

# Summer 2022

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 would like to encourage property owners to take a few minutes to complete the enclosed *Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Community Survey*. The survey can be completed online, returned with your tax payment, or returned separately to the township hall.

## FROM TAMMY BEAL, MARION TOWNSHIP CLERK

#### **Election News**

Because of redistricting, everyone was sent a new voter ID card with the updated district information. If you have not received one, please let the Clerk's department know and we will find out why.

There are two elections coming up this year: The August 2, 2022 Primary which is a nominating ballot. For this election, you must vote all Democrat or all Republican (you may not split your ticket.) You must also stay with the same party even when voting for Precinct Delegates. There is also a millage proposal for funding of the Howell Area Fire Authority.

November 8, 2022 is the General Gubernatorial election where you can vote for candidates from either party, along with any of the proposals. Please check our website for any updated information and forms that you may need.

#### **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

We have a 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 (\$3 fee) 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 to verify payment under *Property/Assessing/Tax Data*. FYI—postmarks will not be accepted. A link to the township's financial information is available on the front page of our website.

When filling out your check, we must go by the written portion of the check so please make sure it matches the number portion of the check and is the correct amount due. Make checks payable to "Marion Township" and include your parcel number (4710-XX-XXX-XXX.) When paying by cash, please bring as close to the exact amount as possible as we keep minimal change on hand for security reasons. We would like to keep cash handling to a minimum.

#### **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 Dept. at (517) 546-1588 or email <u>assessor@mariontownship.com</u> if you have questions.

## **Property Purchased in 2021:**

Did you purchase your property in 2021? If so, your Taxable Value will "Uncap" for your 2022 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 2021 to 2022</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

## **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 <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

Sewer

**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>.