



# PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

*Summer 2023*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JULY 1** **TAX BILLS MAILED**

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- JULY 3 & 4** **INDEPENDENCE DAY** **OFFICES CLOSED**

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- JULY 15** **7:00AM-NOON** **ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY**

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- JULY 18** **BOARD OF REVIEW**

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- JULY 26** **2:30-7:00PM** **BLOOD DRIVE**

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- SEPTEMBER 4** **LABOR DAY** **OFFICES CLOSED**

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- SEPTEMBER 6** **LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING TRASH SERVICE**

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- SEPTEMBER 14** **LAST DAY TO PAY TAXES WITHOUT PENALTY**

The Treasurer will have extended hours from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Postmarks are NOT accepted.

- OCTOBER 2** **6-8 PM** **FIRE PREVENTION DAY**

## NEWS TO USE

### TAX BILLS MAILED JULY 1

The 2023 summer tax bill will be mailed July 1, 2023. Taxes are due September 14, 2023. We do not accept postmarks, and payments need to be received in the office by 5:00 pm on September 14, 2023 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, 2023
- The locked drop box in front of the township office
- With a credit card online using our website (subject to a 3% service charge)

### TRASH SERVICE

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

Reminder: Saturday trash hours are from 7:30-10:30 am. Please approach the trash area from the SOUTH on Holly Dr.

### 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\*\*\***

## MORE NEWS TO USE

### OTTAWA COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT

Per our management agreement with Ottawa County, motor vehicle permits are required for parking at our two beach parks: Windsnest and Kouw. Go to [www.miottawa.org/parks](http://www.miottawa.org/parks) to purchase yours! Port Sheldon Township residents and seniors qualify for additional discounts!

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW TRUSTEE

Luke DeVries has been a resident of Port Sheldon township for 20 years with his wife and two children. Luke is a third generation blueberry farmer and farms 80 acres in the West Olive area. He hopes to serve as a trustee on the board for many years to come. He is excited for the opportunity to serve his community.

### NEW ADA DOORS AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL

New door openers have been added to each entrance of the Township offices and hall! They are now all ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant, and we are excited to be able to offer easier access to our township services for residents.

### FIRE TRUCK

On June 14, the board authorized the Fire Truck Committee to move forward toward the purchase of a new fire truck, to replace an existing 22 year-old truck the Fire Department uses now. This process will take 3-4 years. Thank you to the residents for your support of the millage (passed in 2020) that will make this possible!

### BLOOD DRIVE

On Wednesday, July 26, we will be hosting a blood drive at the township hall! Please sign up via the link on the township website, or call the township office to reserve an appointment time. Versiti Blood Center of Michigan will be running this event for our community.

### 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!!

### A NOTE FROM THE ASSESSOR:

Just a reminder that our staff is out and about doing site visits for our 20% reviews and visiting newly built homes. Assessing staff will have an identifiable magnet on their car which looks like:



### BUILDING PERMITS NEED INSPECTIONS

Please be sure to call the township office for inspections on all building permits! Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing permit inspections should be called in to the inspector directly (phone numbers are located on the permit). Thank you!

### SURPLUS SALE

The township has several items that we don't use anymore, and will be holding a surplus sale this summer! Stay tuned to our Facebook page and website for more information.

**PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP**

**16201 PORT SHELDON ST.**

**WEST OLIVE, MI 49460**

**www.portsheldontwp.org**



**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:  
Consumers Decommissioning and Future Development**

The announcement of the early closure of the JH Campbell Power plant seems to have generated more questions than kilowatts lately. Many of those questions still remain unanswered, but rest assured that the board of trustees is proactively working to be prepared as the decommissioning and possible redevelopment takes place. We do know the answers to a few questions:

- 1. Will the closure of the plant increase my property taxes?** No, the Township operating millage is capped at one mil. The past few years, we have had a building boom which has also brought more revenue into the township, offsetting the percentage that was largely carried by Consumers in the past. Property taxes are based off the assessed value of your property and approved millages.
- 2. Will the plant be converted to natural gas?** No, Consumers has made it clear that they are committing to closing the plant, and current configuration does not facilitate conversion.
- 3. Will Consumers divest all of their property holdings in the township?** No, they will continue to own and maintain the fly ash landfill property for many years into the future. This is the approximately 600 acres east of Lakeshore Drive.
- 4. Will any changes take place prior to the actual plant closure?** Possibly. The plant closure is set for May of 2025, but there is a possibility that some areas of land that Consumers no longer needs could be considered for redevelopment ahead of the actual closure date.

With the release of the future use study contracted by Consumers Energy, the board feels it is time to pursue reviewing the Township Master Plan, which can take up to one year to complete. The board approved, in the last meeting, seeking proposals for the master plan revision, which will consider strategic planning for future growth and development within Port Sheldon Township. A large part of the master plan revision involves resident input and engagement! The board of trustees has also, in preparation, initiated meetings with MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) and our local economic development partners, should a project for redevelopment be presented.

If you have more questions, please feel free to schedule an appointment with the supervisor by calling the township office. We will continue to do our best to keep the township residents informed, as we navigate this change together.

-Michael A. Sabatino  
Township Supervisor

**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, the Fire Department responded to **60** calls:

Medical—30, Down Powerline—3, Unauthorized Burn—2, PI Accident—3, Fire Alarm—1, CO Alarm—1, Vehicle Fire—1, Wildfire—4, Brush fire—2, Good intent—5, Lift Assist—3, Cancelled Enroute—1, Gas Leak—1, Residential Fire—1, Building Fire—1, Assist Another Department—1

**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 M/W/F mornings

**RECURRING CALENDAR EVENTS**

<b><u>Board of Appeals</u></b>	<b><u>Trash Service</u></b>
Meets as needed	7:30-10:30am Saturdays,
<b><u>Board Meetings</u></b>	6:00-7:00pm Wednes-
5:30pm the 2nd Wednes-	days, Jun 7-Sept 6
day of each month	
<b><u>Planning Commission</u></b>	
6:00pm the 4th Wednes-	
day of each month	