



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 7:00 pm. The public is encouraged to attend. The meeting schedule and agendas are posted on the township's website, [www.mariontownship.com](http://www.mariontownship.com).

The township's treasurer, Paula Wyckoff, retired from office, effective June 30. Jim Murray, township trustee, will be taking over as treasurer, effective July 1.

### SUMMER TAX PAYMENTS

The application for deferment of 2014 summer taxes is available on the township's website. If you have any questions on qualifying, please contact the treasurer's office.

Because September 14 falls on a Sunday, the last day to pay your 2014 summer tax bill without interest is Monday, September 15. The township office will be open from 9 am-5 pm to receive your payment. Partial payments are accepted. If you are mailing your payment or using an online payment service, 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.

### Jack Lowe Memorial Park (Township Park #2)

In memory of Jack Lowe, who passed away last May, a large rock has been placed near the gazebo in the park. We'll be having the rock engraved in the near future. Playground equipment will also be installed sometime this summer. A big thank you to Carolyn Wilson and Dick Munday for donating benches for use at the park.

### 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.*

### CLERK'S NEWS

Marion Township's 7<sup>th</sup> annual Heritage Days was held on June 7-8. It was a perfect weekend in regards to weather and turnout. We had two wood-fueled steam engines, 25 tractors in the tractor parade, and 38 cars in the car show. Some attractions were a consignment auction, wild game sampling, and chick hatching. Our festival was so successful because of all 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 7<sup>th</sup> annual *Trunk or Treat* will be held on October 31. For the last two 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

Every resident over 18 years of age is eligible and encouraged to vote. There is a primary election on August 5, so the last day you can register and vote in that election is July 7. The last date to register for the November 4 general election is October 6.

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](http://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 DPW if you have an item you would like to add. Examples would be homeowner or lake association meetings, subdivision garage sales, fundraisers, etc.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Jewell Road bridge project should be completed in late fall. Resurfacing on Coon Lake Road from Cedar Lake Road to Pingree will begin on June 24. Sometime

later this summer, construction will begin on D-19 from Wright Road to the Park and Ride.

## 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: 1<sup>st</sup> offense is \$195; 2<sup>nd</sup> is \$260; 3<sup>rd</sup> is \$410; and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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. 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](http://www.olhsa.org).