

PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 22	BLOOD DRIVE
MAY 5	SPECIAL ELECTION
MAY 9	TRASH BAG DAY
MAY 25	MEMORIAL DAY—OFFICES CLOSED
MAY 29	5PM-8PM SUMMERFEST CAR SHOW
MAY 30	11AM-2PM SUMMERFEST
JUNE 3	WEDNESDAY EVENING TRASH SERVICE RESUMES
JUNE 20	7AM-NOON ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY
JULY 1	SUMMER TAX BILLS MAILED
JULY 3	TRASH SERVICE ON FRIDAY
JULY 6	INDEPENDENCE DAY—OFFICES CLOSED
JULY 22	BLOOD DRIVE
SEPT 7	LABOR DAY—OFFICES CLOSED
SEPT 9	LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING TRASH SERVICE FOR 2026

NEWS TO USE

TRASH BAG DAY

If you haven't gotten your green bags yet this year, stop by the barn in the back parking lot of the township hall on Saturday, May 9 from 7:30-10:30 am, and grab them! We'll be out with the book for you to sign—no need to even get out of your car!

PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP TRASH SERVICE

Summer trash service resumes on June 3, 2026 from 6-7 pm and will run until the Wednesday after Labor Day! Please remember that all trash must be in the Township-provided green bags, and please refrain from cutting the line by turning left in front of residents already in line.

TRASH SERVICE FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND

Trash service will run on Friday, July 3 from 7:30 to 10:30am. There will be NO service on Saturday, July 4.

OTTAWA COUNTY PARKS PASS

Don't forget to renew your parks pass online for parking at our beautiful lakeshore parks!

https://miottawa.org/Parks/fees_rules.htm

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

ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY

On **June 20** 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

There will be a blood drive at the Township Hall on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 from 2-7pm. Please consider joining us for this life-saving community event! See the Township website or Facebook page for more details.

MORE NEWS TO USE

HERRICK DISTRICT LIBRARY

Herrick Springs into Bloom

Spring is a great time to focus on growth, renewal, and conservation, and your library has programs to help. Getting into gardening for the first time or looking for seeds and advice? Seeking suggestions on water conservation? Thinking about raising backyard fowl? HDL has what you're looking for.

Seed Library

Our seed libraries are stocked and offer free seeds for local gardening enthusiasts. This year, we are featuring eight "core" seeds- four native flowers, including the 'Pacific Beauty' Calendula, three easy-to-grow veggies, and one herb. Stop by either location to pick up seeds or donate some of yours to the seed library.

Hatch, Grow, Peep! A Poultry Adventure for Families

Tuesday, April 14 | 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Chickens 101: Basic Care

Wednesday, April 15 | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Conserving Water with Native Landscaping

Tuesday, April 21 | 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Raised Bed Gardening 101

Thursday, April 23 | 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

ELECTION MAY 5

Polls are open 7:00AM until 8:00PM for in-person voting. The local school districts have renewal millage requests on their prospective ballots.

Absent Voter Applications were mailed early March to voters who are on the **Permanent Absent Voter Application List**. This will be the last election where applications are automatically mailed. Moving forward, applications for Absentee Ballots may be requested online or through the Clerk's office.

Permanent Ballot List voters were mailed a ballot automatically the last week of March for the May 5, 2026 election.

Sample ballots are available for viewing at the Township office during business hours or on the web at michigan.gov/vote and click on "What's on the ballot?"

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ELECTION WORKER?

The Township Clerk is seeking individuals who would like to serve their community by working as Election Inspectors for the 2026 Election season. If you are interested, please contact Meredith Hemmeke by calling the office or sending an email to meredith@portsheldontwp.org.

BURN PERMITS

Please fill out the burn permit application on our website's home page before burning on your property. Even if you do have a burn permit, there are restrictions on what can be burned, and the fire must **always** be attended. You could be liable for costs incurred if the Fire Department is required to extinguish your fire. For more information, including a list of prohibited items, please view the application.

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

Use the QR code, or use the pop-up form on the home page of our website to subscribe to the digital version of our newsletter! It will be delivered monthly, and will also be used to announce any breaking news. (For example, trash service or event cancellations.



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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 Department Assistant, Cate Wiler

Assessor, Tyler Tacoma

Fire Chief, Brad Dirkse

QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHT: SUMMERFEST 2026!

Join us as we celebrate the Kickoff to Summer with two days of fun, music, great food, and community!

Friday, May 29 – Car Show

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Vehicle entrants welcome after **4:00 p.m.**

Bring the family and check out an amazing lineup of vehicles while enjoying **live music by local favorites DuneGrass.**

Food Trucks

- Holy Smokers
- The Mobile Crave

Car Show Categories

- People's Choice
- **25 Under 25** – For participants **under age 25** who own a vehicle valued at **under \$25,000**
- 1st and 2nd
- Sponsor trophies

You can **register your vehicle in advance or the night of the event.**

Stay tuned to the township website for ways to register in advance!

Saturday, May 30 – Community Picnic

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

We welcome all **Port Sheldon Township residents and families** to our **annual community picnic.**

Food: Provided by **Hog Wild Music:** The exceptional and ever-popular **Dave and Connie D.**

Activities include:

- Balloon sculptures
- Face painting
- Games for kids and all ages
- Fire truck tours
- Our traditional **egg toss**
- Ice cream
- Bounce house
- And many more fun activities!

Come **meet your neighbors and enjoy a great time welcoming SUMMER!**

Volunteers Needed

If you enjoy being part of the **behind-the-scenes fun**, we'd love your help.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Event set-up and clean-up
- Serving food
- Directing traffic
- Hosting games for kids and adults
- Greeting guests

Donations Welcome

We are also seeking donations for:

- Game prizes
- Car show prizes

All donors will be recognized on an event **banner and table flyers** during the festivities.

Come celebrate community, meet your neighbors, and kick off Summer 2026 with us!

If you want to volunteer or donate, feel free to call, text, or email **Melissa Steenwyk 616-212-9375** or melissa.steenwyk@gmail.com or call the **Port Sheldon Township Office.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS AND CALL LOG

2025 Total Calls: 346

In **December, January and February**, the Fire Department responded to **71** calls:

Medical—39, Cancelled Enroute—5, Fire Alarm—4, PI Accident—4, Lift Assist—4, Down Powerline—2, Good Intent—2, Building Fire—2, Gas leak—2, Controlled Burn—1, Chimney Fire—1, CO Alarm—1, Electrical Issue—1, Appliance Fire—1, Service Call—1, Move up/Stand By—1,

PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Phone: 616-399-6121

Email: info@portsheldontwp.org

Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:00AM - 1:00PM

Wednesday evenings 4:00PM - 7:00PM

Assessor available Wednesday mornings

Building/Zoning Administrator available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9AM-12PM

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 (April 2026—meeting held on April 15th)

Planning Commission

5:00PM the 4th Wednesday of each month

Trash Service

7:30-10:30AM Saturdays