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From The Supervisor's Office.....

I'm happy to inform you that Sumpter Township is doing very well. For the most part, all departments are performing well and are providing the services to the citizens that they are expected to provide.

Sumpter Township remains fiscally sound. All departments are mindful of the Township's revenue stream and are encouraged to stay within their approved budgets while providing essential services to our residents.

Most of you are aware by now that the voters approved the sale and use of recreational marijuana in November of 2018. Local municipalities however, have the option of "opting in" or "opting out" of the sales portion of this law. This Board has voted to "opt out", therefore, no establishments will be allowed to sell recreational marijuana in our Township. This is consistent with this Board's position all along. This Board feels that the negatives that marijuana brings far outweigh any perceived advantage. There is no money in this operation at the local level. In fact, studies show that local communities will need to spend more money monitoring these facilities than they receive in revenue; while they watch as their once quiet, peaceful neighborhoods give way to those seeking to capitalize on the big money to be made at the expense of our peaceful community. The citizens of our Township must remain vigilant and know how your local officials and candidates stand on this issue before you vote in the future.

In observance of Earth Day, the Supervisor's Office will be giving away White Pine trees on April 24th starting at 4:30 pm. 100 trees will be given away on a first come first serve basis, one per address. You will be required to show ID to prove that you are a resident of this Township. My office applied and received a grant from DNR that made these trees possible.

There will be a silent auction in the community center gym on April 13, 2019 from 1:00-5:00 pm. Auction items will be items the Township no longer uses.

The current Township Board and the staff and employees of Sumpter Township are totally committed and dedicated to serving the residents of this great community of ours. As leaders of this Township, we're always looking for ways to improve. We welcome constructive suggestions by our residents. Please feel free to visit or call our Township offices with your ideas or questions. As Supervisor, I assure you that you will be listened to and will be given a prompt and courteous response to your inquiries or suggestions.

Remember, Sumpter Township is a great place to live, work and raise a family. Together let's keep it that way.

John W. Morgan, Supervisor

News from Your Clerk: Esther Hurst

The regular board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and are held on the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Important Number to Remember

Emergency: 911
Dispatch: 734-461-6898
Sumpter Police: 734-461-4833
Republic Waste: 1-877-264-5544
Wayne County Roads: 1-888-762-3273
Wayne County Forestry: 734-941-1020

Landfill Permits

Landfill permits are available at the Clerk's office. You must have a current driver's license with a Sumpter Township address. You will be able to take your non-toxic items to the landfill twice a month (not to exceed a five (5) cubic yard maximum per month). On January 1, 2019, all residents are required to wear a HIGH-VIZ vest and hard hat. Kits will be available to purchase at the landfill for \$21. The landfill is located at Clark & Oakville Waltz on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 pm until 4:30 pm and Saturday mornings from 7:00 am until 12:30 pm.

Large Trash Items

If you have large items to throw away (furniture, sink carpeting, etc.), you must call Republic Waste (877) 264-5544, for a "special pick-up", before setting it out at the roadside. Republic Waste will give you instructions on how you need to prepare your item for pickup.

Garage/Yard Sale Permits

The Township of Sumpter requires that all residents wishing to host a garage or yard sale obtain a permit through the Clerk's office. The permit is valid for a four (4) consecutive day sale. Residents may hold a maximum of five (5) garage sales per year. The cost is \$2 for each permit, with thirty (30) days between each garage/yard sale.

Sumpter Township Hall will be closed:

Friday, April 19, 2019
Monday, May 27, 2019
Thursday, July 4, 2019
Friday, July 5, 2019

Business Licenses

In an effort to protect the health, safety, and welfare of everyone, Sumpter Township has revamped the business licensing program to include more inspections for commercial businesses. Businesses within our township that are classified as commercial businesses are now required to have four (4) inspections (building, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing), every other year. The process for businesses that are classified as home-based businesses has not changed. They are required to have one (1) building inspection annually.

Recycling

The Recycling Center is open on Saturdays from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. The center will be closed on holiday weekends, to see a current 2018-2019 calendar you can visit our website at www.sumptertwp.com. There is no fee to recycle except for the recycling of tires.

Election Workers Needed:

If you are interested in becoming an election inspector, please stop by the Clerk's Office to fill out an application or visit our website at www.sumptertwp.com. Township hours are Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

SUMPTER SENIOR CENTER
23501 SUMPTER ROAD
734-461-9373
HOURS: 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

- Free and low cost transportation & travel
- Weekly shopping & errands to Belleville
- Daily lunch served at 11:45
- Focus Hope/TEFAP food available to qualifying individuals
- Technology Assistance, WIFI
- Exercise Room
- Upholstery class, Quilting, Bible Study
- Arthritis Foundation Exercise free to members
- Cardio Drumming Class Free to members
- MICAPE
- Foot Doctor
- Loan closet equipped with: walkers, bath chairs, canes, diabetic lancets, etc. call 734-461-9373 for more info.

**WAYNE COUNTY NUTRITION
SENIOR DINING**

Enjoy a hot, well-balanced meal, with friends Monday thru Friday 11:45 am. Call 734-461-1186 to RSVP. \$3.00 suggested donation for persons 60 years or older. \$5.00 for guests.

For Meals on Wheels call Wayne County @ 800-851-1454 or 734-326-5202

Mission Statement (Condensed)

It is the expressed mission of the Sumpter Township Senior Center to do all within its restraints of time, funding and manpower to:

Provide a safe and enjoyable environment wherein seniors may congregate.

Act as a liaison between area seniors, social service agencies, Wayne County and Sumpter Township Administration. Create activities promoting health, recreation and education socialization.

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

March 28 Detroit Pistons game
 April 26 & 27 rent a table to sell your treasures \$10.00
 Monthly lunch trips to various Detroit area restaurants
 Shishewana trip in May
 Upholstery classes Wednesdays

COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

Understanding Your Rights
 April 10 @ 6 PM Registration required,
 Volunteers needed for a potential Children's chess club
 Email jewel81@comcast.net
WIC office open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Senior Advisory Board Members

Karen Mickens
 Margaret Rochon
 Barbara Thomason
 Joe Wilson

Liaison: Esther Hurst

Senior Center Specialist:

Maryann Watson
 734-461-9373

In Partnership with: **SMART** and **The Senior Alliance** - phone number 734-722-2830

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm for our meetings. We meet at the Parks and Recreation building located at Graham Park. We are always looking for additional members. You can find our volunteer application in the Clerk's office if interested.

Sumpter Township has two parks for the citizens to enjoy and to bring family and friends out for whatever pleasure they may have. Rentals of pavilions information can be obtained in the Clerk's office.

Banotai Park and Graham Park will be re-opening on May 12, 2019 for the summer and will close back up on October 20, 2019. We will be having volunteer clean-up days on April 27, 2019 for Banotai Park and May 4, 2019 for Graham Park. Any questions, please contact the Clerk's office.

Graham park located on the corner of Sumpter and Wear Roads is named after police officer Roy Graham who lost his life in the line of duty.

Banotai Municipal Park is located at the corner of Wear and Sherwood Roads. This park is named after Marvin L. Banotai, a past Supervisor and lifetime resident of Sumpter Township, who is now deceased.

The Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Committee works hard in upgrading these parks for the benefit of the citizens of Sumpter Township.

We are in the stages of planning our events in 2019 which the dates and the events are as follows:

Easter Egg Hunt on April 13, 2019 at Graham Park beginning at noon.
2019 Sumpter Country Fest May 24, 2019-May 27, 2019 at the Sumpter Fair Grounds.
TBD-Family Fun Day (we are looking for donated fishing rods for a fishing day).
September 15, 2019-25th Don Rochon Memorial Car Show
All Sunday's in October-Turkey shoots
December 11, 2019-Children's Christmas Party

We hope to see the Township residents at all of our events.

Sharon Pokerwinski
Sumpter Township Parks Administrator
On behalf of the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission

We are on the Web
www.sumptertwp.com

**SUMPTER POLICE DEPARTMENT
23501 SUMPTER ROAD
734-461-4833**

Hello from the Sumpter Township Police Department. We hope everyone made it through the frigid winter and are looking forward to warmer days ahead.

As we all know, warmer weather brings the possibility of severe storms and potentially high winds. We ask that you familiarize yourself and your family with the Sumpter Township Emergency Siren Procedure, which can be found on the police department's website, sumpterpd.org under the Alerts/Community tab.

It seems those pesky scam callers are not only getting more creative but bolder as well. We have received several calls from residents reporting they've received calls that appear on their caller ID as Sumpter Township Police Department but are in reality part of a scam attempting to gather personal and/or credit card information. Please be aware, the Sumpter Township Police Department will never call your home and request money for any reason. We strongly advise that you never give out personal information over the telephone unless you are absolutely sure who you are speaking to. Unfortunately, it is almost impossible to trace these calls and those who are making them.

Enforcing the law often starts with our residents. If you see something that appears suspicious, please report it. Keeping ourselves, our neighbors and the Township, as a whole safe, takes a strong working partnership between the community and the police department. Our 24/7 non-emergent dispatch number is 734-461-6898, and of course, if it is an emergency, please dial 911.

There are several ways you can stay informed and up to date on information from the police department. The Facebook page, facebook.com/sumpterpolice/, gives day to day information on what's happening within the police department and relays useful information. It also allows followers to interact with the department. Nixle.com allows real-time alerts, via text message and/or email about events that may directly affect residents, severe weather, traffic, criminal activity, missing person, etc. Crimemapping.com receives information daily from our reporting system, and the free service allows subscribers to receive email alerts any time one of fifteen different types of crime occurs within a set radius of their address. The department website, sumpterpd.org gives general information about the police department: hours of operation, crime mapping, and statistics, fees and forms, along with a secure and confidential way to email the department or specific personnel.

Should you have any questions about the contents of this article or questions in general for the police department, please feel free to contact us at 734-461-4833.

Have a safe, happy and healthy summer!!

NEWS FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Reading your water meter, which is located inside your home, and keeping track of how much water your household uses will help identify any unusual water usage. In just 10 minutes you can search your home for leaks and crack down on any water waste. Worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, an overset humidifier, a leak in your water heater and leaking showerheads all are easily correctable and can save on your water bill.

It's important that our customers receive accurate bills for the amount of water consumed by their household. Thus it is imperative that when the Township Water Department leaves a notice at your property requesting access to our metering equipment, that an appointment be promptly scheduled with the water billing department at 734-461-6201 ext. 2242.

In the event of a fire, help the firefighter easily find the fire hydrant nearest your home. Does it get buried under a pile of snow in the winter or covered with overgrowth during the summer? Our DPW crews are at work trying to keep the hydrants uncovered during all seasons but various job responsibilities limit the time required for this task. The Township Fire Department and DPW are encouraging residents to "adopt-a-fire-hydrant" near your home to keep clear from snow and overgrowth. This will help ensure hydrants are visible and speed the response time in case of a fire.

Sumpter Township water department is working with GLWA and MDEQ routinely testing the township water to insure that a high quality product is delivered to your homes.

To our sewer customers: the Environment One grinder pump is capable of accepting and pumping a wide range of materials. However, certain materials can cause damage to your pump and might result in you being charged with costly repair bills. Please **DO NOT** introduce these materials plus any similar materials into your system:

Kitchen grease, glass, cotton swabs, metal, aquarium gravel, seafood shells, personal/cleaning wipes and sponges, plastic objects (toys, utensils, etc.) sanitary napkins or tampons, diapers, socks, rags or cloth, disposable toothbrushes, kitty litter, cigarette butts, syringes, latex/vinyl items and dental floss.

Caution: Kitchen garbage disposals do not keep grease/oil out of the plumbing system.

In addition you must never introduce into any sewer: **Explosives, flammable material, strong chemicals, gasoline, lubricating oil and/or grease.**

In periods of disuse: If your home is left unoccupied for longer than a couple of weeks, perform the following procedure on your grinder pump system. **PURGE** the system by running clean water into the unit until the pump activates. Immediately turn off the water and allow the grinder pump to run until it shuts off.
DO NOT DISCONNECT THE POWER TO THE UNIT.

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING A BROWN OUT OR POWER OUTAGE, SHUT OFF YOUR GRINDER PUMP UNTIL POWER IS RESTORED AND USE AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE DURING SUCH TIMES.

TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

Hello neighbors. I am Kenneth Bednark your newly elected Sumpter Township Treasurer. My staff and I are here to serve you.

My objective, as your Treasurer, is to apply my years of business experience to provide residents with the most modern and efficient Treasurer's office possible. My staff and I pledge our honesty, accountability, and integrity to offer the best and most accurate customer service experience available.

Please let my introduce myself and staff:

Treasurer: Kenneth Bednark - as a 42 year Sumpter Township resident, I was in the real estate and construction business. I am a graduate of the University of Michigan with a Master's Degree in Policy and Behavior, as well as an undergraduate degree in Urban Planning/Business Administration.

Deputy Treasurer: Wendy Snook - is a 17 year resident of Sumpter Township. She has recently retired from the City of Wayne. Wendy has many years of experience working with our current financial software. She enjoys being an active parent volunteer with all of 16 year old son's activities. Her son is very active with Lincoln High School Theatre department, and his Eagle Scout project while volunteering for many years at our recycling center. Wendy has been happily married for more than 26 years. During her tenure with the City of Wayne, she spent many years at the police department and managed their records department. Her 12 years of utility billing specialist experience will also be a huge asset to our department. She has excellent customer service and managerial skills and will be a wonderful addition to the team we are building in our Treasurer's Department.

Treasurer's Office Clerk: Erica Campbell - Erica comes to us from JP Morgan Chase and has a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Wayne State University. Erica has strong accounting and data management skills, and will be an asset to our office. Erica has two (2) children who attend Keystone Academy. She enjoys spending time with her children and close-knit family.

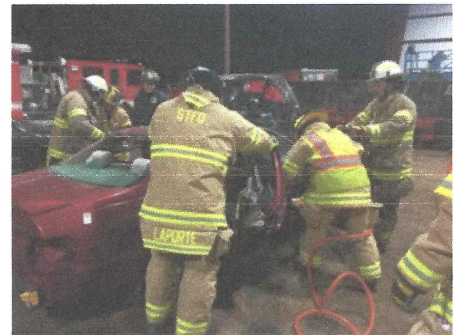
Utility Billing Specialist: Anna Winter - Anna has been a resident of Sumpter Township since 2011 and is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She formerly worked for the City of Riverview (17 years), and then as a Certified Elementary teacher (10 years). Her skillset includes customer service, billing, a degree in accounting and office management expertise. She has enjoyed a happy marriage for 27 years and three children.

Listed below is part of my comprehensive plan that we will be implementing over the next several months:

- Paperless billing
- Online ACH payment
- Credit Card bill payment through Point and Pay
- Building a new service counter with two payment stations at the window and ADA compliant
- Upgrading computer terminals
- Automating cash handling with a bill counter with fraud protection and a check scanner
- Shopping banks to better invest our surplus capital and save expenses
- Developing inter-office processes and procedures to increase efficiency
- Investing in staff professional training.

NEWS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

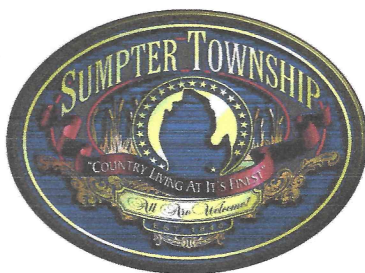
There's a lot of exciting things that have been happening at the Sumpter Fire Department. We have a new addition to our fleet. A John Deere Gator. It will be equipped with a 55-gallon skid sprayer and medical equipment for our fire and medical needs.



Every month we have been working hard at the fire department with the new implemented on-line training and hands-on training program. This continuing education helps our firefighters fine tune their skills and knowledge, so they will be able to give the best care to our community.

Just a friendly reminder with spring right around the corner and everyone cleaning up their yards. Open burns are not permitted in the Township.

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BELLEVILLE, MI 48111**



**SUMPTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENT
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