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# THE MACOMB MINUTE

A Monthly Newsletter from Macomb Township

## Lt. Stevens of MCSO's Macomb Township substation retires after 26 years of service

Macomb County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Melissa Stevens, who was in charge of the MCSO's Macomb Township substation, has officially retired after more than two decades of service to Macomb County. Lt. Stevens was honored by the Township Board of Trustees during the Wednesday, May 22, meeting for the courage, compassion and selflessness she demonstrated throughout her career. We were very lucky to have someone like Lt. Stevens watching over Macomb Township and wish her well in her retirement. Thank you, Lt. Stevens!



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## Supervisor Viviano named chair of SEMCOG's Legislative Policy Platform Task Force



A new policy leader for Southeast Michigan's governments was found in Macomb Township Supervisor Viviano, who was recently appointed as chair of the Southeast Michigan Council of Government's (SEMCOG) Legislative Policy Platform Task Force. This task force helps develop the legislative policy platform that serves as the guidebook of changes to federal and state policy that are necessary to southeast

Michigan's health and success. Supervisor Viviano's appointment is an exciting time for Macomb Township as our guiding principles will lead the way in advocating policy reform that will have a positive impact on our community and all those in southeast Michigan.



## Rec Center roof improvements moving along

Great news, folks! The replacement of the Rec Center roof is underway, and we're excited to say the project is moving along nicely! The Rec Center first opened its doors in 2004 and celebrates its 20th birthday this year, but that also means the roof is 20 years old! This much-needed update to the facility began in May and is anticipated to finish by the end of June. Until then, please pardon our dust.

# UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

## TONS O' TRUCKS & WHEELED WONDERS

Join us for a fun day filled with trucks and wheeled wonders of every kind! This event is free and open to all Macomb Township residents.

June 15, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Seneca Middle School  
Keep an eye on [www.macomb-mi.gov](http://www.macomb-mi.gov) for more details!



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DAY

GFL will be hosting Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day to collect any household waste that is not typically allowed to be disposed of during regular trash pickup.

Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Macomb Township Hall  
Visit [www.macombtwp.org/trashservices](http://www.macombtwp.org/trashservices) for a list of appropriate items to bring.

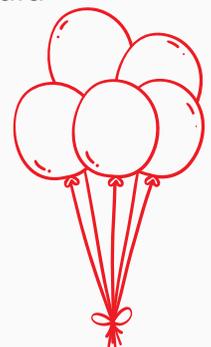


## REC CENTER 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join us for a FREE celebration of the Rec Center's 20th birthday featuring games, music, crafts, mini golf, face painting, a petting farm, mermaid visits and more! Stay tuned for more details.



Friday, July 19, 2024, at 6:00 PM  
Macomb Township Rec Center  
Keep an eye on the MTPR Facebook Page and website for more information.



# Attention!



Macomb Township Offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, in observance of Juneteenth.

Normal office hours will resume on Thursday, June 20, 2024.

# Macomb Township named best place to live in Macomb County by Hour Detroit



We've always known in our hearts that Macomb Township is one of the greatest places in Michigan to live, but now it's official. Hour Detroit magazine recently released their list of the top 40 communities in the state, and Macomb Township was tied for 22nd place. We were also voted as the highest-ranking community in Macomb County! Scores were based off of Hour Detroit's analysis of health care access, parks, crime rates and schools. We're so proud of our community and want to thank all of you for making Macomb Township an amazing place to live.



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## Township welcomes MCSO Lt. Eric Ehrler as new supervisor of MCSO Macomb Township substation



Macomb Township is thrilled to welcome Macomb County Sheriff's Office Lt. Eric Ehrler to our community as the new supervisor of the Macomb Township substation, effective June 3, 2024. Lt. Ehrler will be taking over for Lt. Melissa Stevens who retired towards the end of May. Lt. Ehrler has been with the MCSO since 1999 and has served in several capacities including corrections officer, deputy sheriff, detective, sergeant, leader of a team of detectives and school resource officers, and administrative sergeant. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 2023. We're thrilled to have him keeping our community safe!

# A Helping Hand...

**Summer is almost here!** If you're thinking about doing some home improvement projects this year, be sure to keep in mind that the Township requires permits to be pulled for certain work. Here are some common projects that require permits from the Township Building Department.

## Decks

Macomb Township has ordinances that set the criteria for wood deck construction. To build one at your home, a permit from the Township's Building Department is required. Wood decks must be 20 feet from the rear lot line, 7.5 feet from the side lot line and can't be built in any easement or required side yard.



## Concrete & Brick Pavers

Permits are required for concrete flatwork and brick pavers with or without footings. Plot plans must be included in the application for a permit as well as a copy of your driver's license and the contractor's license if a contractor is applying for the permit.



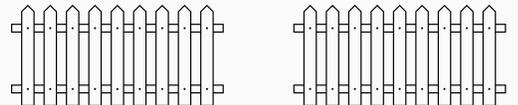
## Inground & Above Ground Pools

If you plan on installing a pool, be sure to get a permit from the Building Department before starting the process. Notifying the Building Department of this planned construction allows us to better help you make sure the new addition is safe for you and your neighbors. After all, your safety is one of our top priorities.



## Fences

To build or rebuild a fence requires a fence permit issued by the Building Department. Be sure to double check your HOA's requirements as the Building Department only checks if ordinance requirements are met.



## A Note About Permits:

If a contractor is doing the work, the contractor should be pulling the permit rather than the homeowner. Please note that the permit process and cost is the same for both contractor permits and homeowner permits. Always ensure that the contractor is licensed and insured.

Applications and information about permit requirements can be found on the Building/Code Enforcement webpage at [www.macomb-mi.gov](http://www.macomb-mi.gov).