

SUPERIOR SCENES

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FROM OUR SUPERVISOR

BY KENNETH SCHWARTZ, SUPERVISOR

In 2018 the Superior Township Board will ask the voters to renew the police services millage and the Fire Department millage. Currently, the police services millage is 2.2246 mills and will raise \$1,350,572 in 2018. The millage expires this year and must be renewed to provide police services for 2019 to 2022. Without a renewal there will be no dedicated funding for police services.

Township police services are provided under a contract with the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. We have currently assigned to Superior Township, ten (10) Deputy Sheriffs, one (2) Sergeants, one (1) Lieutenant, and one (1) Commander. For 2018 the township is paying \$160,650 per Deputy. Since we contract for ten deputies, the Sheriff's Department provides the Sergeants, the Lieutenant and the Commander at no additional cost.

The contract fee includes all costs associated with police enforcement such as vehicles, gasoline, uniforms, weapons, insurance and communications. Superior Township also receives a set of core police services as part of the general county tax. Some but not all core police services include the detective bureau, the marine division, SWAT, traffic patrol, police dog services, underwater search, the mounted horse division, secondary road patrol and of course the county jail.

Your Township Board has engaged several community businesses to assist with raising funds to offset the cost of police services including funding from St. Joseph (Trinity) Hospital and from the multi-unit apartment complexes on MacArthur Boulevard. Superior Township receives over \$200,000 dollars from these private sources because these sources have created an extraordinary demand for police services upon the Township.



KENNETH SCHWARTZ
SUPERVISOR

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NEWS FROM OUR SUPERIOR CLERK

BY LYNETTE FINDLEY, CLERK

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for the late arrival of your October 2017 newsletter. We received several complaints concerning residents receiving the newsletter on the day of the Washtenaw Clean-up Day (October 14, 2017), or soon thereafter. It is our goal to make sure all residents receive timely information as it relates to Superior Township and the customer service you deserve. We will make every effort in the future to make sure you are informed.

A timely shout-out to our election workers who continue to provide excellent service at our five polling sites. As you are aware, we have new election equipment which required extra training for all election workers. We hope you enjoyed the user-friendly ease of the new equipment. Please join me in thanking our election workers.



**LYNETTE
FINDLEY
CLERK**

ELECTIONS 2018

On Tuesday, May 8, 2018, there will be a special school election for Superior Township voters who reside in the Ann Arbor Public School District to vote on a proposal that would restore, replace and extend the authority of the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor to levy up to 18.00 mills (\$18.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for general school district operating purposes on taxable property in the School District to the extent that such property is not exempt from such levy and would restrict the levy on principal residences (owner occupied homes) to no more than 12.3777 mills, for twenty (20) years, 2018 to 2037.

Superior Township's precinct 1 (Dixboro United Methodist Church) and precinct 5 (Superior Township Hall) will be open for voters who reside in the Ann Arbor Public School District. Further information and the complete ballot proposal are available on the Township's website, www.superiortownship.org.

On Tuesday, August 7, 2018 - Primary Election

On Tuesday, November 6, 2018 – General Election

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/ in regular sized font and large print. 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

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NEWS FROM OUR SUPERIOR TREASURER

BY BRENDA MCKINNEY, TREASURER



**BRENDA
MCKINNEY
TREASURER**

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.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

I would like to extend my thanks to the residents of Superior Township who donated blankets and food for the 2017 Blanket Express and Food Drive. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide warmth and nutrition to those in need. The blankets went to various charities in our community. The food donations went to the food pantries of local churches. We will be participating again in 2018. Donations can be dropped off at the Township Hall from November 1st to December 15th.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR TAXES

- Total property tax billed for 2017 was estimated at \$26,679,001. The estimated total amount of property tax collected as of February 14, 2018, was \$25,682,099 from 6,199 parcels. As of this date, Superior Township collected 96.26% of the estimated taxes billed.
- The 2017 Summer & Winter Tax Collection ended on February 28, 2018. Beginning March 1, 2018, all delinquent 2017 real property taxes are now payable to the Washtenaw County Treasurer. Please contact the Washtenaw County Treasurer at (734) 222-6600 with any questions.
- New homeowners, please be sure to complete and file your Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) Affidavit forms with the Assessor to claim the 100% exemption from school operating taxes on your property tax bill. Filing deadlines are June 1st to qualify for a summer PRE and November 1st to qualify for a winter PRE.
- Deferment Applications will be mailed June 1st. Please sign and return completed applications by September 14th. Eligible persons are 62 years of age or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death, Paraplegic or Quadriplegic, Eligible Serviceperson, Eligible Veteran, Eligible Widow or Widower, Blind, or Totally and Permanently Disabled. Having a Deferment allows homeowners to pay taxes until April 30th without penalties or interest charges. Please contact my office with any questions.
- Partial payments in any dollar amount will be accepted during the property tax collection period from July 1st – February 28th; however, summer taxes unpaid by September 14th will be subject to a statutory one percent per month interest fee. After February 28th, any unpaid real property taxes must be paid to the Washtenaw County Treasury with additional interest and penalty fees.
- Cash payments in the exact amount are appreciated as the Treasurer's office has only a limited amount of cash on hand to make change for large bills. Thank you for your cooperation.

Online property tax payments can be made through the Superior Township website at:

www.superiortownship.org. from the home page, click on Departments/Treasurer to “Pay Taxes Online.”

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COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP

The Committee to Promote Superior Township seeks to foster pride, unity and a sense of place among Superior Township residents. One strategy employed toward this objective has been compiling and maintaining a collection of descriptions of sites of significance within the Township. We have begun featuring a single Superior Place in each issue of Superior Scenes to bolster this effort. This time, we are highlighting the Township's non-motorized trails.

Over the last 10-15 years, several sections of non-motorized trails have been installed in the southern portion of the Township. Happily, this has been accomplished at very little cost to the Township, thanks to strategic use of County funds and contributions (of trails) by developers. The inset details the trails as they currently exist.

The non-motorized trails are exactly that - open to walkers, runners, bicycles, strollers, dogs on leashes - anything without a motor. The trails are actively used by all of these, but there is not "heavy traffic." Occasional encounters with other trail users are generally respectful and friendly, and the primarily asphalt trails are wide enough, often with grass on both sides, to pass any bicycle, dog, family, etc. comfortably.

Winter maintenance of the trails is not guaranteed, but many of them have been kept in great shape during this year's snowy winter.

Including subdivision trails, the Township's non-motorized trail system is currently around 4.5 miles, with more in the works. This does not include a stretch of Washtenaw County's Border-to-Border Trail (another Superior Place) that passes through the southwest corner of the Township, nor does it include the paths and sidewalks in Dixboro.

As spring arrives and people are moved to spend more time outside, the non-motorized trails are among the many outdoor amenities that help make our township Superior.

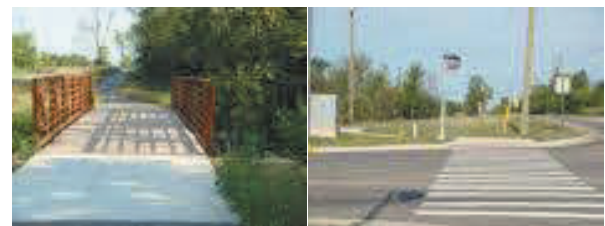
The full collection of Superior Places can be found in the lobby at Township Hall or on the Township website.

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS



The original non-motorized trail in Superior Township, east from Prospect Road along Clark Road to Devon Street, and continuing north up the east side of MacArthur Boulevard to Harris Road, has been recently expanded.

Construction in 2010 added trails along Geddes Road from Prospect Road to Andover Drive, as well as on Harris Road from Geddes Road to the Superior Township branch of the Ypsilanti District Library and Fireman's Park at MacArthur Boulevard. This construction also connects the Geddes Road trail to existing walkways on Geddes Road and Prospect Road around the Prospect Pointe subdivision. In addition, the subdivision has supplemented the trail with a path and a bridge to cross the Superior No. 1 drain.



To protect the safety of residents, a pedestrian crossing light and marked pedestrian crosswalk have been added on the south side of Geddes Road at Prospect Road. A similar crosswalk has been designated where Geddes Road crosses Harris Road, but without the traffic light. The addition of these walkways provides greater accessibility to public facilities for the more densely populated areas of the Township.

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

Turn LEFT (south) onto Prospect Road (2.1 miles) to Geddes Road, or continue south on Prospect Road (another mile further) to the parking area at Clark Road.

This is One Superior Place!

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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.

We hope that you continue to use the new website at www.superiortownship.org.

OUR SUPERIOR WETLANDS

BY JIM MCINTYRE

KEEP OUR WETLANDS IN MIND THIS SPRING

One of the annual rites of spring is the beginning of lawn care season. Throughout the township, residents are watering, fertilizing, seeding, and mowing to get that lush green lawn their neighbors will envy. Careless lawn management can damage our local wetlands, making the spring a great time to offer some helpful hints to make your lawn look great while protecting our streams and rivers.

FERTILIZING

Don't over-fertilize. Proper timing and quantity of fertilizer is more effective than heavier-than-recommended application. Unused fertilizer often gets washed away, ending up in local waterways.

Mow high, mow often. Longer grass has stronger roots and needs less water over the season. Keeping your grass at 3 inches and mowing frequently will help it stay healthy.

Mulch your clippings. Frequent mowing will result in more easily composted yard waste, allowing your mulched clippings to feed your lawn. Better nutrients in the soil means less fertilizer and less runoff.

Water sparingly. Water that your lawn can't quickly absorb can often end up in the storm drain system. To better understand the water needs of your lawn, consider using a moisture gauge to monitor water levels in your yard; moisture gauges can be found at most garden supply retailers and are very affordable.

EROSION CONTROL

Prompt action saves soil. Re-seed open spots promptly to ensure that heavy rains don't damage your soil, especially along ditches. Deeply rooted grass helps to keep the soil intact and reduces the amount of soil that ends up in streams and rivers.

Landscaping cover. Be sure to address open spaces in your landscaping with mulch or ground cover to keep the soil intact.

STORM DRAINS

Clean up promptly. Use a broom rather than a hose to remove clippings, seeds, and excess fertilizer. This practice keeps materials from filling up the storm drains and eventually making its way to the rivers.

Watch the salt. The first spring clean-up can garner excess amounts of salt and chemicals on streets, driveways, and sidewalks. Washing these down the drain can dramatically impact the river ecosystem, so be sure to sweep these rather than spraying them and dispose of them properly.

For additional resources to make your lawn healthier and reduce run-off and water use, visit <http://www.michigan.gov/deq>



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Payments must be received online by September 14th for summer property tax payments and by February 14th for winter property tax payments. Credit cards accepted for online payments only are: MasterCard, VISA, and Discover. There is a \$15.00 bank fee per \$500.00 for payments made by credit or debit cards; there is no fee for payments made from a checking or savings account.

Homeowners who escrow their taxes should have their lender contact my office with their request for your tax bills and their correct mailing address. If you no longer escrow your taxes, please contact the Treasurer's office so your tax bill will be sent to you.

OUR SUPERIOR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

BY JOHN HUDSON

Welcome to Superior Township Neighborhood Watch. Neighborhood Watch is effective in assisting the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department in maintaining safe and friendly neighborhoods throughout the Township by sharing information about safety issues. At our meetings residents are given updates and information from the Sheriff's representatives who attend our meetings. We send out monthly crime summaries and year to year crime trends in Superior Township and we also send out road closure updates and other local crime updates.

We meet every other month in the Old Town Hall building by Town Hall. Our meetings begin at 7:00pm and everyone in the Township is invited to attend and to share with their neighbors and friends any information from the meetings. The next meeting is March 27th in Old Town Hall at 7:00pm.

If you would like to receive information via email please submit a request to John Hudson, Superior Township Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at: jhudson300606mi@comcast.net.



YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY

BY MARY GARBODEN

Spring brings many exciting programs and changes to the library. At the Superior location, we will offer daily Spring Break STEAM activities. Each day the library is open from March 26-31, bring your school-aged kids at 4:30pm for fun programs focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Our monthly playgroup and story time continues for children ages 0-5 and their parents. Each child in attendance receives a free board book. Spring dates are March 17 and April 21, from 11am-12pm.

Coming soon at the Whittaker Rd. location: Free shredding! On Saturday, April 28 from 10:00am-1:00pm, bring up to three copy-paper boxes or grocery bags of documents per person. Donations will be accepted to the Friends of the Ypsilanti District Library to help offset the cost. The event will end at 1pm or earlier if the truck gets full. This is limited to residents of the City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Superior Township.

Have questions? Call 734-482-4110 x1377.

The library will launch a newly designed website soon - be sure to check it out at www.ypsilibrary.org. Stay tuned for more information about our exciting reading program, the Summer Challenge, launching June 16. 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

BY MARY BURTON

BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Do you need assistance in paying your water/sewer bill? Superior Township Utility Department (STUD) is now a participant in the Great Lakes Water Authority WRAP (Water Residential Assistance Program). This program is designed to assist low-income households with water and sewer bills and encourage water efficiency in the community. There are several WRAP options that qualified households can benefit from including bill payment assistance, minor plumbing repairs, arrearage assistance and more. Call STUD today at 734-480-5500 for more information.

CUSTOMER SERVICE COUNTER

To better serve the needs of our customers and community, STUD has opened its Customer Service Counter located at 575 E. Clark Rd. Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Feel free to stop in for fast, friendly service.

NEW PAYMENT OPTION

STUD now offer its customers the ability to pay their water/sewer bills through Automated Clearing House (ACH). With this service, customers will be able to have their bill paid automatically on the due date

from their checking or savings account. By choosing ACH, customers can save time, money and avoid late fees while never having to write a check. To sign up for ACH, call the Utility Department at 734-480-5500 and request an ACH application.

GO GREEN WITH PAPERLESS BILLING

Paperless Billing gives you the same information as a paper bill. The only difference is how you receive it and how easy and convenient it is. 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 if your account is set up. The ACH payment will be withdrawn on the due date. You'll save time, reduce paper clutter and benefit the environment. Enroll in paperless billing by sending an email to utilitydept@superior-twp.org. Include your name, account number, and "Request for Paperless in the subject line.

OUR SUPERIOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT

BY RICK MAYERNIK

Building activity remains strong in the Township. The Woodlands of Geddes Glen (Toll Brothers) and Prospect Pointe Phase 1 and 2A (Lombardo Homes) are now complete. The St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Cancer Center addition and alterations are well under way. Additionally, the Sutton Ridge Apartment development is scheduled to break ground this spring. Here's some information relating to other activity in the township.

Woodside Village – Meetings have been held with Mr. Rino Soave (Infinity Homes) to discuss the resumption of new home construction at this development. Specific proposed models were reviewed for lot fit. Mr. Soave indicates he would hope to start construction in the spring.

Fairway Glens (Golfside Village) – A meeting has been held with the owner (Mahata Properties, LLC) and the owner's builder to discuss the steps required to resume construction in this development.

Currently, at the very least, the developer would need to reestablish sureties and that the Development Agreement may need to be updated to reflect current conditions.

Arbor Woods Mobile Home Park – Sun Properties has acquired the Arbor Woods Mobile Home Park and has undertaken significant repairs and renovations at the property. All streets have been repaved and many driveways were replaced prior to winter weather.

The existing clubhouse is in the process of being remodeled and improved. The new owners have also contracted for new homes to be brought into the community. The Building Department's year-end report indicates that 88 mobile home permits were issued in 2017. Eight additional permits were issued in January of 2018.

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The total funds raised from taxation and private sources in 2017 for police services was \$1,688,417, while expenditures were \$1,711,970. So, as you can see, expenditures exceeded revenues by \$23,553. The fund balance at the close of 2017 was \$277,899. This is insufficient to cover all the anticipated costs for the next contract cycle (2018-2021).

The main reason for the extra costs is that police overtime wages cannot be precisely predicted in advance. One criminal investigation can create a tremendous overtime liability, and the annual increase in the county police services contract since the last millage was approved in 2014. In other words, the costs for county police services contract has rose each year but the millage has not been raised to match. Now that were at the end of the funding cycle, the Board must review its millage options or reduce the number of deputies working in Superior Township.

Although there has been a significant decrease in reported crimes in Superior Township over the last millage cycle, it is due to many factors including improved police services though better command supervision, the purchase and removal by the Township of the MacArthur Boulevard party store, an aging population and a financial commitment by the residents to support police services. Crime continues to decline locally, but now is not the time for back slaps and premature congratulations since we're only one or two bad events away from creating havoc in the community. So, this Spring I will be asking the Board to approve a ballot measure to ensure that we have a police service millage that adequately protects our residents and promotes more community policing practices such as zoning ordinance and blight enforcement.

In 2018 Superior Township will also ask the voters to renew the Fire Department millage. Currently, the Fire Department millage is 2.9661 mills and generates \$1,795,635 in tax revenues. The Fire Department millage expires this year and must be renewed in 2018 to provide Fire Department funding from 2019 to 2022. Without a renewal there will be no dedicated funding for Fire Department services.

The total funds generated from taxation and private sources in 2017 for the Fire Department were \$1,822,699, while expenditures were \$1,708,515.

So, as you can see, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$114,184. This balance is transferred to fund balance for building and truck replacement. While meeting all operational costs for the year with the present millage, there is insufficient funding to cover all the anticipated future costs such as the replacement of Fire Station number two on Harris Road in the south part of the Township, and anticipated costs for the hiring of additional Fire fighters as retirements and increased population may require expanding the Fire Department work force with new Fire fighters or civilian help.

Currently, Superior Township has (9) nine full time Fire fighters (3) of which are Captains. One Captain for each 24-hour shift. We also employ a Fire Chief and a Fire Marshall. Right now, both the Chief and Marshall offices are vested in one person, Chief Vic Chevrette.

This winter the Fire Department took delivery of a brand new 103-foot ladder truck manufactured by KME Industries of Pennsylvania. The total cost of the new ladder truck is \$999,000 and replaces a 19-year-old 75-foot ladder truck which was scrapped out in February. Fortunately, Superior Township applied for a FEMA grant in December 2016 and FEMA awarded Superior Township \$842,000 to offset the cost of the new ladder truck. Therefore, a million-dollar ladder truck cost the Superior Township taxpayers only \$157,000. We give thanks and gratitude to our Fire Chief, Captains and Fire Fighters for securing the grant and working through the process with FEMA to bring the funding to a successful conclusion. This grant was the work of the Fire Fighters of Superior Township.

With the addition of the ladder truck, the Township has added three new technologically advanced fire fighting vehicles to the Fire Department fleet making Superior Township highly ranked by the Fire Department analytics firm, ISO. This high rating is directly tied to the cost of fire insurance for your home.

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Most of all permits issued were for the Arbor Woods development. These are all welcome and long overdue improvements.

Dixboro House (old Lord Fox) – The new property owners, SavCo Hospitality, currently operate restaurants in Ann Arbor (Sava's and Aventura) and propose additions and remodeling of the old Lord Fox building. The new restaurant will reopen as Dixboro House. The Building Department has issued a limited building permit to allow for interior demolition at this location. The permit was issued under the condition that the applicants were proceeding with the work at their own risk without assurances that a complete permit would be issued. In this way, some work is possible at the site as the applicants proceed through the Planning Commission process.

RFC Financial – Interior construction plans have been submitted and reviewed for the work proposed at 5263 Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road. The Building Department has issued a limited permit for interior alterations. Like Dixboro House mentioned above, the permit was issued at the applicant's risk.

SUPERIOR PARK NEWS

BY JUAN BRADFORD

THINK SPRING!.....at least that's what I'm trying to do while writing this spring edition of Superior Scenes. The only problem is, just outside my window is 10 inches of snow. Don't get me wrong there are plenty of fun outdoor activities that you and your families can enjoy during the winter months, sledding, building a snow man, making snow angels, or even heading on over to Cherry Hill Nature Preserve for cross country skiing or a winter hike. All that being said, by the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox hopefully we will be able to confidently say THINK SPRING!

With spring comes warmer temperatures, longer days, green grass, budding trees & flowers and of course another list of great special events that we look forward to providing you with. In addition to all the events you have been able to enjoy in the past we will be adding a new event that we hope you will come out and join us for. For the first time we will be hosting a free "Movie Night in the Park" on August 11th at Oak Brook Park. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, snacks & coolers (No Alcohol) and enjoy a current family friendly movie on a 20' screen. The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department is helping to sponsor this event and it promises to be fun for the entire family. Once again, we will be having the COME OUT & PLAY! Summer Playground Program held in conjunction with Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation. The program will run Mondays – Thursdays, beginning in late June and continuing thru mid-August. Our trained Playground Coordinators aka "PLAY AGENTS" will lead kids in games, crafts, fun, fitness, education, and more FUN!!! All this in a safe, supervised, structured setting that promises to be a great time. The best part....It's FREE!!! Last year's program was at capacity and space is limited so contact Superior Township Parks & Recreation to register.



The Parks & Recreation Department along with the Parks & Recreation Commission are pleased to be able to provide the residents of Superior Township with special events that enhance your quality of life. The Parks & Recreation Commissioners are the guiding energy behind the programs that you have grown to enjoy. They work hard all year by volunteering at our special events, staffing the Parks & Recreation information tent at

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the Dixboro Farmers Markets and attending the monthly Parks & Recreation Commission meetings which are held at 6:30pm the fourth Monday of every month at Old Township Hall, located at the corner of Cherry Hill & Prospect. If you see a Commissioner at one of our events say hello, they would love to meet you. They are: Chair Marion Morris, Vice-chair Paula Jefferson, Secretary Martha Kern-Boprie, Commissioners Sandi Lopez, Terry Lee Lansing, Nahid Sani-Yahyai, and Bernedia Word.

Check out our Special Events Flier in this newsletter then come on out and join us for one, two, or all of the events. We would love to see you! As always, if you would like additional information regarding any of our programs you can reach the Parks & Recreation Department at (734) 480-5502, or via email at superiorparks@superior-twp.org.

Also, don't forget to check out the township website at www.superiortownship.org for the latest updates.

HAVE A SUPERIOR DAY!

Juan Bradford

Parks & Recreation Administrator

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Having a highly rated Fire Fighter, and a well-equipped Fire Department reduces the cost of Fire insurance for homeowners and businesses alike.

Based on the fact that all the Fire Department millage expires this year, the outstanding service to the community provided by our fire personnel and the top notch quality of our Fire Department, I will be asking the Board to approve a ballot measure to ensure that we have a Fire Department millage that adequately protects our residents from fire and medical emergencies, and to engage the public in fire prevention education, safety investigations and inspections.

Superior Township funded many road improvements in 2017 including the milling and resurfacing of Panama Avenue, Vorhies Road and Lakeview Ct. A pilot project was instituted for the Tanglewood subdivision in an attempt to reduce the costs of rebuilding asphalt roads in a large lot subdivision. The Township hired a private contractor to rebuild failed intersections within the subdivision. At this point it appears the pilot project was a success and roughly saved the Township about 50% the costs of traditional replacement. We look forward to continuing this project in 2018 and will see if other large lot subdivisions could benefit from this practice.

The Township partnered with the Road Commission on the reconstruction of the culvert on Cherry Hill and Napier Road. This culvert replacement reopened Cherry Hill Road after being closed for two years due to structural damage to the old bridge. In addition, gravel roads were regraded, graded and ditched, and significant improvements made to Geddes Road and the Geddes Road culvert.

There's good news about housing prices throughout Superior Township. Housing values continue to grow vigorously in all our subdivisions. Reviewing the housing sales records from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2017 homeowners continue to experience housing value increases on average anywhere from 10% to 25% greater than the preceding two years. As our assessor, Paula Calopisis, says: "it's mighty good out there right now for homeowners".

On a final note, Donald Staebler, born and raised in Superior Township passed away last year at the age of 106 ½. Many residents of the Dixboro area knew Donald for many decades. He will be remembered for many years to come by the generous sale and gift of his beautiful farmstead and farmland on Plymouth road near Curtis road to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Department for establishment of a "Staebler County Farm Park".

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Now that a year has passed the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission has approved a master plan for the farm. The farm includes shoreline on two lakes, two ponds, Fleming creek and complete set farmstead buildings. Earlier this year the non-profit Michigan Folk School successfully fundraised over \$80,000 to build a public campus and recreation space in the new park. The project’s first phase will include a blacksmithing and woodworking studio, with future planned growth including community garden spaces and multipurpose teaching building all of which will be open to the public.

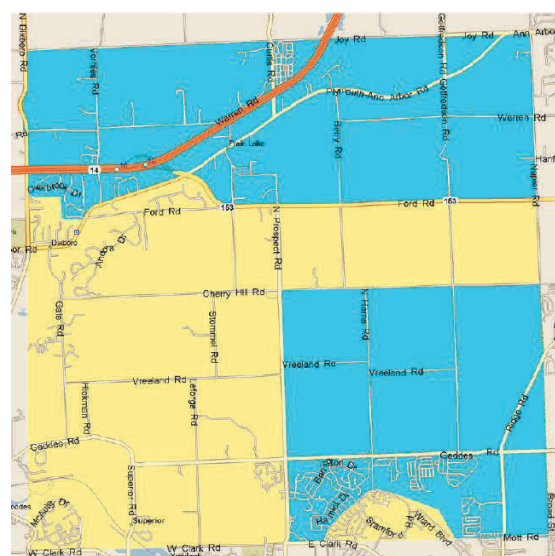
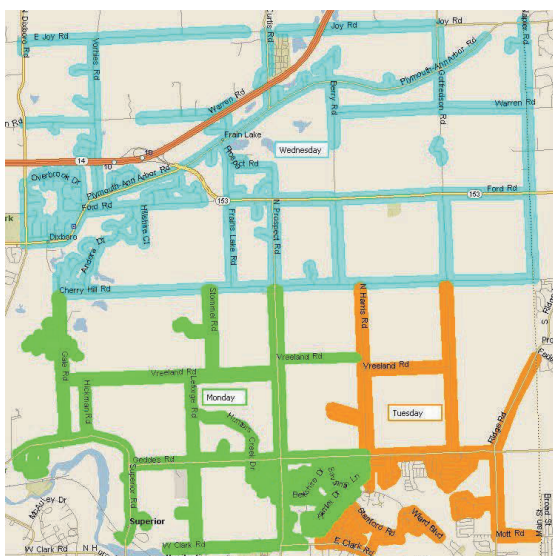
Another non-profit, the Dixboro Village Green LLC, is raising funds to build a classic 19th century pavilion on the old one-room school house on the Dixboro Village Green. Funding has been received from many generous benefactors to have the pavilion professionally designed and constructed. Dixboro Village Green LLC hopes to finish fund raising soon and expects the pavilion to be dedicated sometime this year.

For more information please contact the Washtenaw County Parks Commission at 734-971-6337.

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

YOUR REPUBLIC PICK-UP SCHEDULE EXPLAINED

We have received questions regarding the Republic Waste pick-up schedule for waste and recycling. Here is an explainer of the process. Republic picks-up waste from Monday-Wednesday in Superior Township. Your street will fall into one of 3 color coded regions on the map below. If you are in the green region your pick-up day is on Monday, orange region, Tuesday and blue region, Wednesday. Unlike the three regions of the waste pick-up map, there are only two regions for recycling pick-up.



Your recycle pick-up day will be on the same day as your waste pick-up day. You can find the 2018 Recycle & Yard Waste calendar and printable versions of the maps at <http://superiortownship.org/waste-collection>. The pick-up regions are coded in blue and yellow. The color-coded pick-up weeks on the calendar correspond to the color-coded regions on your recycling map.

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OUR SUPERIOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

BURN PERMITS

There are limitations to burning within the township. There are specific restrictions based on where you live in the Township, size of lot you have, weather conditions, and type of materials and the size of the lot you have as to whether you can burn. All details regarding open burning are found in Superior Township Ordinance 185: Burning Ordinance. The first step is obtaining an application for Open Burning and 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

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website at redcross.org/local/Michigan/home-fire-campaign or call 734-971-5300 for further information.

NEW FIRE TRUCK

In October 2016, your Fire Department received a FEMA Grant to replace our aging Ladder Truck. The new 2018 KME Ladder Truck is expected to be delivered in March 2018. We are excited about this new vehicle to serve the residents of Superior Township.



TORNADO WARNING SIGNALS

Tornado Siren Test will be conducted by Washtenaw County Emergency Management the first Saturday of every month beginning March 3, 2018.