



Celebrating 180 years **SUMPTER TOWNSHIP**

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From The Supervisor's Office.....



The Sumpter Media Center is now open at 23465 Sumpter Road. This is located directly across the street from Sumpter Township Hall.

We have eleven adult computer stations, four children's computer stations, public WIFI, copying, printing, scanning, faxing, drive thru book return and pick up and check out holds.

As we welcome in the new year, we also pause and reflect on our performance during the past year. As supervisor and leader of this township, I take great pride in the fact that with the cooperation of our department heads, we have provided a wide range of high quality services to our residents without requesting any new millage. We have been very prudent with our spending and meticulous in our planning.

As we move forward into 2020, we remain committed to providing the highest quality of public safety along with essential services that our residents can be proud of while keeping our cost within our budget.

Our office welcomes your comments or visits anytime.

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, except March, scheduled only on the 24th. Planning Commission Meetings are posted at the Township Hall, open to the public and scheduled as needed to a minimum of 4 times per year.

Visit our new website @ www.sumptertwp.org !!
CENSUS 2020! Visit our website and learn how to become involved!!

Now Open: The Sumpter Township Media & Satellite Library Center!
Mon, Wed, Sat: 10am to 3pm Tues, Thurs: 3pm to 8pm

Important Numbers to Remember

Fire, Medical, Police 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

Sumpter Township Hall will be closed:

Monday, January 20, 2020
Monday, February 17, 2020
Friday, April 10, 2020
Monday, May 25, 2020
Monday, September 7, 2020

Landfill Permits

Free 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). All residents are required to wear a HIGH-VIZ vest and hard hat and can purchase these at the Landfill for \$25 or supply your own. The landfill is located at Clark & Oakville Waltz on Wednesdays from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm and Saturday mornings from 7:00 am until 12:00 pm.

Election Workers Needed:

Presidential Primary! March 10, 2020

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

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.

Large Trash Items

If you have large items to throw away (furniture, sink carpeting, etc.), you must call Republic Waste (877) 264-5544 **before** setting it out at the roadside.

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 2019-2020 calendar you can visit our website at www.sumptertwp.org. There is no fee to recycle except for the recycling of tires.

SUMPTER SENIOR CENTER
2350I 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
- MICAFAE
- Foot Doctor
- Loan closet equipped with: walkers, bath chairs, canes, diabetic lancets, etc. call 734-461-9373 for more info.

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Upholstery classes Wednesdays
 Bible Study Tuesdays at 10:15am
 Upholstery Wednesdays at 3:00pm
 Monthly lunch trips to various
 Detroit area restaurants
 Arthritis Foundation Exercise on
 Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30am

COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

Tuesdays at 6:30 Cardio Drumming

**WAYNE COUNTY NUTRITION
SENIOR DINING**

**WIC office open Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday**

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

A BIG Thank you to Sumpter Seniors Quilters for your endless endeavors on caring for others!

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.

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 has two parks for the citizens to enjoy and to bring family and friends out for what ever pleasure they may have.

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

Marvin L 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 Commission works hard in upgrading these parks for the benefit of the citizens of Sumpter Township. For the safety of our residents and others that use the parks; they are closed, and will reopen on May 10, 2020 weather permitting. Anyone utilizing the parks while they are closed will be doing so at their own risk.

We receive grants from Wayne County Public Services - Division of Parks.

In 2016-2017 with the grant we updated the parks & recreation building.

In 2017-2018 with the grant we added an addition to the parks & recreation building to store all of the equipment.

The grant for years 2018-2019 will be used to upgrade the play area in both parks with new mulch and adding an accessible swing for a wheel chair in both play parks.

With the 2019-2020 grant we will be using the money to replace two grills at Banotai Park, fix needed repairs to the fencing at both parks, repair or replace children's rides at both parks and hopefully add additional playground equipment also at both parks.

Every year we apply for a grant and make sure that our parks are in great condition for residents to enjoy.

Events for 2020 are as follows;

Easter Egg Hunt – April 4, 2020 with a rain date of April 5, 2020 – Graham Park

Sumpter Country Fest – May 22 – 25, 2020 – Sumpter Twp. Fair Grounds

Family Fun Day/Gabby's Games – Date & Place TBD

Don Rochon Memorial Car Show – TBD

Turkey Shoot – October 5, 11, 18 & 25, 2020 – Sumpter Twp. Police Firing Range

Sumpter Township Children's Christmas Party – December 9, 2020

Sharon Pokerwinski, Parks Administrator

Sharon Pokerwinski

Krystal Tackett, Assistant Parks Administrator

On Behalf of Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission

SUMPTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

DO YOU HAVE UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS?

With the much-advertised National Prescription Drug Take-Back events occurring only a few times a year, we'd like to remind everyone that the Sumpter Township Police Department offers the service virtually EVERY DAY of the year.

Since May 2017, we've provided the pictured dropbox in our lobby. The dropbox, which was furnished by the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, is intended for the disposal of any unused or expired personal use quantity prescription medications (in any form; pills, EpiPens, inhalers, patches). This service is available during regular records department hours (7a-5p Mon-Thurs & 8a-4p Fri).

NEVER flush unused medications down the drain, throw them in the trash, or leave them to stockpile. Here's why:

HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL WATERWAYS

Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove all medicines from wastewater.

Drugs can end up going through the plants and directly to our lakes and rivers.

Various levels of drugs have been detected in waterways across the United States.

Research suggests that hormones found in pharmaceuticals may cause abnormalities in the reproductive cycles of fish.

Antibiotics in the environment may also contribute to the development of drug-resistant germs.

PREVENT CHILDHOOD POISONINGS

Just one pain pill can be fatal to a child.

Every 30 seconds, an unintentional poisoning of a child occurs in the United States.

One-third of poisonings by prescription medication among children four and younger involve a grandparent or great-grandparent's medication.

Iron or multivitamins with iron are responsible for 30 percent of child deaths due to medication poisoning.

REDUCE SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Prescription and OTC medications are widely available, free or inexpensive, and falsely believed to be safer than illegal drugs.

20% of US high school students have taken a prescription drug not prescribed to them.

Most commonly abused medications are Oxycontin, Percocet, Vicodin, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax.

The national effort aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription medications, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of drugs. Please, take a few minutes of your time to ensure that your unused prescriptions don't end up in our waterways or the wrong hands.



TRUSTEES STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP

BY

Don Laporte

Matt Oddy

Tim Rush

Don Swinson

As elected representatives of Sumpter we work hard to maintain and protect our community with a focus on improving services, reducing debt and maintaining a balanced budget.

The Township has accomplished great things over the last 3 years, a few item of note are:

Received an AA- rating on the State Audit 2019

Maintained a Balanced Budget

Implemented a \$78,000/year cut in board compensation

Received over \$60,000 in Police and Fire Grant funds

Updated street lights to LED saving thousands of dollars yearly

52nd safest place to live in Michigan

Installed ADA automatic door at the Township Hall

Storm Ready Certification by NWS first in Michigan

New and updated Township webpage (under budget)

Increased the General Fund \$2,775,000

Secured over \$280,000 in Community block grants

Reduced pension debt over \$160,000

Received over \$32,000 in Parks and Rec grant funds

Opened a state of the art Media Center/Library

New police body cameras paid for with forfeiture funds

Updated control software for the emergency sirens

NOAA weather alert radios in Township buildings

Free CPR class to residents paid by local business

Two new brush trucks for fire department

Narcan and Opioid training for Police/Fire paid by Wayne County

Renegotiated security contracts savings thousands of dollars

Established a Safe Zone at the police department for internet transactions and custody exchanges.

Established an emergency shelter by installing a whole building generator

New Cable Broadcast System paid for with Cable Revenues

The dedication of our Township employees, officials, and volunteers continue to make positive impacts in our community. In addition to implementing cost saving plans and improving services the Township has been successful in securing Grant funds that have paid for: renovations to the Parks and Recreation building, new playground equipment, thousands of feet of new fire hose, new fire turnout gear, new thermal cameras, the Jaws of Life, and state of the art air packs to keep our firefighters safe.

As your elected representatives we invite you come down and get involved and make a positive impact in your community. The Township is always looking for volunteers for the fire department, parks and recreation department, and the senior center. The Board meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month with an agenda workshop starting at 6:00pm and the board meeting starting at 6:30pm, come down and hear first-hand what's going on in your Township. Please visit the new website @ sumptertwp.org for additional information.

News From Your Sumpter Township Treasurer's Office

Thank you to all of our residents who have supported us and been patient through the changes of the past year. Our office has accomplished many things that have allowed us to better serve the community!

We are currently in our busy season of the year for Winter taxes. Winter taxes for 2019 are due February 28th, 2020. We encourage you to pay them before the deadline. Summer 2019 taxes may also be paid until February 28th in our office, but have additional fees for every month they are past due. After February 28th all taxes must be paid at Wayne County. Our office will be open for your convenience until 5pm on Friday February 28th.

The office is pleased to announce we are now taking credit cards for all payments made at our office. There is a 3% or \$2 fee (whichever is higher), paid by the customer for using this service. The township does not make any money on this service, the fee is paid directly to the Point and Pay service. You may also pay your bill using our online services from the Township website! The online service allows you to pay your taxes or water bill using your credit card (see above fees) or via electronic check. The fee for the electronic check is \$3 for up to a \$10,000 payment. We hope this will enable you to make payments easier!

Other notable accomplishment from the Treasurer's office:

- ~Changing financial institutions to Comerica Bank and securing higher interest on Township funds
- ~Bank Quality Night Depository Drop-box
- ~New Computers with better software
- ~Check Scanner- allowing us to scan your checks directly into the bank
- ~Bank Quality Cash Counter to detect fraudulent currency
- ~Receipt printers giving residents more information on a receipt for any payment made

Office hours are 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday, with extended hours until 7pm on Township Board Meeting nights, which are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. If you are unable to make payments during business hours, we offer a secure Night Depository Box outside of the Township Hall to drop payments into at any time. If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office with any questions, we are here to serve you!

Treasurer Kenneth Bednark

Deputy Treasurer Wendy Snook

Treasurer's Clerk Erica Campbell
734-558-0193 ecampbell@sumptertwp.org

NEWS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hello Township Residents,

With the weather becoming cooler, performing routine maintenance on your furnace will help prevent any safety issues you may encounter. Also, having your chimney cleaned will help prevent chimney fires.

Maintaining your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors is very important! By changing the batteries along with updating any outdated detectors will help save lives in the event of an emergency. It is recommended to change the batteries every six months. Testing your detectors on a monthly basis will determine if it's working properly. If in the event that your detector is not working properly replace with new and discard the old. Also proper placement will help in the event of a fire. Smoke detectors that are hard wired with lithium batteries can last up to ten years. Carbon monoxide detectors can last between five and seven years.

If you have a fire hydrant on your property and there is a big snowfall, please help us out and clear any large amounts of snow away from the hydrant.

Please make sure your address is visible from the road in case of an emergency. Life signs are available for purchase at the township hall for twenty dollars.

THERE IS NO OPEN BURNING IN SUMPTER TOWNSHIP!

Thank you for your continued support and as always be safe!

**SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD
BELLEVILLE, MI 48111**



**SUMPTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENT
BELLEVILLE, MI 48111**