



News from our Supervisor. . . .

Warm Greetings! Much has happened since our summer newsletter.

Wednesday Nites in the Park was once again a success with hundreds of families and friends enjoying the live music entertainment, free children activities, car and tractor show, a variety of food vendors, and a fireworks show the last evening. Sincere appreciation goes out to all our generous sponsors whose names are on banners displayed in the park and to our volunteer Event & Action Committee for making such events a reality. Mark your 2023 calendar for next year's Wednesday park series with kick off at 5:30 pm on July 19, July 26, August 2, and August 9.

Trunk-or-Treat was held at the park on Halloween and approximately 10 participants came to pass out goodies to our over 150 ghosts and goblins. Remember to consider joining us next year for this community event.

This past June and October, two Food Give Aways in partnership with Center of HOPE Food Pantry took place at our park with a semi-truck load of food being distributed to those in need. The thanks and recognition goes out to our fellow Spaulding resident, Dewey Burke, for organizing the events and making it possible.

Join us for an **Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Park** on Wednesday, December 14 from 6:00-8:00 pm.

We will begin outdoors for a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with caroling and a fireworks display, then gather inside the warm hall to enjoy holiday cookies, hot chocolate, coffee, and a special visit by jolly Santa & Mrs. Claus along with their elves! Families can also enjoy Town's End Clydesdales Carriage Christmas Wagon Rides departing from the hall, traveling to the park, then returning to the hall. Many beautiful opportunities for memorable photos!

Spaulding's annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will take place at the park on Saturday, April 8th at 1:00 pm. We will once again have several girls and boys bikes to raffle off, a few surprises for the adults, and a special visit by the Easter Bunny with photo opportunities.

Thanksgiving Baskets supplied with the traditional food items were distributed to 16 households by our Action Vice-Chair, Deanna Nigl. The committee plans to do the same for the Christmas holiday. If you know of anyone who could use a little help, please let the township office know. (All information is kept private.)

All of these events are possible due to donations and volunteers. If you would like to become a sponsor or make a cash donation supporting the volunteer Event & Action Committee, you may do so at the township office or at any of these events. And, if you would like to become a volunteer, please let us know. We need more hands in order to continue providing these community building efforts.

There have been a few upgrades to our park. A **shuffle board court** is now available, and a big thank you goes to Bill & Aaron Sawatzki for painting and striping it. In addition, for the past two years, we have had a manmade ice rink. But this season, we will have a new **40'x80' EZ Hockey Ice Rink** which the community can use for sports or just the pleasure of skating.

Monthly board meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise posted). DPW Board starts at 6:00pm and Township Board begins at 7:00pm at the Township Complex boardroom, 5025 East Rd., Saginaw MI 48601.

Feel free to contact me, or other board officials at the township office, 777-0950 to express any concerns. We, the Township Board, are here to serve you.

– **Ed Masters, Supervisor**

2022 WINTER TAXES

Enclosed is your 2022 Winter Tax bill which is **due February 14, 2023**. 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.

Township Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. from 10:00am-3:00pm
Wed. from Noon-5:00pm

Please make checks/money order payable to:
"SPAULDING TOWNSHIP".

- **Tiffany Fortier, Treasurer**

BOARD OF REVIEW

Tuesday, December 13m 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Pursuant to the provisions of MCL 211.53b, the Spaulding Township Board of Review will meet in the Township Complex, 5025 East Rd., Saginaw, MI on the above date. The purpose of this meeting is to correct clerical errors or mutual mistake of fact, filings for principal residence exemptions (PRE), and to hear poverty exemption applications.

A word from our Clerk...

Spaulding Township had a safe, secure and accurate election on November 8. Much appreciation is given to our dedicated team of election inspectors and to our deputy clerk in providing great service to voters while ensuring a secure and accurate election.

About 47% of our registered voters exercised their right to vote with 847 ballots cast. 217 of those ballots were from absentee voters. Our County Commissioner, Sheldon Matthews, retained his position even though his district was changed to include Spaulding and Bridgeport Townships. You may remember that Sheldon was a trustee on our township board before taking the county commissioner position.

The recent redistricting in the state caused our township to be split into two State House of Representative Districts, the 93rd and 94th districts. Voters in each of those districts chose the winners as Graham Filler in the 93rd and Amos O'Neal in the 94th.

Other candidates who won their seats with the help of Spaulding voters included Congressman Dan Kildee and State Senator Kevin Daley. The state proposals which all passed state wide were passed in Spaulding except for 22-3 (reproductive rights) which failed in Spaulding. The mosquito abatement proposal passed in Spaulding and in the county while the intermediate school district millage failed in Spaulding but passed in the county.

State proposal 22-2 approval means that there will be changes to voting in the future. Be sure to stay informed to know how those changes may affect you during the next election. You can find more details of the election results on line at electionreporting.com

– Mark Seamon, Clerk

HOLIDAY LIGHTS – RECYCLING DRIVE (thru Jan.15)
Don't throw away your old holiday lights, recycle them at our township office. Container located in the lobby.
All proceeds benefit Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN)

TRASH & RECYCLING

New in 2023 will be the implementation of "carts" (rolling trash & recycling containers). Waste Management anticipates cart delivery in mid-year. For more information, visit www.recyclemotion.org.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

During the winter months, we ask that if you have a fire hydrant in your yard, to please do your best to keep it clear of snow. Thank you.

A **Water Rate Increase** will be reflected on your April 1, 2023 quarterly bill for usage during the previous three months, i.e. 01/01/23 – 03/31/23. The ready to serve fee which includes 15,000 gallons of water for ¾" meters (the usual size for households) will be increased from \$75.00 to \$85.00, and usage over the 15,000 gallons will be increased from \$4.50 to \$5.10 per 1,000 gallons.

Important Dates – Mark your Calendar

Avoid late fee penalties or disconnection of water service due to nonpayment. Mark your calendar with these quarterly due dates:

First bill is due on or before the following dates in order to avoid late fee penalties:

Feb. 10th - May 10th - Aug. 10th - Nov. 10th

Final Notice (second courtesy bill) is **due** on or before the following dates to avoid disconnection of water service. Disconnection would occur on the 11th day of each of the following months:

March 10th – June 10th – Sept. 10th – Dec. 10th

Please keep your telephone number updated!

It is very important that we be able to reach you in the event of an emergency, detect a possible leak, or other important water notifications. Update your information by emailing Christine at clerical@spauldingtwp.com, or call us at (989) 777-0950. Thank you for your cooperation.

– Matt Tanner, DPW Director

Emergency Notification

Register Today!

Visit www.saginawcounty911.com and complete the self-registration form. If you do not have web access, contact Spaulding Township Office (989) 777-0950 +for registration assistance. This system may be used in the event of an incident that threatens harm to life and/or property or is deemed hazardous by emergency personnel.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

We welcome Randy Jackson to our team. He will be attending fire school in November 2023.

Reminder: Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries at least twice a year.

Volunteers Needed: If you or someone you know is over 18 yrs. old and interested, you may obtain an application at www.spauldingtwp.com or call the township office (989) 777-0950.

– Thomas Fortier, Fire Chief