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# PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## FALL 2024

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**OCTOBER 7 FIRE PREVENTION DAY 6-8PM**

**OCTOBER 17 SHORT-TERM RENTAL INFO MEETING 6-7PM**

**OCTOBER 23 BLOOD DRIVE 2-7PM**

**NOVEMBER 5 OFFICES CLOSED ELECTION DAY**

**NOVEMBER 27-29 OFFICES CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY**

The township offices will be closed Wednesday evening through Friday for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**DECEMBER 1 WINTER TAX BILLS MAILED**

**DECEMBER 1 SHELDON DUNES WATER BILLS MAILED**

**DECEMBER 1 2025 TRASH BAGS AVAILABLE**

**DECEMBER 6 FIREFIGHTER CRUSADE FOR TOYS 6-9PM**

**DECEMBER 24-25 OFFICES CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY**

**DECEMBER 26 TREASURER EXTENDED HOURS**

The treasurer will be in the office from 9:00am until 5:00pm for tax collection. As always, your tax payments are accepted in person, online (3% fee applies), by mail, or by township drop box. **POSTMARKS are NOT accepted.** To have your payment processed with a 2024 collection date, your payment must be received in our office by noon on December 31st.

**JANUARY 1, 2025 OFFICES CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2025 WINTER TAXES DUE**

### NEWS TO USE

#### **FIRE PREVENTION NIGHT**

The Port Sheldon Fire Department will be hosting Fire Prevention Night this year on Monday, October 7th. The fire station will be open from 6-8pm. Pizza, pop, water and ice cream will be provided! Stop by the fire station on Port Sheldon Street, east of the township hall and check out the fire trucks, gear, displays and get some cool stuff for the kids. We hope to see you there!

#### **SHORT TERM RENTAL INFORMATION MEETING**

On October 17 from 6-7pm in the Township Board room, we will be holding an informational meeting regarding the recently passed STR ordinance. The meeting will consist of reviewing the ordinance, the registration form, the fees associated and we'll have time for questions about the process. This meeting is intended for residents/property owners who plan to rent their properties for any amount of time in 2025. Please RSVP at the link on our website.

#### **INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED IN THE TOWNSHIP?**

The Township has several committees looking for new members! They include: Parks & Recreation Committee, Wage & Compensation Committee and Trash Services Committee. Please call Township Supervisor Mike Sabatino at the office for more information and to make an appointment.

#### **PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP STORE!**

Beginning on October 1st and running through October 15th, the online store will be open! Use the QR code or like below:

<https://thbrands.chipply.com/portsheldon>

(The Township does not receive any funds from the purchase of items from the online store.)



#### **BUILDING PERMITS NEED INSPECTIONS**

Please be sure to call the township office for inspections on all building permits! Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing permit inspections should be called in to the inspector directly. (Their phone numbers are located on the permit.) Thank you!

### MORE NEWS TO USE

#### **ANNUAL SNOW REMINDER**

The township would like to remind all residents and businesses to use both caution and courtesy with snow shoveling and storage. Please do not pile snow on the bike paths or in locations where it could limit road visibility.

#### **CRUSADE FOR TOYS**

Fire fighters will be at **Port Sheldon Party Store** collecting small unwrapped toys and/or monetary donations in exchange for pumping gas and cleaning windshields on **Friday, December 6 from 6-9pm**. All donations provide Christmas gifts for area children in need. There will also be a collection barrel in the Township offices, which will be available during office hours mid-November through mid-December.

#### **BLOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 23**

There will be a blood drive at the Township Hall on Wednesday, October 23 from 2-7pm. Sign up by calling the office or using the link on our website and Facebook page.

#### **PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP TRASH SERVICE**

We have received many complaints lately regarding abuses to the trash services on Saturday mornings. Here is a reminder of proper usage: household trash must be in the Township-provided green trash bags, and dumping is **ONLY** allowed when the truck is present.

Often, a local metal recycler parks a trailer on the right of way for metal items to recycle.

#### **VOTER TURNOUT AUGUST 6**

Voter turnout for the August 6, 2024 Primary Election was 1931 out of 4835 total registered voters, or 39.94%.

#### **NOVEMBER 5 GENERAL ELECTION**

Polls are open 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM for in-person voting. **Voters may view a sample ballot at [Michigan.gov/vote](https://michigan.gov/vote) and click on "What's on the ballot?".** Absent Voter Applications were mailed mid-June to voters on the Permanent Absent Voter Application List. Permanent Ballot list voters were mailed a ballot automatically the last week of September for the November 5, 2024 election.

Please contact the Township Clerk, Meredith Hemmeke (616-399-6121 or [meredith@portsheldontwp.org](mailto:meredith@portsheldontwp.org)), if you plan to be absent from your residential address, as ballots are not forwardable by the USPS.

#### **Michigan Law requires a voter-completed application before being issued a ballot.**

**In-Person Voting:** At a voting location, the voter completes a paper **application** requesting a ballot.

**Permanent Absent Voter List (AV List)** - The voter automatically receives **an application** by mail to vote prior to each election. Upon return of this application to the Port Sheldon Township Clerk, the voter is mailed an absent voter ballot.

**Permanent Ballot List (PB List)** - Following recent legislation, the voter now has the option to receive a **ballot** automatically prior to each election, by completing a **one-time** written application.

Contact the Clerk to request addition or removal from these lists.

#### **Absent Voter Ballot Options**

Voters receiving absent voter ballots have several options available.

Voters may return ballots in three ways – by Postal Mail, by 24-hour drop box, or in person during office hours. Ballots must be received by 8:00PM on election day.

**Voters who received an absent voter ballot and wish to vote in person may do so, but must bring their absent voter ballot to the voting location.**

**PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP**  
**16201 PORT SHELDON ST**  
**WEST OLIVE, MI 49460**  
[www.portsheldontwp.org](http://www.portsheldontwp.org)



**Supervisor,** *Mike Sabatino*  
**Clerk,** *Meredith Hemmeke*  
**Treasurer,** *Rachel Frantom*  
**Trustee,** *Bill Monhollon*  
**Trustee,** *Luke DeVries*  
**Administrative Assistant,** *Tatjcha Lambers*  
**Building and Zoning Administrator,** *Ryan Capson*  
**Building Administrative Assistant,** *Diane Jansen*  
**Assessor,** *Tyler Tacoma*  
**Fire Chief,** *Brad Dirkse*

**QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHT:  
 EARLY VOTING TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

Did you know? Voters in Michigan now have the option to vote early and in person!  
 Times and locations for Ottawa County voters are below:

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Hours</u></b>	<b><u>Locations</u></b>
Saturday, October 26, 2024	7AM-3PM	Polkton Township Hall -
Sunday, October 27, 2024	7AM-3PM	6900 Arthur St. Coopersville, MI 49404
Monday, October 28, 2024	7AM-3PM	
Tuesday, October 29, 2024	11AM-7PM	Georgetown Township Hall -
Wednesday, October 30, 2024	7AM-3PM	1515 Baldwin St. Jenison, MI 49428
Thursday, October 31, 2024	11AM-7PM	
Friday, November 1, 2024	7AM-3PM	Grand Haven Township Hall -
Saturday, November 2, 2024	7AM-3PM	13300 168th Ave. Grand Haven, MI 49417
Sunday, November 3, 2024	7AM-3PM	
Monday, November 4, 2024	No Voting	MDHHS Building - Macatawa Room -
<b>Tuesday, November 5, 2024</b>	<b>Election Day</b>	12185 James Street, Holland, MI 49424

Election Day voting takes place at the Township Hall and Office.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT  
 NEWS AND CALL LOG**

In **June, July and August**, the Fire Department responded to **83 calls:**

Medical—35, Cancelled Enroute—8, PI Accident—7, Gas Leak—3, Cooking Fire—2, Lift Assist—4,  
 Down Powerline—2, Fire Alarm—6, Service Call—4, Good Intent—3, Water Rescue—1, CO  
 Alarm—1, Spill—2, Residential Fire—2, Electrical Fire—2, Vehicle Fire—1

**PORT SHELDON TOWNSHIP OFFICE**  
**Phone:** 616-399-6121 **Fax:** 616-399-7173  
**Website:** [www.portsheldontwp.org](http://www.portsheldontwp.org)  
**Hours:**  
 Monday-Friday 9:00AM - 12:00PM  
 Wednesday evenings 5:00PM - 7:00PM  
**Assessor** available Friday mornings  
**Building/Zoning Administrator** available M/W/F mornings

**RECURRING CALENDAR EVENTS**  
**Board of Appeals**  
 Meets as needed at 5:30PM the 1st Wednesday of each month  
**Board Meetings**  
 5:30PM the 2nd Wednesday of each month  
**Planning Commission**  
 5:00PM the 4th Wednesday of each month  
**Trash Service**  
 7:30-10:30AM Saturdays