

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP NEWS

WINTER 2015

WINTER TAX INFO & Reminders.....

IMPORTANT 2016 DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **February 16**—ALL TAXES ARE DUE without penalty, including deferred summer tax.
- **February 17**—Taxes are PAST DUE and a 3% penalty will be added.
- **February 29**—LAST DAY TO PAY TOWNSHIP TREASURER.
- **MARCH 1st**—PAYMENTS FOR REAL PROPERTY TAXES MUST BE PAID TO THE COUNTY TREASURER. Please call 989-224-5280 for payment information.

Township Officials:

- **Supervisor: Eugene Jones**
(989) 224-4463
- **Clerk: Bernadette Hayes**
(989) 224-6105
- **Treasurer: Julie Havens**
(989) 224-2150
- **Trustee: Dan Jorae**
(989) 224-4936
- **Trustee: Ramona Smith**
(989) 224-6197
- **Assessor: Beth Botke**
(517) 204-3752

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Scheduled 2015-2016 Meeting Dates:

Monday, DEC 7

Monday, JAN 4

Monday, FEB 1—To
incl. Budget Hearing

Monday, MAR 7—To
incl. Budget Approval

Meetings are normally
held the 1st MONDAY
of each month;

If a holiday falls on
Monday, meeting will
be the following Thurs.

MEETINGS START @
7:00 PM and are held
@ Township Hall

- **FIRSTMERIT BANK will be accepting WINTER tax payments NOW through February 16, 2016.** You can make your tax payment at the Main Office located at 200 West Higham Street, St. Johns—Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Please bring your entire tax bill and payment in full. They will stamp your portion of the tax bill as paid and this, along with your cancelled check, will be your receipt. NOTE: *Summer Tax payments CANNOT be made at the bank, due to interest calculations.*
- **POSTMARKS ARE accepted as long as we receive your payment within 5 days of mail date, and the postmark is clear and legible.** If it is missing or not legible, you may be billed for interest and/or a penalty.
- We DO accept PARTIAL PAYMENTS. These must be paid to the Township Treasurer. Either mail in your payment, or pay in person. After your payment is posted, I will send you a revised bill showing your payment and new balance
- **NEED A RECEIPT?** If you would like a receipt and you are paying by mail—Please send your entire tax bill with a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE (SASE) and your receipt will be mailed to you. IF PAYING IN PERSON: Please bring your entire tax bill with you. We will stamp your portion of the bill as paid—this will be your receipt. This saves the township hundreds of dollars and we appreciate your consideration with this!
- Delinquent **Personal Property Tax** is paid to Township Treasurer. Please call 989-224-2150 for payment information. *A note to anyone changing the name of their company or selling to a new owner—Personal Property (and the tax) follows the Personal Property and the new owner is liable for any unpaid tax.*

- I will be collecting taxes in my home (address is on your tax bill) on the following dates, or you may call for an appointment:

Wednesday, December 30, 2015	9am-5pm
Wednesday, January 27, 2016	10am-4pm
Tuesday, February 16, 2016	10am-4pm
Monday, February 29, 2016	9am-5pm

- **Drop Box is always available (North side of house).** Please leave your payment in an envelope, if possible. If you'd like a receipt, please leave a note and/or your entire tax bill along with a stamped envelope and a receipt will be mailed to you.
- **DEFERRED SUMMER TAXES ARE DUE FEBRUARY 16, 2016 .**
- **Anyone with Summer 2015 Taxes still owing—You should receive a separate bill showing the current payoff amounts—please call if you haven't received one.**
- **Michigan Disabled Veterans may be eligible for exemption of the property taxes on their principle residence** if certain qualifications are met. If you think you might be eligible, please contact our Assessor, Beth Botke for information. **REMINDER: This exemption is granted on an ANNUAL basis. It must be renewed each year.**

2016 Election Info**Are you registered to vote?**

February 8th Last day to register to vote in the **Presidential Primary—You must choose a party.**

March 8th **PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

July 5th Last day to register to vote in the **State Primary**

August 2nd **STATE PRIMARY ELECTION**

October 11th Last day to register to vote in the **November General Election**

November 8th **GENERAL ELECTION**

Other Township News & Info

- Be sure to check out our website **greenbushtwp.org** for meeting minutes, treasurer's reports, and more. Recently we have been having several special meetings concerning your fire and medical first responder service. Any special meeting or notice will be posted on our website, as well as at the township hall.
- **Thinking of splitting off a parcel of land?** Please call our Assessor, Beth Botke @ 517-204-3752. The Assessor must approve any splits to be legally recognized. A land DIVISION recorded with the county may not be recognized on the tax roll without approval from our Assessor. PLEASE CONTACT BETH IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING ANY KIND OF PARCEL SPLIT.
- **EUREKA CEMETERY**—If you are a resident of Greenbush Township, you will get a discounted price on a burial plot. For a relatively small amount, you can reserve your plot now and save your family the trouble (and increased cost) later. This includes ash burials, as well. Please contact Ramona Smith @ 989-224-6197 for more information.

Medication Disposal Programs

Protect your family, pets, the community and the environment by properly disposing of unwanted or expired medications through one of the programs noted below. Do not put medications "down the drain" or in the trash. They can end up in surface waters and negatively impact local ecosystems. The preferred disposal option is through special events which ensure safe disposal through incineration.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR MEDICATIONS IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONTAINERS, BUT BE SURE TO BLACK OUT ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION. THIS IS REQUESTED AT ALL SITES. Please do NOT bring needles, EPI pens, inhalers, aerosols or patches—These items can ONLY be handled at the ANNUAL CLEAN COMMUNITY EVENTS.

The Sparrow Clinton Memorial Pharmacy can accept all non-controlled pills, tablets and liquids year round, free of charge. Please call them for additional information and hours at (989) 224-8155. Controlled medications, such as narcotics and behavioral medications can be safely and securely dropped off at the Clinton County Sheriff's Office lobby Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Sat., Feb. 13, 2016 from 10am - 2pm at the **Community Center of the St. Jude Parish** at 801 N. Bridge Street in **DeWitt**.

Sat. Mar. 19, 2016 from 10am - 2pm at the **Bath Township Senior Center** at 14480 Webster Road in **Bath**.

Sat., Apr. 16, 2016 from 9am – 2pm at **Recycle Rama! Ingham County Health Department**, 5303 S. Cedar St. in **Lansing**.

Recycle Rama!**Saturday, April 16, 2016**

9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the **Ingham County Health Department** at 5303 South Cedar Street in **Lansing**.

All area residents are encouraged to take part in this **FREE** tri-county recycling effort. Acceptable items include electronics, household batteries, books, CD's & DVD's, holiday lights, unwanted medications, appliances & scrap metal, bicycles, dehumidifiers, room air conditioners, #1 to #7 plastics, glass bottles & jars, compact fluorescent light bulbs, mercury thermostats, mercury thermometers, used household fats, cooking oil & grease, polystyrene foam (NO packing peanuts), fabric & yarn and eyeglasses.

This event is brought to you by Board of Water & Light, City of East Lansing, City of Lansing, Clinton County Department of Waste Management, Delhi Twp, Ingham County Health Department, Peckham, Inc, Michigan Energy Options, Michigan State University and Community Emergency Response Team.