

SUPERIOR SCENES

SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



ELECTIONS 2020



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FROM OUR SUPERVISOR
BY KENNETH SCHWARTZ, SUPERVISOR

COVID-19–SUPERIOR TOWNSHIPS RESPONSE:

The Township closed non-essential functions on March 20, 2020 and resumed normal operations on June 20, 2020. During this period, all essential functions were maintained to the greatest degree possible.

The Superior Township Fire Department, the Utility Department and the Building Department remained opened; also, the Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor’s offices remained open and other functions were performed from home where possible. Still, the office was busy and preoccupied with safety. As a result, we secured plenty of personal protection equipment, erected safety glass between the staff and public, and instituted proactive protocols to reduce the chances of infection.

We did have one fire fighter who contracted the virus and after a month recuperating, he returned to normal duty. The Township did not have a major financial meltdown as experienced by many other communities across the nation. We are very fortunate. The only foreseeable impact on the 2021 budget is a lower revenue sharing appropriation from the state; however, the 2019 audit recorded sufficient fund balances and reserves to meet township needs for the next few years in the event of continued reduced state revenue sharing.



**KENNETH
SCHWARTZ
SUPERVISOR**

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NEWS FROM OUR SUPERIOR CLERK

BY LYNETTE FINDLEY, CLERK

Let's give 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 enjoy the user-friendly ease of the new equipment. Please join me in thanking our election workers.



LYNETTE
FINDLEY
CLERK

SEE ELECTION INSERT IN THIS NEWSLETTER

I would like to dedicate this article to all of our election workers who spent many hours assisting voters during our last election. Their commitment, adherence to controls in the election process and focus on service is much appreciated.

As of September 1, 2020, we have 11,791 registered voters, of which 4,694, or 40%, are on the Permanent Voter List.

I am pleased to provide you with the following information from the State Primary Election held on Tuesday, August 4th:

- 4,289 registered voters cast ballots
- 4,015 registered voters returned Absent Voter Ballot applications to request Absent Voter Ballots for the State Primary Election
- 3,910 Ballots were sent out for the State Primary Election
- 3,153 valid Ballots were returned to the Clerk's Office. That represents 80.64% of the total ballots that were sent to voters

Precinct 1	All	Voted	Percent		Precinct 4	All	Voted	Percent
Males	884	406	45.93%		Males	1191	317	26.62%
Females	911	458	50.27%		Females	1395	432	30.97%
No Gender	5	2	40.00%		No Gender	4	1	25.00%
Total Precinct 1	1800	866	48.11%		Total Precinct 4	2590	750	28.96%
Precinct 2	All	Voted	Percent		Precinct 5	All	Voted	Percent
Males	1211	463	38.23%		Males	1322	509	38.50%
Females	1404	636	45.30%		Females	1368	579	42.32%
No Gender	4	0	0.00%		No Gender	6	2	33.33%
Total Precinct 2	2619	1099	41.96%		Total Precinct 5	2696	1090	40.43%
Precinct 3	All	Voted	Percent		Grand Totals	All	Voted	Percent
Males	815	199	24.42%		Males	5423	1894	34.93%
Females	1137	285	25.07%		Females	6215	2390	38.46%
No Gender	3	0	0.00		No Gender	22	5	22.73%
Total Precinct 3	1955	484	24.76%		All	11660	4289*	36.78%

***Of the total that voted, 3,153, or 73.51%, were by absent ballot and 1,136, 26.49%, voted in person.**

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

News from: Brenda L. McKinney,
Your Superior Township Treasurer since 1996

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Your Tax Dollars at Work – 2019

Ann Arbor Schools:	\$ 3,232,833	Washtenaw County:	\$ 4,765,803
Plymouth Schools:	\$ 298,906	Township Tax:	\$ 541,146
Ypsi Comm Schools:	\$ 5,788,557	Fire Department Tax:	\$ 2,339,627
State Education:	\$ 4,031,237	Law Fund Tax:	\$ 0
Ypsilanti Library:	\$ 886,583	Legal Defense Fund:	\$ 1,838,271
Ann Arbor Library:	\$ 593,725	Wash Comm	\$ 2,258,753
Washtenaw ISD:	\$ 3,361,261	Schoolcraft College:	\$ 3,169
Wayne RESA:	\$ 216,415		

In addition, the Township also collected Special Assessments in the amount of \$301,257, which included County Drains, Streetlights, Side Street Maintenance for Oakbrook and Washington Square, Delinquent Water Bills, Ordinance Violations, and Geddes Ridge Debt.

Out of 6,240 parcels, 438 went delinquent. The total amount delinquent was \$753,200 and was turned over to the Washtenaw County Treasurer for collection as of March 2, 2020.

What You Should Know About Your Taxes

- **Summer Collection:** 2020 taxes are payable July 1 through September 14 without an interest charge. After this date, one percent interest per month will be added to all unpaid tax bills unless a deferment has been granted. Summer tax deferments are available to qualified applicants.
- **Winter Collection:** 2020 taxes are payable beginning December 1 and are due by February 14. All 2020 taxes unpaid at the township Treasurer’s Office by March 1 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:** To reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure, we are encouraging all Superior Township taxpayers to use the Treasurer’s Mail slot inside the front foyer of the township hall or mail your payment. For in person payments, the township’s current temporary office hours are from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday - Friday, excluding holidays. COVID-19 safety measures as directed by the CDC, the Governor’s Office, and the Washtenaw County Health Department will be in effect. 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 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Wednesday, December 30. The Treasurer’s Office will also be open on Monday, March 1 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP

Just as so many others, the Committee to Promote Superior Township has persevered during this coronavirus emergency as we seek to “foster pride, unity, and a sense of place among Superior Township residents.” After a few cancelled meetings, we have turned to telephone, email and Zoom to continue our efforts.

Most recently, we have been working on a prototype for a new residents' welcome packet. This packet would be given to new Township arrivals to help introduce them to the features of our community. It would include information on the Township's government, schools, parks, etc., and contain contact information for the Township's various officials. If you have any suggestions for the contents of this new resident packet, we invite you to join our Zoom meetings, held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/74908546311>.

While we are limited to virtual activities, we invite you to visit our library of Superior Places. These are descriptions, along with driving directions, to several places of interest within the Township.

On the Township's website (www.superiortownship.org), select the ABOUT option in the little black box and then choose About Superior Township. Near the bottom of the first column, the Superior Places option is second to last. Once there, you can take a virtual tour of the Township or discover places you would like to visit in person.

You may learn something about your Township that you never knew before!

DIXBORO'S FARMERS MARKET

Even with the current topsy-turvy pandemic situation, the Dixboro Farmers' Market has continued to operate on Friday afternoons from 3-6 pm.

Our dedicated groups of vendors are providing beautiful produce and other yummy foods. Patrons abiding by the distancing and mask guidelines have kept the market safe.



When you come through Dixboro, stop and see us on a Friday afternoon. Also, watch for activity around the Dixboro School. A new front porch and sidewalk will make the entrance to the school safer and more attractive.

This is One Superior Place!

**BUILDING DEPT.****Construction/Development Update**

Similar to many other industries, all non-essential construction activity ceased from late March until the Order was modified in early May. Since that time, construction activity has resumed and has regained the pace we were experiencing prior to Covid. Some material shortages have arisen but generally, new home sales and construction is strong. The following is an update related to ongoing and proposed developments in the Township.

Prospect Pointe East- This MI Homes (formerly Pinnacle) development is located at the South East corner of Geddes and Prospect Roads. Ranch style home sales have been very strong in this development and two story models were added to the offerings a couple years ago. This development is nearly built-out and I would expect completion sometime in spring/summer of 2021.

Woodside Village- This two-phase development is located on the West side of Ridge Road between Geddes and Clark. Originally a Lombardo subdivision, construction ceased during the housing market crash. Infinity Homes purchased the unsold lots and resumed construction several years ago. Sales have been strong and Infinity has consulted with the Township staff and engineers about moving forward with phase two. I would expect phase two infrastructure to be ready for new home construction late summer or fall of 2021. This development is nearly complete and I would anticipate issuing the last Certificate of Occupancy early this fall.

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Prospect Ridge Point- This proposed Lombardo development will be located directly west of the existing Prospect Pointe subdivision at the south west corner of Geddes and Prospect. Originally designated as the third phase of Prospect Pointe, Prospect Point West will have an association separate from Prospect Pointe and will have private roads rather than public. This development will be constructed in four phases and the revised preliminary site plan for the entire site was approved at the August Planning Commission meeting. We expect construction to commence sometime in 2021.

Sutton Ridge Apartments- An apartment development (owned by Redwood) which is located directly south of the Bromley Park Condo's on Geddes Road between Gotfredson and Ridge. This property was originally slated as phase two of the Bromley Park Condominiums, however; the combination of the housing market crash and lower condo demand left the property dormant. While apartment construction got a very slow start, a change in the general contractor got the development activity back on pace. Demand for the single story 2 bedrooms, 2 bath apartments with attached garages has been very strong and every building has been fully rented upon completion. This development is nearly complete and I would anticipate issuing the last Certificate of Occupancy early this fall.

OUR WETLANDS

BY JIM MCINTYRE

LOCAL NATURAL AREAS: YOURS TO EXPLORE

Over the years, many steps have been taken to ensure that there are abundant open spaces within Superior Township. This has been done for a number of reasons: protecting wetlands; protecting farmland; and even protecting many of our important wooded forested areas. Most importantly, this has been done to ensure that there are open spaces within the township for us, as residents, to enjoy.

As this year progresses, there's increasing importance placed on spending time outside in nature. In fact, numerous studies have shown that time spent outside and in nature can be highly restorative, benefiting us physically and emotionally. It's great to think that we have such an enormous variety of resources so close to home...open to the public, just waiting to be explored!

On behalf of the Wetlands Board, we encourage you to explore all of the natural areas Superior Township has to offer. If you haven't taken the opportunity to visit the many hundreds of acres of parks and preserves available to us within the township, you're missing a great opportunity to get away from the daily grind.



OUR SUPERIOR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

BY JOHN HUDSON



The Superior Township Neighborhood Watch program continues to work with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department to maintain safe neighborhoods throughout the township. We do this by sharing information about safety issues in the township including crime information, traffic alerts and weather alerts. Additionally, we distribute updates and information from the Washtenaw County Sheriff and discuss related topics at our bimonthly meetings.

Residents who join the Superior Township Neighborhood Watch email list receive bi-monthly crime summaries and year-to-year public safety charts for Superior Township.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesdays at 7 pm. every other month in the Old Town Hall building at 3040 North Prospect. Everyone in the township may attend and share information from the meetings with their neighbors and friends.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for September 22nd and November 24th. Any public health requirements for meetings will be observed.

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

Ypsilanti District Library

BY MARY GARBODEN

Due to COVID-19, all Ypsilanti District Library (YDL) locations remain closed to the public. Staff is available and ready to help residents access resources. You can reach the YDL-Superior staff by calling 734-879-1310 or emailing ydlsuperior@ypsilibrary.org.

We've rolled out a number of new initiatives and resources to support our community during these difficult times. Library card-holders can request library materials for contact-free pickup, submit documents for free printing, and request a "Hand-Picked for You" batch of library materials based around a subject, author, or reading preference. Our eResources, including books, music, and movies are available 24/7, along with many custom-designed activities and videos for kids. Read more about these services and programs at www.ypsilibrary.org.

Watch our website for the launch of the Fall Family Reads title, *Look Both Ways*, by Jason Reynolds. YDL-Whittaker is hosting a National Endowment for the Humanities exhibit. Titled *For All the World To See: Visual Culture and the Struggle for Human Rights*, the exhibit explores how visual culture shaped the discussion of race relations in the 1940's-1970's in America. Using powerful imagery, the exhibit shows how visual media of all kinds countered stereotypes of African Americans, documented acts of racism, changed the minds of Americans, and took a proactive stance in telling a new story. We'll create a virtual tour and related online activities for your family to engage with this world-class exhibit remotely.

Planning work continues on the new library. The preliminary site plan for the new library on Harris Road was approved in June, and is now being prepared for final submission.

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The construction site will be cleared this Fall in preparation for a Spring 2021 groundbreaking.



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

WATER WISE – SUPERIOR UTILITIES

BY MARY BURTON

2019 Drinking Water Quality Report

The 2019 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 or to receive a free printed copy, please email your request to utilitybilling@superior-twp.org and include your mailing address. For requests by mail, send your request 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? Superior Township Utility Department (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, arrearage 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! 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 comes.



SUPERIOR PARK NEWS



BY JUAN BRADFORD

Parks and Recreation Department

Hello Friends. Let me start by saying that I hope that you, your family, and friends are all safe and healthy. Please be kind and respectful of each other.

As fall approaches, we would like to remind you that the annual Pumpkin Carving Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th from 11:00am to 2:00pm at Norfolk Park. This year the event will look a lot different from past years when we all gathered in the park, carved pumpkins, and ate snacks together.

To comply with COVID-19 social distancing recommendations, when you arrive at Norfolk Park, choose your pumpkin and a stencil, select a small prize and a snack, and take all of items home with you. Pumpkins and supplies are limited, and no carving will be done on site.

We are currently evaluating different ways to make the Christmas Tree Lighting a safe event for all to attend. Please check the Township website for updates on both of these events as they get closer.

The Parks & Recreation Department recently received a Rapid Response Grant from mParks to provide community information regarding COVID-19. You may have seen the signs in the parks and around the Township encouraging you to practice wearing masks and social distancing. Let us all do our part to keep each other safe.

Thanks to the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission, we have a limited number of free Kids Activity Packs to give away. They are intended for 5-11 year old's and are on a first come first served basis. Please contact my office at jbradford@superior-twp.org to inquire.

Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers are wanted to act as Park Stewards in the township operated parks & nature preserves.

Park Stewards report to the Parks & Recreation Administrator as necessary to relay any needs and/or concerns in a particular park or preserve.

If interested, please contact:

Juan Bradford, Parks & Recreation Administrator for additional information at (734) 480-5502 or jbradford@superior-twp.org

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 and staffing the Parks & Recreation information tent at each event.

Have a Superior day !
 Juan Bradford
 Parks and Recreation Administrator



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SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP WATER DISTRICT NEWS

In 2019 the Superior Township Board applied for and received approval for a state revolving fund (SRF) loan in the amount of \$3.2 million for the replacement of the 1960's era deficient sewer pump station on Clark Road that was installed in the road right of way. The loan has now been finalized with the state and construction will begin soon.

The new pump station will also be located on Clark Road on property owned by the Washtenaw County Park Commission. As part of this project we agreed to build a small parking lot that will double as parking for people who want to use the new park land. This unnamed 55-acre park is preserved in perpetuity and is the first land preservation effort in the townships urban service area.

In late March, the township suffered a major sewer line break on Stamford Road between Dawn and Panama. The line is the township's main sewer interceptor and was located around 22 feet under the surface. The water table was so high last Spring that it took over 6 weeks of constant pumping through five water wells to lower the ground water enough to expose the break for repair. The total cost to repair this break was over \$1 million dollars. Fortunately, there were adequate funds in the reserve accounts to pay for the repairs without borrowing, but the unforeseeable nature of this particular break was painful to bear.

As a result of the sewer break, the construction of the new pump station, the installation of over 1,200 feet of new forced sewer main, the rising costs of ongoing maintenance and repairs, and increases in water rates from the Great Lakes Water Authority and YCUA is forcing the township to raise water and sewer rates in September 2020.

I believe most residents in the area of the water and sewer break will be able to absorb these new costs, but for any residents who find it difficult to financially manage their utility cost, financial relief may be available. If you want to inquire, please call Mary Burton, Utility Office Administrator, at 734-480-5500.

NEW NON-MOTORIZED PATH

In the Spring edition I informed the residents that the township secured from SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) a grant in the amount of \$429,609.00 for the construction of a non-motorized path from Geddes and Prospect, to Prospect and Berkshire. This link will create a loop in our path system so pedestrians and bicyclists can ride completely around the township's major subdivisions without crossing major roads.

In May I received a communication that the grant was not going to be canceled due to the covid virus. At this time, the township is applying for another grant from County Parks to fund the final engineering and construction inspection. We believe we're in a good position to get the grant. So, expect construction next year on the Prospect road non-motorized path. Future plans include connecting this trail to a proposed trail on the 55-acre nature preserve on Clark Road.

DIXBORO NEWS

Due to Covid, Destination Ann Arbor which partially funded many improvements around the Dixboro area was unable to provide funding for 2020. We allocated the 2020 funding to removing and replacing the front porch on the one room schoolhouse. Even without this extra funding, the plans to replace the front porch will go on. After the front porch is replaced, the plan is to restore the front door and transom to its original condition. The goal is to have the schoolhouse rehabilitated and ready for public use by Dixboro's bicentennial in 2024.

Feel free to call me at 734-482-6099 if you want to talk about any matters important to you.

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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 so please allow for sufficient mailing time.
- **Online Tax Payments:** To pay current year taxes online, visit our website at www.superiortownship.org and click on Departments/Treasurer. There is a \$3.00 fee for Electronic Check payments. The fee will increase to \$10.00 for amounts over \$10,000.00. There is a three (3) percent fee with a minimum \$2.00 fee for credit or debit card payments. VISA, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express are the only credit cards that are accepted online. Fees are charged by the online payment vendor. Tax payments are posted "real time."
- **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. 2020 summer tax deferral applications must be signed and returned by September 14. Winter tax deferral applications must be signed and returned by February 14.

SALEM SEWER UPDATE:

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Last fall I wrote about Salem Township's application for a permit to construct a sewer line on Gotfredson Road from M-14 to the YCUA treatment plant - a total of 10.5 miles. In October 2019, the Superior Township Board received a written request from Salem Township for a permit to construct a sewer line in Superior Township's road rights of way. We met with the Salem Township Supervisor and the township attorney early on and agreed to review the application but first required Salem to post an escrow for the review.

Salem refused to post the escrow without express demands that Superior would complete all reviews in 60 days or less; and restricting Superior's review solely to engineering; and if there were any disputes, then to mandate binding arbitration. These demands were totally unacceptable to Superior. We communicated our concerns to Salem, but they still refused to post the review funds.

In late July 2020, the Salem Springs LLC filed a lawsuit against both Superior and Salem Townships essentially accusing both communities of delay and foot dragging. We denied all claims. The Salem Springs Company is seeking a court order to compel Superior Township to process Salem's engineering plans. Of course, I don't see how a company developing a subdivision in neighboring Salem Township can go to court and legally compel Superior Township to process the Salem Township sewer plans when Salem Township wouldn't comply with Superior Township ordinances, standards and other reasonable demands.

The lawsuit has been referred to counsel. An answer was filed, and we now await the legal process. From time to time, I will post updates to the Township's website, so check there for new information.

Superior Charter Township has a contract with Republic Services for weekly curbside residential solid waste including recycling. This contract was negotiated by the Township to assure the best possible service for the least cost to our residents. Residents who live in apartment complexes or manufacture home communities have solid waste service through their landlords/rental companies.

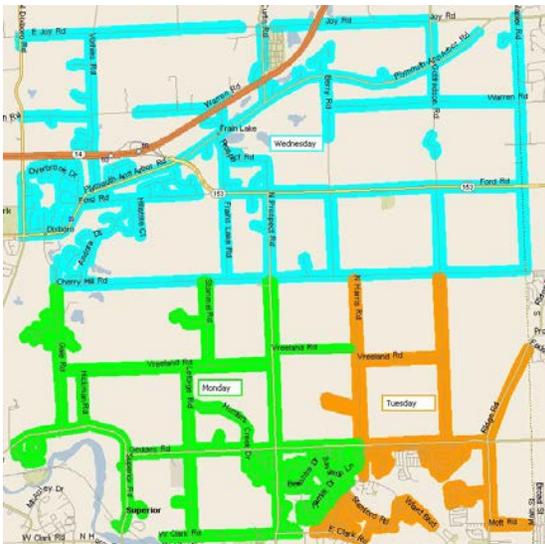
The homeowner signs a contract with Republic for this service (1-800-878-4626 toll free). The cost includes one 95-gallon curb cart for the containment of waste, which will be picked up every week in either a 95 or 65-gallon curb cart for recycled waste. The recycle carts and yard waste will be picked-up every other week (see below for schedule). In addition, you may use normal plastic secured garbage bags for household waste. Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable brown paper kraft bags (available at most hardware stores or nurseries) or loose in trash cans with handles. Cans must be clearly marked COMPOST. Small limbs or brush can be securely tied in bundles that do not exceed 4 feet in length or 30 pounds in weight. There is no limit on the amount of bags you put out each week. The contract is a sole and exclusive franchise and Republic is the only contractor allowed in the Township for residential service.

Once a week for household waste. Recyclables will be picked up every other week

Monday pickup for area south of Cherry Hill Road, west of Harris Road and MacArthur Blvd.

Tuesday pickup for area south of Cherry Hill Road, east of Harris Road (Includes all of Harris Road and Cavalo Farm) and east of MacArthur Boulevard

Wednesday pickup for are north of Cherry Hill road (includes all of Cherry Hill Road)



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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Fire Station #2
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Parks & Recreation

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

OUR SUPERIOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

BY CHIEF VIC CHEVRETTE

With Fall and Winter approaching, it will be time to clean and service furnaces and clean chimneys. Please use a certified furnace service company and also have your fireplace chimneys cleaned and checked to prevent chimney fires.

In August 2020, your Fire Department received two Regional FEMA Grants. The grants are for Medical PPE Equipment and replacement of nozzles and appliances which will greatly help keep our fire fighters safe.

Burn Permits

There are limitations to burning within the Township. There are specific restrictions based on where you live in the Township, size of the lot you have, the weather conditions, and type of material to be burned. All details regarding open burning are found in Superior Township Ordinance 185: this Burning Ordinance is available at Township Hall and online at their website @superior-twp.org. The first step in the process is to obtain an application and submit it to the Township Clerk's Office and the Fire Chief. Once approved, you will be notified with instructions.

The American Red Cross is conducting FREE smoke alarm installations and inspections. You can visit their website at redcross.org/local/Michigan/home-fire-campaign or call 734-971-5300 for more information. The Fire Department also has free smoke detectors and CO detectors for residents to install. You may contact the Fire Department at 734-484-1996 for smoke detector installation. The Fire Department conducts child safety seat Inspections free of charge. If you need your child safety seat inspected, please contact Captain Jeff Kujawa at 734-484-1996 ext. 4 for an appointment.

ELECTION INSERT

Lynette Findley

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Steps to Voting

***Please note all applications and other pertinent information regarding Elections are available on the State, County or Clerk's websites**

<https://www.washtenaw.org/304/Elections>

<https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/RegisterVoter>

<https://superiortownship.org/government/voting-elections/>

Get Ready!

1. Register to vote if you have not done so already
 - I have received calls from residents who are unable to register to vote with the Secretary of State office. You may also register at the Clerk's Office at anytime with proof of residency which includes a Michigan Driver's License or State ID card, and one of the following: current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government check, or other government document.
2. Request to be a Permanent Absentee Voter
 - I sent an application to all voters who were not already on our Permanent Absentee List to be added to the list. Some of you also received an application from Secretary of State Benson. You only need to complete and submit one application to be placed on the Permanent List. Some voters are still receiving applications from outside sources not mentioned above. You do not have to return these applications if you already have one on file with my office. ***PLEASE KNOW THAT BEING PLACED ON THE PERMANENT ABSENTEE LIST DOES NOT MEAN YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT. YOU MUST STILL RETURN YOUR ABSENT VOTER APPLICATION TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE TO RECEIVE A BALLOT.*** If you already filled out an application, you are registered for the November 3rd General Election.

Accessible Ballots (online) are available for those who may not be able to make it to a precinct. You may find more information at this website https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8716-27710-,00.html

Get Set!

1. Absentee ballots will be mailed out on Thursday September 24th. Please visit www.michigan.gov/vote to check the status of your ballot. Based on the anticipated delays in mail, please allow up to ten days, or October 10, before calling the office for your ballot.

I strongly suggest you personally return your ballot to the Clerk's Office. We have three drop boxes. One inside the Clerk's Office, the second outside the building (which is available 24/7) and a third drop box located outside of the Utility Building located at 575 E. Clark Road (also available 24/7). This box should be in place by October 5th. All outdoor boxes are monitored by security cameras

3.2. Voters may obtain an absent voter ballot in person at the Clerk's Office until 4 pm the day prior to the election.

4.3. Registered voters may obtain an absent voter ballot via business class mail until 5 pm the day prior to the November 3rd Election.

5.4. Research the candidates and the State and County proposals to help you make your decision. Ballots by Precinct will be available on the Clerk's website by the time you receive this newsletter.

Vote!

1. Voters may register to vote now through Election Day at the Clerk's Office. Voters registering on Election Day may obtain an absent voter ballot or vote in person at their assigned precinct.
2. All Absentee Ballots must be returned to the Clerk's Office or designated drop box by 8:00 pm on Election Day. Although you have until 8:00 pm on Election Day, as your Clerk, I urge you to complete and return your ballots as soon as possible. When voters wait until the Monday before Election Day or Election Day, it makes it difficult for the Absentee Voter Count Board to finish in a timely manner even though your ballot is in prior to 8:00 pm Election Day. **All ballots received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day will be counted.**
3. Vote in person on the day of the election at your Precinct. Polls are open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm. All measures will be taken to ensure voter safety as it relates to COVID-19.

Other Points of Information:

- All ballots will be mailed out with a business class return envelope. You will not have to use postage to return your ballots.
- Please make sure your ballot signature is consistent with the one we have on the Qualified Voter File (QVF) which you provided to us. We recognize that signatures may change over time. But when your signature does not match what we have on file, you will be asked to come in or send a picture ID with your signature so that we may accurately match the signature with the voter. We contacted approximately two hundred voters during the August Election to verify their signatures.
- We are always looking for Election Workers. Students 16 years or older can serve as Election Workers. Please visit the Clerk's website and fill out an application. We are specifically looking for those who identify with parties other than Democratic, but welcome anyone who is willing to serve.
- **During the August Primary, the Clerk's Office extended our hours to allow those voters who cannot make it into the Office prior to 4:00 pm the last week of Elections. Based on the turnout, we will do the same for the November 3 General Election. The hours will be:**

Monday, October 26 – Friday, October 30: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday, October 31: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Monday, November 2: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Tuesday, November 3, Election Day: 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Finally, hats off to all Election Workers! You are definitely considered Frontline Workers! Please continue to do the great job that you currently do, especially during COVID-19. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD!

