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SHELBY TOWNSHIP

Township seeks input on master plan, 2016 priorities

By Sean Delaney*Digital First Media*

Shelby Township officials say an Oct. 28 open house to gather feedback for the 2015 master plan will now serve a dual purpose, as it will also allow residents to provide input on the township's top 10 priorities for 2016.

"It's going to be a two-fold event," Township Supervisor Richard Stathakis said. "We're going to talk about the master plan, which is a five-year plan, but also we're go-

ing to dovetail into it a discussion about our priorities for the upcoming year."

The Shelby Township Planning Commission, with assistance from LSL Planning, will host the open house from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 28 at Township Hall at 52700 Van Dyke.

"It's going to be a very important meeting for anyone who wants a say in how their government operates," Stathakis said. "So I hope to see a lot of our residents there."

As in previous years,

input gathered from residents at the Oct. 28 open house will be incorporated with the priorities gleaned from the township's Board of Trustees, department heads, and an online survey that will be posted on the township's website at shelbytwtp.org.

"I don't know of another local government in Michigan that gives their residents the opportunity to come in and tell their elected officials exactly what they want for the upcoming year," Stathakis said.

Addressing the needs of the 41A District Court, senior center, library and Shelby TV — collectively known as the Shelby Township Community Center — topped the list of priorities township officials planned to tackle in 2015.

Widening Schoenherr Road north of 23 Mile Road came in at No. 2 on the list, while funding local road improvements ranked third. Other priorities on the 2015 list include:

- Investigating new revenue sources

- Sidewalk construction and maintenance

- Reducing operational costs

- Stony Creek Trail bridge replacement

- Implementing economic development initiative

- 23 Mile and Mound roads redevelopment (the former Visteon site)

- Emergency management training

- Investigating new revenue sources

"These priorities represent what we're going to try to do over the next 12 months," Stathakis said.

"So it's very important for people who want to engage their local government to attend this meeting."

Planning Director Glenn Wynn said residents are welcome to stop by any time during the open house to interact with the Planning Commission and ask questions regarding the future of Shelby Township.

For more information, contact the Planning Department or Planning Director Glenn Wynn at wynng@shelbytwtp.org or 586-726-7243.