



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.

SUMMER TAX PAYMENTS

The application for deferment of 2012 summer taxes is available on the township's website. If you have any questions on qualifying, please contact the treasurer's office.

Friday, September 14 is the last day to pay your 2012 summer tax bill without interest.

The township office will be open from 10 am-4 pm that day to receive your payments. Partial payments are accepted. If you are mailing your payment, please allow enough time, because postmarks are NOT accepted! If you do not receive a receipt in the mail, call us at 517-546-1588, or you can check the township website to verify that we have received your payment.

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.

CLERK'S NEWS

Heritage Days



Marion Township's fifth annual Heritage Days was held on June 9-10. It was a steamy weekend with both the weather and the wood-fueled steam engines. We had a wonderful turnout with five steam engines, 36 tractors in the tractor parade, 57 cars in the show, nine dogs in the dog contest, and an entire barnyard of farm animals. The new attraction was the *Highlighting our Agricultural Heritage* tent where samples of locally-raised food was served. This festival was so successful because of all the volunteers that are so passionate about our heritage. If you would like to volunteer for next year's event, please contact the clerk's office.

Election News

Every resident over 18 years of age is eligible and encouraged to vote. The Primary Election is August 7, so the last day you can register and vote in that election is July 9. The General Election is November 6, and the last day you can register is October 9. AutoMark machines are available for voters with special needs such as hearing or vision impaired. Please call the clerk's office for information on registering, absentee voting, or any other questions.

Our fifth 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.



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.

DPW DEPARTMENT

Water/sewer connections, special assessments, or REU questions should be directed to Cindy during regular business hours, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-5 pm, or email mariondpw@ameritech.net. Information is also available on the township website's DPW page.

MHOG accepts online payments with MasterCard or Visa for water and sewer billing. You can set up an online account through Genoa Township's website, www.genoa.org. If you have questions about your bill, contact Carol at 800-881-4109. Water emergency number is 800-441-4991. Sewer emergencies, call 517-546-7150 weekdays 8 am-4 pm; after hours, weekends and holidays, call 911.

Cable TV complaints are now being addressed by the Michigan Public Service Commission. If you have been unable to resolve a complaint, they will assist you. The phone number is 866-552-7725, or fax 517-241-2400. The website is www.michigan.gov/mpsc; click on the video/cable button for information.

Township Website (www.mariontownship.com)

The website has two new features: Calendar of Events page lists township meetings, as well as events around Livingston County. Additional information about each event is listed on the Community Events page. If you would like to list your homeowners or lake association meetings, send email to mariondwp@ameritech.net. The other new feature is the Photo Contest. Photos

taken around the township are featured with a prize given for the first correct guess.

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Property data and tax information is available on the township's website at no charge. Information includes township assessing records, as well as the property record card, and the amount of taxes paid for each tax season and those owing in the current tax year as the amounts become available. 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.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control officers will now be writing misdemeanor tickets for dogs without a license, dogs running at large, barking dogs, livestock at large, and failure to bury a dead domestic animal. Standard court fines apply: 1st offense is \$195; 2nd is \$260; 3rd is \$410; and 4th offense will be sent to the prosecuting attorney.

Reminder: it's a state law that a dog must have a current rabies vaccine and a current dog license. Proceeds from licensing help fund not only our animal control operations, but also the care for pets in the shelter awaiting adoption.

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.

Marion Township now has an account on Twitter, [@mariontownship](https://twitter.com/mariontownship). Follow us! You can also "like" us on Facebook!

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.