

# Tyrone Township Newsletter December 2012

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## Supervisor's Desk—Dennis Kaminski

First of all I would like to thank the residents of Tyrone Township for my re-election and the renewal of our Fire Dept. millage. On a sad note we had to say good-bye to our trustees: Sharon Olson & Scott Mouthaan. We have appreciated their service and wish them well.

At a recent meeting with the Kent County Road Commission they announced their new program "**Shake your Mailbox**". Often it's the wet snow and not the plow that causes the damage. So shake your mailbox and make the necessary repairs before the snow flies.

Speaking of maintenance we are still upgrading the care and appearance of our cemeteries. The township board has adopted a new ordinance concerning vegetation and decorations which can be viewed on our website at [www.tyronetownship.org](http://www.tyronetownship.org).

## Hot Topics from the Fire Chief

Please remember to check the batteries in all of your smoke detectors and make sure you have cleaned your fireplace & chimney's creosote.

Please be sure that your addresses are visible from the street as it is difficult to find some homes when we respond at night time. The township office has the reflective address signs for sale at only \$9 each. If you have a green sign, please place it on the same side of the road that your house is on to avoid confusion when there are multiple mail boxes together.

When you see members from the department please tell them thanks for the service that they do for the Township of Tyrone and the Village of Kent City.

Mike Rexford— Chief

### Office Hours

Mon	9:00 - 6:00
Tues	9:00 - 3:00
Wed	9:00 - 5:00
Thurs	9:00 - 3:00
Fri	CLOSED



### 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 in early May 2013 so watch for the info on our website & post-card mailing.

## Clerk's Corner—Shelley Worley

We made it through the 2012 Election cycle with a bang. The November General Election turnout stats were:

66.3% in Precinct #1

62.3% in Precinct #2.

The township voters elected (2) new trustees, Dave Ignasiak & Ione Stark, that took office on Nov. 20th. Our workers and staff did an excellent job for maintaining privacy levels and order in and outside the polls.

We had a record-breaking number of Absentee Voters (510) for the Nov. election! Thank you for being responsible and exercising your right to vote. Remember to thank our many election workers when you see them and especially our volunteer election gopher, Irene Brake, who assisted me behind

the scenes.

We are so fortunate that we didn't have the 2 to 4 hour waiting-in-line that some of the polls in Grand Rapids experienced on Nov. 6th. During our busiest time voters experienced only a 55-minute wait to cast their ballot on election day.

For all of our registered voters that are 60 years of age or older you can request an Absentee Ballot either verbally or written for each election that you wish to participate in. Please contact our office with your request.

Many joys & blessings!

### DID YOU KNOW?

- \$45 of every \$100 spent at a small, local business stays in the local economy compared to \$13 of every \$100 spent at a national chain.
- Small businesses have created 65% of the net new jobs in the last 17 years.
- Save time and money by not driving all over.
- Customer service is better from your neighbors and friends
- Invest in the community

## From the Treasurer's Desk—Juli Hall

Once again the winter tax season is upon us. Read the following reminders confirming the information on your tax bill is correct. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office or stop in. We're always glad to help.

(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) Summer taxes can still be paid at our office until 2/29/2013—call for correct pay-off amount.

(4) Payment type: Exact cash, check or money order

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**Mon 9:00-6:00**

**Tues & Thurs**

**9:00 - 3:00**

**Wed 9:00 - 5:00**

**Tax payment  
"extended" hours:**  
**12-28-2012 9:00 - 5:00**  
**12-31-2012 9:00 - 4:00**  
**2-14-2013 9:00 - 5:00**  
**2-28-2013 9:00 - 4:00**

**24-Hour Drop Box available located on east side of bldg.**

**Happy Holidays!**



## Building Dept & Assessor's Office

This spring the Assessor's Office began replacing the digital photographs of all structures. Most of the current pictures are more than six years old and the process is required by the Michigan State Tax Commission.

As much as possible, the photography is captured from a public road by a vehicle in property address sequence. If you observe this occurring on your property and have any concerns, please call the Township Office for verification that it is a Township Official.

ings, Additions, Agricultural Buildings, Carports, Decks, Demolition, Farm Labor Housing, Garages, Homes, Manufactured Homes, Pools, Porches, Sheds, Signs over 16 sq ft. Please call before you begin any project. Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy the holiday season.

Casey Patterson &  
Cliff Turner



Please remember that a zoning permit is required for any type of construction activity or demolition of a structure. Examples include: Accessory Build-

*"Nobody can say science isn't fair. Experts report that our drinking water is bad because of the chemicals in it . . . but not as bad as it would be if the chemicals were left out."*

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!!



**Dog License tags** will be available Dec.1, 2012 - March 1, 2013. Remember if your rabies vaccination expires within 30 days of tag purchase you are unable to acquire a license until you renew the vaccination first.

Join us at KDL's Tyrone Twp. Library this season for great holiday programs:

- Thursday, Dec. 6, 6pm: *The Reindeer Are Coming*- live reindeer @ the library!
- Thursday, Dec. 13, 6pm: *Gingerbread Lane*- make your own gingerbread house
- Saturday, Dec. 15, 11am: *Holiday Craft Making*- make a special holiday gift
- Thursday, Feb. 14, 5pm: *Heart to Heart Craft Party*- a Valentine's Day treat!

Check our event calendar online at [www.kdl.org](http://www.kdl.org) for a list of all the great events and resources available at your local library.

Add us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/KDLTyrone](http://www.facebook.com/KDLTyrone) for the latest Tyrone branch information, photos and more!

Eric DeHaan- Branch Manager