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# Charter Township of Redford

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## The Gateway to the Suburbs

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### Olde Fashioned Holidays

On the first of December the Marquee of Redford Township will come alive with a celebration of the upcoming holidays. Santa, sleigh rides, Santa workshop, caroling and warm beverages abound. The festivities begin at 5pm until 8pm and be sure to dress warm!



### Santa Mailbox

**December 1<sup>st</sup> through the 16th**

Santa will be receiving letters or pictures sent to:

Santa

12121 Hemingway

Redford, Michigan 48239

Your child's name and address must be included. Sant's mail may also be hand-delivered to his "special mailbox" located outside the Leisure Services Office (inside Redford Community Center). Every letter will receive a response.



### Santa Brunch

**December 10, 2011  
11am to 12:30pm**

At the Community Center you can enjoy refreshments, crafts and have your picture taken with Santa, so make sure to get your reservation in early because this fun event fills up quickly. An adult must accompany each child and all attendees must have a ticket (\$6) as none are sold at the door and tickets are non-refundable.



### Upcoming Events November, 2011

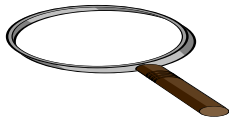
- 11-1 Sister City Commission 7pm  
Town Hall
- 11-2 Senior Club noon VFW Post 345
- 11-2 Historical Commission  
10:30am Little Red Schoolhouse
- 11-3 Planning Commission 7pm  
Town Hall
- 11-6 Daylight savings time ends
- 11-8 Clarenceville School District  
Election 7am - 8pm
- 11-8 Board of Trustees mtg 7pm  
Town Hall
- 11-9 Historical & Genealogy  
Society 12:30 at the Little Red  
Schoolhouse
- 11-9 Beautification Commission  
6:30pm Community Center
- 11-11 Veteran's Day
- 11-11 Veteran's Day Ceremony at  
Veteran's Park next to Town Hall
- 11-14 Parks Commission mtg 7pm  
Community Center
- 11-16 Senior Club noon VFW Post  
345
- 11-22 Board of Trustees mtg 7pm  
Town Hall
- 11-24 Thanksgiving
- 11-24 Township offices, Court  
and Library Closed No trash  
pickup-remainder of week one  
day delayed
- 11-25 Township Offices, Library  
and Court closed for Furlough  
Day
- 11-28 Parks Commission mtg 7pm  
Community Center

### December, 2011

- 12-1 Olde Fashioned Holidays  
5-8pm Town Hall Complex
- 12-1 Planning Commission 7pm DPS
- 12-5 Last week for Yard Waste  
pickup
- 12-6 Sister City Commission 7pm  
Town Hall
- 12-7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 12-7 Senior Club noon VFW  
Post 345
- 12-7 Historical Commission 10:30am  
Little Red Schoolhouse
- 12-10 Santa Brunch 11am - 12:30pm  
Community Center
- 12-10 Parks Commission mtg 7pm  
Community Center
- 12-13 Board of Trustees mtg 7pm  
Town Hall
- 12-14 Historical & Genealogy  
Society 12:30pm Little Red  
Schoolhouse
- 12-19 Community Center After  
School Program Closed through  
12/30 for the holidays
- 12-21 Hanukkah
- 12-21 Senior Club noon VFW Post  
345
- 12-24 Christmas Eve
- 12-25 Christmas
- 12-26 Kwanzaa
- 12-26 through 12-30 Township  
Offices, Court and Library closed  
for the holidays. One day delay  
of trash pickup all week.

*Check out the web page &  
our government access  
channels for updates,  
cancellations and changes!*

[www.redfordtwp.com](http://www.redfordtwp.com)



## Township Elected Officials:

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**For general township information call the Clerk's office 387-2751 or Supervisor's Office 387-2705**



### Upcoming Township Board Meetings

*All meetings are held at Town Hall on Tuesdays at 7pm*  
 November 8 & 22  
 December 13

### Park Commission Meetings

*All meetings are held at the Community Center on Mondays at 7pm*  
 November 14 & 28  
 December 12



*For information on senior activities (including free classes), please call Dorothy Morris at (313) 387-2788.*

**Dial – A – Ride  
 387-2770**



## Yard Waste ends the week of December 5 - 9

This is the last week you can place yard waste out (on your regularly scheduled garbage pickup day) for pickup until April of 2012.



## Veteran's Day in Redford Township November 11, 2011

There will be a re-dedication of the township's Veteran's Park to be held on Veteran's Day. Please honor our veterans by attending this event. The additions to the park will be Six Granite Tablets honoring each branch of the military and one POW-MIA tablet. Each tablet has been sponsored by a different organization and Two Granite Benches also individually sponsored. There will be additional park renovations including new concrete and extended grass area and possibly additional benches. Look for details on the government access channels and our township website; [www.redfordtwp.com](http://www.redfordtwp.com)

## From the office of the Township Clerk, Garth J. Christie, MMC

On Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, only a small portion of Redford Township will be heading to the polls - the few blocks in the Clarenceville School District. The vast majority of this district is within the boundaries of neighboring cities that hold regular city elections in odd years. Consequently, Clarenceville would not realize tens of thousands of dollars in savings by moving its elections to even year November like South Redford and

Redford Union did.

Also on the horizon is the Republican Presidential Primary. Recently, the state legislature set the date for this election for Tuesday, February 28, 2012. Previously, the Democrats chose the caucus format and the party will pay for all costs. Conversely, the taxpayers will pay for the Republican process - ten million dollars.

As in 2008, each voter will be required to fill out a form prescribed by the secretary of state and indicate which political party ballot they want. Local clerks are required to keep a separate presidential primary record that would include the printed name, address, file number and political party preference of each voter. This record is public information. This requirement flies in the face of ballot secrecy and may actually disenfranchise members of the Armed Forces. The requirement to select a party before receiving a ballot will make it more likely that citizens in the military or living overseas will not be able to comply in time to cast a ballot. Since this election will only benefit the GOP, Democrats proposed that the Republicans pay for it. This proposal was defeated. Other reforms rejected by the Republicans included, the pre-registration of 16 year olds, early voting and no-reason absentee voting all of which have been widely supported by local clerks of both parties.

Thus, the Republican state government continues its policy of disenfranchising voters and diverting tax dollars away from public services to support their narrow ideological agenda.

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