SPAULDING TOWNSHIP UPDATE Summer 2021



News from our Supervisor…..

Here we go…let’s get back into the swing of things after our COVID-19 shutdowns. Wednesday Nites in the Park is back, along with many other community events! We are very excited to gather with our fellow citizens and become even a closer-knit community through events such as this. Be sure to mark your calendars:



**NEEDED**: Residents who care about their community. Many opportunities are available for you to make a difference in Spaulding Township. We have the *“Community Events Committee”* which plans events such as Wednesday Nites in the Park, Easter Egg Hunt with donated bikes for a free raffle and a visit by the Easter Bunny with photo opportunities. There is also Christmas in the Park with tree lighting ceremony, carols, a visit by Santa, etc. Last year we started an ice-skating rink at the park and we plan to make it bigger and better this year and hope to have out house races on the rink, weather permitting. A very special thank you goes out to Shawn Woodruff for donating timbers and assisting in creating the ice rink last winter.

Your township also started a *“Development Committee”* which due to this past year’s meeting restrictions, have only been able to meet a few times. Despite those setbacks, they managed to have a township *Clean-up* *Day* where we and numerous volunteers gathered at the park at 9am on a Saturday to get suited up with

reflective safety vests, assigned trash pickup roads, such as Banner, M-13, Sheridan, and S. Washington.

Saginaw County Sheriff Department officers and our Deputy Addison Burton (A.B.) spent the morning with us with their vehicles lit up to provide safety to our volunteers during the roadside cleanup. We thank them for the volunteerism as well. Waste Management donated a large dumpster for our use in order to dispose of the roadside garbage. The group then relaxed and socialized at the township park with a hot dog BBQ provided by volunteers. It was a great day. This committee meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm in the township boardroom.

We encourage you to become part of one of these groups. If you can’t attend monthly meetings, that is okay, anything you can contribute to our community will surely make a difference.

Monthly board meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month (unless otherwise posted): D.P.W. Board begins at 6:00pm and Township Board meets at 7:00pm in the Township Complex boardroom located at 5025 East Rd., Saginaw MI 48601. Feel free to contact the township office to express any concerns. We, the Board, are here to serve you. **- Ed Masters, Supervisor**

**2021 SUMMER TAXES**

Enclosed is your 2021 Summer Tax bill which is **due September 14, 2021** without penalty. If you qualify for a summer tax deferment, forms are available in the township office and on the township website. The form must be submitted by September 14, 2021. You may pay your tax bill by credit/debit card on the township website; however, there is an access fee for card payments. You may also mail a check or money order to the office, place payment in the locked drop box outside the township office, or in person at the township office using credit/debit card, check, money order, or cash. Please make note of the township office hours: M, T, Th, F from 10:00am-3:00pm and W from Noon-5:00pm.

**Please make checks/money order payable to:**

**“SPAULDING TOWNSHIP”.**

***- Tiffany Fortier, Treasurer***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*JULY BOARD OF REVIEW\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

Pursuant to provisions of MCL 211.53b, the Spaulding Township Board of Review will meet on **Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 1:00pm** in the Township Complex, 5025 East Rd., Saginaw, MI. The purpose of this meeting is to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact and to hear poverty exemption applications.

**A word from our Clerk…**

One of the responsibilities of a local clerk is to keep voter registration information up to date.  In years when there aren't local elections, this job still continues.  Even in a small township like Spaulding there is a steady flow of changes to address, name changes, people moving in and out of the township and new voter registrations.

There have been several recent changes to election laws which are all intended to make it easier for citizens to vote.  We work hard to ensure that our residents who want to vote are given every opportunity to do so.

You may register to vote at the township office, on-line at the Secretary of State website, in person at a Secretary of State office or by mail.  Voter registration and changes to registrations are now automatic when you make changes to your driver’s license and registrations at the Secretary of State.

There is more information online and may be found at Michigan.gov/VoterRegistration. If you are not sure

of the status of your registration, you may check the stated website above.  This will let you know if you are registered and where you are registered.  You are also welcome to contact the township office with questions about your registration.

Please keep your voter registration current as it will allow you to vote wherever you reside.  If you know of family members who may be registered in Spaulding but have moved out of the township, please suggest that they update their registration to their new location.  We do our best to keep our voter list up to date but we need your help to be sure that we don't miss anyone.

**– Mark Seamon, Clerk**

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***++ FIRE DEPARTMENT ++***

With the dry conditions we have experienced, please be sure to check the township website’s homepage posts, office signs, and the Spaulding Township Fire Department’s Facebook page for the latest updates.

Due to the age and lack of replacement parts, a new outdoor fire siren will be installed in July in order to provide safety and warning to our residents in the event of a tornado, fire, etc.

We are proud to announce that Jared McCormick passed fire academy and is now a certified firefighter.

We are always looking for women and men to join the Fire Department. The township pays for all training and education. If you or someone you know is over 18 yrs. old with a valid driver’s license and interested, you may obtain an application on our township’s website, or visit the office. **– Thomas Fortier, Fire Chief**

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**SPAULDING TOWNSHIP D.P.W.**

**Please call Spaulding Township Representative from Vanguard Utility Service, Inc.**

**at** **(989) 372-8814**

Spaulding Township is now implementing a Mandatory Automatic Meter Reading system which will convert all existing water meters to new meters that will be automatically read via radio signals on a monthly basis. The new meters will improve the accuracy and efficiency of the meter reading process and will also be more convenient for you. In order to complete the conversion program, the Township’s authorized representatives from Vanguard will be scheduling appointments with all residences to gain access to existing water meters located inside the home.

Representatives of Vanguard Utility Service, Inc., the company doing the conversion for the Township’s customers, are available to take your calls Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at **(989) 372-8814 to schedule an appointment when you are *normally home, at your earliest convenience,*** to have your water meter replaced. You may also visit [www.vusinc.com](http://www.vusinc.com) to schedule an appointment online.

* **There is NO CHARGE for the replacement (conversion) of your meter.**
* No plumbing work is involved in most cases (it is the homeowner’s responsibility to correct any plumbing deficiencies)
* The meter replacement will take approximately **30-60 minutes** to complete, during which time you will be without water
* All Conversion Program representatives will be properly identified with a photo ID badge, uniforms with company logo and signs on their vehicles
* All Vanguard representatives will follow all COVID guidelines, including social distancing and masks

Time can be saved by clearing any obstructions from around the water meter area before the appointment takes place. If you find you cannot keep your scheduled appointment, please arrange for a responsible adult (18 or older) to act on your behalf if possible. **YOUR COOPERATION IS IMPORTANT.**

*Thank you for your prompt response,*

**– Dan Kross, D.P.W. Assistant Superintendent**