

SPAULDING TOWNSHIP UPDATE Summer 2023

News from our Supervisor, . . .

Our volunteer Event & Action Committee has been busy hosting numerous events, and there are more to come, thanks to our many generous sponsors. Please be sure to check out all the thank you banners displayed at the park expressing our gratitude to these outstanding sponsors; we couldn't do it without them!

The **Easter Egg Hunt** and free bike giveaway was a beautiful family day with over 300 in attendance. Children gathered 6,000 candy-filled eggs, played with the Easter Bunny, and 22 bikes were raffled off to the lucky winners along with adult prizes of Birch Run Motor Speedway family passes to any race of the season.

Our first ever **Flea Market & Rummage Sale** held on May 12 and 13 at the park was successful with 27 vendors along with hotdogs and refreshments available for purchase provided by our committee. Another Flea Market & Rummage Sale is scheduled for Fri. Sept. 22 and Sat. Sept. 23. If you would like to rent a 16'x20' space to sell your wares, the cost is \$25.00 which includes both days.



The annual **Roadside Cleanup Day** held on May 25 was a success with a bus load of twenty-four Bridgeport-Spaulling School athletic department students, pictured above, lending an extra hand. We focused on Washington and Sheridan roads and filled the large dumpster donated by Waste Management.

The early morning of June 3 was our **Food Give Away** at the hall parking lot. There were 40 St. Lorenz Lutheran Church school students that arrived by bus early that morning to unload, box, and distribute a semi-truck load of food. The food was provided by the Center for Hope Ministries in cooperation with MI Food Bank. We currently have two more giveaways scheduled; Sat. July 29 and Sat. Sept. 23 with distribution beginning around 9:00am. A big THANK YOU goes out to all the wonderful adult volunteers and youth for their services!

Wednesday Nites in the Park is ready to welcome you to fun, FREE evenings with live entertainment on stage, a variety of food vendors, professional sand sculptures, car & tractor show, children activities, face painting, and much more! So bring your lawn chair and your friends.

Dates: July 19 – Taylor Tucky
July 26 – Sinjon Smith
Aug. 2 – Soul Xpress Band
Aug. 9 – Mandi Layne & The Lost Highway
Evening ends with a fireworks finale

Time: Gates open at 5:30 pm
Place: Spaulding Township Park, 5825 Cole Rd.
Alternate rain-out date: Aug. 16

Mark your calendar for **Trunk-or-Treat** on Halloween, Tues. Oct. 31 from 4:00-5:30pm at the Spaulding Township Park. **NEEDED:** Adults to participate by setting up their own treat giveaway station for our little goblins to enjoy. There is no registration required, just show up by 3:30pm or earlier to set up your Halloween display with candy or treats. We typically have around 200-300 children come out to enjoy the event.

I'm happy to announce that after years of negotiation, the S. Washington Road will be totally redone and become a primary road which will then be maintained by Saginaw County and not at the township's expense. Construction is beginning now and should be completed within a month or slightly longer.

Please contact us to express any concerns. We, the Board, are here to serve you. - **Ed Masters, Supervisor**

2023 SUMMER TAXES

Enclosed is your 2023 Summer Tax bill which is **due by September 14, 2023** without penalty.

If you qualify for a summer tax deferment, forms are available in the township office or on our website.

Forms must be submitted by Sept. 14.

Taxes may be paid by credit/debit card (including access fee) on the township website. You may also mail a check/money order, place payment in the locked drop box outside, or with cash in person at the township office. If possible, please have correct change when paying cash & your statement with you.

NOTE:

Property Taxes and Water Dept. are individual entities so you must write separate checks for each payment.

Office Hours: M, T, Th, F from 10:00am-3:00pm
W from Noon-5:00pm.

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

- Tiffany Fortier, Treasurer

A word from our Clerk...

By this time you have adapted to the new trash carts that all Spaulding residents have received. This change has come about from the newly negotiated contracts between the Mid-Michigan Waste Authority and the trash and recycling contractors. Our membership in this group is beneficial in that we are part of a large group of municipalities who utilize similar services. While we know that the new carts are not ideal for everyone, it is the best option for most of our community. Please keep in mind that trash is picked up weekly, recycling every other week and yard waste weekly but seasonally from April 1 through November 30.

The Spaulding Township Department of Public Works is proud to offer water service to most residents and sanitary sewer service to some residents. The DPW board has recently transitioned from holding monthly meetings to receiving regular reports, approving financial transactions and other related topics at the monthly township board meetings. The DPW board will now formally meet annually. If you have an interest in addressing a DPW issue at a board meeting, please plan to attend a regular township board meeting which is held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. The township board continues to manage the business of the township for the benefit of its residents. Please offer your input whenever you see an opportunity to improve our community.

– **Mark Seamon, Clerk**

++ FIRE DEPARTMENT ++

Congratulations to Aaron Wood who has been promoted to Captain. We also welcome our new fully certified firefighters: Rey Cruz, Jared McCormack, Jacob Childs, Jerry Childs, Dylan Huber, Matt Tanner, and Kris Kolomack. We always need more volunteer firefighters; if you're interested, please contact the township office.

BURN BANS: Please be sure to check the township website's homepage posts, office signs, and the Spaulding Township Fire Department's Facebook page for burn bans and current updates.

– **Thomas Fortier, Fire Chief**

PARK SURVEY – We Need Your Input

We are participating with the Saginaw County Parks Master Plan which includes Spaulding Township Park. This plan will help guide in the upcoming years and may open doors for possible grants. The survey is open now through July 10, so please complete it soon. Please complete the survey at:

www.saginawcountyparksurvey.com

If you don't have internet, the survey is available for you at our township office. Thank you for input.

BOARD OF REVIEW

Pursuant to provisions of MCL 211.53b, the Spaulding Township Board of Review will meet on **Tuesday, July 18, 2023 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.

WATER DEPARTMENT

In order to avoid late fees or disconnection of service, please mark your calendar with the quarterly water bill schedule. It is the same every year. If you do not receive your bill in the mail, contact our office.

Failure to receive bill does not waive past due penalty or avoid shut off.

FIRST QUARTER

Jan. 1: Quarterly water/sewer bills generated
You should receive in mail by mid-Jan.
Feb. 10: Payment due to avoid late fee penalty
Feb. 11: Penalty added and Final Bill mailed
March 10: Full Payment Due to avoid disconnection
March 11: Disconnection of water service

SECOND QUARTER

April 1: Quarterly water/sewer bills generated
You should receive in mail by mid-April.
May 10: Payment due to avoid late fee penalty
May 11: Penalty added and Final Bill mailed
June 10: Full Payment Due to avoid disconnection
June 11: Disconnection of water service

THIRD QUARTER

July 1: Quarterly water/sewer bills generated
You should receive in mail by mid-July.
Aug. 10: Payment due to avoid late fee penalty
Aug. 11: Penalty added and Final Bill mailed
Sept. 10: Full Payment Due to avoid disconnection
Sept. 11: Disconnection of water service

FOURTH QUARTER

Oct. 1: Quarterly water/sewer bills generated
You should receive in mail by mid-Oct.
Nov. 10: Payment due to avoid late fee penalty
Nov. 11: Penalty added and Final Bill mailed
Dec. 10: Full Payment Due to avoid disconnection
Dec. 11: Disconnection of water service

When making a payment, please include your bill payment stub, or account number and address. Utilizing one of our drop off boxes is an excellent way to pay. If you prefer to pay by credit/debit card, go to www.spauldingtwp.com home page and click on the water payment link. Note: G2G Cloud Solutions will assess a fee for processing your card.