



Summer 2019

Robert W. Hanvey, Supervisor
Tammy Beal, Clerk
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Scott Lloyd, Trustee
Dan Lowe, Trustee

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 on our website www.mariontownship.com.

FROM TAMMY BEAL, MARION TOWNSHIP CLERK

Elections: The unofficial results from the May 7, 2019 Special Election are listed below:

*Precincts 1 & 2 4625 registered voters 422 people voted plus 529 AV voters (60.36% yes 39.64% no)
Precincts 3 & 4 3962 registered voters 331 people voted plus 547 AV voters (55.81% yes 44.08% no)
Turnout for this special election was 21.32%*

Trunk or Treat

Our 12th annual **Trunk or Treat** will be held inside on Thursday, October 31 from 6-8 pm. If you are handing out treats, come at 5:15 to set up your table and have a hot dog & cider with the officials and staff.

Buck Pole

Our annual **Buck Pole** will be held this year on Friday, November 15 from 4-9 pm.

Community Sale

We have a Back-to-School Mom-2-Mom Sale & Outdoor Community Sale scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9 am-2 pm. Contact Kitsey at (517) 546-1588 to reserve a spot.

Recycle Bins

A recycle bin is located behind the township hall; most items are accepted with the **exception of plastic bags, waxed cardboard, Styrofoam, and glass**. There is no need to separate your materials by type. We pay by volume, not weight, so **PLEASE CRUSH YOUR STUFF** before placing in the bin. Please respect the rules established by the recycling company. The current market for recycling is volatile; if the bins are used for items that aren't accepted, the township may consider discontinuing the service.

You will find recycle bins for household batteries, hearing aids, prescription eyewear, and cell phones in the lobby. We collect seasonal items such as used Christmas lights. There is a collection box in the lobby for non-perishable food item donations.


TREASURER'S OFFICE

You can now pay your property taxes online or in our office, using a credit card. For more information, please refer to the back of your tax bill or you can go to our website www.mariontownship.com.

MARION TOWNSHIP ASSESSING DEPARTMENT:

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (517) 546-1588, or by email at assessor@mariontownship.com

Property Purchased in 2018:

Did you purchase your property in 2018? If so, your Taxable Value “Uncapped” for your 2019 Tax Bill. “Uncap” means the **Taxable Value will equal the Assessed Value**. Your Taxable Value could rise considerably. This uncapping could cause a significant increase in the property taxes from 2018 to 2019. Taxable Value is the value used to calculate the property taxes for a property. Go to www.mariontownship.com for guidelines on Transfer of Ownership. Look for the link with the .

Principal Residence Exemption:

A Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) exempts a residence from the tax levied by a local school district for school operating purposes up to 18 mills. To qualify for a PRE, a person must be a Michigan resident who owns and occupies the property as a principal residence. The PRE is a separate program from the *Homestead Property Tax Credit*, which is filed annually with your Michigan Individual Income Tax Return.

Check your property tax bill in July to ensure you are receiving the exemption if you qualify! It is located on the right hand side of the bill under: Tax Detail: PRE/MBT % (if it shows 100%, you are receiving the exemption.)

DPW DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department is responsible for municipal water/sewer locations, permits, and special assessments for sewer/water that are included on the tax bill. Questions can be directed to Kitsey Rennells during regular business hours or by emailing publicworks@mariontownship.com

Emergency numbers for municipal water and/or sewer:

<i>Water</i>	<i>888-481-0439</i>
<i>Sewer</i>	<i>517-546-7150, Mon.-Fri., 8 am-4pm (after hours or holidays, call 911)</i>

ZONING DEPARTMENT

From your zoning administrator, Dave Hamann: Thank you to everyone for filling out the Master Plan survey. The Planning Commission is completing the draft for the Master Plan. Once the township board approves it for publishing, there will be two public hearings for residents to review and comment. If you provided your email, you will be notified of the date.

All Planning and Zoning information and applications are available on our website; select “*Links*” and then select “*Planning and Zoning*.” If you have questions, email me at za@mariontownship.com or Sandi at info@mariontownship.com. Complaint forms are online or available at the office.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR TAXPAYERS USING ELECTRONIC CHECKING SERVICES OR PAYING TAXES BY MAIL

Allow 10 business days for e-checks to be received by our office. We cannot post the payment until your check is in our possession.

U.S. mail originating from the Howell area is sent to Grand Rapids for postmarking and then distributed back to the Howell post office.

Mailing your payment the week taxes are due is no guarantee that our office will receive it by the due date.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT POSTMARKS

Payments may be left in our drop box. Payments deposited after 5:00 p.m. will be posted the next business day.