

Monitor Township

News



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Notes from Gary A. Brandt, Monitor Township Supervisor



Monitor Township Road Work. Road work has started in the township with the resurfacing of the bridges on Wheeler and Mackinaw Roads. Both of these are now resurfaced and the roads are open again which means no more detours for these roads, but construction will be starting on Salzburg Road from 4 Mile to Mackinaw the middle of June.

Monitor Township is also working on resurfacing a lot of the Township roads. In order to resurface as many roads as possible in the next two or three years, the Township has decided to take out a bond so that the road millage money could be used up front. The Township Board felt it would be better to resurface as many roads as possible now rather than do a few miles every year for the 10 years of the road millage. Interest rates are low now (less than 2%). Since costs will be higher later, we should be able to get more miles done now with the funds available. This way most of the roads can be resurfaced and the bonds will be paid with the road millage and money from the General fund over the ten years of the road millage.

At the present time, the Township is planning to resurface 20+ miles of roads this year. Bids are out and we hope the numbers will be favorable to do the following roads which are both subdivisions and section line roads:

Townline 14 (Fraser to 8 Mile) Old Beaver
N. Union (Fraser to Mackinaw)
Fraser (US 10 to Townline 14) and (Hotchkiss to Salzburg)
Kasemeyer (Salzburg to Fisher)
Three Mile (Wilder to Wheeler) Hilltop

Christena	Four Mile (Salzburg to Fisher)		
Kawkawlin Village (Spring, Pine, Fraser, Russell, Chippewa, Beech)			
Tupper	Berthiaume	Lupine (Dr. & Ct.)	
Moeller	Ohio	Security	Harvest
Homestead	Sportsman	Kenneth	Karl
Sunshine	Michael	Wayne	Sharon
Dennis	Noreen	Cadillac	Chrysler
Continental	Thunderbird	Imperial	Easy
Traxler Ct	Peachtree	Northway	
Brentway	Reinhardt	Gaertner	
Christy Way	Arlean	Viola	
Four Mile (Hotchkiss to Salzburg)			
Fisher (Baxman to 2 Mile), Baxman (Salzburg to Fisher)			

There are also several new Industrial and Commercial buildings going up in the Township. Several projects are in Tech Park. Kerkau is expanding and you can see their new building from the highway. NBS Commercial Interiors has begun construction. F. P. Horak and Sherwin Williams are in the planning stages for new buildings as well.

Bayfield Assisted Living is ready to start construction of Phase 2 on Monitor Rd. Woodhaven Senior Apartments are under construction on 2 Mile Rd. Hampton Inn will begin construction on Traxler Ct. off of Wilder in June.



Notes from Margaret Ford, Monitor Township Assessor

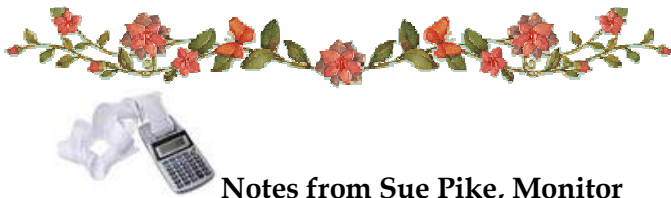
Isn't it amazing that summer is here already! It means that fall and winter will be back before you know it. It is also a reminder to me to get out of the office and do some assessing in the township.

Just a reminder that if you purchased a home this year and it is your principle residence, you need to file the Principle Residence Affidavit by June 1st. In Monitor we collect the school operating taxes on our summer bill. If you have an exemption, you will be exempt from paying the school operating tax on the summer bill or at least a portion of it. If you have not filled out this affidavit, please call or look on our website--www.monitortwp.org--to obtain one. Remember, the State of Michigan only allows one principle residence. You cannot have a principle residence in another state either. Audits are done, so be careful to make sure you rescind anything over 1 (one) principle residence.

If you traveled to another state for the winter and are now back in Monitor, make sure we know so we can change your address back here for the summer tax bills. A lot of you have already done so and I thank you.

Enjoy your summer – it's been a long time coming.





**Notes from Sue Pike, Monitor
Township Treasurer**

Tax Collection Hours are Monday through Friday 9am – 12pm & 1pm – 4pm
Entire office is Closed 12-1pm for lunch

Summer Taxes will be mailed out June 30th ; be sure to review carefully for any corrections. Taxes are not forwarded in the US mail, so for you snow birds, stop in to see the assessor to have your address changed. If you have not received your tax bill by July 15th, please call our office to find out to whom and where they were mailed. Please be aware that the state law says a property owner is responsible for property taxes (including late charges that may accrue) regardless of whether or not a bill was received. You should expect to receive a tax bill on the first of July and on the first of December of each year. If for some reason you do not receive a tax bill, please call our office to verify your address and to have a duplicate sent.

A Note to all... I have spoken with our US Postal carrier and mail now goes to Detroit and back to Bay City. Turn around is now 2-4 days.. Please keep this in mind, for those of you who pay close to last day, in order to avoid late charges. You may have mailed your payment thinking we would receive it in the next day or two, but postal services have changed.

I would like to share some information with you for the upcoming 2015 Summer Tax Season. Our summer tax bill will consist of State Education Tax, County Operating Tax and Bay City Public School tax. Summer millage total is 32.7157. If 100% homestead, Summer millage total will be 14.7157.

Your tax bill includes your **receipt**. Please tear off at the bottom and mail with your payment. *Keep the top portion for your receipt.* **Additional copies are 35¢ each.**

Thank you to all of you who use our drop box located in the parking lot for after-hour convenience. We check it twice a day to make sure that your payments are applied promptly. To our residents that request a paid receipt by mail, thank you for including your stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment.

If you have deferred your taxes, please remember that payment is due by February 14, 2016. As a courtesy, we have mailed all those who were deferred in the prior year a new application to fill out. **A new form must be filled out each and every calendar year.** If you think you may qualify to defer your summer taxes, you may pick up an application at our office or print one at www.michigan.gov/treasury and

[typing "471"](#) into the search bar. Applications will be accepted from July 1 through September 14, 2015.

As always, cat and dog licenses will be available at the tax window. You must present your rabies certificate to be issued a new license. We will be closed July 4th and Sept 7th.



**Notes from Chief John Kramer, Monitor
Township Fire Chief**

Greetings from your fire department. I would like to pass along some important information to our residents. First of all everyone is drawn to the sounds of sirens, flashing red lights and the sight of smoke in the air. Everybody wants to drive by or come watch what is going on. What most people do not realize is that when you arrive and stop your vehicles or slow down to watch, you are actually hampering our efforts to get on scene and start our fire attack. When the street gets plugged up with bystanders, our incoming fire trucks and those from other townships who have been called in to assist us cannot get to the fire scene. It causes our firefighters to park several blocks from the scene and then walk to their assigned locations. We as firefighters are asking for your help in reducing the amount of cars, people and lost time of response by staying several blocks from the fire scene. If you wish to walk up to the area, we have no problem with this. Please stay back and do not interfere with our operations. With your help and cooperation we can reach our objective and that is to save lives, protect properties and reduce injury or loss of life.

STAY BACK!!!



It is summer time and the weather changes every few hours (if you live in Michigan). Please remember that you need to obtain a burning permit to burn brush, leaves, branches etc. *You cannot burn grass!* It is illegal in Michigan to do so. Our permits are free and we are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Failure to follow the Township Ordinance could be costly.

Another summer time problem is people flicking their cigarettes out the windows of their cars. This causes several grass fires along roadways and our highways. It also can cause vehicle fires, especially farm vehicles hauling wheat or hay. All it takes is one flick of a cigarette and the cost and time associated could be in the thousands of dollars and many manpower hours of your tax dollars. Needless to say the stress it puts on your firefighters. Please extinguish your cigarettes in the car ashtray and keep our roads safe and clean. Another safety tip is to never dump your ashtrays, charcoal ashes or fire place ashes in a plastic container. Use a metal can and allow the can to cool for a minimum of three days to insure that the hot ashes are fully extinguished.

As always, please stop in anytime to visit or talk to us about problems or issues that you need answers to. We love the visits and wish you all a very enjoyable and safe summer time.



Notes from Dep. Lee and Dep. Prezzato assigned to Monitor Township

If you are planning to go on vacation, you can pick up a house check request at the township office. Deputies will check the exterior of your residence while you are on your trip. Also remember to leave the phone number of a local contact person (neighbor, family member or friend) in case there is a problem with the residence. It is a good idea to leave a key with the contact person in case entry to your house is needed. Have a great summer.

Any questions, please contact Deputy Lee or Deputy Prezzato at (989) 895-4050.



Yard waste pick-up is the day after your regular trash day and continues through November 30. You may put out an *unlimited* number of bags or cans

weighing less than 50 pounds. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be accepted.



Have a large item to be picked up? One large item a week can be put out on the same day as your trash. A separate truck does large pickups, usually the day after your trash. Waste Management's number is 1-800-796-9696. The numbers in the phone book are not correct.

Recycling now picks up plastics #1, #2, #3, #4 #5,#6 and #7. They *will* pick up shredded paper if it is in a paper bag--not plastic.

Twigs and branches that are less than 3 inches in diameter must be in bundles less than 4 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter.



Please pick up after your dog when walking whether you are in the park or walking down a street.



Monitor Township Park is located on 3 Mile Rd. between Midland and N. Union and is open from 8 a.m. until sunset through September 30. Lost items are taken to the Township office. Come to the Township office to reserve the pavilion or ball diamonds.

For proper disposal of hazardous materials, call the Bay County Health Department at 895-4006 or check their website at www.baycounty-mi.gov/Health



Trash is delayed one day after these dates: September 7, November 26.



Your next newsletter will be sent in December.



- Supervisor ----Gary A. Brandt
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- Clerk-----Cindy Kowalski
Clerk@monitortwp.org
- Deputy Clerk—Linda Ferguson
- Treasurer-----Sue Pike
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- Deputy Treasurer—Josie Hill
- Assessor----Margaret Ford
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- Building Dept.--Carol Goodwin
Building@monitortwp.org
- Trustee-----Earl Arnold
- Trustee-----Elaine Kochany
- Trustee-----Ken Malkin
- Trustee-----Terry Miller
- Administrative Secretary—
Jean Wildeboer
Officemanager@monitortwp.org





Township Hours

Township Office Hours 9-12 and 1-5

Tax Collection Hours 9-12 and 1-4

Assessor Margaret Ford

8-12 and 1-4 Monday through Friday

Building Department 8-12

Carol Goodwin--Bldg. & Zoning Admin. Assistant

Dave DeGrow--Building Inspector-no office hours

David Rochow---Zoning Enforcement- no office hrs

Electrical Inspector

Frank Bryden 894-5053

Plumbing & Mechanical Inspector

Dell Bedford 989-272-5108



Historical Notes

25 Years Ago

Chief Schweitzer's recommendation that B. Bladecki be promoted to Lieutenant is accepted.

A public hearing was held regarding a traffic light being placed on Euclid and the straightening of Fairway to align with Ionia on the west side of Euclid Avenue.

50 Years Ago

Approved--that the Fire Chief be permitted to service the Fire Hydrants in the township; the township to furnish the necessary paint. Bangor Monitor to pay \$3.00 per year per hydrant.

75 Years Ago

Moved by John Schwab supported by Ed Reutter, that the Supervisor and the Clerk be authorized to purchase the Wolverine Mine property for a Township dumping ground and to transact all business pertaining to same.

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