



Winter 2019

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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 on our website www.mariontownship.com.

FROM TAMMY BEAL, MARION TOWNSHIP CLERK

Trunk or Treat

Our 13th annual ***Trunk or Treat*** was held inside on October 31. It was well attended with 280 ghosts, goblins and princesses. There were 25 residents and staff members who handed out treats. Thank you to those of you who so generously handed out goodies.

Recycle Bins

The recycle bin has been removed because the company that we contracted with said there were a lot of items placed in the bin that were not recyclable. There were times when the bin would be full and overflowing onto the parking lot and blowing over to the neighbors. There was also no way to be assured that only Marion Township residents were using it and the icy driveway had its challenges also.

We will, however, still be accepting household batteries, hearing aids, prescription eyewear, and cell phones in the lobby. Seasonal items such as Christmas lights are also collected, but please do not put them in the mail drop box. The mailbox is for mail, taxes and ballots only.

Gleaners Donations

There is a large Gleaners box in our lobby for non-perishable food items. These items are delivered to Gleaners frequently for those less fortunate. We've collected over 3,000 lbs. so far!

Elections

There are new Election Laws enacted because of Proposal 18-3, which allows residents to register to vote on Election Day with proper identification. It also allows voters to vote with an absentee ballot without a reason and to request to be on the Clerk's permanent Absent Voter list simply by requesting to be. Election dates for 2020 are the ***March 10 Presidential Primary, August 4 State Primary, and November 3 State General Election.***

Shred Event/Mom-2-Mom Sale

A shred event is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 from 10 am-1 pm. We are also hosting a Mom-2-Mom sale from 9 am-2 pm; contact Kitsey at (517) 546-1588 to reserve a spot.


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:

The Department of Treasury guidelines state that 20% of the properties in the township should be reviewed each year. Staff from the department work year round to verify that we have accurate records. They may visit your property! They **will** visit your property if you have a building permit in the last two years. Contact the Assessing Department at (517) 546-1588 or by email at assessor@mariontownship.com if you have questions.

Property Purchased in 2019:

Did you purchase your property in 2019? If so, your Taxable Value will “Uncap” for your 2020 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 2019 to 2020. 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 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:

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

FROM YOUR ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, DAVE HAMANN

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.