

100 YEARS

# PORT SHELTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## SPRING 2024

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 24	BLOOD DRIVE
MAY 7	SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION
MAY 27	MEMORIAL DAY—OFFICES CLOSED
JUNE 1	11AM-3PM CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
JUNE 5	WEDNESDAY EVENING TRASH SERVICE RESUMES
JUNE 15	7AM — NOON ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY
JULY 1	SUMMER TAX BILLS MAILED
JULY 3-4	INDEPENDENCE DAY—OFFICES CLOSED
JULY 24	BLOOD DRIVE
AUG 6	PRIMARY ELECTION—OFFICES CLOSED
SEPT 2	LABOR DAY—OFFICES CLOSED
SEPT 14	SUMMER TAXES DUE

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

### NEWS TO USE

#### SCHOOL ELECTION MAY 7, 2024

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. Absent Voter Applications were mailed in mid-March to voters who are on the Permanent Absent Voter Application List. Permanent Ballot List voters were mailed a ballot automatically the last week of March for the May 7, 2024 election. Please contact Clerk Meredith Hemmeke if you plan to be absent from your residential address, as ballots are not forwardable by the USPS.

#### Michigan Law requires a voter-completed application before being issued a ballot.

**In-Person Voting:** At a voting location, the voter completes a paper application requesting a ballot.

**Permanent Absent Voter List (AV List)-** The voter automatically receives an application by mail to vote prior to each election. Upon return of this application to the Port Sheldon Township Clerk, the voter is mailed an absent voter ballot.

**Permanent Ballot List (PB List)-** Following recent legislation, the voter now has the option to receive a ballot automatically prior to each election, by completing a one-time written application.

Contact Meredith Hemmeke, Port Sheldon Township Clerk, to request addition or removal from these lists. 616-399-6121 or meredith@portsheldontwp.org

#### ABSENT VOTER BALLOT OPTIONS

Voters receiving absent voter ballots have several options available.

Voters may return ballots in three ways – by Postal Mail, by 24-hour drop box, or in person during office hours. Ballots must be received by 8:00PM on election day.

**Voters who received an absent voter ballot and wish to vote in person may do so, but must bring their absent voter ballot to the voting location.**

### MORE NEWS TO USE

#### ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The **Fire Department** is **accepting applications** for a paid on-call firefighter, all training provided. Applications are available at the Township office during business hours and also on our website. Please consider serving your community in this way!

#### ILLEGAL DUMPING

Recently, we have fielded an increasing number of complaints from residents reporting trash, couches and other refuse dumped on roadsides and in open space areas. Just a reminder that it is illegal to dump trash on the side of the road, open space areas, fields, your neighbor's woods, etc. Please utilize the annual clean up day to help keep our township beautiful!

#### ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY

On **June 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\*\*\***

#### BLOOD DRIVE

Based on the success of our previous drives, we will be hosting additional blood drives at the township hall in 2024! The dates will be the following Wednesdays: April 24, July 24, and October 23, between 2:30 and 7 PM. Versiti Blood Center of Michigan will continue running these events for our community. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for the links to sign up!

#### OTTAWA COUNTY PARKS PASS

Don't forget to renew your parks pass online for parking at our beautiful lakeshore parks! Discount for Port Sheldon Township residents and seniors still applies for the 2024 season. [https://miottawa.org/Parks/fees\\_rules.htm](https://miottawa.org/Parks/fees_rules.htm)

A parking pass for Ottawa County Parks is required from Memorial day to Labor Day.

#### BUILDING PERMITS

Spring and Summer are busy times for the building department! We'd like to remind you that permits are needed for sheds, pools and decks. Be sure to schedule your inspection by calling the office at 616-399-6121. For Electrical, Mechanical or Plumbing inspections, call the inspectors directly.

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- Supervisor, *Mike Sabatino*
- Clerk, *Meredith Hemmeke*
- 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:  
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday!

Are ya one?, Are ya two... are ya... let me save you the next 98 seconds, and just tell you! Organized on April 7, 1924, Port Sheldon is celebrating 100 years as a Township this year. Since those early days, Port Sheldon is and continues to be an attractive place to live, work, and play. Port Sheldon abounds in natural areas, productive agricultural land, access to Pigeon Lake and Lake Michigan, and residents who have invested their lives to make the township the great place it is today.

In light of this milestone, the township is hosting **several events** to highlight the rich history and community that has developed here. Kicking off the year, we will be hosting a ribbon cutting/grand opening for the new township hall playground on Saturday, May 18th.

Following Memorial Day, we will open a historical exhibit with photos and other interesting historical township items on display. There will also be a Veterans display honoring Township residents who have served, and are currently serving in the Armed forces. Additionally, there are plans for a “Tour of the Township Scavenger Hunt,” a car and tractor/ag show, an art contest, and the culminating event on Saturday June 1, with food, fun, games, and firetrucks! **Save the dates**, and keep an eye on the township website for more Centennial event information!

-Supervisor Mike Sabatino

<b>May 28 – May 31</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>June 2-5</b>
Historical Exhibit	Celebration Saturday 11am—3pm	Historical Exhibit continues
Veterans Honor Wall	– Food, family fun, games.	Veterans Honor Wall continues
Local Talent – Art show	– Historical Exhibit open	Art show continues
“Tour of the Township Scavenger Hunt”	– Art Show People’s choice announced	
Car and Tractor show		

FIRE DEPARTMENT  
NEWS AND CALL LOG

In **2023**, the Fire Department responded to **258 calls**.

In **December, January, and February**, our Fire Department responded to **56 calls**:

Medical—29, Good Intent—2, Cancelled Enroute—3, Down Powerline—4, Fire Alarm—6, CO Alarm—1, Service—1, PI Accident—3, Gas Leak—1, Unauthorized Burn—2, Electrical Fire—1, Lift Assist—1, Chimney Fire—1, Residential Fire—1

**PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

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

Website: [www.portsheldontwp.org](http://www.portsheldontwp.org)

Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

Wednesday evenings 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Assessor available Friday mornings

Building/Zoning Administrator available M/W/F mornings

**RECURRING CALENDAR EVENTS**

**Board of Appeals**

Meets as needed at 5:30pm the 1st Wednesday of each month

**Board Meetings**

5:30pm the 2nd Wednesday of each month

**Planning Commission**

5:00pm the 4th Wednesday of each month

**Trash Service**

7:30-10:30am

Saturdays