

Aurelius News

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Annual Township-Wide Clean-Up Day Is September 17

The free township-wide clean-up day last September was such a huge success that we are planning another one September 17, 2016. Granger Container will bring several dumpsters, a compactor truck and recycling truck to the parking lot at the Aurelius Township Hall for residents to load their refuse into. This would be a great time to clean up that junk lying around and dispose of it. Hours will be from 8 am - 12 noon.

The following materials will be *prohibited* from the dumpster:

- 👉 Oil based Household Paint
- 👉 Hazardous Waste & Hazardous Waste Containers/ Labels
- 👉 Explosives, Ammunition and Firearms
- 👉 Low-level Radioactive Waste & Radioactive PCB's
- 👉 Lead Acid Batteries
- 👉 Liquid waste such as solvents, paints, chemicals, pesticides, etc.
- 👉 Sewage and Septic Waste

The following materials will be *accepted* with conditions:

- 👉 Water based paint **must be** dried up.
- 👉 Appliances containing Freon, **must have** a state issued tag stating that the Freon has been properly removed from the appliances by a licensed Freon removal business.
- 👉 LP Tanks **must have** top/valve completely removed or have a hole drilled in the tank insuring that all the pressure has been removed from the tank.
- 👉 Automobile Tires - \$3 per tire

For removal of inoperable junk vehicles call:

Shroyer Auto Parts at 887-1700 or
Mullins Auto Parts and Towing at 589-8543.

**This Clean-up Day
is for
Residents Only!**



Reminders from the Treasurer

- Residents applying for the **Summer Tax Deferment** need to have **Deferment Forms** completed and returned to the township office **before** September 14, 2016. Please call the township office at 517-628-2093 if you have questions.
- **Summer Taxes Due September 14, 2016** (tax bills were mailed July 01, 2016.)
- **Extra summer office hours for tax payments:**
Wednesday, September 14, 2016, from 9:00AM to 5:00PM.
- **Post marks will not be accepted. Allow time for your payment to reach us by 9/14/2016.**
- **Aurelius Township does not accept debit or credit cards for tax payments.**
- **Make your check(s) for the exact amount of the tax bill.**
*Please double check the written amount **and** the numerical amount to make sure they agree.
*Checks will be returned to the taxpayer if the amount is incorrect.
- The township has a **secure lock box** next to the front door for **24/7** tax payments.
- We send a tax bill to all taxpayers **and** mortgage escrow companies /banks.
Your escrow company/bank will pay the taxes. The tax bill (you received) is for your information only.
- Paid tax receipts are returned to the mortgage escrow company/bank that paid the taxes.
- You can request a tax receipt by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to:
Aurelius Township Treasurer, 1939 South Aurelius Road, Mason, Michigan, 48854.
- If you wish to receive your tax bill electronically, e-mail: dgroh@aureliustwp.org.

Election News from your Clerk...

We are expecting a record turnout and longer wait times at the polls for the upcoming November 8 election. **Registered voters that are 60 years or older automatically qualify to receive an Absent Voter Ballot.**

You may also request to be put on the Permanent Absent Voter List. You will then automatically receive your application for a ballot before every future election.

Registered voters also qualify for an absent voter ballot if they are:

- 🔓 unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- 🔓 expecting to be out of town on election day
- 🔓 in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- 🔓 unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- 🔓 appointed work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence

Last day to register for the November 8, 2016 General Election is Tuesday, October 11, 2016. Our registration office hours will be 10 am to 3 pm.

If you have questions, or need an absentee ballot application, please call Tracy Ayres, Clerk, at 517-628-2093.

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.



Volunteers Help us Honor Our Heroes with United States Flags

The Township Board would like to express sincere appreciation for the volunteers who placed flags at the gravesites of each of our veterans in our Fowler, Greenwood, Plains and North Aurelius cemeteries.

Bruce Anderson and Brad Smith coordinated the placing of 243 flags for the Memorial Day holiday and the removal of the flags after the Labor Day holiday.

Thank You for your service to our heroes and our township!

Ingham County Plat Books

We have 2014 Ingham County Plat Books. They are published by the Ingham County Equalization/Tax Mapping and are available at the township office for \$10.

**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.

**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

Fire Department Information

Fire Department and Burning Permit Information for all Aurelius Township Residents

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

Mason Fire Department is covering all of Aurelius Township.

Burning Permit Regulations in Aurelius Township

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 (unless you live in Columbia Lakes). You must re-

new 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 or 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.

Notice
Columbia Lakes Residents

Aurelius Township has adopted the Recreational Burning Permit requirements from the City of Mason.

The requirements will be enforced by the Mason Fire Department. A permit form can be obtained from the City of Mason website.

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@areliustwp.org

Web page: www.aureliustwp.org

Township Board

Supervisor/Assessor 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

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

Meeting Times and Dates to be determined

Board of Appeals..... Brian Hankey, Chairperson
..... Anne Daman
..... Bryan Droscha
..... Craig Iansiti
..... Kathleen Johnson

Meeting Times and Dates to be determined

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

Planning Commission Meeting Dates: 7:00 pm
Sept 20, 2016; Oct 18, 2016; Nov 15, 2016;
Jan 17, 2017

Services Offered

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

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 *Glenna Droscha Park* is adjacent to the Township Hall.

Aurelius Township Hall: Available for rent to residents of the township for personal use at a charge of \$75/day.

Recycle

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Free Collections **ONLY** for the residents of Ingham County
5303 S. Cedar, Lansing
Collection Schedule
May through the end of September
Every Thursday 2-6 pm

Hotline # for more information: 517-887-4312
Website: Ingham.org (look under Health Department then Environmental Health)

Best Buy Recycle

Best Buy accepts most electronics and large appliances, with a few exceptions. There may be a fee.

Fluorescent Bulb Recycling

For a fee they can be recycled at:

Cleanlites
665 Hull Rd, Mason
517-676-0044



POLYSTYRENE

(Styrofoam is a Dow brand name)

Recycle: polystyrene food containers can be recycled at:

Dart Container

500 Hogsback Rd, Mason
(south side of Howell Rd., east of Cedar St.)
24 hours a day / 7 days a week

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ATTENTION Recycling Change for Monthly Trash Day

For the benefit and convenience of our residents, Granger is changing 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 8 am -11 am



Car Tire Recycling Sites

Check with your local car tire dealer.

Flyers at Township Hall for:

- Waste Oil, Antifreeze, & Car Batteries
- Sharps Collection
- Appliance Recycling
- Medicine Disposal
- Trophy Recycling
- Recycle/Disposal of Construction Material

Plan Now for Fall and Winter Activities with Friends of the Aurelius Library

Summer has flown by. I hope you and your families had lots of fun. I know many of you enjoyed the wonderful programs and movies at the library. Many of those programs and prizes were in part provided by our Friends group.

September 10 will be our Fall Euchre Party beginning at 7 p.m. Please bring a finger food to share. There will be small prizes for most lone hands, highest score and the lowest score. Please put it on your calendar and plan to come. There will also be a few books for sale. I think we had 7 tables of players last time. It was great!

The Friend of Aurelius Library will meet Tuesday, October 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the library. Everyone is welcome to come. We need some new fund raising ideas. We'd love to hear your ideas.

December 5 will be our Christmas Party. The live reindeer will be here again. The librarians will provide some crafts. Refreshments will be served. We have had some wonderful turnouts the last few years. Please bring your family and friends to join us.

Eileen Droscha
Chairperson,
Aurelius Library Friends

NEED ROAD KILL REMOVAL?

The Ingham County Sheriff's Office has announced the start of the Dead Animal Recovery Team, also known as *DART*. The program is designed to pick up dead animals on our roadways and on the shoulder of our roadways.

If there is a dead animal on the right of way of any road in Ingham County, citizens are asked to call **517-676-8273** and leave their name, phone number, location of animal, and type of animal.

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.

Cemetery Regulations

Artificial arrangements, wreaths and statues may only be placed during the winter period of November 1 to March 31.

These types of decorations remaining after March 31 will be removed and disposed of by cemetery personnel.

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.

Please be mindful of the dog leash rule in our Township Parks.

We have had complaints of owners not keeping their dogs on leashes.

If you prefer to receive this newsletter as an **e-newsletter**, please email the township offices at tayres@areliustwp.org and we'll make it happen.

E-mail!

Top 10 Reasons to Visit the Aurelius Library!

Top 10 Reasons to use the Aurelius branch of Capital Area District Libraries:

1. Conveniently located in the Aurelius Township building, adjacent to Glenna Droscha Park.
2. Newly remodeled, attractive space!
3. We'll save you money—don't purchase items, borrow from us for free!
4. We have more than 10,000 books, movies, music, and more for you to browse right here on our shelves. If we don't have an item, we will order it in for you.
5. Free Wi-Fi and computers.
6. Free use of electronic collections--including books, movies, magazines and music--available to download on your digital device.
7. Free technology help.
8. Borrowing privileges at all other CADL libraries.
9. Friendly, knowledgeable staff with a full-service experience!
10. Free programs and events for all ages.

CADL cards are free to Ingham County residents, and available for an annual fee to non-residents. Visit cadl.org/card for details.

Upcoming events this fall at CADL Aurelius include:

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3–6)

Stories, songs, and crafts for preschoolers, designed for ages 3–6 but other ages are welcome with adult supervision.

Wednesdays, Sept. 7–Dec. 28 • 10:30 a.m.

LEGO Club (Age 4 & up)

Imaginative play helps kids develop skills used for reading.

Mondays, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 & Dec. 12 • 5–6 p.m.

Impression 5 Science Series: LED Jewelry (Ages 8-12)

Staff from Impression 5 Science Center will help kids explore the science of circuitry. Use their tips and your imagination to make your own wearable LED flair. All materials provided; kids ages 6-8 may attend with an adult helper.

Monday, Oct. 3 • 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Minecraft Game Night (Ages 8–15)

Get your game on with fellow Minecrafters! Open to beginner, intermediate and advanced players.

Registration required and begins two weeks before each event; call 517–628–3743 or visit cadl.org/events.

Mondays, Sept. 19, Oct. 17 & Nov. 14; Wednesday, Dec. 28 • 5–6:30 p.m.

Reminisce

Our group meets monthly for reminiscing, fellowship and refreshments. New members are always welcome! Select Tuesdays • 2 p.m.

Sept. 13: Laurel Zoet from Nature on the Go presents “The Nature of Chocolate”. Free samples, too!

Oct. 11: Music duo Gemini presents “Songs of the 60s”

Nov. 15: Ming Louie presents “Italian Bolognese Cooking” (limited to the first 50 people to arrive)

Dec. 13: Music duo The Catbird Seat (Wanda Degen & Kay Rinker-O’Neill) presents “Christmas Favorites”

Book Discussion Group

We meet every month for lively discussion. New members are always welcome!

Selected Mondays • 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 26: *The Improbability of Love* by Hannah Rothschild

Oct. 24: *Once in a Great City: A Detroit Story* by David Maraniss

Nov. 28: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

Dec. 12: Book talk session—bring a book you’ve read and recommend to others

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 | twitter.com/cadl | facebook.com/cadlibrary



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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
United States Representative	Mike Bishop (R)	www.mikebishop.house.gov	202 225-4872
Michigan State Senator	Curtis Hertel (D)	senchertel@senate.michigan.gov	517 373-1734
Michigan State Representative	Tom Cochran (D)	TomCochran@house.mi.gov	517 373-0587
Ingham County Commissioner	Randy Maiville (R)	maiville@ingham.org	517 676-7200
Aurelius Township Library	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	