

## Behind the Front Counter – Important Details



I know that it has been a while since we have encouraged residents to visit the Township offices. The next time you are here, I would encourage you to look straight ahead toward the wall behind the receptionist.

What you will see are several awards that your Township has received. These awards represent a commitment to excellence in local government going back more than 20 years. Here is what is on the table:

**2001 “Excellence in Intergovernmental Relations”** presented by the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) for Spring Lake Townships commitment to working cooperatively with our neighboring governmental units.

**2010 “Best Practices Award”** presented by the Michigan Chapter of the American Planning Association for Spring Lake Township’s Master Land Use Plan and the process that went into the document.

**2016 “Township of Excellence Award”** presented by the Michigan Township’s Association for meeting a comprehensive list of best practices in local governance during the 2012-2016 Board term. Note: There are 1,240 Townships in Michigan. Spring Lake Township was the first to receive this award and is still one of only 3 to have ever reached this designation.

**2018 “LEED Gold Certification”** presented by the US Green Building Council for sustainable design and construction of Fire station #1 at the corner of M-104 and Fruitport Road.

**2018 “Recognition of Support”** presented by Grand Haven for the Townships support of the development of the Re-Imagination Station play area.

**2020 “Township of Excellence Award”** presented by the Michigan Township’s Association for meeting a comprehensive list of best practices in local governance during the 2016-2020 Board term. Note: Spring Lake Township was the first to receive this award twice.

Many people come in to the Township Offices to pay a bill, get a permit or to get information. I hope that the next time you are in the office you take a moment to look, with pride, at the recognition that your Township has received for our efforts to provide excellence in service to you. We are blessed to have a wonderful staff and we hope that our commitment to excellence shines through every day.

If you would like to set up a time to discuss any Township issues, please send me an email: [GGallagher@SLTwp.org](mailto:GGallagher@SLTwp.org) I am actively setting up 15-minute resident meetings either in person or virtually. Please feel free to reach out on any concerns that you have, or if you would like to pass along positive feedback as well. Thank you for letting me serve you, as your Township Manager.