

## Open House & Re-Use Rally May 16 - Come Join the Fun!

Saturday, May 16 – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Delhi Waste Water Treatment Plant, 5961 McCue Rd., Holt

### Open House

Delhi POTW invites you to bring the family to a fun-filled open house! Join us in celebrating Water Quality Awareness Week on Saturday, May 16, with fun and educational activities. This event is totally free and includes:

- ▶ Games and prizes for all ages
- ▶ Face painting
- ▶ Rain barrel demonstrations
- ▶ Information booths
- ▶ Snacks
- ▶ Facility tours
- ▶ Hands-on fish release



### Re-Use Rally

**Drop off or take home FREE!**

Delhi POTW is hosting a giant Re-Use Rally on Saturday, May 16. Your unwanted reusable items may be just what someone else is looking for—and you may find just the item you need to take home. And it's all free!

**Items accepted for drop-off include:**

- ▶ Furniture
- ▶ Appliances
- ▶ Books
- ▶ Toys
- ▶ Bikes
- ▶ Tools
- ▶ Yard-care equipment
- ▶ Any item in working or near-working condition

**Please do not bring:**

- ▶ Computer equipment
- ▶ Hazardous waste
- ▶ Automotive batteries
- ▶ Unusable tires

**What you can take home:**

- ▶ Any item

*Items that do not find a new home will be donated to charity or recycled.*

**For more information, call 699-3873.**



## FREE Seminars for Delhi Residents

# The ABCs of Lawn Fertilization & Composting



Fertilizing a lawn is a science, not an art. So if you want a lawn the neighbors will envy—but you don't happen to be a lawn scientist—here's your chance to learn from one!

Gary Heilig, horticulture educator for MSU Extension for Ingham County, will present a free seminar on the basics of growing a better lawn. He'll discuss the soil conditions and nutrients needed; how to assess nutrient needs; solid versus liquid fertilizers; organic lawn care; and much more.

All Delhi Township residents are welcome to attend this seminar on Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Holt Junior High School.



## Lawn Pests & Moles

Are you tired of having your beautiful lawn destroyed by grubs, diseases, raccoons, skunks and moles? You can win the battle! Gary Heilig, horticulture educator for MSU Extension for Ingham County, will show you how. Attend a free seminar to learn what is causing the problem and how you can return your lawn to a pristine appearance—without resorting to drastic measures!

This seminar will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, at the Holt Junior High School. All Delhi Township residents are welcome to attend.

**Registration is required for these seminars — visit [delhitownship.com](http://delhitownship.com) or call 699-3874.**

# Holt/Delhi Calendar of Events

- ▶ **March 16 - Adult Softball Registration** begins (register with Parks & Rec. Dept.)
- ▶ **March 19 - The ABCs of Lawn Fertilization and Composting Seminar**, 7:00 p.m., Holt Junior High School (Registration required. Visit the Township web site or call 699-3874)
- ▶ **March 20-21 - Holt Kiwanis Paper Drive**, Holt Plaza
- ▶ **March 23-April 15 - T-ball, Baseball and Softball Registration** (Register with Parks & Rec. Dept.)
- ▶ **March 23-April 3 - Holt Lions Easter Flower Fundraiser Sales** (Call 268-3007 for more info)
- ▶ **April 2 - Holt Kiwanis Blood Drive**
- ▶ **April 11 - Holt Kiwanis/Delhi Parks & Rec. Easter Egg Hunt** at Valhalla Park, 1:00 p.m.
- ▶ **April 16 - Lawn Pest and Mole Control Seminar**, 7:00 p.m., Holt Junior High School (Registration required. Visit the Township web site or call 699-3874)
- ▶ **April 18 - Friends of the Library Used Book Sale**, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- ▶ **April 23-25 - Spring Brush Drop-Off**, Maintenance Facility, 1492 Aurelius Rd.
- ▶ **April 24-May 2 - Holt Lions White Cane Week**
- ▶ **May - Registration for Summer Tennis Lessons** (Register with Parks & Rec. Dept.)
- ▶ **May 5 - Election Day** - Holt Public Schools Board of Education
- ▶ **May 8 - Holt Kiwanis Chicken BBQ**
- ▶ **May 16 - Waste Water Treatment Plant Open House & Re-use Rally - Water Quality Awareness Week**
- ▶ **May 16 - Farmers' Market Opens**
- ▶ **May 16 - Aquafina Pitch, Hit & Run Competition** (Register with Parks & Rec. Dept.)
- ▶ **May 25 - Memorial Day Parade**
- ▶ **May 25 - Memorial Day - Township Offices Closed**
- ▶ **May 28 - Holt Kiwanis Blood Drive**
- ▶ **May 29-30 - Holt Kiwanis Paper Drive**, Holt Plaza
- ▶ **June - Swimming at Valhalla Park Opens**
- ▶ **June 5 - Last day of school for Mason Schools**
- ▶ **June 12 - Last day of school for Holt Schools**
- ▶ **June 13 - Holt Lions Community Kids Day** at Valhalla Park, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- ▶ **June 13 - Fishing Derby at Valhalla Park** (Register with Parks & Rec. Dept.)
- ▶ **June 26-27 - Holt Relay for Life**, Holt High School

# Fun for Kids at the Library

The Holt branch of the Capital Area District Library offers a lineup of FREE fun events for kids!

**Kids and Crafts** (Ages 7-12)

**Thursdays, March 26, April 23 & May 21 – 4:30 pm**

*Fun, easy crafts for kids. Make them at the library, and then take them home! Registration required. Please call (517) 694-9351 ext. 3.*

**Flat Stanley Party** (Children of all ages)

**Monday, March 30 – 4:15 pm**

*Come to the library for snacks and fun related to everybody's friend — Flat Stanley! Registration required. Please call (517) 694-9351 ext. 3.*

**Pirate and Princess Party** (Children of all ages)

**Monday, April 27 – 4:15 pm**

*Come dressed up in your pirate or princess best. Play games and sing silly songs about your favorite swashbucklers and royalty. Registration required. Please call (517) 694-9351 ext. 3.*

**Children's Book Week Party** (Children of all ages)

**Monday, May 18 – 4:15 pm**

*Celebrate Children's Book Week with a party in honor of your favorite characters! Enjoy snacks, stories, games and fun! Come dressed as your favorite character if you wish. Registration required: (517) 694-9351 ext. 3.*

## Delhi Township Board

**Stuart Goodrich**, Supervisor

**Evan Hope, CMC**, Clerk

**Harry Ammon, CPFA**, Treasurer

**John Hayhoe**, Trustee

**Jerry Ketchum**, Trustee

**Derek Bajema**, 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, [delhitownship.com](http://delhitownship.com).

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

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

# Artful Addition Will Reflect Delhi Life

The Holt Community Arts Council has commissioned a sculptor to create Delhi Township's first major public artwork. The nine-foot-high stainless steel sculpture is currently being created by Tom Sheerin.

He developed the original design based on the theme, "Living, working, and playing in Holt." The pillar-like sculpture will have three sides, with each side representing one aspect of life here.

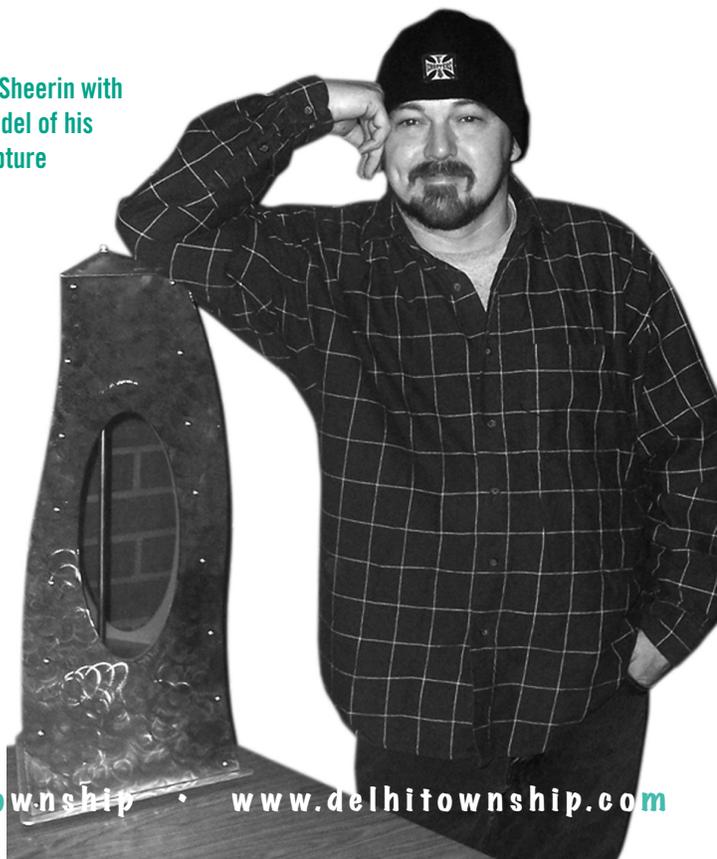
Sheerin plans to include artifacts in the sculpture that represent life in Holt. These items will be inside the sculpture and visible through Plexiglas windows. Sheerin, who often works with repurposed materials, is hoping community members will contribute objects for inclusion in the sculpture. He may alter the objects to make them fit with the theme and within the sculpture's cavity. He is particularly interested in tools or other pieces of work or recreational equipment that show use or wear.

"The Arts Council worked hard to find a sculptor who would create a piece that reflects Holt in particular," Arts Council President Kara Hope said. "Tom's design is unique and interesting. It will take on added meaning from the objects that are included inside."

The sculpture will be installed in the new park at the corner of Holt and Aurelius roads. A spring unveiling is planned.

To donate objects for the sculpture, bring items to the Delhi Township Clerk's Office. Donated items may or may not be used in the Holt sculpture, and will not be returned.

Tom Sheerin with a model of his sculpture





## Why Are My Property Taxes Going Up When My Property Value Is Going Down?

In 1994, Proposal A was added to the Michigan Constitution by a vote of the people as their response to escalating property taxes. Before Proposal A became law, property taxes were based upon the fair-market value of a property. After Proposal A was approved and enacted into law, it significantly limited how quickly individual property tax bills could increase from year to year. Proposal A stated that the value of property, described as the Taxable Value, could not increase by more than the increase in inflation or 5%, whichever is less.

Meanwhile, there was no limit on determining the fair-market value, described as the Assessed Value. This allowed the Assessed Value to increase more rapidly than the Taxable Value, creating a widening gap between the two since 1994. During this economic downturn, declining market values have resulted in declining Assessed Values. Properties with Taxable Values significantly lower than the Assessed Value will still see a property tax increase until the Taxable Value is equal to the Assessed Value.

## School Election May 5

Don't forget to vote in the upcoming election for the Holt School Board. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For polling locations, absentee ballot information, sample ballots and more, visit the township web site at [delhitownship.com](http://delhitownship.com).

## Fire Department Receives Grants

The Delhi Township Fire Department received grants in 2008 that will help the department improve community safety. Grants were awarded for:

### Automatic External Defibrillators

In fall 2008, the fire department was awarded a \$54,000 FEMA grant for the purchase of AEDs. Fifty units were purchased and placed in key locations throughout the township, including schools, churches, halls and other places where people congregate. The department is providing CPR/AED classes to persons/groups upon request.

### Sparky's Hazard House

A FEMA grant of \$14,900 was awarded for the purchase of Sparky's Hazard House, an interactive model house used for teaching home safety to all age groups. This model will be taken to the schools and will also be available for group presentations upon request.

### Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

The fire department was also awarded a grant of \$116,792 for the purchase of 24 new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to replace 10-year-old equipment.



# Spring Brings New Beginnings — and Ribbon Cuttings!



This spring, it won't be just the trees and flowers enjoying new growth in Delhi Township! Several exciting new projects will kick off with ribbon cuttings, including:

## Non-motorized transportation path

A new walking and biking trail will open, beginning at Holt Road and Depot Street. The trail will go north through the woods at Valhalla Park and Maple Ridge Cemetery and end at Willoughby Road.

Another segment will be added in the future, going from Willoughby Road north to Jolly and connecting with the Lansing River Trail.

## Senior center

The spacious new Delhi senior center will open, providing a place for seniors to socialize, host events, use computers and more. The 7,700 square foot multi-purpose center, funded by the Delhi Downtown Development authority, features a dining room with a stage and seating for 150; a commercial kitchen; rooms for exercise programs and meetings; and a social room with a library and computer stations.

The senior center was also built "green," incorporating such features as geothermal heating and cooling, and a roof planted with vegetation. This is the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)-certified building constructed for Delhi Township.

## Valhalla Park playground

Delhi kids will finally be able to enjoy new playground equipment, which was installed by volunteers just before the snow came!

The new playground equipment was funded through a \$75,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, a \$50,000 donation from the Dart Foundation, and fundraising efforts by the Friends of Valhalla Park.

Visit [delhitownship.com](http://delhitownship.com) for dates and times of the ribbon cuttings for these exciting new amenities!

## Spring Brush Drop-off

Delhi Charter Township Department of Public Services will be providing a Spring Brush Drop-Off at the Maintenance Facility (1492 Aurelius Road) on the following dates:

**Thursday, April 23, 2009 - 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, April 24, 2009 - 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 25, 2009 - 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Brush must be no more than eight feet long and 12 inches in diameter. Yard waste will be accepted in large brown paper bags for \$1.50 each. Please contact the Delhi Charter Township Department of Public Services at 699-3874 for further details.



## Batter Up!

### Youth Sports Registration

It's time to get the kids out to the ballpark! Registration for youth T-ball, softball and baseball begins March 23 at the Delhi Township Parks & Recreation office, 2074 Aurelius Road. Youth sports programs are open to all students (subject to age requirements) living in Delhi Township and/or the Holt Public School District.

Visit [delhitownship.com](http://delhitownship.com) for more information.



# Where Do My Taxes Go?

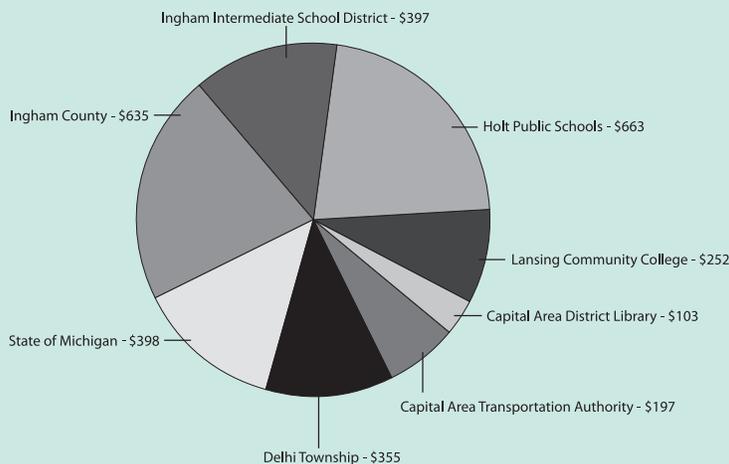
Many residents who pay their summer and winter tax bills at the Treasurer's Office ask where all their tax money goes. While the Township's Treasurer is responsible for collecting the tax bill, the Township receives only twelve percent of the total bill. So where does the rest go?

For a typical home worth \$150,000 within the Holt School District and paying a tax bill of \$3,000, Delhi Township keeps \$355, with the remainder distributed to the following taxing units:

- ▶ **State of Michigan - \$398**
- ▶ **Ingham County - \$635**
- ▶ **Ingham Intermediate School District - \$397**
- ▶ **Holt Public Schools - \$663**
- ▶ **Lansing Community College - \$252**
- ▶ **Capital Area District Library - \$103**
- ▶ **Capital Area Transportation Authority - \$197**

Each one of these units provides valuable services to the residents of our community. If you need additional information about how each unit spends your tax dollars, please do not hesitate to call that unit (numbers are available on our web site at [delhitownship.com](http://delhitownship.com)). If you have questions relating directly to Delhi Township, please contact the Township Treasurer at 694-0333 or the Township Manager at 694-2137.

Chart based on a typical home value of \$150,000



# TREEmendous Savings!

Homeowners, here's your chance to beautify your landscape at a reduced cost *and* help the environment!

Delhi Township, the Delhi DDA, and the Waste Water Treatment Plant announce that the 50-50 Green Up Clean Up program is back! Property owners who purchase trees through the program will pay only half the cost of the tree, with the Township and DDA paying the other half. This reduced price includes delivery, installation and a tree watering device.

The purpose of the program is to reduce the amount of runoff from the property and to improve the quality of the water that does run off. Eligibility requirements must be met to qualify for this grant. To see if you qualify or to sign up for great savings on a high-quality tree, visit the Township web site, [delhitownship.com](http://delhitownship.com), or call 699-3874.



# Holt/Delhi Phone Guide 2009

Post this handy guide for quick access to local safety, service, administrative and other important local phone numbers.



## Delhi Township Departments:

<b>Supervisor/Manager</b> .....	694-2137
<b>Clerk</b> (Voter Reg./Elections, Cemetery, Notary) .....	694-2135
<b>Treasurer</b> (Taxes, Sewer Payments).....	694-0333
<b>Assessing</b> (Property Assessments, Property Info) .....	694-1502
<b>Community Development</b> (Building, Zoning, Planning, Enforcement).....	694-8281
<b>Fire Department</b> (Fire, EMS, Burning Permits) .....	694-3327
<b>FOR EMERGENCY</b> .....	<b>911</b>
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b> (Parks, Pavilion Rentals, Recreation/Sports Programs, Senior Programs) .....	694-1549

## Public Services:

### Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) Division

(Wastewater Treatment, Industrial Pretreatment, Household Grease Collection).....	694-3873
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### Maintenance Division

(Sewer Repair/Backups, Brush/Yard Waste Drop Off, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance) .....	694-3874
Evening and Weekend Sewer Emergency Line.....	694-9231

### Recycling Center.....

694-3873

## Other Delhi-Related Agencies:

### Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

(Business Promotion/Retention, Business Rehabilitation Programs, Community Event Assistance).....	699-3867
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### Ingham County Sheriff's Office – Delhi Division

(Police Services, Road Patrol, Community Policing, Neighborhood Watch).....	694-0045
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### FOR EMERGENCY .....

**911**

## Other Helpful Phone Numbers:

<b>Capital Area District Library, Holt-Delhi Branch</b> .....	694-9351
<b>Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA Bus)</b> .....	394-1000
<b>Holt Post Office</b> .....	699-2079
<b>Ingham County Road Commission</b> .....	676-9722
<b>Ingham County Animal Control and Shelter</b> .....	676-8370
<b>Ingham County Public Health</b> .....	887-4300
<b>Holt Public Schools</b> .....	694-0401
<b>Mason Public Schools</b> .....	676-2484

**FIRE/POLICE EMERGENCY: 911 • POISON HELP HOTLINE: 1-800-222-1222**

## Looking for email contacts or information online?

Visit [delhitownship.com](http://delhitownship.com) for Township email contacts and links to other agencies' web sites.



# Delhi Residents Recycle!

The Delhi Township recycling volume for 2008 is impressive:

Corrugated Cardboard 250,130 lbs

Newsprint 364,920 lbs

Mixed Paper 39,660 lbs

Clear Glass 69,340 lbs

Brown Glass 12,780 lbs

Tin 40,360 lbs

Mixed Plastic 76,960 lbs

Total 1,054,150 lbs/ 527 tons



**Environmental Equivalent value of Delhi Township recycling effort:**

Number of trees conserved—8,960

KWH of electricity conserved—2,161,008 - enough for 247 homes/year

Pounds of Air Pollution Reduced—31,625

Gallons of Water Conserved—3,689,525 - enough for 74 homes/year

Cubic yards of landfill space conserved—1,755

*The Delhi Township Recycling Center is located on Grovenburg Rd., south of McCue Rd. (behind the Wastewater Treatment Plant).*



## Holt Farmers' Market to Re-Open May 16

Great news for those who have missed the delicious wares of the Holt Farmers' Market! Saturday markets will resume beginning May 16. Saturday hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Beginning July 2, the Thursday markets will resume as well.

**Holt Farmers' Market is at 2150 Cedar St. in the former fire department building, and is open rain or shine.**