

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.

SUMMER TAX PAYMENTS

The final day for summer tax payments without penalty is Tuesday, 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 2010 summer taxes is available on the township's website. If you have questions, please contact the treasurer's office.

TORNADO SIREN

The township now has two emergency tornado sirens: County Farm near Cedar Valley, and D-19 near Triangle Lake Rd. 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.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!

Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority, Marion Township and Anything That Moves are sponsoring a buck pole on November 15 at the Marion Township Hall. The event begins at 2:00 pm; awards start at 8:00 pm . Check our website or cable channel for more information.

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 water or sewer connections, special assessments or usage rates, contact Cindy Hodge at the township or email mariondpw@ameritech.net. There is a link on the township website's DPW page to the MHOG utility billing agency. You can set up an account to pay bills online.

Watershed Update

As participants in the Shiawassee watershed management group, we got our feet wet in stream sampling by capturing some of the macro invertebrate residents of the Shiawassee River near Norton Road. Bob Hanvey, Annette McNamara and Cindy Hodge participated in collecting samples in May. Annette's husband, Michael, and Cindy's daughter-in-law, Heather, and granddaughter, Madeline, joined in the fun. In June, Annette and Cindy also participated in labeling and identifying samples. This is a multi-year project to monitor the quality of Marion Township surface water. If any residents want to join in the next event, please let us know—you may look good in waders!

Cable Problems

The Michigan Public Service Commission is now handling complaints about cable service. If you are unable to resolve a complaint, they will assist you. The phone number is 866-552-7725; fax 517-241-2400. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/mpsc and click on the video/cable button.

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

Two important elections are coming up: the August 3, 2010 Primary and the November 2, 2010 General Election. Contact the Clerk's office if you are going to be out of town and she will send you an application for an absentee ballot.

The third annual Heritage Days event was held June 12-13. Fun was had by all! Thanks to all of the volunteers and participants. We couldn't have done it without you! 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.

Our third *Trunk or Treat* will be held on October 31. People passing out treats can come at 5:15 pm to set up and have hot dogs, cider and donuts. Ghosts and goblins can collect treats from 6:00-8:00 pm .

Cemetery Preservation Committee

Our committee is still working on maintaining the township's three cemeteries. This spring, we installed a new split rail fence at Lakeside Cemetery (Norton Rd.) and repaired and painted a wrought iron fence in Green Cemetery (Pingree Rd.) If you are interested in helping out, contact the Clerk's office.

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.