

## Running with John...

One of the most important reasons Spring Lake Township is such a good place to live, work, raise a family and play is the quality of volunteers we have at the Township. These are the people who give their time to make Spring Lake Township a very special place:

### Firefighters:

Chief/Paramedic Brian Sipe  
 Deputy Chief/EMT Jim Koster  
 Deputy Chief/EMT John Stalzer  
 Captain/EMT Scott Smith  
 Captain/EMT Steve Bruneau  
 Lieutenant/EMT Pete Eliopulos  
 Lieutenant/Paramedic Matt Dilley  
 Firefighter/EMT Travis Babcock  
 Firefighter/EMT Scott Bennink  
 Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Bloomquist  
 Firefighter/MFR Dave Bytwerk  
 Firefighter/EMT JP DeLass  
 Firefighter/Paramedic Kurt Dilley  
 Firefighter/EMT Andrew Donselar  
 Firefighter/EMT Troy Edmondson  
 Firefighter/EMT Jon Fogel  
 Firefighter/Medical Coordinator/RN Curt Haaksma  
 Firefighter/EMT Scott Hemmelsbach  
 Firefighter/Paramedic Dave Hudson  
 Probationary Larry Jackson  
 Firefighter/EMT Jeff Olson  
 Probationary Kawika Sanchez  
 Firefighter/EMT Sam Schmitt  
 Firefighter/EMT Dave Shaw  
 Probationary Brad Stalzer  
 Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Witte

### Sheriff Deputies:

Deputy Travis Babcock  
 Deputy Jon Smoes

### Planning Commission:

Harry Dyck  
 Jack E. Ketchum  
 Greg Latsch  
 Crystal Morgan  
 Jerry Rabideau  
 David Rumpel  
 Russ Tiles

### Zoning Board of Appeals:

Ellen delaRosa-Pearn  
 Jack Ketchum  
 Lawrence Mierle  
 George Postmus  
 Tom TenCate  
 Rachel Terpstra

### Board of Review:

Betty Anguiano  
 Harry Dyck  
 Peter Eliopulos

### Recreation Committee:

Nick Barbu  
 Jennifer Boodt  
 Ellen delaRosa-Pearn  
 Jeromy LaRock  
 Tim Morrow  
 Russ Tiles

### Wetland Review Board:

David Bos  
 Todd Bowen  
 Ellen delaRosa-Pearn  
 Margaret Shay  
 Joe von Wahlde

### Township Board:

John Nash - Supervisor  
 H. Carolyn Boersma - Clerk  
 Jim Koster - Treasurer  
 Ronald Lindquist - Trustee  
 Cathy Pavick - Trustee  
 Jerry Rabideau - Trustee  
 Rachel Terpstra - Trustee



Thank You!



## News from the Clerk

### Election News

Elections in Michigan have had several changes. Now, anyone can vote with an absentee ballot without needing to provide a reason. We

Voters in Precincts 3 and 4 will be moving to a new polling location. Beginning with the next election, you will vote in the Activity Center at St. Mary's Catholic Church (406 E Savidge). You will be receiving new voter registration cards showing the change.



maintain a list of those who would like to receive an application for an absentee ballot for each election. It's not too early to get on the list for 2020! Call the Clerk at 844-2101 or email [vote@springlaketwp.org](mailto:vote@springlaketwp.org) and get on the permanent list.

### Elections in 2020:

March 10 – Presidential Primary  
 May 5 – School Election, Grand Haven Schools  
 August 4 – General Primary  
 November 3 – Presidential Election

## H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC, Township Clerk

### Cemetery News

We have noticed that people are planting trees and bushes near graves in the cemetery. Per our ordinance, individuals may not plant trees, shrubs, plants or flowers on graves. If you would like to donate toward plantings in the cemetery, contact me. Also, as a reminder, for safety reasons shepherd's hooks, metal rods and glass jars are not allowed on graves. Flower urns are allowed, and real or artificial flowers may be used. The flowers must be secured to keep them in the urn. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Water/Sewer Update

The Water Department will once again be clearing debris, painting, and flushing fire hydrants throughout Spring Lake Township over the summer and early fall months. If there is a fire hydrant located in front of your home, please do not landscape within a 10-foot radius of that fire hydrant. If you notice that a fire hydrant has damage, missing caps, leaking water, or has been blocked by shrubs, vegetation, or debris please contact Spring Lake Township and report the issue.

Spring Lake Township does not operate a combined sewer system. Combined systems can handle both sanitary sewage and storm water runoff. Our sewer system is designed to handle only sanitary sewage (from sinks, toilets, showers, laundry facilities) and cannot handle storm water, footing drains or roof runoff. In recent weeks, some of our sewage pumping stations were overwhelmed by the amount of storm water introduced by illicit connections of footing drains, sump pumps and downspouts. Some pumping stations were pumping as much as seven times normal volumes. Illicit connections rob the system through increased pumping costs, increased wear, increased treatment costs and increased maintenance. Please help protect the longevity of our wastewater collection system by making sure that your footing drains, sump pumps and downspouts do not discharge to the sanitary sewer system.

## Kyle Botbyl, Water and Sewer Supervisor



## Go Paperless!



Spring Lake Township has created a paperless option for its water/sewer billing. A postcard has been mailed to customers inviting them to sign up. Our billing sign-up is easy — either fill out and return the postcard, or go to the Water/Sewer Department web page to submit the online form.

We also have options for paying your water/sewer bill.

You can write us a check and mail it or drop it off. We can accept cash at Township Hall. We offer online bill pay. Visit the Water/Sewer Department web page to pay. A convenience fee applies.

You can sign up for automatic payments from your checking account. These payments are withdrawn automatically on the date indicated on your water/sewer bill. There is no fee to use automatic payments. Visit the Water/Sewer Department web page to get the sign-up form.

Water/Sewer Department web page address: <http://www.springlaketwp.org/departments/water-sewer-department/>

Visit [www.springlaketwp.org](http://www.springlaketwp.org) to sign up for the Township e-mail newsletter!  
Join over 1000 of your neighbors and receive updates 2 times per month.



## Sewer Force Main

As of Friday, June 7, the new force main under the Grand River is operational and in use! Nearly 4000 feet of new pipe was pulled through a boring under the river from the end of Beechtree in Grand Haven to the end of Cutler in Spring Lake Village. The pipe is as much as 60 feet under the bottom of the river, making a puncture, which was the problem with the old sewer line, almost impossible. The lift station on Division in Spring Lake Village is being upgraded as part of this project. The lift station work should be done by the end of 2019.

There is still work being done on the wastewater treatment plant headworks in Grand Haven to improve the handling of wastewater received from north of the river through the new force main. Lift stations in Grand Haven and Ferrysburg will be upgraded in the next year.

The new force main is reinforced PVC and is 50% larger in diameter than the old pipe, making it stronger and large enough to carry increased wastewater volume in the future.



## Parks Department Highlights

Pete Eliopoulos, Parks Crew Leader



The Township maintains over 26 miles of bike paths. This includes surface maintenance, cleaning up debris on the surface of the bike path and striping. The Township is not responsible for mowing or leaf pick up in the area between the bike path and the road. We very much appreciate the residents who help by keeping this area mowed and the leaves picked up.

## Planning Update

From a population perspective, Ottawa County continues to be the fastest growing county in the State of Michigan with a 10% increase over the last eight years, pushing the total county population to almost 300,000 residents. In Spring Lake Township, more than 300 new dwelling units will be coming on line in the coming years, which will likely result in 700-1000 more residents. This tremendous regional and local growth will require us to collaborate in many different areas, including transportation, utilities (water/sewer), parks, schools, and overall quality of life. The secret is out and there is more interest in our area than ever. We will need good planning to preserve and enhance the attributes that make us want to live in the Spring Lake area.

### Recreation Updates

This summer, Van Wagoner Road will be improved with a bike path from 168<sup>th</sup> Ave to W. Spring Lake Road.

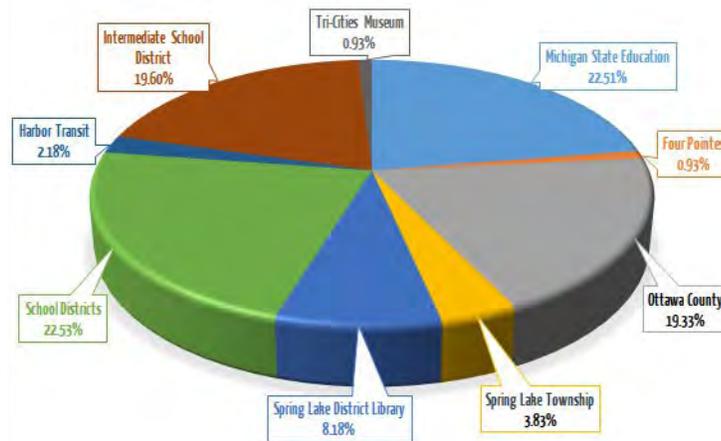
## Lukas Hill, Community Development Director

Spring Lake Township will be participating in the regional recreation plan update this year. Please contact Lukas Hill at [LHill@springlaketwp.org](mailto:LHill@springlaketwp.org) if you wish to participate in this process. Having an updated recreation plan helps the Township prioritize park and recreation needs and allows the Township to apply for various grants administered through the State of Michigan.



The new accessible kayak launch at Little Black Lake has been installed and the roadway to the park has been improved. The site is just north of the Eagles Campground on the east side of the lake. Access the park from Wilson Rd, or from the Norton Shores portion of the park.

Where does  
your property  
tax money go?



## Assessing News



IMPORTANT!! You can NOT have two Principal Residence Exemptions unless you qualify AND fill out the correct paperwork. The additional form is called a Conditional Rescind Form and is available for those who have purchased a new residence to live in and are still trying to sell their previous residence. Contact us for a full explanation if this applies to you.

The Assessing Department will be out this summer reviewing areas of the Township and Village to ensure the accuracy of our records.

Our department is open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm, by phone and for walk-in traffic. If your concern is complicated, it is recommended that you make an appointment, so that we can address your concerns uninterrupted. Visit our website and you may

## Heather Singleton, Assessor

find the answers to your questions among the links or a form that you may need.

Please contact our office with any address changes, including seasonal address changes, to ensure that you receive your bills and assessment change notices.

Our direct department number is (616) 844-2108.

Our e-mail addresses are:  
[dnorth@springlaketwp.org](mailto:dnorth@springlaketwp.org)

and  
[hsingleton@springlaketwp.org](mailto:hsingleton@springlaketwp.org).

Our website:

<http://www.springlaketwp.org/departments/assessing-department/>

Enjoy all of our natural beauty!!



## Close Before You Doze

40 years ago, you had about 17 minutes to escape your home should there be a fire. Now with synthetic materials, furniture and modern day construction practices, the time to escape your home has been drastically reduced to 3 minutes. One major concern is what happens should a fire happen while you are sleeping. There is one key task you can do before you go to bed... close your bedroom door. Closing your door minimizes the amount heat and carbon monoxide that can enter the bedroom and overcome a sleeping person. Coupled with working smoking alarms, which provide an early detection of a fire, your ability to get out of your home will be greatly increased. Also, when leaving your home, make sure to close that door behind you as well, as it can cut off the oxygen supply and may stop the fire's growth.

**Did you know?** The Spring Lake Fire Department responded to 1110 calls in 2018.



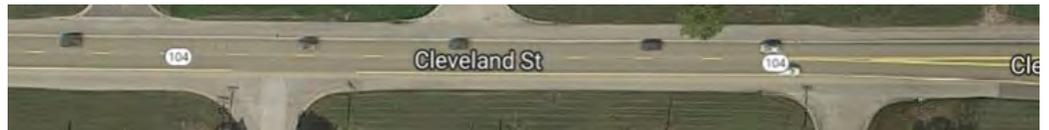
## Deputy Spotlight

Drivers on M104 in the Spring Lake area may notice increased patrols from the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office. Deputies will be watching for speeding, seat belt use and other traffic violations. **There is one violation, however, that they will keep a closer eye on: passing on the right using the shoulder.** Moving onto the shoulder and 'passing on the right' alongside a car waiting to make a left turn is **both dangerous and illegal.** In Michigan, it is only legal to pass on the right if your vehicle stays on the main traveled portion of the roadway. Shoulders, whether paved or gravel, are *not* the roadway. Passing on the shoulder is also dangerous. Cyclists and pedestrians use these shoulders regularly and find themselves in harm's way if drivers pass on the shoulder. Passing on the shoulder predisposes accidents as well, since the next driver in line has less time to react to the vehicle that is waiting to turn left. To remind drivers of the law, MDOT will be installing signs on M104. Drivers cited for the infraction face a \$125 fine and three points on their record.

"But the road shoulder is so wide there why can't I just drive around them on the right?" Yes, the road might be wide in some areas, but those are shoulders, not lanes. Look at the solid white line painted there, which means no passing on the right.

"But if I had not quickly gone to the right I would have rear-ended the car." Then slow down and don't ride so close to the car in front of you; allow a reactionary gap.

Drive Safely Spring Lake!



## Deputy Travis Babcock, Community Policing

According to the Township Code, all premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds (including grass) or plant growth in excess of 6 inches. Please keep the grass in the front, side and back yards cut to avoid a notice of violation.



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Office Hours: 8am to 5pm  
Monday-Friday

## CALENDAR

Meetings at Barber School, 102 W. Exchange

**Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees**  
Second Monday at 7pm

**Spring Lake Township Planning Commission**  
Third Wednesday at 7pm

**Spring Lake Township Zoning Board of Appeals**  
Fourth Thursday at 7pm

## Holiday Office Closings

July 4, 2019  
September 2, 2019  
November 28, 2019  
November 29, 2019



## Spring Lake Township

### Board of Trustees

John Nash	Supervisor
H. Carolyn Boersma	Clerk
Jim Koster	Treasurer
Ronald Lindquist	Trustee
Cathy Pavick	Trustee
Jerry Rabideau	Trustee
Rachael Terpstra	Trustee