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Mary R. Clark Named 2020 Clerk of the Year by The Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks



Township Clerk Mary R. Clark was selected as the organization's 2020 Township Clerk of the Year.

Clerk Clark has served the residents of Delta Township since October of 2011 when she was appointed to the position. Since then, Mary has worked diligently to serve not only the citizens of the Township but has served as an advisor to the Secretary of State's office for the state of Michi-

gan. She has strived to increase voter education and engagement, improve the vacancy and aesthetics of the Saginaw Highway corridor, and continued to advocate for open transparency in Township decision making.

In addition to her service to the citizens of Delta Township, Clerk Clark also serves as the vice-chair of the Capitol Area Municipal Clerks Association Board of Directors, is a board member of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks serving as first vice president and is a member of the legislative committee as well as chair of council of election officials. Additionally, she is also a victim advocate for the Eaton County Sheriff's Office, Vice Chair of the EATRAN Board of Directors, and serves on the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce Delta Government Relations Committee.

Township Administration Building Reopens to Public Safety Measures Added

On June 8, the Delta Township Administration Building reopened to the public. The safety of our residents and our employees is our number one priority, which is why we have instituted a safe reopening plan structured to protect all persons entering our facilities.

The Delta Township Administration Building is located at 7710 W. Saginaw Highway. Through July 31, the hours of operation will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The Township Administration building will be closed on Friday until August.

All three Fire Department Buildings, Utility Buildings, and the Delta Township Enrichment Center, will remain closed to the public until further notice.

Safety Measures

- Masks will be required in any enclosed building area. We ask that you please put your mask on before entering the building.
- Plexi-glass barriers have been installed in all departments in the Administration Building to aid in social distancing and protection from airborne particles.
- Floor markers have been added to encourage social distancing.

- The Township has instituted a strict and frequent regiment for cleaning public spaces including restrooms, handrails, and service counters. Please be patient as we disinfect between customers.
- Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the building; we encourage everyone to use them when entering and leaving the building.

Online services are still encouraged when at all possible. For a full list of online services visit our website at www.deltami.gov.

Township saves more than \$200,000 joining The Michigan Workshare Program

In June, the Township made a decision to join the Michigan Workshare Program in which most non-public safety employees are furloughed for a percentage of their time. The program will save the Township more than \$200,000 and help offset revenue losses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result the Township will be closed on Fridays until August which also allows time to provide thorough cleaning of the building each week.

Delta Township Designated as a *Township of Excellence* by the Michigan Townships Association

Delta Township is proud to announce that it has received the full designation as a Township of Excellence from the Michigan Townships Association (MTA). The "Township of Excellence" designation program was created to recognize those townships that go above and beyond in their services to their residents, and that are governed by a township board that embraces best practices, acting strategically to deliver quality programs and services to accomplish community-driven goals. Delta Township is one of only three townships statewide ever to achieve the full Township of Excellence designation.

Delta Township first achieved this designation in 2012 and has since worked diligently to maintain superior services, exceeding community goals and pushing beyond the status quo.

"This award is a testament to the commitment of the Delta Township Board and the dedicated Township employees who go above and beyond everyday to serve our citizens," said Delta Township Supervisor Kenneth R. Fletcher. "I am extremely proud and humbled to be recognized among such an elite group of municipalities that join us in this designation."

The designation certifies that Delta Township has met very rigid criteria for excellence in Governance, Financial Stewardship, Assessment Administration, Tax Collection and Election Administration, Emergency Services, Land Use Management and Economic Development, Transportation, Utilities



and Cemeteries.

The program is not a competition, but rather, is a challenge to a township board to compete against itself, to serve residents in the best possible way.

Delta Receives Public Input on Wastewater Treatment Plant Reconstruction Project



Delta Township recently hosted two public meetings offering the opportunity for the public to provide input and ask questions regarding the proposed reconstruction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

The project is estimated to begin construction in the spring of 2022.

Why is this major capital improvement project necessary?

- The plant is at the end of its useful life.
- The plant needs new equipment to meet future water quality standards required by the State of Michigan
- The plant is nearing capacity.

What are the proposed improvements?

After identifying the large cost, construction difficulty, and inefficient operation of the plant associated with repairing and retrofitting the plant, Delta Township's project team developed a plan to reconstruct the plant on the same site. Reconstruction was found to be more cost effective to both build and operate and is anticipated to use 34% less energy than repairing and retrofitting the plant.

How Much will this Cost?

The total cost of all necessary improvements is estimated at approximately \$78 million and the project will be constructed in multiple phases. The Township is planning to submit an application for low interest loans (est. 2 - 2.5%) from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) to finance construction of the WWTP improvements late in July.

The Township is pursuing principal forgiveness funds that are available through the SRF for energy efficient "green" infrastructure.

The Township's initial estimate is that sewer rates will need to increase by an average of 6% per year over six years. At the end of that six-year period the estimated residential monthly bill will have increased by approximately \$10 a month. There are many variables associated with this estimate and actual rates may vary from this estimate. Even at this level, however, Delta Township's sewer rates would remain competitive within the region.

Because the project will be constructed within the current fenced in boundary of the WWTP, it is not expected to have any significant negative environmental or social impacts. For questions regarding this project, you may contact WWTPproject@deltami.gov.

LOCAL BUSINESS PROJECTS



Now Open!

- Buddy's Pizza
- "Delivery Station"/Amazon Distribution Center
- The Oasis @ Delta (Elmwood Plaza)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Michigan Capital Region
- Chipotle

Under Construction or Renovation

- BWL natural gas-fired power plant
- White House Optical
- Guru Nanak Sikh Centre
- Quality Suites (renovation)
- MacAllister Rental (Michigan CAT)
- Clock Mobility
- Auto-Owners (new office building)
- Blue Granite & Marble (renovation)
- H2O Hydroponics (relocation & renovation)
- Michigan Primary Care Association (expansion)
- The Range 517
- Volunteers of America Thrift Shop (relocation & renovation)
- Starbucks (additional location at 5405 W Saginaw)

Delta's Public Safety Investments Pay Off

Delta Township has a history of investing in personnel, training, and equipment. In 2018 the Township received a Federal SAFER grant to add six (6) firefighter positions. The Township's investment continues to pay dividends in 2020.

Delta Board Provides COVID-19 Bonus for Firefighters

With the onset of one of the largest viral outbreaks in modern history, our Fire and EMS personnel have been coping with extreme conditions in their daily operations facing increased and arduous sanitation and safety practices. The Delta Board in April provided all 37 full-time Delta Township Firefighters/Paramedics with a one-time hazard payment of \$1,500.

DTFD Receives Challenge Award from TCEMCA

On July 25, the Delta Township Fire Department (DTFD) received the Tri-County Emergency Medical Control Authority (TCEMCA) Challenge Coin Award for pre-hospital stroke training, recognition, treatment, and documentation.

The TCEMCA Challenge Coin Award is a new award to recognize EMS agencies within the Tri-County area



(Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton Counties) for progressive and innovative practices to consistently raise the level of patient care for our communities. DTFD exceeded both the TCEMCA and State averages in 4 of 5 EMS stroke performance markers.

Delta Fire Welcomes Two New Ambulances and Awaits New Fire Engine

In February, Delta Fire was able to put into service two new ambulances to better serve our residents. The new rigs are equipped with state-of-the-art technology and were designed to enhance and streamline the treatment of patients in emergency situations. Additionally, in April, the Township board approved the purchase of a new heavy-duty pumper fire engine which is currently being designed and will be constructed over the next year. Expected delivery will be the summer of 2021.

New Website and Program Registration Software Coming for Township Residents



DELTAMI.GOV will soon look a little different. In partnership with Revize Software Systems, the website is getting a complete overhaul to better serve our residents! The new website will feature increased usability, integrated citizen engagement, a robust social media integration, enhanced search capabilities, and a responsive

sleek new design, adaptable for any screen size. Keep checking back at www.deltami.gov to see our new design!

Additionally, we are excited to announce that the Delta Township Parks and Recreation Department will be launching a new recreation software program, CivicRec, in the fall of 2020. CivicRec has many features that will create a user-friendly registration process for the programs and activities offered to the community. Our staff is looking forward to sharing this software with our Delta Township residents and friends from around the Lansing area.

GM Celebrates 3-Millionth Car at Delta Plant



The GM Lansing/ Delta Township Plant celebrated its 3-millionth vehicle in February. Supervisor Kenneth R. Fletcher spoke to GM and its employees thanking them for their commitment and investment to the Delta community.

The 3 millionth vehicle was a Chevy Traverse. We are proud to have GM in Delta and proud of the substantial investment (over \$800 million) they have made in Delta over the past few years.

A Diverse, Welcoming, and Inclusive Community

Delta Township is proud to be a Diverse, Inclusive, and Welcoming Community.

Our Township has made strong efforts in the past to promote diversity among its boards and commissions as well as passed a non-discrimination ordinance to promote diversity throughout our community.

In June, the Delta Township Board passed a resolution to further its efforts to affect change in the Township.



Pictured: The Delta Township Board celebrating the extraordinary life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Annual MLK Luncheon held at the Lansing Center on January 20.

What you need to Know: The August Primary and November General Elections

With the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the way in which we must operate in order to minimize the possible spread of the illness, we have had to adjust the way in which we prepare for the upcoming elections.

Recently, under direction from the Michigan Secretary of State's office, the Delta Township Clerk's office mailed an absentee ballot APPLICATION to all registered voters in the Township.

What does this mean?

This means that all registered voters received the opportunity to request to vote from home in the upcoming August and November elections.

Do I have to vote absentee?

The short answer is no. If you do not want to receive an absentee ballot, simply do not return the application; you can still vote in person at your designated precinct.

Precincts for the upcoming election may change from your usual precinct location. You WILL BE notified if your precinct changes but to be sure check your precinct location before heading out to vote.

Where can I drop off my absentee ballot application and/or ballot?

Absentee ballot applications as well as the absentee ballots themselves can be returned to the Delta Township Clerk's Office one of three ways: you can return them via USPS to the Delta Township Administration Building at 7710 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917, you can place them in the overnight drop boxes located on the North and East ends of the Delta Township Administration Building, or you can hand deliver them to the Delta Township Clerk's Office located in the Delta Township Administration Building.

Can I still register to vote?

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, by mail, or via the 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.

2020 Election Schedule

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.

Local Partnerships Help Significant Infrastructure Projects Get Underway in Delta



This year has seen many significant infrastructure improvements underway for the Township. Many of these projects have been included as part of the I-496 reconstruction project through several years of planning, foresight, and partnerships.

Waverly Road Pathway

Delta Township and Lansing Township partnered to complete an engineering study of possible non-motorized transportation facilities that could be incorporated into an upcoming reconstruction of Waverly Road, between St. Joe Highway and Old Lansing Road. The study recommended a 10-foot wide, separated, shared use path beginning on the west side of Waverly, at St. Joe, heading south to the westbound I-496 ramps where it will cross Waverly at a new traffic signal. It will continue down the east side of Waverly to Old Lansing Road.

The Townships applied for and received \$874,000 of grant funding to cover the cost of engineering and construction of the pathway. Grant funds are being provided through Federal Transportation Alternatives and Highway Safety Improvement Programs, as well as funds from the Ingham County Parks and Trails Millage. The Townships partnered with the Ingham County Road Department and Mich-

igan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to facilitate the design and construction of the project. This led to the pathway construction being included in the on-going I-496 and Waverly Road reconstruction projects. The

coordination of the pathway with the road and freeway projects results in a highly efficient construction process for the pathway that is expected to be complete in the fall of 2020.

Waverly Road Watermain

The Township was able to complete a small watermain project prior to the reconstruction of Waverly Road. This project in partnership with Lansing Township helps to ensure the redundancy of our water distribution system in Delta. By completing the project prior to the construction of the Waverly Pathway and Waverly Road, the Township was able to save money by completing the project at the optimal time and avoiding the costly digging up of a brand new road and pathway.

I-496 Watermain

The Township currently has two watermain pipes that cross under I-496 near Snow Road. Working with MDOT, the Township was able to replace those watermain pipes as part of the I-496 project. The new watermain pipes have been installed, tested and are in service.

The project showcases the importance of appropriate planning to pair these projects saving Delta residents money, time, and potentially catastrophic costs should an older watermain under the freeway fail.

Creyts Road and I-496 Interchange Improvements

On April 8, 2019, the Township Board passed a resolution strongly supporting a Transportation Economic Development Fund Grant for Creyts Road improvements needed for the expansion of Auto Owners Insurance. In September of 2019, MDOT announced that a grant in the amount of \$502,443 was awarded to install a traffic signal at the Westbound I-496 ramps at Creyts Road, reconstruct the I-496 eastbound off ramp, and extend the two lane cross section by 400 feet. The project will also widen Creyts Road to accommodate a center turn lane from south of Auto-Owners' entrance to the eastbound I-496 ramps.



Annual Water Quality Report

The 2019 Annual Water Quality Report is available for our customers. This includes information about your water, where it comes from, and what the tests tell us. Download the full report by visiting the link below. To obtain a paper copy please contact the Delta Township Utility Department by calling 517-323-8570.

[Deltami.gov/waterquality](https://deltami.gov/waterquality)

Mount Hope Park Receives MParks Design Award



The MPark Design award is presented to a community in honor of outstanding landscape design, facility or architectural design, or park design and is one of the most prestigious awards given by MParks.

Mount Hope Park, the culmination of decades of planning, opened officially in October of 2019. The park will become the home for the

Delta Township was presented the 2020 Park Design Award for the design and construction of Mount Hope Park by the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association (MParks).

majority of the Township's youth sports and recreational programs. Next year, Mount Hope Park will add additional paved trails as well as two additional baseball fields.

Canoe Launches Now Open



The EZ Dock fully handicapped accessible canoe and kayak launches at Delta Mills Park and West Willow have been installed and are ready for use. In their second season of use, these water trail amenities are popular among residents and visitors alike. Their ease of use allows for a full spectrum of ability and skill level to access the Middle Grand River Water Trail in Delta Township.

Community Award Program Cancelled for 2020

The Delta Township Community Awards Committee regrets to announce the cancellation of the 2020 Community Awards program due to the current health situation.

The committee plans to take this time to fully review the program and will be back next year ready to celebrate our residents, businesses and organizations.

We will update information for this program on our website as soon as it becomes available. Thank you to ev-

Why is the Census Important?



The 2020 Census will provide a snapshot of our nation - who we are, where we live, and so much more.

Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children.

Currently Delta Township has nearly an **80%** return rate. Let's make it **100%**



everyone that has participated, supported, and helped to plan these events throughout the years. We look forward to seeing you all again for next year's program.

Coming Soon

With funds granted by the Tri-County Bicycling Association's DALMAC Fund, Delta Township will be installing a bike fix station with an air pump in Mount Hope Park. The trails within Mount Hope Park will be expanding in the upcoming years and it will be a great place to ride with the family.

Delta Recent Retirements



Mike Martin

After 25 years of serving the residents of Delta, Mike Martin retired in June as a Lieu-

tenant with the Delta Township Fire Department. Mike began as a paramedic/firefighter in 1995 before being promoted to engineer in 2005.

Congratulations Mike!

NEW Fulltime Hires



Kathleen Krancich
Department Assistant
Clerk's Office



Kelly Webster
Department Assistant
Utility Department



Matthew McKernan
Planner
Planning Department



Michael Karr
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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517-321-6622

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Office
517-372-8217

For All Emergencies
Dial 911

Eaton Co. Satellite Office

The Eaton County Satellite Office located in the lower level of the Township Administration Building is closed until further notice.

Please watch our website, Facebook page, and monthly newsletter for reopening information.