

A Few Reminders:

- ❖ Any new building or renovations require an approved permit. Contact Zoning Admin. to issue permits. Includes: sheds, gazebos, additions, garages & pole barns.
- ❖ Signs & outdoor storage containers require permit
- ❖ Shipping Containers are not permitted
- ❖ Point of sale inspections: An approved inspection of your well and septic is required for the sale of any property or change of ownership. The inspection, once approved, is good for 5 years.
- ❖ Please be aware of the change made to the Fireworks Ordinance. Dates and times of usage can be found on the website. There will be a fine of \$1,000.00 for each violation.

All Ordinance complaints must be made in writing and addressed to the Ordinance Enforcement Officer (Tim Seagraves) or Township Supervisor (Joel Vernier)

Telephone Directory

Supervisor: Joel Vernier 989-329-9319

Clerk: Kristine Panetta 989-426-8741

Treasurer: Christine Grace 989-329-5295

Trustee: Maria Alward 989-429-3204

Trustee: Kathy Seagraves 313-418-4041

Fire Chief: Fred Shaver 989-429-2329

Road Chairperson: Ken Douglas 248-431-9509

Assessor: 989-426-7445

DNR Burn Permits 866-922-2876

Gladwin Road Commission 989-426-7441

Health Department 989-426-9431

Charter Communications

800-846-1820

Summer Township Tax Bill Payment

Summer tax payments will be accepted from July 1, 2026 through September 14, 2026 without penalty. After September 14, a 1% interest fee per month will be applied until paid in full. **Post Mark dates are not accepted.**

Payment Options:

- ❖ **Online Payments:** Go to Secordtwp.com (instructions can be found there)
- ❖ **Mailed payments:** Checks payable to Secord Township Treasurer
1507 Secord Dam Rd., Gladwin, MI 48624
- ❖ **In-Person:** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00pm – 4:00 pm. September 14, 2026 open 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- ❖ **Drop Box:** For your convenience, a secure drop box is located next to the entrance door at the Secord Township Hall.

After March 1, 2027: all payments must be mailed to the Gladwin County Treasurer

Accepted payment methods:

- Check
- Credit Card
- Money Order
- Bank Check
- Exact cash (change cannot be provided)

Contact Christine Grace, Treasurer, with questions 989-329-5295

2026 Secord Township Summer Newsletter

SECORD TOWNSHIP HALL

1507 Secord Dam Rd

Gladwin, MI 48624

989-426-7445

989-426-3232 fax

www.secordtwp.com

Property Owners are welcomed to attend the Secord Township Board meetings held at 10:00 am on the 3rd Wednesday monthly

Garbage Collection

Republic Waste 1-800-438-0966

Garbage collection: every Monday (6am to 8pm)
(Exceptions are holidays and weather conditions)

Large items: Call ahead & be sure to state you are in Secord Twp and give your full address

Recycling: every other Thursday.

Yard Waste: every **Thursday (as of June)** from 6am to 8pm (April – November months only). **Place in bio-degradable paper bags or open containers specifically marked as “YARD WASTE”** (includes leaves, grass clippings, branches less than 1 inch and dried lake debris)

Please note that it is illegal to blow/dump debris into the water!!!

Secord Lake Water Return & Lake Bottom Maintenance

Please be aware that you are responsible for keeping your dry lake bottom areas clear of growing grass, branches and trees which may present a danger to boats, swimmers and even prevent boats from getting to their docks or hoists. Work with your neighbors, volunteers & Secord Lake Association to make sure all properties are cut.

Assessor Visits

The Secord Township Assessor & crew will be in the area performing routine site visits. Certified inspectors will have photo ID & wear safety vests. They will not ask to enter your home nor ask for personal information. They may ask specific questions to the features of the property. Assessments are performed on 20 % of the Township per year in a 5-year cycle

Road Committee Activity

- Applying Brine to all dirt roads within the township (2 applications)
- Sealing cracks on all paved roads east of the lake
- Mowing all roads, (including secondary roads) twice
- Paving Three Rivers Rd, one mile from Wirtz Rd. north to the township border
- Paving Cedar Lake Rd. from the north township border-south- 1 ½ miles to the intersection of North Pinecrest Dr.
- Paving North Pinecrest Road 0.2 miles
- Paving Lundy Dr. 0.05 miles between Cedar Lake Road & West Branch Dr.
- Paving Park Dr. 0.75 miles between Cedar Lake Rd. & Points Rd.
- Repairing collapsed culverts

Hall Rental

Rental is limited to Secord Township residents. Please call the Clerk for updated rental information, prices and to schedule a hall rental. **Alcohol & Smoking prohibited**

Secord Township Hall is an American Red Cross Designated Heating and Cooling Center in the event of extended power outage

Fire Department News

As of May, 2026 the Fire Department has had 35 calls and has successfully found 2 missing persons using their new drone! The drone allows them to quickly search forest areas. The Rescue Boat is also ready.

Fire Chief Shaver is willing to meet with anyone who would like more information about the fire department and the equipment on hand. He is at the fire station on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month from 4pm-8pm. For more information call: 989-429-2329

Remember, burning of leaves and debris in ditches is illegal and you can be fined by the Township and E.G.L.E. We advise you not to burn in ditches due to the eventual run-off that will find its way to the river and promote weed growth. We also now have natural gas and cable in many areas and the lines run through and along the ditches. Burning over a gas line is very dangerous. Be mindful of burning on or near the lake beds as it will be very hard to rescue due to lack of water.

Secord Township is a Zoned Community

The purpose of a Zoned Community is to promote health, safety, and welfare, and preserve the value of property in Secord Township. Secord Township has adopted Legal Ordinances that regulate land use, building construction, property setbacks, and Blight & Noise! 'Land in Secord Township is divided into R1 Residential Waterfront lots, R2 Back lots, Commercial, and Agricultural.

You need a zoning permit from the Zoning Administrator before building, altering structures, or changing land use. Gladwin County Building Department will not approve any plans without a Secord Township-approved permit.

If the Ordinance Officer notifies you of an infraction involving RVs or Campers regarding their use on your property and storage, blight, or noise violations, you will need to correct the situation to avoid fines or other measures to clean up the property. Our goal is simply to correct any situation in a civil, mutually respectful way!

You can come to the Secord Township Hall to view our Ordinances or go to www.secordtwp.com

Zoning Administrator: Cherie Mascarello 989-387-7536

Ordinance Officer: Tim Segraves 810-656-6421

Short-Term (STR) & Rentals

STR/Rentals require an application to receive a yearly License/Permit.

Rental properties also require inspections from the Health and Fire Departments.