

Notes from the Clerk's Office...



ELECTION NEWS

An election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2009. Polls are open from 7:00am until 8:00pm. The Shelby Township residents will be voting on the following:

Macomb County – (2 Proposals)

- Shall the Home Rule Charter proposed by the Macomb County Charter Commission be adopted?
- Shall the Macomb County Board of Road Commissioners be reorganized under and in the manner provided in the Home Rule Charter of Macomb County if the Charter is adopted by the voters?

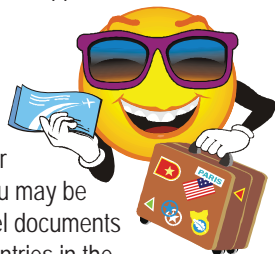
For further information about the Charter visit:
<http://www.macombcountymi.gov/clerksoffice/charter/>

Rochester Community Schools voters will be voting on Board of Trustee positions. If you are unsure where to vote, please check your voter identification card or call our office at 586-731-5102.

If you usually receive an absentee application for elections, you will receive one for this election. Please call the above number if you need to vote absentee and don't receive an application.

PASSPORT NEWS

Please Note: The WHTI-compliant documents described below are acceptable for entry or re-entry into the United States. You may be required to present additional or different travel documents when entering foreign countries, including countries in the Western Hemisphere. Before you travel, make sure you know the entry requirements of the country you plan to visit.



AIR TRAVEL

ALL PERSONS traveling by air outside of the United States are required to present a passport book or other valid travel document to enter or re-enter the United States.

LAND AND SEA TRAVEL

ALL PERSONS traveling by land and sea outside of the United States are required to present a passport book/card, or other valid travel documents to enter or re-enter the United States.

The following summarizes information available on the Department of Homeland Security's website: www.dhs.gov.

- Effective June 1, 2009, all U.S. citizens are now required to present a passport book, passport card, or WHTI-compliant document when entering the United States. **Please Note:** Children under age 16 will be able to continue crossing land and sea borders using only a U.S. birth certificate (or other form of U.S. citizenship such as a naturalization certificate.). The original birth certificate or a copy may be used.

- *The passport requirement does NOT apply to U.S. citizens traveling to or returning directly from a U.S. Territory.*

U.S. PASSPORT AND WHTI COMPLIANT DOCUMENTS

- U.S. Passport: U.S. citizens may present a valid U.S. passport when traveling via air, land or sea.
- The passport card is only valid for land and sea travel between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean region, and Bermuda.
- WHTI-Compliant Travel Documents for U.S. citizen travel via land and sea, as of January 31, 2008:
 - Trusted Traveler Cards (NEXUS, SENTRI, or FAST)
 - State Issued Enhanced Driver's License (when available)
 - Enhanced Tribal Cards (when available)
 - U.S. Military Identification with Military Travel Orders
 - U.S. Merchant Mariner Document when traveling in conjunction with official maritime business
 - Native American Tribal Photo Identification Card
 - Form I-872 American Indian Card

NEW COMMUNITY INFORMATION SERVICE

We have launched a new Community Information Service designed to deliver important and timely information to residents in our area using the latest technology.

This service, Nixle, delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications instantly sent to you by cell phone text message, e-mail, and web. There is NO Spam or Advertising.

Nixle is completely free (standard text message rates apply for cell phone subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers).



The service is simple to use, reliable and trusted.

Register now and learn more at www.nixle.com. We would ask you to forward this e-mail to 5 of your neighbors or friends in the community and recommend that they register to receive neighborhood information.

Stay connected to your world, from the public safety alerts that are relevant to you, to the important neighborhood advisories you want to know about, and other valuable community information. You decide what information you want and whether you want it sent to your cell phone, e-mail, or just simply over the web.

We are really excited to have you experience Nixle.

Nixle It!

Terri Kowal, CMC
Township Clerk

Department News

Building Department Bulletin

Before you know it winter will be turning to spring and thoughts of remodeling and repair projects will be coming to mind. Here are some helpful facts on code and permit requirements that should be looked into before considering any project.

All licensed contractors know that code requirements for permit applications and that it is required that all necessary permits be issued before the work is started. For the protection of your home and family, always verify licensing of prospective contractors. The state issues an office size and a wallet size license for building, heating, electrical, and plumbing contractors. Verify proper licensing before signing any contracts.

At their primary residence, a homeowner has the right to perform all phases of residential construction. However, the homeowner is still responsible for required permits and performance to current code standards.

The following are some sound reasons for obtaining permits:

1. Almost all replacements of mechanical or structural items require a permit.
2. Permits allow the inspector to verify and approve the standards set by the code commission.
3. The inspection is your safeguard that verifies a qualified state licensed inspector, concerned with meeting the requirements of health and safety standards, has viewed your project.
4. A permit and inspection also helps prevent the need for costly repairs caused by poor labor or improperly installed parts.

The minor fee required for a permit will provide satisfaction of the project and protect your investment for years to come. For more information regarding permits, please e-mail the Building Department at building@shelbytwp.org or call 586-731-5969.



Committee, Club & Service Organization News

Shelby Gardeners Club News

Despite the crazy Michigan weather, the Shelby Gardeners Club had a very successful gardening year at Heritage Gardens. We hope all the visitors enjoyed our successful season. The gardens are maintained by the members throughout the growing season so there are many, many hours of planting, weeding, feeding and enjoyment of the beautiful gardens.

Monthly Meetings

The Shelby Gardeners Club invites and looks forward to welcoming new members. Our meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center. Our monthly programs are open to all at no fee. Programs start at approximately 1:00 pm. For additional information please call Ann at 586-731-9367.



Annual Fundraiser – Entertainment Book 2010

We are now selling the 2010 Entertainment Book for \$20 each. See a sample and purchase a book at the Shelby Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department (phone 586-731-0300) or contact Gardeners Club member Phyllis at 586-731-8215. They make great gifts and additional coupons are available on-line throughout the year!

Upcoming Programs

The public is welcome at no fee to the following programs which start at 1:00 pm. Please call 586-731-9367 for additional information.

November 12	Decorating the Heritage Garden Hanging Pots for the Winter Months
January 14	“Playful Art” – Guest Speaker Ken Swanson
February 11	“Cooking with Flowers” – Guest Speaker Linda Swanson (some sampling)
March 11	“How to Make a Rock Garden” – Guest Speaker Tony Reznicek, University of Michigan, Michigan Rock Garden Society
April 8	Flower Arrangement Demonstration
May 13, 14, 15	Flower Arranging Show – theme is “A Favorite Hobby” Held at the Shelby Township Library (51680 Van Dyke) during regular hours
June 11	Perennials: “Right Plant – Right Place” – Guest Speaker Mary Schwark, Advanced Master Gardener
July	Shelby Gardeners Club 2010 Garden Walk – great gardens for everyone to enjoy. Further info to come! Fundraiser with proceeds to support our ongoing gardening and community projects.

