

# SUPERIOR SCENES

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SUPERIOR NEWSLETTER



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### FROM OUR SUPERVISOR BY KENNETH SCHWARTZ, SUPERVISOR

In June of 2022 the Superior Charter Township Board approved an amendment to the area plan and development agreement between Superior Township and Hyundai Motor Company. The amendment permitted an expansion of the Hyundai American Technical Center located on the southwest corner of Geddes and Leforge Roads to add 98,600 square feet of new construction covering three separate buildings.

The first building is 58,000 square feet which will accommodate over 150 new employees in research and development in advanced electrical systems for automotive purposes, the development of hydrogen fuel cell research, and other advanced automotive components. The second building is a 38,300 square feet indoor automobile crash test facility and the equipment to measure various impacts to improve automobile safety. The third building is a small garage which will support the ¼ mile outdoor test track. Vehicles will be driven on a strip at no more than 45 m.p.h. All new construction is based upon research, development, and improved safety.



**KENNETH SCHWARTZ**  
SUPERVISOR

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## NEWS FROM OUR SUPERIOR CLERK BY LYNETTE FINDLEY, CLERK

### Welcome to Fall everyone!!!

Time is passing by quickly and I must say, where did our summer go!

I would like to share with you in this article important information regarding the changes made related to the state of Michigan elections which the voters passed Prop 22-2 in November 2022.

An update of our future East Recreation/Community Center (that could potentially be a partnership with YMCA) initiative which we would love to hear feedback from all our residents.

Finally, I will address concerns we have received related to solicitation in the Township.



LYNETTE  
FINDLEY  
CLERK

### ELECTION NEWS!!!

What You Need to Know as the 2024 election season approaches. It is critical for Michigan voters to understand the state of Michigan's newly adopted early voting and Absentee Voting rules. These rules ensure that all eligible Michigan voters can exercise their constitutional right to vote conveniently and securely. Please carefully read all the changes below. These changes incorporate all the election updates from the state of Michigan.

#### Early Voting Dates and Locations:

Early voting is a convenient option for those who prefer to cast their ballots before Election Day. In Michigan, early voting must be provided for each statewide and federal election for nine consecutive days. This period begins on the second Saturday before the election and ends on the Sunday just before the election day itself. It provides voters with ample time to participate in the electoral process at their convenience. In order to implement early voting, the Charter Township of Superior will be teaming up with the Washtenaw County Clerk's Office, along with 22 other jurisdictions in Washtenaw County. This collaborative effort ensures that voters have access to an early voting site and the resources they need to cast their ballots conveniently.

The polling site for **ALL** Charter Superior Township Electors wishing to participate in early voting will be at the following two locations:

**YPSILANTI FREIGHTHOUSE AT 100 MARKET PLACE, YPSILANTI MI, 48198**

**WASHTENAW COUNTY LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER AT 4135 WASHTENAW AVE, ANN ARBOR, MI 48108**

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**NEWS FROM: LISA A. LEWIS,  
SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP TREASURER**



**LISA  
LEWIS**  
TREASURER

A special thank you to all the residents and elected officials who attended and supported the joint efforts of The Parks and Recreation Department and The Treasurer's Office for the return of Superior Day! This year's sponsors were Absopure, Carlisle Wortman, Hyundai, OHM and SEMCOG.

This day was also successful because of The Superior Township Fire and Utility Departments, Ypsilanti District Library, Washtenaw County Sheriff Department, WISD, Southpoint Scholars, C2PST and Leslie Nature Center. All in attendance appeared to have had an enjoyable time petting the farm animals, pony rides, face painting, Kona Ice, karate demonstrations, educational resources; i.e.; Michigan Natural Resources, Michigan Land Conservancy and Cherry Hills Natural Preserves. The weather was perfect, and the food was filling!

**Save the date: June 8, 2024 with a rain date of June 9th.**

### **Tax Information**

- **Summer Collection:** 2023 taxes are payable July 1 through September 14 without interest charges. After that 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:** 2023 taxes are payable beginning December 1 and are due by February 14, 2024. All 2023 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 Office Hours:** The Township's hours: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Payments can be made in person or through the Treasurer's Mail Slot inside the front foyer of the township hall or mailed. On September 14, 2023, the Treasurer's Office will be open until 5:00 PM. On December 29, 2023, the Treasurer's Office will be open until 5:30 PM and on February 29, 2024, the Treasurer's Office will be open until 5:00 PM. Please refer to the Superior Charter Township Holiday Schedule on our website ([www.superiortownship.org](http://www.superiortownship.org)) for the days that the Treasurer's Office will be closed.
- **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.
- **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.

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**Wetlands Board****Jim McIntyre**

Getting ready for autumn means preparing for the annual battle with fallen leaves. Raking leaves is tedious, and always seems like an uphill battle. This year, rather than fighting Mother Nature and raking your leaves, consider mowing your leaves while you mow your grass.

This practice has several benefits. You'll save time and headaches by not raking and bagging your leaves only to then have to find a place to store them while you wait for pickup. The layer of mulch you'll create by mowing your leaves can also help to prevent weeds, as the leaf mulch starves the weed seeds of sunlight, making it harder for them to germinate. That same layer of mulch will help you to conserve water by keeping moisture in the soil, keeping your lawn green with less water.

Additionally, mowing your leaves helps the leaves break down more quickly, adding back nutrients to your lawn. Some experts even argue that this practice can eliminate the need for applying fall fertilizer to your grass, and any fertilizer we can keep out of the watershed has a positive impact on the health of our local wetlands. You can even use any excess leaf mulch to add to your flower beds and gardens to give them a nutrient boost that will make them healthier next year!

Why spend time, effort, and money removing the leaves? Put them to work for you instead by mulching your leaves this fall.

**Building Department****Bill Balmes**

Fall is here and it is time to think about winterizing your sprinkler system. Winterizing is important and can help prevent damage from frozen pipes. If you are not equipped to do this task yourself, there are many professional lawn and sprinkler companies that will get your sprinkler system winter-ready.

**Lots of Construction Happening in Superior Charter Township**

**The Arbor Hills Animal Clinic** at 5347 Plymouth/Ann Arbor Rd. is open for business.

**Huron Dental** to be located at the corner of Plymouth/Ann Arbor and Church is still in the planning stages.

**Woodside Village off Ridge** is on pace to be completed in 2024.

Site work has begun for **Prospect Pointe West**. This is a 157-unit development of Single-Family Dwellings by Lombardo Homes. Located just west of Prospect Rd. south of Geddes. The homes will range from 2,000 to 3,200 square ft. Construction is to begin early in 2024, phase one will include 39 homes.

Site preparation has begun for **Kinsley**, a 21-unit project on 47 acres located on the north side of Plymouth rd. west of M-14. Homes here will be from 2,700 to 6,200 square feet on 1 acre lots by Cranbrook Homes. Construction is set to begin in 2024 and expected to wrap up in 2026.

**Brookwood Estates** is in the preliminary planning stages. This is a 3 phase, 336-unit project located on the east side of Leforge between Geddes and W. Clark. The proposed project is Mixed Use Residential consisting of Apartments, age restricted Duplex's and individually owned Town Homes. They are hoping to start in Fall of 2024.

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- **Online Tax Payments:** To pay current year taxes online, visit our website at [www.superiortownship.org](http://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.
- **Escrow Payments:** Homeowners who have refinanced - please have your lender contact my office with new mailing information.
- **New Homeowners:** Please make sure to complete and file your Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) Affidavit with the Assessor’s Office to claim the exemption from the school operating millage.
- **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. Summer tax deferment applications for the 2023 tax year must be signed and returned by September 14, 2023. Winter tax deferment applications for the 2024 tax year must be signed and returned by February 14, 2024.

#### **Support for Hope Clinic:**

- Superior Township will continue to be designated as a year-round drop off point for donations of food pantry items and toiletries for the Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti. If you are considering a other donations, please contact the Hope Clinic directly at (734) 484-2989 to schedule a drop off. You can obtain information about their programs and service at: [www.thehopeclinic.org](http://www.thehopeclinic.org)

**This Treasurer is dedicated to handling public funds with the highest degree of integrity and accountability and very thankful for her dynamic team. We are committed to continue “to provide prompt, courteous, and efficient service to the public.”**

**Be well and remain superior!**

**Superior Township Utilities Department (STUD)  
Mary Burton**

### **2022 Drinking Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report)**

The 2022 Drinking Water Quality Report for Superior Charter Township is now available. This report is published annually and contains detailed information on test results for drinking water. To review the report online, please visit our website at [www.superiortownship.org](http://www.superiortownship.org) or to receive a free printed copy, please email your request to [utilitydept@superior-twp.org](mailto:utilitydept@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.

### **EXTENSION for Bill Payment Assistance Program LIHWAP:**

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) has been extended. LIHWAP was expected to conclude on September 30th, 2023 but due to an extension, LIHWAP will be continuing until March 31st, 2024! LIHWAP is available for Superior Charter Township residents. Benefits include up to \$1500 in direct payment assistance with past-due water bills. Apply online at [Washtenaw.org/lihwap](http://Washtenaw.org/lihwap) or call 734-544-6721 for more information.

### **Do you know how much water can be lost from a leaky faucet or toilet?**

A leaky faucet or toilet can add up very quickly over a short period of time. A very small drip of 30 drops per minute will equal about 54 gallons of water in a one-month period while a slightly larger drip of 60 drops per minute will equal about 237 gallons per month. A leaky toilet can waste about 200 gallons of water every day! To test your toilet, remove the lid from the tank and put in five to ten drops of food coloring. Wait about 30 minutes to check the bowl, if any color seeps in the bowl there is a leak. Have it fixed immediately!

### **CUSTOMER BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

**U.S. Mail:** Send check or money order with payment stub to: STUD, 575 E Clark Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

**Lobby service counter (9:00 am-4:00 pm Mon-Fri):** Check, money order or credit/debit card accepted.

**Drive-thru Service (8:15 am-4:15 pm Mon-Fri):** check or money order **24 Hour Drop Box:** Check or money order **(NO CASH PAYMENTS ACCEPTED)**

**Online Payments:** Go to [www.superiortownship.org](http://www.superiortownship.org) for Discover and Master Card only (convenience fee applies) or choose electronic check for FREE.

**AUTO-Pay/ACH:** Sign up for ACH to have your bill deducted from your bank account on the due date FREE of charge. Go to [www.superiortownship.org](http://www.superiortownship.org) to download the form. Email completed forms to [utilitydept@superior-twp.org](mailto:utilitydept@superior-twp.org) and include a blank, voided check or send by U.S. mail.

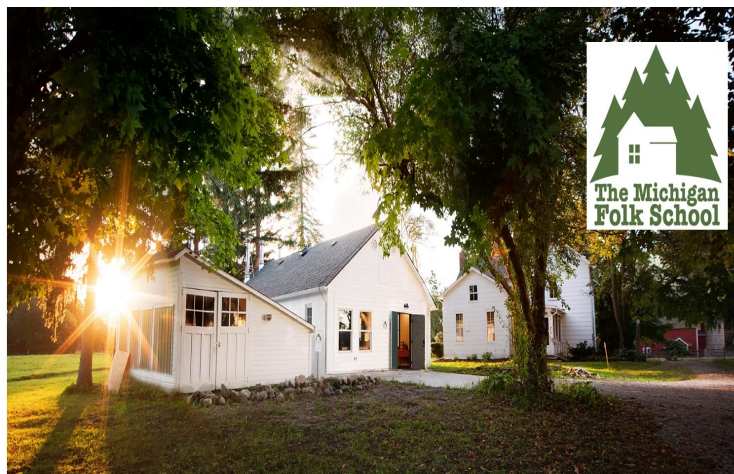
Dixboro News  
Tom Freeman

### North Superior News!

**The Dixboro Farmers' Market** continues its 12th season on the Dixboro Village Green every Friday from 3:00 – 6:00 pm through October 20th. Along with vendors providing great fresh produce and other foods, the Market includes live music performances and a food truck for the enjoyment of our patrons. Our last market on October 20th will include a celebration of Halloween presented in partnership with Dixboro United Methodist Church. Fall Festival Activities 4:30 – 7:00 pm and Trunk or Treat 5:30 – 6:30 pm. There will be food trucks(!), Ghost Train Rides and games for children. Bring your own bag, wear a costume and have fun!



In other North Superior News, the Michigan Folk School is holding its Fall Festival on Saturday, October 14th, 10am – 3pm at Staebler Farm County Park located at 7734 Plymouth Road. Come and celebrate the roots, richness and variety of folk culture through traditional crafts, skills, music and food. The Festival will showcase a variety of local and regional contemporary folk artists along with the opening of the new Blackbird Lodge at Staebler Farm County Park. This is an “all-ages” event and is free to the public.



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In addition to the amended area plan the Township Board granted Hyundai a 12-year property tax abatement at 50% of the final state equalized value. The total cost of construction is anticipated to be between \$55 million to \$60 million dollars. Hyundai is expected to get their final certificates of occupancy by the end of the year. As a result, the Township will see an increase of approximately \$13 million to \$15 million dollars in taxable value on the tax roll. That will increase total revenues to the township by approximately \$100,000.00 per year beginning in 2024.

At the July 20th meeting the Board voted 5-2 to approve a rezoning and an area plan submitted by the non-profit, Garrett's Space, a proposed facility situated on approximately 70 acres on Dixboro Road just north of M-14. The proposed facility is intended to assist young people between the ages of 18-28 who have suicidal thoughts, depression and/or anxiety. The purpose of the facility is to provide counseling and intervention for these young people. Persons with serious mental illnesses cannot be admitted and the residential capacity is limited to no more than 30 adults.

As a result of the zoning decision, a group of Superior Charter Township residents filed a lawsuit in the Washtenaw County Trial Court seeking to overturn the Township Board's decision to approve the zoning and area plan for this facility.

Despite the lawsuit, Garrett's Space will continue to move through the site plan process. Preliminary and final site plans will have to be submitted, reviewed, and addressed by the Superior Charter Township Planning Commission until a final site plan is approved. Ultimately, Garrett's Space will come back to the Board of Trustees for approval or denial of a final development agreement and plan. So, the issues surrounding Garretts Space are far from finalized. If you have a particular concern one way or another regarding the facility keep your eye on the Township website for updates and the various times for Planning Commission and Township Board review and decisions.

There are also two new housing subdivisions that will begin construction this year. "Prospect Pointe West," located directly west to the Prospect Pointe subdivision will feature 157 new homes. Prospect Pointe West has already started construction of the new public infrastructure to service the houses. To the immediate west of Prospect Pointe West will be a new subdivision, "The Meadows" featuring 215 new homes. Construction should start later this year or early next year.

Price points for these developments are expected to be in the high \$300s to the low \$400 thousand dollars. With the Hyundai expansion and these two new subdivisions, the Utility Department will receive enough revenue to cover the entire cost of the new Clark Road Pump Station plus additional reserves.

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The new Clerk Road pump station is under construction and is located on a 55-acre tract of county park land on the north side of Clark Road just west of River Street. As part of the original bid the Township agreed to build a small parking lot and kiosk on the park property to provide access to the preserved parkland. The name of the new park is the "Highlands." After the pump station construction is finished the park will be opened to the public and a trail system will be installed connecting the Highlands to the Township's non-motorized trail system.

Speaking of county parks, the Michigan Folk School is open at the Staebler County Farm Park located on Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road between Prospect and Curtis. The park will host a new facility, the "Blackbird Lodge" which will formally open on October 1st. The new facility has a large meeting room that divides into three smaller rooms for community use. The facility has a complete commercial kitchen for teaching cooking skills.

The Blackbird Lodge is part of the Michigan Folk School's Superior Township campus and rounds out the original Staebler family farmhouse, barns, silos, and outbuildings. The Folk School will provide a range of classes teaching traditional American skills to a modern society.

On October 14th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Folk School will be hosting the annual "Michigan Folk Festival." Over 30 craft instructors will be teaching and demonstrating traditional skills. There will be music and food. This will be a great time to introduce yourself to this amazing campus of preserved historic buildings, lakes, ponds, crystal clear creeks, forest, and prairie lands.

For more information contact the staff at [mifolkschool.com](http://mifolkschool.com). The address is 7734 Plymouth Ann Arbor Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105



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Nature Preserve

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### **Election Day Voting Continues**

While early voting offers flexibility, traditional voting on Election Day remains unchanged.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. at your designated voting location.

### **Precinct Locations**

Dixboro Methodist Church – 5221 Church St. **Precinct 1**

Abundant Life Ministries Church- 855 E. Clark Rd. **Precinct 2**

Christian Love Fellowship Ministries – 1601 Stamford Rd. **Precinct 3&4**

Superior Charter Township Hall – 3040 N. Prospect Rd. **Precinct 5**

### **2024 Election Schedule:**

We are waiting on the State's decision regarding the Presidential Primary Election. It will be on one of the following dates:

February 27, 2024

March 12, 2024

August 6, 2024: State Primary Election

November 5, 2024: General Election

### **Absentee Voting Option:**

Michigan also offers the option of absentee voting for any registered voters. You can request and cast your vote by absentee ballot in any election. To make the process even more accessible, registered Michigan voters can sign up for the Permanent Absentee Voter List. By doing so, you will automatically receive an absentee ballot before every election, simplifying the voting process.

To sign up for the Permanent Absentee Voter List, you can visit <https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/> or do so when completing a Michigan Absent Voter Ballot Application by mail or at your local clerk's office. This option ensures that you never miss an opportunity to vote, even if you cannot make it to the polls in person.

In February 2024, an important update will come into effect: voters will have the option to bring their absentee ballots to an early voting site and insert them into a tabulator. This change aims to streamline the early voting process and make it more accessible to Michigan residents. It is critical to note that once any ballot is submitted into a tabulator it cannot be spoiled.

For more information, please visit:

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

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections>

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### **Community Center Progress Continues**

The Charter Township of Superior, in cooperation with Washtenaw County and others, are working diligently to bring residents an East Recreation /Community Center (potentially a partnership with the YMCA) located at 1500 Stamford Road which includes the site of the former Cheney School. At the last Community Center Advisory Committee (CCAC) meeting, Washtenaw County Administrator Greg Dill stated the County is waiting for the last signature from Ypsilanti Community Schools to complete the purchase of the site and he is hoping to do a symbolic ground breaking ceremony in October 2023. To be clear, Washtenaw County would be the owner of the site development.

Commitment to the community and their needs remains the goal of the CCAC. We are dedicated to providing seamless programming throughout the facility which would be affordable to all residents. The CCAC has developed a survey as one tool for meeting that goal. Please take a few moments to make your voice a part of the conversation regarding the Center by accessing the survey with the QR code provided, or by visiting [tinyurl.com/WCESCCsurvey](https://tinyurl.com/WCESCCsurvey).



**We welcome your feedback!**

### **Peddler/Soliciting Licenses**

In the Charter Township of Superior it is required that anyone seeking to Peddle or Solicit in the Township acquire a license from the Clerk's office, per Ordinance 189. All vendors that have been issued a license are posted on the Township's website. Unfortunately, this summer we have seen several companies violating this ordinance. If you see or encounter vendors in your neighborhood who have do not have a license or who are violating the ordinance in another way, please contact the Sheriff's Department immediately.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

All regular meetings are held at the Township Hall, 3040 N. Prospect, at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month unless there is a holiday. We encourage you to attend our meetings to learn valuable information regarding your Township. As a friendly reminder, all Board of Trustee meetings are live streamed via ZOOM (the link is available on the "SuperiorTownship.org" website) where you can watch and participate live and make your voices heard. Additionally, all Board of Trustee meeting recordings are shared on our YouTube channel.

[https://youtube.com/@CharterTownshipOfSuperior?si=mt\\_2Pf6ttP\\_-Hs7x](https://youtube.com/@CharterTownshipOfSuperior?si=mt_2Pf6ttP_-Hs7x)

The remaining meetings for this year are listed below.

Monday, October 16, 2023  
 Monday, November 20, 2023  
 Monday, December 18, 2023

**Please be safe and have a wonderful fall and winter!**

**News from the Ypsilanti District Library**

by Mary Garboden, Branch Manager, YDL-Superior

1900 Harris Road  
734-482-4110 x2430

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Friday - Saturday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Celebrating One Year**

November 14 will mark one year of service at the new Superior Charter Township Library. In the first year, Superior Charter Township residents have welcomed and embraced the library by attending story times, checking out items from the amazing collection, and getting involved in art, science, fitness, and reading activities. A highlight of the first year at this location was the summer, where we provided over 1,110 free lunches to children and hosted 2,345 total people at library events.

**Meeting Rooms**

One of the library's most popular resources is our meeting and study rooms. Did you know that your library offers free meeting space? YDL-Superior has two small group study rooms and one large meeting room. The study rooms can be reserved on the library's website for up to four hours each day. The meeting room is available for non-commercial events that are open to the public. Please contact us at [supmeetingroom@ypsilibrary.org](mailto:supmeetingroom@ypsilibrary.org) or go to [ypsilibrary.org/meeting-rooms](http://ypsilibrary.org/meeting-rooms) for more information.

**Upcoming Events**

YDL-Superior has something for everyone this fall. Visitors of all ages can enjoy meeting neighbors across generations at the intergenerational art series, with instruction from local artists Lynne Settles (9/26 & 9/28), Paloma Núñez-Regueiro (10/14 & 10/21), and Curtis Wallace (11/2 & 11/9). For more information, go to [www.ypsilibrary.org](http://www.ypsilibrary.org). STEM lovers can get a taste of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math at our Saturday STEM series, with a Dino Bone Build on 10/28 and Lego Coding on 11/18. (A Project STEM @ YDL series sponsored by Toyota)

**Storytimes at YDL-Superior**

YDL-Superior offers three storytimes each week from 9/18-11/16. No need to sign up, just drop in!

Attend the session matching your child's age and developmental stage:

All storytimes are held from 10:30-11:00 am.

- Tuesdays: Baby Storytime
- Wednesdays: Read, Sing Play (Walkers through age 3)
- Thursdays: Discovery Time (Ages 2-4)

**Ask us anything!**

Looking for a recommendation for your next read? Help with a resume? Troubleshooting your new tablet? Tricks to get your teen excited about reading? We love to help, and we love your questions – stop by and ask!



## Parks & Recreation News

### Juan Bradford

Hello Superior Friends,

The fall season is upon us, and your Superior Charter Township Parks & Recreation Department would like to invite you to join us for a couple of exciting Halloween themed Special Events that we have planned for you. First is our annual Pumpkin Carving and Arts & Crafts Day which will be held Saturday, October 21st, at Norfolk Park beginning from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Children in attendance will receive their own pumpkin to carve and take home, along with snacks and crafts, all for free. Pumpkins, snacks, and crafts are available while supplies last so please don't be late. We are always thinking of new ways to bring recreation and education together for our residents and this year we have something new for you. You are invited to our first ever Owl Prowl! I know you're thinking "what is an Owl Prowl"? An Owl Prowl is a chance for kids and adults to learn about local owls, where and how they nest, and what enables them to be such effective nighttime hunters. Our Owl Prowl will be held on Saturday, October 28th, at the Cherry Hill Nature Preserve. We will start at 6:30 pm sharp, with a short educational presentation followed by an easy hike into the preserve to send out owl calls and listen for their return calls. A key part of the owl calls is to sit quietly and listen. We will be outside approximately 90 minutes, so please dress accordingly, and bring your patience. We will have glowsticks available, but feel free to bring a flashlight. Additionally, I spoke with Santa Claus recently and he told me that he can't wait to see all of his Superior Charter Township friends and families at 6:00 pm on Saturday, December 2nd at Township Hall to light the Township Christmas Tree. There will be cookies, cocoa, carolers, ice carving, warming fires, and of course pictures with Santa!

The Parks & Recreation Commission recently had two of its commissioners retire. Please join me in wishing both Marion Morris and Terry Lee Lansing the very best, and thanking them for their many years of distinguished service. Marion Morris had served on the Parks & Recreation Commission for 23 years in various roles including many years as the Chair of the Commission and Terry Lee Lansing served as a Parks & Recreation Commissioner for 15 years. If you have ever attended one of our special events you have likely met these ladies, and witnessed firsthand the passion and dedication that they both have for parks, recreation, nature, land conservation, and bringing families together. Thank You Marion and Terry Lee!  
You will be missed!

Stay Safe & Have a Superior Day!  
Juan Bradford





## *PUMPKIN CARVING/ARTS & CRAFTS*

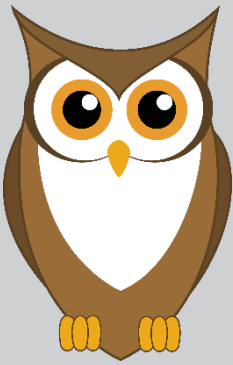
Date & Time: **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.**

Rain Date & Time: **Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.**

Location: **Norfolk Park, 1815 Norfolk Ave.**

Program: **Pumpkin Carving And Arts & Crafts.**

**FREE!!! Pumpkins, Crafts, And Snacks Provided While Supplies Last**



## **OWL PROWL**

Date & Time: **Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm sharp**

Location: **Cherry Hill Nature Preserve 6515 Cherry Hill Road.**

Program: **Learn about owls, their skills, and listen for calls.**

**This is an outdoor evening event for all ages so please dress accordingly and bring your patience. We will provide glow sticks but please feel free to bring a flashlight.**

**FREE!!! All Ages!!!**

## **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING WITH SANTA CLAUS**



Date & Time: **Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00p.m.**

Location: **Superior Township Hall, 3040 N. Prospect Rd. Corner of N. Prospect & Cherry Hill**

Program: **Santa Will Light the Township Christmas Tree, Ice Carving Demo, Old Fashion Carolers, Warming Fires, Hot Chocolate & Cookies, Pictures with Santa**

**FREE!!! FREE!!!**

## Committee to Promote Superior Township

### Take a Town Tour – Your Way

By Brenda Baker, Carla Bisaro, Margery Dosey, Carole Hann, Mara Sclabassi

#### Method 1: Traditional

The Committee to Promote Superior Charter Township (C2PST) has assembled a compendium of significant sites (“Superior Places”) within our Township. You can peruse these by thumbing through a binder at Township Hall or at the Superior Charter Township branch library; or on the Township website under About/About/Superior Places. Find something that appeals to you and physically go there...

For a fall color town tour, you might choose to travel our Natural Beauty Roads; for a family outing, a trip to one of the Township Parks or the Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill will be sure to please everyone. History buffs will enjoy a trip on the Esek Pray Trail with its historic homes, one-room schools, and early cemetery sites. Nature lovers and hikers can avail themselves of a number of nature preserves in the Superior Greenway, while gardeners will be drawn to the Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Adventure can be had at the Flying Pilgrims Model Airplane Club Field, at the seasonal Dixboro Farmers’ Market, and on the Border-to-Border Trail.

#### Method 2: Social Media

Facebook: Superior Charter Township, Washtenaw County

Instagram: Superior Charter Township, Washtenaw County

The C2PST, along with Juan Bradford, Director of Parks and Recreation and the Township office principals, informs you of the happenings of our Township through the above social media outlets. Be in the know about activities, emergency messages, special meetings, neighborhood updates, plus lots more. Also, we would love to know how you enjoy all the things to do in our area and how a good quality of life exists here. So, post your photos! Enjoy our series on “Superior Places.” Find out the latest on the Dixboro Farmers’ Market, mark your calendars when the movies are happening, and be aware of lots of other free activities.

#### Method 3: Businesses

Did you know that over 50 Township businesses reside within our community?! Our Township businesses offer a range of services from karate classes to dentistry and optometry. Many residents believe that the village of Dixboro and the businesses residing there are an extension of Ann Arbor, when those businesses actually reside in Superior Charter Township. This confusion is a result of Dixboro being served by the Ann Arbor post office (zip code 48105) combined with the marketing advantages an “Ann Arbor” address has over a Superior Township address in some industries. To share the Township businesses with residents, the C2PST is developing a comprehensive business directory that we hope to post, sometime in the future, on the Township website for all residents to access.

Until the directory has been completed, you can begin getting acquainted with some of the Township businesses by taking a stroll down Plymouth Road through Dixboro. Businesses are sprinkled throughout the Township, but Dixboro is the area where they are within walking distance of one another.



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575 E. Clark Road, Ypsilanti, MI  
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For Water & Sewer Emergencies

### Superior Township Fire Department

7999 Ford Road  
Ford and Prospect Roads Ypsilanti, MI  
48198  
734-484-1996

### In 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

CHIEF VIC CHEVRETTE

I am pleased to write this column and update you on what is happening within your Fire Department. With Fall and Winter approaching, it will be time to clean furnaces and wood burning chimneys. Cleaning your furnaces and chimneys helps to prevent fires during the winter months.

### 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, weather conditions, and type of materials to be burned. All details regarding open burning are found in Superior Township Ordinance 185: Burning Ordinance ([http://superior-twp-org/news/ord\\_185\\_burning\\_final.pdf](http://superior-twp-org/news/ord_185_burning_final.pdf)).

The first step is obtaining an application for Open Burning through the Township Clerks Office. Once approved you will need to notify the Fire Department at 734-484-1996, prior to any open burning.

### Free Smoke Detectors

The Fire Department has free smoke detector and CO detector to install. You may contact the Fire Department at 734-484-1996 for smoke detector installation.

### Power Outages

During the past few months, we have had severe storms causing power outages. We have noticed citizens running portable generators in attached garages. We ask that you please do not run generators in your homes as the generators produce carbon monoxide. This is a deadly gas that is colorless and odorless. The Fire Department has responded to several calls of carbon monoxide incidents during power outages.