

SPAULDING TOWNSHIP UPDATE Summer 2024

News from our Supervisor.....

Hello summer! Many activities have taken place since the winter newsletter thanks to our Event & Action Committee and their positive impact on our community. May 16 was our annual **Roadside Cleanup Day** and fifteen Bridgeport-Spauldning High School students joined the effort. The students did a fabulous job and we ran across many big items this year; 2 sofas, mattresses, chairs, chest of drawers, scrap metals, bottles and of course papers.

Two **Outdoor Food Giveaways** already took place but there are more being offered on the following Saturdays: July 27; Sept. 28; and Nov. 23 with distribution starting at 9:30am at the Spaulding Township hall community center, 5825 Cole Rd. in partnership with Eastern Michigan Food Bank and Center of HOPE Food Pantry.

Grants and funds awarded recently include \$5,000 for additional blue rubber mulch on the playground and \$4,999 for firefighter turnout gear. We are constantly searching for grants to apply for and have just submitted another application for more needed turnout gear. The Spaulding Township hall community center has been renovated with handicap accessible bathrooms, the addition of a family restroom, new front door entry with double doors increasing heating/cooling efficiency, walls painted and new flooring throughout. This project was made possible due to funds received by the American Rescue Plan Act distribution.

A little over six years ago, I petitioned the Saginaw County Drain Commission to accept a **King Drain Flood Control Structure Project** proposal to increase drainage and better combat flooding we endure mostly in the northern area of the township and along M-13. After many conversations with Brian Wendling Saginaw County Public Works/Drain Commission, several group meetings and a public hearing, the county moved forward with plans and applied for funding. We're happy to announce that the federal government awarded close to \$5 million dollars for this project! This is a major accomplishment for our community and will greatly increase drainage from the Buena Vista and Bridgeport waters assisting with flood control in our area.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call. We, the Board, are here to serve you.

– Ed Masters, Township Supervisor

2024 Spaulding Township Event & Action Committee
Wednesday Nites IN THE PARK
Spaulding Township Park
5825 Cole Road

Party kicks off at 5:30 PM
Live Entertainment

July 17 - Country Night
Bernadette Kathryn & The Lonely Days Band

July 24 - Variety & Motown
The Pulse

July 31 - Christian Rock

August 7 - McKayla Prew & The Yee Haw Band

August 14 - Mandi Layne & The Lost Highway

Sand Sculpture Food Trucks

Face Painting August 14

Fireworks

CAR SHOW
50/50 Raffle

Bring Your Lawn Chairs
Jimmy's Famous Cones and Hot Dogs

Trunk-or-Treat this year will take place at our Spaulding Township Park on Sunday, October 27 from 3:30-5:00pm. In the past we've held the event directly on Halloween but in an effort to have more trunks with treats for our little goblins, we decided to try a Sunday afternoon. We hope to have more adults participate by setting up their own treat giveaway station. There is no registration required, just show up at 2:30pm or earlier to set up your Halloween display. We typically have around 200-300 children come out to enjoy the event.

Ending the 2024 season, we have our **Old-Fashion Christmas in the Park** featuring a Clydesdale drawn Christmas wagon for family rides, hot chocolate, cookies, and of course Mr. and Mrs. Claus with their elves distributing gifts to the little ones. Event is set for Wed., Dec. 4 from 5:30-8:00pm at the township hall community center, 5825 Cole Rd. Join us for a jolly time!

2024 SUMMER TAXES

Enclosed is your 2024 Summer Tax bill which is **due by September 14, 2024** without penalty.

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

Forms must be submitted by Sept. 14.

To pay your taxes, you may 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.

Taxes may also be paid by credit/debit card (including access fee) on the township website.

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
Wed. from Noon-5:00pm.

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

- **Tiffany Fortier, Treasurer**

A word from our Clerk...

The Secretary of State is working through election changes created from voters approving the election proposal 22-2 in the 2022 election. This includes the move away from local clerk's mailing absentee ballot applications to mailing absentee ballots to those voters on a permanent list. Anyone who has requested to be placed on the permanent ballot list will automatically get a ballot in the mail for all future elections that they qualify to vote in.

If you have been on the permanent absentee voter list in the past, you will not be automatically transferred to the new permanent ballot list. You must request to be put on this list in writing or on-line. All official absentee ballot applications include a checkbox for you to join this list. You may also join the list at the Secretary of State website - www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Proposal 22-2 also created the early voting option of voting in-person for nine days prior to the election. The Saginaw County Clerk is handling this effort for all municipalities in the County at one polling location next to the courthouse at 618 Cass Street. Thanks to County Clerk Vanessa Guerra and Deputy Clerk Kyle Bostwick for handling this.

You have more options than ever to cast your vote in an election. Please use one of the options to make your vote count. Be sure to vote in the primary election on August 6 and in the general election on November 5.

– Mark Seamon, Clerk

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Thank you for your generosity!

**Spaulding Township Event & Action Committee
2024 Calendar of Events**

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BOARD OF REVIEW

Pursuant to provisions of MCL 211.53b, the Spaulding Township Board of Review will meet on **Tuesday, July 16, 2024 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

It is important to keep your telephone number up to date so we can notify you in the event of a suspected water leak or other issues. If you aren't sure if we have the correct information, please call or simply submit your information in writing and place in the outside drop-off box, or email office@spauldingtwp.com. We would be happy to verify our connection with you.

Water bills are mailed quarterly at the beginning of January, April, July, and October of each year. So, if you do not receive a bill in the mail by the middle of that month, please contact us so we can provide you with the amount due. **IMPORTANT REMINDER**, failure to receive a bill does not waive past due penalty or avoid shut off so it's important that you contact us if you didn't receive your bill in the mail.



Saginaw's YMCA MISSION NUTRITION minivan will be at our township park every Wednesday from Noon – 12:30, July 26 – August 24 distributing healthy meals to kids. For more information, please visit www.saginawymca.org/mission-nutrition.

++ FIRE DEPARTMENT ++

Thanks to the township's grant writer Patty Davidson working with me, and the persistency of township supervisor Ed Masters, we were awarded another grant; this time it was for new turnout gear. The previous grant awarded was for our rescue boat and trailer.

Your volunteer firefighters will be at the Wed. Nights in the Park events selling 50/50 raffle tickets. We hope to see you there and appreciate your support.

An "Open House" is in the planning for some time in September. The entire community will be invited to enjoy free hotdogs, refreshments, and fun activities for the kids. Watch for more details on our Facebook page.

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.

Volunteer firefighters are always needed. Applications are on the township website and available in the office.

– Thomas Fortier, Fire Chief