

SPAULDING TOWNSHIP UPDATE Winter 2024

News from our Supervisor....

Where do I begin, so much has happened since our last newsletter. I'll start with upcoming events organized by our volunteer Event & Action Committee and funded by generous sponsors. **Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Park** will be held on Wed., Dec. 4th from 5:30-8:00 pm at the Spaulding Township Community Center rental hall. The event includes Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Town's End Clydesdales & Carriage Christmas Wagon Rides for the families, Santa and Mrs. Claus with their Elves distributing small gifts to the little ones, holiday cookies and hot chocolate. The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** and bike giveaway is Saturday, April 19th and the **Roadside Cleanup Day** will be held sometime in May.

Details on upcoming events and other important township news are posted on our website, so please be sure to sign up to receive email post notifications at www.spauldingtwp.com. This email notification option through our website allows you to see up-to-date information such as burn bans and upcoming community events as they are published.



There's a new addition to our Spaulding Township Park facility. A **Little Free Library** featuring "Take a Book-Share a Book" was made possible by the request and efforts of Nicole Kendall who will be

maintaining the library, and by the builder of the library hutch, resident Bob Trierweiler. The library is located next to a recently **donated park bench** given by Stan & Barb Konesko in memory of their twins Tori Lynn and Lanatte Jo. What wonderful additions to our community park. It is people like this that make Spaulding great!

A **Veterans Day Ceremony** was held for the first time in known history at our township cemetery on this special day which is celebrated each year on Nov. 11. The tribute included the posting of colors, military anthems, brief speakers, Three Volley Salute and playing of Taps by local **American Legion Post 312**. The crowd may have been small, but the day was big. We plan to have this as an annual event, so mark your calendar for Tues., Nov. 11, 2025, at 1:00 pm to give thanks and honor to all those who are and have served.



The annual **Wednesday Nights in the Park** events this summer will be held on July 23 & 30 and August 6 & 13 with gates opening at 5:30pm at the Spaulding Township Park, 5825 Cole Rd. The event committee is working on booking the entertainment and, as always, there will be food trucks, car/tractor show, face painting, Jimmy's Famous Coney dogs, raffles and more.

Since serving as your township supervisor for the past eight years, I've been working diligently on affordable housing and improvements for Spaulding, especially the area north of the Cass River. Currently, there is a possible **Home Repair Grant Opportunity** and we're in the process of gathering information for the application. The possible grant monies we are applying for are designated for single-family owner-occupied homes with an income-qualified household; the household income must be under 200% FPL (Federal Poverty Limit). The "Eligible Qualified Activities" for repair or replacement are as follows:

- Roof
- Storm doors / Exterior doors
- Windows
- Insulation
- Furnace/Boiler/Ventilation/Water Heater repairs and/or upgrades
- Functioning up-to-date Exterior Lighting
- Appliance upgrade (stove/refrigerator)
- Electrical upgrades or replacement (partial/full)
- Gutter/Eavestrough

If you or someone you know in our township meets the household and income criteria and are in need of one or more of the above qualified repairs or replacement, please share the information and contact the township office at (989) 777-0950 or email my secretary at office@spauldingtwp.com. The deadline for my office to apply is fast approaching, so please act now.

- **Ed Masters, Supervisor**

BOARD OF REVIEW

Pursuant to provisions of MCL 211.53b, the Spaulding Township Board of Review will meet on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 1:00pm** in the Township Complex, 5025 East Rd. The purpose of this meeting is to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact and to hear poverty exemption applications.

2024 WINTER TAXES

Enclosed is your 2024 Winter Tax bill which is **due by February 14, 2025**, 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

++ FIRE DEPARTMENT ++

We're happy to announce that this year's Fireman of the Year is Aaron Wood. He is a Training Officer and serves as a Captain in rank. Aaron has taken charge of training our members in proper use of the rescue boat and gear. Not only is he an excellent officer, but his expertise as a diesel mechanic is also an asset in maintaining our equipment. We sincerely thank Aaron for his continued service.

We are always looking for firefighters, women or men who are at least the age of 18 or older. 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 or Vacationing?

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) Go 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.

We welcome back Don Ackerman to our water department. Don served for many years as our superintendent and has now returned part time to head the department. We are fortunate to have him.

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)

A word from our Clerk....

ELECTION YEAR 2024

Spaulding Township operated another secure, safe and fair presidential election.

Spaulding voters logged 1,008 votes with a 56% voter turnout for the presidential election through absentee ballots, early voting and voting at the polls on election day. This was possible thanks to a great team of dedicated professionals including the deputy clerk, Christine Rudd, election inspectors, township secretary and the county clerks' staff who conducted the early voting.

All the members of the township board were reelected including Ed Masters as Supervisor, Mark Seamon as Clerk, Tiffany Fortier as Treasurer, Tracie Prueter and Jay Bruns as Trustees. Other candidates who were supported by Spaulding voters and won their races were Sheldon Matthews as County Commissioner, Amos O'Neal and Tim Kelly as State Representatives and Donald Trump as President. Aaron Sawatzki, a Spaulding resident, was reelected to the Bridgeport Spaulding Community School Board. The school district bond proposal was defeated in Spaulding and in the district.

We have made many adjustments to our system to be compliant with all the new legislation which has been passed recently. Thank you to all the Spaulding voters who exercised their right to vote and made a difference for themselves, their community, county, state and country.

- Mark Seamon, Clerk