May 2014

# Grant Township News

#### Bill Deater-Supervisor

#### **COMING EVENTS**

Heritage Day
August 12th
5pm thru 9pm

Fire Prevention
Night
October 13th 6pm

Fire Dept
Trick & Treat
October 31st 6pm

Santa Party
December 10th
12pm thru 2pm

Dear Residents,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and enjoying the summer. Here at the Township office we are looking forward to our 145h annual Heritage Day celebration being held August 12th from 5-9 PM. We also will be celebrating 150 years of the existence of Grant Township. If anyone has any old pictures of this area we'd like to have copies. I hope everyone can join in the fun and entertainment.

With the portion of the park millage we receive from the county and funds from our Heritage Day events we were able to build a new 30x50 pavilion. So many families are

using both the pavilions this year for their celebrations.

Final work on the Fisher
Road water project is nearing an end with a top coat
of material to be installed.
This project has been a real
hardship to the residents
that live on Fisher. With
several meetings and phone
calls to the Flint Water
Authority we were able to
bring closure to this project
The only reward to us will
be the fire hydrants placed
along the road.

Our limestone was first on the list of townships to receive it this year. With the money we receive yearly. On the ballot this year is the renewal of our two road millages and we hope that you feel that we have been good tenants of this money for the maintenance and bridge work here in Grant Township.

All of your elected officials are seeking re-election this year. As a board we work well together to make this a good community to live and raise a family.

I take great pride in the residents that live here and volunteer for this Township every day to make this a wonderful place to live

Bill

## Nancy Sharum-Clerk

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We will have a primary election on August 2, 2016 and a general election on November 8, 2016

The last day to register to vote is

OCTOBER 11th for

the November election

If you need to check your voting status you can call the Township or go on line to Michigan Secretary of State site and click on elections in Michigan, then Michigan voter information center and then just answer

questions listed to find our your status.

## Kathy Bert-Treasurer

The 2016 Summer property tax bills have been mailed out. If your bill was marked "Owners Copy", a copy of the bill was sent to your mortgage company. If your bill does not have a watermark on it, that means we did not receive a request from a mortgage company for your property taxes. Contact your mortgage company and indicate they need to request a bill from us.

Revised tax bills for July Board of Review have also been sent out. If you have questions, please call.

Deferment applications for eligible taxpayers are still available in our office or on-line at  $\underline{www.michigan.gov/treasury}$ . The deferment enables the taxpayer, **if eligible**, to pay their Summer taxes after the due date without penalty or interest. This form can be filed thru September 15<sup>th</sup>.

A receipt is not automatically sent upon payment of taxes. If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment and a brief note indicating that you would like a receipt – OR you can pick it up at the township hall during business hours.

CASH PAYMENTS - please bring correct change. It is greatly appreciated!

It's a really good idea to come into the office occasionally and request a current Field Sheet from our Assessor's Office to sure your home is properly assessed. We don't know for certain unless you tell us!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about your taxes.

Kathy Bert, Treasurer

### **FYI**

Building (shed/pole barn etc) adding on to home or out building (including lean to) Renovating (including electrical/plumbing/mechanical) Installing a pond, wood burner, generator etc.

Theses are just a sampling of items that require permits from the Township.

Please contact the Township Office or the Inspectors listed on the back page of this flyer for additional information or questions you may have.

#### Sue Deater-Parks & Recreation

Have you checked out your park lately? It is looking wonderful.

This spring all the shrubbery was removed from the south side of the Township hall. The shrubs has taken a beating from the snow coming off the building and were all overgrown and some broken. New stone was placed over existing stone and flower pots were placed in the stone. All the flowers are gorgeous there as well as the ones by the Township signs, but the new pavilion and the front door. This is due to Dave & Fran Newberry faithfully watering them. Thank You!! Dave also takes care of the lawn and snow removal in the winter.

Our playground just got a fresh fill of cedar wood chips and has a new attraction for the children. A large cement culvert has been placed east of the swings for the children to climb on or crawl through. A big thank you goes out to Dave and Bill who dismantled the playground fire truck which was almost pink. BCM located in Jeddo donated their services; sand blasted and painted it a bright red again. Thank you for restoring it, its better than new!!

The park has been really busy this year with both pavilions being rented, sometimes both on the same day. We are looking at getting additional parking on the forty acres behind our existing park for next year. It will be welcomed when the park is busy and also for future Heritage Days.

Our park committee is busy getting ready for this year's Heritage Day, our 14th. We also will be celebrating 150 years of existence of Grant Township. To celebrate this event we are selling T-shirts, either gray or bright pink with our 150 year logo on-proceeds will be to the park fund. They come in small to 3X in gray and small to 2X in pink. They are \$12 each or two for \$20. Extended sizes are \$2 more. We can also order any other size. We would like to get a group picture with everyone (if possible) wearing the T-shirts in front of the fire hall. We will be serving anniversary cake at Heritage Day between 6-6:30pm.

Our committee welcomed two new members, Jennifer Sanders and Dave McAlpine. We are still looking for more new members if interested call me at (180) 531-7189. We try to meet once a month with this time of year being our busiest. With Heritage Day being August 12th we are looking for volunteers to help from set up to selling raffle and 50/50 tickets, helping serve cake, inflatable attendants to watch children, cleaning up, selling T-shirts, other misc. jobs. All volunteer get a food coupon for \$6 for helping. If you feel you can spare any hour or two contact me at (810) 531-7189 or Nancy Sharum at the Township hall (810)327-67875.

Hope you all are planning on coming to Heritage Day from 5-9pm on August 12th. (if it rains we will celebrate Heritage Day on August 13th same times). We will have the same great concession stand, face painting, two inflatables, lots of antique tractors and classic cars, music by the VooDoo Doctors, 50/50 and raffle ticket sales, a petting zoo, farmer's market and a great bake sale. Unfortunately Elvis and the Blues Brothers will not be here due to illness. Come out and have a great evening right here in Grant Township

Remember this is your park;; come be a part of it!

Sue Deater

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## TOWNSHIP OFFICES ARE OPEN MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS 9:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM - CLOSED FROM 12:00 PM UNTIL 1:00 PM FOR LUNCH

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## GRANT TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

#### **Elected Officials**

Supervisor: William Deater
Clerk: Nancy Sharum
Treasurer: Kathleen Bert
Trustee: David Lamb
Trustee: Ted Rutkofske

**Deputy Treasurer**: Sue Deater **Deputy Clerk**: Denise Lamb

## Zoning Administrator/ Ordinance Enforcement

Liz Austin

Assessor: Susan Hansman

#### **Board of Review**

Chair: Gene Galinis
Secretary: Bill Deater
Member: Dennis Balut
Member: Bill Johnston

#### Planning Commission

Chair: Marvin McCallum
Vice-chair: Mark Matthew
Secretary: Karen Strevel
Member: Gene Galinis
Member: Jeff Brown
Member: Stacie Hartman
Member: Pat Norton

#### **Inspectors:**

Building: Gary Breem Electrical: Mark Greissel Address Assign: Sue Hansman Mech/Plumb: Dan Jex

#### Hall & Park

Manager/Reservations: Don Orrell Hall Maintenance: Nancy Talaski Grounds Keepers-Dave Newberry

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

Chair: Mark Matthew Member: Sue Deater Member: Kathleen Bert

#### **Fire Department Officers**

Chief: Don McLane Assistant Chief: Dave Farr Captain: Cletus Kensley 1st Lieutenant: Paul Smith 2nd Lieutenant: John Hillman Sergeant: Sean Rhadigan

#### Fire Fighters

Jim Burns Hank Crawford Ann Caldwell Ian Caldwell Jerry Deeg Richard Frizzle Louis Hartman Sandy Hillman Steven McLane Mark Mooney Don Orrell Fred Ramage Megan Rhadigan Jack Rushton Nicholas St. James Dale Tremble

#### Fire Fighters(cont)

Chris Trombley
Steve Willing
William Wuebben

## Park and Recreation Committee

Chair: Sue Deater
Member: Denise Lamb
Member: Mark Matthews
Member: Nancy Sharum
Member: Jennifer Sanders
Member: Dave McAlpine

#### **Cemetery:**

Sexton: Pat Norton Maintenance: Don McLane &

Cletus Kensley