

APRIL 2026

Your Township Board

Supervisor.....Roger Seely
 Clerk.....Patrice Rose
 Treasurer.....Dave Vonk
 Trustee.....Tim Drews
 Trustee.....Melissa Hahn
 Trustee.....Ed Meny
 Trustee.....Tom Milnikel
 Manager.....Denise Cook

Other Township Officials

Chief of Police.....Randy Leng
 Building Inspector.....Troy Gano
 Ordinance Officer.....Chris Poplawski
 Assessor.....Shalice Northrop

Township Meetings

Township Board of Trustees
 6 p.m. 1st Monday of the month
 (Board Workshop at 12:00 Noon)

Planning Commission
 6:30 p.m. 2nd Tuesday Monthly

Zoning Board of Appeals
 7 p.m. 2nd Wednesday
 (As Requested)

**MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE
 TOWNSHIP HALL AND ARE
 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Township Hours

The Township Hall is open
 Monday-Friday
 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

Roger Seely, Supervisor

Spring Cleanup Passes

Landfill passes will be available for pickup at the Township Hall beginning April 6th. Passes are good for rubbish drop-off at Orchard Hill Landfill in Watervliet on the following dates: April 17, 18, 24, 25, and May 1, 2, 15, and 16. A household may have one (1) pass for rubbish cleanup from that property. If you have any questions on what is allowed, please call the landfill office at 463-5588.

Yard Waste Pickup through Best Way begins April 1st and runs through December 10th. Yard waste will be picked up on your regular trash pickup day. The landfill does not accept plastic bags. Be sure to use large brown paper yard waste bags or you may provide your own container or rent one from Best Way Disposal (463-3232). All containers must be clearly labeled "Yard Waste".

The rules governing allowed yard waste come from the State of Michigan and apply to all Michigan landfills. Yard clippings are defined as leaves, grass clippings, vegetable or other garden debris, shrubbery, or bush or tree trimmings less than 4 feet in length or 2 inches in diameter that can be converted to compost humus. Anything larger than 2 inches in diameter or longer than 4 feet cannot go into yard waste, as it cannot be composted. Lumber is considered trash because of its size and because it is treated.

For Hazardous Waste Disposal, please call Berrien County: 269-983-7111, ext. 8232 or go to their website, www.berriencounty.org/recycle. Hazardous waste would include household/garden chemicals and pesticides, medications, tires, and electronics.

Pet Ordinance If you bring your dog to any Township park or trail it must be on a leash as stated in Township ordinances. Please be courteous and clean up after your pet. "Doggie" bags have been placed on the trails and in the parks for your convenience.

Yard Maintenance In order to minimize rodent harborage and keep our neighborhoods looking tidy and well-cared for, we ask that residents adhere to the maximum grass height of 6". If we see or receive a complaint that property is overgrown, a notice will be posted to bring it into compliance. If there is no response to the notice, the grass will be cut, without further notice, and that property will be invoiced for the charges.



"Update" is published periodically in an effort to inform residents of the many activities in St. Joseph Charter Township. Inquiries or future articles should be directed to the Manager.



FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK . . . *continued*Roger Seely, Supervisor

Any unpaid invoices will be placed on the winter property tax bill. Please note this extra charge on your winter tax bill could affect your monthly mortgage payment. The requirement for mowing applies to all properties, even those with deep lots. The exception for full mowing is undeveloped, wooded lots, which must be kept maintained at least around the perimeters. Please assure that your neighborhood is a great place to live in by keeping your property picked up, trimmed and mowed. Your neighbors and the Township thank you!

Parks and Trails Millage Fund

In December 2018, the Township began collecting taxes for the ten-year Parks and Trails Millage that the voters approved at the August 2018 election. Since the millage's inception, the Township has collected \$843,659 in millage funds, which have leveraged \$610,000 in matching grants. A total of \$1,300,712.08 has been utilized for projects. Included in those projects are: a new pavilion at Carronde Park; an upgrade to Eaton Park buildings; sidewalks at Eaton Park; a portion of the infrastructure for the pavilion at Knauf Park; the Maiden Lane Playground structure; the Carronde Park Waterway Project, which included a kayak launch, sidewalks, fishing platforms, and benches; the Kedzie Park Playground Rehab.; Carronde Park Tennis Court rehab. and new pickleball courts; application expenses for a grant for the new Eaton Park Restrooms.

Fire Improvement Millage Fund

In December 2018, the Township began collecting taxes for the ten-year Fire Improvement Millage that the voters approved at the August 2018 election.

The new Rosenbauer fire truck, purchased at a cost not to exceed \$725,000, arrived in 2022 and is housed at Fire Station #1.

A Rosenbauer mini pumper truck arrived in October 2023. This truck is housed at Fire Station #2.

In 2024, funds totaling \$22,160 were used to purchase airbags, supplies, and an EFORCE Ram 2.0 rescue tool.

In 2025, \$18,907.11 was spent to purchase custom lighting for fire trucks at Fire station #2.

Tools to access Township services

- Permit forms, assessing information forms, tax information and much more can be accessed from the Township website under *Departments* at www.sjct.org. Also, check out the main page of the website for current general information.
- You may email the Township at info@sjct.org.
- Two Secured, camera monitored, and frequently checked curbside drop boxes are available at the main entrance of the Township Hall. One curbside box (north side) is designated for election-related documents; the other side (south side) may be used for non-election-related documents.

FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK . . . *continued*

Roger Seely, Supervisor

- You may send information via postal mail to [St. Joseph Charter Township, P.O. Box 147, St. Joseph, MI 49085](#).
- You may phone the Township at [\(269\) 429-7703](#) for information.
- TextMyGov is a smartphone texting application that allows you to text in a number to look up Township information. You may also text in a number that will allow you to receive notifications from the Township. See the [TextMyGov](#) section in this newsletter for more information on how to get started.
- The Township also sends information to its [Facebook page, St. Joseph Charter Township](#).



The Michigan Secretary of State's Office and the Township remind PEDESTRIANS for your safety: Where there are no sidewalks, walk or jog on the side of the road as far to the left as possible or on a paved shoulder **AGAINST** oncoming traffic.

Road Millage: In December 2020, the Township began collecting taxes for the ten-year road millage approved by voters in the November 2020 election. If the County Road Department's bids come in as expected, in 2026, the Township's share of the cost will go for repairs and maintenance on approximately 3.28 miles of roads, including HMA to the Vineland Heights Subdivision (Mapel Ln., June Trace, Charles Trl., Easy St.), HMA to Blackhawk and Moccasin (N. of Napier Ave.), HMA to Hickory Creek Manor Subdivision (N. Cambridge, S. Cambridge, Oxford, Cranbrook, Middlebrook, Lasein, Valleyview, N. Valleyview, Acorn, E. Valleyview, Briarcliff, Grandview, Ravine).

Herald Palladium Paper Boxes: Several years ago, The Herald Palladium stopped delivering newspapers directly to residents and began using the U.S. Postal Service for delivery. Under the old system, newspaper recipients had special Herald Palladium boxes mounted adjacent to their regular mailboxes. If you still have a Herald Palladium paper box, you may remove and discard it.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dave Vonk, Treasurer

IMPORTANT TAX DATES:

- **Summer Tax Bills** are mailed **July 1st** and due by 5:00 p.m. on **September 14, 2026**.
- **Winter Tax Bills** are mailed **December 1st** and due by 5:00 p.m. on **February 16, 2027**.
- After **March 1, 2027**, all delinquent payments for 2026 taxes are due to the Berrien County Treasurer 269-983-7111 ext. 8569.

**PAYMENTS:**

- You can pay your tax bill by check, cash or credit/debit card. There is a 3% fee (\$2 minimum) for using a credit or debit card.
- We can accept partial payments starting the day you receive your tax bill.
- Please call 269-429-7703 for current balance due if you did not pay by the due date.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- **Tax Bill Address Changes:** call 269-429-7703.
- **Tax Bill Name Changes:** call our Assessor Shalice Northrop 269-587-0208.
- **County Drain Assessments:** call the Drain Commissioner 269-983-7111 ext. 8267.
- Your **taxable value** is based on the value of your property on December 31st of the preceding year.
- Valuable **income tax information** can be found on your tax bills. Please save them.

“Like” our Facebook page: **St. Joseph Charter Township** to keep up to date on Township happenings. Or go to our website **SJCT.org**. Please see the following Facebook pages for Police and Fire Department information:



St. Joseph Township Police Department
 St. Joseph Charter Township Fire Department Station #1
 St. Joseph Charter Township Fire Department Station #2

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE*Christin Rice, Deputy Clerk / Election Coordinator***2026 Elections****2026 Michigan Midterm Election Dates:****August Primary Election Date: August 4, 2026****November Midterm Election Date – November 3, 2026**

The following offices will be on the ballot:

Federal

- **United States Senate:** One of Michigan's two U.S. Senate seats will be up for election.
- **U.S. House of Representatives:** All **13** of Michigan's congressional seats will be up for election.

State of Michigan

- **Governor and Lieutenant Governor**
- **Secretary of State**
- **Attorney General**
- **Michigan Legislature:**
 - All **38 seats** in the **Michigan Senate**
 - All **110 seats** in the **Michigan House of Representatives**

Judicial

- **Michigan Supreme Court:** **Two seats** will be up for election.

Local Elections

- Various **county, township, city, and school board** offices may also appear on local ballots, depending on the jurisdiction.
- **Southwest Michigan Regional Airport** will have a proposal for the August election this year.

Special Notice from the Airport Authority:



I have had the privilege of spending most of my life in St. Joseph Charter Township. This community has played a meaningful role in shaping who I am, and because of that connection, I wanted to take a moment to share important information about a community asset that has long served our area: Southwest Michigan Regional Airport.

An airport millage will be appearing on an upcoming ballot. While the Airport does not encourage residents how to vote, it does encourage all eligible residents to participate in the voting process and stay informed.

Southwest Michigan Regional Airport is a municipally owned airport that serves St. Joseph Charter Township and the surrounding region. The millage provides the airport with essential resources needed to maintain operations and continue offering services that benefit our entire community.

Our local airport is a major enabler for the delivery of health care and emergency services, supports local businesses, and serves as a foundation for attracting new employers to the area. It also provides important services such as package delivery that many residents and businesses rely on every day.

I am writing to ask you to be part of a community-wide effort to help maintain this vitally important asset. Over the years, the airport has also hosted multiple community events, opening its doors to residents and families. I encourage you to visit Southwest Michigan Regional Airport, attend an event, and see firsthand how it supports our region.

Thank you for taking the time to stay engaged and informed, and for being an active part of the St. Joseph Charter Township community.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Gunn
Communications Coordinator

Postage and Absent Voter Ballots:

New U.S. Postal Service postmark rule

Under a new [U.S. Postal Service \(USPS\) rule](#) that took effect Dec. 24, 2025, mail might not receive a postmark on the day the postal service takes possession of the mail. According to the USPS, the rule “does not change any existing postal operations or postmarking practices, but is instead intended to improve public understanding of postmarks and their relationship to the date of mailing.” While [news stories](#) covering the issue have indicated that there is an impact on voting, the only potential impact in Michigan will be for MOVE voters. MOVE (Military Overseas Voter Enablement Act)

In Michigan, absent voter ballots must be [received](#) by their clerk on Election Day, not postmarked, so the new postmark rule will not affect most voters. It is always the best practice for voters to mail their AV ballot well in advance of the election to ensure it is timely received and counted. If there is a concern that there is not enough time to mail an AV ballot before the election, voters are encouraged to return their ballot at a local drop box, deliver their ballot in person to their early voting site (if available), their polling place on Election Day, or to their clerk's office.

Under the [Michigan Constitution](#), MOVE ballots are counted as long as the ballot is postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the appropriate election official within 6 days after the election. MOVE voters returning their ballots through the mail, are urged to return their ballot as soon as possible to account for mail delays, as well as the possibility of a delayed postmark.

Absent Ballot Mailing Dates:

Absent Ballots will be available:

August Election by: June 25, 2026

November Election by: September 24, 2026

Snow Birds:

We sincerely appreciate our residents who spend the winter months in the South (“snowbirds”). Letting us know your forwarding address before you leave this fall, ensures your ballot reaches you in a timely manner.

Voter Registration List Maintenance in St. Joseph Charter Township

The State of Michigan continuously works to keep the voter registration list—known as the Qualified Voter File (QVF)—as accurate and up to date as possible. Local Clerks, Deputy Clerks, and duly

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE ... continued

Christin Rice, Deputy Clerk

appointed Election Assistants are required to conduct regular maintenance of their jurisdiction's voter rolls.

This maintenance typically involves checking the QVF for registration-related updates and processing them accordingly. These updates may include:

- Notifications of a voter's death
- Address changes within the State of Michigan
- Voters moving out of state
- Name changes or updates to personal information
- New voter registrations

The Michigan Secretary of State and the Berrien County Clerk's Office regularly notify us of voter deaths recorded within the county and state. Additionally, our staff reviews local funeral home websites and obituaries in the Herald-Palladium to cross-check and verify local deaths. However, as not all obituaries are published, we welcome and appreciate your help in keeping our records accurate. **If you have information regarding a voter that may be deceased or has moved, please contact us at deputyclerk@sjct.org.**

Voter registration information can be updated online at:

<https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/>

Other Secretary of State services can also be completed at the Benton Harbor Secretary of State's Office (address above, under voter registration) by appointment, or online at:

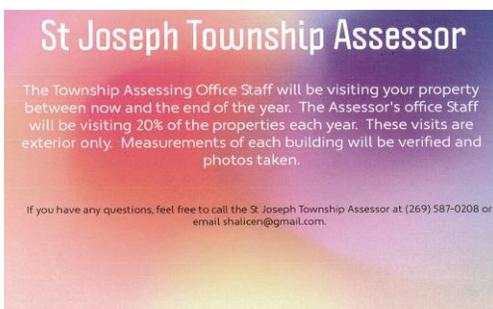
<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/all-services>

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

Shalice Northrop, Assessor

A staff member from the Assessor's office will be out visiting 20% of the properties again this year. We will send out postcards ahead of time to let you know that you have been selected for a field visit. All structures will be measured and updated photos will be taken. This is to be sure that our records are current and up to date with information. This will not increase your taxes unless something is discovered that hasn't been assessed previously. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. My information is on the postcard that you will receive. There will be no interior inspection, only exterior. Each one of the field appraisers will have credentials and magnetic signs on their vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation while we update our files.

As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 269-429-7703 or shalicen@gmail.com



Looking Back – 2025 in Review

The St. Joseph Township Police Department's complaint load was up slightly from 2024, with no noticeable trends in any one type of crime except fraud. Remember - if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!



It's hard to believe, but with ALL of the construction occurring in our area, the number of accidents handled was only up slightly, with 257 written accident reports being completed.

Paul Komdeur was named the officer of the year for 2024, which is presented in 2025, due to his dedication to the citizens of St. Joseph Township and the numerous training accreditations he holds. Officer Komdeur is a certified Paramedic, and is also certified as a Child Passenger Safety Technician. Congratulations to Officer Paul Komdeur, and thank you for everything you do to make our department be the best it can be.

The Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee held 10 meetings in 2025! Some were geared at how to recruit additional residents, some were geared at tips for staying safe and protecting your identity, and some were geared at making the most of National Night Out.

Thank you for the support you showed our officers and staff in 2025. We are committed to keeping St. Joseph Township a safe and progressive community, and appreciate your part in making it just that.

Looking Ahead – Notables for 2026

Mark your calendars for National Night Out 2026! This event will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 5:30-8pm at the Maiden Lane Community Park. This is a great event for residents to come out and meet local public safety personnel and see some of the incredible lifesaving equipment we are lucky to have.

Car Seat Inspections

Officer Paul Komdeur is certified as a Child Passenger Safety Technician. If you would like to have your child's car seat inspected or installed, please reach out to Officer Komdeur at (269) 429-6890 ext. 2265 or pkomdeur@sjct.org.

We're Here for You

Never hesitate to reach out to the police department. Our administrative office is open from 7am-5pm, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), and can be reached at (269) 429-6890. After business hours, you can contact Berrien County Dispatch at (269) 983-3060. Not only do they dispatch 24/7 for police, fire, and medic, they can also put you in contact with an officer.

Remember - No call is too small!



Receive Township Alerts

St. Joseph Charter Township

Sign up to receive township notifications via text message.
Opt-in to the following program:

- ✓ Township Notifications keyword: **SJCTOWNSHIP**

Get Started:

Text in the above keyword to: **91896**

What to Expect:

- After the initial keyword is sent, you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply YES to verify opt-in.
- You will receive up to 4 text messages a month with a notification for each alert category selection.
- Message and data rates may apply. Check with your carrier for more details.

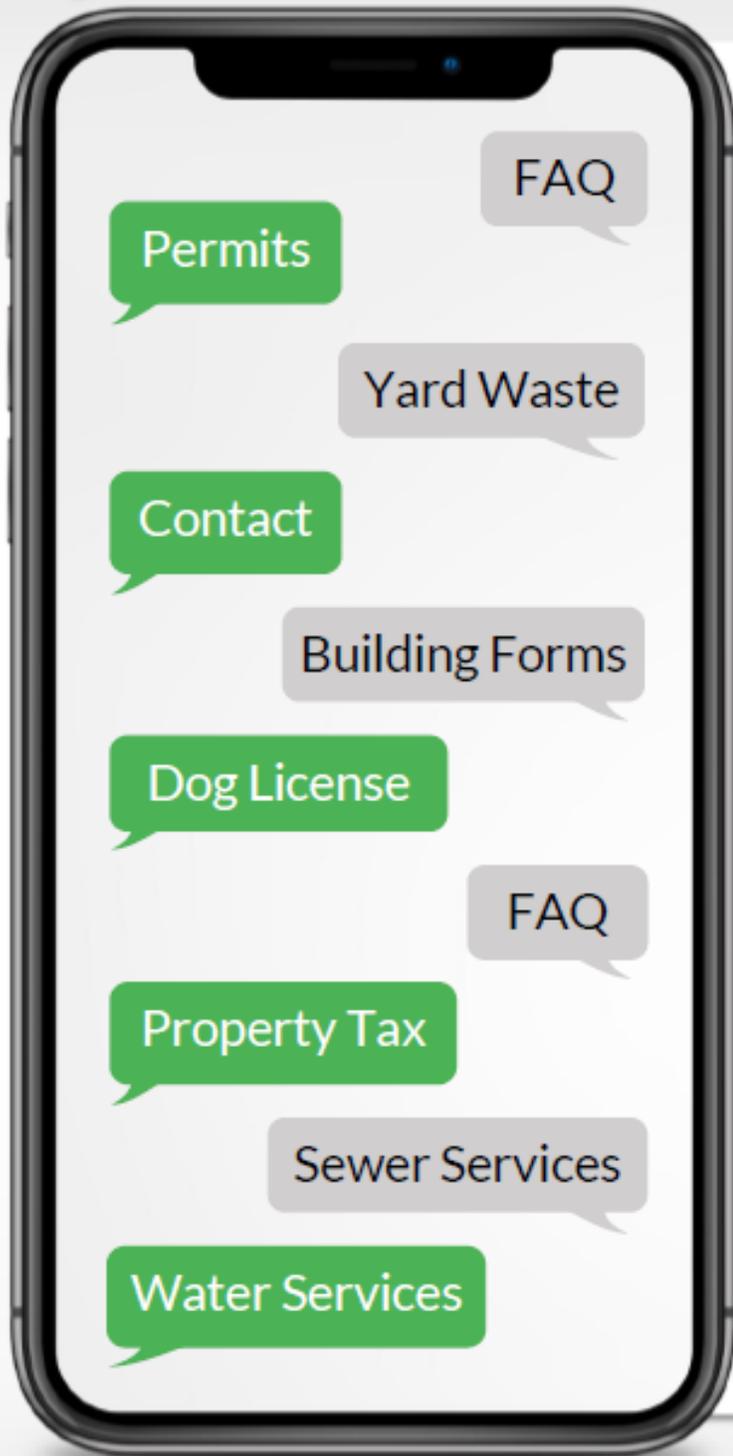
How to Opt-Out:

Text STOP at any time to remove yourself from the notification list.



St Joseph Charter Township

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Text HELP for contact info.

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PARKS / PUBLIC WORKS

Dave Rindfield, Director

Parks

Township parks will reopen on April 1st. Restrooms will open as soon as the weather allows.

MDNR Grants...

Eaton Park

The Township received DNR approval for a Land and Water Conservation grant application submitted in March of 2025 to build new restrooms and a pavilion at Eaton Park. Construction for the project is planned to begin in 2026 and be completed in 2027.

Pets in the Parks

St. Joseph Charter Township is reminding all residents and visitors to please pick up after their pets when using the local parks. This friendly reminder helps maintain the cleanliness and usability of public spaces for everyone. **Fun Fact:** In 2025, township residents utilized approximately **22,000 dog waste bags**, a necessary budget item the township is happy to provide to keep parks clean and prevent unpleasant accidents.

Sewer

A reminder to all residents... **Do not discharge the following to the sanitary sewer:** storm water, surface water, ground water, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters.

As noted in the past, disposable flushable wipes should never be flushed, as they cause issues for our lift stations and the treatment plant. Michigan's Public Act of 2024, signed into law in May 2024 as House Bill No. 4596, requires manufacturers of moistened wipes to label their products with a "Do Not Flush" warning. The law also prohibits manufacturers from marketing wipes as "flushable".



Trail Lane Lift Station

In keeping with the current plan to update the wastewater system, St. Joseph Charter Township is beginning the design phase for the replacement of the **Trail Lane Lift station**, with replacement scheduled for the spring of 2027. This facility is 55 years old in 2026, making the replacement a priority for maintaining system reliability. The project includes a new force main, upgraded pumps, and a modern control panel.

Water

Fire Hydrants

Per the International Fire Code, all fire hydrants must maintain a 3-foot radius, so please be sure that all fire hydrants are cleared of bushes and trees, and no other landscaping hides a hydrant.

Fire Hydrant Replacement

St. Joe Township will continue the Fire Hydrant replacement program as weather allows. Since the start of this project, we have replaced 35 hydrants.

Storm Water/Watershed Management



Everyone needs to do their part to protect our streams, rivers, inland lakes, and Lake Michigan! We depend on these water resources for drinking water and recreation, including swimming, boating, and fishing.

How do pollutants enter the water?

- In urban areas, storm drains are a main source of pollutants, draining virtually everything from lawns, streets, and parking lots directly into local streams, rivers, and lakes. Most storm drains do not treat or filter pollutants.
- Common pollutants include: fertilizers, pesticides, grass clippings, leaves, oil, grease, toxic chemicals, sediment, and pet waste.

For further information, check out "Keep it Blue" at <https://www.swmpc.org/water.asp>.

Brochures that illustrate ways to prevent pollution of our stormwater system are also located on the counter at the township hall.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Troy Gano, Building Official

If you are planning a remodel or construction project and have a contractor, be sure that they are licensed to do the work, and ensure that they have obtained the required permits. If you are unsure of what work requires a permit, don't hesitate to call. If you as a homeowner plan to tackle some of these projects and are unsure if a permit is required, please call and we will let you know either way. Our goal is life safety of all residents and through permitting we can ensure this is achieved. Note that a building permit is not required for a shed under 200 sq. ft. in size or a fence of any type, but we do require a \$24 zoning permit to ensure compliance with our zoning code.

We are here to serve you with our State Licensed & ICC Nationally Certified Staff

Contacts:

Troy Gano, Building Inspector (269) 930-2453

Ken Simpson, Electrical Inspector (269) 471-5869

Ken Jewell, Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector (269) 287-0425



ORDINANCE DEPARTMENT

Chris Poplawski, Ordinance Officer

A few reminders:

- **There is no burning of yard waste allowed in St. Joseph Charter Township.** All leaves must be bagged in the large brown paper bags or placed in containers clearly labeled "Yard Waste" (we have these stickers available for free in our office). You may either purchase your own container and label it or rent one from Best Way Disposal (463-3232).
- **Permissible Fires**—It is permissible to burn clean dry fire wood or sticks contained within a non-combustible ring no larger than 4 feet in diameter, constantly attended, and at least 25 feet from any building or structure. (Excessive smoke in all cases will be required to be put out)
- **Junk & Debris**— If you have large items such as furniture or appliances that you would like to dispose of, please note that Best Way will NOT pick these items up without a special pickup call and additional fee. If you have extra debris/items please store it out of sight until you can haul it away or until you are able to schedule a special pickup.
- **Parking**—There is no parking on the lawn or road right-of-way at any time. All off-street parking must be on an improved surface such as crushed stone, crushed concrete, paving bricks or other similar material.
- **Dog barking** continuously is deemed a nuisance and prohibited. Dogs will bark when they see a dog or people near their property and a reasonable amount is allowed.
- **Rental Property**—Dwellings are permitted to be rented as single-family long-term (30 days or more) only if legally registered and inspected by the township.



Best Way Disposal is committed to the conservation of natural resources and minimizing the strain on the planet. The Curbside Recycling Program provides for the collection of recyclable materials at the curbside. The **SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING PROGRAM** allows residents to **mix all acceptable recyclables in one cart—no sorting!** Keep this brochure handy for easy reference when preparing materials. Improperly prepared materials leads to contamination and increased recycling costs!

Accepted Items & Preparation Instructions

- ◆ Newspapers, including inserts, comics and advertisements.

Place papers directly into the recycling cart— no need to bag papers separately.

- ◆ Magazines, catalogs, books, phone books, office paper, unwanted mail, paper bags, etc.

Food boxes must be clean and free of food. Remove hard covers from books before recycling.

- ◆ Paperboard, such as cereal boxes, cracker boxes, Paper towel rolls, etc.

Corrugated cardboard must be flattened and/or cut down to a size that will fit in the recycling cart

- ◆ Corrugated cardboard.

Shredded papers can be placed in a brown paper bag and placed in the cart.

- ◆ Glass jars and bottles of any color.

Placing material in plastic bags is not acceptable.

- ◆ Aluminum cans, foil pie tins, etc.

Place materials directly into the recycling cart
No need to separate recyclable materials.

- ◆ Tin or steel food cans and lids.

Labels are OK. Remove caps from bottles.

- ◆ Plastics such as milk jugs, food tubs detergent bottles, personal care products, etc...

Rinse containers well—all materials must be clean and free of food, liquid or original contents.

Only RIGID plastics marked with symbols  1 - 7

Recycling Tips

PLASTICS



WISH-CYCLING

Many items we purchase are made of recyclable materials, but unfortunately not all are recyclable. When in doubt leave it out!

Instructions Also Located On Lid



Not Acceptable Items

- ◆ Aerosol cans
- ◆ Batteries
- ◆ Hazardous liquids or materials
- ◆ Light bulbs
- ◆ Microwave food containers
- ◆ Motor oil / motor oil containers
- ◆ Paint / paint cans
- ◆ Pizza boxes
- ◆ Plastic bags or plastic wrap
- ◆ Scrap metal or materials
- ◆ Soiled food containers
- ◆ Styrofoam of any kind
- ◆ Wax-coated cardboard
- ◆ Window glass
- ◆ Yard waste



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P.O. Box 147
St. Joseph MI 49085

PHONE NUMBERS

TOWNSHIP HALL429-7703
Fax.....429-2079
(Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Emergency Only.....9-1-1
Police Administration.....429-6890
(Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
Non-Emergency.....983-3060
(Dispatch – 24 hr.)

FIRE: Emergency.....9-1-1
Fire Administration
Station #1 - 3000 Washington Ave.....429-4100
Station #2 - 1750 Colfax Ave.....429-4100

AMBULANCE.....9-1-1
Public Works - Sewer/Water Problems.....429-8113
Water/Sewer Bills983-6324

Berrien County Road Department.....925-1196
Berrien County Animal Control927-5648
I&M Electric800-311-6424
Michigan Gas800-401-6451

YARD WASTE PICKUP RUNS FROM APRIL THROUGH THE SECOND THURSDAY OF DECEMBER ON YOUR NORMAL TRASH DAY

Office Closures for 2026

Friday, April 3rd — **Spring Holiday**

Friday and Monday, May 22nd & 25th - **Memorial Day**

Thursday and Friday, July 2nd & 3rd - **Fourth of July**

Friday and Monday, September 4th & 7th - **Labor Day**

Other Holidays Observed: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Your

water service may be turned off if your bill remains unpaid 45 days after the date of the bill. There will be a fee to turn the water back on, so please call 983-6324 with any questions or problems *before* this occurs.

Unpaid bills are added to December property tax bills, and these additional fees, which raise the amount that mortgage companies with escrow accounts pay, **COULD** affect your monthly mortgage payment, so please keep your account current. Call 983-6324 to make payment arrangements.

BEST WAY DISPOSAL OBSERVES THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS

Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day

Usually, if a holiday falls on your regularly scheduled collection day, that day and every collection day after that day will be moved back one day for the remainder of that week. **Please call Best Way directly (463-3232) with any questions on holiday pickup or recycling schedules.**

Arrangements for extra rubbish carts, yard waste carts, or recycling containers can be made by calling Best Way. Please call Tami at 269-463-3232 with any questions or concerns on our rubbish/yard waste/recycling programs.

STREET LIGHTS: If you notice a street light that is not working, report it to Indiana Michigan Power on their website: <https://www.indianamichiganpower.com/> You will be asked for the pole number and the nearest street address or cross street. The pole number is located on a metal tag about eye level on the street light pole. If you do not have internet access, you may contact the Police Department at 429-6890 to have them enter your request into I&M's website.