



PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- APRIL 12** RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE FOR JERRY SMITH
- MAY 2** SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION
- MAY 29** MEMORIAL DAY—OFFICES CLOSED
- JUNE 3** TRANSITION TO 7:30-10:30AM TRASH PICK UP
- JUNE 3** 11:00AM—2:00PM SUMMERFEST
- JUNE 7** WEDNESDAY EVENING TRASH SERVICE RESUMES
- JULY 1** SUMMER TAX BILLS MAILED
- JULY 3-4** INDEPENDENCE DAY—OFFICES CLOSED
- JULY 15** 7:00AM— NOON ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY
- SEPT 4** LABOR DAY—OFFICES CLOSED
- SEPT 14** SUMMER TAXES DUE

Check our website and Facebook page for more up to date information!

SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION MAY 2, 2023

Polls are open 7:00am until 8:00pm for in-person voting.

West Ottawa Public Schools and Grand Haven Public Schools have renewal millage requests on their prospective ballots. Additionally, Grand Haven Public Schools has a new bond proposal on its ballot. **Absent Voter Applications were mailed in mid-March to voters who are on the Permanent Absent Voter Application List. A signed application must be returned for this election to receive a ballot by mail.** Implementation of voting changes from the passage of Proposal 2022-2 will take place in 2024.

SUMMERFEST 2023

Mark your calendars, or the backs of your hands if you don't bathe often, **June 3, 2023** is Summerfest! Once again the West Ottawa Jazz Band will be providing background music while you picnic on pork barbecue and watch other people's kids ~~misbehave~~ enjoy the balloon artist and face painters. From **11a-2p** you can wander between the township hall and the fire department eating barbecue and ice cream with your Port Sheldon neighbors who are all quietly considering doing the egg toss at 1p. This is also a great opportunity to see our awesome fire department. New this year will be a pickle ball all tournament with two divisions, a social and a competitive level. We are starting with a 20 team bracket between both levels, more details to follow. If you would like to sign up for the tournament, set-up, serving, tearing down or contributing to the prize pile please contact Jen DeLeeuw. Jenniferdeleeuw@sbcglobal.net

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY

On July 15 from 7am to noon at Black River Recycling, 11531 Lakewood Boulevard, Holland, we will have our Annual Clean-Up Day. **Accepted materials for disposal include:** Furniture, appliances, batteries, automobile tires (limit 4 per household), electronic equipment including computers, printers, TV's, monitors, audio equipment and electronic power tools. **Loose roofing materials must be boxed or bagged.**

Accepted materials for recycling include: Household recyclables: paper, plastics, tin cans, etc.

Materials NOT accepted: Paints, drain oils, solvents and other petroleum products, fuel tanks, sealed containers. **Lawn and yard waste, branches and tree stumps WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

*****PHOTO ID FOR PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED*****

NEWS TO USE

TRASH SERVICE *Note Important Schedule Information

Wednesday evening trash service returns on June 7, 2023. Wednesday evening hours are from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. Due to the transfer of ownership from Potluck to Arrowaste, they have required a slight change to the Saturday drop off time to fit their operating schedule. Saturday morning trash service continues year-round, and beginning June 3rd, **the new hours for Saturday are 7:30-10:30am. ALL trash must be in green township-issued bags.**

THANK YOU, JERRY!

After over thirty-eight years of faithful and dedicated service, Township Trustee, **Jerry Smith**, has announced his retirement. We thank Jerry for his many years serving the Township! We are planning a **retirement open house** from 4:00-5:30pm on April 12, 2023 in the Township Board Room.

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

On March 8, the township board appointed **Luke DeVries** as Trustee. Luke has lived in Port Sheldon Township for over 18 years, and we welcome him to this new role.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES & PARKING AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL

Pickleball and Tennis court nets were recently installed. Please note that the front parking lot is reserved for township business during office hours, including Wednesday evenings. Please use the back parking lot when enjoying the township's facilities. Thank you! Resurfacing will also take place this spring, so a short closure of the courts will be necessary.

PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP CENTENNIAL 2024

Port Sheldon Township is turning 100 years old in 2024. We are seeking interested individuals to form a Centennial Committee to plan special commemorative events. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact the township office at 616-399-6121.

HERRICK DISTRICT LIBRARY UPDATE

Herrick District Library is now open 24 hours a day with its new library lending machines in Holland Heights and Park Township. The Holland Heights machine sits on the east side of the Food Club parking lot, 739 Paw Paw Dr, in a well-lit shelter. The Park Township machine is at the new Outdoor Discovery Center's Dragonflies Discovery Preschool on 152nd Street and Ottawa Beach Road.

ARPA SURVEY

The township has received ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding, and is seeking input from residents in utilization of those funds.

The amount of funding received is not enough to accomplish any major projects, (new bike path, park, etc....), but more in line with some small projects, upgrades, and improvements to existing township assets.

We would love your input, and invite you to take part in a brief survey. Please scan the QR code with your phone/mobile device, or use the link below.

<https://forms.gle/czyunn7zWiKegUaS8>



PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP

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Supervisor, Mike Sabatino

Clerk, Teresa De Graaf

Treasurer, Rachel Frantom

Trustee, Bill Monhollon

Trustee, Luke DeVries

Administrative Assistant, Tatjcha Lambers

Building and Zoning Administrator, Ryan Capson

Building Administrative Assistant, Diane Jansen

Assessor, Tyler Tacoma

Fire Chief, Brad Dirkse

**QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHT
PARKS AGREEMENT**

Port Sheldon Township is happy to announce the finalization of a management agreement for our two lakeshore parks with Ottawa County Parks Department.

Over the past year and a half, the Port Sheldon Township Board has been working to address overcrowding, abuse of rules, trespassing, and other issues. Through this management agreement, Ottawa County Parks & Recreation has been contracted to handle the custodial and enforcement concerns for the parks.

It is important to us that our residents know the following:

- 1) Port Sheldon Township still maintains ownership/oversight of both parks. We own Kouw Park and lease the land for Windsnest Park.
- 2) Port Sheldon Township has contracted these services out for many years. However, with the increase in traffic and subsequent complaints, particularly at Windsnest Park, we opted to contract with a local organization who has a proven track record and expertise in parks management.

Park Rules & Changes

- 1) The rules will still be the same regarding no alcohol or fires allowed in the parks.
- 2) A big change is that **dogs WILL be allowed**, from September 30 to May 1. Dogs were previously prohibited at both parks.
- 3) Park visitors will have the option to exclusively rent a pavilion for events! First come, first serve usage is still available, if the pavilions are not rented. Pavilions can be rented online at Ottawa County (<https://www.miottawa.org/parks/facilities.htm>).
- 4) A motor vehicle permit is required through Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. This permit can be purchased at the park via pay stations or the Ottawa County website beginning in April.

An annual motor vehicle permit* will be discounted for Port Sheldon residents (-\$5), with an additional discount for senior residents. To receive discount(s), please purchase permit from the Ottawa County website (available in April 2023). Bridge card holders are entitled to a free motor vehicle permit.

As an additional benefit, your discounted permit also allows access to all of the other Ottawa County lakeshore parks (Tunnel Park, Kirk Park, Rosy Mound Natural Area, Olive Shores, and North Beach Park) for the season.

**Ottawa County Resident permits are \$15. Ottawa County Senior Resident permits are \$9. Two-vehicle option is available for \$20, and for Seniors is \$12 (additional township discount will apply).

Questions and other inquiries may be sent to info@portsheldontwp.org. If you need assistance purchasing a permit, please come to the township office during regular business hours.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
NEWS AND CALL ACTIVITY**

In 2022, the Fire Department responded to **288 calls**.

During December, January and February our Fire Department responded to **fifty-eight** calls:

Medical—39, PI Accident—2, Lift Assist—1, CO Alarm—3, Fire Alarm—2, Good Intent—3, Assist other department—1, Down Powerline—1, Electrical Fire—1, Vehicle Fire—1, Building Fire—1, Canceled Enroute—3

PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP OFFICE
Phone: 616-399-6121 **Fax:** 616-399-7173
Website: www.portsheldontwp.org
Hours:
Monday-Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm
Wednesday evenings 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Assessor available Friday mornings
Building/Zoning Administrator available
Mon/Wed/Fri mornings

RECURRING CALENDAR EVENTS

<u>Board of Appeals</u> Meets as needed	<u>Trash Service</u> 7:30-10:30am Saturdays, beginning June 3
<u>Board Meetings</u> 5:30pm the 2nd Wednesday of each month	(8:00-11:00am now until May 27)
<u>Planning Commission</u> 6:00pm the 4th Wednesday of each month	6:00-7:00pm Wednesdays, Jun 7-Sept 6