



Where Friendships Last Forever

Newsletter

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Fall

2026

Making Memories in the Creek

Fall is here, and there are plenty of ways to enjoy it right here in our City of Swartz Creek.

Many of us are starting to decorate for Fall and Halloween. Take a walk through your neighborhood and check out the displays, or walk a route you normally drive. You'll be surprised the things you notice on a walk that go unseen as you drive by every day. If you haven't walked the trail from Morrish Road to Fairchild Street, give it a try. This is my favorite section of trail as it follows the water and is tree lined.

Our parks are great places to spend a fall afternoon. The weather is perfect for getting outside, and there is still plenty of time for the kids to enjoy the playground before winter arrives. A quick trip to the park can be an easy way to get everyone out of the house for a while. Bring the dog too, just don't forget the leash.

A family bike ride through town on a fall afternoon is an enjoyable way to spend a day. While you're out, stop for an ice cream or grab a cup of coffee along the trail. Sometimes that's all it takes to turn a regular afternoon into something treasured for years. There are bike racks downtown, in the parks, and at some of the businesses along the trails.

The Fall sports season is here. Support our local teams and show your school spirit by attending athletic events at the Swartz Creek High School stadium. Make Friday nights something to look forward to and to recall fondly.

Jeepers Creekers is coming up on October 17th. It's an opportunity to get together with friends and neighbors and enjoy a day of Halloween fun. For families with kids, it is a good way to get into the Halloween spirit. With a 5k fun run, vendor market, and trunk or treat event there is something for every age group.

You don't need big plans for a great day. A walk or ride on the trail, some time at the park or an evening at the football field can be enough. These everyday things can become core memories. I'd encourage you to make those memories right here in your home town.

Fall won't last forever, so it is worth getting out and enjoying it while we have it.

Sincerely,
Mayor Nate Henry

Find the community calendar and service information online at: www.cityofswartzcreek.org

Office Hours: Monday 8am-6pm, Tues & Thursday 8am-430pm, Wednesday 8am-4pm, Friday by appointment

Call 911 For After-Hours Emergencies:

*Do so for water and sewer problems such as water main breaks or sewer backups.
Messages at the office are not checked on the weekends or after hours.*

Election News!

The absentee ballots were sent out Friday, September 25, 2026. If you have not received your ballot by mail, please contact the clerk's office at (810) 635-4464.

Public Accuracy Testing will be held October 13, 2026 @10am at the Paul Bueche Municipal Building located at 8083 Civic Dr, Swartz Creek, in the council chambers.

Early Day Voting will be October 24, 2026 through November 1, 2026 from 8am- 4 pm, at the Paul Bueche Municipal Building located at 8083 Civic Dr, Swartz Creek, in the council chambers.

The General Election will be held November 3, 2026 from 7am through 8pm held at the Swartz Creek Community Church located at 7400 Miller Rd, Swartz Creek

Swartz Creek Fire Department

Fire Extinguishers: The Swartz Creek Area Fire Department does **not** dispose of fire extinguishers. If you have an extinguisher that needs to be disposed of, please contact a local fire extinguisher company for assistance.

Smoke, CO & Fire Alarms: Please remember that most residential smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have a 10-year service life and should be replaced when they reach the end of that lifespan. If your alarm begins to beep, pay attention to the pattern. A single or rapid beep that stops for a period of time may indicate that the device has reached the end of its service life or that the battery needs to be replaced. Also, if your detector displays "97," it may actually be displaying "Lb," which indicates low battery.

Your Swartz Creek Area Firefighters welcome you to join us for our annual **Fire Prevention Open House** on October 17 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Visit us at either of our locations: City Station 8100 Civic Drive Swartz Creek and the Township Station 1496 S. Seymour Road, at the corner of Seymour and Corunna

We look forward to seeing you and your families! Come out, meet your firefighters, check out the equipment, and learn more about fire safety in our community.

Chief Plumb

Greetings from your Metro Police Authority,

With the Holidays approaching, we would like to offer a few important crime prevention tips:

1. Retrieve delivered packages from your porch as soon as possible.
2. Always lock your car doors.
3. Do not leave purses unattended in cars and grocery carts.
4. Keep exterior lighting on around your residence during nighttime hours.
5. Always be vigilant for suspicious people and activity in your neighborhood and shopping areas.
6. Do not provide personal information to unsolicited contacts by telephone, email or otherwise.
7. Please expect more pedestrians and traffic this Halloween, with the holiday falling on a Saturday.

As always, if you see something, say something!

Chief Muphy

Winter Reminders

- ⇒ There is **no parking on any city street from 2am-6am**. Please be mindful to only park on city streets where it is not prohibited. Keeping vehicles off the street permits winter maintenance. Violations will be issued to vehicles parking illegally.
- ⇒ **Property owners are responsible for clearing their sidewalks after snow and ice events!** Folks leaving town for the winter should make arrangements to have this done. Failure to do so can result in the clearing of the walkway by a contractor at the owners expense, and/or fines(\$\$\$)! Please keep the walks clear!
- ⇒ Visit www.cityofswartzcreek.org for updates or like us on Facebook!



ACH PAYMENTS COMING SOON

Big changes to our online payment system. Once the transition is complete, you will be able to sign up for ACH payments for your utility bills and your property tax bills. Please keep an eye on the website for more information.

Residential Cross Connection Control Program

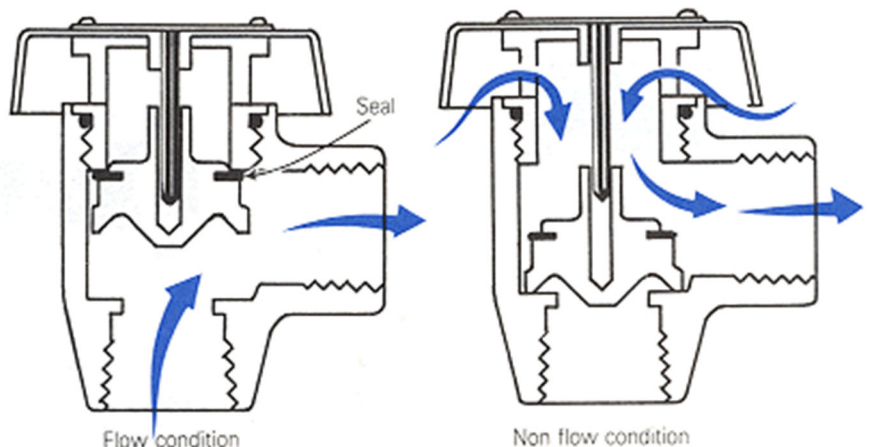
All residential homes must be inspected for cross-connections! This is a Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy requirement. Whether we like it or not, additional regulations are upon us. However, we are finding that inspections are quick, painless, and generally result in absolutely no home-owner obligations. We ask for your cooperation. Look for the scheduling letter from the inspector!

The city is contracting with Hydrocorp, Inc. to perform inspections on residential dwellings. They are generally looking to make sure that boilers, irrigation systems, and hose bibs have appropriate backflow prevention devices. Such devices ensure water is not siphoned into the public mains during a loss of pressure.

Owners can expect notification from the contractor to access each property to perform an inspection. If such connections exist, the contractor will supply complementary devices (if available) or otherwise send notice to correct specific connections. Again, this is extraordinarily rare!

Please work with us as we complete this task. Our goal is to ensure that our water system is safe from backflows of all kinds and that we are compliant with state regulations.

Atmospheric Vacuum Breaker



Fall Lawn Care for Watershed Protection

As we leave summer boating and swimming behind, what can we be doing this fall to keep our rivers healthy and clean? We can be smart about fertilizing and raking leaves! Fall chores have an impact on the storm water runoff coming from our yards. Here are simple steps you can do to help keep our rivers, streams, and lakes healthy:

Do not dump your leaves into storm drains or ditches! Decomposing leaves add excessive nutrients that cause algae growth and take the oxygen out of the water that goes directly to our rivers. This harms fish and other aquatic animals and destroys their habitat.

Fertilizer should be applied in the fall for a healthy lawn in the spring.

When applying fertilizer, keep a minimum 10-foot buffer from ditches and storm drains. This prevents nitrogen and phosphorus from washing into our waterways.

Do not dump any materials down storm drain catch basins in streets or parking lots. All storm drains are connected directly to the river! Remember, only rain in the drain!

Visit ClearGeneseeWater.org for more lawn care tips throughout the year.



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