



PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Summer 2022



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 1 TAX BILLS MAILED

The 2022 summer tax bill will be mailed July 1, 2022. Taxes are due September 14, 2022. We no longer accept post marks; and payments need to be received in the office by 5:00 p.m. on September 14, 2022 to be considered on time. There are several different ways you may pay your taxes:

- In person at the Township office
- By mail - please allow time to be received in our office by September 14, 2022
- The locked drop box in front of the township office
- With a credit card online using our website (subject to a 3% service charge)

JULY 1 & 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICES CLOSED

AUGUST 2 PRIMARY ELECTION OFFICES CLOSED

Offices will be closed on State and Federal Election Days.

SEPTEMBER 5 LABOR DAY OFFICES CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 7 LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING TRASH SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 14 LAST DAY TO PAY TAXES WITHOUT PENALTY

The Treasurer will have extended hours from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Postmarks are NOT accepted.

OCTOBER 3 FIRE PREVENTION DAY

TOWNSHIP BEACH PARKS

Windsnest & Kouw Park hours are 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Memorial Day through Labor Day the park gates are opened at 9:00 a.m and locked at 10:00 p.m. **All vehicles remaining in the lots at that time will be locked in overnight.**

Bathroom facilities are open and maintained from May 1st through October 31st of each year.

Prohibited activities include camp fires, **dogs** or animals of any kind and **alcohol consumption**.

BOTH PARKS ARE MONITORED BY VIDEO SURVEILLIANCE.

KOUW PARK STAIRWAY/BEACH ACCESS CLOSED

The township is diligently working toward rebuilding the steps for beach access. Thank you for your patience.

LIFE RINGS

The THEFT of life rings continues at both parks. Removing, taking or tampering with a life ring in Michigan is a misdemeanor, punishable by 93 days in jail or a fine of up to \$1,000, or both. However; if the life ring theft or removal causes injury to another person, the offense is a five-year felony with a possible fine of up to \$5,000. If stealing a life ring is the "approximate cause of death" of another person, the violator could face a 15-year prison sentence and a fine of up to \$10,000.

MORE ON BEACH PARKS

REPORT SUSPICIOUS/UNLAWFUL BEHAVIOR

To report problems, call the township at 616-399-6121, the Ottawa County non-emergency line at 1-800-249-0911, or dial 911 to report unlawful activity as it occurs.

TRASH SERVICE

Wednesday evening trash service continues throughout the summer and ends on September 7. Hours are 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

NEWS TO USE

NEW SUPERVISOR

On April 1, the township board appointed **Mike Sabatino** as Port Sheldon's new Supervisor. Mike previously served as our Building/Zoning Administrator. Mike and his wife, Kimberly, have been residents of Port Sheldon Township for seven years. We welcome Mike into this new role!

NEW BUILDING/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

We welcome **Ryan Capson** as Port Sheldon Township's new Building/Zoning Administrator. Ryan fills the vacancy left by Mike Sabatino. Ryan is in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, as well as Wednesday evenings.

APPOINTMENTS APPRECIATED

Township staff is here to serve our community. As our township grows, more and more residents are experiencing wait times when coming in for services. To offer better customer service, we encourage you to call ahead to ensure the staff person you are seeking is available for your needs and we further encourage you to set an appointment, if at all possible.

News, updates and current events are all listed on our website and we encourage you to visit it at:

www.portsheldontwp.org

No appointments are necessary for trash bag pick-up, tax payments and election application and ballot drop-off.

MANY, MANY THANKS!

A huge thank you goes out to Jenn De Leeuw for her loyal commitment in organizing SUMMERFEST! Our firefighters and a multitude of volunteers dedicated their Saturday to make this community event a huge success! Hog Wild BBQ's food and the beautiful weather contributed to the enjoyment by all in attendance. THANKS AGAIN!!

Visit us at: www.portsheldontwp.org

PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP

16201 Port Sheldon Street

West Olive, MI 49460

Supervisor, Mike Sabatino

Clerk, Teresa De Graaf

Treasurer, Rachel Frantom

Trustee, Bill Monhollon

Trustee, Gerald Smith

Administrative Assistant, Jana Reenders

Building Insp/Zoning Admin., Ryan Capson

Assessor, Tyler Tacoma

Fire Chief, Brad Dirkse

**QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHT:
VOTER INFORMATION**

New voter information cards are being mailed to every registered voter in the township following the re-districting changes that occurred earlier in 2022. These new cards are for informational purposes only and are not required for voter identification at the polls.

The **Permanent Absent Voter List** affords voters the ability to receive an **Absent Voter Application Form** by mail prior to each election. Voters may contact the clerk to be placed on this list and remain on the list until they request removal.

A **DUAL Absent Voter Application** is required by the State of Michigan when Primary and General Elections occur, as with this election cycle, with the August and November elections. In this instance, a voter will receive one application on which an election date preference should be selected allowing their application to be valid for one, or both elections.

Voters on the Permanent Absent Voter List should have already received their applications by mail.

The Clerk recommends making use of the township drop box for the return of applications and ballots. The drop box is under surveillance and ensures the timely return of your election materials.

Voters are able to track their ballot via the Secretary of State’s website at:

<https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index>

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
NEWS AND CALL LOG**

When dry conditions exist, the Fire Chief issues a no burning ban and burn permits are not issued. The Fire Department page on our website is used to submit burn permits and is updated when burning bans are in effect.

CALL LOG: During March, April and May, our Fire Department responded to **sixty-seven** calls:

Medical—35 Fire Alarm—3 Personal Injury Accident—6 Good Intent—2 Service Call—3 Unauthorized Burn—2 Lift Assist—4 Assist Another Department—2 Brush Fire—2 Commercial Fire—1 Building Fire—2 Residential Fire—1 Down Power Line—2 CO Alarm—1 Cancelled Enroute—1

Port Sheldon Township Office
Phone: 616-399-6121 **Fax:** 616-399-7173
Website: www.portsheldontwp.org

Hours:
Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
Wednesday evenings 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Assessor available Friday mornings

Building/Zoning Administrator available during
Mon/Wed/Fri hours

RECURRING CALENDAR EVENTS

Board of Appeals
4:30 p.m. 1st Wednesday as needed

Board Meetings
5:30 p.m. the 2nd Wednesday of each month

Planning Commission
6:00 p.m. the 4th Wednesday of each month

Trash Service
8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Saturdays, weekly
6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Wednesdays, weekly