



News from our Supervisor.....

Spaulding Township's annual Community Picnic was held on September 9th at Spaulding Township Park. Hundreds of residents enjoyed free hot dogs, chips, cotton candy and refreshments. There was also a carnival combo bounce house, courtesy of Great Lakes Natural Remedies, for the children to enjoy. A corn hole tournament took place with the Sheriff Dept. vs. Spaulding Twp. Fire Dept. Our firefighters took first place. Residents also participated in the games with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies awarded. D.J. George, sponsored by Sheldon Matthews, entertained the crowd. Township and D.P.W. secretaries and the Cass River Dike Board provided information for residents. Spaulding Manufacturing showcased some of their equipment, and representatives of Great Lakes Natural Remedies (GLNR), which is scheduled to open in full swing this Spring 2019, were available to answer resident questions. Next years "free" Community Picnic is scheduled for Sun., September 8th. If you have a business in our township and would like to have a display booth, please contact our office.

All road projects for this year have been completed, with the exception of Tom Cresswell Rd. which should be finished in 2019.

We have received beautification proceeds for our park, complex (a new digital township sign is coming soon) and general township improvements. These proceeds will be received by our township on a yearly basis.

Our new township police officer, Deputy Addison Burton (A.B.), has been serving our residents since June 2018. We are extremely pleased with the work he does and his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty. A.B. will continue to serve our community and we plan to obtain additional officers in the future which would also be contracted through the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me at our office, (989) 777-0950.

– Ed Masters, Supervisor

2018 WINTER TAXES

Enclosed is your 2018 Winter Tax bill which is **due February 14, 2019 prior to close of business at 5:00pm**. If you have any questions, please contact me at the township office, (989) 777-0950. Taxes can be paid by credit card online, over the telephone or in the township office. You may pay online at www.spauldingtwp.com under the "online payments" tab on the home page. Note: there is an access fee for credit card payments. You may also mail a check or money order to the office, place payment in the locked drop-off box located outside the office complex, or in person at the township office.

**Please make CHECKS payable to:
"SPAULDING TOWNSHIP".**

Regular office hours are:
Mon.-Fri., 9:00am – 5:00pm
Tiffany Fortier, Treasurer

NOVEMBER ELECTION

Voter turnout in Spaulding Township for the general election on November 6 was very good with 52% of the registered voters casting their votes. Without the option of choosing a straight-party vote, the results varied by party for many races. The following candidates received the most votes in Spaulding:

Governor – Gretchen Whitmer (D)
Secretary of State – Jocelyn Benson (D)
Attorney General – Tom Leonard (R)
U.S. Senator – Debbie Stabenow (D)
U.S. Representative – Daniel Kildee (D)
State Senator – Ken Horn (D)
State Representative – Vanessa Guerra (D)
County Commissioner – Sheldon Matthews (D)
Bridgeport-Spaulding School Board- Jay Bruns, Robert Lange, Patrick Nelson

The three proposals, 18-1 legalization of recreational marijuana, 18-2 political district boundary commission, and 18-3 straight party voting, in person registration up to election day and no reason absentee voting all passed in Spaulding and in the state. The question of support of a new millage for the Saginaw Intermediate School District for career and technical education also passed.

You can find more details about election results on-line at www.electionreporting.com/saginaw.

Thanks to the great election inspectors and involved citizens of Spaulding Township for a secure, accurate and enjoyable election day.

– Mark Seamon, Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Contact Information

Please call our office at (989)777-2733, email: water@spauldingtwp.com or fax our office at (989)777-1522 to make sure we have a current phone number for your residence. In case of emergencies, i.e. water main breaks, leaks, etc. we may need to contact you. Thank you.

Freezing Weather

If you think your water pipes may be susceptible to freezing, or have had frozen pipes in the past or if you are not going to be home for a period of time you may want to consider leaving a small pencil size stream of water running.

Water Wasters to Check

Average water bill costs vary depending on your household size and water usage; however, if your water bill seems unusually high, you may have a leak. 100 gallons a day per person is normal water usage. Check the following:

Toilets

The flapper is the most common source of problems.

1. Turn the water supply valve off at the toilet and watch the level in the toilet bowl. If the level drops, replace the flapper and clean the flapper seal in the toilet tank.
2. In addition, check the level in the tank. After flushing, the water should shut off when the tank level is about ½ inch to 1 inch below the overflow. If water does not shut off at this level, adjust the float in the toilet water tank.
3. You can use a dye test or food coloring to confirm a toilet leak.

Water Softeners

1. After the softener has regenerated, check to see if water is still running down the drain.
2. If it is, the softener needs to be repaired.
3. Consider turning off and bypassing your softener. Remember, the Water Treatment Plant softens your water for you!

Faucets

1. Ensure all faucets are fully turned off.
2. If a faucet continues to drip, repair or replace it.

Furnace Humidifier

1. Inspect the humidifier float to make sure that it is shutting off the fill water at the level recommended by the manufacturer.
2. Check your owner's manual for details.

Overnight Leak Check

1. Locate your water meter inside your house.
2. Read and record it in the evening when you are done using water for the day. If you have a softener, pick a day that your softener will not be regenerating.
3. Read it again the next morning before you use any water. If your meter reading changed overnight when no one was using water, you have a leak.

Water Bill / Tax Bill “DROP BOX”

Please note there is a locked drop box outside the main entrance by the front doors for your convenience. Please pay with a check or money order when using this box. We do not recommend cash be deposited.

Online Credit Card Water Bill Payments

You may pay your water bill (or taxes) online by going to the township's website: www.spauldingtwp.com and click on “Water and Sewer” located on the homepage left side bar under “Online Payments”, or by credit card at the office or over the telephone – Note: there is an access fee for credit card payments.

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Spaulding Township residents are invited to a FREE community pancake breakfast on Saturday, January 12th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the township hall, 5825 Cole Road, sponsored by Saginaw County Commissioner elect, Sheldon Matthews.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

We are proud to announce that two new firefighters have been attending education courses and will become certified firefighters soon. We also have two firefighters that have been attending school and will be certified Emergency Medical Technicians. This is quite an accomplishment and we commend our volunteers for their dedication.

Our fleet of rescue equipment will be enhanced with a Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) soon. This will enable rescues on frozen rivers where many residents snowmobile and fish, the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, and other areas or circumstances where our large rescue equipment cannot reach.

We're always looking for men and women to serve on our Fire Department. You must be at least 18 years of age and in good health. Applications are available in the township office and on our website: www.spauldingtwp.com

Come join our team and be part of your community.

– **Thomas Fortier, Chief**

Spaulding Township Police Department

Deputy Addison Burton (A.B.) serves Spaulding Township and has been a valuable asset to our community. You may reach A.B. at the township's police office, (989) 777-5676 for NON-emergency issues or general questions. Or you may contact Central Dispatch for a non-emergency at (989)797-4580.

ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1 for an EMERGENCY