



*Marion Township*  
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The Board of Trustees meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. The Planning Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. The public is encouraged to attend. The meeting schedule and agendas are posted on the township's website, [www.mariontownship.com](http://www.mariontownship.com).

### SUMMER TAX PAYMENTS

The final day for summer tax payments without penalty is Wednesday, September 14. The Treasurer's office will be happy to answer any questions regarding your tax bill. Partial payments will be accepted. If you do not receive a receipt in the mail, please call us to verify that we have received your payment.

The application for deferment of 2011 summer taxes is available on the township's website. If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer's office.

### Marion Township Park #2

The first group of engraved pavers has been installed around the gazebo...come take a look! Pavers can still be ordered, and are available in three different sizes: single for \$50, double for \$75, and large for \$100. Order forms are available at the township hall or on the website. Don't miss your chance to be remembered forever and ever!



### Disc Golf Course

Marion Township Park #2 is now host to Howell Parks & Recreation Authority's 18-hole disc golf course, the first in Livingston County. The course will be open for play year-round from dawn to dusk and there's no charge. All holes are considered Par 3 and players must provide their own discs. For more information, visit HAPRA's website at [www.howellrecreation.org](http://www.howellrecreation.org).

### CLERK'S NEWS

#### Heritage Days



The fourth annual Heritage Days festival was held on June 11-12 and was a huge success. There were around 600 cars admitted, plus numerous others entered with various modes of transportation such as tractors, golf carts, and even a covered wagon. The weather was cooperative, so we had 39 tractors in our parade, 49 cars that entered our car show, 57 garden tractors that pulled, and lots of smiling faces! This festival was a hit because of all of the volunteers that are passionate about teaching children and adults about their heritage!

Our fourth annual *Trunk or Treat* will be held on October 31. People passing out treats can come at 5:15 pm to set up and have hot dogs, cider and donuts. Ghosts and goblins can collect treats from 6-8 pm.



Sharing Our Heritage cookbooks are available for \$10 at the township hall. Proceeds from sales of the cookbook benefit our Heritage Days event. The book contains over 200 favorite recipes from our staff and residents.

### Recycling

In the main entrance to the township offices, there are recycle bins for household batteries, printer cartridges, cell phones for LACASA or soldiers, and eyeglasses for the Lions organization. We also collect non-perishable food items for Gleaners on a year-round basis.

### FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Assessing staff is currently out in the field doing inspections. Field inspections may include taking photographs, measuring structures, etc. Staff will have identification, including photo name badges.

Property data and tax information is now available on the township's website. The assessing office is available to review property record cards and answer any questions. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us during regular business hours.

### DPW DEPARTMENT

If you have questions regarding township water or sewer issues, water meters, special assessments or cable TV problems, contact Cindy Hodge at the township or email [mariondpw@ameritech.net](mailto:mariondpw@ameritech.net). There is a link on the website's DPW page to the MHOG utility billing agency to pay your water/sewer bills online.

### Township Website

The Community Events page is a recent addition to the website. If you have items you would like to submit to the Community Events page, please email Cindy at [mariondpw@ameritech.net](mailto:mariondpw@ameritech.net). Events may include homeowners or lake association meetings, local charity fundraisers, garage sales or other events in the Howell area. If you have information you would like to submit for the website, please let us know.

Watershed Update: Marion Township continues participation in watershed management by collecting macro invertebrates in the Shiawassee River near Norton Road. There are 3 collection sites at that location; samples are collected in May and October. Samples are identified, counted and labeled to monitor water quality in the watershed. If you're interested in participating, email [mariondpw@ameritech.net](mailto:mariondpw@ameritech.net)

### FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

The township hosted two community sales in the parking lot in May and June. We plan to have one on the third Saturday of each month through October.

There are two computers with Internet access available to the public at no charge during regular business hours, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm. We also have wireless Internet access for those of you with wireless devices.

The township recently acquired property, formerly known as Hometown Village of Marion Phase 3, through a state tax foreclosure. The land is being farmed by a township resident. There is also a potential site available for an elevated water storage tank, financed and used by MHOG Water Authority.

The OLSHA Weatherization Assistance Program offers FREE energy-saving measures to income eligible families in Oakland & Livingston counties. This program will help make your home more energy efficient and save money on your utility bills! Energy efficiency measures may include home energy audits, wall and floor insulation, attic insulation and ventilation, air leakage reduction, furnace repair or replacement, and other energy saving measures. Call (517) 546-8500 or visit [www.olhsa.org](http://www.olhsa.org).

### ATTENTION HUNTERS!

*Howell Area Parks & Recreation Authority, Marion Township and Anything That Moves* are sponsoring a buck pole on November 15 at the township hall. The event begins at 4:00 pm; awards start at 8:00 pm. Check our website or cable channel for more information.