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Delta Township Welcomes New Assistant Manager Alannah Doak

Alannah Doak was appointed Assistant Township Manager in October 2019. Prior to joining Delta, Alannah served as Management Analyst/Deputy Village Clerk for the Village of Kenilworth, Illinois. She has also served the City of Royal Oak, Michigan and the Genesee County, Michigan Clerks Office. Prior to her service in local government, she served as an AmeriCorps-VISTA member in the Flint Community School District. Alannah earned her master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Michigan and her Bachelor of Science degree in Pub-



lic & Nonprofit Administration with a Budgeting & Finance emphasis from Grand Valley State University. Alannah resides in Delta Township with her two dogs Baby and Lucy.

Please help us welcome her to the Township.

I-496 Construction to Begin in April 2020



Beginning in April 2020, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is investing approximately \$60 million to improve I-496 between I-96 and Lansing Road. Work will include reconstructing the freeway and ramps, preventive maintenance on all the bridges in the project area and making operational improvements to the entrance and exit ramps at the I-96, Creyts Road, and Waverly Road interchanges.

How Will Traffic Be Affected?

Work will be done one direction at a time, with eastbound I-496 closed for construction first. Eastbound traffic will be detoured along Lansing Road from I-96 to I-496. Bridge work will require

short-term closures and detours of local roads. Alternate routes are advised. Work is expected to run from April through November 2020.

Waverly Road Improvements

Additionally, MDOT is also partnering with the Ingham County Road Department, Delta Township and Lansing Township to reconstruct Waverly Road between Lansing Road and St. Joseph Highway including the construction of a new pedestrian pathway along Waverly Rd. Work on these improvements may stretch into 2021 for completion.

MDOT will provide updates through social media and the project website.

Major Capital Improvements Project Planned for Wastewater Treatment Plant

Over the next several years, Delta Township will be investing in a major capital improvements project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The driving factors behind this major project are the age of the treatment plant, new regulations that place tighter discharge limits on treatment plant effluent, and water treatment capacity.

The WWTP was originally constructed in 1965 and has had two substantial expansions, in 1972 and 1986. Since 1986 there has not been any major expansions and even though the facility has been expertly maintained to maximize the overall useful life, the plant is operating past its life expectancy and is in need of a major update.

The treatment plant is regulated by the EPA through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) which issues a discharge permit renewable at five-year intervals. The latest permit issued, effective October 2019, will require tighter discharge limits and adding an additional process or treatment stage

to achieve compliance. This additional treatment is called “tertiary” or “advanced” treatment that forces us into a major construction design change to work this additional process into the treatment plant strategy. Given these requirements, it is a perfect time to plan for these improvements.

The last driving factor is treatment plant capacity. The current influent flows are at 80% of design capacity.



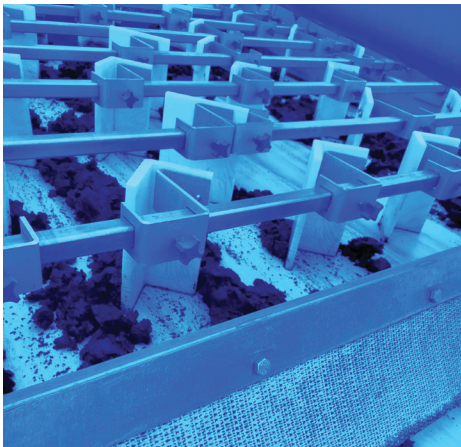
Once influent flow reaches 80% of designed flow capabilities, we are required to start development of design and financial planning to expand treatment capacities to handle future growth of service area.

To this point, the Township has completed a critical overall condition assessment of the current treatment plant facility and developed a Master Plan. This Master Plan is based on several criteria such as condition, type and size of future treatment processes required, energy and manpower efficiency, treatment sustainability, and cost.

The Township is now engaged in a future rate study as well as working on an application for funding through the State of Michigan’s Sewer Revolving Loan Fund. Once funding is secured for the project, the Township will engage an engineer for design engineering, a process that we expect to last a year to a year and a half. We expect construction to begin on a new plant in Spring of 2022.

It is important for residents to know, the Township takes great pride in maintaining its infrastructure to the best of its ability. The industry standard for waste water infrastructure is 30 years. Given the age of the Delta plant, we have utilized its useful life to the fullest.

To Flush or Not to Flush, That is the Question!



Flushable wipes and other similar not-so-flushable products are causing problems for wastewater treatment plants around the World. Since the late 1990’s, Delta Township Waste Water Operators have noticed an increase of rags and sand in the digester. Digesters are sealed anaerobic tanks that break down sludge at the Wastewater

Treatment Plant. This increase in sand and rags has made the cleaning process for the digesters impossible for inhouse staff. In 2019, the Township had to contract with a specialized company to clean one of our digesters.

Products labeled as “flushable” or “safe for septic systems” do not necessarily mean that they are. These items do not readily break down as they travel through plumbing and they end up getting caught and causing blockages.

Habitually flushing items down the toilet can create significant costs for a property owner and the Township. Properly disposing of items, instead of flushing them all, can save property owners and Delta Township hundreds of thousands of dollars and help preserve our sanitary sewer system. Delta Township is in the planning

stages of major capital improvements to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. While some of these future improvements will help filter these products, you can assist the Township by making sure the following items are put in the trash and not flushed:

- Biodegradable wipes labeled “flushable”
- Baby Wipes
- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Facial Tissue
- Make-Up Remover Wipes
- Disinfecting Wipes

If it isn’t toilet paper or human waste, do not flush it.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Utilities Department at 517-323-8570.

LOCAL BUSINESS PROJECTS

Now Open!



- Cintas
- Farm Bureau (renovation)
- Ryder Truck (expansion)
- The Smoke N Pig BBQ
- Jam Best One (expansion)
- Crowne Plaza (renovation)
- Overdrive
- Midwest Press (new office)
- Enterprise Rental (relocation & renovation)
- Air Lift (expansion)

Under Construction or Renovation

- BWL natural gas-fired power plant
- White House Optical
- Guru Nanak Sikh Centre
- The Oasis @ Delta (Elmwood Plaza)
- Quality Suites (renovation)
- MacAllister Rental (Michigan CAT)
- Clock Mobility
- Auto-Owners (new office building)
- Blue Granite & Marble (renovation)
- H2O Hydroponics (relocation & renovation)
- Buddy's Pizza
- "Delivery Station"

Why is the Census Important?

Getting an accurate count is important because census numbers impact your daily life in many ways. Census data is often used to determine how much federal funding is allocated for important projects and services that benefit local communities. Local government officials use the census to ensure public safety, expand community needs and amenities and improve local neighborhoods. Additionally, businesses use census data in deciding where to build or expand their business, often creating local jobs. Lastly, census data can be used to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.

For more information visit <https://www.census.gov/en.html>



Hey Voter, Are You Ready?

As we open 2020, the Township is preparing for the next election season. Here in Delta we strive to make sure our residents are well informed and very prepared. Below you will find useful and informative information regarding the election schedule, voter registration and precinct information.

Voter Registration

Any voter can register at any of the following places at least 15 days in advance of any election: Secretary of State office, State designated agency, County Clerk's Office, Township Clerk's Office, mail, or internet.

If a voter wishes to register 14 days or less prior to an election through 8:00 p.m. on Election Day they may do so by visiting their local Clerk's Office in person to be eligible to vote on Election Day.

Voters may not register to vote at their polling precinct.

Absentee Voting

All voters can apply to vote by absentee ballot either in person at the Delta Township Clerk's Office or through the mail. To request an absentee ballot, complete an application for an Absentee Ballot which can be found on the Delta Township website at www.deltami.gov or by calling the Delta Township Clerk's Office at 517-323-8500 to request an application be mailed. Ballots are available 45 days prior to each election date.

2020 Election Schedule

March 10, 2020
Presidential Primary Election
(CLOSED PRIMARY)
Voter Registration Deadline is Election Day by 8:00 p.m.

August 4, 2020
Primary Election
(OPEN PRIMARY)
Voter Registration Deadline Election Day by 8:00 p.m.

November 3, 2020
General Election
Voter Registration Deadline Election Day by 8:00 p.m.

For more information about each election, please visit www.deltami.gov key word: election.

We need Election Volunteers!

Delta Township depends on residents to help in the election process. We are always looking for workers for our Precinct Polling Locations, Absent Voter Counting Board, and Receiving Boards. These are paid positions, and anyone interested should contact the Delta Township Clerk's Office at 517-323-8500. If interested in working elections an application must be completed and returned on a yearly basis. The election worker application is located on the website under Election Documents. Print, complete the application, sign, and return to the Delta Township Clerk's Office at 7710 W. Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917.

Morley Companies Coming to Delta Creating 500 New Jobs

Delta Township is pleased to welcome Morley Companies to the community. Morley, founded in 1863 and based in Saginaw, Michigan, purchased a long-underutilized former school building at 4300 W Saginaw Hwy, a major commercial corridor. Morley will use the location as a customer service center, delivering services to its client base, which includes multiple Fortune 500 companies. Morley's range of services includes coordinating corporate meetings and incentives, exhibits and displays, and business process outsourcing. The company is recognized as a leader in customer experience.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) recognized the importance of the project and has



offered a performance-based Michigan Business Development Program grant from the Michigan Strategic Fund to assist with Morley's job creation and investment. As a match to the state grant, the Township will help support the project with a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption, and Façade Improvement Grant. The Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP)

contributed significantly to this success, through their staff involvement. Morley will engage with Lansing Community College for staff training; employee recruitment and screening services will be available through Capital Area Michigan Works!

The project is a great example of economic development by the township adding value to the community by:

- Working with regional partners to attract Morley, a long established company, to Delta
- Redeveloping a large building along Delta's main corridor
- Adding taxable value to the community
- Adding an expected 500 jobs with the potential for future growth

Park Project Grants Received in 2020



As a collaborative effort, the Delta Township Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Department and other Township departments meet annually to identify park improvement projects that have been prioritized and will be selected for a grant application. Selected project grants are written and then submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) which facilitates the two largest parks related funding sources for publicly funded recreation departments; the DNR Trust Fund and the Land & Water Conservancy Fund (LWCF). At the direction of the Delta Township Board in 2019, six grant applications were submitted to the DNR: three projects to the DNR Trust Fund, and three projects to LWCF. It was announced this past

December that Delta Township was awarded funding for five out of the six grant applications that were submitted.

Here is a breakdown of the five projects that will receive grant funding:

Delta Mills Restroom Renovation:

Renovate an old wellhouse into a restroom building on east side of the park near Webster Rd.

Project Costs & Grants:

- DNR Trust Fund Grant of \$50,000

Hunter's Orchard Park Pathway:

Appr. 4,700 linear feet of 10 ft. wide pathway to be paved to create a fully accessible nature trail within the park.

Project Costs & Grants:

- DNR Trust Fund Grant of \$225,000

Mount Hope Park North Baseball Fields Development:

Build 2 baseball fields that can be used for baseball and softball. Will complete a quad of ball diamonds at Mt. Hope Park.

Project Costs & Grants:

- DNR Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant of \$300,000

Mount Hope Park Perimeter Pathway Development:

Pave a 10 ft. wide pedestrian pathway along the north and west boundaries of Mt. Hope Park. Will complete a loop to an existing walking pathway.

Project Costs & Grants:

- DNR Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant of \$212,500

Hawk Meadow Pathway Paving:

Pave existing pathways on the western boundary of Hawk Meadow Park. The 10 ft. wide paved pathway will increase ADA accessibility along the pathway.

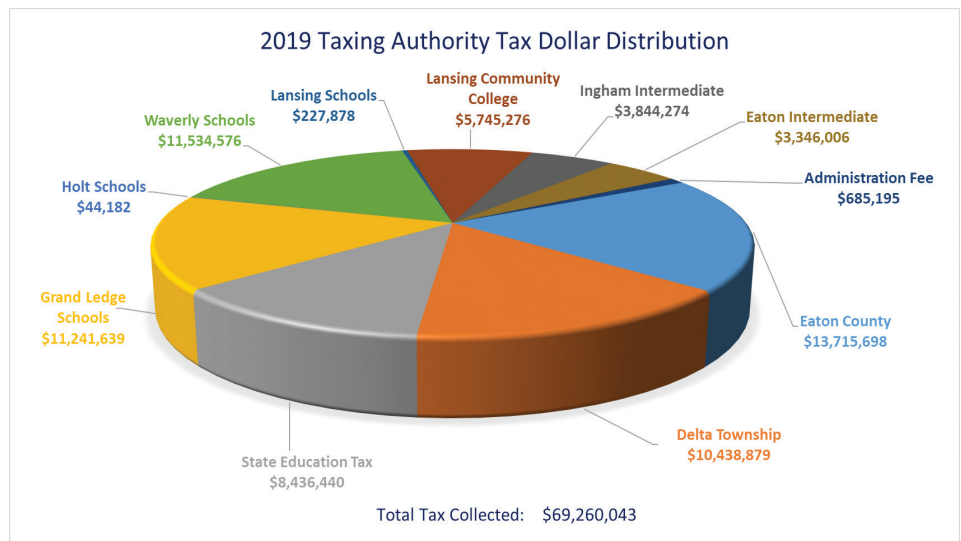
Project Costs & Grants:

- DNR Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant of \$300,000

These grants require at least a 50/50 match by the Township.

Tax Collection in Delta

The pie-chart to the right represents the taxes that Delta Township collects on behalf of all Taxing Authorities. In 2019, Delta Township was responsible for collecting approximately \$69,260,043 in property taxes and special assessments (Drain and street light assessments are not shown). Delta Township only retains approximately \$10,438,879 or 15% of the funds collected for General Operating, Paramedic, and Library purposes. The pie-chart illustrates a breakdown of where all your tax dollars go.



Mt. Hope Park Official Grand Opening

On Saturday, October 5 Delta Township held a Grand Opening event for its newest park and sports complex, Mount Hope Park. Attended by nearly 2,000 people, the event was kicked off by a ribbon cutting and special performance by the Delta Community Choir.

The event boasted numerous family friendly events including hayrides, inflatables, pumpkin decorating and more. Additionally, there were several sports clinics hosted by area organizations held throughout the day to showcase the versatility of the new fields. The first two phases of the park have been completed and include soccer

fields, two baseball/softball fields, a fully accessible playground area, walking path, neighborhood connector path to Pointe West and Ashford Manor subdivisions, concession stand, restrooms, and a pavilion. The Township currently has grant applications to fund two additional ballfields and to extend the pathway around the entire park. To date, the park has received three DNR grants including a 2014 grant to purchase a



60 acre parcel for future expansion, a 2016 grant for park amenities, and a 2017 grant for the neighborhood connector pathway.

Delta Township Dedicates New Delta Mills Canoe Launch and Old River Trail Pedestrian Pathway



On Saturday, October 26 Delta Township hosted a ribbon cutting and community walk to commemorate the opening of the Delta Mills Canoe Launch and Old River Trail Pedestrian

Pathway. Nearly 50 residents and water enthusiasts attended to celebrate the grand opening. Supervisor Kenneth R. Fletcher welcomed the crowd and Fred Cowles of the Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds also spoke of the importance of the project. As part of a commitment to regional recreational opportunities the Delta Mills Canoe Launch is the second fully accessible launch the Township has opened on the Grand River adding two new regional assets for kayakers and canoeists of all ages, skill levels,

and abilities. The Delta Mills Canoe Launch project includes the addition of a new fishing pier, an able body canoe launch, an A.D.A. compliant fully accessible canoe/kayak launch, a new basketball court, and playground equipment.

From the Delta Mills Canoe Launch, Supervisor Fletcher and Delta Township Board members led a community walk down the Old River Trail Pathway. The Old River Trail Pedestrian Pathway project includes a half-mile pathway, including a pedestrian bridge, which connects Delta Mills Park with Hunter's Orchard Park.

Delta Township Presents the 2019 Community Awards Recipients



Pictured (LtoR) Delta Township Supervisor Kenneth R. Fletcher, Community Enhancement Award Recipient Percy Bean of Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen, Community Enhancement Award Recipient Jeff Hurand of Hurand Rosenbaum Partnership, Young Person of the Year Shadrach Cunningham, Citizen of the Year Daren Bebee, Community Organization of the Year recipients Judy Anderson and Snowereene Mitchell of the Lansing Seventh Day Adventist Community Services Center, and Business of the Year recipients Robin Goodenough and Bill Dubois of the Crowne Plaza Lansing West.

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2019 Community Awards

Daren S. Bebee
Citizen of the Year

Shadrach "Shad" Cunningham
Young Person of the Year

Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel
Business of the Year

Lansing Seventh-Day Adventist Community Services Center
Community Organization of the Year

Three Community Enhancement Awards were presented to:

Group 10 Management Company
633 N. Canal Rd. Hilton Garden Inn

Percy Bean & Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen
4324 W. Saginaw Hwy.

Hurand-Rosenbaum Partnership
4421 W. Saginaw Hwy. - Tropical Smoothie.

Delta Township hosted the 14th Annual Delta Township Community Awards Event on October 22 at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel. Over 200 people gathered to celebrate the outstanding individuals, businesses and organizations that were honored during the event.

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

**Congratulations
to all of this year's
honorees.**

Delta Recognizes Recent Retirements

**Congratulations!
48 Years!**



Sharon Sattler

After 48 1/2 years of serving the residents of Delta, Sharon Sattler retired

in January as the longest serving Township employee to date. Sharon worked in many departments during her tenure with the Township including the Clerk's Office and the Utilities Department.



Anthony Skutt

Also known as Tony, he began his employment as a Paramedic/Firefighter in 1997

and was promoted to Fire Engineer in 2008. After serving the residents of Delta Township for 22 years, Tony retired this past July.

NEW Fulltime Hires

Kevin DeFouw
Paramedic/Fire Fighter
Fire Department

Silas Dolman
Operator/Controls Tech. Asst.
Utility Department

James Fitzsimmons
Paramedic/Firefighter
Fire Department

Trevor Huisman
Paramedic/Firefighter
Fire Department

Shea Peters
Paramedic/Firefighter
Fire Department



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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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Numbers**

Fire Department
517-321-6622

**Eaton County Sheriff's
Office**
517-372-8217

**For All Emergencies
Dial 911**

Eaton Co. Satellite Office

Located in the lower level of
the Delta Admin. Building
517-816-8222

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

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2nd & 4th Fridays of the month
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.