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# Newsletter

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Fall

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## Street and Water Main Projects Released for Bid!

The Winchester Village street reconstruction and water main projects are out for bid! This phase includes Durwood, Norbury, Greenleaf, Whitney, and Winshall watermain & streets. The scope of work includes new subsurface drainage, new water main, street reconstruction, replacement sidewalk, replacement drive approaches, and forestry.

Street rehabilitation and limited storm work is also proposed for Winchester Woods and will be complete with this phase if prices are agreeable. We expect work to be complete over two construction seasons unless the successful contractor has the capacity to complete all work in 2024.

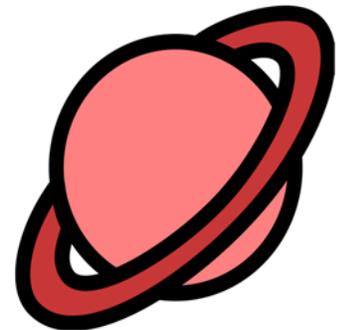


The reason for delay was due to the additional levels of engineering review required by the USDA and EGLE that was applied in conformance with the use of federal funds to complete the water main portion of the work.

The street work is largely funded by the local street 20 year levy. Stay tuned to news and social media for updates!

## New Trails Aboard!

Thanks to funding from the Safe Routes to School Program, MDOT, and the DNR, the city has about two miles of new trail in the community, connecting neighborhoods to parks, schools, and the Genesee Valley Trail. Signs are coming to provide maps and wayfinding. In addition, the community will be seeking donations to match a \$25,000 grant to install a scale model of the solar system along a new stretch of path between Elms and Otterburn Park. This will be an engaging and educational resource for the community. Donations and sponsorships are being sought. Contact Samantha at the office if you wish to know more!



Find the community calendar and service information online at: [www.cityofswartzcreek.org](http://www.cityofswartzcreek.org)

## **Call 911 For After-Hours Emergencies:**

*Do so for water and sewer problems such as water main breaks or sewer backups.  
Messages at the office are not checked on the weekends or after hours.*

## **Fall Fire Safety**

As we approach the holiday season, the last thing anyone would want is to have this joyous time interrupted by fire. Take a few extra minutes to help put your mind at ease.

### **THANKSGIVING:**

Start holiday cooking with a clean stove and oven. Keep kitchen clutter and loose clothing away from the stove's heat. Turn pot handles in, away from a child's reach. Use potholders to prevent burns. Never throw water on a grease fire. Instead, cover the burning pan with a lid. Keep all appliances in good working order. Never overload electrical outlets. Unplug appliances when not in use. Never leave cooking food unattended. Keep Thanksgiving decorations away from sources of direct heat.

### **CHRISTMAS:**

Make sure your Christmas tree is fresh. Shedding needles is a sign of a dry tree. Keep your tree fresh by placing it in a stand that holds water. Make sure artificial trees are flame-retardant. Never smoke around the tree or flammable decorations. Place trees away from direct sources of heat. Never place a tree so it blocks an exit. Only use electric lights that are approved by a national testing lab. Never decorate metal trees with electric lights. Always unplug lights before going to bed. Never run electrical cords through doorways and under rugs. Keep candles in sturdy holders and never place them near combustibles, such as curtains. Avoid hanging stockings near open flame. Never burn paper in a fireplace. This is a major cause of chimney fires!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

The Firefighters Annual Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 2, starting at 6PM. Line up starts at Fairchild St. & Ingalls St. near the Swartz Creek High School. Santa will travel down Miller Rd and stop at Holland Square to light the City Christmas Tree. He has asked that any children that may want to help him light the tree, to please come see him. It takes a lot of Christmas Spirit, Joy and Love to light the tree. Cider, donuts and entertainment are being planned as well.



## Winter Reminders

- ⇒ There is **no parking on any city street from 2am-6am**. Please be mindful to only park on city streets where it is not prohibited. Keeping vehicles off the street permits winter maintenance. Violations will be issued to vehicles parking illegally.
- ⇒ **Property owners are responsible for clearing their sidewalks after snow and ice events!** Folks leaving town for the winter should make arrangements to have this done. Failure to do so can result in the clearing of the walkway by a contractor at the owners expense, and/or fines(\$\$\$)! Please keep the walks clear!
- ⇒ Visit [www.cityofswartzcreek.org](http://www.cityofswartzcreek.org) for updates or like us on Facebook!

## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 7, 2023

There is an election on November 7, 2023. The sole issue on the ballot is the Swartz Creek Community Schools - Operating Millage Renewal Proposal. Voting can take place by absentee ballot or on election day. (The 9 days of early voting will **NOT** be implemented for this election.) Election day voting will take place at the United Methodist Church of Swartz Creek located at 7400 Miller Rd, Swartz Creek, MI 48473 from 7:00am until 8:00pm.



Absentee Ballots may be returned in person, mailed or placed in the drop box outside City Hall until November 7 at 8:00pm. Signatures on absent voter applications and absent voter ballots are compared to the Qualified Voter File records, and if they do not match they are investigated, so please be sure to sign your application and ballot properly and on time.

2024 ELECTION NEWS: Snowbirds-if you add yourself to the permanent **ballot** list (by checking the box on the application), **YOU** are responsible to let us know if you are leaving town. Your ballot will automatically be sent to your home/mailling address. Contact the office at (810) 635-4464 with questions.

## Public Safety Assessment Renewal

As you can probably guess, a bulk of fire and police services are paid by local levy. About half of the overall expenses (including fire equipment, fire service, and police services) are covered by a 4.9 mil special assessment. This is a ten year levy that is due for renewal in 2024. It is expected that the council will apply the same levy amount moving forward. Look for direct mailers related to this process.

## **Greetings from your Metro Police Authority,**

As the holidays near and retail activity increases, we offer some crime prevention tips:

1. Retrieve delivered packages from your porch as soon as possible.
2. Always lock your car doors even in your driveway.
3. Do not leave your valuables unattended in grocery carts and hold them close in parking lots.
4. With darkness coming earlier keep exterior lighting on around your residence.
5. Always be vigilant for suspicious persons and activity in parking lots.

Matthew Bade, Chief of Police

## **Volunteers in Creek!**

We get asked all the time about who is responsible for the downtown flowers. The answer is the Swartz Creek Womens' Club! This group is responsible for ordering the flowers, planting them, and maintaining them (with the support of the DDA and DPW). We wish to thank this club and the many other individuals, groups, and businesses that contribute to the well being of the community. If you are interested in finding ways to be involved contact Samantha at [sfountain@cityofswartzcreek.org](mailto:sfountain@cityofswartzcreek.org)



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