

Summer 2020

Robert W. Hanvey, Supervisor Tammy Beal, Clerk Duane Stokes, Treasurer Les Andersen, Trustee Greg Durbin, Trustee 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 <u>www.mariontownship.com</u>.

FROM TAMMY BEAL, MARION TOWNSHIP CLERK

Trunk or Treat

Hopefully, our 13th annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 6-8 pm. Please watch the township website for updates.

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 two elections this year: the August 4th Primary and the November 3rd General Election. Applications have already been sent out to the voters on the Permanent absentee voter list, but you can still request an absentee application without a reason. An application must be filled out and signed before <u>every</u> election by the voter before the Clerk can issue you a ballot. These ballots do count; when returned by the voter, they are securely kept and are not opened until Election Day. On Election Day, a team of certified Election Inspectors open and tabulate the ballots. Contact the Clerk's office if you would like an absentee application.

Polls will be open for both elections from 7 am-8 pm, so you can still come in and vote in person at your regular precinct.

Community Sale/Mom-2-Mom Sale

Please check our website for information on future dates for community and Mom-2-Mom sales. At this time, nothing has been scheduled.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

You can 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 <u>www.mariontownship.com</u>. A link to the township's financial information is available on the front page of our website.

MARION TOWNSHIP ASSESSING DEPARTMENT:

The Department of Treasury guidelines state that 20% of the properties in the township should be reviewed each year. Staff work year-round to verify that we have accurate records. They may visit your property! They <u>will</u> 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 <u>assessor@mariontownship.com</u> 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 <u>significant increase in the property taxes from 2019 to</u> <u>2020</u>. 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: <u>Tax Detail: PRE/MBT %</u> (if it shows 100%, you are receiving the exemption.)

Principal Residence Exemption forms and Property Transfer Affidavits can be filed by email to <u>assessor@mariontownship.com</u>, by fax to (517) 546-6622, or by regular mail.

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 <u>publicworks@mariontownship.com</u>

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

We encourage you to submit Land Use applications, requests for waivers, etc. via email or the drop box in the lobby. Please be sure to include your email address and a daytime phone number. 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 <u>za@mariontownship.com</u> or Sandi Longstreet at <u>info@mariontownship.com</u>. Complaint forms are online or available at the office.