

# Aurelius News

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## Annual Township Clean-Up Day September 21, 2019

The free township-wide clean-up day 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 bin to the parking lot at the Aurelius Township Hall for residents to load their refuse. **Hours will be from 8 am - 12 noon.**

### Cleanup Guidelines

#### Material Preparation

- All loose material must be in containers. No shoveling of pickup beds will be allowed
- Material must be of appropriate size to fit inside the hopper of a garbage truck (4 ft or shorter)
- All liquids must be removed before disposal
- All containers (pails, drums, etc.) must be unsealed and open for inspection

#### Accepted

- Furniture
- Appliances (non-Freon-containing or certified that Freon was properly removed)
- Lumber and other long materials (4 ft or shorter)
- Small amounts of remodeling waste
- Carpet
- Motorized equipment lawn equipment (gasoline, oil and any other liquids must be removed) Discarded general household items

(clothes, toys, bicycles, etc.)

- Paint (latex only, must be solidified)

#### Not Accepted

- Yard waste
- Medical waste
- Liquids of any kind
- Oil-based paint, stain, varnish
- Appliances containing Freon
- Concrete or other masonry materials
- Dirt or rocks
- Lead acid automotive batteries
- Hazardous materials
- Any container with a hazardous waste label
- Fluorescent light fixtures
- Flammable or explosive material
- Propane tanks, unless valve is removed
- Construction, demolition or roofing material
- Asbestos
- Ignitable, corrosive, reactive or toxic materials
- Commercial waste
- Animal carcasses

Automobile Tires (not on rims) - \$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  
Aurelius Township  
Residents Only!**

## Upcoming Events

September 16, 2019—Summer Tax Deferments Due

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Week of December 1, 2019—Winter Tax Bills Mailed

November 28 and 29, 2019—Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December 24 and 25, 2019—Closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

December 31, 2019 and January 1, 2020—Closed for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

## Aurelius Township Maintenance Updates

Our biggest asset is the Township Hall, and maintaining the building is a necessity. The siding project is complete. New LED lights were also installed on the building. The roof, soffits and gutters were replaced earlier in the year. It looks wonderful!

Maintenance will also be done to the rest room facility at Columbia Creek Park. Brush around the restroom will need to be cut back in order to access the work area. Once the roof fascia is removed, an inspection will be performed, as there may be additional decayed boards. The roof fascia will be replaced with a non-rotting material (azak). Funds for the repairs will be used from the Columbia Creek Park fund.

## Ingham County Parks and Trails...On-road Wayfinding Signage System

In 2018 Aurelius Township was one of seven entities, including Ingham County to come together and apply for a grant for wayfinding signage. In the case of Aurelius Township it would be the first township, in Ingham County, to establish ON-ROAD SIGNAGE connecting the township parks to the county trails & parks system, thus creating the first phase of the *Ingham County Regional Trails and Parks System*.

The Ingham County Parks Commission, in conjunction with the Ingham County Board of Commissioners determined the Parks and Trail Millage would fund the wayfinding grant.

Aurelius Township identified 32 miles of roads in the township for on-road wayfinding signage.

The township worked with the Ingham County Road Department to determine what type and how many signs would be needed for the township. Aurelius Township identified the need for 3 trail-head signs (2 for Glenna Droscha Park and 1 for Columbia Creek Park), 180 on-road signs and 12 brown destination signs (used at major township intersections).

The Ingham County Parks Commission determined 2019 funding for Aurelius Township for 3 trail head signs and 12 brown destination signs. The funding includes sign design, layout and construction, signs posts and sign installation. Keep watch of the roads, as the signs may be installed this fall.

## Aurelius Township Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan

The Park Committee is in the final phase of completing the master plan.

The P & R (Parks & Recreation) draft is completed and the committee will meet to recommend the master plan adoption and formalize public input/public hearing. A notice of *public review and comment* period is initiated by posting on the township website, at the township office and at the library. After a 30-day review period a *public hearing* is scheduled with notice in the newspaper of general circulation. At the public hearing the P & R Master plan could be adopted by resolution. The adopted plan is then distributed to the County and Tri-County Planning.

We would like to thank all the township residents who completed the *2018 Aurelius Township Parks and Recreation* survey. This survey was integral in the creation of the master plan. Your public input increases *ownership* of the master plan by community members. By involving those who have a stake in community issues it encourages support for citizen and grassroots initiatives.

## Election Information

Passing of Proposal 3 from the November 2018 Election, makes absentee voting available without a reason. To vote absentee, you must request your ballot in writing. You can stop by to get an application, call to request one or get one from the township website at aureliustwp.org. Applications can be returned by mail to 1939 S. Aurelius Rd., Mason, MI 48854, dropped in the 24/7 drop box at the township hall or emailed to clerk@ aureliustwp.org.

The year 2020 is going to be a big election year with 3 elections. If you would like to receive your absentee ballot application for every election automatically, please call the township office to request to be put on the Permanent Absentee Voter List.

**If you are interested in a paid position as an Election Inspector for 2020 elections, contact Tracy Ayres, Clerk, at the township office at 628-2093 or email clerk@aureliustwp.org.**

## The 2020 Census is Coming

April 1, 2020 is Census Day, the date by which you should receive your invitation to respond to the 2020 Census! The U.S. Constitution (Article 1, Section 2) mandates a headcount every 10 years, of everyone residing in the United States. Census information is used for distributing over \$675 billion annually in federal funds and even more in state funds. Census numbers are used in drawing congressional and legislative districts, school districts and for planning for future facilities, programs and services.

You can respond to the Census online, by mail, or by federal law under Title 13 of the U.S. Code. The law states that the information may be used only for statistical purposes and no other purpose. The Census Bureau is required by law to protect any personal

### Aurelius Township Hall

Hall rental is available to township residents for \$100 per day plus a \$100 refundable security deposit. Contact the township office for available reservation dates.



**STOPPED**  
Sheriffs Telling Our Parents  
and Promoting Educated Drivers

Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wrigglesworth and the Michigan Sheriff's Association (MSA) are pleased to introduce the STOPPED (Sheriffs' Telling Our Parents and Promoting Educated Drivers) program.

STOPPED is a voluntary notification system that extends the watchful eyes of parents and raises the level of awareness for drivers under the age of 21. For more information, please visit [misheriff.org](http://misheriff.org)

## Volunteers Help us Honor Our Heroes with United States Flags

The Township Board would like to express sincere appreciation for the volunteers who place 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 288 American flags for the Memorial Day holiday and the removal of the flags after the Labor Day holiday.

Thank you Bruce and Brad for your service to our heroes and our township!

### ATTENTION AURELIUS RESIDENTS

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

### Aurelius Township Road Repairs

The Township Board of Trustees authorized one mile of Edgar Rd. and one mile of Curtice Rd. to be resurfaced with a full cap of pavement. One mile of Curtice Rd. and one mile of Bunker Rd. will be chip sealed and Bond Rd. and Elliott Rd. will be repaired with skip paving. Repairs were paid for with \$75,000 contributed from Aurelius Township and matching funds of \$33,000 from Ingham County Road Department.

## Recycling Information

### 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 # : 517-887-4312  
Website: Ingham.org (look under Health  
Department then Environmental Health)  
Recycle!!!

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### Polystyrene

(Styrofoam is a Dow brand name!)

Recycle polystyrene food containers 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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### Aurelius Recycling

All items accepted (see below) may be  
comingled (put together).

All items accepted are as follows:

- Mixed Paper
- Boxboard/Cardboard (flattened)
- Tin Cans & Aluminum
- Plastic Bottles & Jugs

**NO GLASS ACCEPTED**

Monthly trash day is every 3rd Saturday from  
8am -11am at Township Hall.

### Flyers at Township Hall for:

- Waste Oil, Antifreeze, & Car Batteries
  - Getting rid of old paint
  - Appliance Recycling
  - Old or unwanted pesticides & herbicides
  - Construction / Demolition / Remodel-  
Material Refuse & Recycling in Eaton,  
Clinton & Ingham Counties
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## Township Information

### 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 person-  
nel.

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### 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: safe-  
tystreet.com, Telephone: (800) 526-7077

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### 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.

# 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 all township residents, including Columbia Lakes. 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 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.

# Township Officials and Services

**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](mailto:tayres@areliustwp.org)**  
**Web page: [www.aureliustwp.org](http://www.aureliustwp.org)**

Craig Iansiti Tom Knudtsen  
Carol Hawkins (alternate)

**Meeting Times and Dates to be determined**

## Planning Commission

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

## Township Board

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

**Meetings: 7 pm**  
**Sept 17, 2019; Oct 15, 2019;**  
**Nov 19, 2019; Jan 21, 2020**

## Support Staff

Deputy Clerk  
Deputy Treasurer Margaret Edgar  
Secretary Jeanie Droscha

## Services Available

**Police Protection:** Provided by the Ingham County Sheriff's Office:  
ALL Emergencies Call: 911  
Non-Emergencies Call: 517 676-2431

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

**Fire Service:** Provided by the City of Mason  
All Emergencies Call: 911  
Non-Emergencies Call: 244-9025  
Burning Permits Call: 676-9155

## Inspectors

Site Inspector Ed Bedell  
Zoning Administrator Larry Silsby  
Deputy Zoning Admin Craig Iansiti  
Building Inspector Randy Mastin /  
Building Inspector Milan Rakich  
Electrical Inspector Mike Munro  
Mechanical Inspector Dan Plyler  
Plumbing Inspector Vern Camp

**Notary Public:** Call the Township Office at 628-2093. Free to township residents.

## Board of Review

Terry Blauvelt, Chairperson Bob LaMere  
David Droscha Richard Cheney,  
Alternate

**Cemetery Plots:** May be purchased through the township office.

**Meeting times and dates to be determined.**

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

## Board of Appeals

Brian Hankey, Chairperson  
Anne Daman Bryan Droscha

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

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

**Parks:** Columbia Creek Park is located on Curtice Road between Gale and Waverly

## There are Exciting New Developments at CADL

Over the last few months, we've had many exciting new developments at Capital Area District Libraries, and our branch here at Aurelius! Here are some of the latest and greatest changes. Best of all—it is all free to you with your library card!

**New Library of Things Items.** This year, we've added some new items to our Library of Things collection. These additions include CATA bus passes, Roku, musical instruments, and Fitbit Versas. We've also added an entirely new collection, just for kids! The **Library of Things Jr.** collection can be checked out with a CADL Youth card and includes robots, games and much more. Find these new additions at [//cadl.org/things](http://cadl.org/things).

**New StoryWalk Titles.** We are offering our StoryWalk in Glenna Droscha Park for our third year. Currently, we are featuring the title *Touch the Brightest Star* by Christie Matheson. Enjoy reading and nature with this story along the walking trail.

**Curbside Service.** In June CADL Aurelius and CADL Okemos added a Curbside Pickup Service. Just give us a call 30 minutes before your arrival, pull into a parking spot, give us a call to let us know you have arrived, and we will deliver your items to your car for you. We will also pick up any returns you might have.

**Online Card Registration and Renewal.** Don't have time to stop by the branch to get or renew your card? You can visit [//cadl.org/card](http://cadl.org/card) to sign up for your card from anywhere, anytime.

**Membership Rewards.** Did you know that your card can get you discounts to performances at the Wharton Center, Fox Theatre, and Little Caesars Arena? Find out more about these CADL card perks at [cadl.org](http://cadl.org) under the About Tab.

Capital Area District Libraries' Aurelius branch is located at 1939 Aurelius Road in Mason. For more information, call 517-628-3743 or visit [cadl.org](http://cadl.org).

Jennifer DeGroat, Head Librarian  
Capital Area District Libraries – Aurelius  
1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason, MI 48854



Patrons enjoy the Story Walk and Story Hour at Aurelius CADL.



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  
 Township Hall.  
 We encourage you to attend.**

**Government Web Pages, email addresses, and telephone numbers**

| <b>Title</b>                  | <b>Name</b>         | <b>Contact by email</b>  | <b>Phone</b> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------|
| United States Senator         | Gary Peters (D)     | <a href="http://www.peters.senate.gov">www.peters.senate.gov</a>                   | 202 224-6221 |
| United States Senator         | Debbie Stabenow (D) | <a href="mailto:senator@stabenow.senate.gov">senator@stabenow.senate.gov</a>       | 202 224-4822 |
| United States Rep.            | Elissa Slotkin (D)  | <a href="http://slotkin.house.gov/contact">slotkin.house.gov/contact</a>           | 202 225-4872 |
| MI State Senator (23rd Dist.) | Curtis Hertel (D)   | <a href="mailto:senchertel@senate.michigan.gov">senchertel@senate.michigan.gov</a> | 517 373-1734 |
| MI State Rep. (67th Dist.)    | Kara Hope (D)       | <a href="mailto:KaraHope@house.mi.gov">KaraHope@house.mi.gov</a>                   | 517 373-0587 |
| Co. Commissioner (6th Dist.)  | Randy Maiville (R)  | <a href="mailto:maiville@ingham.org">maiville@ingham.org</a>                       | 517 676-7200 |
| Aurelius Branch Librarian     | Jennifer DeGroat    | <a href="mailto:degroatj@cadl.org">degroatj@cadl.org</a>                           | 517 628-3743 |

| <b>Web Page</b>               | <b>Address</b>   | <b>Aurelius Township email</b>   |
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| Aurelius Township             | <a href="http://www.aureliustwp.org">www.aureliustwp.org</a>     | Clerk: <a href="mailto:tayres@aureliustwp.org">tayres@aureliustwp.org</a>      |
| US Senate                     | <a href="http://www.senate.gov">www.senate.gov</a>               | Treasurer: <a href="mailto:dgroh@aureliustwp.org">dgroh@aureliustwp.org</a>    |
| US House of Representatives   | <a href="http://www.house.gov">www.house.gov</a>                 | Supervisor: <a href="mailto:larrys@aureliustwp.org">larrys@aureliustwp.org</a> |
| Michigan Government           | <a href="http://www.migov.state.mi.us">www.migov.state.mi.us</a> |  |
| Ingham County                 | <a href="http://www.ingham.org">www.ingham.org</a>               |  |
| Capital Area District Library | <a href="http://www.cadl.org">www.cadl.org</a>                   |  |