### THE FENTON TOWNSHIP NEWS

A Newsletter for the Residents of the Charter Township of Fenton

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# Host Your Next Event At The Fenton Township Hall

The Fenton Township Civic Community Center, can be found at the north end of 12060 Lake Fenton at Mantawauka Drive, is not only home to the Fenton Township Office, a Genesee County Sheriff's Office substation, along with the Mantawauka Park/Beach, it is also home to the Fenton Township Hall located in the lower level.

The Fenton Township Hall is located in the lower level and plays host to not only the Township meetings, but also community events like the annual Lake Fenton Athletic Boosters fundraiser or as part of the Lake Fenton Polar Plunge location with the hosting Moose Lodge.

Able to accommodate 200 guests, it includes two beer taps, a walkout onto the patio, and a floor to ceiling view of Lake Fenton, the Hall is a one of a kind setting for your event.

While currently under



renovation, the Hall is now being booked for weekday and weekends starting in June 2023 thru the end of 2025.

In addition to the main rental hall, the Fenton Township Civic Community Center also has a meeting room on the main floor that is available for rentals for smaller meetings and events.

For more information about the rental hall, or the main floor meeting room, to check availability or pricing please contact the Fenton Township Office at (810) 629-1537 or by email at info@fentontownship.org

#### Fenton Township Hall Under Renovation

In February, the Fenton Township Board approved the spending to renovate the lower level of the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, which is home to the township hall. Marking the first update to the hall in over 20 years.

Demolition for the renovation process began shortly after in March.

The project includes new flooring, new walls, and LED light fixtures, along with new countertops for the bathrooms and the pass-through for the kitchen.

It is due to this on-going project, that the hall is not currently available for township meetings, nor to use for rentals. Though it has not stopped questions for availability to schedule events for the hall once it reopens in June 2023.

Even during the remodel, you may call the office and check availability for the hall following the completion of the renovation project.

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#### <u>Upcoming Fenton Township Meetings</u>

May

11th - Planning Commission Meeting (6 p.m.)

16th - Township Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

23rd - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting (7 p.m.)

25th - Planning Commission Meeting (6 p.m.)

29th - Office Closed

June

6th - Township Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

8th - Planning Commission Meeting (6 p.m.)

20th - Township Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

22nd - Planning Commission Meeting (6 p.m.)

27th - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting (7 p.m.)

Township meetings are taking place in the main floor meeting room; also available via Zoom.

#### Genesee County Solid Waste Management Plan Draft Available Thru End of May

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission has is nearing the end of their 90-day public comment period for the Genesee County Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Amendment that started March 1st and ends May 30th, 2023.

There is a copy of the draft available to view at the Fenton Township Hall along with public comments sheets that you can write down your feedback and mail back to the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Additionally, there is a digital copy of the draft and feedback sheets available on the Fenton Township website.

#### **Burn Permits**

There is no open burning within Fenton Township. Agricultural zoned parcels may request a burn permit as outlined in Ordinance No. 530.

Residents can have small fires for outdoor cooking that are no larger than 3' x 3' x 3'; no burning of leaves or grass clippings.

Large recreation fires, i.e. bonfires are prohibited.

#### Garage Sale Permit

Spring has sprung and we are into Garage/Yard Sale season!

You do need a permit (there is no charge just documentation) to host a garage or yard sale in Fenton Township.

You can stop in at the Fenton Township office or print off the "Garage Sale Permit" from the Township website and drop it off in our afterhours drop box.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE FENTON TOWNSHIP NEWS: A NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON.

# Genesee County Recycle Day

For 2023 Genesee County is doubling their Recycling Day events.

According to the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, all eight of the Recycle Day events are by appointment only and appointment registrations will open two weeks before the first event of each month.

The 2023 Recycle Day Event dates are:

May 9th and 23rd June 13th and 27th July 11th and 25th August 8th and 22nd

You must bring proof of registration for the event in either digital or printed format. Without proof of registration, you will be turned away.

For more information, call (810) 762-7744.

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#### Fenton Township to Start Administrating Trade Inspections

At the April 18, 2023 Fenton Township Board meeting the Board adopted Ordinance No. 843: State of Michigan Construction Code; which will go into effect on June 1, 2023.

This ordinance will now bring in the trades for Township administration and enforcement. This will include the Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing permits that currently go through the State of Michigan.

For trade permit and inspection questions please contact the Fenton Township Building Coordinator, Julie Lewis at (810) 629-6711 or by email at jlewis@fentontownship.org

# Republic Services Curbside Collection

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Republic Services is the Fenton Township 6 a.m. and Republic has until 6 p.m. to finish the dav's collection.

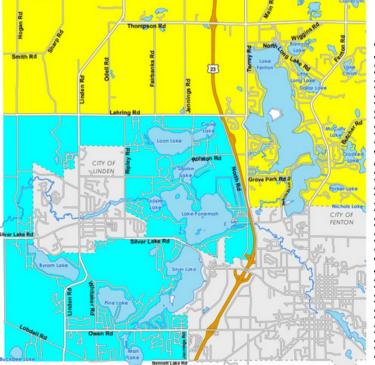
Every Friday collection for trash and yard waste for the entire Township. Recycling is every other week and depending on if you are in the yellow or blue section of the map for which week is your recycling collection week. The 2023 recycle map and coordinating schedule can be found below along with on the website.

If you have a large item that you need to have picked up you will need to call Republic at 888-872-7455 to schedule a large item pick up. Let them know you are on the Fenton Township account when you call yo schedule.

All curbside collections can begin as early as

Let the customer service representative know that you are part of the Fenton Township account this way you can ensure your one free item a week.

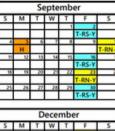


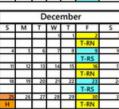


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## What is up with the Roads?

Why doesn't the county or township cover the cost of the new road? Isn't this already part of our taxes?

The only tax we all pay that specifically fund road improvements in the gas tax.

Fenton Township does not receive and direct funding from the gas tax.

Only Act 51 agencies, such as cities and county road commissions, receive this funding.

Property taxes do not fund road improvements.

The small portion of your property taxes that retained by the Township's General Fund (less than 2 cents of every dollar collected) covers the cost of running elections. providing police coverage, administrative general costs, and yes, some road

improvements, but for local/collector roads.

It is important to understand that there are three different categories of public roads under the jurisdiciton of the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC):

<u>Primary Roads</u> like Owen, Fenton, and Thompson Roads have improvements funded by the GCRC.

Local/Collector Roads like North Long Lake, Butcher, Jennings, and Sharp Roads have improements funded by the Township, using the appropriate fund from the General Fund, along with a small amount of matching allocations funds from the GCRC.

#### Residential/Subdivison

<u>Streets</u> see improvments funded by the property owners through a special asessment district (SAD).

The above was an excerpt from the Street Improvement Special Assessment Districts - FAQ; which can be found in its entirety on the Fenton Township website.

For more information about Special Assessment Districts, contact Township Operations Manager Tom Broecker (810) 629-1537.

# What is a Special Assessment District?

A Special Assessment District (SAD) is a geographical based area in which a value, not based upon the taxable value of your home, is charged.

Special Assessment Districts can be made for items like drains, roads, streetlights, and lake treatment.

There is a process for creating a SAD, which includes:

- Obtain preliminary plans and estimate of costs
- Property owners circulate special assessment petitions
- Township holds public hearing of necessity and adopts resolution to create SAD
- Project is designed and bid out
- Township holds public hearing on the special assessment roll and adopts resolution to confirm roll.
- Financing for the project is secured
- The project is constructed.