

Aurelius News

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Aurelius Township Hall Gets a Facelift

The township hall is our biggest asset. It serves the Aurelius township community on a daily basis. The township hall houses the township offices, CADL - Aurelius branch library and has a great community room.

As an asset we need to maintain the township hall. The Township Board budgeted and approved funds for a new roof and siding. The Township Board looked at many options of siding and high pitch roofing, including 2 types of metal roofing. The most cost effective was 50 year Landmark "Pro" dimensional shingles and 0.46 mil premium vinyl siding (lifetime manufacturer's warranty on fade & material defect and lifetime labor guarantee).

The west side of the hall was sided January 2019, as the 1970's siding was disintegrating, cracking and falling off after the November 2018 wind storm. The hall also lost large quantities of shingles in this storm too.

The new roof replacement started March 2019 and will continue weather permitting into April 2019 until complete. Later this year the remaining three sides of the hall will be sided. The entire building will receive new vinyl soffits with all vent

ed style eave edge; all fascia and doors wrapped with aluminum coil stock; new aluminum eaves troughs and downspouts, with hidden hanger fasteners. When completed the township hall will look beautiful and should last another 40 years!



Free Scrap Tire Collection Event

Saturday: May 11, 2019
8 am - 12 pm

at Ingham County Road Department
301 N. Bush St.



*RESIDENTIAL (NON BUSINESS)
PASSENGER CAR & LIGHT TRUCK TIRES ONLY
NO TRACTOR OR SEMI TIRES*

For pick-up load quantities contact:
The Ingham County Health Department
at 517-887-4312

ELECTION NEWS FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP CLERK...

A Special Election will be held on May 7, 2019, to vote on a School Proposal. Ballot language can be viewed on our website at aureliustwp.org/elections.

Stop by our office to register to vote or apply for an absentee ballot. Aurelius Township Clerk's Office will also have extended hours Saturday, May 4, 2019, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Monday, May 6, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for anyone wishing to obtain an absentee ballot. Contact our office for any election information at 517-628-2093.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Just a reminder....

If you still owe 2018 Summer and/or Winter real property taxes, payments need to be made to the **Ingham County Treasurer's Office** located at the Ingham County Courthouse in Mason.

The telephone number for the **Ingham County Treasurer** is **517-676-7220**.

The **Ingham County Treasurer** has *Delinquent Property Tax Payment Options* available on their website at www.ingham.org.

(Select the Government tab, Treasurer's Office and the information will be toward the bottom on the right hand side.)

ATTENTION AURELIUS RESIDENTS

Electrical and Mechanical Permits are required with the installation of home generators. Please contact the Aurelius Township office if more information is needed at 517-628-2093.

Peddlers, Solicitors, Transient Merchant and Vending Regulation Ordinance

Solicitors and Peddlers are required to obtain a license to solicit or vend within the Township of Aurelius. Required by Ordinance No. 39.10. Applications can be obtained at the township office or at www.aureliustwp.org/permits.

Check Out Our Website

aureliustwp.org

The Aurelius Township Website is loaded with information and is updated regularly. Find board meeting dates, cemetery lot and burial information, election dates and results, tax payment deadlines, ordinances, permit applications, parks locations and other helpful information you can access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Tax Term Corner:

Mill – an amount equal to 1/1000 of a dollar. 1 mill equals \$1.00 in tax on \$1000.00 of property value.

SEV – State Equalized Value, one half of the properties **true cash value**.

True cash value – the fair market value or usual selling price of property.

Taxable value – the value of the property used to calculate property taxes.



911 Emergency Address Signs

The 911 reflective address signs come in two styles: Regular \$15 and High Intensity \$20. You can also choose Vertical or Horizontal.

Web address: safetystreet.com
Telephone: (800) 526-7077

Please be mindful of the dog leash rule in our Township Parks. We have had complaints of owners not keeping their dogs on leashes.



The township is continuing to take pictures of homes in the township for the parcel assessment file. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 628-2093.

Fire Department Information

Fire Department and Burning Permit Information for all Aurelius Township Residents

Mason Fire (non-emergency)244-9025
Burning Permits.....676-9155

City of Mason Fire Department provides services to all of Aurelius Township.

BURNING PERMIT REGULATIONS

- **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE IF YOUR FIRE GETS OUT OF CONTROL.**
- Hours of burning will be from sunrise to sunset.
- There will be absolutely **NO BURNING ALLOWED AFTER DARK.**
- All fires must be supervised by an adult, 18 years or older at all times.
- **The burning of building or construction materials**, petroleum products, plastics, rubber product, chemicals, asphalt, treated or painted wood products or any other hazardous or noxious material **shall not be permitted.**
- Burning is not allowed in extremely dry conditions or if winds are **greater than 10 mph.** You should not burn when the wind is in such a direction that smoke will be an annoyance to your neighbors.
- Your permit may be revoked at any time if environmental conditions for burning are not favorable.
- Unsupervised and unauthorized fires will be extinguished, and you will be billed for the fire run.
- You do not need a permit for burning in trash barrels. However, law requires that you have a 1/2 inch mesh cover on your barrel at the time of burning.
- You do not need a permit to burn brush if there is snow on the ground. If you intend to burn a large amount of brush however, then you should report your burning to Mason City Hall (676-9155) so that they may contact the 911 Center. This could save an unnecessary response by the Fire Department to a report of fire at your property.
- Burn Permit renewals will be accepted by telephone on **regular working days, from 9am to**

4:30pm only.

- Burning permits are free to township residents. You must renew your permit each year.
- To renew a burn permit, you must speak with someone. Leaving a message at the City of Mason or the Fire Department does not renew your permit. If you leave a message and the Fire Department arrives at your home, you may be billed for the call.
- The renewal will be valid four days per renewal during the calendar year.

RECREATIONAL FIRES/ CAMPFIRES



There is no permit required for a recreational fire. Recreational fires are allowed under the following conditions:

- **“Recreational Fires”** are defined as the burning of charcoal, seasoned firewood or other fuel approved by the fire chief, where the fuel being burned is contained within a device or pit.
- Recreational fires cannot be located within 15 feet of a structure, nor within 15 feet of an existing property line.
- Recreational fires shall not exceed 36 inches in diameter and the flame height shall not exceed 24 inches from the ground surrounding the device or pit.
- Recreational fires are permitted only on property used and occupied as a single-family dwelling.
- Recreational fire burning shall not take place between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m.
- Fires must be attended at all times and extinguishing equipment must be nearby. All burning is prohibited if the wind velocity is 10 mph or greater.

If you have any questions, please call the Township Offices at 628-2093. Thank you, and be safe.

Who's Who and What's What in Your Township

Township Officials and Boards

Township Hall Office Hours:

Tuesday thru Friday
10:00 am until 3:00 pm

Telephone: 517 628-2093

Facsimile: 517 628-3989

email: tayres@aubliustwp.org

Web page: www.aubliustwp.org

Township Board

Supervisor..... Larry Silsby
Clerk Tracy Ayres
Treasurer..... Debra Groh
Trustee Bryan Droscha
Trustee Gary Malcangi

Support Staff

Deputy Clerk Tanya Brodberg
Deputy Treasurer Margaret Edgar
Secretary Jeanie Droscha

Township Board Meetings: 7:00 pm at Township Hall 2nd Tuesday of each month

Site Inspector Ed Bedell
Zoning Administrator Larry Silsby
Deputy Zoning Administrator Craig Iansiti
Building Inspector Randy Mastin / Milan Rakich
Electrical Inspector..... Mike Munro
Mechanical Inspector..... Dan Plyler
Plumbing Inspector..... Rex Simons
Head Librarian..... Jennifer DeGroat
Ass't Librarian..... Charlotte Krajniak

Board of Review..... Terry Blauvelt, Chairperson
..... Robert LaMere
..... David Droscha
..... Richard Cheney, Alternate

Meeting Times and Dates to be determined

Board of Appeals..... Brian Hankey, Chairperson
..... Anne Daman
..... Bryan Droscha
..... Craig Iansiti
..... Tom Knudtson
..... Carol Hawkins (alternate)

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Planning Commission..Craig Iansiti, Chairperson
Sarah Ricketts..... Carol Hawkins
Joe Frushour Gary Raymond
Gary Malcangi Larry Johnson
Greg Perry Anne Hudgins

Planning Commission Meeting Dates: 7:00 pm

April 16, 2019; May 21, 2019; Sept 17, 2019;
Oct 15, 2019; Nov 19, 2019; Jan 21, 2020

Services Offered

Police Protection: Provided by the Ingham County
Sheriff's Office:

ALL EMERGENCIES CALL: 911

Non-Emergencies Call: 517 676-2431

Fire Service: Provided by the City of Mason

ALL EMERGENCIES CALL: 911

Non-Emergencies Call: 244-9025

Burning Permits Call: 676-9155

Notary Public: Call the Township Office at 517
628-2093.

Cemetery Plots: May be purchased through the
township office.

Burning Permits: Available through Mason fire
department. Please call: Mason City Hall 676-9155.

Fax and Copying Services: You may have copies
made or faxes sent during township office hours for
a small fee.

Refuse/Trash Pick-up: 3rd Saturday of each
month from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at the township
hall. Rates are determined by the hauler.

Recycling: Available the 3rd Saturday of each
month from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at the township
hall. Free to residents.

Parks: *Columbia Creek Park* is located on Curtice
Road between Gale and Waverly Roads. The *Glen-
na Droscha Park* is adjacent to the Township Hall.

Township Hall Rental: Available to residents of
the township for personal use at a charge of \$100 a
day, plus \$100 deposit due when you pick up the
key.

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RECYCLE RAMA



SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2018 9AM-2PM
INGHAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPT, 5303 S. CEDAR, LANSING
DONATIONS APPRECIATED, BUT NOT EXPECTED

Volunteers Needed!

Visit: <http://bit.ly/RecycleRama2019>

FREE EVENT EXCEPT TV's & Monitors

1. Polystyrene (Styrofoam): Must be CLEAN & NO PACKING PEANUTS
2. CFLs, LEDs, & FLUORESCENT TUBES
3. Medications, Thermostats, Hearing Aids, & Eye Glasses (*pharmacist & law enforcement on site*)
4. Electronics: *Anything with a cord! No Freon containing items*
(\$20 Per TV or Monitor) CASH OR CHECK ONLY
5. Clothing, Shoes, Working Household Goods, Fabric, & Yarn
6. Plastic, Glass, Cardboard, & Paper: (#1-2 & #4-7 Plastics, all colors of glass, paper board, phone books, paper cartons & etc.)
7. Books, Bicycles, Scrap Metal, CDs/DVDS, & Appliances
8. Room ACs, & Dehumidifiers: **\$25 Rebate for BWL Electric Customers**

NO BATTERIES OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

For More Information Contact:

517-483-4400

Facebook.com/MidMichiganRecycling

recycle@lansingmi.gov

lansingrecycles.com



Annual Township Clean-Up Day Is September 21, 2019

The free township-wide clean-up day is happening again! Last September was such a huge success that we are planning another one September 21, 2019. Granger Container will bring several dumpsters, a compactor truck and recycling truck to the parking lot at the Aurelius Township Hall for residents to fill. This would be a great time to clean up that junk lying around and dispose of it. Automobile tires **ONLY** will be accepted for a small fee. **Tire rims will NOT be accepted.** Hours will be from 8:00 am -12:00 noon.

**This Clean-up day is for
Aurelius Township
Residents Only!**

Recycling Drop Off at Aurelius Township

For the benefit and convenience of our residents, Granger has changed the recycling containers to a mix called "Single Stream-Comingled."

All items accepted are as follows:

- Mixed Paper
- Boxboard/Cardboard (flattened)
- Tin Cans & Aluminum
- Plastic Bottles & Jugs
- **NO GLASS**

Monthly trash day is every
3rd Saturday from 8am-11am



Eileen Droscha Room Officially Open

I am so pleased to announce the official grand opening of the Eileen Droscha Room at Capital Area District Libraries' Aurelius branch!

When former Aurelius Head Librarian Eileen Droscha passed last year, we were deeply saddened. After all her years of dedicated library service to the Aurelius community, we wanted to honor her memory in a special way. Many generous donations were made to the library in her name, and it became clear that community members agreed with us.

So with the donated funds, along with assistance from a CADL grant and support from our Aurelius Library Friends group, we were able to create a room at the library dedicated to Eileen's memory. This new space features comfortable seating, new technology, a digital device charging station, a new powered table and chairs, a lamp, a plaque, and a picture of Eileen. New laptops and tablets for patron use will be added later this year.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this project possible: the Droscha Family, donors to the Eileen Droscha Memorial Fund, Aurelius Township, Aurelius Library Friends, Larry and Evelyn Burgess for making the memorial plaque, the CADL Public

Service Grant committee, and our CADL staff and board.

About 80 people attended a Grand Opening Ceremony in November. It featured a ribbon cutting by her granddaughters and great-granddaughters, and a time spent remembering Eileen and all that she has meant to the Aurelius community.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to visit the new space, please stop by to visit. We would love to give you a tour!



Thank You Library Friends Group!

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank our Library Friends group for all that they do for the Aurelius Library and community. In the last year, they've held book sales, dahlia sales, and a membership drive, with proceeds going to support library programs and services.

This support was especially important to our annual Summer Reading program. They also helped make our annual Holiday Open House possible. Without this support, we would not be able to offer the variety of quality programs and services offered to members of the Aurelius community. We so appreciate the efforts of each and every Friend—thank you!

Our Friends are always looking for new members. The group generally holds meetings twice per year

and hosts fundraising activities once per quarter. It's easy to join. Stop by the library or print the form at www.aureliustwp.org/Portals/40/friendsapp.PDF and return it to the library. Annual dues are \$5 per individual or \$8 per family. For more information about joining the Friends, visit cadl.org/about/get-involved/friends-library/aurelius. Donations to the Friends group or directly to the Aurelius Library may also be made at any time.

Mark your calendars for the next Friends book sale to be held on Wednesday, June 12!

Jennifer DeGroat, Head Librarian
Capital Area District Libraries—Aurelius

SUMMER READING

Summer is right around the corner! We would love to have you join us for this year's Summer's Reading program. The theme is "A Universe of Stories," which focuses on space. It will run from Friday, June 7– through Saturday, Aug. 10, with prizes for all ages, birth-adult. Registration may be done online at cadl.org, starting in May, or in person at any CADL branch starting on Friday, June 7.

As part of Summer Reading, we will be hosting special events all summer long, including:

- Family-friendly Movies (Call or check our website for titles and times.)
- StoryWalk in Glenna Droscha Park, which features a book you can read as you walk on the path.
- Family Fun Day (including a large Friends book sale, games, summer reading sign-ups, and more) on Wednesday, June 12 at 10:30 a.m.
- Magician Cameron Zvarra on Wednesday, June 19 at 10:30 a.m.
- Interactive Music Concert with the Storytellers on Wednesday, June 26 at 10:30 a.m.
- Summer Reading Make-It & Take-It Crafts on Wednesday, July 3 at 10:30 a.m.
- ARK Hands-on Animal Encounters on Wednesday, July 10 at 10:30 a.m.
- Exotic Zoo Animals on Wednesday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m.
- Zeemo Presents Toys Used in Space on Wednesday, July 24 at 10:30 a.m.
- Acting Up Theater Company on Wednesday, July 31 at 10:30 a.m.
- Lansing Hoops on Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 10:30 a.m.
- Summer Reading Party on Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

We will have schedules at the library starting in May, or visit cadl.org/events to see what's happening at our branches throughout Ingham County.



Jennifer DeGroat, Head Librarian
Capital Area District Libraries—Aurelius
1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason, MI 48854
517-628-3743 | degroatj@cadl.org
www.cadl.org

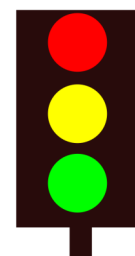
NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL COMING TO WAVERLY ROAD AND COLUMBIA ROAD

South Waverly Rd. has been closed at Columbia Rd. adjacent to the Columbia Rd. Bridge over the Grand River in Aurelius Township, following a number of crashes.

To prevent any further related crashes, South Waverly Rd. at Columbia Rd. will remain closed until new traffic signals are designed and installed. The new traffic signals will stop east-west Columbia Rd. traffic and provide a protected green

light for northbound South Waverly Rd. traffic to safely enter Columbia Rd.

The new signal is expected to be operational by Spring 2019. South Waverly Rd. will remain closed until the signal is completed. A detour route has been posted via Curtice Rd. and Onondaga Rd.



Aurelius Township News
 1939 South Aurelius Road
 Mason, MI 48854-9729

**Township Meeting is the 2nd
 Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the
 Town Hall.
 We encourage you to attend.**

Government Web Pages, email addresses, and telephone numbers

Title	Name	Contact by email	Phone
United States Senator	Gary Peters (D)	www.peters.senate.gov	202 224-6221
United States Senator	Debbie Stabenow (D)	senator@stabenow.senate.gov	202 224-4822
US House Rep. 8th Dist.	Elissa Slotkin (D)	slotkin.house.gov/contact	202 225-4872
Michigan Senator 23rd Dist.	Curtis Hertel (D)	senchertel@senate.michigan.gov	517 373-1734
Michigan House Rep. 67th Dist.	Kara Hope (D)	KaraHope@house.mi.gov	517 373-0587
Ingham Co. Commissioner 6th Dist.	Randy Maiville (R)	maiville@ingham.org	517 676-7200
Aurelius Branch CADL Head Librarian	Jennifer DeGroat	degroatj@cadl.org	517 628-3743

Web Page	Address	Aurelius Township email
Aurelius Township	www.aureliustwp.org	Clerk: tayres@aureliustwp.org
US Senate	www.senate.gov	Treasurer: dgroh@aureliustwp.org
US House of Representatives	www.house.gov	Supervisor: larrys@aureliustwp.org
Michigan Government	www.migov.state.mi.us	
Ingham County	www.ingham.org	
Capital Area District Library	www.cadl.org	