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# Tyrone Township Newsletter

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**Monday—Thursday**

**9:00-5:00**

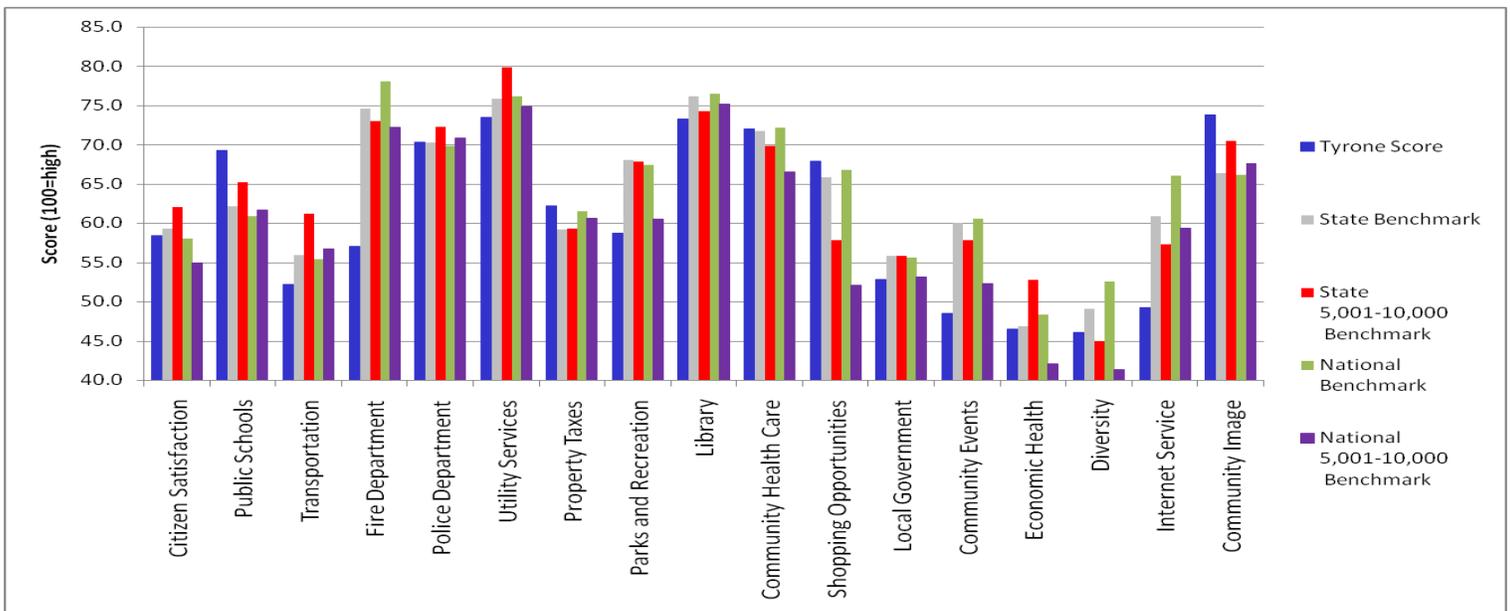
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Survey results are in. The bottom line is solid ratings close to state and national benchmarks, with additional attention needed for economic development and working to strengthen the Township's management and spending decisions.

About 1500 surveys were sent out to a random selection of residents. More than 540 residents responded, for a response rate of about 36%. "This was an excellent response, and I'm proud that so many residents took time to share their feedback," said Keith Kremer, Township Clerk. "Many communities are lucky to get a 15% response."

The Township showed strength relative to benchmarks in the areas of schools, taxes, and community image. Scores lagged in the areas of transportation infrastructure, fire services, parks, and internet services. A score of 100 is the highest possible.



## Tyrone Township Survey Results

The Township added custom questions including "Budget Planning" options. These questions measured public opinion of potential revenue increases and expenditures decreases by using specific options as examples. Special interest surrounded funding for public safety and the sewer bond obligation. Residents expressed greatest support for increasing sewer assessments and business development to address sewer funding. Charging a yearly flat fee and a public safety millage were the most supported to address public safety funding.

“Not everyone agrees on how to handle the Township’s looming budget deficit,” said Brian Miles, Township Trustee, “And no survey can educate residents on all the details of the Township budget and comprehensively measure public opinion of every option available for balancing it. But I believe everyone can agree increasing public input improves the decision-making process.”

While the survey will provide valuable public input, it is just one of the many sources of information the Board will consider as it balances the budget. The Board will base decisions on all information available.

The research was conducted by the Michigan nonprofit Cobalt Community Research. Cobalt has been used by many communities across Michigan to help navigate the state’s difficult economic times.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Why did I get a bill for \$300.00 from Tyrone Township for a fire department EMS run, when I called 911 for medical assistance?**

911 protocols are to determine the severity of the emergency. For your safety, if in their professional judgment your medical condition has a danger of death or severe health consequences, they will dispatch both the Livingston County Ambulance as well as the Fire Department. Their objective is to have someone arrive as quickly as possible. You received a bill for EMS assisted fire service because the township pays for every fire service run and the policy, per citizen feedback, is to bill all fire department calls to the users of the fire department service. In the future new technology may allow us to more accurately predict the time an ambulance will arrive.

### **What is the status of the Sewer Bond Repayment issue?**

A citizens committee has been formed, a special board meeting with county officials, state representatives, Public Funds Management officials, Bond Attorneys, and the township board was called, and financial models have been generated by public funds management to understand the depth of the problem. The citizens committee is expected to present their recommendations to the township board in the next few weeks. This is the biggest problem facing the township

### **How can I get more information about what is happening in Tyrone Township.**

For news about what is going on at the township hall sign up at [www.tyronetownship.us](http://www.tyronetownship.us) for your email alerts. We will send you information on meeting agendas, minutes, and other topics. ***YOU CHOOSE, IT’S FREE.***

### **What are other services provided by Tyrone Township?**

- Use of the Genesee County Library System for Fenton and Linden School District residents.
- Use of the Cromaine Library for Hartland School District residents.
- Passport Application Processing and Photos.
- Access to Hartland and Loose Senior Centers.
- Dog Licenses.
- Notary Services.

**NOTE: See the back of your tax bill for the fee schedule.**

### **Does Tyrone Township provide for recycling of batteries?**

Tyrone Township works with Livingston County to recycle old batteries. You may leave batteries up to **SIZE D** at the township hall and they will be recycled. The township cannot accept larger batteries.

### **Where can I recycle the new compact fluorescent light bulbs?**

Currently, burnt out compact fluorescent light bulbs can be recycled at the Fenton Home Depot Store. This is not a Tyrone Township service, but a service currently offered by Home Depot. It is Home Depot’s sole discretion to change or eliminate this service at anytime.

### **What should I do if I see a road-kill deer?**

Tyrone Township or Livingston County does not dispose of deer carcasses. You may keep the deer for consumption if you get a permit from a law enforcement agency or DNR officer. If you want to dispose of the carcass, you may take it to a landfill or bury it making sure it is completely covered.