

Elected Officials

To locate your National, State, and Local officials:

Congress.org

www.congress.org

This site is administered by private, non-partisan companies and it allows users to identify and contact elected leaders in Congress, the White House, and state legislatures. This site helps you locate contact information so you can call, email, or write to your elected officials to find out more about them.

Near the top of the right-hand side of the page, you can enter your zip code. This will help you locate contact information for your National and State officials.

To locate your local officials, scroll to the bottom of the page. On the left-hand side of the page, under the heading "directories" click on "local elected officials." This will allow you to search for local officials by zip code or by place name. This site helps you find out their contact information.

To locate Local officials and township Web sites:

Michigan Townships Web site

<http://www.michigantownships.org/twpfindsdb.asp>

This Michigan Townships Web site allows you to search by township name or county. When the name of your township comes up in the search list, click on "view info." This will show some basic facts and contact information about the township, along with a web address for that township, if available. This should include information about elected officials and contact phone numbers. More specific details needed about elected officials (salary, educational background) may require contacting the township directly.

MLive Newspaper Archives

<http://www.mlive.com/newspapers/archives/>

The MLive newspaper archives are also a potential source of information about local elected officials. The Bay City Times and Saginaw News sometimes have information about surrounding communities, their officials and salaries. A keyword search using the name of the city, township or village and "salaries" or a similar search may help you locate this type of information

*If salary and biographical information is not available either on city/township/village Web sites or in news articles, it is best to contact the city/township/village office and conduct an interview to locate this information.

Salary Information for Elected Officials

Congressional Research Service

The Congressional Research Service is a think tank that works exclusively for members of Congress and Congressional Committees. They are known for non-partisan reporting of issues, along with in-depth analysis. Reports are not distributed to the public, but become available in various ways. These reports, usually, are on "hot topics" in the news, or current events. The simplest way to find the one on federal salaries is to go to www.google.com and type in "congressional research service" "current salaries" 2010

This report lists salaries of elected **Federal** officials as of January 2010.

National Conference of State Legislatures

<http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=20117>

Provides information regarding **State** legislators (Senators and Representatives) salaries in all 50 states

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The Michigan Manual
Library Reference Collection
Call Number JK5831 .M5m 2009/2010

This publication contains Salaries of State Elected Officials in the first few pages of the manual, under the heading “Michigan’s Key Facts.”

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If you cannot locate your township or county Web site by using the resources suggested here, try a Google search. Go to: www.google.com

And type in name of the place you are looking for. Be sure to include “Michigan” in the search. For example: “Saginaw Township, Michigan”

Placing the information in quotes will help make the search more specific.

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Newsbank Michigan Newspapers

<http://www.delta.edu/llic/libraryresearch/newspapers.aspx>

From this link, navigate to the link for Newsbank to access. This index requires Delta username and password if you are not on campus. This index provides the last ten years of Detroit News, Grand Rapids Press, and Saginaw News full-text. The Saginaw News sometimes has information about surrounding communities, their officials and salaries. A keyword search using the name of the city, township or village and “salaries” or a similar search may help you locate this type of information

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