

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.

2011 DOG LICENSES—THREE-YEAR OPTION

GOOD NEWS! Dog licenses will now expire on the same date as the rabies expiration date.

You now have the option to purchase a one-year license or a three-year license that will expire in the MONTH of the current rabies expiration date. However, the rabies vaccination must be valid for the entire three year period in order to purchase the three-year license. Please note that your 2010 dog license will extend to the MONTH of your current rabies expiration date of 2011. Rabies vaccines can be renewed any time in the MONTH in which it expires. You are then eligible to purchase a dog license before the end of the MONTH.

If you do NOT purchase a dog license by the end of that MONTH, a late fee of \$15 will be added to the price of the license.

2011 DOG LICENSES MAY BE PURCHASED AT YOUR LOCAL TOWNSHIP/CITY BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2010. Please provide proof of rabies vaccination and proof of spay/neuter as required by State Statute.

	<u>MALE/FEMALE</u>	<u>SPAYED/NEUTERED</u>	<u>PUPPY</u>
1 year	\$25	\$7	\$7
3 year	\$60	\$21	N/A

Winter Tax Payments

The treasurer's office will be closed on Friday, December 31. If you want your payment to be processed for 2010, it must be in the drop box by Monday, January 3, 2011.

WINTER TAX DEFERRAL

A taxpayer who is a senior citizen, paraplegic, quadriplegic, hemiplegic, eligible service person, eligible veteran, eligible widow or widower, or who is totally and permanently disabled or blind may be able to delay paying the winter taxes on his or her homestead until April 30 of the first year of delinquency.

If eligible: Taxpayer must apply for homestead property tax credit before February 15 ·Taxpayer must present a copy of his/her homestead property tax credit form to the County Treasurer · Taxpayer cannot have received his/her homestead property tax credit refund before March 1.

Please contact the Livingston County Treasurer, (517) 546-7010, or your local treasurer if you have any questions regarding the winter tax deferral.

Marion Township Park #2

We are selling brick pavers to fill in the area around the new gazebo next to the township hall. The pavers can be engraved, and are available in three different sizes: single for \$50, double for \$75, and large for \$100. Order forms are available at the township hall or on the website.

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 questions regarding township water or sewer issues, water meters, special assessments or cable TV problems, contact Cindy Hodge at the township or email mariondpw@ameritech.net. There is a link on the website's DPW page to the MHOG utility billing agency to pay your water/sewer bills online.

Watershed Update

Marion Township has participated in the collection of macro invertebrates in the Shiawassee River near Norton Road. Staff participated in collecting samples in September. In November, they also participated in labeling and identifying the samples. This is a multi-year project to monitor the quality of Marion Township surface water. If any resident would like to join in the next event, please let us know.

Township Website

The township website has been updated with some new features that we hope you find helpful. Property Assessing & Tax Information is now available; you will be able to check your property record card, or see if your taxes have been paid.

The Community Events page is also a recent addition to the website. If you have any items you would like to submit to the Community Events page, please email Cindy Hodge at mariondpw@ameritech.net. Events may include homeowners or lake association meetings, local charity fundraisers, garage sales or other events in the Howell area. If you have any ideas or information you would like to suggest for the website, please let us know.

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 fourth annual Heritage Days event will be held June 11-12. If you would like to take part in the planning, our meetings are the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. If you happen to have any old photos of Marion Township, please share them with the Clerk's office for future Heritage Days brochures. We will scan them and return them to you the same day.

Marion Township cookbooks are available for \$10 each at the township hall. They contain over 200 favorite recipes from our staff and residents.

Trunk or Treat brought out approximately 175 ghosts and goblins. Thanks to all who participated, especially the 21 cars that passed out treats.

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 helped contribute \$1100 to benefit LACASA last year.

The township is now collecting non-perishable food items for Gleaners year round. There is a box in the lobby for donations.

We are also collecting for LACASA's 2010 Stuff the Bus. Non-perishable food items or new toys and clothing can be brought in to the township hall before Christmas.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

The township hosted two community sales in the parking lot in September and October. We plan to have one on the third Saturday of each month from April through October in 2011.

There are two computers with Internet access available to the public at no charge during regular business hours, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

We also have wireless Internet access for those of you with wireless devices.