



# PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

*Winter 2022*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JANUARY 3 NEW YEARS HOLIDAY HOURS—OFFICE CLOSED**

**FEBRUARY 14 LAST DAY TO PAY TAXES WITHOUT A PENALTY**

The treasurer will have extended hours of 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 14. As always, your tax payments are accepted in person, by mail, or can be deposited in the township drop box. Postmarks are NOT accepted. Please allow five days if mailed.

**LATE FEBRUARY ASSESSMENT NOTICES MAILED**

**FEBRUARY 28 LAST DAY TO PAY TAXES AT THE TOWNSHIP**

The treasurer will have extended hours of 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28. This is the last day the township can accept tax payments before being returned as delinquent to the county treasurer. Postmarks are NOT accepted.

**MARCH 14 & MARCH 15 BOARD OF REVIEW**

Property owners may appeal the assessed value of their property and must do so at the Board of Review. **Appeals are by appointment.** For an appointment time, please call the township office at 616-399-6121. Board of Review hours are:

- Monday, March 14: 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 15: 3:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.

**LATE SPRING/EARLY SUMMER ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY**

A date has not yet been set for our annual clean-up day. Look for more information in our spring newsletter.

**Go to [miOttawa.org/eco](http://miOttawa.org/eco) for Ottawa County recovery sites.**

## NEWS TO USE

**TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR**

After twenty-seven years of faithful and dedicated service, our township Supervisor, Howard Baumann, submitted his letter of resignation. At its December meeting, the township board accepted his resignation with regret. His resignation becomes effective May 1, 2022. Look for further communication in the Spring, 2022 newsletter.

**CONSUMERS ENERGY—JH CAMPBELL PLANT**

The previously announced plant closing has created many questions for residents. At this time, we do not have any updates from Consumers Energy.. As the township becomes aware of new information, look to the website and newsletter for updates.

**BURN PERMITS—WINTER BURNING**

It is NOT necessary to obtain a burn permit during winter months when a minimum of 1” of snow cover is on the ground.

## MORE NEWS TO USE

**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**

Consumers Energy J.H. Campbell Complex will accept natural Christmas trees for recycling. Residents may drop off trees in the Christmas Tree Corral near the security gate off Crosswell near Lakeshore Drive.

**TRASH BAGS**

2022 trash bag allotments are available NOW and can be picked up any time throughout the year at the township office during regular business hours.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS AND MINUTES**

The township website is updated monthly and contains board meeting agendas and minutes.

**SNOW REMOVAL SAFETY**

The township reminds all residents and businesses to use both caution and courtesy with snow shoveling, plowing and snow storage. Do not pile snow on the bike paths or in areas where road visibility is impacted. **Please communicate with your snow removal contractors and make them aware of this restriction to avoid citations.**

Thanks for allowing cold-weather enthusiasts the opportunity to walk the paths safely, free from driveway snow piles.

**WYOMING WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION**

The City of Wyoming is installing a new water main pipeline from its water treatment facility on New Holland Street. Engineering and survey work is currently underway for this construction project. The route will run east on New Holland Street to 164th Avenue, north to Van Buren Street, east to 96th Avenue. A final construction schedule is not known at this time.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

Kouw Park and Windsnest Park are open during day light hours. The Kouw Park beach stairway remains closed until a decision on a replacement is feasible. Restrooms are CLOSED during the winter months. **ALL PARK RULES REMAIN IN EFFECT DURING THE WINTER MONTHS!**

**REDISTRICTING AND VOTER ID CARDS**

The Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is tasked with setting boundaries and drawing new maps for state House, state Senate and US Congressional districts. Approval of these boundaries is expected in early 2022. New County Commission district lines have already been approved by the County Apportionment Commission. Once all districts are complete, **every registered voter will receive a new voter ID card via postal mail.**

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**PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP**  
**16201 Port Sheldon Street**  
**West Olive, MI 49460**

**Supervisor, Howard Baumann**

**Clerk, Teresa De Graaf**

**Treasurer, Rachel Frantom**

**Trustee, Bill Monhollon**

**Trustee, Gerald Smith**

**Admin Asst, Jana Reenders**

**Building Insp/Zoning Adm., Mike Sabatino**

**Assessor, Tyler Tacoma**

**Fire Chief, Brad Dirkse**

## QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHT HOUSEHOLD TRASH

As part of its service to the community, Port Sheldon Township provides, *free of charge*, yearly allotments of trash bags to residents. Each box contains 100 mint-green bags imprinted with the wording, "Port Sheldon Township." On Saturday mornings, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. these bags, **AND THESE BAGS ONLY**, may be brought to the Holly Drive transfer site located north of the township hall and disposed of into the truck. Additional Wednesday evening hours are added in the summer months.

Unfortunately, inconsiderate individuals have abused the "green bag only" system and continued to bring and dispose of additional garbage in their own bags and boxes, or large items with no bags at all. The township pays landfill costs by the ton and this abuse has caused additional fees to the township.

To address this abuse, at its December meeting, the township board approved the drafting of a **TRASH ORDINANCE**. The new ordinance will make unlawful disposal/dumping of trash subject to citations and fines. **It is the board's intent to protect this valuable service for all residents.**

Additional bags are available at the township office at a cost of \$1.00/bag. And, as always, residents may also choose to contract with a private hauler, at their own expense.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS AND CALL LOG

The Fire Department would like to thank those who contributed toys to their December Toys for Crusade toy drive. \$192.00 and 129 toys were collected during the annual drive.

**CALL LOG:** During September, October and November, our Fire Department responded to **seventy-one** calls:

Medical—38 Fire Alarm—6 Personal Injury Accident—4 Good Intent—1 Service Call—3 Downed Power Line—3  
Unauthorized Burn—3 Residential Fire—2 Vehicle Fire—1 Controlled Burn—1 Smoke/Odor Investigation—4  
Smoke Removal—1 CO Alarm—2 Assisted Another Department—1 Cancelled Enroute—1

### Port Sheldon Township Office

**Phone:** 616-399-6121 **Fax:** 616-399-7173

**Website:** [www.portsheldontwp.org](http://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 morning 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