

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS
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my2020census.gov ...

There is still time to complete the 2020 Census. Your response helps to direct federal funds to the communities for schools, roads, and other public services. Results from the 2020 Census will be used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and your political representation at all levels of government. It's mandated by the U.S. Constitution in Article 1, Section 2: The U.S. has counted its population every 10 years since 1790. By law, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. That's protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Code. You will need the 12-digit Census I.D. that was mailed or was left at your door. You can still participate without an I.D. by answering the question of where you were living as of 4/1/2020. You can respond online, by phone at 844-330-2020 or by mail. All counting efforts end on 9/30/2020.

Election Workers Needed ...

Jan Howard and Carol Terry have helped with elections for a long time and due to life changes, will soon be leaving Sims Township and we wish them the best of everything yet to come. However, their leaving also creates openings for others to serve. If you can help for a few hours on election day, or all day, for that matter, let Judy know and she'll get you signed up. Training will be provided, and you will also be paid minimum wage for the day, plus lunch and dinner will be provided. The interaction with the other workers makes for a fun day, and just maybe, everything will balance at the end of the day is always our goal!

Important Voting Information ...

If you will be requesting an absentee ballot for the November 3, 2020 election, please do the following to ensure your ballot is received in time to be counted ... 1) Apply for your ballot as early as possible; 2) Once you receive the ballot, fill it out as soon as possible so that it can make it to Sims Hall before the close of polls at 8 p.m. on

election day; 3) Make sure when you vote your ballot – fill it out – that you follow the directions that are enclosed in the ballot envelope to ensure that it can be processed by the voting tabulator. Should you make a mistake, come to Sims Hall and the ballot can be “spoiled” and a new one will be issued; 4) If you mail your ballot locally, do not place it in the outdoor or indoor mailbox at the Post Office in Au Gres, but please take it inside and hand it in at the counter, that way it does not go to the Detroit area for processing, as it may not return in time to be counted; 5) You also have the option to deliver your ballot directly to Sims Hall and either place it in the drop-box next to the front entry door, or if the office is open, take it inside and hand it to one of the office staff; 6) You may call the office at 989-876-8631 to check if your ballot was received as the office will be open the week before the election, Monday through Friday, 10 - 4 and Saturday, 8 – 4.

New Digital Sign ...

It's not hard to miss the framework in the front of the hall which is for our new nine-foot by three-foot digital sign. When it's finally operational in a few days, will be a huge help in getting meeting times and other events posted so our community can be better informed. Another bonus will be the additional light that will be added at the intersection!

Final Two Thoughts ...

Today is mine. Tomorrow is none of my business. If I peer anxiously into the fog of the future, I will strain my spiritual eyes so that I will not see clearly, what is required of me now. Elisabeth Elliott

Be a perpetual student, expect the unexpected, embrace public service, lead by example, and pursue happiness. Different pursuits provide joy, find your source of joy, and embrace it. Dr. Fauci