

Williams Township Senior Center

1080 W. Midland Rd

Open 9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Lunch served daily at 12:00 noon

\$2.00 suggested meal donation

Special Events and Programs

- **Blood Pressure Clinic-** June 1st
- **Sit & Kick-** June 12 & 26, Join us and have some fun with fitness instructor Beth Trahan every other Friday of every month.
- **Identity Theft-** June 16, Learn practical tips and techniques on how to protect your identity from presenter Bill Ostler, SOM Department of Attorney General.
- **Father's Day Celebration-** June 19th
- **Williams Township Update-** June 30th, with Tom Paige, Supervisor
- **Summer Fun-** July 21, Join Jim Lepeak for a day of music and fun.

Call Mary at 662-6521 for more information.
Reservations must be made 1 day in advance.

For online Senior Center information please visit
www.williamstwp.com/seniordining.asp .

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Do you need a U.S. Passport?

U.S. citizens may apply for their passport books and passport cards during regular business hours (and after hours by appointment) at the township clerk's office. A certified birth certificate with a raised seal, not a copy, and two pictures must be presented when making application. Normal processing by the U.S. Department of State takes approximately six weeks; two week rush processing is available for an extra \$60.

Effective June 1st, all U.S. Citizens must present a valid U.S. Passport Book or U.S. Passport Card when entering the United States from a foreign country, including Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

The standard passport fee is \$100 for adults and \$85 for children younger than 16. The standard fee for the passport card is \$45 for adults and \$35 for children younger than 16. The passport card was designed for entry at land and sea ports-of-entry and is not valid for international travel by air. We have application forms, renewal forms and numerous other miscellaneous forms that may be required depending on the applicant's particular situation.

A fill in the blank application is also available online at the township website, www.williamstwp.com .

For questions or additional information, please contact Amy or Pam at 662-4408.

2009 Summer Property Taxes

You should receive your summer 2009 Property Tax bill by July 1st. If you do not receive your tax bill by July 1st or shortly thereafter, let our office know as soon as possible so we can send you a copy of your bill. Be sure to review your tax bill as soon as you receive it to verify that all information is correct (i.e. address, principal residence exemption status, etc.). If there are any errors, please contact our office immediately so the necessary corrections can be made. Any errors will be corrected at the Board of Review meeting held on July 21st.

Summer property taxes may be paid or deferred between July 1st and September 14th without penalty. Beginning September 15th a 1% late penalty will be added to all unpaid summer tax bills. An additional 1% will be added each month through February 15th. An additional 3% penalty will be added on February 16th.

You may pay your property taxes in person at the treasurer's office, by mail, or by placing your payment in our drop box located in the front of our office building. ***If using our drop box, please do not pay with cash, checks only!*** If you require a "Stamped Paid Receipt", please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you cannot pay your taxes in full, we do accept partial payments which can be weekly or monthly. Just remember that any balance left after the September 14th deadline will incur penalties until paid off.

If you qualify and plan to defer your summer property taxes, stop by the treasurer's office as soon as possible to sign a deferment form. A new deferment form must be executed each year. This form is also available online at www.williamstwp.com/treasurer.asp .

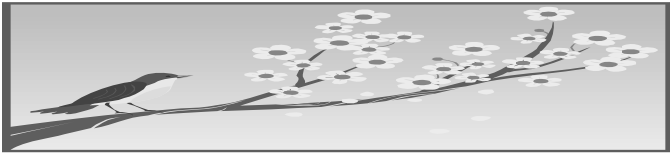
Our summer office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Township office will be closed on Fridays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. In addition, we will be closed for the following holiday's, July 2nd and July 3rd, September 4th and September 7th.

For any tax related questions, please call Connie or Jackie at 662-4091.

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Hazardous Materials

For proper disposal of all hazardous materials, contact the Bay County Health Department at 895-4006. Information is also provided in the Health Department-Environmental Health department of the Bay County website at www.co.bay.mi.us .



Pine Grove Cemetery

Pine Grove Cemetery is located on the northwest corner of Eleven Mile and North Union roads. It is Township owned and beautifully maintained by Don Dzurka, our Township Sexton.

The cemetery was recognized as a historic site on October 12, 1990 and is listed in the Michigan State Register of Historic Sites by the Michigan Historical Commission.

Burial fees are \$150.00 per space for Williams Township and City of Auburn residents and \$250.00 per space for non-residents. Opening and closings fees are \$375.00 and Cremation fees are \$125.00.

For questions or additional information, please contact Don Dzurka at 496-2378.

Pets in Williams Township Park

Many folks find the Williams Township Park a great place to take their pets for a walk. Please be a responsible pet owner when enjoying the Township Park. Pets in the Williams Township Park must be kept on a lease at all times. In addition, pet owners must pick up any pet waste from their pets and deposit it in a trash receptacle. "Doggie Walk Bags" are supplied at the park entrance for this purpose. Thank you for your help!

Dog and Cat Licenses

If your dog or cat is licensed with Bay County, the County will send you the form for your new license in the mail a month before your old license expires, which is also when your animal needs their rabies vaccination.

Licenses may be purchased at most veterinary's offices, at any Township Office, at Animal Control, and at the Bay County Treasurer's Office. The cost for a 1 year license for an unsexed cat or dog is \$21 and \$7 for spayed or neutered pets. A 3 year license can be purchased if a rabies vaccination is good for 3 years, unsexed \$54 and spayed and/or neutered \$18.

When purchasing your new license please bring the form that the County sent you and proof of the rabies vaccination. Licenses for a new animal may be purchased by providing proof of rabies vaccination and if your animal was spayed or neutered, proof will also be required.

Delinquent licenses can only be purchased at the Bay County Treasures office or Animal Control.

From the Fire Chief, Mike Snyder

Outdoor Grilling Safety

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), gas and charcoal grills cause an average of 900 structure fires and 3,500 outdoor fires in or on home properties each year, resulting in a combined direct property loss of \$30 million.

Nearly half of home outdoor gas grill fires and almost one-third of home gas grill structure fires are due to leaks and breaks in the equipment. The two leading causes for charcoal grill home structure fires are combustible materials, including the home itself, that are too close to the grill, and unattended cooking. Selecting a safe location outside the home for grilling is important.

Almost half of all home structure charcoal grill fires and one-third of the gas grill fires began on an exterior balcony or unenclosed porch.

To make sure your next barbecue doesn't go up in flames, the Auburn-Williams Fire Department recommends the following safety tips:

- ✓ Gas and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.
- ✓ Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. The grill should be positioned at least 3 feet away from any combustible object.
- ✓ Designate the grilling area a "No Play Zone", keeping children and pets well away until grill equipment is completely cool.
- ✓ Only use starter fluid made for barbecue grills when starting a fire in a charcoal grill.
- ✓ Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If you determine your grill has a leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, immediately turn the gas supply off and get the grill serviced by a professional. **Immediately call the Fire Department if a detected gas leak is not stopped when the gas tank valve is closed.**
- ✓ **Never store propane gas cylinders inside buildings or garages.** If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

From The Supervisor

Brush Chipping and Disposal

Williams Township continues to offer a residential brush chipping service. This service is for township residents that have trimmed their own trees themselves as an alternative to open burning. Commercial tree cutting services and "For-Hire" tree cutters must dispose of the trees and brush they cut and trim.

Chipping requests should be limited to 30 minutes of chipping per residential household per month. Additional time above 30 minutes per month will be charged at a rate as set by the Township Board, currently \$50 per hour. The Township will make exceptions to the 30 minute limitation for a reasonable period of time following a major storm event.

Brush must be placed at the road shoulder with all ends facing towards the road. Pieces must be small enough and piled appropriately for one person to handle. Root balls must be removed and can not be chipped. Please call the Township Office to be placed on the "Chipping List" when the brush is ready to chip so we can route the crew in the most efficient manner.

Road Improvement Projects

A mile of local township roadway, Flajole Road, between Wheeler and Wilder, is currently receiving major work. This section of roadway was crushed and shaped with additional gravel applied last fall. A double layer of Chip Seal will be applied in mid June to mid July 2009. A third layer of Chip Seal will be applied to 4 miles of Wilder Road, from 8 Mile to Carter, in 2009. A third layer of Chip Seal will be applied Flajole Road, from Wheeler to Wilder, in 2010.

A mile of Flajole Road, from Salzburg to Hotchkiss, is scheduled to be crushed and shaped with additional gravel applied this fall. A double layer of Chip Seal will be applied in 2010, with a third layer of Chip Seal planned for 2011.

Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated during all road improvement projects.

8 Mile Road Culvert Replacement

Monitor and Williams Townships recently reached an agreement with the Bay County Road Commission to replace the culvert on the Culver Creek on 8 Mile Road about 225 feet north of Salzburg Road. This is a load limited bridge that severely restricts access to the dead-end road north of this culvert.

Wilder Road Culvert Failure

It was recently discovered after the severe spring rains that the culvert under Wilder Road on the west side of 9 Mile Road is failing and, on May 18, 2009, the Bay County Road Commission closed Wilder Road to all traffic at that point. The Bay County Road Commission is researching options and costs with the township to replace this culvert and re-open Wilder Road as soon as possible.

Yard Waste in Ditches

Please do not place grass clippings, yard waste, leaves, or debris in the ditches. This contributes to poor drainage for you, your neighbors, and the entire township. Waste Management picks up yard waste weekly on your normal trash collection day from April 1st through the end of November. Thank you for your help and understanding.

Fire Hydrants

Township personnel will be conducting maintenance on fire hydrants in Williams Township this summer and fall. They will check for proper operation, flush and drain the hydrants. If you have a fire hydrant near your property, please help yourself and your neighbors by keeping hydrants clear of grass and weeds. **Your help is greatly appreciated.**

Unauthorized Use Of Fire Hydrants

Unauthorized use of a fire hydrant to obtain free water should be reported immediately to 9-1-1. Besides not paying for the water, these unauthorized users typically do not pump out the water that remains in the barrel of the hydrant, which can then freeze in cold temperatures and render the hydrant inoperable when needed in an emergency. Thank you for your help!

Waste Management

It is strongly encouraged that all trash be placed in bags, whether in or out of trash cans (including "Green Monsters"). This will help assure that the trash ends up in the landfill where it belongs, and not blowing around the Township, especially on windy collection days.

Items banned from Michigan landfills include whole tires, beverage containers, yard waste, lead acid batteries, used oil, low-level radioactive waste, regulated hazardous waste, liquid waste, sewage, PCBs and asbestos waste.

Please drive carefully, and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Tom Paige, Supervisor

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS
CITY OF AUBURN AND
THE AUBURN-WILLIAMS INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS, CITY OF AUBURN AND THE AUBURN-WILLIAMS INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a Special Joint Meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time at the Williams Township Hall, located at 1080 W. Midland Road, Auburn, MI 48611.

Purpose of Meeting: To inform the public of the information included in the Final Report of the Auburn-Williams Intergovernmental Advisory Committee in regard to law enforcement service for the City and Township and for public comment to be received.

The City of Auburn and Williams Charter Township have joined over the years in many successful ventures including the Auburn-Williams Fire Department, the Auburn-Williams Recreation Association, and contracting for administration of the Michigan Building Code. At a time when governmental units are realizing decreasing revenues, it is necessary and fitting to look towards methods to deliver essential governmental services in the most cost effective way to the residents, businesses and property owners of Williams Charter Township and the City of Auburn. The City and Township operate under very different enabling statues and regulations therefore there is not a desire to merge the two governmental units. The City Commission and the Township Board of Trustees did create the Auburn-Williams Intergovernmental Advisory Committee to identify areas of mutual interest in both municipalities and to carefully research the possibilities of combining the effort in identified areas. The goal is to determine if cost savings can be realized while providing the same or better level of service. The Committee is advisory only, with no legislative authority and no authority to make or change policy. Because of the retirement of the City police chief, the committee first directed their research toward law enforcement services. Committee meetings are posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the public is encouraged to attend.

In the past, the City has employed one full time chief and one full time officer providing 80 hours per week coverage (less with leave time) at a cost of \$206,000 annually. The Township contracts for two sheriff's deputies providing 80 hours per week at a cost of \$155,000 annually. Often the City and Township law enforcement are on duty during the same hours. The 80 hours per week provides coverage for each community less than 47% of the time, depending on the amount of leave time that is taken. If the City and Township share law enforcement services, the communities could have about 95% of the time with law enforcement coverage.

After research, the Committee found five options; however the only options that will allow the Township and City to share and expand the hours of law enforcement service would include the City contracting with the Sheriff's department, or the creation of an authority. The Auburn City Police do not have law enforcement authority outside of the city boundaries. The Sheriff's department primary duty is to provide law enforcement in the county jail; it is not required by statute to provide police road patrol to communities, unless there is a specific contract to do so in a community. The Sheriff's department is maintaining a road patrol as backup for Bay County communities with the assistance of a PA416 Grant, which provides 3 additional deputies to the county road patrol. If the Sheriff's department reduces their staff by two less deputies they will no longer be eligible for the grant, and will also lose the 3 deputies provided by the grant (a total loss of 5 deputies). This is one reason that the Township is hesitant to form an Authority and cancel their agreement with the Sheriff's Department.

If the City and Township combine services, the City police building could be used by the Sheriff's department or the Authority to house the law enforcement personnel, making them available to the public. Should the City decide to contract with the Sheriff's department, the City officer would be considered for a deputy's position. The same deputies would be assigned to our communities to provide continuity. The research with the 911 director indicated that the time of day that most 911 reports are written in Bay County is from 3p.m. to 8p.m.

The Committee researched the following options:

Option 1: Remain the same. City maintains their police department with full time and/or part time officers and the Township continues to contract with the Sheriff. *Each community remains with only 80 hours of coverage per week.*

Option 2: Contract with the Sheriff's Department. The City contracts for 2 deputies and the Township contracts for two deputies. The deputies cover all of Auburn and Williams Township. *This would provide 160 hours of coverage and could reduce the cost for the City.*

Option 3: City creates a department to serve the City and Township. *It was determined that this is not a viable option as the City officers do not have authority outside of the City boundaries unless called as mutual aid.*

Option 4: Township maintains 2 deputies / City maintains 1 officer and contracts 1 deputy. *This could allow for the cooperative sharing of 1 deputy per community – and provide a possible 80 shared hours plus 40 individual hours for a total of 120 hours per community per week. City may save money.*

Option 5: Create a Police Authority – City and Township could create another governmental Authority. *There would be a cost to establish an authority, to purchase the required equipment, to maintain the operations and administration, to provide the required training, and in this litigious society the cost of increased liability exposure. This would also trigger the reduction of Sheriff's department deputies (loss of PA416 Grant) and would reduce the deputies by 5 rather than 2, thus decreasing the number of available deputies to respond as backup.*

The Committee did conclude that it is important, no matter the method used to provide future law enforcement, that the officers and/or deputies are Medical First Responders to assist the volunteer Auburn-Williams Firefighters in low priority medical runs as determined by the Fire Chief. As the City and Township demographics continue to develop, the call volume for emergency medical service has grown substantially accounting for 65% of the 480 calls in 2008.

You are invited to attend this Special Joint Meeting of the City of Auburn and the Charter Township of Williams to learn more about the options and to make comment. Copies of the Report of the Auburn-Williams Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, dated May 2009, will be available for you to view at the City of Auburn Administration Office, Williams Township Administration Office, the Auburn Branch Library during their normal work hours, and on the Township web site - www.williamstwp.com

AUBURN/WILLIAMS SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

June 15th – July 23rd

Call for trip reservations Monday –Thursday
Between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at 662-2675.

Ask for Traci or Linda

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| June 15th 10-12 Carnival Day 12:30 – 2:00 Hot Dog Roast 2 Kickball | June 16th 10 T-Ball/Softball 11 Capture the Flag 12:00 PBJ Festival 1:30 Game Choice 2 Doll Show/Free Throw 2:30 Free Time | June 17th 10 Dodge Ball 11 Capture the Flag 12 Pizza & Pop 1 Jewelry Making 2 Game Choice | June 18th 10 Game Choice 11 Free Choice 12:40 – 2:30 Ice Skating @ Civic Arena |
| June 22nd 10 Story Hour 11 Games 12 Hot Dog Roast 1 Craft Time 2 Soccer | June 23rd 10 T-Ball/Softball 11 Dodge Ball 11:30 – 12:30 PBJ Festival 12:30 – 3:00 Olympic Games | June 24th 10 Kickball 11 Game Choice 12 Pizza & Pop 1 Craft Time 2 Volleyball | June 25th 9:30 -11:30 Fishing Contest 11:30-12:30 Free Time 12:30-3:30 Roller Skating @Metro Skate West |
| June 29th 10 Story Hour 11 Games 12 – 1:30 Face Painting 1:30 – 3:00 McDonald's | June 30th 10 T-Ball/Softball 11 Kickball 12 PBJ Festival 1 Volleyball 2 Matchbox Car Race | July 1st 10 Game Choice 11-11:30 Free Time 11:45-2:45 Putt-Putt Golf @ Buoy 18 | July 2nd No Program Happy 4 th of July!! |
| July 6th 10 Story Hour 11 Games 12 Hot Dog Roast 1 Craft Time 2 Soccer | July 7th 10-12 Tye Dye 12 PBJ Festival 1 Dodge Ball 2 Game Choice | July 8th 10 Free Choice 11 Capture the Flag 12 Pizza & Pop 1 Craft Time 2 Remote Control Car Day | July 9th 10-11:30 Game Choice 11:30 Free Time 11:40-2:30 Swimming @ Delta College Pool |
| July 13th 10 Story Hour 11 Basketball 12 Hot Dog Roast 1 Craft Time 2 Kickball | July 14th 10 T-Ball/Softball 11 Game Choice 12 PBJ Festival 1 Free Time 2 Volleyball | July 15th 10 Free Choice 11 Capture the Flag 12 Pizza & Pop 1 Craft Time 2 Game Choice | July 16th 10 Game Choice 11 – 11:30 Free Time 11:45 – 2:45 Swimming @ Community Center |
| July 20th 10 Story Hour 11 Dodge Ball 12 Hot Dog Roast 1 Craft Time 2 Kickball | July 21st 10 T-Ball/Softball 11 Game Choice 12 PBJ Festival 1 – 3:00 Bicycle Day | July 22nd 10 Free Time 11 Capture the Flag 12 Pizza & Pop 1 Craft Time 2 Basketball | July 23rd Fun Day.....All Day 10:00-3:00 |

2009 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

SIGN-UP FOR THE THURSDAY FIELD TRIPS CAN ONLY BE MADE ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF
2009!!

