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Pittsfield Township Board Asks Voters to Help Them Decide

Pittsfield Township (March 10, 2011) -- "The core to ensuring the safety and security of our community, is the provision of integrated, responsive, and cost-effective police, fire, and dispatch services." Supervisor Mandy Grewal noted as part of the Public Safety Millage presentation at the March 9, 2011 meeting of the Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees. "On May 3, 2011, the community will help us set the Township's budget priorities when they decide whether or not to approve 1.95 mills to maintain the existing level of public safety services they have come to expect and appreciate."

Having supported a Public Safety millage since 1987, the current millage is set to expire this year. Pittsfield Township residents are being asked to help Township officials decide whether or not to levy a 1.95 mill that will be effective 2012-2021 (10 years) to maintain the existing level of police, fire, and dispatch services.

"Pittsfield Township has the distinction of providing one of the lowest response rates (under 6 minutes) at one of the lowest costs in Washtenaw County. Our approach to preventive and community-based policing along with the personalized attention that a locally funded Public Safety Department provides has paid off since we are one of a handful of communities that has seen a decline (18%) in crimes between 2008-2010." pointed out Matt Harshberger, Director, Department of Public Safety.

Community forums have been scheduled to give everyone an opportunity to hear the facts and get answers to their questions:

Help Us Decide Informational Community Forums

- **March 22nd; 6:30-8pm**
Pittsfield Branch (Ann Arbor District) Library, 2359 Oak Valley Drive
- **March 24th; 6:30-8pm**
Carpenter Elementary School 4250 Central Boulevard
- **April 14th; 6:30-8pm**
Harvest Elementary School; 1155 Campus Parkway, Saline MI
- **April 17th; 1-3pm**
Pittsfield Township Open House
- **April 26th; 5:30-7:30pm**
701 Ellsworth Road; Pittsfield Twp. Parks and Seniors Building

Information is also available on the Township website at: <http://pittsfield-mi.gov/public-safety-millage.html>

“Peace of mind is what this millage is all about. When a resident or business owner calls 9-1-1, our team of police officers, fire fighters and dispatchers respond. On May 3rd, residents will tell us what that level of service is worth to them. The Board of Trustees believes this is a responsible approach to maintaining a safe and secure Township. We look forward to an open conversation about what kind of public safety services the community expects and how we should pay for it,” Grewal concluded.

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