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Green Oak Charter Township Newsletter

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New Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM *CLOSED FRIDAYS*

Treasurer's Department News

Treasurer: Tricia Wiggle-Bazzy ext. 119

Property Tax Information: 2025 Summer Taxes are due on September 15 without interest. Interest on unpaid summer taxes accumulates at 1% per month. After February 16, 2026, a 3% penalty applies. We do not accept postmarks.

Payment Instructions: Make checks payable to "Green Oak Charter Township" and include your phone and parcel number. Payments received after 5:30p.m. are applied to the next business day. Partial payments are accepted. For online payments, use Invoice Cloud for ACH, credit card, or E-check payments. Fees apply. Questions? Call (810)-231-1333 Treasurer's Office. Visit our website or scan the QR code:



If you use Invoice Cloud for utility billing or tax payments, please make sure your payment information is up to date. If you move or sell your home, it's your responsibility to turn off AutoPay and remove your email from the account linked to your old address. This helps prevent unintended charges or email alerts for a property you no longer own.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not waive interest, penalties, or administration fees. The taxpayer holds legal responsibility for correct parcel payments. The treasurer is not liable for wrong payments. Check payment status on our website: "Property & Tax Search".

Meet Your Treasury Department Team: As Treasurer, I am pleased to introduce my dedicated team behind the Green Oak Township Treasury Department: Madison Lamb, Deputy Treasurer (ext. 120), Grace Henderson, Treasury Clerk (ext. 118), and Denise Ercolani, Utility Billing Clerk (ext. 134).

From tax payments to utility billing, our team is ready to help with prompt, professional service.
Curious how a single tax dollar is spent? Click here to find out!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 3, 2025
Township offices closed
Independence Day Observed

Monday, September 1, 2025
Township offices closed
Labor Day

Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Township offices closed
Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 27, 2025
Township offices closed
Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, December 24, 2025
Township offices closed
Christmas Eve Day

Thursday, December 25, 2025
Township Offices Closed
Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 31, 2025
Township offices closed
New Year's Eve Day

Thursday, January 1, 2026
Township offices closed
New Year's Day

Monday, February 16, 2026
Township offices closed
President's Day

Utility Bills: The Treasurer's Office handles all sewer utility billing and water utility meter reading and billing for the Livingston Community Water Authority (LCWA). All utility services are billed in arrears on a quarterly basis. If you are moving in or out of your residence, please call the township for a final water bill and mailing address information. Your utility bills can be paid by setting up an account, on-line by credit/debit card or e-check (fees apply) through Invoice Cloud.

Delinquent Utility Bills, Invoices, and Tickets: Any balances owing on your property as of 9/1/25 will be added to your winter 2026 tax bill including mowing infractions, civil infractions, and false alarms (Excluding LCWA water bills in Brighton Township).



Dog License Information

Did you know that all dog license fees go directly to operating the Livingston County Animal Shelter?

Get yours online at www.livgov.com or in person at the Treasurer's office. Bring proof of rabies vaccination and spaying/neutering. All licenses are based on the expiration date of the rabies shot. Credit/Debit cards are now accepted. Fees apply.

Prices: 1-year spay/neuter - $10, 3-year spay/neuter - $25, replacement licenses - $5, 1-year intact dogs - $25, and 3-year Intact - $60. Service dog licenses are free, these licenses must be processed directly through Livingston County: 200 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843. Phone: 517-546-7010.

Supervisor's Department News

Help Protect Our Groundwater: Green Oak Charter Township is taking important steps to protect our groundwater and meet state environmental standards by phasing out the use of **sodium chloride (common salt)** in water softeners. Here's why this matters and what residents need to know:

Why It's Important: Our wastewater treatment system discharges into the ground—not a river or lake—which means any leftover sodium can seep into our groundwater supply, a source of drinking water. Over time, any substances not removed during treatment, including sodium from salt-based water softeners, can accumulate in groundwater and pose a long-term environmental and health risk**.**

State Compliance: The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) limits sodium levels in groundwater to 230 mg/L. Salt-based water softeners are the leading cause of sodium spikes in our system. Failure to meet this limit could result in **substantial fines** imposed by the state.

Avoiding Extra Costs: Fines due to excess sodium could raise costs for **everyone** on the sewer system. To prevent this, the Township is enforcing a ban on sodium chloride softeners and promoting safer alternatives like potassium chloride or salt-free systems.

How Enforcement Works:

- **Initial detection**→ If sodium chloride is found, the Township sends a notice to the user.
- **After 30 days** → If the issue is not corrected within 30 days, a **Notice of Violation** is issued.
- **Fines**:
    - $75 per Residential Equivalent Unit (REU) per quarter until resolved.
    - $250 per REU per quarter after two billing cycles.

Support & Resources: The Township is encouraging voluntary compliance and offering support, brochures, and direct guidance with officials to help residents make the switch. This approach supports both environmental stewardship and community cooperation to meet state standards.

What You Can Do: The ban on sodium chloride in water softeners is essential to protect groundwater, comply with environmental regulations, and avoid costly penalties. Residents are expected to switch to

potassium chloride or alternative systems and are being actively monitored for compliance. This local ordinance is a proactive step to ensure sustainable water management in Green Oak Charter Township.

Thank you for being a part of Green Oak's commitment to a clean, sustainable future!

Please visit our website www.greenoaktwp.com to sign up for email alerts in the top right corner of the homepage. Types of alerts include: Emergency Alerts, Fire Department Updates, Police Department Updates, Road Updates, Water Status Updates, and General Interest.

Clerk's Department News

Election News: As of this publication, there will be a November 4, 2025, Special South Lyon School Election. Early voting will take place in the Green Oak Charter Township Hall Board Meeting Room on October 25, 2025, through November 2, 2025 (including weekends) from 8am – 4pm EVERYDAY. Stay up-to-date on election information at the following link: Welcome to Green Oak Charter Township, MI. Green Oak Township Elections Department is committed to following updated laws, while maintaining the highest degree of integrity and accuracy that our residents have come to expect. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your voter registration, please feel free to contact us.

Notary services: Notaries are available 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday. There is no charge to get a document notarized. Please bring photo ID and the unsigned document. Please wait to sign the document until you are in front of the Notary. To ensure a smooth experience, please call ahead to confirm that a notary is available on the day of your visit. We kindly ask that you bring your own witnesses, if required. Please note that we reserve the right to decline notarization based on the length or complexity of the document.

Types of documents that cannot be notarized are: Foreign documents, Real Estate Sales, a pre-signed document, and a true copy of another record.

A notary public is an officer commissioned by the Michigan Secretary of State to serve as an unbiased and impartial witness on business, public and other documents. The most common function of the notary is to prevent fraud by attesting to the identity of a person signing a document. A notarization on a document certifies that the person whose signature is entered on the document personally appeared before the notary, established his or her identity, and personally signed the document in the presence of the notary.

Passport Information: Green Oak Township has discontinued Passport Services. For current passport information, please refer to https://travel.state.gov.

Fire Department News

You're Invited to the New Fire Station Open House!

Please come join us on Saturday, July 19, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 9420 Whitmore Lake Rd, Brighton for an exciting and family-friendly event celebrating the opening of our brand-new fire station! Enjoy station tours, a bounce house, fire safety demos in the smoke house, food trucks, and an ice cream truck. Don't miss the Survival Flight helicopter landing at 11:00 AM! Refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring the whole family and come meet your local firefighters and tour our beautiful new station!

Click the link to view the invitation: **Open House Invite Flyer (PDF)**



Police Department News

Announcement: We're proud to share a major milestone from our Green Oak Police Cadet Program! Congratulations are in order for Green Oak Police's Cadet Programs first candidate, now officially a sworn Green Oak Officer! Officer Teachworth hired in in October of 2023 when the cadet program was established. Through the past year and a half, he has proven himself to be dedicated, prepared, and determined.

Officer Teachworth graduated from Wayne County Regional Police Training Academy in the beginning of May and officially took his oath of office May 12th. He even got his first OWI (Operating While Impaired) arrest on his first shift! We are ecstatic to officially have him on board!



2024 Annual Report: We also invite you to read the **2024 Green Oak Township Police Annual Report**, which highlights a year of growth, innovation, and dedication to public service. Some key takeaways from this year's report include:

- **Over 17,000 calls for service**, with officers logging more than **7,000 hours** on calls
- Continued emphasis on **community outreach** through events like Touch-A-Truck, Trunk or Treat, Shop with a Cop, and school visits.
- Ongoing **training and development**, with 31 hosted training courses and hundreds of hours in firearms, crisis response, and subject control.
- Expanded **Special Units** including SWAT, Crisis Negotiation, and the Drone Team (G.O.A.T.).
- Progress toward long-term goals like **state accreditation**, proactive policing strategies, and improved traffic enforcement.
- **Fleet upgrades** and the addition of advanced safety equipment and less-lethal tools.

This comprehensive report showcases the department's commitment to safety, transparency, and professional excellence as Green Oak continues to grow.

Green Oak Charter Township Police Department 2024 Annual Report: Click here to read the 2024 Annual Report (PDF)

Assessor's Department News

Assessor: Christina Yaeger
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Low Income Property Tax Relief: Green Oak Township recognizes the need to have available a procedure by which residents in need of tax payment assistance can apply for property tax relief. Contact the Assessor's office to discuss your needs and to request an application. The application is available at our office and on our website under the Assessing Department forms. 2025 Poverty Exemption Application. 211.7u

Land Division / Boundary Change / Land Combination / Legal Description Corrections: The Assessing Department is responsible for approving all land divisions, boundary changes and combinations, along with approving legal description corrections. All such changes are required to meet Michigan Land Division Act 288 of 1967 and local zoning and ordinance requirements. Applications will receive a determination within 45 days from receipt of all requirements, as outlined in the Green Oak Township Land Division and Boundary Change Application. Applications are available at the Township office and on the Township website. P.A. 288 of 1967

Review Your Record On-Line: We encourage you to review your property record on our website by clicking on the Property & Tax tab near the center of the front page. Please report any changes to your property and any errors you discover in your record to the Assessor's office. If you prefer, stop in during business hours for a copy of your record.

On-Site Visits: To ensure the accuracy of your assessment record, we may be visiting your property this summer. We perform exterior inspections, take photos, and measure land improvements (dwelling, out buildings, decks, patios, etc.). All Green Oak Township employees will have photo identification and will be in a Township marked vehicle. Upon our arrival we will attempt to notify you, or we will leave a card on your door in the event you are not home.

News from your Ordinance Officer

Friendly reminders from the Ordinance Department:

1) **Dog feces:** Please clean up after your pets daily (Sections 4-27 & 4-28). This eliminates offensive odors and one of the main sources for rat harborage. You are required to keep your pet on at least a 6 ft. leash.
2) **Recreational Equipment storage:** Boats and campers can be stored at most properties. They must be stored behind the required front yard setback (40' off the road in R2). Recreational equipment can be parked in front yard setback for no more than 72 hours for loading/unloading and maintenance (Section 38-314).
3) **Hunting** is allowed in many areas of the Township while governed by Federal, State, and Local laws. However, hunting with a firearm is prohibited in sections 22, 23, 26, and 27 as well as the Fonda/Island/Briggs Lake area and the Whitmore Lake portion of the Township. With a valid hunting license coyotes may be trapped but there may be other restrictions. Please consult the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at 517-284-9453 or the Green Oak Township Police at 810-231-9626 with any questions.

Electronic Newsletter

Stay connected with Green Oak Charter Township by visiting www.greenoaktwp.com and signing up for email alerts. Our new electronic newsletter features important community updates, upcoming events, road work notices, and township initiatives. The website also provides access to meeting agendas, permits, public safety information, parks and trails, and resident services. It's a great way to stay informed and engaged with what's happening in our community.

Community Information

SELCRA

Southeastern Livingston County Recreation Authority:
Looking for fun and engaging programs for all ages? The Southeastern Livingston County Recreation Authority (SELCRA) offers a wide variety of recreational activities, sports leagues, fitness classes, and community events throughout the year. To explore current offerings or register for upcoming programs, please visit their website at www.selcra.com or contact their office at 810-626-3888 for more information. SELCRA is committed to promoting healthy lifestyles and community involvement through accessible recreation opportunities.



Green Oak Township Historical Society Information

Work on the Historic Township Hall: The Township has continued to work on the 1856 Historic Township Hall with the support of the Green Oak Township Historical Society. We continue to spruce up the property with new landscaping. Donations to the Historical Society are always welcome.



The Society's Historic 1856 Hall with warming kitchen is still available for rent: The Hall is perfect for your next Shower, Family Reunion, Birthday Party or much more. The Hall seats 50. Champagne, Beer, and Wine are allowed. Please call SELCRA at 810-626-3888 or email at info@selcra.com. The cost is $200.00 for 4 hours with a $25.00 cleaning fee; and additional hours are $25/hour.

Check out their website:
www.greenoaktownshiphistoricalsociety.org