

SUPERIOR SCENES

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Superior Branch of the Ypsilanti District Library



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FROM OUR SUPERVISOR

BY KENNETH SCHWARTZ, SUPERVISOR

This summer the Superior Charter Township Board will ask the voters to renew the police services millage and the Fire Department millage. Currently, the police services millage is 2.7187 mills and will raise \$1,980,677 in 2022. The millage expires this year and must be renewed to provide police services for 2023 through 2026. 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 deputy sheriffs, two sergeants, one lieutenant, and one commander. For 2022, the Township is paying \$161,650 per deputy. Since we contract for ten deputies, the Sheriff's Department provides the sergeants, a lieutenant, and a 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 Charter Township also receives a set of core police services as part of the county general tax. Some of the core police services include the detective bureau, the marine division, SWAT, police dog services, underwater search, secondary road patrol, and of course the county jail and transportation services to and from the courts.



**KENNETH
SCHWARTZ
SUPERVISOR**

NEWS FROM OUR SUPERIOR CLERK

BY LYNETTE FINDLEY, CLERK



LYNETTE
FINDLEY
CLERK

Welcome to Spring everyone!!!!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to say I hope we all are looking out for not only our physical health as it relates to COVID -19 (which has been with us for over two years), but also our mental health and the mental health of our kids as it relates to COVID -19 and other world issues confronting us as a nation.

I hope in the near future we can get back to some normalcy. And in an attempt to do so, we will share some fun activities that all residents are invited to, besides those listed in the inserted flyer from our Parks and Recreation Department and the events in Dixboro on the website www.superiortownship.org and also our new Nextdoor page at https://nextdoor.com/pages/superior-charter-township?init_source=copy_link_share.

Now, let's take care of the most important duties of the Clerk, our upcoming ELECTIONS.

REDISTRICTING

With the 2020 Census results, the Charter Township of Superior now has Michigan's 6th Congressional District, the 15th Senate District, and the 23rd and 32nd House of Representatives District. **All registered voters will be receiving new Voter Identification Cards.** Please be on the lookout for these in your mailboxes prior to the August election.

Please visit <https://www.michigan.gov/micrc> to view the final maps and for more information on redistricting.

ELECTIONS 2022

We will have three elections. Please see the information below.

We have two dropboxes located at Township Hall (3040 N. Prospect Rd Ypsilanti, MI 48198) and the Utility Building (575 E. Clark Rd Ypsilanti, MI 48198). **Please do not put any election materials through the Utilities drive-thru drop box!**

May 3, 2022 – Special Election for Ypsilanti Community Schools. Only Precincts 2, 3, 4 and 5 will participate in this election. Precinct 1, Ann Arbor Public Schools, will not participate.

The following millage proposal will be on the May 3, 2022, ballot for those in the Ypsilanti Community Schools District:

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL
EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE
AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW
18.0731 MILLS FOR 10 YEARS AND
.5 MILL FOR 11 YEARS FOR
HEADLEE RESTORATION PURPOSES, IF NECESSARY

Full text of the ballot propositions may be obtained at the administrative offices of Ypsilanti Community Schools, 1885 Packard Road, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197-1846, telephone: (734) 221-1200.

Sample ballots can also be found at www.mi.gov/vote and on our Township elections page website.

August 2, 2022 – State Primary Election (Please see the Supervisor's article on the Superior Charter Township Fire and Police Millages which will also be on the ballot.

November 8, 2022 – General Election

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NEWS FROM: BRENDA L. MCKINNEY
YOUR SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP TREASURER SINCE 1996



**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.

Dear Residents,

It is with a humble heart that I am announcing my retirement from the Superior Township Treasurer's Office. Although I have not set a final date, it will be before the Fall issue of Superior Scenes.

This decision comes with a mix of bittersweet emotions. I truly appreciate the opportunity, support, and confidence you have entrusted me since my first election in 1996. Your faith in me as your Treasurer has sustained me while serving through six different Superior Township Boards. I have been privileged to serve Superior Township residents. I have always been dedicated to the position and looked out for the best interest of the entire Township. I have always tried to provide service with courtesy and respect.

Now that I'm in the waning year as your Treasurer, I have reflected on my service and have concluded that the discharge of my statutory duties and the numerous responsibilities of the office has brought me great joy and satisfaction. None greater than meeting thousands of residents over the years. I always enjoyed the conversations, the laughter, and the many kind gestures such as sharing freshly grown vegetables, flowers, and fruits.

I have witnessed many of your children grow up and become young adults. Some of you have also seen my daughter grow up too, we truly have rich history together.

After I retire, I will continue to live in Superior Township. I look forward to spending the rest of my life with my husband and enjoying the rest of my years in good health.

I will remain active in the Township by continuing to serve on the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission and the Ann Arbor Destination Executive Board to represent the residents in Superior Township.

Should you happen to see me walking, please blow your horn, and I will return with a wave and a smile.

God Bless,

Brenda L. McKinney
Superior Township Treasurer

Thank you for all your Support!

Superior Township has been designated as a year-round drop off point for donations of food pantry items and toiletries for the Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti. With the safety protocols that were in place, you remained generous in donating to those in vital need. Residents, your donations of food items, toiletries and blankets were plentiful and very much appreciated. We will continue to have a drop box in the Township. For additional donations, please contact the Hope Clinic directly at (734 484-2989 to schedule a drop off. You can obtain information about their programs and services at: www.thehopeclinic.org.

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Embracing Our Differences Southeast Michigan uses the transformative power of art to spark discussions on our differences: race, sex, LGBTQ, mental and physical differences and to open our heart to embrace diversity.

- Beautiful billboard size art banners done by artists local and from all over the world, will be installed at Gallup and Leslie Science Center in Ann Arbor and Riverside Park and Parkridge Community Center in Ypsilanti from May through September.
- School curriculum has been developed for all grades and is available at no cost to schools to supplement and enhance their lesson plans
- Adult and student docents (guides) will be trained to talk about the art, to illuminate and probe the messages behind each poster

Please visit <https://eodmichigan.com/> for more information

Building Department

RICK MAYERNIK

As spring approaches, so does tornado season. While we are not located in a “Tornado Alley”, being prepared goes a long way toward keeping you and your loved ones safe during a storm. Here are some helpful tips from the International Code Council to make sure you are tornado ready.

- Make sure your family has a plan to congregate in a safe place during a storm.
- Prepare your children about finding safe places when away from home.
- Bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture and toys.
- Check/replace emergency supplies such as water, flashlights and batteries.
- During the storm, stay in a secure place away from windows, skylights and glass doors.
- After the storm, assess and take pictures of any damage to your home.
- Stay away from any loose or downed power lines and report them to DTE



Lastly, consider building a tornado “safe room”. Publication FEMA P-320 “Taking Shelter from the Storm” is available free from the FEMA website and gives guidance and construction drawings for site built safe rooms.

Call DTE at 800-477-4747 to report a downed power line.


OUR WETLANDS BOARD **By: Jim McIntyre**
Be Mindful of Vernal Pools

Warmer weather means we'll soon have evenings filled with the sounds of frogs calling. Many of these frog species rely on our local vernal pools for their existence. These small, seasonal, bodies of water offer many amphibians safety from predators and are critically important for their reproduction and population stability. As development activity increases, so does the pressure on these ecosystems—making it increasingly difficult for many of the species that rely on these pools to survive.

So what can you do to help protect these important habitats?

Here are three easy things you can do to help protect our local vernal pools:

1. Be aware—when using parks and preserves, stay in designated areas to avoid disturbing vernal pools.
2. Keep dogs leashed in areas where vernal pools are present.
3. Be mindful of any vernal pools on your property and plan your property maintenance activities around them, when possible. Be careful not to fill in or level areas that contain vernal pools.

Superior Charter Township has recognized the importance of our wetland areas for many years and is one of the few communities in Michigan with wetlands protections built into our Township ordinances. As each year passes, the value of our wetlands becomes more apparent and it becomes clearer that continued action aimed at protecting these areas is vitally important to our community.

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ABSENTEE VOTERS:

If you would like to be placed on the absentee voter list, please email lynettefindley@superior-twp.org. Once you are on the list, you will receive an application before every election. You must return that application to receive a ballot.

Voters should also be aware of the following:

- Within 14 days of an election, voters can only register in person at the local Clerk's Office.
- Registered voters may obtain an absent voter ballot via first class mail until 5 pm on the Friday prior to each election.
- Voters may obtain an absent voter ballot in person at the Clerk's Office until 4 pm the day prior to an election.

The Clerk's office is accepting applications for election inspectors for all elections. We are specifically looking for those who identify with a party that is non-Democrat, but welcome anyone who is willing to apply. We value our dedicated and loyal veteran election inspectors.

Visit www.superiortownship.org for continued elections updates or follow us on Nextdoor at https://nextdoor.com/pages/superior-charter-township?init_source=copy_link_share.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING SCHEDULE:

All regular meetings are held at the Township Hall, 3040 N. Prospect, at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. We encourage you to attend our meetings to find out how your Officials work for you!

Monday, April 18, 2022	Monday, September 19, 2022
Monday, May 16, 2022	Monday, October 17, 2022
Monday, June 20, 2022	Monday, November 21, 2022
Monday, July 18, 2022	Monday, December 19, 2022
Monday, August 15, 2022	

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP UTILITIES DEPARTMENT (STUD)

Residential Cross Connection & Backflow Prevention Program

Superior Township Utility Department is scheduled to launch a new residential cross connection and backflow prevention program this Spring.

The Safe Drinking Water Act EGLE Mandate requires that Superior Township protect the public water supply to the customer's tap. The exterior water connections of all residential properties must be inspected every three years and evaluated for potential cross contamination with non-drinking water sources or plumbing systems. This means all testable backflow devices for all residential properties must be tested. Testing ensures that the assemblies are operating as required to prevent backflow of contaminated or polluted water into the public drinking water supply.

What is a cross connection? Any arrangement of piping on a plumbing system that could result in backflow of contaminants into the public drinking water supply.

What is backflow? A backflow occurs when a reversal of water flow from a building's plumbing system backs up into the public drinking water supply system. This could be the result of a pressure drop in the public water supply system due to a main break. Backflow also happens when plumbing fixtures generate more pressure than the public supply system and pushes water back into the public drinking water supply. Common causes of backflow include irrigation systems, garden hoses that are submerged in swimming pools, utility sinks, buckets, mud puddles, etc.

What to expect? Superior Township Utility Department Field Technicians will be seen in neighborhoods conducting inspections which may require entering the backyards of properties. All Technicians will have picture identification badges and will be driving official Superior Township utility trucks. Inspections do not require the resident to be present and will be conducted outside of the home.

For further information, please contact the Superior Township Utility Department at 734-480-5500.

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

Superior Township Utility Department is now a participant in LIHWAP. This program is designed to assist low-income households with water bill payments. Benefits include up to \$650 in direct payment assistance for household accounts in arrears. Please call 313-388-9799 today to apply

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS:

We Hear You!

For the past several years, our residents have expressed their desire to have a community center in the Macarthur Blvd./Harris Rd. area. We are happy to announce that we are considering the feasibility of using the old Cheney Elementary School or another location nearby to serve as the site for this center. In the next few weeks, a Community Center Advisory Committee will begin meeting to provide expertise and direction programming for the center. Stay tuned!



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

What You Should Know About Your Taxes

Total property tax billed for 2021 was estimated at \$34,050,837.83. The estimated total amount of property tax collected as of February 28, 2022, was \$33,194,800.58 from 6,268 parcels. As of this date, Superior Township has collected approximately 97.48% of the estimated taxes billed.

- The 2021 Summer & Winter Tax Collection ended on February 28, 2022. Beginning March 1, 2022, all delinquent 2021 real property taxes are now payable to the Washtenaw County Treasurer, with additional interest and penalties as prescribed by law. Please contact the Washtenaw County Treasurer at (734) 222-6600 with any questions.
- New homeowners, please be sure to file your completed Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) Affidavit forms with the Assessor to claim the exemption from school operating taxes on your property tax bill. Filing deadlines are on or before June 1st for a summer PRE and on or before November 1st for a winter PRE.
- Summer tax deferments are available to qualified applicants. Deferment applications will be mailed June 1st. Please sign and return completed applications by September 14th. A deferment extends the deadline for homeowners to pay taxes until April 30th without penalties or interest charges. Please contact my office at (734) 482-6099 with any questions.
- Once you receive your tax bill, 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 1% per month interest fee unless a deferment has been granted. After February 28th, any unpaid real property taxes must be paid to the Washtenaw County Treasury with additional interest and penalties as prescribed by law.
- Credit and debit cards can now be accepted for tax payments at the Treasurer’s office. All credit and debit card payments are subject to a 3% vendor fee (minimum \$2.00). Credit and debit cards accepted for payment at the Treasurer’s office include MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express.
- 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 Charter Township website at: www.superiortownship.org, through Point & Pay. From the home page, click on Departments/Treasurer to “Pay Taxes Online.” The online tax payment portal will be available July 1st – February 28th. Summer property tax payments must be made by September 14th to avoid a 1% per month interest fee. Winter property tax payments are due February 14th. Credit and debit cards accepted for online payments include MasterCard, VISA, Discover, and American Express. There is a 3% vendor fee (minimum \$2.00) for payments made by credit or debit cards; there is \$3.00 vendor fee for payments made from a checking or savings account, using an electronic check.
- 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 my office at (734) 482-6099 so your tax bill will be sent to you.

WASHTENAW COUNTY 2022 CLEAN-UP DAYS

washtenaw.org/cleanup

734-222-3950

Home Toxics | Electronics | Scrap Metal | Tires | Appliances | and more!
Accepted items at each event vary. Visit washtenaw.org/cleanup about one month prior to event for more details and a complete list of accepted items.

These events are **FREE**, with a suggested donation.

April 23	Chelsea	Chelsea High School
June 25	Northfield	Whitmore Lake High School
July 23	Augusta	Lincoln High School
July 30	Saline	Saline High School
August 27	Ypsilanti	Eastern Michigan University Rynearson Stadium



Events are open from 9AM - 1PM. All vehicles in line by 1pm will be served. These events are for Washtenaw County residents only. Materials from businesses, government agencies, non-profits, or other organizations cannot be accepted.

NEWS FROM THE YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY (YDL)

MARY GARBODEN

8795 MacArthur Blvd
734-879-1310



Construction Update:

Construction of the new library on Harris Road is now over a third of the way complete! Construction crews worked throughout the winter, despite cold weather and snow. Structural masonry work is finished, the heating and cooling unit is in place, and gas and power are available. Roof work is nearly finished, and exterior work will continue over the coming months. Library staff are busy ordering books, selecting furnishings, and planning programs for the new location.

We have an exciting new addition to announce: solar power! The solar installation will reduce energy costs and serve as an educational tool for visitors. The Library and our construction manager selected Nova Consultants to install the 47 KW array. The solar installation will happen concurrently with the finishing of the roof.

Coming Soon: Summer Challenge

As spring winds down and summer approaches, watch www.ypsilibrary.org/summer for details on our Summer Challenge, an exciting reading and activity program for all ages.

Curbside hours:
Monday 10-6
Tuesday 9-5
Wednesday 2-6
Thursday 9-5
Friday 9-1
Saturday 10-6

Pop-up Library at Sycamore Meadows:

Thanks to a grant from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, YDL and Success by Six Great Start Collaborative will host pop-up library events at Sycamore Meadows twice each month from April-September. The events, held outside the Sycamore Meadows leasing office, will be held from 4-6pm the second & fourth Monday of the month and will include access to computers & free printing, story times, social services, and giveaways of books and educational toys.

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SUPERIOR PARK NEWS

By: Juan Bradford

Tennis anyone?

How about a game of pickleball?

If you are interested in either tennis or pickleball, no matter what your skill level is, contact the Parks & Recreation office and let us know. We would like to help you get together with other interested players to meet up for informal games, fun, and exercise. Participants of all levels are welcome. The newly refurbished courts at Community Park will have time slots reserved specifically for playing tennis or pickleball, daily or weekly, depending on the number of responses we get. This is not meant to be a league, tournament, or competitive style of play, it is just an effort to help players of either sport connect with one another to enjoy a friendly game or two. Additionally, we will also be offering "Introduction to Tennis" to children ages 6-13 this summer. Because this is a free offering, children must be residents of Superior Charter Township, and a parent or guardian must provide proof of residency. Kids will learn the basics of tennis from a trained instructor in a group setting. Tennis racquets and balls will be provided for use. Contact the Parks & Recreation office now to reserve a spot.

If music is your thing, we are happy to announce that for the second year in a row the Superior Charter Township Parks & Recreation Commission will be partnering with the Ann Arbor Summer Festival to host Live! Here! Now! at Fireman's Park on Saturday June 4th at 5:30pm. Live! Here! Now! is an evening of live music, free meals for the kids, and a business mixer for Washtenaw County minority small business owners. The event begins at 5:30pm, and the live music takes the stage at 6:30pm. Other partners include the Ypsilanti Community Schools and the Ypsilanti District Library.

Don't forget to check out the 2022 Special Events flier that is included in this newsletter. We would love to see you at one of the many family friendly events. If you would like additional information regarding any of our events, programs, or other matters please feel free to reach out to me at the Parks & Recreation Department at (734) 480-5502, or via email at jbradford@superior-twp.org.

HAVE A SUPERIOR DAY!

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Free electronic recycling event:

Saturday, April 23, 10am - 4pm

YDL Whittaker

5577 Whittaker Rd.

Celebrate Earth Day by recycling old computers, printers, and other household electronics. See the list of acceptable items at [ypsilibrary.org/events](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/events). Limited to residents of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Superior Township. Donations will be accepted by the Friends of YDL to support future programs. When you arrive, please enter from Veterans Memorial Drive (aka Civic Center Drive). Have your items in your trunk, remain in the vehicle, and only bring what can be unloaded by one person within 5 minutes.

Take a look at the most recent aerial photo of the building, taken at the end of February. Be sure to walk or drive by often to keep an eye on the progress. The library is anticipated to open in Fall 2022. Keep an eye on [ypsilibrary.org/our-new-library](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/our-new-library) for updates.



Welcome to Superior Township!

By Brenda Baker, Committee to Promote Superior Township

Back in the Saddle

The Committee to Promote Superior Township is emerging from the COVID-induced slow period with a full plate of activity—thanks in part to some new participants.

A new thrust of the Committee is to establish a social media presence for the Township. There is some potential for misuse of such a site; we need to balance this risk with the benefits of reaching a significant portion of our audience where they get their information. A couple of the recent volunteers have skills in social media that we haven't had before, putting the Committee in a better position to take on this challenge.

Fresh eyes have also re-invigorated what has turned into a multi-year project to develop a more robust, consistent, and complete Welcome packet for new Township residents. (We intend for the packet to be available to "old" residents, too, on the Township website.)

We had wanted to include a list of businesses in the Township, but surprisingly, no one seemed to have such a list. One of our new folks found the answer on Google Maps. If you zoom in to an area of interest, it displays the names of businesses where they are located, and we can extract them from there.

The Committee has long felt that the Dixboro Farmers' Market was a good place to connect with another segment of our audience, but none of our active participants happens to be a farmer. Market management has allowed us to display a small poster for several years. We appreciated that opportunity but wished we could be more effective.

The group has now come up with a better idea: We can use existing photos and text already developed for our "Superior Places" and create a slideshow. We hope to obtain a laptop computer where we can run the slideshow in a continuous loop, unmanned, at the Farmers' Market and elsewhere.

One aspect of our outreach that has not come back yet from the pandemic is our partnership with the Ypsilanti District Library, Superior Township branch. We are ready to populate our allocated display space in the new library building as soon as it opens!

The Committee will also be present at Superior Day when it is scheduled.

The Committee to Promote Superior Township meets by Zoom only, from 7:00-8:30pm on the third Wednesday of the month. Feel free to Zoom in any month—you won't be "joining" anything or making a commitment. The link is available on the Township website.

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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 Health Hospital and from the multi-unit apartment complexes on MacArthur Boulevard. Superior Township receives over \$226,000 dollars from these private parties because these sources have created an extraordinary demand for police services upon the Township.

The total funds raised from all sources in 2022 for police services is \$2,086,372, while expenditures are estimated to be \$1,980,793. So, as you can see, revenues exceeded expenditures by only \$105,000; less than the cost of one deputy. An important consideration is we cannot plan for the extra costs in police overtime wages which cannot be precisely predicted in advance. One criminal investigation can create a tremendous overtime liability, and there has been increases in the costs of county police services since the last millage was approved in 2018. In other words, the costs for county police services contract have risen each year but the millage has not been raised to match. Now that we are at the end of the funding cycle, the Board must renew the millage or reduce or eliminate the number of deputies working in Superior Township.

In addition to traditional police services the millage also funds neighborhood watch, zoning ordinance enforcement, blight enforcement and the costs of prosecuting ordinance violations.

This summer, Superior Township will also ask the voters to renew the Fire Department millage. Currently, the Fire Department millage is 3.4601 mills and generates \$2,520,815 in tax revenues. The Fire Department millage expires this year and must be renewed in 2022 to provide Fire Department funding from 2023 to 2026. Without a renewal there will be no dedicated funding for Fire Department services.

The total funds generated from taxation and private sources in 2022 for the Fire Department is estimated to be \$2,651,869. The revenue is spread to cover the costs of operating the fire department and setting aside reserve funds for truck replacement and the building construction fund. Total expenditures are \$2,651,869, so we do have a balanced budget. 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 will require expanding the Fire Department.

In 2018 Superior Township had nine full-time fire fighters: three of which are captains, one captain for each 24-hour shift. We also employ a fire chief and a fire marshall. The Fire Chief is Victor Chevrette, and the Fire Marshall is Dan Kimball. In 2019 Superior Township qualified for a FEMA SAFER Grant which funded 70% the cost of adding three new fire fighters. Now in 2022, the Fire Department consists of twelve fire fighters, three captains, a fire marshall and the fire chief.

Based on the fact that 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, the Board will be asking the residents to approve a ballot measure to renew the existing Fire Department millage so that we can adequately protect our residents from fire and medical emergencies, and to engage the public in fire prevention education, safety investigations and inspections.

Both millages will be on the August ballot and both millages are renewals. We are not asking for an increase.

In 2020 the Township secured from SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) a grant for the construction of a non-motorized path from Geddes and Prospect to Prospect and Berkshire. Washtenaw County Parks also provided a grant to offset the costs of engineering and inspection. Construction of the path is now complete and is open for use.

In February 2022, the Township closed on the sale of the 301-acre property known as the Rock property. The developers proposed to use the property as a 2,000 unit manufactured housing community. This proposal was met with furious opposition by residents. The Township was able to negotiate the purchase of the property, and we now have ownership. The Board will now determine the uses of the land, but it will remain for residents' usage as a park and preserve.

Superior Charter Township residents who want to talk about any other matter important to you, feel free to call me at 734-482-6099.

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NOW HIRING!

THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY
HIRING SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE STAFF
STARTING RATE IS \$17.00 / HOUR
AGES 18+ 32 HOURS / WEEK
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT
JUAN BRADFORD, PARKS & RECREATION ADMINISTRATOR
(734) 480-5502 or jbradford@superior-twp.org

SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP IS AN EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Garden Plots Available

The Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy runs a Community Organic Garden at its Conservancy Farm on Vreeland Road. Garden plots are free for Township residents, although donations are still welcome to support the Conservancy. A full plot is 20' x 20', and half-plots are also available. Plots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Community Organic Garden is a great place to grow your own veggies in a wonderful setting. The Conservancy Farm is located amidst over 1,000 acres of protected nature preserves and farmland, so viewing songbirds and other wildlife is a favorite activity of participants. Contact volunteer Garden Coordinator Jack Smiley by email at jackrsmiley@gmail.com if you are interested in having a garden plot. Additional information is available on SMLC's website at www.smlcland.org.



The Dixboro Farmers Market is preparing to open for its 11th season! Held every Friday afternoon on the Dixboro Village Green from 3:00 – 6:00 pm, the season opens on May 27th and runs through October 21st. As in previous years, the Farmers Market will feature fresh produce, baked goods, specialty items like local honey and other shopping opportunities. There will be live music on the Pavilion during the Market along with food trucks on selected dates.

Special events are scheduled during the season, including Movies on the Green – July 9th, Discover Dixboro – July 29th, Cars on the Green (a vintage car show) – on September 16th, and Trunk or Treat on the last day of the Market, October 21st.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday afternoons this summer!



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48198
734-484-1996

In Emergency dial 911

Fire Station #2
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OUR SUPERIOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF VIC CHEVRETTE

I am pleased to write this column and update you on what is happening within your Fire Department. With spring and summer approaching, it will be time to clean your yards. As a reminder, burn permits are required for the burning of yard waste.

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 to be burned. 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 the Burning Ordinance. Applications for open burning permit are found at the Township Hall. Once approved you will need to notify the Fire Department at 734- 484-1996, prior to any open burning.

The Fire Department has free smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to install. You may contact the Fire Department at 734-484-1996 for installation. With COVID-19, the Fire Department personnel will be utilizing social distancing and PPE when installing the Detectors.

Child Care Seat Safety Check:

The Fire Department offers child car seat safety check by one of our certified personnel. Please call the fire personnel: Fire Marshal Dan Kimball and Fire Fighter Jacob Clark at 734-484-1996.

Grants:

The Fire Department was awarded a Regional FEMA Grant for Personal Protective Equipment. This \$226,320.00 grant will outfit sixty-nine Firefighters within the Region.

Tornado Siren Testing:

Just a reminder that tornado sirens will be tested in the spring. Announcements will be made from the Washtenaw County Emergency Management.