

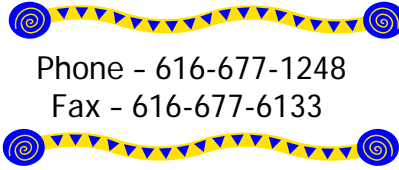


Summer 2012 Newsletter



Tallmadge Charter Township
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TOWNSHIP HOURS

Monday 9-2 Tuesday - 9-7
Wednesday 9-2 Thursday 9-2
Friday Closed

MONTHLY TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM and are held at the Township Hall.

Planning Commission: 2nd MONDAY | Township Board: 2nd TUESDAY | Zoning Board of Appeals: 1st TUESDAY (as needed)

Supervisor

James (Toby) Van Ess
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Clerk

Lenore Cook
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Treasurer

Brenda Martin
bmartin@tallmadge.com

Trustees

Gerald Walt Clifford Bronkema
Matthew Fenske Michael Eppink



TOWNSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 5 - Deferment of Summer Taxes

The application for deferment of summer taxes will be mailed to residents who qualified in previous years. See Treasurer's Notes.

July 9- Deadline to Register to Vote

All persons not yet registered who desire to vote at the Primary Election must register with the Township Clerk by this date.

August 7 - August Primary Vote

Polls are open 7AM-8PM - Vote to decide candidates for State, County and Township positions that will appear on the November ballot.

September 14 - Summer tax bills due

Offices are closed Friday, the 14th. The Treasurer will accept payments received IN HAND through 5:00 PM on Monday, the 17th without added interest.

September 17 - Extended Hours

Treasurer's office will be open until 5 PM on Monday, the 17th to receipt tax payments.

Sept. 14 - Summer Deferment Applications

Last day to accept Deferment applications.

October 9 - Deadline to Register to Vote

All persons not yet registered who desire to vote at the Presidential Election must register with the Township Clerk by this date.

November 6 - Presidential Election

Polls are open 7AM - 8PM to vote for Federal, State, County and Township positions.



Fire Chief - Al Brouwer

CAN WE FIND YOUR HOUSE?

To assist us in locating your house as quickly as possible, you may purchase a green and white reflective address sign from the Fireman's Association. The cost is \$15.00. Cost includes the sign, post, and installation. Order forms are available at the Township Office or on-line.

BURN PERMITS

Burn permits are required by the State of Michigan. Permits can only be issued for brush and must be issued in advance of any outside burning. No building materials, plastics, rubber, textiles, carpet etc. may be burned. Currently the burning of household trash is permitted but it may not contain any of the above mentioned items.

Permits may be obtained free of charge by calling the Fire Chief at 677.1610 or the Township Office at 677.1248 Monday through Thursday. Please call during the week to schedule any weekend burning as we are not in the office on Friday after 2:00 PM nor weekends.

Refer to the Michigan DEQ or DNR websites for more detailed information.

KIDS BORED THIS SUMMER?

Be sure to check out the library for activities and lots of fun adventures hidden between the pages of a good book!



Tallmadge residents may use any Kent or Ottawa County library but the card must be issued by the Allendale Library.



From the Supervisor's Desk- Toby VanEss

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Township Supervisor. If you ever have a need that is township related, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 677-1248 or e-mail me at tvaness@tallmadge.com.

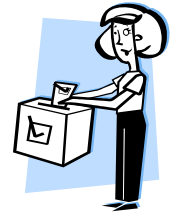
Despite the general economic downturn, Tallmadge has just finished our 6th consecutive year of operating within its budget. This has allowed your board to begin rebuilding the rainy day funds to a safe level. This is helpful should we need to borrow funds or issue bonds for roads, parks, sewer/water or building projects.

We should also be able to build or resurface roads that the Ottawa County Road Commission does not. This would include gravel or subdivision roads. These roads are a shared responsibility of the residents and the township. If you live in an area mentioned above, you may petition the Township along with 51% of your neighbors. We will then review how we might be of assistance. Please call me for further information.

Clerk's Corner - Lenore Cook

2012 Election Dates:

- August 7, 2012 Primary Election - last day to register is July 9, 2012
- November 6, 2012 General Election - last day to register is October 9, 2012



Precinct One and Precinct Three will be voting at the Tallmadge Township Hall.

Precinct Two will again be voting across the street at the Tallmadge Community Church.

If you will be absent from the community on either of these dates, you can request an absentee ballot by calling me at 677-1248 during office hours or by e-mailing me at lcCook@tallmadge.com

FYI - Tallmadge Township has 5754 registered voters.

	By School Districts:	By Precinct:
Coopersville School	2153	Precinct 1 2248
Grandville School	2165	Precinct 2 2086
Kenowa Hills School	1436	Precinct 3 1420

Treasurer's Notes - Brenda Martin

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Treasurer. Should you have questions regarding your taxes, please call me, stop by the Township office, or e-mail to: bmartin@tallmadge.com.

TAX PAYMENTS:

- Taxes may be paid in person at the Township Office Monday through Thursday.
- Payments may be mailed or placed in the Township's drive-up drop box located a few steps west of the main entrance.
- Include the top 1/3 of the bill with your check or money order.
- Payment received in the mail or placed in the drop box will be issued a receipt only if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope as well as the entire tax bill.



If your mortgage company pays your property taxes, the Township sends them a statement as a service. *However, each property owner is ultimately responsible to see that his/her property taxes are paid.*

Tax payments not **IN-HAND** by close of the posted business hours will be accepted as the following day and will incur late fees as shown on your tax bill. This includes after-hour use of the drop box. We cannot accept postmark as date received.

If you qualify for summer tax determent, you must sign a new application each year. This past week I sent out applications to those who received a deferment the previous year. September 14th is the deadline to apply. This application is also available at the website, www.tallmadge.com.