



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 is posted on the township's website, www.mariontownship.com.

From the Treasurer's Office

Checks are deposited on the day received. Please do **NOT** postdate your check. If you do, it will be returned.

The treasurer's office will be open on December 23, 26 and 30 from 9 am-5 pm. We will accept tax payments from 10 am-2 pm on December 31. If your check is in the drop box at 8 am on Thursday, January 2, 2014, it will be processed for 2013. The final day to pay your 2013 taxes at the township is Friday, February 28, 2014. We will be open from 9 am-5 pm. Please remember that postmarks are **NOT** accepted.

By law, all taxpayers are sent a tax bill. If you have a mortgage company, they will request a copy of your bill. You can check our website, www.mariontownship.com, under Tax and Assessing Information, for real-time payments received. If you would like a receipt mailed to you, please call us at 517-546-1588.

WINTER TAX DEFERRAL

A taxpayer who is a senior citizen, paraplegic, quadriplegic, hemiplegic, eligible service person, eligible veteran, eligible widow or widower, or who is totally and permanently disabled or blind may be able to delay paying the winter taxes on his or her homestead until April 30 of the first year of delinquency. If eligible:

- Taxpayer must apply for homestead property tax credit before February 15
- Taxpayer must present a copy of his/her homestead property tax credit form to the County Treasurer
- Taxpayer cannot have received his/her homestead property tax credit refund before March 1

Please contact the Livingston County Treasurer, (517) 546-7010, or your local treasurer if you have any questions regarding the winter tax deferral.

DOG LICENSES—THREE-YEAR OPTION

You now have the option to purchase a one-year license or a three-year license that will expire in the MONTH of the current rabies expiration date. However, the rabies vaccination must be valid for the entire three year period in order to purchase the three-year license. Rabies vaccines can be renewed any time in the MONTH in which it expires. You are then eligible to purchase a dog license before the end of the MONTH.

If you do NOT purchase a dog license by the end of that MONTH, a late fee of \$15 will be added to the price of the license. For more information on prices, contact the treasurer's office.

Livingston County Animal Control

Animal Control officers may now write misdemeanor tickets for dogs without a license, dogs running at large, barking dogs, livestock at large, and failure to bury a dead domestic animal. An Animal Control officer must be able to verify that a misdemeanor occurred. 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 of pets in the shelter awaiting adoption.

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Property data is available to all residents upon request, and is also 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.

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.

DPW DEPARTMENT

Questions regarding water/sewer connections and locations, special assessments, or cable issues should be directed to Cindy by calling the township offices or emailing publicworks@mariontownship.com. Basic information is available on the DPW page of the township's website.

Water emergency number is 800-881-3109 (MHOG water authority); sewer emergencies should be reported to the City of Howell DPW at 517-546-7150, Mon.-Fri., 8 am-4 pm; after hours, weekends and holidays, please call 911.

Township Website (www.mariontownship.com)
Assessing and tax data is available on the front page of the website. You can print copies of property record cards, tax bills and receipts.

The website has been updated to include new headings: **Our Government** includes links to township departments with information pertaining to each. The link to email addresses for township officials and staff members is located here. **Reference Desk** is the link to read the board agendas/minutes for the Board of Trustees, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Minutes are for informational purposes; official minutes are available from the township clerk's office. Additional information includes general ordinances, subdivision agreements and plats, and rental information for the hall and/or gazebo. **Our Community** has information about events happening in Marion Township and Livingston County. Please email publicworks@mariontownship.com if you have an item you would like to add to this page. Examples would be homeowners/lake association meetings, subdivision garage sales, fundraising events, etc.

CLERK'S NEWS

Our 6th annual *Trunk or Treat* was held inside due to inclement weather. It was very well attended; we had about 25 residents handing out treats and about 300 well-behaved children. Fun was had by all!

Elections

The next scheduled elections are the August 2014 Primary and November Gubernatorial.

Heritage Days

This year's event is June 7-8, 2014, with lots of fun planned. If you are interested in volunteering or just want to get involved with the festival, give the Clerk's office a call.

Treasure Sales/Shred Event

This winter, we are planning indoor craft/garage sales one Saturday a month. The space is free, but you must call ahead to reserve your table. At the April 19, 2014 event, we will also have a shredder available from 9 am-1 pm.

Recycle Bins—Trial Basis for One Year

Recycle bins are located behind the township hall and are available 24-7. All items are accepted with the exception of plastic bags, waxed cardboard, styrofoam and blue glass. If you like this service, let us know!

Also available in the main entrance to the township offices, you will find recycle bins for special items we are collecting. There are bins for household batteries and hearing aids, prescription eyewear, and cell phones. We also collect seasonal items such as used Christmas lights during the holidays.

The township collects non-perishable food items for Gleaners year round. There is a box in the lobby for donations.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

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

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NOTARY SERVICES

Notary services are available at the township hall during regular business hours. The service is free to Marion Township residents.