



## 2022 Summer Newsletter



**Rik Kowall  
Supervisor**

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### SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE



White Lake Township is truly a 4-season playground! I absolutely love driving around this 37 square mile Township and seeing boats on all of our beautiful lakes, people enjoying all of our State and Township parks and residents planting flowers and gardens to beautify their property. White Lake is buzzing with activity!

There are a lot of new faces at the Township Offices. I would like to welcome Heather Charlick (Assessing), Andrea Grossi (Assessing), Dave Hieber (Assessing), Jillian London (Clerk's office), Paige Meyers (DPS), Michael Murley (DPS), Travis Richardson (DPS), Lisa Stinson (Treasury) and Bob Szolach (DPS) to the White Lake team. Please stop in and meet our new staff members.

There is continued interest and growth in the Township. We currently have 4 restaurants very seriously considering locating within the Township. The Civic Center project is still in the preliminary planning phase. Unfortunately, Oakland County Road Commission has delayed the Elizabeth Lake roundabouts for a year hoping to get more reasonable bids on the project.



Once again, White Lake Township is participating in Oakland County's West Nile Prevention Program. All the Township Offices are fully stocked with FREE bug repellent for our residents. So please stop in and grab one today and enjoy the beautiful Michigan summer!

**Rik Kowall, Supervisor**

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Aspen Meadows Iron Filtration Plant construction began March 15, 2022 starting with temporary bypass piping. All of the old process equipment and piping has been removed to make the space ready for the new filter equipment. Underground work at the facility is currently underway including the off-site sanitary extension down Grass Lake and Porter Road. This will allow us to remove the backwash water from the treatment plant.

DPS would like to thank all of our water system customers for your cooperation and patience during this project. We are very happy to finally be underway with the long-term solution to remove iron from our drinking water and get rid of this rusty water!

The Bogie Lake Road watermain project will begin in the next few weeks. Materials have been staged at several sites along the route.

The North Hulbert and Oak Ridge Park SADs will begin construction this summer.

DPS has started the hydrant painting project. Crews began working in the northwest portion of the water system and will be working their way through the system the next few summers.

**Aaron Potter, DPS Director**

### DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER

The Dublin Community Senior Center offers quality programs and services for adults fifty years of age and older. All social, educational, physical and supportive programs and services are designed to enhance the quality of life and maintain the independence and dignity of our participants. Please feel free to stop in to take a tour of our center or call 248-698-2394 for more information. Go to [www.whitelaketwp.com/senior-center](http://www.whitelaketwp.com/senior-center) to view our current newsletter of programs.

**Kathy Gordinear, Director of Dublin Senior Center**

### CLERK'S OFFICE

#### Cemeteries —

Oxbow Lakeside Cemetery continues to be waitlisted but we can help you with any available services for White Lake Cemetery. Our Sexton is Mike Willenberg of Huron Cemetery Maintenance.

#### Elections —

ABSENTEE VOTING is easier than ever. Contact us or go online if you wish to be added to our permanent absentee voter list. This will ensure you get an application for every election.

**WE NEED YOU!** Please visit "elections" at [www.whitelaketwp.com/ clerk](http://www.whitelaketwp.com/ clerk) or contact us to become an election inspector. Applications are available online. You can also come in or call us any time. There are two state-wide elections this year.

**August 2, 2022 — State Primary Election**

**November 8, 2022 — State General Election**

#### Township Offices Summer Hours —

The Township summer hours will be in effect from **Friday, June 10, 2022 through Friday, September 2, 2022**. During that time the offices will be open from:

**8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.**

**Friday office hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

The Clerk's Office recognizes the importance of promoting productive employees through a healthy balance of work and family life. I also recognize the need to serve the public which is why during these summer hours, the Clerk's Office will offer weekend notary services at no charge to help residents who can't always get away from their normal "9-5 weekdays". To make an appointment just call the Clerk's Office at 248.698.3300 x7 and we will get you scheduled.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Clerk. If I can ever be of service, don't hesitate to contact the Clerk's Office at 248.698.3300 ext. 7 or my cell at 248.459.3703.

**Anthony L. Noble, Clerk**

### TREASURER'S OFFICE



**Property Taxes** – Summer tax bills will be mailed on June 30<sup>th</sup>. They are payable through September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 without interest. Please include your phone number on your check or tax remittance slip in case we have issues with your check. Payment in the form of cash or check is accepted at the counter of the Treasurer's Department in the Township offices. Payment may also be made online using the Township website at [www.whitelaketwp.com](http://www.whitelaketwp.com). On the website, choose "Inside the Township" and then under Administration, choose "Treasurer". On the left side of the Treasurers page choose "Pay Taxes Online". Please know that convenience fees are charged for online payments.

**Credit Cards** – Now being accepted for Water Bills, Building Permits and Dog Licenses. A convenience fee will be charged for all credit card transactions.

**Dog Licenses** – Dog licenses expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Dogs require a license once they become 4 months old. A current rabies certificate is required. Dog licenses can be purchased at the Treasurer's counter or online through Oakland County (<https://www.oakgov.com/petadoption/Pages/Dog-License.aspx>). You can also order a dog license online using the Treasurer's page on the township website. Choose Dog Licenses on the left side and click the link on the bottom of the page. Dog Licenses purchased after June 1<sup>st</sup> will incur a late fee.

**Mike Roman, Treasurer**



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

After a couple of long years of dealing with COVID-19, the Police Department is excited to be able to transition back to what we love.... Community Engagement. Everyone at the Police Department has missed interacting with the public through our many programs. We are excited to be able to bring back programs such as the Youth Police Academy and the Citizens' Academy.

The Youth Police Academy is a program that runs one week in the summer for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in area schools. The program is taught by members of the Police Department and brings students inside the inner workings of law enforcement. Instructors will work with students in the aspects of physical fitness, criminal law, criminal investigation, driving, and defensive tactics. Students walk away with an understanding of what police officers do on a daily basis, as well as various team-building exercises.

The Citizens' Academy allows for residents of the community to come in and receive 13 weeks of instruction in the inner workings of police, fire, and township operations. The program is taught by members of the Police and Fire Departments. Topics covered are criminal investigations, bomb squad operations, K-9 operations, patrol procedures, defensive tactics, and fire investigation. The program culminates with a graduation and catered dinner. Prior to COVID-19, the Citizens' Academy ran for 32 consecutive sessions. It has been greatly missed by the members of the department and we could not be happier to bring it back.

Anyone who is interested in taking a larger step toward learning and helping their community is asked to apply for the White Lake Township Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Many times, pulling from Citizens' Academy students, the CERT team receives training in first aid, light urban search and rescue, traffic control, and incident command system. The CERT team is the civilian arm of the Police Department and assists with various functions and operations, both planned and emergent.

The members of the White Lake Township Police Department take great pride in the service that we provide to the community and cannot wait to finally be back to seeing the beloved residents, business owners, and visitors of White Lake Township. If you would like further information on these programs, contact Amy Petru at 248-698-1042.

**Dan Keller, Chief of Police**

## ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

Dave Hieber was hired as Township Assessor this May, replacing Jeanine Smith who retired from the Township after 18 years of dedicated service. Dave has over 30 years of experience in property assessment administration with the City of Novi and Oakland County Equalization. Dave is dedicated to applying Michigan Laws to ensure a fair and transparent property tax system. Dave holds a Michigan Master Assessing Officer certification from the State of Michigan and Bachelor Degree from Northwood University. Dave is looking forward to the opportunity to work with the assessing team and residents of White Lake Township.

If you purchased your property in the previous calendar year, you will notice the Assessed and Taxable Values should be equal on your Summer Tax Statement as required by State law. If you own and occupy your home, you may be eligible for the Principal Residence Exemption which reduces your tax rate. (The "% Declared as PRE" is noted on your tax bill.) **Special Assessment Districts** can be established by residents for necessary road improvements. Visit our website for further Assessing information.

**David Hieber, Assessor**

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING INFORMATION

**Green for Life (GFL)** is the company contracted by the Township to pick up garbage, recycling, yard waste, and bulk items. For garbage questions, including replacement carts or bins, call **GFL Customer Service at 1-844-464-3587**.

**-No need to call ahead for large item pick-up!** Simply place the bulk item(s) at the curb on your regular garbage pick-up day by 7:00am.

- Remember to bag all garbage before placing in the cart to ensure all items make it into the truck on windy days and to keep carts clean.

**- GFL Holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day.** Services will be delayed by ONE day if your pick-up day falls on or after one of the listed holidays during the business week (M-F).

**- Yard waste pick-up** runs from the week of March 28th through December 9, 2022.

**- A larger 65-gallon wheeled recycling cart** (with lid) may be purchased for \$65 by calling GFL.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### With summer fast approaching here is some helpful information from the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act:

Consumer grade fireworks are allowed statewide on the following days:

- December 31 until 1 a.m. on January 1;
- The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days;
- June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days;
- July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.; and
- The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

Citizens can use the following types of fireworks as long as they comply with the specified days and times:

- Roman Candles
- Bottle Rockets, Sky Rockets & Missile type rockets
- Aerials
- Firecrackers
- Reloadable shell devices
- Helicopter/aerial spinners
- Single tube device
- Novelty Items: Sparklers, snaps, poppers, & snakes

Fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged or used by:

- A minor
- A person under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances; or
- On public, school, or church property, or property of another person, without that organizations or person's written authorization to do so.

*Always remember to keep a hose or bucket of water nearby when using fireworks in case of emergency!*

**John Holland, Fire Chief**

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### PLANNING

The Planning Division is charged with processing and reviewing rezoning requests, site plan applications, special land use permits, variance requests, and private road applications. The Division also provides staff support to the Township Board, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Parks & Recreation Committee. There are various commercial and residential projects in review or that have been approved and are under construction. In the southeast quadrant of the Township, construction is progressing on 500 residential units across multiple projects.

The Planning Division also oversees Parks and Recreation in the Township. Stanley Park is now open for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has tentatively awarded a \$500,000.00 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for Stanley Park. Park pavilions and ball fields are now available for rental. We have a White Lake Township Parks and Recreation Facebook page ([facebook.com/wltparksandrec](https://www.facebook.com/wltparksandrec)) you can follow for updates. Please visit our website or contact us at 248-698-3300 x5 for more information.

**Sean O'Neil, Community Development Director**

### BUILDING

Rental properties within White Lake Township are required to be registered, inspected and certified. Short term rentals such as AirBnb, are required to be registered and inspected prior to renting out these properties.

The rental program is a benefit to our community by certifying rental homes for the landlord, ensuring a safe home for the renter and a well-maintained property for the neighborhood. Many of our surrounding communities have rental ordinances in place.

Registration information is available on the White Lake Township Building Division website or by calling the Building Division at 248-698-3300 Ext. 2. If you have any questions, or would like to check on the status of a rental property in your neighborhood, please contact the Building Division.

**Nick Spencer, Building Official**

### ORDINANCE

Contact Jason Hudson via email at [Jhudson2@whitelaketwp.com](mailto:Jhudson2@whitelaketwp.com) to report ordinance issues in the Township.

### Notice to all owners, agents or occupants of land in the Township of White Lake:

Notice is hereby given that beginning May 1, 2022 the provisions of the White Lake Township Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Article IV - Property Maintenance Code, section 8-89 will be enforced. Additional information regarding grass maintenance can be found at

[www.whitelaketwp.com](http://www.whitelaketwp.com)

**Jason Hudson, Ordinance Officer**