

# Summer 2021

Robert W. Hanvey, Supervisor Tammy Beal, Clerk Sandy Donovan, 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 <a href="https://www.mariontownship.com">www.mariontownship.com</a>.

## FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

At the request of several residents, we are installing "No Engine Braking" signs at several locations around the township. This new restriction will be enforced by the Livingston County Sheriff.

## FROM TAMMY BEAL, MARION TOWNSHIP CLERK

#### **Trunk or Treat**

Hopefully, our annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 31 from 6-8 pm. Please watch the township website for updates, or call the township for more information.

## **Food Donations**

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

## **Shredding**

The Spring shredding event was very well attended. Watch for dates for next Spring's event.

#### 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

Hello, my name is Sandy Donovan and I am the newly-elected treasurer for Marion Township. I have just completed my first year of three at the Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Institute to become a Michigan Certified Professional Treasurer (MiCPT.) I look forward to continuing my certification and to serving the community!

For your safety, we encourage you to use our walk-up secure drop box located just right of the main entrance. We have included a return envelope with your tax bill for easy mail-in payments. You can also pay online by credit card (the vendor charges 3%) or by electronic check (at a cost of \$3) on our website, <a href="www.mariontownship.com">www.mariontownship.com</a>. If you have a mortgage with an escrow account that pays your taxes, you will still receive a bill for informational purposes. You can visit our website for payment verification under <a href="mailto:Property/Assessing/Tax Data">Property/Assessing/Tax Data</a>. FYI—postmarks will not be accepted. 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 2020:**

Did you purchase your property in 2020? If so, your Taxable Value will "Uncap" for your 2021 tax bill. "Uncap" means the <u>Taxable Value will equal the Assessed Value</u>. Your Taxable Value could rise considerably. This uncapping could cause a <u>significant increase in the property taxes from 2020 to 2021</u>. Taxable Value is the value used to calculate the property taxes for a property. Go to <u>www.mariontownship.com</u> for guidelines on Transfer of Ownership. Look for the link with the <u>www.mariontownship.com</u>

# **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 assessor@mariontownship.com, 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 <a href="mailto:publicworks@mariontownship.com">publicworks@mariontownship.com</a>

Just a reminder...please refrain from using flushable wipes. Otherwise, you may need this number! Emergency numbers for municipal water and/or sewer:

<u>Water</u>

888-481-0439

<u>Sewer</u>

**517-546-7150** Mon.-Fri., 8 am-4pm (or 911 after hours)

## FROM YOUR ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, DAVE HAMANN

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 <a href="mailto:za@mariontownship.com">za@mariontownship.com</a> or Sandi Longstreet at <a href="mailto:info@mariontownship.com">info@mariontownship.com</a>. The Livingston County Building Department no longer requires waivers for new roofs. Complaint forms are available online or at the office.