

SUPERIOR SCENES

SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



DIXBORO PAVILLION



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FROM OUR SUPERVISOR

BY KENNETH SCHWARTZ, SUPERVISOR

SALEM SEWER

In the spring edition of the Superior Scenes I wrote about Salem Township’s application for a road right of way permit to construct a sewer line on Gotfredson Road from M-14 to Geddes Road. I received so much feedback on this issue it deserves a quick update. As of this issue, Superior Township has not received a request from Salem Township for a permit to construct a sewer line in Superior Township rights of way; however, Salem Township did apply for a permit from the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) which has concurrent jurisdiction over township rights of way. The WCRC has not approved the permit. In short, Salem Township has not made any of the required overtures to the Superior Township Board for permission to construct in the Gotfredson Road right of way.

ROCK PROPERTY

If you have been down Vreeland Road between Hickman and LeForge you may have noticed the for-sale signs posted by the Rock Company selling their entire interest in land in Superior Township – a total of 360 acres. To refresh your memories, back in 2005, the Rock Company proposed siting 2,000 mobile homes on 300 acres north of Geddes Road. Rock proposed putting a private sewer system to treat and discharge the effluent into the Huron River. Former Supervisor, Bill McFarlane, put a strong team of advisors together to evaluate the draft permit that was issued by the former Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) now the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). This team systematically refuted the allegations contained in Rock’s discharge permit application, and in an unprecedented move by the MDEQ, the permit was terminated. Thereafter, Rock filed an appeal to the State Administrative Law Judge. This appeal languished for over ten years before Rock finally agreed to dismiss the case.

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KENNETH SCHWARTZ
SUPERVISOR

NEWS FROM OUR SUPERIOR CLERK

BY LYNETTE FINDLEY, CLERK

An *Election Day* is coming. Voters who reside in Precinct 1 and 5 Ann Arbor Public Schools will have an election on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Vote absentee or in-person and Let your *Voice be Heard*.



LYNETTE
FINDLEY
CLERK

In the past, voters had to meet one of several criteria in order to complete and submit an absentee ballot. I am very pleased to report that this requirement is no longer in effect. Now, any voter may obtain an absentee ballot. No reason needed!

With the recent passage of Proposal 18-3 in the November 2018 General Election; registered voters can now request an absentee ballot without having to state any reason. Under Michigan election law, you are eligible to be placed on the permanent absent voter list. There are residents who enjoy going to the polls to cast their ballots. But the Clerk's Office also is aware that many voters become discouraged with the process of waiting in lines to cast their vote. I would like to share with you the following benefits of being on the Automatic Application List:

- You will automatically receive an absent voter application for every election.
- If you choose to return the application, a ballot will be sent to you as soon as they arrive in our office.
- You will avoid potentially long lines at the polls.
- You can take your time studying the ballot, vote from home when you are ready and return the ballot to the Superior Township Office of the Clerk.
- Placement on the permanent absent voter list will notify you of all elections in Superior Township, including Special Elections.

You can be added to the list by following one of the options listed below:

1. Email your request with a scanned signature to lynettefindley@superior-twp.org.
2. Complete an absentee voter application which can be found on your local Clerk's web-page at superior-twp.org.
3. Come to the Township Hall to either fill out or drop off your absentee ballot application.

A reminder of the following changes which were also implemented as a result of Proposal 18-3:

- The Secretary of State's Office will automatically register voters.
- Voters can register anytime, including Election Day, at the Clerk's Office with proof of residency.
- The voter's right to a secret ballot is protected.
- Michigan voters may vote straight party.
- Military members and overseas voters have the right to have an absent voter ballot sent to them at least forty-five (45) days before an election.
- All registered voters can vote absentee.
- The Constitution provides for the auditing of election results.

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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.



Brenda McKinney
Treasurer

Your Tax Dollars at Work – 2018

• Ann Arbor Schools: \$ 3,152,207	Washtenaw County: \$ 4,648,058
• Plymouth Schools: \$ 282,292	Township Tax: \$ 526,066
• Ypsi Comm Schools: \$ 4,907,543	Fire Department Tax: \$ 1,927,002
• State Education: \$ 3,907,920	Law Fund Tax: Legal \$ 1,445,228
• Ypsilanti Library: \$ 877,975	Defense Fund: Wash \$ 0
• Ann Arbor Library: \$ 572,327	Comm College: \$ 2,203,187
• Washtenaw ISD: \$ 3,279,212	Schoolcraft College: \$ 2,460
• Wayne RESA: \$ 210,293	

In addition, the Township also collected Special Assessments in the amount of \$320,933, which included County Drains, Streetlights, Side Street Maintenance for Oakbrook and Washington Square, Delinquent Water Bills, Ordinance Violations, False Alarms, and Geddes Ridge Debt.

Out of 6,257 parcels, 300 went delinquent. The total amount delinquent was \$817,647 and was turned over to the Washtenaw County Treasurer for collection as of March 1, 2019.

What You Should Know About Your Taxes

- **Summer Collection:** 2019 taxes are payable July 1 through September 16 without an interest charge. After this date, one percent interest per month will be added to all unpaid tax bills unless deferment has been granted. Summer tax deferments are available to qualified applicants.
- **Winter Collection:** 2019 taxes are payable beginning December 1 and are due by February 14. All 2019 taxes unpaid by March 2 must be paid to the Washtenaw County Treasurer with additional interest and penalties as prescribed by law. Winter tax deferments are available to qualified applicants.
- **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) for the days that the Treasurer's Office will be closed.

For your convenience, the Treasurer's Office will be open from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM on Monday, December 30. The Treasurer's Office will be open on Monday, March 2 from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

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**COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP
BRENDA BAKER**

The Committee to Promote Superior Township was recently contacted by a resident from another township in another county. This person was researching strategies used by various townships regarding land preservation. They found Superior Township through an Internet search and found our Committee through the Superior Township website.

Their email said, in part, "The reason I am writing is I am trying to get our township (Rose Township) to become active with land preservation....I noticed a number of townships around Ann Arbor go as far as having millages for the purpose of preserving farmland...."

We replied by explaining that the mission of the Committee to Promote Superior Township (C2PST) is to foster pride, unity, and a sense of place among Superior Township residents. Furthermore, we noted that we were not responsible for strategies to secure land preservation.

Nevertheless, we were able to reply to this inquiry with relevant information about Superior Township's history and our long-standing deference to our agricultural heritage, consistent upkeep and application of our Master Plan, active participation by residents in support of our Growth Management Plan over the decades, and that, while we do not have a land preservation millage, we do have a small legal defense millage in case of lawsuits for any reason, be it land use or anything else.

It was nice to be able to assist this non-resident, even though it went somewhat beyond the scope of our Committee's mission.

It was also gratifying to receive the reply to our reply:

"[Superior] township has done a good job on its website promoting the township in a good way. Your township seems to work well with a variety of groups [in the community]."

And so we do. The inclusiveness of our Township and effective use of collaboration do indeed contribute to what makes our Township Superior!

OUR TOWNSHIP IS SUPERIOR!

**SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP BUILDING DEPARTMENT
RICK MAYERNIK**

Soil Erosion Permits

Did you know that a Soil Erosion Permit or waiver must be obtained for many residential construction projects?

The Washtenaw County Soil Erosion Control program is a division of the Washtenaw County Water Resources Department with the responsibility of enforcing soil erosion and sedimentation requirements in accordance with State PA 451. In many cases, building permits cannot be issued for construction projects until a Soil Erosion permit is obtained and a copy provided to the Building Department.

Soil erosion sediment is the greatest pollutant by volume impacting our lakes, streams, and wetlands. Construction is one of the major causes of erosion in Michigan. Without proper planning and management, over 100 tons of sediment per acre can be generated from some construction sites.

Earth changing activities within 500 feet of surface water may require a permit or a waiver from the Soil Erosion Control program. Surface water is defined as any water including ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, county drains, storm drains and wetlands which hold water continually or seasonally. All earth changes that disturb one acre or more, regardless of proximity to surface water, require a permit.

Applications for Soil Erosion permits are available at Washtenaw County's Western Service Center, Office of the Water Resources Commissioner, which is located at 705 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. For more information, contact the Soil Erosion Control program at 734-222-6860.



SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP WETLANDS

BY JIM MCINTYRE



We should be able to expect news on some additional protected wetland areas within the Township in the upcoming weeks! As this newsletter goes to print, the last steps in creating a new land preserve within the Township are underway... an exciting addition to Superior Township's growing natural areas.

While the purchase has not yet been finalized, the final steps are being undertaken to protect another 80 acres within the Rouge River watershed, adding to the Township's impressive array of protected land. When completed, the project will help to connect several other protected areas, resulting in a natural area containing 278 contiguous acres of protected land, including parks, preserves, and farmland. Every acre of land that is protected in the Township provides additional stable habitat for wildlife, reduces the effects of urbanization, and provides green areas for everyone to enjoy.

The project partners: The Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy, Washtenaw County Parks, and the City of Ann Arbor, have all worked tirelessly to help make this project possible. Their hard work and vision should be applauded, as should numerous local friends and neighbors whose generous financial support has helped make this project possible. Stay tuned in the coming weeks as more details become available...

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- **Partial Payments:** Upon receipt of your tax bill, partial payments in any dollar amount will be accepted; however, any taxes unpaid by the statutory due dates will be subject to applicable interest and penalty fees.
- **Escrow Payments:** Homeowners who have refinanced - please have your lender contact my office with new mailing information.
- **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 14 at midnight for winter bills only. There is NO FEE for using checking or savings accounts. There is a \$15.00 bank fee per \$500.00 for credit/debit card use; for payments less than \$500.00 an incremental fee will be applied. MasterCard, VISA, and Discover cards are the only credit cards that are accepted for online payments. Credit/debit cards cannot be used to pay taxes at the Treasurer's Office.
- **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 complete and file your Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) Affidavit with the Assessor's Office in order to claim the exemption 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.
- **Summer/Winter Tax Deferments:** Qualified applicants may defer payment of their taxes until April 30 without interest or penalties. Please contact the Treasurer's Office at (734) 482-6099 to request an application form if you have not received one by mail. 2019 summer tax deferral applications must be signed and returned by September 17. Winter tax deferral applications must be signed and returned by February 14.

BY JOHN HUDSON

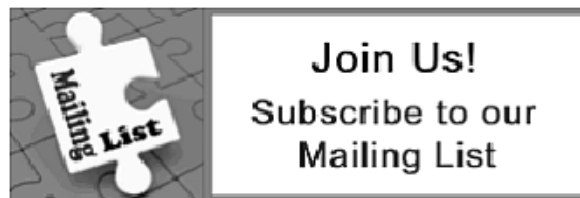
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Welcome to Superior Township Neighborhood Watch program. We work with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department to maintain safe neighborhoods throughout the Township, hold bi-monthly meetings, and send information to residents about safety issues including traffic alerts.

At our meetings we receive updates and information from the Sheriff. Those in attendance also discuss topics involving the Township and County. We meet on the fourth Tuesday every other month in the Old Town Hall building by Town Hall. Our meetings begin at 7:00 PM and everyone in the Township is invited to attend and to share with their neighbors and friends any information from the meetings. Upcoming meetings for 2019 will be September 24th and November 26th.

Residents who join the Superior Township Neighborhood Watch email list will receive monthly crime summaries and year-to-year crime trends for Superior Township.

If you would like to begin receiving email information, please submit your request to John Hudson, Superior Township Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at jhudson300606mi@comcast.net.



Ypsilanti District Library

BY MARY GARBODEN

The Library is proud to introduce our fall Family Reads title! Families can check out a copy of *The Parker Inheritance* at any YDL location and attend activities related to the book. We'll read the book aloud together at our Tween Reading Circle, which meets weekly at 5:30 PM. We encourage all readers to join us November 15 at the Whittaker Library for an after-hours "Break Out of the Library" party.

We are proud to announce the launch of Ypsi Writes, a Community Writing Center being offered in collaboration with EMU's Center for Campus and Community Writing. Drop-in at the Superior Library Tuesdays from 4-6 PM. Trained volunteers can help you craft a resume, a short story, a poem, an essay, and more. All YDL locations will host a Grand Opening celebration for Ypsi Writes October 19, from 11 AM-2 PM.

Planning continues for our new library location on Harris Road. The Library is currently working with Superior Township and the County Road Commission to finalize driveway and traffic plans. Once those plans are official, we'll be able to proceed with soil borings and refining the site layout. Follow the progress of the project at ypsilibrary.org/newlibrary.



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

WATER WISE – SUPERIOR UTILITIES

BY MARY BURTON

Water/Sewer Monthly Billing Cycle

Superior Township Utility Department (STUD) is making plans to change its residential water/sewer customers over to a monthly billing cycle in January 2020. Currently, residential customers are billed every three months, receiving four bills per year. This plan will benefit its customers in many ways including earlier detection for water leaks, lower bills due to frequent billing and better management of household budgets.

New Credit/Debit Card Payment Option:

STUD is excited to announce upcoming plans to offer its customers to pay via credit or debit card. All Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover forms of payment will soon be accepted for water/sewer customers. Additionally, customers will be able to pay by credit or debit at our drive-thru or customer service counter located at 575 E Clark Road.

2018 Drinking Water Quality Report

The 2018 Drinking Water Quality Report for Superior Township is now available. This report is published annually by YCUA (Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority) and contains detailed information on test results for drinking water. To review the report online, please visit our website at www.superiortownship.org. If you would like to receive a free printed copy please email your request to utilitybilling@superior-twp.org and include your mailing address. Requests by post mail may be sent to Superior Township Utility Department, 575 E Clark Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Bill Payment Assistance Program

Do you need assistance in paying your water/sewer bill? STUD has partnered with 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, arrear-age assistance and more. Call STUD today at 734-480-5500 for more information.

Winterize Your Sprinkler

It's hard to believe but it's that time of year again; the Summer has come to an end and Fall is setting in. Winterizing your sprinkler system is highly recommended to minimize the chance of freeze damage. There are professionals that offer sprinkler auto drain or blowout services. Be sure to have your system winterized before the cold weather gets here!



After more than 15 years of service, we'd like to wish the very best to Pat Shrewsbury, who has decided to retire as Utility Office Clerk. We have been very fortunate to have Pat as part of our team and hope she will enjoy her retirement years. Here's to a very happy retirement!

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ELECTIONS UPDATE

We will have a Special Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, for those residents who reside in the Ann Arbor School District (Precincts 1 & 5). The ballot proposal asks voters to allow Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor to borrow the principal sum of not to exceed One Billion Dollars (\$1,000,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of making improvements. The detail ballot language may be reviewed on the Clerk's webpage under the upcoming election official proposal link.

Looking ahead to 2020 without a doubt, the Clerk's Office will be extremely busy servicing our residents during the election seasons. There are four elections next year as listed below:

- March 10, 2020, Presidential Primary Election
- May 5, 2020, School Election
- August 6, 2020, Primary Election
- November 3, 2020, General Election

The Clerk's Office will provide the following services for each of the above elections :

- Open the Saturday prior to Election Day 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
- Voter registration on Election Day.
- Election Day registration may obtain an absent voter ballot and vote in person in the proper precinct.
- Absentee voting until 8:00 PM on Election Day.

The voter should also be aware of the following:

- Proof of residency documents is required for voters who register within 14 days of an election at the Clerk's Office. Documentation for proof of residency must include the applicant's name and current address and one of the following:
Current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, student I.D., or other government documents.
- Registered voters may obtain an absent voter ballot via First Class mail until 5:00 PM on the Friday prior to each election.
- Voters may obtain an absent voter ballot in person in the Clerk's Office the day prior to the election.

As a courtesy to your Clerk's Office, we ask that you mail your absentee application and ballots back in a timely manner. The Clerk's Office continues to seek inspectors that represent all party affiliations at the polls. If you are interested in becoming an election inspector, please complete an application which may be found on the Clerk's website under election inspectors.

I value the work and commitment of all our election inspectors. So, a huge SHOUT-OUT to each of you! You are appreciated, and serve our Township well! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lynette Findley by phone at 734.482.6099 ext. 1014, or email: lynettefindley@superior-twp.org.

In closing, it is a great honor to serve as your Township Clerk! Have a wonderful fall 2019!

P.S. A very important trivia question: Did you know that you can officially use Superior Township as your mailing address?

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3040 N. Prospect Street
Superior Township, Michigan 48198

SUPERIOR PARK NEWS

BY JUAN BRADFORD

Hello Superior Residents,

I was recently reading an article summarizing a nationwide survey conducted by the National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA). The survey recognized parks and picnic areas as some of the favorite outdoor areas that Americans visit to experience the health benefits of nature, such as reducing stress and increasing energy levels. Parks provide a connection to nature, which studies demonstrate relieve stress levels, strengthens interpersonal relationships and improves overall mental wellness.

The top five outdoor areas listed in the article were:

- Lakes, riverfront or beaches (56%)
- Local parks or picnic areas (55%)
- Trails or campsites (36%)
- Botanical gardens, conservancies or observatories (24%)
- Community playgrounds (21%)

After reading the article I started thinking, we have all the top five areas listed, right here in Superior Township!

For instance, did you know that in 2018 the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) designated eight Michigan rivers as the first official state-designated water trails, and one of them is the Huron River which flows through the southwest corner of Superior Township? If botanical gardens or conservancies are your thing, Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy has their Conservancy Farm on Vreeland Rd. just east of Prospect, and the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens are located just outside the Township on Dixboro Road. Want to hike some trails? Head on over to the Cherry Hill Nature Preserve on Cherry Hill Rd. just west of Prospect. It's a beautiful 162-acre preserve with trails galore! Trail maps are available in the kiosk at the entrance to the preserve to guide you. There are wooded areas, open meadows, hills, marshland, and a small creek running along one of the trails. There is also an elevated boardwalk with two observation decks around the marshland. We will be working to add on an additional 300' to the boardwalk this fall to bring the total to around 1,500 feet. Finally, our parks and playgrounds: Oakbrook Park where we hold our Movies in the Park event, Fireman's Park where we will be installing a new play structure in the spring of 2020, Community Park where we just put up new tennis nets, and Norfolk Park which will be hosting the annual Pumpkin Carving Day are great neighborhood parks where you can visit and have some fun.

So, get outside, enjoy the fall colors, the sun, the fresh air, and you too can connect with nature, relieve some stress, improve your mental wellness and even enjoy doing it.

HAVE A SUPERIOR DAY!

Juan Bradford

Parks & Recreation Administrator

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It now appears that Rock has conceded the land they assembled in 2003 can never be developed into a mobile home park or a single-family housing subdivision due to its inappropriate grouping of parcels, the clay soils, the required road, and drain improvements and all the myriad of other infrastructure enhancements necessary to begin construction. Besides, the very site plan violated the Township's master plan and zoning ordinance.

We now have an opportunity to hear from the residents about the direction the Township should take regarding this property. I think our current Board will strongly oppose any subdivision development on the parcels north of Geddes as inconsistent with township planning and zoning; however, there's an opportunity to preserve this land if the residents are willing to help finance the acquisition. Please call me at 734-402-6099 if you feel strongly about this one way or the other.

DIXBORO PAVILION PROJECT

Over the last year and a half, the dedicated members of the Dixboro Village Green, nonprofit, have worked incredibly hard on building a new pavilion on the north wall of the one-room schoolhouse on the Dixboro Village Green. Many thanks to the Superior Township Board, Destination Ann Arbor, Bill and Lisa Ford, and the Dixboro United Methodist Church for valuable financial donations to make this worthy project a reality and a fine asset for the Dixboro community.

WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NEWS

The Superior Township Board has applied for a state revolving fund (SRF) loan for the replacement of the 1970's era sewer pump station located in the right of way on Clark Road down the hill from River Street. SRF loans, if approved, are extra low interest and extended on favorable terms to the municipal governments. If you have been down Clark road over that last 50 years you may have noticed a four foot in diameter green pipe extending above ground with an antenna on the lid. That's our current sewer pump station. This aging sewer pump station is currently in the road right of way, disintegrating from the bottom up with outmoded pumps and station capacity that cannot be expanded to accommodate the growth south of Geddes Road which is slowly coming. The SRF loan process is quite rigorous and we are uncertain where our project will end up with EGLE. If we receive approval, construction should begin next year. Due to good financial management by the Township Board, our controller, Keith Lockie, and utility administrator, Mary Burton, we have saved enough utility reserves to pay cash to replace the MacArthur Boulevard water-main. This water-main is from the WWII era housing projects previously located in Superior Township to supply labor for the bomb plants at Willow Run. Over the last decade, this 70-year-old pipe has been a constant maintenance nightmare for our crews and its replacement is a necessity.

The Superior Township Board is engaged in continuous review of the township's water and sewer system to deliver clean, fresh public water and export sewer flow to the treatment plant with minimum disruption. These two projects will continue the commitment to the people of the public utility district to maintain the highest standards of public health and safety.

Water Pipe



Sewer Pipe



Washtenaw County Clean-up Day

**Saturday
November 9, 2019
9AM - 1PM**

Eastern Michigan University
Parking lot across from Rynearson Stadium
799 N. Hewitt, Ypsilanti

What to bring

Traditional recyclable materials

glass, cardboard, plastic, paper, scrap metal

Appliances

refrigerator, dryer, a/c unit, etc.

Household hazardous materials

paint, pesticides, cleaning supplies, oil, etc.

no liquids or solids in larger than 5 gal containers

Tires (not on rims)

Electronics

TV, computer, etc.

Bulky household items*

mattress, furniture, etc.

Construction and demolition waste*

drywall, wood, bricks, etc.

No household garbage, driveway concrete, asphalt or shingles will be accepted

***Please only bring waste that your party can unload on your own within 20 minutes. No full trailers greater than 8 feet long. You may have to lift your items above head height for disposal.**



Please consider a **minimum donation of \$15.00** to help support this effort.

Bring 4 tires for free. We request a donation of \$5 for each additional tire to assist with labor costs.

Bring 1 TV, computer, or appliance for free. We request a donation of \$10 for each additional item.

Event closes at 1pm sharp

Due to popular demand, long wait times are expected. We reserve the right to cut the line early due to time and safety concerns.

This event is for Washtenaw County residents. Sorry, we can't accept materials from businesses or out-of-county residents.

For more information...
Call **734-222-3950** or visit **www.washtenaw.org/cleanup**



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 734-484-1996

Emergency, dial 911
 Fire Station #2
 Corner of Harris and MacArthur Dial 911 for Emergencies

Parks & Recreation
 575 E. Clark Road, Ypsilanti, MI 734-480-5502

OUR SUPERIOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

BY CHIEF VIC CHEVRETTE

Staffing Grant

In September 2018, we received the Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant from FEMA to hire three additional firefighters. I am pleased to report that three firefighters have been hired and began working in January 2019. Superior Township's Fire Department has four firefighters on duty 24/7.

New Firefighters

In January 2019, the Fire Department hired four new firefighters to increase staffing for fire protection. Three of the new firefighters were hired under a SAFER grant provided by FEMA. The fourth one was hired due to retirement. We would like to welcome FF Lee Rudowski, FF Jonathan Murphy, FF Jordan Burns, and FF Derek Monday.

Burn Permits

With fall finally here and winter fast approaching residents will be conducting yard cleanup. There are several restrictions within the Burning Ordinance that relate to the location of the property, size of lot, weather conditions and the type of materials to be burned. The restrictions can be found in the Superior Township Ordinance 185; Burning Ordinance on our website. If you are planning to burn anything out of doors, you must obtain an application for Open Burning found in the Burning Ordinance. The Township Clerk's Office and the Fire Chief will review the application and make the decision to approve it by issuing a Burn Permit. You must have a Burn Permit from the Fire Department at (734-484-1996), prior to any open burning.

Free Smoke Detectors, Installations and Inspections

The Fire Department is offering FREE smoke detectors, as well as providing the installations and conducting inspections. This program is made possible with the help of the State of Michigan Fire Marshal Division which has provided the Smoke Detectors. Please contact the Fire Department for information on the Smoke Detector Program at 734-484-1996.