

The Board of Trustees meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. The Planning Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. The public is encouraged to attend. The meeting schedule is posted on the township's website, [www.mariontownship.com](http://www.mariontownship.com).

### **SUMMER TAX PAYMENTS**

The final day for summer tax payments without penalty is Monday, September 14. The Treasurer's office will be happy to answer any questions regarding your tax bill. Partial payments will be accepted. Contact the Treasurer at (517) 546-1588. If you do not receive a receipt in the mail, please call us to verify that we received your payment.

The application for deferment of 2009 summer taxes is available on the township's website. If you have questions, please contact the treasurer's office.

### **TORNADO SIREN**

An emergency siren has been installed near the intersection of County Farm and Cedar Valley , approximately one mile north of Coon Lake Road . A monthly test will be conducted on the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 am . The siren is used only for tornados—not all inclement weather. There is no "all clear" signal. If you hear the siren any time other than the normal testing time, take cover and listen for the all clear on the radio. Any questions should be directed to Township

Supervisor Bob Hanvey or Fire Chief Andrew Pless. For information on tornado safety, visit [www.fema.gov/hazard/tornado](http://www.fema.gov/hazard/tornado).

### **ATTENTION HUNTERS!**

*Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority, Marion Township and Anything That Moves* are sponsoring a buck pole on November 21 at the Marion Township Hall. The event begins at 2:00 pm ; awards start at 8:00 pm . We'll have a warming tent and a chili taste testing sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 364. Check our website or cable channel for more information.

Howell Area Parks & Recreation will be holding a Hunter's Safety Course at the Marion Township Hall. Dates are August 24-27, 6:00-9:00 pm (before small game season), and November 9-12, 6:00-9:00 pm (before deer

season.) The cost is \$10 per person. All materials are provided. First priority goes to students that will be 12 by March 31, 2010 (students younger than that will be placed on a waiting list.) For more information, contact HAPRA at (517) 546-0693 or [www.howellrecreation.org](http://www.howellrecreation.org).

### **FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

Property data is available to all residents upon request. The assessing office is available to review property record cards and answer any questions. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us during regular business hours.

Assessing staff is currently out in the field doing inspections. Field inspections may include taking photographs, measuring structures, etc. Staff will have identification, including photo name badges.

### **DPW DEPARTMENT**

If you have any questions regarding special assessments, water/sewer connections or usage rates, call Cindy at the township during regular business hours, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm . You can also email questions to [mariondpw@ameritech.net](mailto:mariondpw@ameritech.net).

### **Water & Sewer Information**

The website to pay your MHOG utility bill is now <https://genoa.merchantransact.com>. You can set up an online account through the website; Visa and MasterCard are still accepted.

If you need help with a new meter install or have a question about your bill, call Carol at 800-881-4109. If you need to report a water leak or have water service turned on or off, please call Severn Trent at 888-481-0439. This phone line is staffed 24 hours a day.

Sewer emergencies can be reported to (517) 546-7150, weekdays 8:00 am-4:00 pm; other times, call 911.

### **Cable Problems**

Complaints about your cable TV are now being addressed by the Michigan Public Service Commission. If you have been unable to resolve a complaint, they will assist you. The phone number is 866-552-7725; fax (517) 241-2400; [www.michigan.gov/mpsc](http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc) ; click on the video/cable button for information.

## **NOTARY SERVICES**

Notary services are available at the township hall during regular business hours. The service is free to Marion Township residents.

## **CLERK'S NEWS**

The second annual Heritage Days event was held at the township hall on June 13-14. Many thanks to all of the committee members, volunteers and participants. We couldn't have done it without you!

*Trunk or Treat* will be held in the township hall parking lot on October 31, 2009 . Come at 5:30 p.m. and bring your treats to pass out. Hot dogs and cider & doughnuts will be provided. Bring your ghosts and goblins to get treats from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Our township historian is looking for old pictures of township residents and buildings. If you have anything you would like to share (pictures can be scanned and returned), contact the Clerk's office.

## **Cemetery Preservation Committee**

Our committee is still going strong. We have cleaned and bonded many stones. There is always ongoing maintenance so anyone interested in joining the Cemetery Committee can call the Clerk's office or email [marionclerk@ameritech.net](mailto:marionclerk@ameritech.net).

## **Recycle Items**

In the main entrance to the township offices, you will find recycle bins for special items we are collecting. There are bins for household batteries and hearing aids, prescription eyewear, and cell phones. We also collect seasonal items such as used Christmas lights during the holidays.

We are investigating the possibility of getting a "Paper Retriever" for use at the township hall. It would be available to all residents for recycling newspapers, magazines, office paper, catalogs, mail, etc.