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Newsletter - Summer 2019

From the Supervisor:

I am happy to report the following:

- Augusta Township made it through one of the worst floods in the history of the township. Our drains and ditches need a lot of attention and will be a priority. Many of our roads are scheduled for grading and gravel. I ask for your patience.
- Recently Trustee Ray Knick resigned from the board. Unfortunately, he had to move out of the township to help care for a family member. He was an asset to the Board and his input with the Fire Station building plans were greatly appreciated. Thank you, Ray Knick.
- We started our annual audit, it will be as successful as last year.
- Our annual spring cleanup was a success with a large turnout. Washtenaw County paid for the whole event. It made the community a cleaner place to live.
- The 2019 Car Show will be at the Lincoln High School parking lot on August 25th, free of charge. Mr. Dan Woolf will be managing the car show with my support.
- If anyone in the township would like to donate land for a park or nature preserve, please contact the township hall. The donation could be a tax write-off for you.
- The lighting project that Cath Howard and I are working on is still in progress. Cath is working very hard with the Washtenaw Urban County partnership for funding.
- The new Fire Station is moving along at a very good pace. There has been excellent planning for this project, hopefully we will break ground in the fall.
- We have a new Public Water Dispenser that takes paper money. It makes the dispenser a lot easier to use.
- If you have ownership paperwork for Stoney Creek cemetery we need a copy or you may lose ownership. The new section of the cemetery has lots available for sale. Contact the Hall for pricing.
- There are still abandoned homes that need to be dealt with. These houses are dangerous left alone. We have to go through the courts to have them taken down. It would be better if they could be rehabbed.
- I would like to thank the staff, the deputies and the board for their excellent work to make our community better.

Brian Shelby, Supervisor

From the Treasurer:

Hello residents!

We have been working hard to revamp the information on the tax bill. The front of the bill is almost the same information you are used to seeing. It breaks down the tax payments to each entity, including special assessments when applicable. It might be interesting to you to know that the only summer tax money that goes to the township is the Administration fee listed! The back of the bill has been changed to make it easier for you to find out the how and when to make your real and personal tax payments, apply for tax deferments, principal residence exemption, utility and escrow mortgage information. We also let you know when interest and fees may apply.

I am not only Treasurer within the Board of Trustees (BOT), I am also the liaison to the Farmland Preservation Board, which meets once a month. We are still looking for another member if you are interested. We are very proud to announce our first purchase from the mileage the residents approved in 2016. The Farmland Preservation Board entered into a partnership with Washtenaw County ALPAC and purchased 117.5 acres for a conservation easement with a farm in the township. This was supplemented by the state RCPP grant. We are very excited to have our first project off the ground and look forward to creating this valuable open space in the township for the future.

Finally, I am also a member of our new Park Advisory committee. We are exploring the idea of developing a community space on land the township already owns, 3.3 acres on Willis Road, not far from Lincoln School. To get things rolling we, would like for you to fill out the survey question if this is something you would like (or not) see the township pursue. The survey is on another sheet in this envelope with your tax bill. We are only in the discussion phase right now, so we welcome your input and would love to hear from you.

Our township board is only made better with the communication we get from our residents. We look forward to building this a better township, together. Thank you to the BOT for the hard work we have put in so far.

Regards,

Susan Burek, Treasurer

Joanne Wade, Deputy Treasurer

Clerk's Corner

All kinds of exciting things are happening in the Clerk's Office. We are getting ready for the August 6th election and wanted to share information regarding the new laws that make voting easier and more convenient.

When and how can you register to vote under the new laws?

You can register to vote when you are age 17 1/2. You may register to vote in person, by mail, or online up to 15 days prior to an election. Voters may also register in person at Augusta Charter Township Hall clerk's office within 14 days of an election, up to and including Election Day. A voter registering in the final 14 days, including Election Day, will need to show proof of residency in addition to proof of identity (or an ID that proves both). NOTE: Only voters registering in the final 14 days must show proof of residency while registering.

How do I apply for an absent voter ballot?

Absent voter ballots are available to registered voters for all elections. They provide a convenient method for casting a ballot when a voter is unable to attend the polls on election day. On the application form you can choose to be on the **permanent absentee ballot list**. For more information, call us at 734-461-6117 or visit Washtenaw.org under elections.

Where can I get forms?

You may obtain official forms at one of the following:

- Augusta Charter Township Clerk's office
- Your local Secretary of State branch office
- Your local county, city, or township clerk's office
- Offices of several state agencies, including the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Community Health.
- Online
 - Michigan Voter Registration
www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration_97046_7.pdf
 - Michigan Absent Voter Ballot Application
www.michigan.gov/documents/AbsentVoterBallot_105377_7.pdf

When will Augusta Township Clerk's office be open?

Monday through Friday 9 to 4 pm.
Saturday, August 3 from 8 am to 4 pm.

The election to be held August 6, 2019 is for a Washtenaw County Intermediate School District proposal. Visit www.washtenaw.org and look under Election Information for the entire ballot language.

We are very thankful for our election workers and look forward to seeing everyone at the polls.

Respectfully,
Belynda Domas, Clerk
Kim Gonczy, Deputy Clerk
Michael Bartley, Election Manager