

ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Hello everyone. I hope you all had a great summer & are enjoying the beginning of the fall season.

We are currently working on securing permits & getting bids for the improvements to be made to the Fred Meiselbach Park on Neuman Road from the Recreation Passport Grant we were awarded earlier this year from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. We hope to begin construction by October 2018 & complete construction by June 2019. We will post pictures on our website as the project progresses.

In June gravel was put down on the north & south roads that needed it. The first Chloride was also done. We are currently reviewing paved roads for improvements under the Local Road System Funding Assistance Program through the St Clair County Road Commission. Also in consideration are adding safety approaches to some of the gravel roads.

As a reminder with school starting soon I encourage everyone to be extra cautious while driving. Children are often unpredictable and may ignore hazards or take risks. If you are driving behind a school bus please allow greater distance than following a car. This will give you more to stop once the yellow lights start flashing.



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FROM THE TREASURER

Summer taxes received after 9/14/2018 4:30 PM will receive additional interest and fees. Please contact our office at (810)329-9042 for penalty amount.

Winter tax bills will be mailed out after the first of December. Please contact the office if your escrow account information has changed recently. New this year we have sent out duplicate copies of tax bills to homeowners who have mortgage escrow accounts that pay their taxes. In past years tax bills paid by escrow were only sent to the Mortgage company.

*As a reminder if you are paying by check – **water & tax bills must be written on separate checks.** Also we do not accept credit cards, debit cards or credit card checks. **Post marks are not accepted. Payments must be received by close of the office on due date to avoid late fees.***

FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Mark your calendar for the upcoming events:

Pick a Pumpkin-Trunk or Treat

St Clair Township Park (Fred Meiselbach Park)
5500 Neuman Road
October 20, 2018 11 am to 1 pm
Best decorated car & raffle for kids held at 12:30 pm

Children's Christmas Party

December 8, 2018
Information to follow in December newsletter and on our website.

Recreation meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 pm at the Township Hall, September through May. Have suggestions or new ideas? Stop in and let us know!



Marcotte has a **new service** for residents that need a little extra help. Residents that can provide the Township with a letter/note from the doctor (either temporary from surgery or permanently disabled) that they are unable to get their trash/recycling out to the road and they do not have a neighbor/family member that can help them, Marcotte will provide a "walk up service" to their garage/porch for trash and recycling.

Please have your trash & recyclables out by 7:00 am on your scheduled day to ensure pick up. Place your recyclables on the opposite side of the driveway of your regular trash. Recycle bins are sold at the Township Hall. They cost \$10.00 each. You can purchase one from us or use your own.

For residents that have yard waste included (east of Range Road), pick up begins April 2nd & ends November 26th. Yard waste will only be collected in compostable paper bags or 33 gallon trash cans, no lids, marked with an "X" not weighing more than 40 pounds.

If you have a large item or are in doubt on an item for pick up please contact Marcotte. Their contact information is as follows: (810)985-9818 or email marcottedisposal@comcast.net. You can also visit their website at www.marcottedisposal.com.

HALL RENTAL

The Township Hall is available to rent for Township residents. The hall has a capacity of 75 people. The cost is \$100 to reserve your date. If everything is cleaned up afterward we will mail you back a deposit of \$50.00.

Rental applications are available on our website www.stclairtp.org under the "forms" tab or in office. Book now as our calendar fills up fast.

2018 Plat Books

Blue Water Conservation District is selling the new 2018 Plat Books for St Clair County. Cost is \$30.00 per book. You can pick them up at their office or have them mailed to you for an additional \$5.00 fee.

Contact information is as follows:
2830 Wadhams Rd., Kimball Twp.
PH: 810.984.3685 x5
Website: bluewatercd.org

RENEW YOUR BURN PERMIT FOR 2018



St. Clair Township issues all burning permits for residents of the Township. Permits issued are valid calendar year (Jan 1st-Dec 31st). **A new permit is required each year if you wish to burn.** Permit applications are available at the Township office or on our website @ www.stclairtp.org All applications must be signed stating you have received a copy of the ordinance and will comply with the regulations. A permit is not valid until a permit number is issued by the Township. **PLEASE BURN RESPONSIBLY!** *Failure to do so or non-compliance with the ordinance could result in charges for an emergency response.*



Attention Senior Citizens

St. Clair Township Senior Citizens group meet at the Township Hall the third Tuesday of each month at noon for lunch and fellowship. Sometimes they stay after and play cards. If you wish to stop by, please bring a dish to pass. Our next luncheon will be September 18th. We hope to see you there.

FROM THE CLERK

State General is November 6, 2018.

Last day to register to vote for this election is October 9, 2018.

Absentee voter ballots are available to registered voters for all elections. Registered voters may obtain an absent voter ballot if they are: 60 years old or older, unable to vote without assistance at the polls, expecting to be out of town on election day, in jail awaiting arraignment or trial, unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons or appointed to work as an election worker in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

A person who registers to vote must vote in person in the first election in which he or she participates. The restriction does not apply to overseas voters, voters who are disabled or voters who are 60 years of age or older.

You can call Joyce to request an absentee voter application. You must fill the application out accordingly & return to the office. You can drop it off during business hours, place in drop box located next to front door or send in the mail. Once the application is received by Joyce she will check your signature on the request against your voter registration record. After that she will mail out an absentee voter ballot to you. Please note that applications to have an absent voter ballot mailed to you must be received by Joyce no later than 2 pm the Saturday before the election. After receiving your absent voter ballot, you have until 8 pm on election day to complete the ballot and return it to the Township Hall.

Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature file. If you received assistance voting the ballot, then the signature of the person who helped you must also be on the return envelope. Only you, a family member or person residing in your household, a mail carrier or election official is authorized to deliver your signed absent voter ballot to the Clerk's office.

Please contact Joyce with any questions. She can be reached by phone at (810)329-9042 or by email clerk@stclairtp.org

We had a total turnout of 1,722 out of 5,434 voters for the August 7th primary. Precinct One had 934 & Precinct Two had 788 voters.



WATER & SEWER BILLING & DUE DATES

1st Quarter Mailed by April 15th
Due Date without penalty May 15th
Shut Off May 31st

2nd Quarter Mailed by July 15th
Due Date without penalty August 15th
Shut Off August 31st

3rd Quarter Mailed by October 15th
Due Date without penalty November 15th
Shut Off November 30th

4th Quarter Mailed by January 15th
Due Date without penalty February 15th
Shut Off February 28th

Payments can be made by mail, in office or in the dropbox located outside the front door of the Township Hall. Credit & debit cards are not accepted.

Please note: The Shut off notice is your final notice.

If payment is not received by due date of the notice your water will be shut off at the earliest convenience of the DPW and a shut off fee will be charged.

It is your responsibility to pay in a timely matter.

FROM THE BUILDING DEPT.



2018 has been very busy in the building department. To date we have issued over 125 electrical permits, 67 mechanical permits, 20 plumbing permits & 75 building permits. 14 of the building permits have been for new construction homes. We also have some commercial projects started & upcoming. The apartment complex on River Road is moving along. As of this point the contractor has not given us an anticipated completion date. Love's Travel Stop on Wadhams & I-94 is in the initial stages of breaking ground on the project. We expect to see buildings going up fairly soon. At the June 14th Planning Commission meeting the Site Plan was approved for a Dollar General Store to go in on the south side of Gratiot Road east of Rattle Run Road. We have been told by the developers they plan to break ground this fall.

Building Official Brian Bayly's hours are Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 9 am to noon. We recommend you call ahead & make an appointment if you need to see him as he is in & out of the office with inspections. You can reach him at our office phone of (810)329-9042 or by email bbayly@stclairtp.org.