

# delhi neighbor!

News & Tips You Can Use from Delhi Charter Township

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## Fire Department Facts



*The mission of the Delhi Township Fire Department is to minimize the impact of community emergencies through education, prevention and service.*

What does this mean to residents of Delhi Township? Many of us don't think about the fire department until we need it—and aren't aware of the many services it provides.

Celebrating its 84th year, the Delhi Township Fire Department proudly protects 30,000 people living in an area of 64 square miles. The fire department provides Advanced Life Support ambulance service to the residents around the clock, and has equipment and trained personnel to provide fire, EMS, rescue and extrication services.

Here are more interesting facts you might not have known about our Delhi Township Fire Department:

- Fire calls have increased 64% during a 10-year period of 1998 to 2007. Ambulance calls have increased 38% for the same period, and total calls have increased 44% during that time.
- In 1998, the Delhi Township Fire Department had 52 total paid, on-call personnel. By the end of 2007, the department had transitioned to 14 full-time and 25 paid, on-call personnel.
- In the past seven years, Delhi Township Fire Department personnel have trained for more than 56,000 manhours.
- Fire department personnel are active in education and service in the community, including:
  - Mentoring at Holt schools
  - Services at senior citizens organizations, including blood pressure clinics, fire safety, and fall prevention
  - Fire prevention activities in Holt schools
- The Fire Department received equipment grants in 2002, 2005 and 2007, totalling more than \$115,000.
- The Delhi Township Fire Department has reduced the vehicle fleet from 17 to 13 units since 2000, thereby reducing the maintenance budget by an estimated \$35,000 per year. Reducing the vehicle fleet was made possible through smart purchasing of multi-purpose units rather than single purpose units.



## Now accepting credit card and online payments

Delhi Township is pleased to announce new payment options for your convenience. You can now pay any Township payment by credit or debit card (Master Card, Visa, Discover and American Express) at the Township offices.

You can also pay your sewer bill or property taxes online! Please note, all credit card transactions will be charged a convenience fee. This fee is paid to the processing company at transaction time.



## Are You Thankful? Share It! November 1st -23rd

Have you been blessed this year? Can you share your abundance with those in Holt who may need your help? Bring your non-perishable food items to the Holt-Delhi Library anytime from November 1st through 23rd to have your items collected for the Holt Food Bank.

*Brought to you by CADL - Holt/Delhi Library.*



## Winter 2008 Property Tax Information

This year's final winter property tax amount will be available in mid-November.

We continue to offer a direct debit option for tax bills. Please visit the Township web site at [www.delhitownship.com](http://www.delhitownship.com), select "online forms," and print the form, or call us at 694-0333 and we will mail you a form.

If you select the direct debit payment method, we will deduct the tax amount due on your property from your indicated bank account on December 31, 2008, or February 17, 2009. Although the usual due date is February 14, it is extended this year due to the weekend and President's Day holiday on Monday, February 16, 2009.

## Don't miss your opportunity to be heard! You can vote absentee

Are you going to be out of town on election day? Physically unable to get to the polls or stand in line? Are you 60 years of age or more?

If you have any doubt about being able to make it to the polls this election day, Tuesday, November 4, call the Clerk's Office at 694-2135, or email [clerk@delhitownship.com](mailto:clerk@delhitownship.com) for an absentee ballot application. But please act now.

Now you can track your absentee ballot online! Visit [www.delhitownship.com](http://www.delhitownship.com) to see that we received your ballot.

**Avoid the lines. Avoid the pressure. Take your time and vote at home!**



# Be prepared on Election Day

Now there's no need to feel unsure or intimidated about casting your ballot.

Simply visit [www.delhitownship.com](http://www.delhitownship.com) to help prepare for election day. You will find sample ballots, polling locations, voting instructions and helpful tips—all online!

**Don't forget to vote November 4, 2008.**



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## Delhi Charter Township - Sample Ballot

**A sample ballot for the November 4, 2008 General Election follows on the next three pages. Use this sample to help prepare for Election Day. You can mark your choices on this sample ballot to take with you to the polls to help you mark your official ballot. The official ballot is larger and has two sides.**

**TO VOTE:** Complete the arrow opposite each choice as shown: ←■

**IMPORTANT:** To mark your ballot, use only a black or blue ink pen. **DO NOT USE ANY OTHER INK COLOR!**

**PARTISAN SECTION:** To vote the partisan section of the ballot, you may cast a "straight ticket," a "split ticket" or a "mixed ticket."

**Straight Ticket:** Vote the party of your choice. Nothing further need be done in the partisan section.

**Split Ticket:** You may vote a straight ticket AND vote for individual candidates of your choice.

**Mixed Ticket:** Vote for the individual candidates of your choice in each office.

**NONPARTISAN and PROPOSAL SECTIONS** of the ballot must be voted separately.

**DO NOT** vote for more candidates than indicated under each office title.

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:** To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or place the name of that candidate in the blank space provided and complete the arrow (Blank space for write-ins do not appear on the sample ballot because of space constrictions). This must be done even if you cast a straight party vote. Do not cast a write-in vote for a candidate whose name is already printed on the ballot for that office. (for write-in votes to count, the candidate must be a declared write-in candidate.)

**CHECK BOTH SIDES OF THE BALLOT:** The official ballot has two sides. Be certain to check the reverse side of the ballot.

**WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING:** Place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve so that the votes cannot be seen and the numbered stub is visible. Return the ballot to the election official stationed at the tabulator.

**NOTE:** If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the election official and obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to erase or correct any marks made in error.

# Delhi Charter Township - Sample Ballot

**TO VOTE: Complete the arrow opposite each choice as shown: ←**

PARTISAN SECTION
<b>STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>Republican Party</b> ←
<b>Democratic Party</b> ←
<b>Green Party</b> ←
<b>U.S. Taxpayers Party</b> ←
<b>Libertarian Party</b> ←
<b>Natural Law Party</b> ←
PRESIDENTIAL
<b>ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>John McCain</b> <b>Sarah Palin</b> Republican ←
<b>Barack Obama</b> <b>Joe Biden</b> Democratic ←
<b>Cynthia McKinney</b> <b>Rosa Clemente</b> Green ←
<b>Chuck Baldwin</b> <b>Darrell L. Castle</b> U.S. Taxpayers ←
<b>Bob Barr</b> <b>Wayne A. Root</b> Libertarian ←
<b>Ralph Nader</b> <b>Matt Gonzalez</b> Natural Law ←
CONGRESSIONAL
<b>UNITED STATES SENATOR</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>Jack Hoogendyk, Jr.</b> Republican ←
<b>Carl Levin</b> Democratic ←
<b>Harley G. Mikkelson</b> Green ←
<b>Michael N. Nikitin</b> U.S. Taxpayers ←
<b>Scotty Boman</b> Libertarian ←
<b>Doug Dern</b> Natural Law ←
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b> <b>8TH DISTRICT</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>Mike Rogers</b> Republican ←
<b>Robert D. Alexander</b> Democratic ←
<b>Aaron Stuttman</b> Green ←
<b>George M. Zimmer</b> U.S. Taxpayers ←
<b>Will Tyler White</b> Libertarian ←

LEGISLATIVE
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 67TH DISTRICT</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>Mike Herter</b> Republican ←
<b>Barb Byrum</b> Democratic ←
<b>Vince Dragonetti</b> Libertarian ←
STATE BOARD
<b>MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION</b> Vote for not more than 2
<b>Scott Jenkins</b> Republican ←
<b>Richard Zeile</b> Republican ←
<b>John Austin</b> Democratic ←
<b>Kathleen Straus</b> Democratic ←
<b>Dwain Reynolds, III</b> Green ←
<b>Karen Adams</b> U.S. Taxpayers ←
<b>Gail M. Graeser</b> U.S. Taxpayers ←
<b>Bill Hall</b> Libertarian ←
<b>Jeff A. Steinport</b> Libertarian ←
<b>REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN</b> Vote for not more than 2
<b>Susan Brown</b> Republican ←
<b>John G. LaFond</b> Republican ←
<b>Laurence B. Deitch</b> Democratic ←
<b>Denise Illitch</b> Democratic ←
<b>Ellis Boal</b> Green ←
<b>Richard Ryskamp</b> U.S. Taxpayers ←
<b>Joe Sanger</b> U.S. Taxpayers ←
<b>Eric L. Larson</b> Libertarian ←
<b>Kerry L. Morgan</b> Libertarian ←

<b>TRUSTEE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY</b> Vote for not more than 2
<b>Lisa Bouchard</b> Republican ←
<b>George Scott Romney</b> Republican ←
<b>Dianne Byrum</b> Democratic ←
<b>Diann Woodard</b> Democratic ←
<b>Therese Marie Storm</b> Green ←
<b>Robert Gale</b> U.S. Taxpayers ←
<b>Crystal Van Sickle</b> U.S. Taxpayers ←
<b>David A. Brown</b> Libertarian ←
<b>Joseph Rosenquist</b> Libertarian ←
<b>GOVERNOR OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY</b> Vote for not more than 2
<b>Torion J. Bridges</b> Republican ←
<b>Danialle Karmanos</b> Republican ←
<b>Paul Massaron</b> Democratic ←
<b>Gary S. Pollard</b> Democratic ←
<b>Margarett Gutshall</b> Green ←
<b>Rick Butkowski</b> U.S. Taxpayers ←
<b>Terry Haines</b> U.S. Taxpayers ←
<b>Dan Keizer</b> Libertarian ←
<b>Nicole Michalak</b> Libertarian ←
COUNTY
<b>PROSECUTING ATTORNEY</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>J. Nicholas Bostic</b> Republican ←
<b>Stuart Dunnings, III</b> Democratic ←
<b>SHERIFF</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>Christopher Greenshields</b> Republican ←
<b>Gene L. Wriggelsworth</b> Democratic ←
<b>CLERK</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>Barry K. Damon</b> Republican ←
<b>Mike Bryanton</b> Democratic ←

<b>COUNTY CONTINUED</b>
<b>TREASURER</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>Edward Vanous</b> ← ■ Republican
<b>Eric Schertzing</b> ← ■ Democratic
<b>REGISTER OF DEEDS</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>Kay Baibak</b> ← ■ Republican
<b>Curtis Hertel, Jr.</b> ← ■ Democratic
<b>DRAIN COMMISSIONER</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>Jeffrey R. Oesterle</b> ← ■ Republican
<b>Patrick E. Lindemann</b> ← ■ Democratic
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</b> 14TH DISTRICT (Precincts 7-10) Vote for not more than 1
<b>Steve Dougan</b> ← ■ Republican
<b>Peter Spadafore</b> ← ■ Democratic
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</b> 15TH DISTRICT (Precincts 1-6) Vote for not more than 1
<b>Mike Severino</b> ← ■ Republican
<b>Laura R. Davis</b> ← ■ Democratic
<b>TOWNSHIP</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>Stuart D. Goodrich</b> ← ■ Republican
<b>CLERK</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>Evan Hope</b> ← ■ Democratic
<b>TREASURER</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>Harry R. Ammon</b> ← ■ Republican
<b>TRUSTEE</b> Vote for not more than 4
<b>Derek J. Bajema</b> ← ■ Republican
<b>John L. Hayhoe</b> ← ■ Republican
<b>Paul A. Krepps</b> ← ■ Republican
<b>Frederick T. Sparrow</b> ← ■ Republican
<b>Jerry Ketchum</b> ← ■ Democratic
<b>Roy W. Sweet</b> ← ■ Democratic

<b>PARK COMMISSIONER</b> Vote for not more than 7
<b>Steven Brower</b> ← ■ Republican
<b>Susan Lierman</b> ← ■ Republican
<b>John C. Mulvaney</b> ← ■ Republican
<b>Michael L. Fickies</b> ← ■ Democratic
<b>Dennis Fulk</b> ← ■ Democratic
<b>Chadwick Ketchum</b> ← ■ Democratic
<b>Phillip C. Knapman</b> ← ■ Democratic
<b>John D. Parker</b> ← ■ Democratic
<b>Jane R. Wallin</b> ← ■ Democratic
<b>NONPARTISAN SECTION</b>
<b>JUDICIAL</b>
<b>JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>Cliff Taylor</b> ← ■ Justice of the Supreme Court
<b>Diane Marie Hathaway</b> ← ■
<b>Robert W. Roddis</b> ← ■
<b>JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS</b> 4TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 2
<b>Alton T. Davis</b> ← ■ Judge of Court of Appeals
<b>Patrick Murphy Meter</b> ← ■ Judge of Court of Appeals
<b>JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS</b> 4TH DISTRICT NON-INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 1
<b>Michael J. Kelly</b> ← ■
<b>Paula Manderfield</b> ← ■
<b>JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT</b> 30TH CIRCUIT INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 3
<b>Rosemarie Elizabeth Aquilina</b> ← ■
<b>Hugh B. Clarke, Jr.</b> ← ■
<b>William Edward Collette</b> ← ■ Judge of the Circuit Court
<b>Janelle A. Lawless</b> ← ■ Judge of the Circuit Court
<b>Beverly Nettles-Nickerson</b> ← ■
<b>Frank Harrison Reynolds</b> ← ■
<b>JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT</b> INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 1
<b>Richard J. Garcia</b> ← ■ Judge of the Probate Court
<b>Gregory Crockett</b> ← ■

<b>JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT</b> 55TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 1
<b>Billie Jo O'Berry</b> ← ■
<b>Thomas P. Boyd</b> ← ■ Judge of District Court
<b>LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>
<b>EATON RAPIDS</b> <b>PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> <b>BOARD MEMBER</b> Vote for not more than 4
<b>Debbie Brinson</b> ← ■
<b>Jerry L. Noyes</b> ← ■
<b>Steven Platte</b> ← ■
<b>Brian D. Ross</b> ← ■
<b>Jeff Allison</b> ← ■
<b>PROPOSAL SECTION</b>
<b>STATE</b>
<b>PROPOSAL 08-1</b>
<b>A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PERMIT THE USE AND CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR SPECIFIED MEDICAL CONDITIONS</b>
The proposed law would:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permit physician approved use of marijuana by registered patients with debilitating medical conditions including cancer, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, hepatitis C, MS and other conditions as may be approved by the Department of Community Health.</li> <li>• Permit registered individuals to grow limited amounts of marijuana for qualifying patients in an enclosed, locked facility.</li> <li>• Require Department of Community Health to establish an identification card system for patients qualified to use marijuana and individuals qualified to grow marijuana.</li> <li>• Permit registered and unregistered patients and primary caregivers to assert medical reasons for using marijuana as a defense to any prosecution involving marijuana.</li> </ul>
Should this proposal be adopted?
<b>YES</b> ← ■
<b>NO</b> ← ■

**PROPOSAL SECTION CONTINUED**

**STATE**

**PROPOSAL 08-2**

**A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ADDRESS HUMAN EMBRYO AND HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH IN MICHIGAN**

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Expand use of human embryos for any research permitted under federal law subject to the following limits: the embryos --

-- are created from fertility treatment purposes;

-- are not suitable for implantation or are in excess of clinical needs;

-- would be discarded unless used for research;

-- were donated by the person seeking fertility treatment.

- Provide that stem cells cannot be taken from human embryos more than 14 days after cell division begins.
- Prohibit any person from selling or purchasing human embryos for stem cell research.
- Prohibit state and local laws that prevent, restrict or discourage stem cell research, future therapies and cures.

Should this proposal be adopted?

**YES** ←

**NO** ←

**COUNTY**

**ESTABLISHING SEPARATE TAX LIMITATIONS FOR INGHAM COUNTY, THE TOWNSHIPS, AND THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Shall the separate tax limitations be established for an indefinite period, or until altered by the voters of the county for the County of Ingham and the townships and the intermediate school district, within the county, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 8.0 mills as follows:

	<u>Mills</u>
County of Ingham	6.8
Township	1.0
Intermediate School District	<u>0.2</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.0</b>

**YES** ←

**NO** ←

**CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (CATA) MILLAGE PROPOSITION**

**CITY OF LANSING, CITY OF EAST LANSING, MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, LANSING TOWNSHIP and DELHI TOWNSHIP**

Shall the public transportation authority, the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA), for continued service, as provided for by Public Act 55 of 1963, as amended, levy additional taxes in an amount not to exceed 0.787 mill (that being \$0.787 per thousand dollars of taxable value) on real and personal property located within the City of Lansing, City of East Lansing, Meridian Township, Lansing Township and Delhi Township for the years 2008 through 2012 inclusive? If approved and levied, this millage would generate approximately \$4,750,000.00 in 2008.

**YES** ←

**NO** ←

**TOWNSHIP**

**MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This Proposal will allow the Charter Township of Delhi to maintain the millage levied for Fire Department purposes on all taxable property and renews the millage that expired with the 2008 tax levy.

Shall the previously voted increase in the authorized charter millage for the Charter Township of Delhi which may be assessed on all taxable property as defined by law within said Township be renewed at one-half (1/2) mill (\$.50 per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of six (6) years, 2009 through 2014, inclusive, for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of operating the Delhi Charter Township Fire Department, including, but not limited to, acquisition, repair, replacement and maintenance of Fire Department personnel, which levy is estimated to raise, in the first year of the levy, an estimated \$404,279?

**YES** ←

**NO** ←

# We all live in a watershed!

No matter where you live, you live in a watershed. A watershed is the land area that drains to a single body of water such as a lake or river. Watersheds come in many different sizes. A few acres might drain into a small stream or wetland, or a few rivers might drain into a large lake. The actions of people who live in a watershed affect the health of the waters that run through it. Rainfall and snowmelt wash chemicals, fertilizers, sediment, and other pollutants from the land into water bodies. To achieve healthy watersheds we need your help!

The greater Lansing area falls within the Grand River Watershed, where water eventually drains into Lake Michigan. The urbanized area around the City of Lansing lies within a portion of the Upper Grand River Watershed which can be broken into three smaller watershed areas. If you live in the area, you live in the Grand River Watershed, the Looking Glass River Watershed, or the Red Cedar River Watershed.

Rivers and streams do not recognize political boundaries. It is important that the public and local governments work together to protect our water resources for current and future generations. Twenty of the communities that fall within our local watersheds are participating in the Greater Lansing Regional Committee for Stormwater Management (GLRC), a cooperative effort that seeks to address water quality in our lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands. You can help protect our water by following the top ten things we can do to protect our watersheds:



1. Always conserve and reuse water wisely.
2. Soil test before you apply fertilizers. Use low or no-phosphorus fertilizers.
3. Use native vegetation and reduce turf grass by increasing native wildflowers and grasses.
4. Capture and reuse rainwater to control stormwater runoff.
5. Dispose of pet waste properly in the trash or toilet (not onsite septic systems).
6. Wash your car on the lawn instead of pavement (if allowed by local ordinance).
7. Maintain all vehicles, eliminating leaks and spills.
8. Recycle and dispose of household chemicals properly (motor oil, household cleaners, paint, etc.)
9. Inspect and maintain onsite septic systems and sewers.
10. Participate in the GLRC or join a local watershed organization.

Having a clean environment is of primary importance for our health and economy. Clean waterways provide recreation, commercial opportunities, fish habitat, and add beauty to our landscape. All of us benefit from clean water—and all of us have a role in getting and keeping our lakes, rivers, wetlands, and groundwater clean. For more easy steps on protecting our lakes and streams, visit [www.mywatersheds.org](http://www.mywatersheds.org).

## Delhi Township Board

**Stuart Goodrich**, Supervisor

**Evan Hope, CMC**, Clerk

**Harry Ammon, CPFA**, Treasurer

**John Hayhoe**, Trustee

**Jerry Ketchum**, Trustee

**Paul Krepps**, Trustee

**Roy Sweet**, Trustee

**The Township Board of Trustees** meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Delhi Charter Township Community Services Center Board Room (2074 Aurelius Road). Meeting agendas and minutes are available on the Township website, [www.delhitownship.com](http://www.delhitownship.com).

**Parks Commission** meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

**Township Planning Commission** meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

# Delhi Calendar of Events

- ▶ **October 23-25** - Fall Brush Drop Off. Visit [www.delhitownship.com](http://www.delhitownship.com) for details.
- ▶ **October 31** - Halloween. Delhi's "trick-or-treat" time is 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- ▶ **November 1** - Absentee voting. Clerk's Office will be open Saturday, November 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for absentee voting.
- ▶ **November 2** - Daylight Savings Time ends. Remember to turn back your clocks 1 hour.
- ▶ **November 3** - Electors who wish to vote by absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 Election must vote in person in the Clerk's Office by 4:00 p.m.
- ▶ **November 4** - General Election. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Visit [www.delhitownship.com](http://www.delhitownship.com) for polling locations, sample ballots and more election information.
- ▶ **November 27 & 28** - Township offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving.
- ▶ **December 3** - 13th annual holiday tree lighting.
- ▶ **December 24, 25 & 26** - Township offices closed in observance of Christmas.
- ▶ **December 29 - January 31** - Christmas tree drop-off at maintenance facility, 1492 Aurelius Road.

