



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](http://www.mariontownship.com).

**From the Treasurer's Office**

Checks are deposited on the day received. We have had an unusual amount of NSF checks. Please do **NOT** post date your check. If you do, it will be returned to you.

The treasurer's office will be closing for the year on December 29 at 5 pm. If your payment is in the drop box by 8 am Tuesday, January 3, 2012, it will be processed for 2011.

If you do not receive a receipt in the mail, please call us to verify that we have received your payment. You can also check on the township's website.

**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.

**2012 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. Please note that your 2011 dog license will extend to the MONTH of your current rabies expiration date of 2012. 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.*

**2012 DOG LICENSES MAY BE PURCHASED AT YOUR LOCAL TOWNSHIP/CITY BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2011. Please provide proof of rabies vaccination and proof of spay/neuter as required by State Statute.**

	<u>MALE/FEMALE</u>	<u>SPAYED/NEUTERED</u>	<u>PUPPY</u>
1 year	\$25	\$7	\$7
3 year	\$60	\$21	N/A

**Marion Township Park #2**

Brick pavers are still for sale to fill in the area around the gazebo next to the township hall. Pavers can be engraved, and are available in three different sizes: single/\$50, double/\$75, and large/\$100. Order forms are available at the hall or on the website.



## FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Property data is available to all residents upon request. 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

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.

### Watershed Update

Marion Township has participated in the collection of macro invertebrates in the Shiawassee River near Norton Road. Staff also participated in labeling and identifying the samples. This is a multi-year project to monitor the quality of Marion Township surface water. If any resident would like to join in the next event, please let us know.

### Township Website

The township website has been updated with some new features that we hope you find helpful. Property Assessing & Tax Information is now available; you will be able to check your property record card, or see if your taxes have been paid.

The Community Events page is also a recent addition to the website. If you have any items you would like to submit to the Community Events page, please email Cindy Hodge 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 any ideas or information you would like to suggest for the website, please let us know.

## NOTARY SERVICES

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

## CLERK'S NEWS

Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual *Trunk or Treat* was a huge success. There were 17 cars handing out treats and approximately 180 ghosts and goblins collecting treats. The weather was perfect and a howling good time was had by all.

The 2012 election cycle will be starting soon with the Presidential Primary on February 28, 2012, the State Primary on August 7, and the General Election on November 6. Contact the clerk's office to register to vote or for any other voting information.

Heritage Days is June 9-10, 2012, so mark your calendars. We have lots of fun events planned!

### Recycle Items

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 is now collecting non-perishable food items for Gleaners year round. There is a box in the lobby for donations.

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

The township hosted seven community sales, April through October, in the parking lot. A shredding event was also held at the April sale.

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 23 lots in the Copperfield development, off of Francis Road, through a state tax foreclosure. We also have 47 lots in Hometown Village of Marion. All of the lots are available for purchase.

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.