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Delta Township Renames Community Center to Honor Former Supervisor Joseph E. Drolett



On Monday, December 18, the Delta Township Board dedicated and renamed the Delta Township Community Center to the Joseph E. Drolett Community Center in honor of former Supervisor Joe Drolett.

The honorable Janice K. Cunningham, former Delta Township Board member and current Eaton County Circuit Court Judge, along with former Delta Fire Chief Vic Hilbert, and attorney and Chairperson for the Regional Blue Ribbon Panel for the retention of General Motors Jack Davis all spoke of the generosity and many contributions that Drolett made to the Township.

Supervisor Kenneth R. Fletcher read a resolution passed by the Delta Township Board and presented it to Drolett.

Additionally, Eaton County Sheriff Tom Reich presented Drolett with the Eaton County Sheriff's Department Arm Patch in honor of his dedication to citizens the of Delta and his support of the department.

Drolett served as a Trustee on the Township Board from 1972 to 1974, and honorably served as Delta Township Supervisor from 1974 to 1988, and again from 1992 to 2008, to date, the longest serving supervisor in Township history.

Drolett played a major role in establishing many firsts for the Township including drafting its first Master Plan, drafting and implementing the first zoning ordinance, passing the first capital improvements plan for the Township, and establishing the first long-term sidewalk, paths and trails plan.

In 1998, Drolett worked together with the City of Lansing to help secure and bring to the Township the \$1.2 Billion General Motors Delta Plant along with four tier-one auto parts suppliers. He also worked with Township staff and contractors to complete the development of the industrial park located on the south side of the Township, clearing the way for what is now one of the most robust industrial districts in the state.

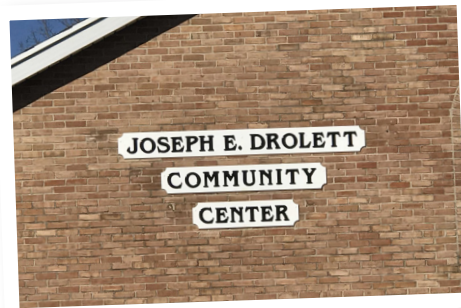
Throughout his tenure, Drolett oversaw the building of the Delta Township District Library facility, the addition to the Delta Township Administration Building, and the Central Fire Station. Under the leadership of Supervisor Drolett, Delta Township was the first in the state to approve a service contract with a County Sheriff's Department, and subsequently built a Delta-based Eaton County Sheriff's Department Substation, allowing for faster and more efficient law enforcement response times for Delta residents.

His leadership was not just limited to the Township, Drolett also aided in the development of the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) organization, which has become a strong economic force throughout the mid-Michigan region.



“Joe Drolett has had a profound impact on the growth and development of our Township. Those lasting effects are his legacy left to the citizens of Delta and the Township Board wants to ensure that his contributions are never forgotten.”

~ Kenneth R. Fletcher
Township Supervisor



LBWL to Invest \$500 Million in New Delta Based Power Plant

The Lansing Board of Water and Light announced on Monday, December 18 that it will build a new, cleaner and efficient natural gas-fired power plant in Delta Township. According to LBWL, this \$500 million plant will complement the company's investment in renewable energy projects and efficiency programs, will generate 250 megawatts, and create 1,200 new jobs in construction.

The plant will be situated at the location of the current Erickson Power Station



facility in Delta Township as part of its Lansing Energy Tomorrow plan.

New Signal Now Installed at Broadbent and Saginaw

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) recently installed the new traffic signals at the intersection of Broadbent Rd. and Saginaw Hwy. that were announced last year.

The Township, in partnership with the Eaton County Road Commission, reconstructed Broadbent approaches in 2017. A pedestrian crossing on the east side of Broadbent will be completed in the Spring. As a reminder, please use caution when traversing this area.



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Facade Improvement Grants Aid in Two New Saginaw Developments



Some incoming businesses along the east end of the Saginaw corridor (Waverly to Elmwood) recently took advantage of the Facade Improvement Grant program offered and funded by the Delta Township Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to aid in demolishing old buildings to make way for new businesses.

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 EDC 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.

Cintas Corp. to Invest \$17 Million in to Expand in Delta Township

Delta Township, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), and the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) recently announced the expansion of Cintas Corporation in Delta Township. Cintas Corporation, founded in 1968, is a leading provider of corporate identity uniform programs, providing entrance and safety mats, restroom supplies, promotional products, first aid and fire production products, and industrial carpet and tile cleaning.

Cintas currently has more than 40,000 employees at more than 500 locations worldwide, and has outgrown their existing space in Lansing due to continued growth. Cintas plans to purchase adjacent land in Delta Township and add a new commercial/industrial cleaning facility that will also include office space.

The project is expected to generate a total capital investment of \$17 million and create 70 new jobs. In conjunction with the project, Cintas has been awarded a \$350,000 Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant by the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF).

Cintas chose Michigan over competing sites in California, Florida, New Jersey, New York, Tennessee, and Wisconsin; and will receive expedited permitting in support of the project from Delta Township.

New Development Underway at Saginaw and Canal



At the site of the former Days Inn Hotel at the southwest corner of Saginaw Hwy and Canal Rd, we are witnessing new development!

- At 633 N Canal, a new five story, 132 room Hilton Garden Inn hotel, with a 22,015 sf footprint is under construction.
- Last December, a new 6,502 sf Outback Steakhouse opened at 617 N Canal, and
- You will soon see a Starbucks coffee shop open in a 5,930 sf building at 609 N Canal, with additional space available for lease.

This new development is Delta Township's first brownfield project, and is a result of action taken by the Delta Township Board, at the recommendation of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA).

A brownfield program uses tax increment financing (TIF) to reimburse brownfield related costs while redeveloping contaminated, functionally obsolete, blighted, or historic properties that are former industrial, commercial, residential, or public property. Use of a brownfield TIF makes redevelopment of an eligible property cost competitive with a greenfield site. In this situation, eligible brownfield activities were demolition and asbestos abatement.

Neighborhood Beautification Grants Assist Delta Residential Areas



Over the course of 2017, Delta neighborhoods took advantage of the new Neighborhood Beautification Grant program offered through the Township to help improve the aesthetics of their residential areas.

Delta Township is offering this grant program so 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. For more information please call 517-323-8510.

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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.

pending final design.

Project Timeline: Likely construction
summer of 2018

MOUNT HOPE PARK NEIGHBOR- HOOD CONNECTOR PATHWAY DEVELOPMENT

Project Description:

- 10 foot wide shared use pathway connecting Ashford Manor and Pointe West subdivisions to the proposed Mount Hope Park development

Project Costs and Grants:

- DNR Land and Water Conservation Fund grant \$62,300
- Estimated Township matching funds of \$62,300

Project Timeline: (Pending grant finalization) Likely construction in summer of 2018

Park Project Updates

DELTA MILLS PARK RESTROOM RENOVATIONS

Project description:

- Demolition of existing restroom facility
- New restroom facility with ADA accessibility on the west side of park
- Convert wellhouse into new restroom on east side of park.

Project Cost and Grants:

- DNR Trust Fund Grant of \$175,000
- Delta Township estimated matching funds \$175,000

Project Timeline: Likely construction in summer of 2018

WEST WILLOW HIGHWAY CANOE/ KAYAK LAUNCH

Project description:

- ADA accessible canoe/kayak launch
- Parking lot and accessible trail

Project Cost and Grants:

- DNR Trust Fund Grant of \$162,500
- Delta Township estimated matching funds \$162,500

Project Timeline: Likely construction in summer of 2018

DELTA MILLS PARK CANOE/KAY- AK LAUNCH

Project description:

- ADA accessible canoe/kayak launch
- Parking lot and accessible trail
- Playground and basketball court improvements
- New fishing pier

Project Cost and Grants:

- DNR Trust Fund Grant of \$237,500
- Delta Township estimated matching funds \$237,500

Project Timeline: Likely construction in summer of 2018 or 2019

Parks & Rec. Master Plan Update

In September of 2017, Viridis Design Group was hired to complete the 2018-2022 Parks & Recreation Master Plan update. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is updated every five years as required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in order to be eligible for state and federal park grants.

Throughout the process there has been multiple opportunities for the public to provide comments and input about the master plan update including a public survey, two focus group sessions in November, and a community open house discussion in December.

The plan was open for additional public comment for a month and will be presented to the Delta Township Board for their review. After the review and after all final revisions are made, the Parks & Recreation Department will request approval of the 2018-2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan update in March.

Delta Hires 9 New Fire Fighters with SAFER Grant

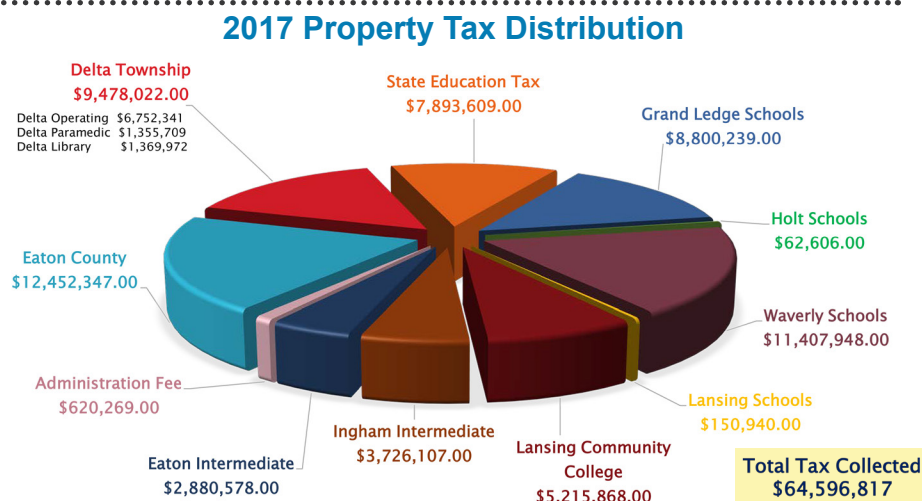
At the December 18 Delta Township Board Meeting, six new full time firefighters and three part-time firefighters were sworn-in to the Delta Township Fire Department.

The firefighters were hired after the Township was awarded a \$916,115 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program. The SAFER Program is administered by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The purpose of the program is to ensure that fire departments nationwide are fully staffed and equipped to strengthen the nation's overall level of preparedness and ability to respond to fire and related hazards.



How Are Your Taxes Spent?

The pie-chart (right) represents the distribution of property taxes that Delta Township collects on behalf of all Taxing Authorities. Delta Township was responsible for collecting approximately \$64,600,000 in property taxes and special assessments for the 2017 Tax year, however the majority of that money is passed along to other taxing entities. Delta Township retains approximately 14.7% of the funds collected for General Operating, Paramedic, and Library purposes. The majority of property taxes collected are allocated to schools for educational purposes.



Delta Township Presents the 2017 Community Awards Honorees



Delta Township hosted the 12th Annual Delta Township Community Awards Event on October 26 at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West. Over 200 people gathered to celebrate the outstanding individuals, businesses

and organizations that were honored during the event. The Township presented five awards this year including Business of the Year, Community Organization of the Year, Young Person of the Year, Citizen of

2017 DELTA TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Legacy Award

Dorothy E. Mawell

Citizen of the Year

Gloria Kovnot

Young Person of the Year

Charlie Mora
Lansing Catholic High School

Business of the Year

EagleMonk Pub & Brewery

Community Organization of the Year

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church the Year and the Township Legacy Award. The Young Person of the Year was also presented with a \$2,000 Scholarship sponsored by the Delta Side Business Association.



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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 semi-annual update to communicate some of the positive happenings that have taken place over the past six months.

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