging cameras (TICs). The grant covered 100% of the cost of the purchase of the equipment. The TICs were purchased and delivered in late December, and are now in full service. These new cameras are equipped with the latest technology, and are among only 60 such units that are currently being utilized by fire departments across the United States.

TICs are key pieces of equipment providing advanced safety measures for our personnel, allowing firefighters to quickly and accurately locate victims in smoke filled structures, as well as pinpoint fire in concealed spaces.

## St. Joseph Hwy. Sidewalk Gap Finished and Open



During the week of August 8 a sidewalk was installed on the north side of St. Joe Hwy. from Cherbourg Dr. to the Shell Gas Station/McDonalds at the northeast corner of the Creyts Rd. and St. Joe Hwy. intersection. The new sidewalk is approximately 1,000 ft. in length and fills in a gap which previously existed in this area for years. The right of way for the sidewalk was obtained from Auto-Owners Insurance Company. The new sidewalk has received extensive use since its installation.

## 2016 Delta Township Community Award Recipients

Delta Township hosted the 11th Annual Delta Township Community Awards Event on October 27 at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West. Nearly 300 people gathered to celebrate the outstanding individuals, businesses and organizations that were honored during the event.

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



**Business of the Year**  
Medawar Jewelers

**Community Enhancement Awards**  
Wolverine Development  
and  
Chuck Abraham Realty

**Community Organization of the Year**  
Delta Presbyterian Church

**Young Person of the Year**  
Sharbel Daher

**Citizen of the Year**  
Jackie Householder

*Pictured above (L to R): Chuck Abraham, Community Enhancement Award Honoree; Maureen Dykstra, Community Organization of the Year Honoree; Doug Dykstra, Community Organization of the Year Honoree; Christina Medawar, Business of the Year Honoree; Pierre Medawar, Business of the Year Honoree; Catrine Medawar, Business of the Year Honoree; Sharbel Daher, Young Person of the Year Honoree; and Jackie Householder, Citizen of the Year Honoree. (Not Pictured: Stanley Samuel, Wolverine Development)*

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## Delta/Waverly Safety Committee Works Toward Safer School Zones

Delta Township continues to work with Waverly Public Schools, Eaton County Road Commission, Eaton County Sheriff, and Delta Township Fire to monitor and improve school safety zones. The safety of children and students is a priority. Items discussed include short-term options such as outreach and education, repainting crosswalks, additional patrols, media coverage of school safety, and coordinating with Eaton County Road Commission on crosswalks, signage, and school zones.

In addition, the committee is exploring long term options such as upgrading the flashing beacons, brighter street lights, more street lights, and other non-motorized options. These longer term items are complex due to the cost



and agency responsible. The committee will continue to analyze the safety of the area and work to make improvements. One large improvement is currently underway. Delta Township has partnered with the Eaton County Road Commission to replace and improve the street lights at Snow Rd. and Michigan Ave. as well as Snow Rd. and St. Joe Hwy. These new lights will provide better traffic optimization and better crossing at those intersections.



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