



Winter 2014

# TYRONE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## Township Officials

*Supervisor: Mike Cunningham Treasurer: Marna Bunting-Smith Clerk: Keith Kremer*

*Trustees: Cam Gonzalez, Charles Schultz, David Walker, Soren Pedersen*

## Attention Tax Payers

Summer taxes are overdue as of 9/15/14 and will incur a 1% interest fee monthly, payment can be made at the township thru 3/2/15 (please call for current balance).

Winter Taxes are due from 12/1/14 thru 3/2/15 (due date extended since 2/28/14 falls on a Saturday). You can pay your property taxes in the following manner:

- \* You can pay your taxes at the township hall during regular business hour (M-TH, 9am-5pm).
- \* You can mail your payment, but it needs to arrive by 5pm March 2nd, 2015 or it will be late.  
**No Postmarks Accepted.** You may get a receipt by enclosing a self addressed stamped envelope.
- \* You can drop off payment anytime before 5pm March 2nd, 2015 at our secure drop box located at the west front entrance.
- \* State bank, Flagstar bank and First Merit bank will accept full payment with your tax stub during their regular business hours. **Note**—Chase bank no longer participates in this service.
- \* If you have an escrow account with your mortgage company, it is your responsibility to confirm that they paid your taxes.



### 4th Annual Santa & Pet Food Drive Event December 6th 1-3 pm

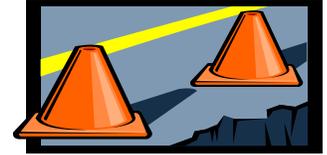
Tyrone Township hosts Santa and Mrs. Claus to support Gleaners Food Bank and Livingston Area Pet Pantry. Come join us at Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand for you and your family to meet and take your holiday photos. Please bring non-perishable food and pet items you wish to donate. These items assist those in need during the holiday season.



### Public Safety Update:

Your vote counts and your voice was heard! On November 4th, 2014 the proposal to extend public safety beyond March 31st, 2016 was not approved by voters. This means that the residents voted to defund and eliminate fire and dedicated police services in Tyrone Township. Please note that the 2014 Winter property tax bill will be the last collection of the current special assessment of public safety that will provide funding through 2015/2016 fiscal year.

## ROAD MAINTENANCE & DUST CONTROL PROJECTS:



In September of 2014, 4000 feet of Hartland Rd. north of White Lake Rd. was re-paved. In addition, about 1/2 mile of Hartland Rd. north of Gordon Rd. was improved by re-ditching, removing trees, and adding 1,900 tons of gravel. The cost of these two improvements was over \$285,000 and paid entirely by Tyrone Township. Also, during the summer, there were three applications of chloride applied on the gravel roads within the township at a cost of \$53,000. The total investment into roads was over \$335,000 this last summer.

In the future, the Township Board will continue to review and prioritize the condition of our roads with the Livingston County Road Commission. The roads in the worst condition will be addressed first and will be repaired as funds become available. The Board will also seek funds from the Livingston County Road Commission for those roads that qualify. The final determination for repair projects in 2015 will be made during the budgeting process in March of 2015.

Please understand that we are ALL aware of the poor road conditions. If you have a complaint regarding township roads, please contact the Livingston County Road Commission at 517-546-4250. Highways such as US-23 and I-96 fall under the responsibility of Michigan Dept. of Transportation. Report problems to MDOT at 517-373-2090.

## Road Funding & Possible ZIP Code Change.



For two years we have been inquiring about vehicle registration fees being allocated to the wrong county. We are still asking that our residents be diligent to be sure that their vehicle registrations are with Livingston County and to contact your local Secretary of State office to process changes if needed. If it states Genesee County then your road funds are being given to Genesee County instead of Livingston County. We have lost significant funds over the years that could have gone to fix our roads.

We have been looking into other options with the Secretary of State along with the possibility of a zip code change to claim an identity for Tyrone Township residents to be placed in the correct county of Livingston.

A public hearing will be held at 7:00pm on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Tyrone Township Hall to discuss changing the ZIP code to a Livingston County post office or to obtain a new ZIP that encompasses all Tyrone Township addresses. The purpose of the change is for Tyrone Township to obtain its fair share of vehicle registration funds to be allocated for road repair. These errors could also negatively impact the cost of your homeowners and auto insurance. The pros and cons will be discussed and questions will be answered.

## Dog License Renewals



All dogs in Livingston County must be licensed. Licenses may be purchased at Tyrone Township Hall or Livingston County. Dog licenses must be renewed in the same month as the rabies shot was given. 1 year and 3 year licenses are available depending on the expiration of rabies. Proof of rabies is required for license renewal. The cost for a **spayed/neutered** pet is \$10 for one year and \$25 for a three year license.



## PASSPORTS

Tyrone Township is a one-stop passport acceptance facility. Applications and photos are available on site. Appointments are recommended, but not necessary. Walk-ins are welcome. We process applications Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-5:00 pm. For requirements visit the U.S. Dept. of State's website at [www.state.gov/travel](http://www.state.gov/travel). Please note payments must be made by separate check or money order for each application.



Burn permits are required for any open fire and can be obtained at the township hall or on the website. The permit is good for one calendar year and cost \$5.00. Burning without a permit may result in a \$1,377 fire service fee. Not following the regulation for open burning—even if you have a permit—may also result in the fire service fee. Burning of leaves and yard clipping are only allowed from April 1st to May 31st and September 15th to November 15th. When you have an open fire, you are responsible for making sure that you comply with the Open Burning ordinance (fire size, wind conditions, fire location, water supply etc.) You may get a copy of the Open Burning ordinance at [www.tyronetownship.us](http://www.tyronetownship.us) or at the township hall.

### Livingston County

#### Hazardous Waste Collection

To receive periodic emails on upcoming events like household hazardous waste collections, TV/ electronic collections, or rain barrel and compost bin sales, just send an email to the address below and type **EMAIL** in the subject line:

**EMAIL: [solidwaste@livgov.com](mailto:solidwaste@livgov.com)**

**PHONE: (517)545-9609**

Calendar of events are posted by March of each year on the website. [www.livgov.com/dpw](http://www.livgov.com/dpw)

### ISO RATINGS & YOUR HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE:

What is ISO-Insurance Service Organization provides ratings with an ISO Public Protection Classification (PPC) and gauges the fire protection capability of the local fire departments to respond to structure fires. The ISO collects information on a community's public fire protection and analyzes the data in which it then assigns a PPC from 1 to 10. Class 1 is the best rating and Class 10 is the least. You can find our township's ISO rating on our website or at the hall. It is important to discuss this rating with your agent for homeowner's insurance coverage indicating your ISO class number and the county you are located in as Livingston. It may help to lower your overall cost for insuring your home.

**2-1-1 Central Michigan  
"Get Connected" Assistance**



Times are tough. If you or someone you know needs assistance or information on a particular human service issue, call 2-1-1. Central Michigan 2-1-1 is staffed with trained professionals, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to give you the information you need. They can assist you to get help on everything from food and housing assistance, mental health issues, to medical payments.

### TYRONE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Tyrone Township Historical Society meets the third Monday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm. at the township hall with a tasty potluck dinner, followed by interesting speakers and programs. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend and come meet your neighbors. For more information about the Historic Society, please call 810-629-2031.

#### Tyrone History Book

Tyrone Revisited, a 143 page book published by the Tyrone Historical Society, is a fascinating account of the historical families, homesteads, and stories that have created our township. Filled with lots of cool old photos! Available to purchase for \$12.00 at the township hall.



**FYI**

The Michigan Public Service Commission is no longer using 1-866-552-7725 as a toll-free number for receiving cable television complaints from Michigan constituents. The new toll-free number is 1-800.292-9555.

## SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE FOR EMAILED TOWNSHIP NOTIFICATIONS

The Township Board recommends that you sign up for email alerts in order to stay current with Township activities and events. Look for the email button on the Township web site



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### TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Tyrone Township office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from December 22nd through December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The office will be open December 29<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 and closed on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. The office will reopen on Monday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### Meetings

**Township Board** meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The Board is responsible for the fiscal management of the township and sets township policy.

**Planning Commission** meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. In addition to reviewing applications for land uses within the township, the Planning Commission develops regulations so businesses and residents can peacefully coexist.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** meets on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm when requested. The ZBA is created to provide residents a forum at which they can appeal issues arising from interpretations of the township's zoning ordinance.



As of this writing there are no elections scheduled for the 2015 calendar year. However, be on alert for any action the state legislature may take on road maintenance that would require voter action or school elections for millages or board seats. The township will send out email alerts as soon as we are aware of any changes.

### Township Personnel

**Deputy Treasurer:** Joanne Milarch  
**Planning & Zoning:** Nicole Fleckenstein  
**Assessor:** Bruce Little  
**Cashier:** Tammy Dorsch  
**Election Coordinator:** Mary Kuzner

**Deputy Clerk:** Terri Medor  
**ZBA Coordinator:** Lori Thielen  
**Accounting:** Maureen Strayer  
**Receptionist:** Marian Krause

♦ *Not all departments have full time employees.*

♦ *We strongly recommend that you make an appointment or call ahead.*

#### **General Office Hours: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Mon. thru Thurs. except holidays.**

Services include: Voter Registration and Absentee Ballots, Tax & Sewer Payments, Dog Licenses, Passports, Burn Permits, Notary Services and general information.

#### **Planning and Zoning Administration: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Mon. thru Thurs.**

Services include: Land Use Permits, Site Inspections, Planning Department Applications, Zoning Board of Appeals Applications, and all other general ordinance and planning activities.

#### **Assessing Department: Tues. 1:00-5:00 PM & Wed. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Services include: Assessor's Records, Site Inspections, Assessment Appeals and Review, and other general assessing information.