

# Tyrone Township Newsletter

## December 2014

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### Hot Topics from the Fire Chief—Mike Rexford

First I would like to say “Thank You” to all the voters that voted in favor of the Millage renewal and the additional 1/2 mill. The millage has remained the same for the last 20 plus years but the call volume has more than doubled since we started the Fire Millage. Already this year we have responded to 340 calls and still have a month plus remaining in 2014! The millage is responsible for the operation of the equipment, fuel and wages that are paid to the members along with training and schooling of the members for Firefighting & EMS skills.

The Department responds to a variety of emergency calls from structure fires—personal injury accidents—emergency medical calls—hazardous chemical spills—search & rescue of lost people, to name some of the calls we are sent on.

The Department is working on classes for all of our personnel & spouses along with Township Board members regarding stress that goes along with the job. The class will be held in January and it deals with the trauma that we are subject to.

As colder weather is arriving we would encourage everybody to make sure your chimney is cleaned and the batteries have been changed in all your smoke & carbon monoxide alarms.

The members of our department would like to wish everybody a “Safe & Joyful Holiday Season.”



### Historical Society Update— Ione Stark

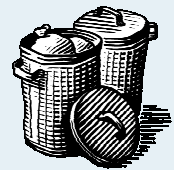
You may be surprised to know that the Kent City area has a working museum with artifacts, pictures and info of our past. We are located in the “old” Township hall next to the library on South Main Street.

We are open every Thursday from 10:00am—12:00noon. The Historical Society meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 1:00—3:00pm and visitors are welcome. Please stop in and say hello while checking out all of our Kent City—Casnovia history and reminisce a little.

For more information and/or questions contact: Nita Kaminski (616) 262-7598, Ed Morgan (760) 219-9685 or Ione Stark (616) 678-7220.

### Office Hours

Mon 9:00—6:00  
Tues 9:00—3:00  
Wed 9:00—5:00  
Thurs 9:00—3:00  
Fri CLOSED  
-also-  
24-hour drop box  
east side of bldg.



### Township Clean-up

The service that we have provided to our residents each year in the Spring helps keep our township looking great.

We are planning this 3-day event the first weekend in May 2015 (weather permitting) -watch for the info on our website and posters.

## Treasurer's Desk—Juli Hall

If you have any questions, please call our office or stop in. We're always glad to help. Please read the following reminders to confirm the information on your tax bill is correct:

- (1) Make sure you are receiving 100% Principal Residence Exemption located at the top right side of your bill marked **P.R.E. %: 100**.
- (2) Confirm your mailing address is correct—corrections can be made on the back of your tax bill when you return it with payment.
- (3) Confirm your mortgage co. is correct. Advise lender/ township if changes need to be made.
- (4) Summer taxes can still be collected at our office until 3/2/2015. Call for correct pay-off amount with interest.
- (5) Payment type: Exact cash, check or money order. We cannot accept credit card/debit cards.

Tax payments can be mailed or placed in our 24-hr drop box on the east side of our building or come in during office hours. My extended office hours are:

12/31/14 9:00am-1:00pm

2/17/15 9:00am- 5:00pm

2/27/15 9:00am-4:00pm

### DOG LICENSE INFO

Dog license tags are now available all year at the township office. 1-year or 3-year licenses are an option. Ask about eligibility for the 3-year license. Remember, if your rabies vaccination expires within 30-days of tag purchase you will be unable to acquire a license until you renew the vaccination first. It's important to keep our doggies happy & healthy.



### ATTENTION

**Business Owners:** Your business may be eligible for an exemption from personal property taxes. Many of our local businesses did not have to pay business personal property tax for 2014, because they filed the "State of Michigan Affidavit of Eligible Personal Property Exempt from Collection of Taxes". Businesses with more than \$80,000 value in equipment or businesses which fail to file this form each year continue to pay. Consult with your accountant or call our Assessor—Cliff Turner. You must file by Feb 14, 2015 to receive this exemption for 2015.

## Clerk's Corner—Shelley Worley

Now that the close of elections this year are behind us, we are blessed and happy to have the election workers we do. Thank you for patience as we go through small changes or those small glitches during the day.

We are also thankful for the voter turnout (42%) that was present in November shows that folks still take their voting rights seriously.

We thank all the voters who elected to cast their votes in August as we desperately needed the votes for our Fire Department funding to continue -and secure a small nest egg for the future .

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

#### Community Room Rental Rates:

\$175—Residents + \$100 key deposit

\$250—Non-resident +\$100 key deposit

- 150 person maximum capacity
- No alcohol is permitted
- Tables & chairs are included
- 2 refrigerators, 2 stoves, microwave & coffee pots are available
- Rental fee payment is required to reserve your date