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# THE MACOMB MINUTE

A Monthly Newsletter from Macomb Township

## The Price is Right in Macomb Township: Supervisor Viviano gives 2024 State of the Township address

This year's State of Macomb Township address proved the price is right here in Macomb Township! The Township strives to bring the best value to our residents at the lowest cost, making our community one of the few places where you can truly live the American Dream without breaking the bank. This year's presentation featured all of the accomplishments that our community has seen over the last year from the addition of two new parks and millions of dollars invested into infrastructure to the incredible successes of our Macomb Township residents. The full video will be available on YouTube shortly, so stay tuned!



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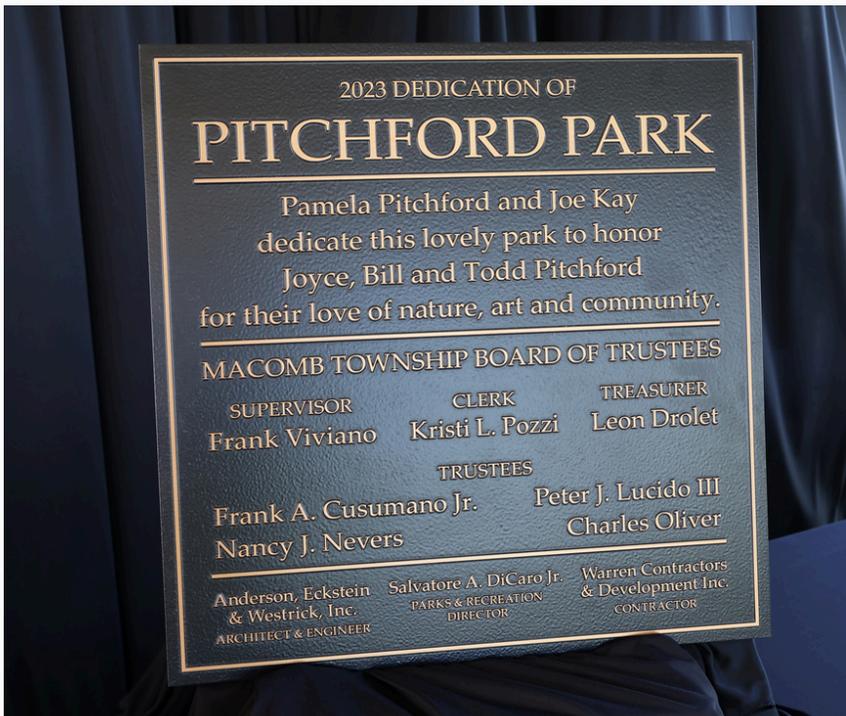


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Sign Up for Notifications by Visiting [www.macomb-mi.gov/notifyme](http://www.macomb-mi.gov/notifyme)

## Fire Department funding proposal to be on August 6th ballot

To ensure continued existence of the Macomb Township Fire Department, a ballot question will appear on the August 2024 election ballot. If voters approve the tax millage, the Township will continue to levy up to 1.9 mills for fire department operations. The existing assessment (tax) that operates the fire department was approved at up to 2 mills by voters in 2014 and expires in 2025. The August ballot proposal continues to authorize 2 mills but restricts the total tax actually to be levied to a maximum of 1.9 mills (the same amount currently being levied). The bottom line is that the ballot proposal continues funding the Macomb Township Fire Department at the existing rate with no tax increase of any sort.



## Pitchford Family remembered and honored for their contributions to building community

Towards the beginning of June, the Township held an official dedication ceremony at Pitchford Park to recognize and honor the contributions of the Pitchford Family and Joe Kay for helping to bring another space to life for our residents to enjoy. Joyce, Bill and Todd Pitchford were lifelong residents of Macomb County and spent decades living in Macomb Township. Pitchford Park stands to honor the family's commitment to public service and fostering community, and we couldn't be happier that the park has officially been dedicated to their memory.

## 2024-2025 fiscal year budget shows fourth consecutive year of tax rate reductions

Great news! For the fourth year in a row, Macomb Township residents will see a reduction in their tax rates starting with the new fiscal year. Despite the decrease in taxes, the new budget includes the addition of a full-time firefighter and a night-shift sheriff's sergeant on top of parks system upgrades and record investments into roads and sidewalks. Depending on if voters pass the August 6th ballot proposal to renew the fire department operations millage, the Township's tax rate will have decreased by 6.5% since 2020!



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## With Independence Day coming up, take a look at the Township's fireworks ordinance.

As the Fourth of July quickly approaches, we encourage all residents to review the Township's fireworks ordinance. In accordance with regulations set by the state of Michigan, Macomb Township's Code of Ordinances (Chapter 11, Article IV) states that no person shall ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks except on June 29 to July 4 between 11:00 AM and 11:45 PM on each of those days. View the full ordinance at the Code of Ordinances webpage at [www.macomb-mi.gov](http://www.macomb-mi.gov).



# UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

## MUSIC IN THE PARK

Grab your lawn chairs and head over to Macomb Corners Park this summer for a fun night of live music and free entertainment.

July 11, July 18 and July 25, 2024, at 7:00 PM

Macomb Corners Park

Keep an eye on the MTPR Facebook page for more details!



## 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!

Friday, July 19, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Macomb Township Rec Center

Keep an eye on the MTPR Facebook Page and website for more information.



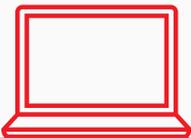
## ELECTRONIC AND SHRED WASTE DROP-OFF DAY

Electronic and Shred Waste Drop Off Day will take place next month and is open to all Macomb Township residents. Bring your electronic and shred waste that is not allowed during regular pickup to Town Hall to dispose of it.

Saturday, August 24, 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.



# A Helping Hand...

## Keep an eye out for Township staff conducting field work!

**Summer is here**, which means certain Township departments will be conducting field work. Township appraisers, utility workers and code enforcement officers will periodically be conducting business in residential areas. Here are some things to keep in mind if you see someone around your property.

### Township Field Workers Wear a Branded Uniform



Almost all Macomb Township employees that are conducting field work will be wearing branded shirts that have the Macomb Township logo on the front. All employees will also be

driving a vehicle with the Township logo displayed on the doors. If an individual is walking around your property without these branded items, ask for an ID badge or contact number to confirm legitimacy.

### Check for an ID Badge or Confirmation of Legitimacy

All Macomb Township employees conducting field work will have a photo ID badge on their persons with their name, title and department. If you are unsure if an individual around your property is an employee of the Township, ask to see the ID badge and/or a phone number to contact for confirmation of legitimacy.

### Township Employees Will Rarely Come Inside of Your Home

Field workers will knock on your doors to let you know they're going to be working on or around the property, but they will rarely come inside a home. If field workers do go inside a home, it is at the request of the homeowner or because the Township has made an appointment with the homeowner.

### They May Need to Ask Questions

Township employees conducting field work may need to ask you questions about the property, so there is a chance they will knock on your door after initially informing you of their presence. Homeowners do not need to be present for employees to conduct exterior work, but they may leave a card with contact information on the door if they have further questions.

### A Note About Appraisals:

Reappraisals currently being conducted by the Assessing Department meet the State Tax Commission's requirements for assessors to inspect 20% of properties annually pursuant to State of Michigan Bulletin No. 2 of 2014. If improvements to your property have been added or removed, your assessment may be adjusted to be more accurate.

Appraisers also conduct field work for permits, sales verification and new constructions. Reappraisals, however, are the only field work for which letters are sent to residents.

If you have questions about the appraisal process, please contact the number on the blue card left at the property or the Assessing Department at (586)992-0710 x 2.

## Pathway connecting Macomb Corners Park and Town Center nearly complete

Exciting things have been happening around Town Center Square! As part of the Township's commitment to increasing pedestrian accessibility and closing pathway gaps, sidewalks are being installed to connect Town Center Square all the way to Macomb Corners Park. The scenic walkway extends around the Township municipal complex over to the McBride Pond, through Town Center Park, safely across 25 Mile using the crosswalk and, eventually, all the way to Macomb Corners Park. We're super excited to provide a pathway that connects another 1.5 miles of our community to services and amenities.



## Update on the Township waste hauler contract

Beginning July 1, 2024, Macomb Township will now be using Priority Waste as our waste hauler after the contract assignment transfer from GFL to Priority was approved during the June 26, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting. While the transfer of the waste hauler contract came as a bit of a shock to several communities, the good news is that Priority Waste will honor all the services that were included in the original contract with GFL. This means there will be **no changes** to the services that Macomb Township receives, the cost will remain the same and the day of pickup will remain the same. After July 15, residents can pay their waste hauler bills to Priority Waste, but until then, bills can still be paid to GFL. For more information, see the attached FAQs page and please visit the Trash Services webpage at [www.macomb-mi.gov](http://www.macomb-mi.gov).



# Attention!



Macomb Township  
Offices will be closed on  
Thursday, July 4, in  
observance of  
Independence Day.

Normal office hours will  
resume on  
Friday, July 5, 2024.