

GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2022

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LET'S GO PAPERLESS!

KIM TRIPLETT, TOWNSHIP EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Welcome to E-Notify! You can now opt to receive the Township Newsletter and special alerts via email or text.

Simply go to the Township website (www.gainestownship.org), under "Help Me:(FAQ)" select **Register for E-Notify**. To register, enter your email address and click "Sign In," then a box for your phone number will pop up.

If you would like to receive information via text message, enter your phone number. Scroll down the page, and you will see what information you are able to receive via **E-Notify**, currently alerts and the Township Newsletters are available. Select "BY EMAIL" or "BY TEXT" for each item you would like to receive. All that is left to do is click "Save Changes."

NOTE: Gaines Charter Township does not have access to the subscriber's information



2022 Elections
Primary- August 2, 2022
General- November 8, 2022

For more information
contact the Township Clerk.



MASTER PLAN UPDATE

DAN WELLS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



WE WOULD LIKE YOUR FEEDBACK!

The big news in the Planning and Zoning Department **this summer is the Township's Master Plan update.** The final plan will be the Township's principal guiding document for all development during the next 10-years. Planning staff is asking residents to take part in the Master Planning process by completing two surveys.

One survey is a questionnaire that takes about 8-10 minutes to complete, and the other is a mapping tool that lets you indicate locations for new residential, commercial, and industrial development within the Township.



[Questionnaire](#)



[Mapping App](#)

Both surveys are available online. You can assess those on the QR codes to your right or by going directly to the Township's website (www.gainestownship.org) and clicking on "Master Plan – Have Your Say" under News & Announcements. Hardcopies of the questionnaire are also available at Township Hall and at various locations throughout the Township.

If you prefer to provide your feedback in person, you may do so at Township Hall through the end of July. Planning staff will generally be available to discuss the planning process and help with any questions you have.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to make your voice be heard and help us understand what you like about Gaines so we can build a bright future for our Township!

SUMMER CONSTRUCTION IS IN FULL-SWING

MICHELLE RENNER-LEWIS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

It is summertime! So that means there will be various road projects happening in Gaines Charter Township.

Local resurfacing projects- will consist of repaving selected local streets and major roads. Projects to be completed this year include:



- Bonnie Avenue: 68th St. to End
- Brooklyn Avenue: Bonnie Avenue to End
- Crystal Valley Court: Old Lantern Drive to End
- Crystalaire Court: Old Lantern Drive to End
- Fairwood Court: Old Lantern Drive to End
- Kings Crossings Court: Kings Crossing Drive to End
- Kings Crossings Drive: Old Lantern Drive to Old Lantern Drive
- Silver Springs Court: Old Lantern Drive to End
- 68th Street: Eastern to Kalamazoo Ave
- 68th Street: Glen Hallow Dr to Hanna Lake
- 92nd Street: West of Hanna Lake
- 100th Street: Hanna Lake to East Paris

For all Kent County Road updates visit:
www.kentcountyroads.net

Please use caution when driving in construction zones and obey all traffic signage.

BILL DELIVERY AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

TRACY LAWRENCE, WATER AND SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

Beginning in October, your quarterly water & sewer bill will arrive in an envelope as a full-size sheet of paper rather than a postcard.

If you are experiencing delays in bill delivery, the same will hold true on mailing your payment to us. We offer paperless billing if you would prefer to receive your bill via email. Bills are mailed or emailed by the fifth day of the month. We also offer autopay and can automatically pull your payment from a checking or savings account on or around the 20th of the month payment is due. If interested, please email, or call us to set up these services. If you are using bill payer thru online banking be sure to leave added days for your bank to send us payment. Late penalties are applied to accounts if payment is not received on or before the last day of the month.

If you plan to irrigate your yard frequently during the summer, consider buying an irrigation meter from our department (meter and permit fees apply). This second meter will reduce the sewer usage charges for those who use a large volume of water either via an irrigation system or outside spigot. Contact us at (616) 433-2916 for more information.

We do not allow the use of a hydrant to fill a pool; a hose or water hauling company must be used. The cheaper option, though time-consuming, is to use a hose. If you know the approximate number of gallons you will use to fill your pool, we can calculate the additional usage cost you will see on your next bill.



OPEN POSITIONS AT CUTLERVILLE & DUTTON FIRE

KEN VANHALL, CUTLERVILLE AND DUTTON FIRE CHIEF

The **Cutlerville and Dutton Fire Departments** are interested in working with individuals with a passion for helping others. We are currently accepting applications from high energy, team-oriented individuals who are devoted to their community and interested in joining our fire department. We invite applicants who have a high school diploma or GED and are interested in completing the training. When we find an applicant who is committed to the community, we can provide the necessary training, skills development, and networking opportunities to grow you into a strong firefighter.

Please see the Paid-on-Call position requirements below:

- Ability to attend 295 hours of firefighter training and 250 hours of EMT training
- Ability to pass an extensive criminal/driving record background check (no current felonies)
- Selected candidates must successfully pass a Physical Agility Test and a medical physical examination
- Attend department trainings (two per month)



Live within the Cutlerville or Dutton service area boundaries:

Cutlerville

North: 60th

South: 108th

West: Burlingame Ave

East: Kalamazoo Ave

Dutton

North: 60th

South: 108th

West: Kalamazoo Ave

East: Patterson Ave

Safety Tips Offered for Outdoor Recreational Fires

Gathering with friends and family at a backyard fire is a summer tradition. The Cutlerville/Dutton Fire Departments remind you to do so in a safe manner. All recreational outdoor fires, such as bonfires and barbecue grills, need constant attention. Keep a fire extinguisher, garden hose or bucket of sand close in case the fire gets out of hand. Call 911 if you cannot put it out. When you are done with the fire, always make sure it is completely out. Extinguished coals and ashes should be left where they are if possible and later stored in a metal can outside the home. Ashes and coals can start a serious fire many days after you think they are extinguished.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS AN ANNUAL COMMUNITY-BUILDING CAMPAIGN THAT PROMOTES POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND NEIGHBORHOOD CAMARADERIE TO MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE. **JOIN US FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022!** THERE WILL BE POLICE, FIRE, EMS, ROAD COMMISSION, AERO MED, AND MILITARY VEHICLES, ALONG WITH FREE GOODIES, ACTIVITIES, AND MUCH MORE!

VISIT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 | 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM

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