



Ottawa Conservation District Tree Sale

Plan ahead for spring!

Each year in mid-April, the Ottawa Conservation District holds a tree seedling sale fundraising event. This year's fundraiser date has not been confirmed, but it will most likely be either Saturday, April 14, or Earth Day, Saturday, April 21.

All tree seedlings and shrubs are pre-ordered, with availability of certain species the day of pickup. There is a wide variety of trees native to West Michigan for use in landscaping, reforestation, or as windbreaks. This is a great way to support the Ottawa Conservation District while we assist landowners in conserving, maintaining and improving the natural resources of Ottawa County. Order forms for the fundraiser and descriptions of the trees available will be posted on our website in early spring at: www.otawacd.org. You can request to be added to our mailing list through our website. For information, call 616.846.9770 ext. 5.

Snowmobile Safety Class

Tyler Kempema, our local Ottawa County Deputy, will be teaching a snowmobile safety class. This class will be held December 10th at the Coopersville City Hall. There is no charge but you must pre-register. Contact Deputy Kempema @ 616-738-4000 Ext. *3002#.



Township Spring Clean-up



Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 21, 2012. Further details will be posted on our website, www.tallmadge.com by early spring or call the township office.

Monthly Township Meetings

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

- Planning Commission: 2nd MONDAY
- Township Board Meetings: 2nd TUESDAY
- Zoning Board of Appeals: 1st TUESDAY , as needed

An Update from the Allendale Library

Last November, the residents of Tallmadge Township approved a 3 mil tax to support the library system. Because we have no library within the township, we were "adopted" by the Allendale Library. Tallmadge residents can now be part of the Lakeland Library Cooperative as well as the MelCat statewide catalog. This gives us access to millions of books throughout the state which can be delivered to Allendale Library at no cost! In addition, your library card



gives you 24/7 access to thousands of e-books and downloadable audio-books via the website.

The Allendale Library has over 4,000 movies free to check out for 1 week as well as several Wii games.

They also offer free computer classes as well as hundreds of free programs throughout the year. A full list is available at website: www.allendalelibrary.org.

The library is located at 6175 Library Lane, just west of 60th Ave.

Library hours are:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9-9,
Wednesday 1-9 Friday 9-5 Saturday 11-5

We encourage you to visit the Allendale Library as well as take advantage of the entire library system that is now available to our residents.

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Township Hours

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



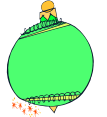
Our entire office wishes you a very Blessed Christmas Season and Newfound Joy in the Upcoming Year



Toby VanEss
Supervisor



Lenore Cook
Clerk



Brenda Martin
Treasurer



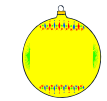
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Trustee



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Assessor



Val Schwallier
Receptionist



Ellen Grifhorst
Deputy Treasurer



Greg Ransford
Planner

Have you met our new Receptionist?

After commuting the past 2 years, Denise Somers, took a position near her home in Lansing. Our new receptionist, Val Schwallier, lives in the south-east area of Tallmadge. We are happy to have her join our office staff.

From the Supervisors Desk

Toby VanEss tvanness@tallmadge.com

The 2010 census has been completed and Tallmadge has grown to over 7500 residents. While growth is great, it does place added stress on services in this depressed economy. Please be aware that your Board will strive to keep the current level of services.

Have you been in the park lately? After postponing some improvements for several years, it finally became necessary to repaint the bathrooms as well as resurface the two tennis courts. The parking lot was also resurfaced, sealed and striped as well as repairs and resurfacing of walkways within the park. Next year we plan to redo the basketball area. Although the gate is now closed for the winter, the park is open all year for your walking enjoyment.

The Clerk's Corner

Lenore Cook

lcCook@tallmadge.com



The next scheduled election dates for Tallmadge voters are:

- Presidential Primary
Tuesday - Feb. 28, 2012
- Primary Election
 - Tuesday - August 7, 2012
- General Election
 - Tuesday - Nov. 6, 2012



All voters in Precinct TWO will be voting at the Tallmadge Community Church located directly across from Township Hall.

NOTICE: I am in need of election workers to assist on Election Day. Training is provided to familiarize new workers with the electronic poll book. Please contact Lenore ASAP!
Join the fun! We always have a great day!



Treasurer's Comments

Brenda Martin

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Taxes are due by Feb. 14, 2012. Taxes may still be paid at Tallmadge between Feb. 15 and Feb. 29 with added penalty. Call the office for that amount.

Taxes are sent to Ottawa County on the close of business day Feb. 29, 2012.

Treasurer's Extended Hours are:

- Thursday - Dec 29 -until 5 PM
- Tuesday - Feb. 14 - until 7 PM
- Wednesday - Feb. 29 - until 5 PM

A drop-box is available at township 24/7. Payments made after business hours are dated the next business day. Postmarks are not accepted as date of payment.

Planning & Zoning Department

Greg Ransford planner@tallmadge.com

Recently, the Tallmadge Charter Township Planning Commission decided to update our Master Plan. The Master Plan is a detailed document as well as a map that together are designed to determine future land use in our community such as the location of shops, manufacturing facilities, homes, public water and sewer, parks and recreation and etcetera.



While this process is just beginning, we welcome your comments and ideas anytime. Contributions from the public are our most valuable resource when designing land use policy!



COMING ATTRACTIONS!

In the Summer issue of the newsletter we will explore more Tallmadge Trivia. Your input is welcomed.



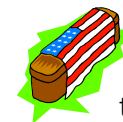
Tour Tallmadge

How well do you know your township?

Here are a few trivia questions. Write down your answers then bring them into the township office. There just might be a small reward involved...while supplies last!



1. How many traffic lights can you find in Tallmadge?
2. Locate all of the 4-way and 3-way stops.
3. Where do we still have gravel roads?
4. Name the 2 parks in our township and guess who owns them.
5. Currently there are seven churches. Can you locate and identify all 7 of them?
6. How many schools are in Tallmadge?
7. Locate any old schools and indicate what the buildings are used for now?
8. Within Tallmadge boundaries, there are 5 cemeteries. Can you locate them all?
9. What is the longest East-West road in the township?
10. What is the longest North-South road?
11. Name the lakes and creeks as well as the major waterway that forms our entire southern and most of our western boundary.
12. Have you gone for a walk in the Tallmadge Central Park lately? How many park benches did you find?
13. Estimate the total distance of expressway within Tallmadge and tell us what tragic event recently took place on this short section within our township?



Thank you for taking part and hopefully you have learned a bit more about YOUR Township!

