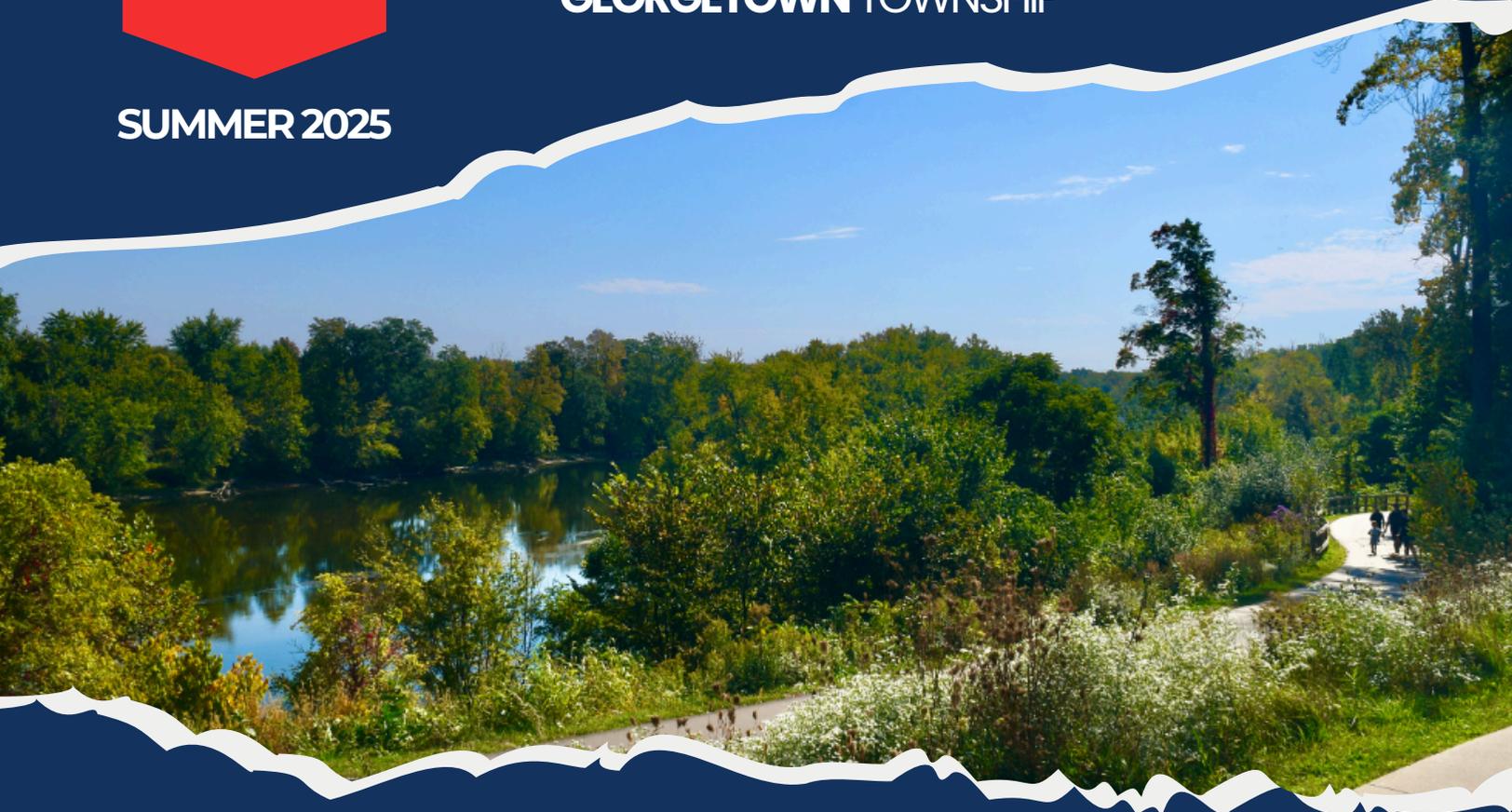




# newsletter

GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP

SUMMER 2025



## THE PLACE TO BE

GT is the place to be this summer! In addition to the beautiful township and country parks, bike trails, and other outdoor spaces, we have countless activities to fill your summer: Farmers Market, live music, Saturday Slip N Slide, Summer Reading at the Library, fun and educational programs at GT Connections and the Jenison Museum, and so much more! Be sure to check inside this issue for ways to experience Georgetown this summer.

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### OFFICE HOURS:

**Mondays-Fridays 8AM-5PM**  
**1515 Baldwin Street**  
**Jenison, MI 49428**



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# Township Updates

## Construction Updates

### Road Resurfacing

Various roads throughout the Township are scheduled to be resurfaced this summer. Please check [gtwp.com](http://gtwp.com) or follow us on Facebook for a list of roads and dates.

### 48th Ave Transmission Main



Work on the construction of a new 24-inch water transmission main on 48<sup>th</sup> Ave from Unity Christian School's south drive to the north side of Port Sheldon Street continues through the summer. As part of the construction, the road will be replaced as well as some driveway approaches and storm sewer. Midsummer, the intersection at 48<sup>th</sup> Ave and Port Sheldon is scheduled to be closed. The proposed detour routes will utilize Van Buren Street, 36<sup>th</sup> Ave, Baldwin Street, and 56<sup>th</sup> Ave.

## Fun in the Park

### Splash Pads

Splash Pads are located in Maplewood Park & Rosewood Park with operating hours of 10AM-8PM (Memorial Day-Labor Day)

### Saturday Slip N Slide

Come out and enjoy huge slip & slides, food vendors, children's activities, and much more! **We'll see you on Saturday, August 16 from 2-4 PM at Rosewood Park.** More info is available at [saturdayslipnslide.com](http://saturdayslipnslide.com).

Looking for place for a party or get-together? Maplewood and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parks have pavilions that can be rented. Check [gtwp.com](http://gtwp.com) for additional information and availability.

## Summer Tax Bills



Because September 14<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday this year, summer tax bills are due **Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**. Summer tax bills will also be available online at our BS&A Property Information website. To access your property's information page, navigate to our home page, [gtwp.com](http://gtwp.com), and click on the "Property Info" button. Or scan the QR code at the right!

## Water Rate Increase



The Township Board recently approved an updated rate table for water/sewer fees to reflect increased charges for water transmission by the City of Wyoming and sewer services from the City of Grandville. Georgetown Township relies on the City of Wyoming for water transmission and comprises 15-21% of total usage.

A water reliability study conducted by the City of Wyoming in 2023 found that the water system is rapidly heading toward unsustainable capacity levels and steps to account for area growth and increased demand will need to be taken sooner rather than later. Their plan calls for a number of infrastructure updates leading to an eventual plant expansion project projected for 2034. These improvements will result in increased charges that will be passed on to all communities that rely on Wyoming and Grandville for utility services; upcoming water/sewer bills will include a service fee for the City of Wyoming for water services and City of Grandville for sewer services.

### Here are some tips from EPA.gov for reducing water usage for lawn irrigation:

- Consider using a rain barrel to harvest rainwater for lawn irrigation.
- Use the cycle-and-soak method: short intervals of irrigation with breaks in between. This allows water to seep deeper into soil, promoting deeper root growth and less wasteful runoff.
- Check your system for leaks. A leak even as small as the tip of a pen can waste 6,300 gallons of water per month!
- Consider using an irrigation controller that can automatically adjust for weather conditions or how damp the soil is.



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# Experience Georgetown



## GT Farmers Market

**Mondays 4-8PM**  
**@ the Georgetown Library**

Stop by the Georgetown Library on Mondays (now-August 11) for fresh produce, baked goods, and artisan products. Be sure to check the calendar of events at [gtfarmersmarket.org](http://gtfarmersmarket.org) for live music and family activities as well. July 21 is Young Vendors Night.



## GT Connections Making Connections

GT is the place to be, especially for those aged 55+ who live in Georgetown Township and our surrounding communities. Ask any of the current members who attend classes, workshops, presentations, concerts, bus trips, and special events at GT Connections almost every weekday of the year, and you will hear descriptors such as, "vibrant," "friendly," "energizing," and "a place that feels like home." Where can you go to keep in good shape, learn how to make superb Chinese take-out in your own kitchen, discuss current literature in a small group, play euchre or cribbage with card sharks, listen to a symphonic or jazz band, participate in a Jeopardy game, hear firsthand accounts of serving in WWII, try your hand at painting on canvas, attend a musical at the Civic Theater, head out to a glass house on an alpaca farm for tea and treats, and to meet up with friends for lunch, all in one month? **The answer is: GT Connections--the Georgetown Township Senior Center.**

In order to receive optimal service and have the best experience possible, membership is required for participation in all senior center activities, and members are asked to sign up in advance to attend any activity of interest. However, the soup and salad bar cafe, available at the center Tuesday through Friday from 11:30am to 12:30pm, is open to anyone. Membership is not required to have lunch at GT Connections. Friends, family, and colleagues of any age can meet for a trip to the salad bar and a cup of soup, choosing from at least two varieties each day. The cost is only \$7 for a cup of soup and a trip to the salad bar, \$5 for salad only, \$3 for soup only, or \$5 for two cups of soup. Pay with cash, check or credit card. Having lunch with friends at the GT Cafe is a wonderful way to experience the vibe of the senior center; an added bonus is the lovely view through the wall of windows overlooking 8th Avenue Lake. Stop in and find out why our local seniors enjoy spending so much time at GT Connections.

## Jenison History Events

### Museum Open House

10AM-12PM: July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 2  
2-4PM: July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20

### 9/23: History of Jenison

12:45PM at the GT Connections



Visit [www.jenisonhistory.org](http://www.jenisonhistory.org) for more local history events including museum open houses.



## Library Events

### Summer Reading: Now - Aug. 2

Summer Reading programs for all ages are going on right now! Stop in the library to pick up a reading log or download a copy at home and start reading for prizes. More info is available at [gtpl.org](http://gtpl.org).

### Used Book Sale: Aug 7 - 9

Purchase used books and help support the Friends of the GTPL. Funds raised are used for library programming and special events. Please check [gtpl.org](http://gtpl.org) for more details.

### Touch-A-Truck: Sept. 6 10AM - 12PM

Calling all big truck fans! Here's your chance to see and touch all kinds of big trucks and equipment. We will also be collecting food items for Hand2Hand during this event.



## Holiday Closures

Township Office will be closed July 4 & September 1



**Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.**

**Here are some battery safety tips:**

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F or above 105°F.
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

*Have a safe & fun summer!*



Use fireworks safely by keeping them away from children and having water nearby.



Place your grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves.



Build campfires at least 25 feet away from tents, shrubs, and anything that can burn.