

RAY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



2026 Elections Dates:

August 4, 2026 Primary Election

November 3, 2026 General Election

The Township Board approved a Joint Municipal Agreement again for Early Voting for 2026 with Bruce Township & the Charter Township of Washington. Early Voting is only offered for state & federal elections. The Joint Early Voting Site is located at the Charter Township of Washington Activity Center located at 57780 VanDyke Avenue, Washington Township, MI 48094.

If you are interested in being an Election Inspector, the application is available on the Township website at www.raytwp.org. Complete the application in person at the Township or submit by email to Clerk@Raytwp.org.

Lori R. Lascoe, MiPMC, CMC
Township Clerk



Spring is Here!



A NOTE FROM RAY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR ERIC CRUMP

As we begin the new year, I'm pleased to share that our new Fire Station is in its final stages of completion. The facility looks outstanding, and we are proud of the investment being made in the safety and future of our community. The Township and Fire Department are working together to schedule an open house, giving residents the opportunity to tour the new station and see it firsthand. We look forward to sharing more details soon.

This spring, I will be attending the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) Conference and Expo. The MTA supports township officials across the state by providing education, resources, and advocacy on important legislative and policy issues. The annual conference offers valuable opportunities to learn about emerging trends, best practices, and innovative solutions that help strengthen local government. Attending ensures we remain informed, connected, and aligned with communities throughout Michigan.

As a reminder, Priority Waste is our single waste hauler, effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2030. Please visit our website for detailed information regarding services and guidelines. If you experience any issues contacting Priority Waste, please do not hesitate to call the Township office we are happy to assist.

I also encourage everyone to attend our Township Board meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. These meetings provide a great opportunity to stay informed, share your input, and remain engaged in our community.

We look forward to a productive and successful year ahead.

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR TREASURER

As the end of winter approaches, so does the end of tax season. The last day to pay Summer and Winter taxes this year is Monday, March 2nd. The Treasurer's Office will have extended hours from 8:30am- 5:00pm, as required by law. The township cannot accept postmarks after February 28th. On March 3rd all unpaid Summer and Winter 2025 taxes are considered delinquent and will be forwarded to the Macomb County Treasurer for collection. If you have any questions, please call us at the Township Office. Thank you for allowing us to serve you. Happy Spring!

Betsy Bart, Treasurer, MiCPT

Robin Fortuna, Deputy Treasurer

Easter Egg Hunt



March 28, 2026 AT 10:00AM
IN THE RAY TOWNSHIP PARK

We invite you to bring your family out to our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Ray Township Park. The hunt will be divided by age groups. Bring your Easter basket to fill and don't forget a camera for those special photo opportunities.

SUBSCRIBE TO FRAUD GUARD ALERTS

Deed fraud (or title theft) occurs when criminals forge a homeowner's signature on a deed to illegally transfer property ownership without consent, often targeting vacant, rental, or vacation homes. Victims may lose equity or face foreclosure. Protect yourself by registering for free county property fraud alerts at: macombgov.org/departments/clerk-register-deeds/fraud-notify-alerts

We hope you visit our beautiful Ray Township Municipal Park this spring, but please remember to help keep it clean for all to enjoy.

You are required to keep your pets on a leash and always clean up after them...**IT IS THE LAW!** Pet waste containers are provided in the park.

Interested in reserving a park pavilion? Please call or stop in the Township Office or see "How do I?..." on our website.



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RAY TOWNSHIP SENIOR EVENTS

Please preregister for all events at the Ray Township Office or call 586-749-5171 x204 to leave a message for Senior Director Wendy Stachowicz.
Some events have limited capacity. Payment is required at time of registration and is nonrefundable.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Senior Exercise Class Tues and Thurs 9:30am - 10:30am

Tuesday Events 11:00am * Free Blood Pressure Check Days

- March 3rd *, 17 & 24 Senior Social and Noon Bingo
- March 10th **MSP Senior Fraud Awareness** & Noon Bingo
- March 31st Senior Social Pizza Party (\$3) & Noon Bingo
- April 7th *, 14 & 21 Senior Social and Noon Bingo
- April 28th Bingo Field Trip to Orchard Grove
- May 5th *, 12, 19 & 26 Senior Social and Noon Bingo

A message from the Fire Chief Mark Hoskin

As we begin to say goodbye to winter and welcome spring, we would like to see that everyone is taking the fresh air in safely! One of the important things to remember is renewing your Burn Permit. They are available on-line or at the Township offices. Please be mindful of the rules for the permit. If you are going to be burning, be aware of the weather conditions at the time. If it is windy and it has been dry, try to refrain from burning. All we ask is follow the rules!

As Spring moves in, Mother Nature usually brings the wet season and storms. Please be aware of the weather when working or playing outside. If storms have come through watch out for fallen trees and debris blowing. If you encounter or have power lines down, stay clear of them. They may be charged and can send electricity several feet away from the actual downed line. If we do get a large amount of rain, be aware of the flooding areas and prepare for them. If a loss of power occurs and you have generators, make sure you give them room to operate. They must be run outdoors away from all entrances to your home. They give off carbon monoxide and you do not want that entering your home. Also, if you need any smoke detectors and/or carbon monoxide detectors, we do have them available and will install them for you!

Since we will be outdoors and sprucing up the yards, please be mindful of your address signs. We have the reflective signs that can be purchased at the Township Office and are visible at night. If your current sign is weathered, it may be hard for us to see, and this may be a good time to replace it.

Stay tuned for the new station grand opening. Once we have a final completion date, we will spread the word and open the doors for everyone to come and check it out.

Hope you all have a safe spring! **Chief Hoskin**

MYSTERY MEALS

Lunches **March 12th, April 9th & 23rd, May 21st**
Trips depart at 11:30am and return around 2:00pm. Can you guess which local restaurant we will be visiting? Cost for transportation is \$2 and you pay for your lunch.

Cuisine Theme Dinner - Asian **March 26th**
Early Mystery Dinner **May 7th**
Dinner trips depart at 3:15pm and return around 5:15pm
Transportation cost is \$2 and you pay for your dinner.

March 10th, 11:00am to Noon - Senior Fraud and Scam Prevention training hosted by the Michigan State Police.



Ford Piquette Plant Tour & Lunch



Visit the birthplace of the Ford Model T. This U.S. National Historic Landmark is recognized as one of the most significant automotive heritage sites in the world. We will have a unique lunch experience at the Polish Village Cafe in Hamtramck. Cost of tour and transportation is \$22. The cost of lunch is one's own.
Thursday, March 19th Departure: 10:00am Return: 3:30pm

Detroit Institute of Arts Melodies at the Museum

Join us on **Thursday, April 30th** for a lunch at the Ray Township Senior Center at **11:00am** before boarding a bus at **noon** to the DIA. The trip includes a live performance by musician David Drazin, focused on the Silent Film era. There will be time for a self-guided tour, along with to-go refreshments after the show. The cost is \$7.00 per person and includes pizza and pop. Transportation and entrance fees to the DIA are free for residents of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties - you must bring your photo ID to gain access. Sign-up required by April 16.

BELLE ISLE AQUARIUM & WHITCOMB CONSERVATORY

Thursday, May 28th

Join us as we enjoy lunch at Andrews on the Corner in Detroit followed by a trip to the Belle Isle Aquarium, the oldest aquarium in North America. We will also visit the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory. This trip departs Ray Township at 10:30am and returns by 4:30pm. The cost is \$15. You pay for your own lunch.

⓪ ⓪ Detroit Tigers Baseball Thursday, June 11th ⓪ ⓪

Enjoy an afternoon game at Comerica Park as the Detroit Tigers take on the Minnesota Twins. We will be departing Ray Township at 11:30am and return around 5:00pm. The cost is \$48 and includes a ticket to the game and transportation. Space is limited to 22 people. Sign up deadline is May 11.

BLOOD DRIVE

**SPONSORED BY
RAY TOWNSHIP
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

at the Ray Township Offices
May 15, 2026 from
11:30am until 5:30pm

To schedule an appointment,
visit RedCrossBlood.org
(sponsor code: rayfire)

or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

RAY TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

- Supervisor** Eric Crump
- Clerk** Lori Lascoe
- Treasurer** Betsy Bart
- Trustee** Betty Grader
- Trustee** Joe Jarzyna



The Ray Township Office has a Notary Public available at no charge to Ray residents. All Ray Township meetings begin at 7:00pm. Dates, agendas, and approved minutes are available on our website.

586-749-5171

WEBSITE: WWW.RAYTWP.ORG

FACEBOOK: RAY TOWNSHIP - COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT