

# LodiConnection

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3755 Pleasant Lake Road,  
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### Office Hours:

- Monday–Thursday  
9:00 a.m. – noon
- Friday – Remote working, officials available by phone/email

### Holiday Hours:

- Closed Labor Day 9/1/2025
- Closed Columbus day/Indigenous Peoples' Day 10/13/2025
- Closed Veterans Day 11/11/2025
- Closed Thanksgiving Holiday 11/26-28/2025
- Closed Christmas Holiday 12/23-29/2025
- OPEN 12/30/2025 9am to 5pm for tax collection
- Closed December 31st and January 1, 2026

### Assessor Office Hours:

- Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – noon and by appointment only Tuesday afternoons until 4:00 p.m.

734.665.7583

www.loditownshipmi.org



## From the Supervisor:

Lodi Township residents remain committed to the betterment of our community. Our residents continued to improve and enhance their individual properties in 2024. In 2024 the township issued Zoning Compliance on 29 new generators, 14 solar installations, 45 additions or remodels and 5 new pools. A Zoning Compliance Permit is required for any structure that is erected, moved, enlarged, altered, or demolished. This requirement can be found in the Lodi Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 57.04. The Zoning Ordinance is online [www.loditownshipmi.org](http://www.loditownshipmi.org). The township issued 2 new addresses in 2024 and currently 6 new homes are in the process of construction. Lodi continues to be a very well enjoyed community where residents are secure investing in their property and intend to remain in their homes.

Lodi Township will not be contracting with Recycle Ann Arbor this year for recycling services. We have reached an agreement with the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) and will have a recycle bin located at the township office providing convenient 24/7 recycling for township residents beginning July 1, 2025. Please see enclosed WWRA information provided in the newsletter for the materials that are accepted. Please respect the township property and keep the area clean. The goal is to provide easy access to recycling for residents but if the service is abused it will be discontinued. Monthly yard waste collection will remain the same, on the fourth Saturday of the month April through November, 8am-noon.

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## From the Supervisor

Yard waste must be in recyclable paper bags. Branches must be no longer than a 4' long bundle, the bundle no more than 10" thick and tied with rope or string.

The township has approved \$661,000.00 in road improvements for 2025. These projects include Ellsworth Road, Wagner west to Zeeb, \$258,000.00; Alber Road, Pleasant Lake south to Textile, \$114,000.00; Saline Waterworks Road, Dell west to Grass, \$153,000.00; Dell Road, Saline Waterworks, Dell south to the township line, \$67,000.00; Katz Farm Court, crackseal, \$4,000.00; Grass Road, Bethel Church south to Saline Waterworks, \$65,000.00 and \$14,700 for spot gravel as needed throughout the township. The

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township can add a project in a critical situation if it arises. WCRC recently did a summary of all the townships in the county. Included in these summaries are the Local Road Needs for each community, Local Bridges/Culverts of Concern, and Historic Township Road Contributions 2019-2023. You can review these reports on the Road Commission website, [www.wcroads.org](http://www.wcroads.org)

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Have a peaceful summer.

*Jan Godek, Township Supervisor*

## A message from the Saline Area Fire Department

The Saline Area Fire Department would like to thank you for your support and remind you to think about fire safety. Please make sure that your address is clearly visible. One of the largest factors in lowering response time is being able to find your address quickly in the event of an emergency. The Fire Department recommends a "Life Sign" that is a green sign with white numbers attached to your mailbox or other post. These can be purchased at the fire station for \$25 with a check written out to the "Friends of the Saline Area Fire Department", or you can purchase them from most hardware stores.

We also encourage you to clean brush away from your home as dried vegetation can cause fire risk to your home. If you are having bon-fires or burning brush, make sure the area between the fire and any structures are mowed and maintained to keep the fire from spreading to your home.

Smoke detectors have evolved with most detectors having a 10-year battery life meaning that you no longer need to check batteries every 6 months. Unfortunately, most of these detectors will alarm when they reach the 10-year mark, so please check the expiration date on your detectors and change them out before the end of their 10-year life.

Lithium-ion fires are on the rise. Please make sure that the batteries you are using are correct for the device and that you use the proper chargers for those batteries. Also please make sure that you purchase your battery powered equipment from a reputable manufacturer and don't leave batteries charging unattended.

Please be safe and enjoy the summer.

## Meet the new Lodi Township Deputy

Lodi Township welcomes Frank Barabas. Deputy Barabas has been a Deputy with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office since January of 2022. As the Lodi Township COPS Deputy, he is focused on crime

prevention, community engagement, commercial vehicle enforcement, and neighborhood watch initiatives. Deputy Barabas is excited to serve as the new Lodi Township COPS Deputy.

# News From the Clerk

## Next Possible Election in Lodi Township will be November 4, 2025.

Please watch the Lodi Township website at [www.loditownshipmi.org](http://www.loditownshipmi.org) and the Washtenaw County website at <https://www.washtenaw.org/4448/Current-Election-Information>

### Registering to Vote:

"Voters can register to vote by sending an application directly to Lodi Township Clerk's office by mail (3755 Pleasant Lake Road, Ann Arbor 48103) or scan to email ([christina@loditownshipmi.org](mailto:christina@loditownshipmi.org)).

### Michigan Voter Information Center:

- Find your polling location
- Find your City or Township Clerk
- Request an Absentee Voter Ballot or track an absentee ballot you've requested.
- View a sample ballot for an immediately upcoming election
- Learn how to become a poll worker

### Find Your Elected Officials:



Scan for FAQs:



## EARLY VOTING IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY CLERK  
ELECTIONS DIVISION

WASHTENAW.ORG/EARLYVOTING

@CLERKREGISTER

### WHAT IS EARLY VOTING?



The ability to cast a ballot in-person prior to Election Day.

### WHO CAN VOTE EARLY?



Early voting is open to all registered voters.

### WHEN DOES EARLY VOTING OCCUR?

Early voting occurs for **9 consecutive days** prior to **every state or federal election** ending on the Sunday immediately before the election.

Early Voting will be available prior to the November 5, 2024 General Election:

**Saturday, October 26 - Sunday, November 3**

OCT/NOV 2024

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☒ EARLY VOTING ☐ ELECTION DAY

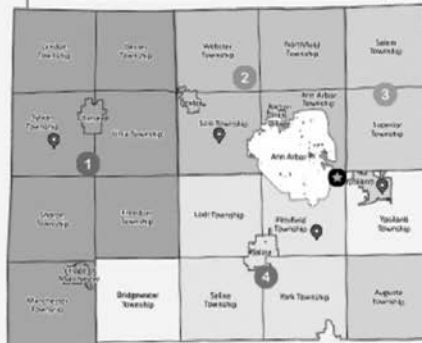
### WHERE DO I VOTE EARLY?

#### COUNTY-OPERATED SITES

23 jurisdictions are participating in the Washtenaw County-Coordinated Early Voting Plan. Sites are operated by the County with city/township help.

Voters in these cities/townships have 2 site options:

- 1 Regional site assigned based on residence.
- 2 Central site open to voters in all regions.



**ALL SITES OPEN  
9 AM - 5 PM**

- 1 Sylvan Twp. Hall  
18027 Old US 12  
Chelsea, 48118
- 2 Scio Township Hall  
827 N. Zeeb Road  
Ann Arbor, 48103
- 3 Ypsilanti Firehouse  
100 Market Place  
Ypsilanti, 48198
- 4 Pittsfield Twp. Admin Bldg.  
6201 W. Mil Ave.  
Ann Arbor, 48108
- 5 Washtenaw Co. LRC  
4135 Washtenaw Ave.  
Ann Arbor, 48108

Regional Site Location

### CITIES/TOWNSHIPS NOT COVERED BY THE COUNTY PLAN

#### City of Ann Arbor

City Hall | UMMA | Pierpont Commons  
AADL: Mallets Creek | Traverwood | Westgate  
City Hall: 8am-5pm | Others: 11am-7pm

4 jurisdictions are operating  
Early Voting Sites solely for voters  
that live within them.

#### Bridgewater Twp

Township Hall  
Hours vary each day  
Contact the Clerk

#### City of Milan

City Hall  
M-Th: 8am-4pm  
F-Su: 7am-3pm

#### Ypsilanti Township

Civic Center | Community Center  
8am-4pm  
Except:

**! YOU MAY ONLY VOTE AT YOUR DESIGNATED EARLY VOTING SITE(S)**

### STILL WONDERING WHERE & WHEN TO VOTE EARLY?

Look up your voter record &  
early voting site info at:

[Michigan.gov/Vote](https://Michigan.gov/Vote)



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### Early Voting:

Michigan Voters now have the right to vote early in-person during nine full days prior to every state and federal election.

- Voters must visit one of the Early Voting sites assigned to the city or township you live in.
- All sites are open from the second Saturday through Sunday immediately prior to every major election, including on the weekends.

- Michigan voters who have received an absentee ballot can tabulate that ballot in-person at their designated Early Voting site(s).
- Wondering where and when you can vote early? Look up your voter record and Early Voting site information at [Michigan.gov/Vote](https://Michigan.gov/Vote).

*Christina Smith, Township Clerk*

## From the Assessing Department

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### HOW IS MY ASSESSED VALUE CALCULATED?

All assessed values are calculated according to the State Tax Commission standards and Michigan law. This value is shown as the State Equalized Value or SEV on your tax statement. It is a mass appraisal technique that uses the current cost to replicate your house and then depreciates that cost based on the age of the structure. It is then adjusted to market value by comparing the depreciated cost of homes that have sold in your area to their sales price. Each year, the Township is required by law to analyze sales by economic neighborhoods using a 24-month study to adjust that neighborhood so that assessed values are at 50% of market value.

#### WHY ARE MY ASSESSED AND TAXABLE VALUES DIFFERENT?

The State of Michigan requires that properties be assessed at 50% of market value. The taxable value is the lesser of two numbers - the capped value, which is determined by formula, and the assessed value of your property. In the case of a transfer of ownership of the property in the prior calendar year, the taxable value will always be the assessed value as required by law.

#### WHY ISN'T MY NEW ASSESSED VALUE 50% OF MY PURCHASE PRICE?

Michigan Compiled Law 211.27 states that the purchase price is no longer the presumptive true cash value of a property. (See above - How Is My Assessed Value Calculated?)

#### WHY IS MY NEIGHBOR PAYING LOWER TAXES THAN ME?

On March 15, 1994, Michigan voters approved Proposal A, which established taxable value as the basis for the calculation of property taxes. Since Proposal A passed, you can no longer compare your property taxes with your neighbor's. A property's taxable value is the basis for calculating taxes on a property. Increases in taxable value are limited to the percentage in the rate of inflation or 5%, whichever is less, and consider the physical losses or additions to the property. The limit on taxable value does not apply to a property in the year following a transfer of ownership or sale.

For further Q and A's please see Lodi Township Assessor's website page at <https://loditownshipmi.org>.

*Stephanie Renius, Lodi Township Assessor*  
[assessor@loditownshipmi.org](mailto:assessor@loditownshipmi.org)



# From the Treasurer

## Property Taxes for 2025

Your Summer 2025 tax bills can be paid starting July 1st. Keep in mind our township hours are Monday-Thursday 9AM-NOON, working remotely on Fridays. Summer taxes were mailed June 30th and are due by September 15, 2025 (because the 14th falls on a Sunday this year). Winter tax bills will be mailed November 30th and are due by February 17, 2026 (because the 14th falls on a Holiday weekend). We have some extended hours during tax seasons, Open Friday September 12, 2025 from 9AM-1PM and open Monday, September 15, 2025 from 9AM-5PM. **Remember – We can accept partial payments** - I do understand that times may be tough. Keep in mind if you make a partial payment on your taxes that only the unpaid amount will accrue interest.

We mail a courtesy copy of your tax bill if your taxes are escrowed. If your bill has a message in blue stating it is a Courtesy Copy, the bill was also sent to your escrow company per their request.

## Payment Options

Payments can be made by mail, drop-box at the Township Hall, online\*, in person during office hours, or at any Bank of Ann Arbor Location or the Old National Bank in Saline, MI \*\*. Payments must be received by the due date, not postmarked. If you are mailing your tax payment, please look to see if it clears your bank within 2 weeks. Some items may be lost in the mail and not received by the Township, it would be your responsibility to see if it was received if you do not see it being cashed by the Township.

### \*No need to drive option:

Pay your bill online for a \$3.00 fee with an **electronic check**. You will need a routing number and bank account number. Our website is [www.LodiTownshipMi.org](http://www.LodiTownshipMi.org). Look under Quick Links – Tax Information and then View Tax and Assessing Information. You can find your parcel by name, address or parcel number. Click on the Tax Information tab to see the taxes you would like to pay online. Make sure you elect to change the payment method in the box to an Electronic Check. There is **also an option to pay by credit card, but this is a more expensive option**. The processing fee charged by the online company when you use a credit card to pay your taxes charges 3% of the entire bill. Lodi Township does not profit from any of the convenience fees; they

are kept by Point and Pay who processes them. The electronic check is only \$3.00 in total and the least expensive way to pay online.

### \*\*Payments at local banks

You can make a current tax payment at any **Bank of Ann Arbor location** or the **Old National Bank in Saline location only**. You do not have to have an account with the bank. Payments can be made at the banks above during Banking hours. You must bring your tax bill and pay the full amount. They will not accept late payments or partial payments. Payments will be accepted at the above banks from July 1 – Sept 14th for Summer taxes and December 1, - Feb 14, for Winter taxes.

**If you do not receive a tax bill within 10 days of the above mail dates, please contact the Treasurer's office at Lodi Township. Per the State of Michigan, failure to receive a tax bill does not abate late payments and penalties.**

If you have any questions, please email me at [Michelle@LodiTownshipMI.org](mailto:Michelle@LodiTownshipMI.org) or call the Township at 734-665-7583

Michelle Foley, Lodi Township Treasurer



# LIVE DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

at the Drop-Off Station



**SATURDAY  
SEPT 20**

**9 AM TO 12 PM  
OPEN TO THE  
PUBLIC**



**\$3 GATE FEE TO ENTER**  
**\$6 PER GROCERY BAG**  
 OR  
**\$8 PER BANKER'S BOX**  
**CREDIT CARDS ONLY**

The gate fee also allows you to recycle all your traditional recyclables on the same day!

**FREE EVENT** for municipal  
 DOS passholders allowing  
 you to shred up to five  
 (5) banker boxes for free.  
 Additional boxes will be  
 charged a fee.

This event is open to all residents and businesses located in Washtenaw County and the surrounding areas. Live shredding is convenient and one of the most economical and safest ways to recycle your paper files while protecting your private information! You can **shred up to five (5) regular-sized banker boxes of paper documents at \$8 each**. If you have more than five (5) regular-sized banker boxes, an additional fee will be assessed. Customers can stay on-site and watch as their documents are loaded into the shredder.

2950 E. ELLSWORTH RD. | ANN ARBOR | 734.971.7400  
[RECYCLEANNARBOR.ORG](http://RECYCLEANNARBOR.ORG)

# 2024 County Clean-Up Days

**Go to: <https://www.washtenaw.org/2414/County-Cleanup-Days> for more information.**

**Registration is required to attend any County Cleanup Day.** The specific location will be provided after registering. All events are 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

- July 26 - Pittsfield Township - Registration opens June 16 at 9:00 a.m.
- August 9 - Augusta Township - Registration opens June 30 at 9:00 a.m.
- September 27 - City of Ypsilanti - Registration opens August 18 at 9:00 a.m.

## Register Here:

<https://washtenawmmd.as.me/schedule/df0cea23/appointment/59640786/calendar/9775671>

## Make a Contribution:

These events are FREE!

However, there is a suggested donation of \$20 per car to assist with disposal costs. Additional donations are appreciated for some items:

- Residents may bring up to 4 tires; a \$5 donation is suggested for each additional tire.
- Residents can also bring 1 television or freon appliance; a \$10 donation is suggested for each additional item.

Cash and check donations are accepted at the Clean Up Day event's check-in station. Make checks payable to Washtenaw County.

## Volunteering:

We rely on the help of volunteers to run a smooth event for the community! Volunteers primarily help direct traffic and unload materials from resident cars. We provide volunteers with snacks, drinks, and lunch.

Volunteers do not need to fill out the event registration to drop off materials at the event. However, volunteers do need to sign up for a shift to volunteer.

## Other Disposal or Recycling Options:

Visit our Dispose Of webpage at <https://www.washtenaw.org/4336/Dispose-Of> with other local

resources for what to do with appliances, electronics, bulky waste, and tires.

Visit our Household Hazardous Waste webpage at <https://www.washtenaw.org/287/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Disposal> to learn about our services for materials such as paint, household cleaners, automotive fluids, batteries, mercury, and more



## Weekday Appointments at the HHW Center in Salem Township

Schedule here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2a2rvjk>

10843 W. Five Mile Road , Northville, MI 48168  
734-222-3950

Because the facility is new, some navigation apps fail to locate the building. Use GFL Environmental, Northville at 10599 West Five Mile Road to get to the entrance of the complex. Then follow the signage for the HHW Center.

By appointment only, Tuesday through Thursday

## Who Can Use This Service

- To use this service, you must: Be a Washtenaw County, Northville Township, or City of Northville resident
- The items must not have been used for a business, government entity, or other organization

Pesticides are accepted regardless of residency or use.

## Saturday Collections at the Home Toxics Center in Scio Township

Schedule here: <https://washtenawmmd.as.me/schedule/df0cea23/appointment/58259582/calendar/9624892>

705 N. Zeeb Road , Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
734-222-3950





2025 Home Toxics Center Saturday Collection  
Calendar (PDF) link: <https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/8ec93965-4cd8-40f6-8ec4-8bf8e51e9558>

Registration is required to attend a collection. Collections will be held on select Saturdays, from April through November. No events will be held on holiday weekends.

#### Who Can Use This Service

- To use this service, you must: Be a Washtenaw County resident
  - The items must not have been used for a business, government entity, or other organization
- Pesticides are accepted regardless of residency or use.

## Lodi Township Cemetery

Each year, a generous local family donates their time and effort to beautifully decorate the cemetery with roping, wreaths, and bows, helping to bring warmth and remembrance to this special place during the holiday season.

This cherished tradition wouldn't be possible without their dedication—and the continued support of our residents. If you would like to contribute, we gratefully welcome donations year-round. Your support helps us honor loved ones and keep this meaningful tradition alive for our community. Thank you for your generosity.

#### Cemetery Reminders and Information

We kindly ask that all headstone decorations remain appropriate and that the area around your loved one's stone is kept tidy. This helps ensure our maintenance team can mow and trim effectively, keeping the cemetery grounds beautiful for all visitors.

#### Burial Plots and Columbarium Spaces

Plots and columbarium niches are available for Lodi Township residents. For more information, please contact the Township Clerk.

#### Grave Openings & Maintenance

For grave opening services and general maintenance inquiries, please contact our Cemetery Sexton:  
Doug Frey – 734.260.6413

**Thank you for your cooperation in preserving the dignity and appearance of our cemetery.**

## Summer Safety Reminder: Please Drive Carefully

As the warm weather settles in, our back roads are seeing more activity than ever. Families are out walking, children are playing, and bikers are enjoying the sunshine.

We kindly ask all drivers to watch your speed, especially on neighborhood and rural roads. Your attentiveness helps keep our community safe and enjoyable for everyone. Thank you for driving responsibly and looking out for one another this summer!

## Lodi Township

3755 Pleasant Lake Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103



## Recycling Guidelines

Visit <https://www.rarecycles.org/>

**NO GLASS OR TRASH ACCEPTED IN THE RECYCLE BINS! NO TRASH!**

Leaving these items and any trash in the bins or at the sites is considered **ILLEGAL DUMPING** will be subject to a \$1,000 fine.



## Notice: Christmas Tree Recycling Service Canceled

Due to the high cost of providing Christmas tree recycling, we regret to inform you that this service will not be offered this year. We appreciate your understanding and encourage you to explore alternative recycling options in the area.