

Montrose Township

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Summer Newsletter 2015

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Summer Taxes due Sept. 14

Gail Fikes

Montrose Township Treasurer

"Summer tax bills are mailed out to Montrose Township residents the first week in July," said Treasurer Gail Fikes. "If you don't receive your summer tax bill in the mail, call our office and we'll assist you in getting it."

Tax bill receipts will be mailed **only when you include a postage-paid envelope with your payment.**

Taxes are payable July 6, 2015 thru September 14, 2015. Beginning Sept. 15, 2015 – 1% interest per month will be added. This tax is considered delinquent beginning March 1, 2016 and then payable to the Genesee County Treasurer with 4% penalty and 1% interest added per month.

2015 Township Board Meetings

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

7 P.M. ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH-
JULY 21; AUG. 18; SEPT. 15; OCT. 20;
NOV. 10 (SECOND TUESDAY) AND DEC. 15

Township Now Accepts Credit Cards

The Township is happy to announce its new **Point n' Pay** system to help residents pay their water, sewer or tax bills more conveniently. For a small transaction fee, residents can use their debit or credit card in person at the Township Office or pay online using the new secure system on the Township Web Site. Offering these modern payment options is getting favorable feedback. "I like the option of paying with my credit card," said one resident who paid his June water bill for the first time using his credit card. **Point n' Pay** representatives helped Township officials install the new electronic payment programs in June.

Proposed Township Public Safety Complex

Mark Emmendorfer

Montrose Township Supervisor

"Montrose Township is excited about the plans Gazall Lewis & Associates and an eleven-member committee is developing for a proposed Montrose Township Public Safety/Administration Building," said Supervisor Mark Emmendorfer. "The future site for this building is at Seymour and Vienna Roads, near Barber Park. To date, a tentative floor plan and site plan has been accomplished. The committee collaborating on this project include three Board members- Mark Emmendorfer, Linda Miller and Tom Tithof; Fire and Police Chiefs (*George Taylor and Darrell Ellis*) and five Township residents with various professional backgrounds. Funding for the proposed public safety complex will include a USDA loan and Landfill Impact fees. The public will be able to see the plans and learn more about the public safety complex at upcoming special meetings.

Barber Park Amenities

Besides the scenic views and winding bike and nature paths at Barber Park you will find: a boat launch and ramp, fishing pier, state-of-the-art playground, child-and-adult swing sets, grills, baseball diamond, soccer fields, grassy area, two pavilions, picnic tables, water, electricity, modern bathrooms, portable toilet, doggie-waste stations, sledding hill (winter), home of the Montrose Township Farmers' Market June-October.

Barber Park Rentals

Residents can rent and reserve the park pavilions or the pier at the Township Office, 139 S. Saginaw Street. The pavilion/pier fee is \$25 and deposit of \$50 (refundable). Pavilions are rented to residents and non-residents on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Aug. 4 School Election

Fred Domine

Montrose Township Clerk

"Voters in the Montrose School District will have the opportunity to vote in the August 4, School Election," said Clerk Domine. "Voters will get to cast a **YES or NO** vote to renew the current millage of 18 mills that is levied on non-homestead property."

Montrose School District voters who live in Maple Grove Township will vote at the Montrose High School. Maple Grove Clerk Richard Maxa and Clerk Domine collaborated and sought permission from the Genesee County Clerk's Office to merge Maple Grove voters into the Montrose Township voting database. "It only makes sense," said Domine. "They have 70 Montrose School District voters and we'll save them the cost of holding an election by adding those voters to our voter list."

Clerk Domine invites Montrose Township residents in need of registering to vote to visit the Township office. The deadline to register to vote in the Aug. 4, School Election is **Tuesday, July 6, 2015.**

To learn more details about this homestead renewal proposal visit: www.montroseschools.org.

Brent Run Landfill Passes & Hours

Brent Run Landfill, 8247 Vienna Road, meets the disposal needs of Montrose Township residents 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday and 7-9:30 a.m. on Saturdays. Township residents can receive one Brent Run Landfill FREE PASS per day. To contact Brent Run Landfill call (810) 639-3077 or email cust3110@wcnx.org.

LANDFILL



Home Occupation Info

Dennis Miller

Montrose Township Building & Zoning Official

While the Township recognizes that many residents feel the necessity to work out of their home, the Township also recognizes the rights of all residents to be free from actual or potential nuisance which may be caused by non-residential activities conducted in a residential zoning district. A home occupation permit may be granted by the Planning Commission within a single-family residential dwelling unit as a special land use. The Planning Commission shall conduct a public hearing prior to approving a home occupation permit. A home occupation permit may be permitted following a determination by the Planning Commission that the proposed occupation complies with all of the standards as provided by the code. For a list of the standards and other related information on home occupations go to <http://www.amlegal.com/library/mi/montrosecharter.shtml>; click "View Code," then click "Title XV-Land Usage," then click "153-Zoning Code," then click "Home Occupation."

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT NEWS

Rose Pest Solutions has been successfully eliminating mosquitoes in Montrose Township since 2011, when voters approved a five-year mosquito abatement program. Rose Pest crews have already been spraying sections of the Township and will continue throughout the pesty mosquito season. If you would like your property inspected/treated for excessive mosquitoes, call Kelly, our representative, at (989) 754-1489. In 2016, Montrose Township residents will need to consider and vote on the renewal of the mosquito program.



Montrose Township Road Improvements...The Montrose Township Board has approved various road improvement projects using 50/50 funds from Genesee County Road Commission- 1. Ditch Mowing (Township-wide) 2. Paving intersection approaches 3. Crack-seal Allen Drive 4. Crack-seal Frances Rd (McKinley-Elms) 5. Gravel on Westfield and River Grove 6. Gravel Frances Rd. east of Seymour 7. Gravel and ditch Willard Rd. 8. Apply three-inch resurfacing on various roads –(Twp. cost=\$476,092.49)