

SPAULDING TOWNSHIP UPDATE Winter 2023

News from our Supervisor, . . .

We give our appreciation to Frankenmuth Credit Union **Foundation for Our Communities** for the generous \$11,370 grant award to purchase a new rescue boat and trailer for our emergency personnel.



In addition, the foundation's "Feel the Warmth" campaign donated \$1,000 allowing Spaulding Township's Event & Action Committee to host a fourth food giveaway at the township hall in conjunction with Center of HOPE Food Pantry and Eastern Michigan Food Bank.

Mark your calendar for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** which will take place at Spaulding Township Park on Saturday, March 30th with gates opening at 12:30 pm and hunt beginning at 1:00 pm followed by bike giveaways, child and adult prizes, and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny.

The ice rink at the park will be available again this winter for anyone's enjoyment free of cost. This spring, the playground will be spruced up with new additional blue rubber mulch. The funding for the mulch is coming from another grant that we have been awarded by the Michigan Township Participating Plan for risk reduction efforts. Our office is continuously searching and applying for possible grants benefiting our community.

South Washington Rd. is officially a primary road making the maintenance expense Saginaw County Road Commission's responsibility. This is a major accomplishment for our township.

Spaulding Township Event & Action Committee delivered approximately 20 Thanksgiving food baskets and will be doing the same for Christmas. The committee is busy planning for the year 2024 and we hope to have four or more **Food Giveaways** again this year. Be sure to keep an eye on the township website for up-to-date events.

Our annual **Spring Roadside Cleanup Day** will be held sometime in the month of May and need many helping hands. We supply the garbage bags, gloves, reflective vests, water, and a picnic lunch following the cleanup.

Mark your calendars for our 5-week series of **Wednesday Nites in the Park** with live entertainment, car and tractor show, children activities and food vendors. Gates open at 5:30 pm on the following Wednesdays: July 17, 24, 31; August 7, 14 and a possible rainout makeup day on Aug. 21.

Be sure to check out the numerous banners at our park displaying the major sponsors of the year's events. If you're interested in becoming a sponsor supporting the efforts of the Event & Action Committee for the year 2024, please contact the township office. Every fall we host a **Sponsor Appreciation Banquet** for the year's donors and present special recognition awards. Volunteers are always needed as well. If interested or just want to learn more, please give us a call or speak to one of our committee members.

- **Ed Masters, Supervisor**

2023 WINTER TAXES

Enclosed is your 2023 Winter Tax bill which is **due by February 14, 2024** to avoid delinquency.

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**

BOARD OF REVIEW

Pursuant to provisions of MCL 211.53b, the Spaulding Township Board of Review will meet on **Tuesday, December 12, 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.

A word from our Clerk, . . .

ELECTION YEAR 2024

The township office is working hard to insure all of its voters can participate in the three elections to be held in 2024. Please make sure that you have your voter registration information up to date. This should only be needed for those who have changed addresses or names recently. You can register to vote online at the Secretary of State (SOS) website, at a SOS office, or at the township office.

In 2024 you will have the option to vote as an absentee voter, at the polls on Election Day, or early in-person voting near the county courthouse for nine days prior to Election Day. The 2024 elections are as follows:

- Presidential Primary Election February 27
- Primary Election August 6
- General Election November 5

Please call the township office with any questions as we want to be sure that we run safe and secure elections and that every Spaulding Township vote is counted.

– **Mark Seamon, Clerk**

++ FIRE DEPARTMENT ++

We thank and congratulate our Firefighter of the Year, Steve Becker. He currently holds the position of a Captain on the department. Since the year 2018, Steve has served Spaulding Township and we commend him for his dedication.

Welcome new firefighter Jacob Schluckebier who just joined the ranks and will be undergoing training.

A big THANK YOU to the Frankenmuth Credit Union *Foundation for our Communities* for their generous grant award allowing us to purchase a new rescue boat and trailer. Our team is undergoing proper training for this equipment and the boat will be in service this spring.

Reminders:

- Burn Permits are available on the township website home page, www.spauldingtwp.com and electronically received by us immediately.
- Be sure to check for any burn bans that may be in, or go in, effect. If in doubt, don't burn.
- For more information regarding the regulation of open burning in Michigan, please visit the EGLE website at: www.michigan.gov/openburning or call the Environmental Assistance Center: 800-292-4706.
- Change your batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors every 6 months. Be Safe.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, applications are available on the township website or may be picked up in the office.

– **Thomas Fortier, Fire Chief**

Going South for the Winter?

Worried about leaving your home vacant for a lengthy period of time? If yes, you may wish to fill out a "Vacation Watch Report" and submit your information to the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department. There are three simple ways to do this:

- 1) At our Township Website: www.spauldingtwp.com Under Forms – Click on Vacation Watch Report – fill out the form – click the Submit button.
- 2) Got to a Direct Link: www.Saginawcounty.com click on Courts & Public Safety – click on Sheriff – in the "Related Information" box, click on House Checks – fill out the form – click the Submit button.
- 3) Don't have access to the internet? Call the Sheriff's Administration Office at: (989) 790-5456, ext. 0.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Please keep your telephone numbers 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.

Important Dates to Remember

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

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.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS – RECYCLING DRIVE (Now 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)