



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 meeting schedule is posted on our website, www.mariontownship.com.

SUMMER TAX PAYMENTS

Monday, September 14, is the last day to pay your 2015 summer tax bill without interest. We do accept partial payments. We accept cash and check payment. Checks are deposited on the day received. Please do **NOT** postdate your check. If you do, it will be returned. 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.

The application for deferment of 2015 summer taxes is available on the township's website. Deferments can only be filed and dated from 7/1/15 through 9/14/15, and must be filed annually. If you have any questions about qualifying or need an application, please contact the treasurer's office.

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.

CLERK'S NEWS

Marion Township's 8th annual Heritage Days was held on June 13-14. We had a huge turnout on Saturday, but Mother Nature didn't cooperate on Sunday. We had a wood-fueled steam engine and 19 tractors in the tractor parade. Our festival is always successful because of the volunteers who are so passionate about our heritage. If you would like to volunteer for next year's event, please contact the township.

Our 8th annual *Trunk or Treat* will be held on October 31. For the last few years, the event was held indoors and was very well received. 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.

Election News

The May 5 election was quiet, with approximately 30% turnout. The next election is the Presidential Primary on March 15, 2016.

According to new state laws, absentee voters who wish to pick up their ballots in person must show photo ID. Acceptable ID is a current driver's license, federal or state issued ID, US passport, military identification with photo, student ID with photo or tribal ID with photo.

Recycling

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!

In the main entrance to the township offices, you will find recycle bins for special items that we collect: cell phones, household batteries, hearing aids, and prescription eyewear. 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.

DPW DEPARTMENT

Questions regarding water/sewer connections and locations, special assessments or cable service issues should be directed to Cindy by calling the township offices. Another option is to email questions to the DPW Department. Basic information for sewer and water is available on the DPW page of the township's website.

The water emergency number is 800-881-4109 (MHOG); sewer emergencies should be reported to 517-546-7150 (City of Howell DPW) Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm; after hours, weekends and holidays, please call 911.

Township Website (www.mariontownship.com)

The township's general ordinances are available online. Residents are encouraged to read agendas/minutes available on the website. Assessing/tax data is also available on the website; you can print tax bills and/or receipts. An updated version of the tax and assessing internet access software is being tested. Please be patient—we have been assured that it will be an improvement when fully implemented.

We've updated our computer systems and some of the staff may have updated email addresses. A list is available on the *Officials* page of the website.

Check the Calendar of Events page for meeting dates and other events taking place around Livingston County. More detailed information is provided on the Community Events page. Please send an email to pubicworks@mariontownship.com if you have an item you would like to add. Examples would be homeowner or lake association meetings, subdivision garage sales, fundraisers, etc.

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Property data is available to all residents upon request, and is also available on the township's website. Property owners are encouraged to review their property record card to ensure its accuracy. The assessing office is available to answer questions regarding your property assessment and can review your property record card with you. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us during regular business hours.

Assessing staff will be out in the field doing property inspections. Field inspections may include taking photographs, measuring structures, verifying existing data, etc. Staff will have identification with them, including names badges with a photo. These field inspections are imperative for us to continue providing accurate property assessments and we appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Assessing Department at 517-546-1588.

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 (\$400).

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

There are two computers with Internet access available to the public during regular business hours, Mon.-Thurs., 9:00 am-5:00 pm. We also have wireless Internet access for those of you with wireless devices.

Marion Township 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.

The township recently acquired a 10-acre parcel adjacent to the township hall to be used for recreational purposes.

D-19 Road Project Update

The project will be done in three stages: Stage 1 consisted of reconstructing D-19 north of I-96. Stage 2 includes widening D-19 to extend the left-turn lane south of I-96 through the intersections of Old Pinckney Road and Schroeder Park Drive. A temporary lane will be constructed to maintain two-way traffic and a speed reduction zone will be in place. Stage 3 includes removing the existing road surface, grading shoulders and repaving. Two-way traffic will be maintained under flag control during this final phase.

The entire project is scheduled to be completed by August 28. The project is funded by the Livingston County Road Commission with some participation by Marion Township.