



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 and agendas are posted on the township's website, [www.mariontownship.com](http://www.mariontownship.com).

### SUMMER TAX PAYMENTS

The application for deferment of 2013 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 Saturday, the last day to pay your 2013 summer tax bill without interest is Monday, September 16. 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.

### Marion Township Park #2

The first group of engraved pavers has been installed around the gazebo...come take a look! Pavers can still be ordered, and are available in three different sizes: single for \$50, double for \$75, and large for \$100. Order forms are available at the township hall or on the website. Don't miss your chance to be remembered forever and ever!

### Disc Golf Course

The course is open for play year-round from dawn to dusk, no charge. We are in the process of adding a self-guided walking tour of the township property in the same area as the disc golf course. There are locations with descriptions of vegetation. Handouts will be available at the first tee of the course and will soon be added to the township's website.

### CLERK'S NEWS

#### Heritage Days



Marion Township's 6<sup>th</sup> annual Heritage Days was held on June 8-9. It was a perfect weekend in regards to weather and turnout. We had four wood-fueled steam engines, 36 tractors in the tractor parade, 60 cars in the car show, and 11 dogs in the dog contest. This year's event was dedicated to Jack Lowe, the founder of Heritage Days who passed in May. Our new attractions were a consignment auction, wild game sampling, and a dog park. 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 clerk's office.

#### Election News

Every resident over 18 years of age is eligible and encouraged to vote. There is a special election of the Howell District Library on August 6, so the last day you can register and vote in that election is July 8. According to new state laws, starting with the Aug. 6 election, 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.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> annual *Trunk or Treat* will be held on October 31. Last year, 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.



### Recycling

In the main entrance to the township offices, there are recycle bins for household batteries, printer cartridges, cell phones for LACASA or soldiers, and eyeglasses for the Lions organization. We also collect non-perishable food items for Gleaners on a year-round basis.

### 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 contact 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.

### 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 is currently 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.

### 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).