

CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK

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Newsletter



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PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES– A LOOK AT REVENUES

A Note from Paul Bueche, City Manager

This economy has permanently changed the shape of government and we are compelled to seek solutions in order to adequately serve the public. In comparison, the public we serve are also struggling in managing families, college, debt, utilities, taxes and the list goes on. In my humble opinion, I do not believe our government, as we have come to know it in our careers and under our existing tax structure, is fiscally sustainable. I do believe that the City, County or State will not recover from this anytime soon and in fact, it may be decades. Having said this, we have stayed ahead of the slide by adjusting services accordingly; however, we have arrived at a critical crossroad that will need decisions.

What follows is a listing of documents we encourage our residents to read. These documents provide helpful background on the issue at hand. They are available on the homepage of our website. www.cityofswartzcreek.org

- **City of Swartz Creek newsletter Volume I, 2013 (this was mailed to all residents in early summer).**
- **Long-Term Structural Deficit Review (Special Council Meeting held August 20, 2013)**
- **Operational Evaluation and Feasibility Study for Municipal Shared Services among Flint Charter Township, Mundy Charter Township and the City of Swartz Creek**

We encourage residents to review these materials and contact the City with questions, suggestions and input.

COMING UP...

At the October 28, 2013 City Council Meeting, which will be held at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, the date of the first public hearing will be set and notifications will be mailed.

After Hours Emergencies:

Including water and sewer problems such as water main breaks or sewer backups, should be reported to 911. (City voice messages are not checked on the weekends or after 5pm on weekdays.)

Water Rate

Increase

- Due to a water rate increase by Genesee County Water & Waste Services for the Karagnondi Water Authority, an increase of .41 /100 cf of water used will be reflected on your April 2014 water/sewer bill.

Police Department Information

Eyes and Ears

The City of Swartz Creek has strong community roots which is exemplified by many long-time residents, our well-maintained neighborhoods and parks and strong turnouts for parades, family movie nights and concerts in the park. These are just a few examples of what makes Swartz Creek a great place to live.

Your Police Department is made up of Officers who are dedicated to maintaining the quality of this community. However, we cannot do it alone. As you are surely aware, the Police Department staffing level has suffered as a result of financial stress within the City. Now more than ever you are our greatest partner in the effort to prevent crime and disorder. The same slogan that is promoted for the Homeland Security endeavor also applies to crime prevention everywhere, that is; 'IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING'. Please keep this in mind as you go about your daily & nightly business. If something doesn't look right or you witness a crime or disorder situation, don't hesitate to call 911 and let us check it out.

Let's all work to keep Swartz Creek a safe, clean and desirable place to live, work and visit.

Building Department

Permits: In accordance with the Michigan Building Code, The City of Swartz Creek requires you to acquire a permit for the following reasons: Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove or convert any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the *building official* and obtain the required permit.

This means that a permit is required for a Demolition, re-roof, stand by generators, decks, etc.

Permits Are Not Required For: One story detached accessory structures if the floor area does not exceed 200 sq ft.; a fence that is not more than 6 feet high; A retaining wall that is not more than 4 feet measuring from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall unless supporting a surcharge; a water tank supported directly upon grade if the capacity is not more than 5,000 gals.; a sidewalk or driveway that is not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade; painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work; a prefabricated swimming pool that is less than 24 inches deep; swings and other playground equipment accessory to 1 or 2 family dwellings; window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.

Permits available at the City Offices are: Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, Demolition, Rezoning, Right-of-Way. See website for forms.



ELECTION NEWS

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Polling hours are from:

7am to 8pm

Polling Location: (All Precincts)

United Methodist Church
7400 Miller Rd.

On the Ballot:

- * Representative in State Legislature 49th District.
- * MSU Extension Services Millage
- * Mott Community College Bond Proposition

Are you eligible for an Absentee Ballot? The qualifications are any one of the following:

- You are 60 years of age or older
- You will be absent from the community the entire time polls are open
- You are physically unable to attend the polls
- Tenets of your religion
- You have been appointed an Election Inspector in another precinct than you reside in
- You are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial

Reminders:

- ⇒ The Swartz Creek City Office (Including the Police Department Office) is closed from 12pm to 1pm for lunch every day. Regular office hours are from 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. (Police Dept. office is open until 5pm)
- ⇒ Please remember to keep all meter reading devices and hydrants clear of snow and debris.
- ⇒ Please make sure to shovel all snow from sidewalks to ensure safety in our city.
- ⇒ **DO NOT** rake or blow leaves or yard waste into the street. The City DOES NOT pick up yard waste from the street.
- ⇒ General Election will be on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.
- ⇒ Please remember to advise the City office if you will be out of town for an extended period of time. This allows us to mail your bills to the correct location and keep an eye out for problems at your residence.
- ⇒ **Visit our website at www.cityofswartzcreek.org for continuous City updates.**
- ⇒ Winter tax bills will be mailed December 2, 2013 and are due without penalty by February 14, 2014.

Dog Licenses



The City of Swartz Creek will sell one year dog licenses from November 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014.

Cost: \$10.00 / 1 year / spayed or neutered
\$30.00 / 1 year / male or female

On a monthly basis, the Genesee County Treasurer's office sends out pre-printed applications 30 days before the month of the rabies vaccine expiration date. *(Pre-printed applications are NOT required to purchase a license. Licenses can be purchased with proof of current rabies vaccination and proof if the pet has been spayed or neutered.)*

Owners will have the month before, the month of and the month after the vaccination to purchase a license. After that time the license would be delinquent and may be purchased only through Animal Control (810-732-1660). All licenses may be purchased from Genesee County through the mail or in person. Some participating veterinarians sell three year licenses, as does Genesee County. Replacement licenses are issued through the Genesee County Treasurer's Office (810)257-3054

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Saturday, October 26, 2013

10 am to 2 pm

Facility Locations:

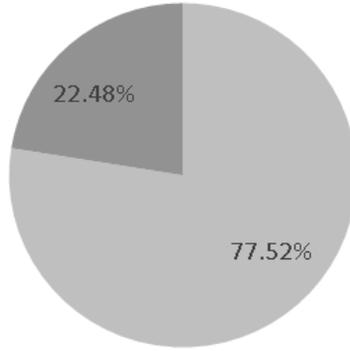
Davison High School 1250 N, Oak Rd, Davison

Flint East—Water Service Center 3310 E. Court St, Flint

Please visit our website at www.cityofswartzcreek.org for more information and a list of items that can be dropped off.



WHERE DO MY TAXES GO?



■ All Other Taxes ■ City Operating & Garbage

A home with a taxable value to \$40,000 would pay \$1,277.46 in taxes for 2013. The city receives \$193.15 for operations and \$94.00 for garbage collection, the remaining \$990.31 supports schools, Mott College, Genesee County operations and other programs, Mass Transportation Authority, and Bishop Airport.



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