



# Green Oak Charter Township Newsletter

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## Our New Mission Statement

"Enhance the quality of life by promoting a secure, welcoming and diverse community that is both respectful of our historical, rural heritage and responsive to current and future needs through honest, open and proactive involvement of all, creating an enduring sense of community."

## Supervisor's News

### Road Information Update

#### Construction Information

We are now entering that phase where upcoming projects require much more engineering and design work.

**Rushton Road paving from Doane to Pontiac Trail:** This road project is almost complete with a few minor clean up items to address.

**Silver Lake Road, Silverside east to Rushton Road:** This section of road is still in the design phase. Easements will also have to be secured before starting construction.

This is a difficult road to design for a paving project. The design issues include bad soil conditions, sight distance and realignment issues, severe drainage problems and tree considerations. The design phase of the project will take approximately 6 to 12 months to complete. Paving is pushed back to 2018.

#### Future Paving Information:

- Dixboro Rd. from 10 Mile Rd. to 9 Mile is under discussion with neighboring communities. Dixboro Road from 9 Mile to 8 Mile is scheduled for paving in 2019 through a Federal Aid distribution of 1.6 million dollars. The remainder of the 2 million for this project will be split through a working agreement with the City of South Lyon, Lyon Township, Oakland County Road Commission, and Green Oak Charter Township.

## Upcoming Events

### July 4

Fourth of July-Township Offices Closed

### July 8

Livingston County Tire Collection Day  
Reservation Required through Drain  
Commission. Call 517-546-0040 or email  
[solidwaste@livgov.com](mailto:solidwaste@livgov.com) for questions.

### July 22

Household Hazardous Waste  
Collection in Green Oak

Call 517-545-9609 for a required  
appointment or additional  
information.

### September 4

Labor Day-Township Offices  
Closed

### September 14

Summer Taxes Due

### September 16

Green Oak Day

### October 9

Columbus Day-Township Offices Closed

### November 10

Veterans Day-Township Offices Closed

### November 23 and 24

Thanksgiving-Township Offices Closed

**Holiday Schedule to be Announced**



## Police Blog

Whether you are leaving town for a day at the beach, or a week-long vacation, it's important to keep your homes secure and protected.

Here are several tips from the Green Oak Charter Township Police Department to keep this summer safe for you and your family.

**SEAT BELTS:** Buckle up. Everyone. Every trip. Every time.

**IMPAIRED DRIVING:** On roads, lakes, or trails- never drive, boat, or ride drunk. Make a plan to get home safely before the party begins. Designate a sober driver or spend the night.

**MOTORCYCLE RIDING:** Get properly trained and endorsed. Wear high visibility safety gear and a helmet. Since the no helmet law took place in Michigan, deaths from motorcycle accidents are up in Michigan. Head injuries account for a majority of motorcycle fatalities; protection is vital. . . . Even the best helmet is no guarantee against injury. However, without a helmet you are more likely to have serious head injuries than a rider who is wearing one."

**BIKING:** Always ride with traffic and follow the rules of the road. Dress safely. Wear a helmet and bright colors.

**WALKING:** Use extra caution at intersections. Do not count on drivers to always see pedestrians.

**DISTRACTED DRIVING:** Do not text or talk on your cellular phone while driving—even hands-free.

**SUMMER TIME TIPS:**

- Do not leave children or animals alone in the car: the temperature inside the vehicle can reach deadly levels quickly.
- Expect to encounter roadwork, delays and detours. Check your route before traveling.
- When traveling, vacationing or leaving home, remember to lock the windows and doors.
- Pay attention to children around bodies of water, including pools and buckets, to ensure their safety and prevent drowning. Wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) near water.
- Keep a lookout for other suspicious activity at your neighbor's homes and contact police if something does not look right.

**CONTACTING EMERGENCY SERVICES:** Livingston County Central Dispatch has changed its 9-1-1 protocol and established the availability of a non-emergency phone line. Here are the numbers you need to know:

Emergencies and to report crimes in progress	9-1-1
All medical issues	9-1-1
Non-emergencies	517-546-9111
Green Oak Police Business Line	810-231-9626
Green Oak Fire Department Business Line	810-231-3663

## Fire News



**A BURN PERMIT IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO BURNING ANY YARD WASTE.** PERMIT FEE = NO CHARGE. To apply for a burn permit please visit the Green Oak Charter Township Fire Department at 9384 Whitmore Lake Rd. Brighton, MI 48116 between 9am and 5pm to schedule an inspection. The township ordinance requires all residents who wish to burn safely during daylight hours of leaves, grass and brush must obtain a permit prior to burning. This permit is for yard debris only, land clearing, building materials and garbage is prohibited! This inspection is also necessary for night time campfires.

## FIREWORKS SAFETY

With the recent changes in Michigan law many types of fireworks that were previously banned are now legal. Just because they are legal, however, does not mean they are particularly safe. The Fire Department responds to fireworks related injuries most years and while avoiding fireworks is the safest bet, if you are going to use fireworks please keep the following ideas in mind.

- Fireworks that don't go off still might go off. Many fireworks injuries involve people handling "dud" fireworks that did not go off, particularly those that were supposed to launch into the sky. Just because the firework did not light off as expected, don't assume the firework is not dangerous. Keep it pointed in a safe direction for at least several minutes, then douse it with water, making sure you are not standing in its line of fire.
- Know where your fireworks are pointed and what lies downrange and downwind from that point. Fireworks landing unexpectedly can and have set houses and other structures on fire.
- Children should not be entrusted to light fireworks and should be carefully supervised at all times around fireworks.
- Alcohol and fireworks are a dangerous mix. Using fireworks requires clear-headed judgment and attention to safety at all times.

## Treasurer's Department News

**2017 Summer Taxes are due on September 14, 2017 before 5:00 p.m. After that date, interest accumulates at 1% per month. We do not take postmarks.**

**Failure to receive a tax bill does not waive interest, penalties, or administration fees.** The legal responsibility of paying taxes on the correct parcel of property rests with the taxpayer. The Treasurer will not be responsible for payment on wrong parcel descriptions.

**Currently, bills paid through your on-line banking system may take up to 15 to 20 business days to be received** since they are processed by a third party vendor. Beginning July 1, 2016, we are working with our bank to implement an e-lockbox. The e-lockbox will allow the bank to capture any tax or utility payments made through your on-line banking without sending the electronic check through a third party. Please be sure to put the account number in the memo section just as it appears on the tax or utility bill (including dashes).

**Cash and Check Information:** **1) Cash** It is not always possible to break large bills, as the office keeps minimal change on hand for security reasons. If possible, please pay with some smaller denomination bills when possible; **2) Checks** Make checks payable to "Green Oak Charter Township" and include your current telephone number and parcel number of the property (i.e. 4716-xx-xxx-xxx); **3) Deposit Drop Box** For your convenience, the Township has a drop box located in front of the Township Hall main entrance. Please use only checks or money orders when using the drop box. **Any payments made after 5:00 p.m. will be applied on the next business day;** and **4) Partial Payments** the Treasurer does take partial payments for taxes. Any amount not paid by the due date will go delinquent and does incur penalties and interest.

**Utility Bills:** The Treasurer's office handles all sewer utility billing and water utility meter reading and billing for the Livingston Community Water Authority (LCWA), and dog licenses. All utility services are billed in arrears on a quarterly basis. If you are moving in or out of your residence, please call the township for a final bill and mailing address information.

**Dog Licenses** – a 1 year spay/neuter license is now \$10, a 3 year spay/neuter license is \$25, and replacement licenses is \$5. All licenses are based on the expiration date of the rabies shot. We have the new 2017 tags available. We are always happy to see you and your dog.

## Clerk's Information

### Passport Information

You may apply for a new passport or passport card at the Clerk's office from 9-4 daily at the Clerk's department. To apply you will need photo ID, a birth certificate with original seal, and a passport photo. Application forms are available at the office for new and renewal passports. Allow 4 to 6 weeks to receive your passport with regular processing, or 2 to 3 weeks if you pay extra fees to expedite processing. Per Federal Government regulations, passport fees can only be paid by **check or money order. Cash is not accepted.**

The passport fee for anyone over the age of 16 is \$135.00 and is good for ten years. For children under the age of 16, the passport fee is \$105.00.

**Notary services** are available for free to residents during regular township business hours.

### **BECOME A PAID ELECTION WORKER**

Please contact the Clerk's office if you would like to be a member of the election inspector team that staffs the polls at elections. You must be a registered voter in Michigan, be at least 18 years old, attend training sessions, be proficient with the use of laptop computers, and people oriented. Polling Location Assistants Must Be at Least 16 years old. Position descriptions and Information Is available at the Green Oak Charter Township Clerk's Office

If you have served as an election inspector before you may have to retake training classes if your certification has expired.

## **News from your Ordinance Officer**

### **Friendly Reminders from the Ordinance Department:**

- 1) **High grass/weeds;** All grass/weeds in residentially zoned areas must be maintained below 6" at all times. One warning will be issued, then the property owner will be subject to civil infraction citations and fines/or court. (See Section 10-142 of the Code of Ordinances)
- 2) **Yard Sale/Temporary Signs;** Signs are prohibited in any road right-of-way (typically 15 feet from edge of the road) within the Township. This includes any intersection. If signs are placed in these areas, they will be promptly removed by Township staff. Signs that are removed are subject to a civil infraction citations/or court action.
- 3) **Garage sale signs** can be placed pointing into the neighborhood where the sale is taking place.  
(See Section 38-402 of the Code of Ordinances)
- 4) **Be a Good Neighbor;** Please keep your property free of blight and refuse. Maintaining yards free of these items helps protect us from rodents and other hazards and promotes aesthetic value within our Community. (See Section 10-33 of the Code of Ordinances)
- 5) **Swimming Pools:** Any pool over 24 inches high, requires a Building Permit and a perimeter fence.
- 6) **Dogs:** Make sure your dog is licensed. See information in "Treasurer Department News" or on our website. Please be courteous and clean up after your pets.

For more information, please visit our Green Oak Charter Township website and select ordinance # 4 – 27 or call (810) 231-1333 x107

## **Community Information**

**GREEN OAK DAY** is set for September 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m... This is a good opportunity to learn about Township history from Historical Society members and meet your Township Officials, police officers, and firemen. We will have the buildings open to the public, police and fire equipment will be available to view. There will be food and family fun for everyone. We hope to see you there! Information for residents can be found several ways. We have information on our website, you can sign up for our constant contact emails, or you can find us on Facebook and like our page.