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# Superior Scenes

**3040 N. Prospect Road, Superior Twp, MI 48198**

## From our Superior Supervisor . . .

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The Superior Township Board of Trustees continues to invest heavily in our physical and civic infrastructure to assure residents the best possible use of their tax dollars. The township millage rate for 2018 will be 6.0005 mills, a small reduction of 2/10 of a mill from this year. These 6 mills, along with state revenue sharing, constitute the financial backbone of the township; and the quality of life in Superior Township is determined, in large part, by how well we manage these tax dollars when delivering municipal services to residents.

Superior Township has funded many road improvements this summer, including the completion of improvements started last year on Panama Avenue and Vorhies Road. In addition, the following improvements will be made before the end of the construction season:

1. The Cherry Hill Road culvert replacement at Napier Road.
2. The Geddes Road culvert replacement over the Snidecar Drain east of LeForge Road.
3. Lakeview Drive road replacement.
4. One mile of drainage improvements to Cherry Hill Road from the new culvert at Napier to 1/2 mile west of Gotfredson Road.
5. 2,000 tons of township-wide limestone repairs.
6. 1,320 lineal feet of road repairs in the Tanglewood subdivision.



**Kenneth Schwartz,**  
Supervisor

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## State Mandated Township Reappraisal

*Paula Calopisis*

The Assessing Department has begun a 5-year entire township reappraisal. This entails physical measurements and photographs of every structure in the township. This will take place over the next 5 years during normal business hours. The Assessing Department will have an appraiser visit every building or structure in the township including all homes, out-buildings, barns, commercial/industrial buildings, etc. The intention of the reappraisal is to fairly and accurately update

all assessment records in the township to the current state of Michigan standards. The appraisers will be driving a township-marked vehicle and will have an identification badge. They will need physical access to the exterior of all buildings. Your cooperation during this reappraisal is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions you can contact the Assessing Department at 734-482-6099.

# News from our Superior Clerk



Lynette Findley

We are very proud to let you know that our new website, [www.superiortownship.org](http://www.superiortownship.org), is up and available for our residents to use as a source of information related to the township and other local events. We encourage you to take advantage of all the resources the website offers, including enrichment programs for residents of all ages.

We will be implementing new election equipment for the November 7, 2017 election. The new equipment is very user-friendly and accommodates the needs of all voters, including those with disabilities. Please see the bookmark displaying the usage of the new election equipment and the November ballots (by scrolling down to find your precinct) on our new website at <http://superiortownship.org/government/voting-elections/>.

In November, I will have served a year as your Township Clerk. I am surprised how quickly time is flying by. I want to assure you that I continue to take pride in my position and consider it an honor to serve you.

### It's Easy and Convenient to Vote by Absentee Ballot

Voting by absentee ballot is easy and allows you the opportunity to complete your ballot in the comfort of your home. I would encourage you to vote by absentee ballot if you are eligible. Voters can contact the Clerk's Office to request an application for an absentee ballot or to be placed on the Permanent Absentee Voters list. Once placed on the permanent AV list you will be mailed an application for an absentee ballot for each election in which you are eligible to vote. AV applications can also be found at [www.superiortownship.org/government/voting-elections/absent-voting-information/](http://www.superiortownship.org/government/voting-elections/absent-voting-information/) in regular -sized font and large print. In order to receive an absentee voter's ballot you must complete and return either a pre-printed form or submit a suitable written request and meet one of the following criteria:

- \* I am 60 years of age or older
- \* I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day

- \* I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another
- \* I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion
- \* I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside
- \* I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial

The Clerk's Office will be open for Absent Voter Ballot requests during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday) and from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm the Saturday preceding each election. If you have any questions, please contact Lynette Findley, telephone: 734-482-6099 extension #1014, or e-mail: [lynettefindley@superior-twp.org](mailto:lynettefindley@superior-twp.org).

### ELECTIONS 2017

On November 7, 2017, there will be a special election for two ballot proposals for Washtenaw County Voters. The first proposal is: For the purposes of using the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health Department to improve the treatment of people with mental health needs, provide increased financial support for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention, and for continued law enforcement services provided by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, and for local governments which have their own police force, shall the limitations on the total amount of taxes which may be levied against taxable property within Washtenaw County, Michigan, as provided for by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, be increased up to the amount of \$1.00 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation (1.0 mills) for a period of eight years, beginning with the December 1, 2018 levy and extending through the 2025 levy.

Further information and the complete ballot proposal are available on the Township's website, [www.superiortownship.org](http://www.superiortownship.org).

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# News from our Superior Treasurer



**Brenda L. McKinney**

**Treasurer’s Mission Statement:**

The Superior Township Treasurer is committed “to provide prompt, courteous, and efficient service to the public.” The Treasurer is committed to handling public funds with the highest degree of integrity and accountability.

**Your Tax Dollars at Work – 2016**

Arbor Schools:	\$ 2,613,100	Washtenaw County:	\$ 3,772,581
Plymouth Schools:	\$ 257,988	Township Tax:	\$ 491,133
Ypsi Comm. Schools:	\$ 4,932,167	Fire Department Tax:	\$ 1,798,850
State Education:	\$ 3,691,007	Law Fund Tax:	\$ 1,349,145
Ypsilanti Library:	\$ 605,275	Legal Defense Fund:	\$ 0
Ann Arbor Library:	\$ 535,104	Wash. Comm. College:	\$ 2,071,862
Washtenaw ISD:	\$ 3,094,085	Schoolcraft College:	\$ 2,325
Wayne RESA:	\$ 127,002		

In addition, the Township also collected Special Assessments in the amount of \$437,579, which included County Drains, Streetlights, Side Street Maintenance for Oakbrook and Washington Square, Delinquent Water Bills, Ordinance Violations, False Alarms, and Hyundai - Geddes Road Improvement.

Out of 6,222 parcels, 307 went delinquent. The total amount delinquent was \$709,428 and was turned over to the Washtenaw County Treasurer for collection as of March 1, 2017.

## What You Should Know About Your Taxes

**Summer Collection:** Taxes are payable July 1 through September 14 without interest charge. Beginning September 15 through September 30, a statutory 1% interest charge per month will be added on the first of each month to the unpaid balance.

**Winter Collection:** Taxes are payable beginning December 1 and are due by February 14. All taxes unpaid by March 1 must be paid to the Washtenaw County Treasurer with additional interest and penalties as prescribed by law.

**Treasurer’s Winter Office Hours:** Office hours are from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday - Friday, excluding holidays. Please refer to the Superior Township Holiday Schedule on our website ([www.superiortownship.org](http://www.superiortownship.org)) for the days that the Treasurer’s Office will be closed.

**Mail Payments:** Tax payments should be mailed to 3040 N. Prospect Rd., Superior Township, MI, 48198. Please note that postmarks are not accepted and allow for sufficient mailing time.

**Online Tax Payments:** Online payments may be made from December 1 to February 2 for winter bills only. In order to have sufficient time for the timely processing of tax payments from the online payment system, it is necessary to establish the February 2 cut-off date.

**Mailing Address:** Tax bills are mailed to the address of record on file as of June 1 and November 1 of each year. Should you not receive your tax bill, please contact the township office to confirm that we have your correct mailing address on file. Per Michigan Statute (MCL 211.44), failure to receive a tax bill does not abate late payments and penalties.

**New Homeowners:** Please make sure to fill out and return your Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) Affidavit in order to be exempt from the school operating millage. Homeowners must own and occupy their home by June 1 to be eligible for a summer PRE and by November 1 to be eligible for a winter PRE.

# Committee to Promote Superior Township

Carla Bisaro

Since its inception in 2008, the Committee to Promote Superior Township has worked to *foster pride, unity and a sense of place among Superior Township residents*. Aiming specifically at the desire to promote a sense of place among Township residents, the Committee has urged the use of "Superior Township" in residents' mailing addresses, and has developed a collection of descriptive profiles of significant locations within the Township.

Our "Where Do You Live?" campaign alerts local residents that they do not live in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti or Plymouth. They can proudly proclaim their residence to be Superior Township, as long as they list the proper ZIP code. It is an unfortunate fact that many residents do not actually realize that their mailing address ZIP code is not their place of residence. This campaign has been featured in recent past issues of *Superior Scenes*, and it is gratifying to note that many residents now use Superior Township + ZIP code in mailing addresses.

Our other main focus has been the collection of "Superior Places." We urge you to notice the binder on the counter in the Township Hall lobby. This binder contains full-page descriptions of significant sites, as well as driving directions to each location from Township Hall. Here you will see, for example, information on the Border-to-Border Trail, all the Township parks and preserves, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Dixboro Village, and the Flying Pilgrims model airplane flying strip. A sample of a Superior Place, "Staebler Farm," is shown at the right. A list of the Superior Places can also be found on the (updated) Township website, [www.superiortownship.org](http://www.superiortownship.org). Clicking on the "About" heading, the second listing is a link to information about the Committee to Promote Superior Township, and the seventh is a link to the complete list of Superior Places.

We invite you to use the list of Superior Places to familiarize yourself with many of the special sites within our Township, and further invite you to suggest any other places that might be of general interest. We also invite your participation in any of the efforts of the Committee to Promote Superior Township.

[onesuperiorplace1@gmail.com, or third Wednesday of the month, 7pm, at Superior Township Hall]



## Staebler Farm

7734 Plymouth Road, Superior Township, MI  
48198

The Staebler Farm has long been a Township landmark on Plymouth Road. The purchase of the farm by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission will help to preserve this operating farm for residents of Superior Township and Washtenaw County. The Commission has restored the barns and farm buildings in order to operate the farm as a living museum and interpretive center. The 87-acre site includes a pond and two lakes, along with the historic frame barn built in the 1820s and a gambrel-roof barn built in 1922. This bit of Superior Township history will be preserved for future generations.

To get here from the Superior Township Hall (3040 N. Prospect Rd.):

Turn RIGHT (north) on Prospect Rd. (2.1 miles)

Turn RIGHT (east) on Plymouth Rd. (0.3 mile)

The farm is on the LEFT (north) side of Plymouth Road.

**This is One Superior Place!**

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The second proposal will allow the Washtenaw Intermediate School District to continue to levy a special education millage previously approved by the electors:

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Michigan, be increased by .9719 mill (\$0.9719 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 8 years, 2018 to 2025, inclusive, to provide funds for the education of students with a disability?



Further information and the complete ballot proposal are available on the Township's website, [www.superiortownship.org](http://www.superiortownship.org).

## Our Superior Wetlands

*Jim McIntyre*

Over the last 15-20 years, residents making the daily drive along Prospect Rd. have seen the landscape change quite dramatically; woods have become wetlands, natural wetland areas have grown and transformed, and we've even seen farmland converted into wetlands right before our eyes. It's easy to miss some of the more subtle changes to the landscape, but one has to wonder about the large, dramatic changes in scenery and why they're happening.

Wetland mitigation projects, like we've seen in the Township, are a tool used by the State to ensure that valuable wetland areas aren't damaged by development, displacing the animals and plants that depend on those habitats for their survival. As the name implies, the State requires any entity that may harm a wetland ecosystem to offset that damage elsewhere within the same watershed and to ensure that the new wetland parcel is properly managed and monitored to ensure its viability. Depending on the type of wetland that is being replaced, each affected acre may be required to be offset by as many as 10 times the acreage of new wetlands.

The topography of the township leaves us perched atop two different watersheds, while also leaving us with ample land that is available for these kinds of projects. As development continues in the more industrialized areas

of the Huron and Rouge watersheds, developers and businesses in these areas continue to look to Superior Township's open spaces as a solution to help them grow while protecting the environment.

Of course, none of this can happen without the support of our local officials, local landowners, and our lawmakers...all of whom play a critical role in bringing these important projects into our neighborhood and give us the opportunity to enjoy the wide-open spaces while ensuring these natural areas will remain available for future generations to enjoy.



## Our Superior Neighborhood Watch

John Hudson

Superior Township Neighborhood Watch meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday in alternate months at the Old Township Hall. The building is across from the Main Township building at 3040 North Prospect at Cherry Hill Road. The final meeting for 2017 will be on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

A representative from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department is available at the meetings to discuss citizen concerns and to provide details about Sheriff reports.

All citizens are welcome to receive regular alerts and updates and attend meetings if interested.

If you are interested in receiving information and alerts via email, please contact John Hudson, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at [jhudson300606MI@comcast.net](mailto:jhudson300606MI@comcast.net) or call Township Hall at 734-482-6099.



## Ypsilanti District Library

Mary Garboden

News from the Ypsilanti District Library

The Superior branch library is ready for fall, with new programs to help children learn and grow. Our monthly playgroup is held on the third Saturday of each month, from 11 a.m. - noon. Bring your toddler or preschooler for stories, play, and a free board book. Older kids in grades 5-8 can join us for our Tween Reading Circle. We'll read and discuss *Out of My Mind*, by Sharon Draper. All participants will receive a free copy of the book. The group meets at 5:30pm on Wednesdays from September 13 - November 8.

Drop-in after school tutoring resumes September 18 and continues through November 27. Every Monday from 4-6pm, students in grades K-8 receive free one-on-one homework help in any subject.

We are excited to announce a new service for parents of children under 5 years old: Text and Learn for Kindergarten (TALK). Parents and caregivers can sign up to receive biweekly text messages with easy, fun activities they can do to help build early literacy skills with their children. What are early literacy skills? They are the skills children need before they learn to read and write, such as hearing letter sounds or building hand strength to hold a pencil. The service will also let parents know

about free local events and resources for young children. Sign up by texting TALK to 77453 or visit [text2learn.com](http://text2learn.com).

See you at the library!



### Superior Township Library

8795 MacArthur Blvd.  
Superior Township, MI 48198  
(734) 482-4110 x1391  
Friday & Sunday Closed

## Water Wise - Superior Utilities

Mary Burton

### New Lobby Hours:

To better serve our community, the Superior Township Utilities Department (STUD) will open its lobby at the Utility Administration Building located at 575 E. Clark Road. Customers can receive fast, friendly assistance with bill payments at our service counter. The hours of operation will be 8:30am-4:00pm Mon-Fri. Drive-thru hours will remain from 8:15am-4:15pm Mon-Fri.

### Bill payment option:

STUD now offers customers the ability to pay water/sewer bills through **Automated Clearing House (ACH)**. With this service, customers can have their bill paid automatically on the due date from their checking or savings account. By choosing ACH, customers will save time, money and avoid late fees while never having to

write a check. To sign up for ACH, go to our website at [www.superiortownship.org](http://www.superiortownship.org) or call the Utility Department at 734-480-5500 to request an ACH application.

### Go Green with Paperless Billing:

Save time by getting your water/sewer bill delivered to your email inbox. It's trouble-free when you enroll. You will receive an email notification with the bill attached to it. No worries because you'll still have plenty of time to review the bill before it is due, and have the option to pay online at our website, by mail or by **ACH**. You'll save time, reduce paper clutter and benefit the environment. Enroll in paperless billing by sending an email to [utilitydept@superior-twp.org](mailto:utilitydept@superior-twp.org). Include your name, account number, and "Request for Paperless Billing" in the subject line.

## Our Superior Building Department

Rick Mayernik

Driving through the Township, it is easy to see that construction activity is on the uptick. Here's some information relating to existing and future projects in the Township:

**Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital** - An addition and remodeling of the Cancer Center is scheduled to break ground this fall. The scope of the work includes a 12,973 sq. ft. two-story addition, new canopy and drop-off area, and renovations of approximately 43,309 sq. ft. of existing Cancer Center area. Township detailed engineering review is nearly complete and a partial 'shell' building permit is anticipated to be issued by the end of September.

**Woodlands of Geddes Glen** - This Toll Brothers 32-lot luxury residential development, located on Geddes Road west of Gale, is nearing completion well ahead of the developer's expected timetable. All home sites are now sold with construction activity expected to be complete within the next six months.

**Prospect Pointe** - Originally, Pulte Homes began construction in this phased residential development located at Geddes and Prospect Roads. Following the housing market crash, the property was sold to Lombardo Homes. Lombardo has experienced strong sales and is

nearing completion of Phases 1 and 2A. Lombardo has obtained approvals for construction of the currently undeveloped western portion of the property. This development will be known as Prospect Pointe West and it is expected that mass grading and infrastructure development will begin in the spring/summer of 2018.

**Prospect Pointe East** - Pinnacle Homes is offering a three-bedroom ranch product in this residential development located off Prospect Road south of Geddes. The housing crash stalled development here shortly after the infrastructure was completed. Pinnacle continues to experience strong sales with their ranch plan offering.

**Sutton Ridge Apartments** - Redwood Acquisition proposes to construct an 125-unit, single-story, two-bedroom apartment complex including attached garages. This development will be located south of the existing Bromley Park Condominium development. The Area Plan and Preliminary Site Plans have been approved by the Superior Township Planning Commission. It is expected that the applicants will seek Final Site Plan approval shortly with an expected spring/summer groundbreaking.

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In the last edition of *Superior Scenes*, I described a proposal to create a special assessment district (SAD) over the entire township to help defray the costs of road improvements. The special assessment would be levied on a per lot basis, would not be a millage and would be levied for a limited amount of time, probably 3-5 years. The assessment would be paid to the township annually and every dollar collected could be only used for purposes consistent with proper road maintenance, construction and repair, and would approximately double our funding for roads in the township. Over the summer I received feedback from many residents who said they support the creation of a road SAD.

Most residents said they would be comfortable with a \$40-\$50 assessment per lot. Farmers and residents that have a homestead and adjacent vacant parcel or parcels would be assessed as only one lot. A five-year special assessment, along with additional state, county and township general fund revenues would help finance the reconstruction of roads in the township.

SAD's for roads have been implemented around the state and have worked well. Scio Township currently levies \$85.00 per lot and reports there has been no opposition because residents see and feel the improvements. If you have strong opinions one way or the other on this topic please let me know your thinking. A special assessment district requires numerous public hearings and meetings and if pursued, there will be plenty of notice to give you opportunity to be heard.

Superior Township has filed an application with the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission requesting a grant under the "Connecting Communities" program to help defray the costs of adding 1,900 feet of non-motorized trail from Geddes & Prospect, to Prospect & Berkshire. We are requesting \$350,000.00. That much is needed since the cost of constructing a 635-foot boardwalk and pedestrian bridge over Superior Drain Number 1 will cost in excess of \$425,000.00. Without this grant, it will not be possible to extend the final loops in our non-motorized trail system linking our subdivisions for many years.

You might have noticed that Fairfax Manor, the troubled assisted living facility on Prospect Road, is undergoing

revitalization. Last April, HUD sold the mortgage and note on the facility to a new owner, Vibrant Life Communities. Vibrant Life is completely remodeling the facilities and expects to be accepting new patients by early 2018. The new owner has committed to return the buildings to their original use as a senior assisted living and memory care facility, and to restore and improve the buildings and grounds to better than original condition.

This is great news since the prior owner was using the buildings as a dumping ground for mentally ill military veterans. Superior Township, along with the state of Michigan, successfully pursued litigation to terminate the state licenses of the prior owners and to permanently enjoin them from operating from these facilities. Sometimes lawyers do good things.

Many residents will remember Don Staebler who recently passed away at the age of 106 ½. In 1999, Don preserved his 100-acre farmstead and farmland on Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road near Curtis Road by selling it to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Department for the establishment of a County farm park while reserving to himself a life estate for the house. He then lived another 18 years on the farm.

The farm might be some of the loveliest land in eastern Washtenaw County and includes shoreline on Frains and Murray lakes, two ponds, and Fleming Creek; and a complete set of rehabilitated barns and farm buildings. (See page 4, which features the Staebler Farm as One Superior Place!)

At the August meeting of the Washtenaw County Parks Commission, the Commission approved a master plan for the farm which included approving a lease with the Michigan Folk School. The Michigan Folk School will lease a 3,000-square-foot building to teach traditional folk skills such as canning, blacksmithing, bee keeping, and other skills. Our own Superior Township resident, Jason Gold, will be the Dean of the Folk School and will be offering classes at the County farm.

Superior Township residents that want to talk about roads, utilities or any other matter important to you, feel free to call me at 482-6099.



## County Clean-up Day October 14, 2017

As in previous years, the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office in conjunction with Superior Township, Eastern Michigan University, and the City of Ann Arbor will be hosting a county-wide clean-up day from 9 am–2 pm on October 14th in the parking lot on N. Hewitt Road across the street from EMU's Rynearson Stadium.

This event will accept recyclable material, electronics, and household hazardous material. This includes glass, cardboard, paper, scrap metal, cleaning supplies, motor oil, paint, pesticides, sharps, Freon appliances, furniture, tires, computers, televisions, monitors, printers, and more. Household garbage is not accepted.

This clean-up event is for Washtenaw County residents, not businesses. The event is free, although a \$10 donation would be appreciated. Due to the expense of recycling tires or large appliances, participants bringing more than 4 tires or more than one large appliance (or computer) will be asked to make a \$5 donation for each additional tire, and a \$10 donation for each additional large appliance (or computer). Additional donations are welcome.

In the 2016 collection, 21,740 pounds of household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil) were collected. Almost 9 tons of electronic waste (computers, televisions) were collected, and more than 30 cubic yards of tires.

Last year this event drew approximately 350 participating vehicles over a 5-hour period, so while the organizers do their best to rapidly unload vehicles there may be a wait at some stations. The station with the longest delay is usually the Home Toxics (paint/cleaners/motor oil/fertilizer/pesticides) as handling that material generally requires more care. Washtenaw County runs a separate Home Toxics Collection from April–November, 9am – Noon, on the first three Saturdays of each month at their Zeeb Road collection center.

For more information about this and other Washtenaw County recycling initiatives, visit:

[www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/environmental\\_health/recycling\\_home\\_toxics](http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/environmental_health/recycling_home_toxics) or perform a web search for Washtenaw recycling.

## Family Preparedness

Washtenaw County  
ewashtenaw.org

In Washtenaw County your emergency services division is working closely with all levels of government and with several non-profit agencies to be ready in the event of any serious impact on the health, safety and welfare of the community. Still, it is extremely important to take responsibility for the safety of your family and to prepare for all emergencies.

All families should be prepared to sustain themselves for a minimum of a full 72 hours... for any community emergency that may happen such as a major winter storm or an outbreak of tornadoes. Here are suggestions to help your family prepare for any disaster:

First, download our new Community Emergency Preparedness Workbook & Guidelines (3.56 MB .pdf). This brochure is full of information about our risks, what supplies you should keep stocked in your home, and how to develop a disaster plan for your family. Hard copies of this brochure are also available by calling us at (734) 973-4900.

Second, have a portable, battery powered AM/FM radio, flashlight, and plenty of spare batteries. Know your local Emergency Alert System broadcast stations. In Washtenaw County, they are WEMU at 89.1 FM, WWWW at 102.9 FM, WQKL at 107.1 FM, WTKA at 1050 AM and WLBY at 1290 AM. Always depend on these local stations to provide you with real-time emergency information for the Washtenaw County community. Metro Detroit broadcasters are not required to provide, and often don't provide, emergency information for Washtenaw County residents.

Third, if having electric power is extremely important to you, consider having a qualified electrician install an emergency generator... before a disaster strikes. Finding and installing a generator during an emergency is difficult and it can be extremely dangerous!

Additional information about disaster preparedness in Michigan can be found at [www.michigan.gov/prepare](http://www.michigan.gov/prepare).

# Superior Parks News

Juan Bradford

Hello Superior Residents!

Thank you for taking the time to read this issue of *Superior Scenes*, and a special thank you for reading the Superior Parks & Recreation News. Your interest and participation in our parks & recreation programs is what helps drive us to excel. And excel we have! I am very happy to report to you that all of our special events held over the last year have had increased attendance numbers, and the Summer Playground Program, which we hosted in conjunction with Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation, exceeded our projected registration numbers. All this tells us that our Superior residents are interested in family friendly parks & recreation events. Please know that we are listening and looking for ways to serve you and your family. If you have an idea for a special event, let us know. Your idea just might be the next special event.

Speaking of special events, Pumpkin Carving & Crafts is just around the corner. This year it will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00am to 2:00pm at Norfolk Park. There will be pumpkins to carve, arts and crafts to complete and refreshments to enjoy. Don't forget that Santa will be visiting Superior Township's Old Township Hall on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm for our Second Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. There will be caroling, hot chocolate & cookies and a picture with Santa! Come out and join us for both of these great family events, **all free of charge!!!**

We would also like you to know that we are constantly working to improve & upgrade the amenities and infrastructure of the Township parks and preserves. This year's projects included adding benches & grills to Fireman's & Oakbrook Parks, adding a sidewalk from the street to the play structure at Oakbrook Park to provide ADA accessibility, replacing the swing set at Oakbrook Park to provide both youth and infant swings, adding Engineered Wood Fiber around all park play structures to ensure safety, and extending the boardwalks at Cherry Hill Nature Preserve. Look for additional improvements in 2018.

Please feel free to contact my office anytime with questions, concerns, ideas, or just to say hello. You can reach us at (734) 480-5502 or via email at [superiorparks@superior-twp.org](mailto:superiorparks@superior-twp.org). Also don't forget to check out the Township website at [www.superiortownship.org](http://www.superiortownship.org) for the latest updates.

**HAVE A SUPERIOR DAY!**

**Juan Bradford**

Parks & Recreation Administrator

## Pumpkin Carving/Arts & Crafts



**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

**Rain Date & Time:** October 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

**Location:** Norfolk Park

Norfolk Ave. between Sheffield Dr. & Stamford Rd.

**Program:** Pumpkin Carving and Arts & Crafts

**Refreshments:** Provided

**FREE FREE FREE**

# Superior Parks News

Juan Bradford

## Join us! Christmas Tree Lighting With Santa Claus



**Date & Time:** Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00p.m.  
**Location:** Old Township Hall  
**3040 N. Prospect Rd. Corner of N. Prospect & Cherry Hill Rds.**  
**Program:** Lighting the Township Christmas Tree,  
Pictures with Santa and Christmas Carols  
**Refreshments:** Hot Chocolate & Cookies  
**FREE FREE FREE**

# Huron River Watershed Events



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[www.hrwc.org](http://www.hrwc.org)

### Oct. 14 River Roundup, Fall 2017

#### Details

Saturday, October 14 at 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM EDT

Join a small team of your friends, family, and other fun volunteers in collecting samples of bugs and other creatures!

These insects help us determine the river system's health. They also tell us the best areas for focusing our restoration efforts.

Volunteers and trained leaders will go to two different stream sites. At these sites, you'll have the opportunity to search through stones, leaves, and sediment to find insects.

Make sure you dress for the field; you'll be outside for a couple of hours. Children are welcome, but must be attended by an adult! Make sure to visit our website to register for this event!

Volunteering - Free Admission-Kid Friendly

### Oct. 29 ID Day, 2017

#### Details

At ID Day you will separate bugs that were collected from the river into groups that look alike. Then an expert will help you identify them. Once bugs are identified, you record the data and compare the results to previous years. It's easy and fun.

Identifying insects from the waterways will help us figure out the status of water quality within different sections of the Huron River Watershed. Identification usually takes about two hours. Everyone is welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Make sure to visit our website to register for this event!

# Our Superior Fire Department

Chief Vic Chevrette



I am pleased to write this column and update you on what is happening within your Fire Department. With fall rapidly approaching, many of our residents will be outside conducting fall cleanup. As a friendly reminder, you must follow the requirement for "Burn Permits."

## Burn Permits

There are limitations to burning within the Township. There are specific restrictions based on where you live in the township, the size of the lot you have, weather conditions, and the materials to be burned are used to decide whether you can burn. All details regarding open burning are found in Superior Township Ordinance 185: Burning Ordinance ([http://superior-twp-org/news/ord\\_185\\_burning\\_final.pdf](http://superior-twp-org/news/ord_185_burning_final.pdf)).

The first step is obtaining an application for Open Burning and Burning Ordinance, then having it approved by the Township Clerk's Office and the Fire Chief. A Burn Permit must be obtained from the Fire Department at (734) 484-1996, prior to any open burning.

## Smoke alarms

The American Red Cross is conducting FREE smoke alarm installations and inspections. You can go to their website at [redcross.org/local/Michigan/home-fire-](http://redcross.org/local/Michigan/home-fire-)

campaign or call 734-971-5300 for further information.

## Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14, 2017. This year theme is "Every Second Counts, Plan 2 Ways Out". We strongly recommend families to conduct "Exit Drills In The Home (E.D.I.T.H.)."



## New Ladder Truck in January, 2018

In October 2016, your Fire Department received a FEMA grant to replace our aging Ladder Truck. The new 2017 KME Ladder Truck is expected to be delivered in January 2018. We are excited to get this new vehicle to serve the residents of the township.

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