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Delta Township Fire Department to add 6 new Paramedic Firefighters & New P-25 Compliant Radios

The Township was notified July 21, 2017 that it was successful in its Federal Grant Application to add personnel. The Township applied through the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response program with FEMA. The \$916,115 awarded to the Township will pay 75% of the salaries and benefits for the first two years and 35% for the third year. The additional paramedic firefighters address an increasing call volume, that is up to nearly 7,000 calls for service. Delta Township Fire Department also covers the Looking Glass Regional Fire



Authority area (Eagle and Watertown Townships), a total service area of 107 square miles.

Delta Township Fire Department was also successful as part of a coalition of local governments applying for a regional grant for P-25 compliant radios. The Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters grant amounts to \$742,400, which was awarded to Delta, Dewitt, Bath, Elsie,

Fowler, Maple Rapids and St. Johns for the purpose of purchasing the radios. Dewitt Township is the fiduciary. The grant allows Delta Township to replace some of its radios utilized for the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority area. The remainder of the radios will likely be replaced over the next few years under the Eaton County Public Safety Radio Project that will appear on the November 7, 2017 ballot. See page 6 for more info.

FISCAL FACT:

Delta Adds New LED Street Lights on Saginaw Highway - Over the last few months, the Lansing Board of Water and Light has changed street lighting fixtures on Saginaw to LED lighting giving Saginaw a fresh look along with more efficient use of energy. The changes will save Delta Township an estimated \$10,000 a year on street lighting costs.

New Outdoor Gym to be Installed in Delta



Delta Township is proud to announce a new amenity that is coming to Sharp Park in the coming weeks! Delta Township residents will have the opportunity to enjoy a nice workout while appreciating the outdoors. A special thank you to the Delta Twp. Senior Council for their partnership on this project. Partial funding provided through a grant from the Capital Region Community Foundation & Greenfields Outdoor Fitness. As construction wraps up, the equipment will be available for use, and a tentative grand opening will be scheduled in early spring 2018.

Infrastructure Assessments



The Township recently contracted to assess the condition and capacity of the Willow Lift Station along with the sanitary collection system on the west side of the township. These efforts begin a multi-year evaluation and assessment of critical infrastructure that also includes a water hydraulic study in partnership with the Lansing Board of Water and Light. Delta's water and sewer infrastructure has been well maintained, however it is aging. The Township is committed to a systematic, responsible, and comprehensive approach to addressing infrastructure concerns and capacity issues.

A graphic for the "Talk of the Township" newsletter. It features a blue background with a white arrow pointing upwards. The text "Talk of the Township" is written in a large, white, serif font. Below it, the text "Stay up to date on your Delta Township news and information. Sign up for our monthly e-Newsletter" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the URL "http://bit.ly/DeltaNews" is displayed in a white, sans-serif font. A white mouse cursor icon is positioned at the bottom right, pointing towards the URL.

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Delta Township Earns Distinguished Budget Award

Delta Township recently received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement. The award reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. The guidelines for award assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

Pictured above (L to R): Jeffrey Anderson, Finance Director and Howard Pizzo, Township Treasurer.



- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide
- A communications device

Delta Township was rated proficient in all four categories along with fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories.

Signal Installation at Broadbent & Saginaw

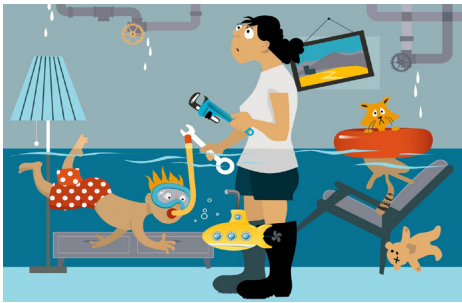


As you may have noticed, the construction on the widening of the intersection at the corner of Saginaw Hwy and Broadbent Rd has been completed. The Michigan Department of Transportation expects to install a new traffic signal at that intersection later this fall. The project is the collective efforts of Delta Township, Eaton County Road Commission and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to improve traffic safety at the intersection.

Delta Commerce Signal Installation

The scheduled signal installation at the corner of Delta Commerce Dr. and Saginaw Hwy. has been postponed until 2018 by MDOT. The Michigan Department of Transportation expects the project will commence in the summer of 2018.

What To Do If You Experience Flooding in Your Basement



Are you experiencing a flooded basement?

Homeowners are responsible for mitigating the circumstances of a flooded basement. One, often overlooked, important step to take is to contact your homeowner's insurance company for guidance in what you can do. Also, contact Delta Township's Utility Department so that a township employee may assist you in determining the cause of the flooding. If it is determined the cause of the flooding is due to a problem with the sanitary sewer, the township's collection crew will identify the problem and alleviate the issue as soon as possible. For more information on how you can prevent flooding, please visit: bit.ly/DeltaFloodingInfo.

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LOCAL PROJECTS Now Open!



- **Handz On Auto Repair**
4830 W. Saginaw Hwy.
- **Salon Centric**
6209 W. Saginaw Hwy.
- **Golden Corral**
730 Elmwood Rd.
- **Waverly Vision Center**
6309 Centurion Dr.
- **Marcos's Pizza**
6209 W Saginaw Hwy.



Projects Under Construction/ Renovation

- **Gilden Woods**
- **Rainbow Child Care**
- **Hilton Garden Inn**
- **Panera Bread**
- **Patrick's Salon**
- **Ashley Furniture**
- **La-Z-Boy Furniture**
- **Central Pharmacy**
- **Morgan Learning Center**
- **Great Clips**

Zoning Ordinance Changes

The Township has updated its zoning ordinance. The new zoning ordinance was part of a nearly three year effort, updating and replacing the previous zoning ordinance from 1990. The new zoning ordinance provides a more user friendly format for residents, existing and prospective businesses, and developers. Some highlights include less parking regulations and an overlay district for Saginaw.

Non-Motorized News

In addition to updating its non-motorized plan, the Township has several exciting developments relating to non-motorized activity:

- Addition of bike lanes on Willow from Waverly to Elmwood as part of the Willow resurfacing project and the addition of sidewalks from Elmwood to Grand Woods Park. These improvements now connect Grand Woods Park, Sharp Park, Delta Mills Park, Delta Township District Library, and the Lansing Mall with non-motorized pathways.
- The Township applied for a MDOT Transportation Alternatives Project Grant for Old River Trail. The grant would help fund a 10-foot non-motorized pathway that connects Delta Mills Park (Webster Road) with Hunters Orchard and the pathway in Hunters Orchard.
- The Township was awarded nearly \$500,000 of funds for bike



lanes on Old Lansing Road. This will provide bike lanes to Anderson Park, Woldumar Nature Center, the Model railroad, along with improving the condition of the road shoulders. The funding is from the Tri County Regional Planning Commission Congestion Mitigation Air Quality and Local Transportation Alternatives Program funds. The project will likely take place in 2018.

Parks Summer Recap:

It was another successful year for Delta Township Parks and Recreation Events as we try to provide fun and inexpensive events for all ages:

- *Father Daughter Dance (Feb)* • *Delta Rocks (Jun)* • *Kids Mud Run (Jul)*
- *Mother Son Dance (Mar)* • *Delta Fireworks (Jul)* • *Touch-a-Truck (Aug)*

Parks & Rec. Master Plan

The Township will be updating its parks and recreation master plan in the Fall of 2017. The current five year plan expires at the end of 2017. The parks and recreation master plan is developed to provide guidance on how the Township will fulfill its parks and recreation mission over the next five years. The plan is necessary to be eligible for grant funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The plan also provides an opportunity to brainstorm capital improvement needs as well as desires for new amenities. During the plan, it is essential to receive community input. Generally a survey, workshops, etc. are conducted. If you would like more information please contact Marcus Kirkpatrick via

email at parks@deltami.gov or via phone at 517-323-8555.

Delta Township has been very successful over the last few years with parks and recreation grants including:

- **Pickleball Courts**
Grant amount \$32,500
- **Purchase of Additional Acres of Mount Hope Park**
Grant amount \$281,000
- **Vault Restrooms at Hawk Meadow**
Grant amount \$49,500

Upcoming projects:

- **West Willow Canoe Launch**
Grant amount \$162,500
- **Delta Mills Restrooms**
Grant amount \$175,000
- **Mount Hope Park Development**
Grant amount \$150,000

Mt. Hope Park Development



Delta Township is currently working with a design professional on the design of the initial phase of development for Mount Hope Park. The first phase of the project will develop approximately 30 acres of the site for youth soccer, youth baseball, children's playground, restrooms, pavilion, non-motorized pathway, parking and infrastructure for the park.

Schematic Design is wrapping up, with confirmation of project scope and budget forthcoming. The design phase of project is on schedule and should be completed by the end of 2017, allowing bids to be received in early 2018. It is hoped that construction can begin in early summer of 2018 with fields open for use in 2019. Stay tuned for additional updates and images as the design progresses.

New Pickleball Courts Open at Delta Mills Park



Delta Township welcomed pickleball courts to Delta Mills Park thanks to a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). A grand opening celebration took place May 24th. The celebration began with opening remarks by Delta Township Supervisor Kenneth R. Fletcher, as well as Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Commission Chair Daren Bebee before the official ribbon cutting. Over 50 people attended the event. Delta Township is thankful to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the funds that made this possible as well as the overwhelming community support of pickleball players.

DELTA REDI-RIDE COMES TO AN END Sept. 30, 2017

Due to the expiration of grant funding for this service, Delta Redi-Ride will no longer operate after 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017. EATRAN provides service from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. You may contact EATRAN at 517-543-4087.

CATA will continue to provide service to Delta Township on Route 3, Route 12 and Spec-Tran.

Thank you to our Delta Redi-Ride customers for choosing to ride with us over the past three years!

CATA

Upon the completion of Delta Redi-Ride, general curb-to-curb service in Delta Township may be arranged with EATRAN. EATRAN may also be contracted for service. For additional information please call Delta Township at 517-323-8500.

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517-323-8555

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517-323-8560

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517-323-8570

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 Bids Farewell to Retiring Employees

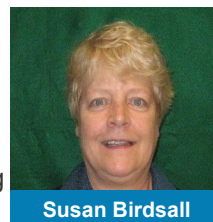
Delta Township continues to see changes in our staffing. Three more long-term employees retired since the last issue of Delta Now!

The Township said goodbye to Mark Graham, Planning Director, who retired on August 4, after having been employed for 41 years. Mark began his career at Delta as a Senior Planner on August 8, 1976 and was promoted to Planning Director February 5, 1979. Mark was instrumental in planning and shaping the Township as we know it today.

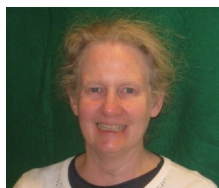


Mark Graham

Susan Birdsall, Department Assistant in the Engineering department, retired on February 3, 2017 after serving the citizens of Delta Township for over 31 years.



Susan Birdsall



Patricia Ewing

Patricia Ewing, MeLCat Librarian, retired on June 16, 2017 having served the residents of Delta Township for over 19 years. Pat was

one of two remaining employees who joined the District Library when it was formed in 1998 after separating from CADL (Capital Area District Libraries).

We wish the retirees the best and thank them for their 91 years of combined service to our residents.

Delta Names New Planning Director

To begin a new era, the Township is very pleased to announce the appointment of Gary Bozek as planning director.



Gary Bozek

Gary has been with the Township for 32 years as Assistant Director and has been instrumental in the planning and growth of Delta Township. We are very fortunate to retain Gary and his vast experience. Please help us welcome Planning Director Gary Bozek to his new role to build on the exceptional reputation of the Delta Township Planning Department.

Introducing our New Full-time Delta Township Employees

Lee Miller

Recreation Administrator
Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries



Ann Kostin-McGill

Dept. Assistant
Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries

Jennifer Bernardin

Dept. Assistant
Engineering Department



Kelsey Smith

Dept. Assistant
Building Department

Melissa Gaus

Circ. Svc. Librarian
Delta Twp. Dist. Library



Special Election - November 7 - Eaton Co. Public Safety Radio Project Voter Registration Deadline - Monday, October 9

Delta Township residents will have the opportunity to vote in the Special Election scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2017. This election is for 911 Enhancements for Eaton County. This election will be voted on by all residents of Eaton County.

2017 Delta Township Community Awards

The Delta Township Community Awards Committee is pleased to announce the 12th Annual Delta Township Community Awards event to celebrate the accomplishments of Delta Township organizations, businesses, and citizens.

Call for Nominations

Nominations are currently being sought for the following categories: Community Organization of the Year, Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Young Person of the Year. The Young Person of the Year award recipient will also receive a \$2,000 academic scholarship sponsored by the Delta Side Business Association. All nominations must be submitted no later than Thursday, September 28, at 5:00 p.m. Nominations may be sub-



mitted online at bit.ly/DeltaCommunityAwards or a printable PDF version is also available. If you choose to fill out a hard copy nomination form, please return it via email to Linda Wells at lwells@deltami.gov, by mail to the Manager's Office, 7710 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917, or via fax to 327-1703.

Interested in Sponsoring this Event?

The Delta Township Community Awards Event is an excellent opportunity for your business or organization to gain some public recognition on

multiple media platforms for supporting your community.

For a small investment in this event, your business will receive online recognition via the Township's website, social media pages, and monthly e-newsletter, as well as recognition during the award event that includes signage, inclusion in our slideshow presentation and in our program. Visit bit.ly/DeltaCommunityAwards-Sponsorships to read about our wide range of sponsorship opportunities. For questions or more information contact Mary Worland at mworland@deltami.gov or at 323-8590.

Delta Township Community Awards Reception will take place Thursday, October 26, from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West located at 925 Creyts Rd.

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Attention Businesses: Take Advantage of Delta's Facade Improvement Program

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 (EDC).

This program is part of an effort by the Township's EDC to improve the aesthetics of buildings along areas of the Saginaw corridor that have aged and/or fallen into disrepair and encourage



improvements of those properties. 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 323-8560.

Neighborhood Beautification Grant Opportunity

Delta Township is offering a grant program in which residential neighborhoods and neighborhood organizations can apply for matching funds for improving their identification and welcome signs to their neighborhood. Matching funds will be on a first come/first serve basis and typical grant awards will be \$500. It is part of the Township's goal to help create community identity, neighborhood involvement, and encourage and maintain the character of residential neighborhoods. Visit www.deltami.gov for more information or to fill out an application. If you have any questions, please call 323-8510.



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