

ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE SUPERVISOR

In mid January, St. Clair Township was notified that its application for a \$75,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources was successful. There was 75 applicants and we were one of the 22 that were approved. The Township will provide \$25,000 in matching funds for a total project cost of approximately \$100,000.

The grant will provide funding for improvements to the Township's Fred Meiselbach Park on Neuman Road near Pine River. (Where many of our recreation events are held).

The proposed improvements include new playground equipment of Universal Access Design and recycled materials; solar-powered LED lighting; and a 500 foot asphalt pathway that will provide barrier-free access to the playground equipment and other park amenities.

The pathway is intended to be the first part of an exercise circle that will eventually encircle the park and provide overlooks of the Pine River in the forested area of the Park.

Recreation Passport Grants are funded through the sale of Michigan's Recreation Passport for entry into Michigan State Parks, recreation areas and state-administered boating access sites.

We expect improvements to start later this year. Pictures will be posted on our website of the progress.

This year we will be focusing on the North and South roads for gravel. Not all roads will receive gravel. Roads receiving gravel will be determined by the Township and the Road Commission District Supervisor. East and west roads will receive emergency work as needed.



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FROM THE TREASURER

All unpaid property taxes have been turned over to the County. If you still owe a balance from 2017 (or previous years) please contact the St Clair County Treasurer to find out what your current amount due is. Their phone number is (810)989.6915. They are located at 200 Grand River Ste. 101 in Port Huron. www.stclaircounty.org

The 2018 Summer taxes will be mailed out in early July. Please contact the office if you have a mailing change to ensure your bill is mailed to the proper location. Also please update the office if you have an escrow with your mortgage and there has been changes or if you no longer have a mortgage so we can update your account accordingly.

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:

Earth Day Tree Give Away for Township Residents

St Clair Township Park
5500 Neuman Road
Saturday, April 21st 9 am to noon (while supplies last)
150 packages consisting of 1-red bud & 1 sugar maple
One package per household

Pet a Pet in the Park for Township Residents

St. Clair Township Park
Saturday, May 19th from 11am to 2 pm. Rain or shine
Petting Zoo with 12-15 various animals, Horse & Pony rides. Free hot dogs, chips & beverages.

Pick a Pumpkin-Trunk or Treat

October 20, 2018
Information to follow in upcoming newsletter

Children's Christmas Party

December 8, 2018
Information to follow in upcoming newsletter

Reminder...the Township Pavilion is available to rent for your summer events. Please check the website or contact the Township office for rental policies and availability.

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Euchre Party held on February 10th. We had a great turnout, good food and fun was had by all. Another Euchre Party will be held in the future.

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!



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 April 17th. We hope to see you there!

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.stclairtwp.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

FROM THE ASSESSOR

Now that spring weather has arrived, I will start field visits to complete record card reviews on properties in St. Clair Township. The State Tax Commission recommends a record card review done annually on 20% of the properties to comply with the Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements. Property owners will be notified by mail a couple of weeks prior to a field visit. If you would like to be present for your record card review please contact me at the office for an appointment.

Heather Stewart, MAAO, MCPPE
(810)329-9042 office or (810)956-7318 cell

FROM THE BUILDING DEPT.



2017 was a busy year for the building department. We had 114 Building permits which included 14 new construction homes & 29 for pole barns/detached garages as well as five for the new apartments on River Road. In addition to the building permits, there was 53 plumbing permits, 112 mechanical & 106 electrical permits. We expect 2018 to be even busier.

Brian's hours are Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays from 9 am to noon. He can be out in the field doing inspections during that time so it is recommended that you call before you come in if you need to see him at a specific time. You can reach him at our office phone or by email: bbayly@stclairtp.org.

DON'T FORGET TO 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.**

FROM THE CLERK

Important Election dates for 2018 are as follows:

State Primary is August 7, 2018.

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

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 absentee 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 absentee voter ballot mailed to you must be received by Joyce no later than 2 pm the Saturday before the election. After receiving your absentee 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 absentee 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



WATER & SEWER BILLING & DUE DATES

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

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

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

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

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.