A Newsletter for the Community of the Charter Township of Fenton

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8AM - 5PM Friday 8AM- 3PM

Building Department

Monday - Thursday 8AM - 5PM Friday - CLOSED

Fenton Township Civic Community Center



12060 Mantawauka Drive Fenton, Michigan 48430

A Letter from the Supervisor



I want to start by thanking everyone that came out to the <u>Thompson Road Bridge Project Open House</u>. It was a great showing by our community with lots of engagement between Township staff and guests. If you were unable to attend the open house, you can find the information,

including the PowerPoint presentation that was featured, on the Fenton Township website.

With regard to the Thompson Rd. Corridor, the <u>Southern</u> <u>Lakes Water Extension Project</u> has made great strides with the installation of the water main. We appreciate the community's patience throughout the project going forward.

In an effort to help streamline the process for future development, Fenton Township's <u>Building Department is now administering trade permits</u>. You will no longer will you need to go through the State of Michigan for plumbing, electrical and mechanical permits. Applications for the trades are provided on our website and printed copies are available at the Zoning & Building counter in the Township Office lobby.

May is National Water Safety Month.

With over 20 bodies of water in Fenton Township, a yearly refresher on water safety is always a good idea.

The spring and summer recreational boating is robust on our lakes, especially Lake Fenton and Lake Ponemah, both of which have Michigan DNR boat launches. To promote a safe and enjoyable season on the water, we have developed a boating safety page on our website that includes a slideshow of safety tips.

Vince Lorraine

Fenton Township Supervisor

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Thompson Road Bridge Project Information

We want to thank everyone that attended the Thompson Road Bridge Project Open House last month.

For those that were unable to attend, there is a Thompson Road Bridge
Project page on the Township website that will be updated throughout the project. Files regarding the project, including the Public Comment Form are in the supporting documents at the bottom of the page on the website.

Project Overview

A study was conducted on the Thompson Road Corridor, along Thompson Road from Linden Road to Fenton Road.

The study explores the potential design alternatives and improvements that will help alleviate current and anticipated future congestion along the corridor; specifically addressing the traffic

congestion and safety issues at the US-23 Interchange as an urgent priority.

The Thompson Road interchange with US-23 experiences rush hour traffic delays for the northbound and southbound US-23 exit ramps that can back up to US-23 causing a hazard for those commuting on US-23.

A Michigan Economic
Development Corporation
(MEDC) grant has been
awarded to Fenton
Township, which will be
focused on improving the
Thompson Road and US-23
Interchange area.

With the addition of Southern Lakes Water Extension municipal water to the Thompson Road Corridor, there has been an increase in interest in development in the area.

An increase in both residential and commercial development, would impact the traffic throughout the

corridor.

Project Traffic and Safety Improvement Goals

- Reduce traffic delays at the US-23 Interchange, including the northbound and southbound exit ramp backups along with the Thompson Road backups between and approaching the two US-23 ramp intersections.
- Improve safety at the Thompson Road intersections with highcrash rates. These three intersections are at southbound US-23 ramps, northbound US-23 ramps, and Torrey Road.
- Improve Thompson Road outside of the US-23 Interchange to encourage development. These options include widening, for a center left turn lane, upgrading traffic signals, and roundabouts.

For more information, please visit the Thompson Road Bridge Project page on the Fenton Township website, or contact the Fenton Township Zoning Administrator Mike Deem by phone at (810) 629-1537 or by email mdeem@fentontownship.org.

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Mosquito Control

Mosquito control for Fenton Township is contracted through AMP.

Information regarding the mosquito control program for the township can be found under the services drop down on <u>FentonTownship.org</u>

Information on the website includes the 2024 Mosquito Control Program Overview.

Residents are able to print and fill out a No Spray Request Form to submit to AMP.

In addition, residents may contact AMP at 810-766-9423 and request to be added to the call list to be notified prior to fogging in their area.

Residents may also call AMP at same phone number to schedule up to three property treatments per year.

These individual property treatments need to be called in ahead of time for events like open houses, holiday cookouts, etc. that way AMP can schedule around the weather conditions so you have the best results for your event.

Fenton Township Ordinance Reminders

Open Burning

Open burning is not permitted within Fenton township; unless you own fifteen (15) acres of zoned agricultural property, you may apply for a permit through the Fenton Township Fire Chief.

Residential properties are allowed a 3x3 fire pit in which you can have a small "recreational camp fire."

Amplified Sound Permits

Prior to using amplified sound in conjunction with an outdoor activity (i.e. weddings, open houses, parties) the property owner/occupant must apply for and obtain an amplified sound permit. Please apply at least three (3) days prior to your event.

Riparian Information

Be aware that providing access to any lake within Fenton Township for non-riparian use is not permitted.

All reported activity is followed up upon and if found to be in violation, will be promptly enforced.

Each watercraft vehicle is required to be owned and currently licensed and registered by the riparian property owner.

Any violations found, will be subject to having the watercraft removed from the premises, with all costs of doing so being the responsibility of the riparian owner.

Garage Sales

Fenton Township residents are permitted to have three (3) garage sales each year.

A permit is required, however there is no fee involved.

For more information on Fenton Township General Ordinance or the Fenton Township Zoning Ordinance, you can visit the Ordinance Enforcement section of the Fenton Township website.

To file an Ordinance
Complaint you can <u>fill out</u>
<u>the webform</u> on the Fenton
Township website or contact
Ordinance Enforcement
Officer Pat Shaw by phone
(810) 629-1537 or email
<u>pshaw@fentontownship.org</u>.

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Sign up for Fenton Township e-Notifications

The Fenton Township website is going through an upgrade that is more focused on the resident experience, including being more ADA compliant.

During this, we have had some changes to the enotification system that was in place the last few years. If you had previously signed up for the Fenton Township e-notifications be sure to go back and update your information.

We are now also taking phone numbers for a text notification system.

Currently, the phone

notification system is not operational; however, it is something we are looking to develop if there is enough interest from the community in receiving text alerts.

Please visit
<u>FentonTownship.org/Portal</u>
to access the portal.

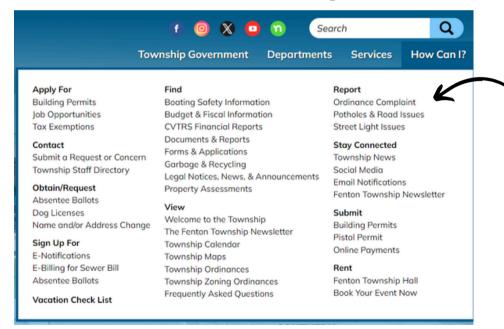
Report Issues on the Fenton Township Website

Did you know that you can report issues on the <u>Fenton</u> Township website?

If you go to the How Can I? drop down menu on the home page of FentonTownship.org you can see the Report section.

The first option for Ordinance Complaint has a online form you can fill out and click submit and have the staff notified.

The second option for <u>Potholes & Road Issues</u> will redirect you to the Genesee County Road Commission website where they have an online portal to report issues to them. Since all public



roads in Fenton Township fall under the jurisdiction of the Genesee County Road Commission this is the fastest, and easiest, way to report issues.

Lastly, the <u>Street Light</u> <u>Issues</u> option. If you notice a street light is out, or flickering, you can report it directly to Consumers Energy. The Consumer Energy Street Light report uses a map so you can locate the streetlight and select it on the map to report the issue.

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Recycle Day

RECYCLE YOUR HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ELECTRONICS

MAY 21, JUNE 18, JULY 16, & AUGUST 20

Proof of registration is required

Appointment times and event location will be released once an appointment has been secured



The Genesee County
Metropolitan Planning
Commission (GCMPC) has
announced the dates for
their 2024 Genesee County
Recycle Day Events for
household hazardous waste
and electronics collection.

The GCMPC arranges these events each year to support Genesee County's goal of healthy, livable, and safe communities by taking part in a structured and organized approach to dealing with materials that pose a risk to Genesee County landfills, waterways, and community spaces.

Appointment registration will open two weeks prior to each event at 9 AM.

Timeslots for appointments and the event location will only be released when securing an appointment through GCMPC's Eventbrite registration.

You can access the GCMPC's
Eventbrite registration
website on the 2024
Genesee County Recycling
Day Event Information page
on the Township website.

Please bring your proof of registration in digital or printed format to the event; without proof of registration, you will be turned away.

If you have any questions, please visit http://www.gcmpc.org/recycle-day/

Genesee County Recycle Day 2024 Accepted Items

The following items will be accepted at the Genesee County Recycle Day Events:

- Aerosols
- Automotive Fluids
- Batteries (household/auto)
- Biomedical Sharps
 (in rigid/sealed container)
- Corrosives (acids/bases)
- Electronics (all kinds)
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fluorescent Bulbs & Tubes
- Mercury
- Oil Based & Latex Paints/Solvents
- Pesticides
- Herbicides
- Prescription Medication
- Propane Cylinders (up to 30 lbs. each)
- Reactives and Oxidizers
- Smoke Detectors

You can find the full list of the 2024 Recycle Day accepted and not accepted items online at gcmpc.org/recycle-day

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May

9th - Planning Commission Meeting

21st - Township Board Meeting

23rd - Planning Commission Meeting

27th - Office Closed (Memorial Day)

28th - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

June

4th - Township Board Meeting

13th - Planning Commission Meeting

18th - Township Board Meeting

25th - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

27th - Planning Commission Meeting

Township meetings take place at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center.

Information for each meeting, including agenda and public information packets, can be found on the Fenton Township website as the information becomes available.

Technology permitting, Fenton Township meetings are available for the public via Zoom.

Fenton Township Board



Supervisor

Vince Lorraine vlorraine@fentontownship.org

Clerk

Robert Krug clerk@fentontownship.org

Treasurer

John Tucker treasurer@fentontownship.org

Trustees

Mark Goupil Kade Katrak Robert Kesler Christine Reid info@fentontownship.org

Looking to host an event? Rent the Fenton Township Hall

Have you been to the Fenton Township Hall lately?

Remodeled last year the updates bring a new touch to the space that has floor to ceiling views of Lake Fenton.

The Fenton Township Hall has been a popular rental for those hosting family reunions, open houses, and wedding receptions for years. Now more businesses are booking the space for training and seminars.

If you are looking for a place to host an event this fall and winter we have some dates still available. The full hall can accommodate up to 200 guests. Not looking for a space that big? We are now able to rent half the hall. Up to 100 guests can enjoy either the lake view side for a social gathering, or the board tableside for a more formal meeting space.

Amenities and rental contracts for the Hall can be found on the Fenton Township website.

If you are looking for date availability, you will need to contact the front desk either by phone (810) 629-1537 or by email at info@fentontownship.org