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# Newsletter

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Winter

2024

## 2024 ELECTIONS

To date, we have three elections schedule for 2024:

Presidential Primary: February 27, 2024 (must declare as Democrat or Republican ballot to vote)

Primary: August 6, 2024

General: November 5, 2024

### OPTIONS FOR VOTING

**OPTION #1 - ABSENTEE VOTING:** There are 2 steps to this process:

- 1) Submit a ballot application (unless you have previously submitted a permanent ballot application\*)
- 2) Return your voted ballot by mail or absentee ballot drop box (locations listed on front of brochure) *BALLOTS MUST ARRIVE AT CLERK'S OFFICE BEFORE 8:00 PM ON ELECTION DAY!*

\*Permanent Absentee Ballot Application Info: Voters who want to automatically be mailed a ballot for all future elections may sign up for the Permanent Absentee Voter List anytime at [Mi.gov/Vote](http://Mi.gov/Vote) or when submitting an Absent Voter Ballot Application. If you add yourself to the permanent absentee ballot list, you are responsible to let us know if you are leaving town. Your ballot will **not** automatically be forwarded.

**OPTION #2 - IN PERSON – EARLY VOTING:** Any voter can vote during the 9 day early voting period for all state and federal elections at Swartz Creek City Offices at 8083 Civic Drive in the Council Chambers from 8:00am – 4:00pm, February 17-25, 2024.

**OPTION #3 - IN PERSON – ELECTION DAY:** Polls are open from 7:00am – 8:00pm. Please note that your polling location remains the same, even though the name of the church changed from United Methodist Church to Swartz Creek Community Church, located at 7400 Miller Rd, Swartz Creek, MI 48473.

If you have any questions regarding elections/voting, please contact Clerk Renee Kraft at [rkraft@cityofswartzcreek.org](mailto:rkraft@cityofswartzcreek.org) or (810) 635-4464.

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

**Office Hours: Monday 8am-6pm, Tues & Thursday 8am-4:30pm, Wednesday 8am-4pm, Friday by appointment**

## **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**

I hope everyone that attended the Firefighters Annual Christmas Parade on December 2nd enjoyed the event as much as we enjoyed bringing it to you. We have a great relationship with the GFWC Swartz Creek Women's Club, and we can't wait to work with them again in 2024 to bring our community together for this event.

Your fire department responded to 220 fire related incidents and 187 medical emergencies in our fire district and aiding neighboring jurisdictions. We have a staff of 25 trained fire personnel and two that are currently going through fire school. In May, we will begin our recruitment campaign to begin the hiring process. The department is 100% paid on-call and served by members of the community. Training and equipment are provided. I would encourage you to watch for our signs and follow us on Facebook to know when we are hiring. To qualify, you must be 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, have a valid driver's license and mode of transportation, pass a criminal background check, drug screen and physical exam. If you meet these requirements and receive this newsletter, you may qualify for an interview.

One of the highest numbers of calls we responded to this year was for CO (carbon monoxide) alarms. I am happy to see many of our residents have these safeguards in place, and many of them saved lives this year by alerting the residents to harmful gases. If you do not have one, I would encourage you to purchase and install them in your home, as well as make sure you have a working smoke detector. Fire alarms and CO alarms are generally only good for 10 years. I would encourage you to check the manufacturing date on your alarms and if they are over 10 years or approaching the date to replace them!

Chief Plumb

## **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!**

# Street and Water Main Projects Starting Soon!

The Winchester Village street reconstruction and water main projects are moving! 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.

Impacted homeowners should have received a project letter that will provide useful timeline, contact, and project impact information. The early project phase include forestry, main installation, with paving scheduled to conclude in early October. Note that weather, emergencies, and unanticipated site conditions can result in delays.

Bids are also in for street rehabilitation and limited storm work within Winchester Woods. Prices are just under the engineers estimate, so we expect this to be approved in February, with a schedule to follow. This project includes all currently improved streets in Winchester Woods.

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



## Cosmos in the Creek



If we reach our goal, the MEDC will match it through their Public Spaces Community Places Program!

Help us bring an exciting new project to Swartz Creek! Cosmos in the Creek will be a one-mile scale of the solar system along the Genesee Valley Trail Extension, starting with the Sun at Elms Park and ending at Otterburn Disc Golf Park with Neptune.

### Sponsorship Levels

- \$250 - Name listed as a sponsor
- \$1,000 - Sponsor a planet
- \$1,500 - Sponsor Proxima Centauri
- \$2,500 - Sponsor the Sun



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Happy New Year from your Metro Police Authority,

For a very long time we have all been taught to dial 911 in case of an emergency in order to summon police, fire or medical help. But what is missing in that lesson is that in Genesee County most *police* agencies, including the Metro Police Authority, are dispatched through 911 for both emergency ***and*** non-emergency calls. This creates confusion as many citizens believe that 911 is for emergency use only. So, to complete the lesson, **if you are in need of the Metro Police Authority for *any emergency or non-emergency* reason, please call 911. We are here to serve.**

-Chief Matthew Bade



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