



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

### TREASURER UPDATES

Checks are deposited on the day received. Please do NOT postdate your check. If you do, it will be returned.

The treasurer's office will be open on December 22, 23, 29 and 30 from 9 am-5 pm. We will accept tax payments from 9 am-3 pm on December 31. If your check is in the drop box before 8 am on Monday, January 5, 2015, it will be processed for 2014. The final day to pay your 2014 taxes at the township is Monday, March 2, 2015. We will be open from 9 am-5 pm. Please remember that postmarks are NOT accepted.

By law, all taxpayers are sent a tax bill. If you have a mortgage company, they will request a copy of your bill. You can check our website, [www.mariontownship.com](http://www.mariontownship.com), under Tax and Assessing Information, for real-time payments received. If you would like a receipt mailed to you, please call us at 517-546-1588.

### 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.*

### Livingston County Animal Control

Animal Control officers may now write misdemeanor tickets for dogs without a license, dogs running at large, barking dogs, livestock at large, and failure to bury a dead domestic animal. An Animal Control officer must be able to verify that a misdemeanor occurred. 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 of pets in the shelter awaiting adoption.

### CLERK'S NEWS

Our 7<sup>th</sup> annual *Trunk or Treat* was held inside again this year because of inclement weather. It was very well attended; we had about 20 residents handing out treats and about 300 well-behaved children. Fun was had by all!

### Elections

The November 4 General Election went well, with 51% voter turnout.

### Heritage Days

Heritage Days 2015 is scheduled for June 13-14. We'll have many of the usual features and new features too, like karaoke for all you stage-struck singers. If you are interested in volunteering or just want to get involved with the festival, contact Tammy Beal or Jim Murray at the township.

## Treasure Sales/Shred Event

This winter, we are planning indoor craft/garage sales one Saturday each month. The space is free, but you must call ahead to reserve your table. At the April 18, 2015 event, we will also have a shredder available from 10 am-2 pm.

## Recycle Bins

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. Other than that, there is no need to separate your materials by type. The township pays by volume, not weight, so PLEASE CRUSH YOUR STUFF before depositing it in the bin.

Also available 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 collects non-perishable food items for Gleaners year round. There is a box in the lobby for donations.

## NOTARY SERVICES

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

## FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

General tax assessment information and forms are available on the township's website at [www.mariontownship.com/assessing/assessor.htm](http://www.mariontownship.com/assessing/assessor.htm). Property assessment data can be accessed online by following the Marion Township Property Data—Assessing & Tax Info link or by contacting the assessing office and we will provide you with the requested information. We encourage all township residents to review their property record cards to ensure accuracy. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the assessing office during normal business hours for assistance. Assessing staff will continue to be out doing year-end field inspections. Field inspections may include taking photographs, measuring structures, verifying the accuracy of records, etc. Staff will have proper identification, including photo name ID badges. It is vital that we are able to maintain accurate property records, which will allow us to continue properly administering your assessments. We appreciate your cooperation.

Charlie Decator, MAAO

## 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 2

## DPW DEPARTMENT

Questions regarding water/sewer connections and locations, special assessments, or cable issues should be directed to Cindy by calling the township offices or emailing [publicworks@mariontownship.com](mailto:publicworks@mariontownship.com). Basic information for sewer and water is available on the DPW page of the township's website.

Water emergency number is 800-881-3109 (MHOG water authority); sewer emergencies should be reported to the City of Howell DPW at 517-546-7150, Mon.-Fri., 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 may 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.

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

The township park around and to the west of the hall has been officially dedicated as the Jack Lowe Memorial Park in honor of Jack Lowe, a lifetime resident who was instrumental in the development of both township parks. A small play area has been added near the gazebo on West Coon Lake Road at County Farm Road. We thank the Wilson/Mundy family for the donation of four benches that have been installed around the area.