



SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

Here's What's Happening In White Lake Township...



CLERK'S OFFICE

As summer gets underway, I am happy to report that the new Public Safety Building and Township Hall are coming together nicely. We have seen tremendous progress over the last couple of months, and we are excited to move into these beautiful new facilities. The Public Safety Building project remains on target for completion in late summer or early fall, while the new Township Hall is expected to be completed by mid to late November. These projects represent a major investment in the future of White Lake Township and will allow us to better serve our residents for many years to come.

At Stanley Park, the contractor continues working to stabilize a few remaining areas, and we anticipate opening the park in early July. We know residents are eager to enjoy the new amenities, and we appreciate everyone's patience as the final work is completed.

I am also excited to announce that Quake on the Lake is returning to Pontiac Lake this summer. The hydroplane boat races are scheduled for August 15th and 16th at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area. The Marine Prop Riders will host this exciting event, and we encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the races and festivities. In addition, the White Lake Township Police Foundation will be selling wristbands for their hospitality tent, where spectators can enjoy great views of the races along with refreshments and cocktails.

Lastly, I would like to remind residents about the Township's new office hours. Township Offices are now open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and closed on Fridays. We hope these extended morning and evening hours will provide added convenience and help us better serve our community.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you and your families have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Rik Kowall, *Supervisor*

Cemeteries:

Spring cleanup operations for 2026 are now underway. Please continue to remove all personal items that are prohibited under the ordinance, including ornaments, signs, trellises, statues, benches, landscaping bricks, stones, grave border materials, and any other structures not expressly allowed. The White Lake Township Cemetery Ordinance can be found in Chapter 10 of the Township's Code of Ordinances at www.whitelaketwp.com. Your cooperation helps maintain the appearance, safety, and respectful condition of the Township Cemeteries.

Elections:

August 4, 2026 - State Primary. AV ballots should be expected in the mail around July 1, 2026.
November 3, 2026 - State General. AV ballots should be expected in the mail around October 1, 2026.

Due to recent precinct consolidation, residents should review their voter information for precinct updates prior to upcoming elections. For more information or to apply for an absentee ballot, go to www.michign.gov/sos/elections or www.whitelaketwp.com.

Anthony L. Noble, *Township Clerk*



**August 15th & 16th
Pontiac Lake
Recreation Area**

Race Organizer



Hospitality Tent



TREASURER'S OFFICE

Property Tax Payments – Payments in the form of cash and check are accepted at the counter of the Treasurer's Department in the Township offices. Payment may also be made online at www.whitelaketwp.com. See the "Pay Local Taxes" link on the Treasurer's section of the website. Online payments can be made with a credit card or online checks. Fees are charged for online payments.

Summer 2026 Property Taxes – Summer taxes are payable through September 14, 2026, without late fees. Please include your phone number on your check or tax remittance slip in case there are questions. March 1, 2027, is the last day the Township offices can accept 2026 summer/winter tax payments.

Dog Licenses – White Lake Township is no longer selling dog licenses. Oakland County has upgraded its system for selling dog licenses. The website to purchase is oaklandmich.docupet.com. You may call Oakland County Animal Control at 248-858-1070 for help.

Feel free to call the Treasury Department at 248-698-3300 extension 4 with any questions about your tax bills or payments.

Mike Roman, *Treasurer*

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER

Through the years, the Dublin Community Senior Center has grown and evolved into the wonderful place we know and love today, offering a wide variety of programs, activities, and special events for our 50+ community all year long. Here are just a few of the exciting upcoming events at the Dublin Center:

- July 20 – Summer Road Trip Bingo Event at Dublin
- August 13 – Down & Derby Races
- August 25 – Cooking with M Cooking Demonstration
- September 2 – BUNCO (\$10 includes a light lunch)
- September 15 – Senior Celebration
- October 21 – Day Trip to Meadowbrook Theatre to see "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance"
- December 17 – DIA Holiday Jazz Concert

The Dublin Community Senior Center continues to thrive by empowering seniors to stay active, engaged, and connected. Come join the fun!



POLICE DEPARTMENT

After 28 years of dedicated service, the White Lake Township Police Department is bidding a respectful farewell to Chief Daniel T. Keller. His retirement marks the end of an era, leaving behind a profound legacy that will continue to shape the department for years to come.

As the department turns the page to a new chapter, Lieutenant Matthew Ivory has been officially named the new Chief of Police. The team is eager to move forward under Chief Ivory's leadership. It is also proud to welcome new faces who joined the staff over the last year, including Cadet Olivia Schneider and Dispatcher Jayden Johnson. These new additions strengthen a team that remains deeply committed to serving the White Lake community.

With summer approaching, the department is looking forward to hosting several community-focused events, including the annual Open House on June 7th, and the Youth Police Academy is scheduled for the week of July 27th through the 31st, offering local students a unique look into law enforcement.

As we wrap up an eventful year, the department is moving into its new facility later this fall, giving it a modern home to continue its mission of public safety.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

In the calendar year following a non-exempt transfer of ownership, the property taxes levied may be significantly different than the taxes paid the previous year due to the state-mandated uncapping of the taxable value. Property owners are encouraged to contact the Assessing Department to verify the information in our records is accurate.

A Disabled Veteran who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled and entitled to 100% benefits, rated as individually unemployable, or who has specially adapted housing, may be eligible for an exemption from property taxes. Contact the Assessing Department to learn more about the **Disabled Veterans Exemption**. We thank you for your service!

Homeowners who own and occupy their home as of June 1st may be eligible for the **Principal Residence Exemption (PRE)**, which reduces the tax rate levied on the property. This exemption can also be claimed on some vacant adjacent parcels. (PRE status is noted on your tax statement.)

Taxpayers who meet certain income and asset guidelines may be eligible for a **Poverty Exemption**. Poverty guidelines and additional assessing information can be found on our website:

www.whitelaketwp.com/assessing.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW is working on replacing all water meters that are 15+ years old in the Township. Letters have been sent out to the following subdivisions: Blackberry Hills and Autumn Glen. It will take several years for us to get through all the subdivisions in the Township. Per the Township Ordinance (Sec. 38-171), meters need to be in dry, clean sanitary places perfectly accessible should they require maintenance.

Round Lake South/West Sanitary sewer extension construction is getting close to completion. We should be able to start accepting connections in July. We have already received numerous calls from homeowners eager to start the process of connecting to the Township's sanitary sewer system.

We will also be continuing with our hydrant painting project again this summer.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 248-698-7700 extension 8.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Summer Fire Safety Tips

As temperatures rise and outdoor activities increase, summer is an important time to focus on fire safety. Help keep your family, home, and community safe with these reminders:

Grilling Safety:

- Keep grills at least 10 feet away from homes, decks and other structures.
- Never leave a grill unattended while cooking.
- Clean grease and fat buildup regularly.
- Keep children and pets away from hot grills.

Campfire Safety:

- Build campfires only in designated fire rings or pits.
- Keep campfires small and manageable.
- Never leave a campfire unattended.
- Drown the fire with water, stir the ashes, and ensure everything is cool before leaving.

Home Safety During Summer:

- Test Smoke alarms monthly and replace batteries as needed.
- Keep air conditioners and fans free from dust and debris.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets with seasonal appliances.
- Store gasoline and flammable liquids in approved containers away from heat sources.

Water & Heat Safety Reminder:

- Stay hydrated and avoid prolonged exposure to extreme heat.
- Never leave children or pets unattended in vehicles.
- Know the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

A safe summer starts with prevention. Taking a few extra precautions can help protect your family, neighbors, and community all season long. Stay safe and enjoy your summer!

J. David Feichtner, *Fire Chief*

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Township continues to experience strong development and construction activity heading into the summer season. Public improvement projects, including the new Township Hall and Public Safety Building, are progressing steadily, with roofing work nearing completion and interior construction remaining on schedule. Phase I improvements at Stanley Park are expected to wrap up by mid-summer. In addition, Kroger recently made a generous \$75,000 donation toward new playground equipment at Stanley Park, further enhancing recreational opportunities for residents and families. Township staff is also actively drafting several Zoning Ordinance amendments for future consideration and approval.

Several development projects are moving through the review and approval process. Lasting Impressions recently received Final Site Plan approval, while projects such as 9101 Highland, Edendale Crossing, and Mack Industries continue advancing through engineering and site plan reviews. Mack Industries has proposed a major 135,000-square-foot expansion and is expected to appear before the Planning Commission in June. Tractor Supply is seeking approval for a garden center expansion, and the proposed Vertical Bridge cellular tower project has been temporarily postponed for additional analysis.

Construction remains active at several residential developments, including Preserve at Hidden Lake, Trailside Meadow, Eagles Landing, Elizabeth Trace, and West Valley. Commercial projects such as Gateway Crossing, Oakland Harvesters, Ginko Storage, and the Walmart expansion are also progressing at various stages, reflecting continued investment and growth throughout the Township during the summer construction season.

Several new businesses in the Township have opened: Burlington, M-59 Massage, White Lake Nail Salon & Quest Field Services. Starbucks and a proposed urgent care will occupy space at the Gateway Crossing site.