

VALLEY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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TOWNSHIP (NORMAL) BUSINESS HOURS

Monday – Thursday, 9:00am to 3:00pm (unless otherwise posted)

Various applications and/or permits are available at the Township Hall or on our Website

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

William F. Browne, Supervisor
Tony Garofalo, Clerk
Denise Medemar, Treasurer
Harry Smith, Trustee
Bob Dobbins, Trustee

Paul Shamblin, Zoning Administrator/Enforcement Officer
Douglas Darling, Assessor
Sally Burgess, Assistant Assessor
Brandee Ellis, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

PCI Services, Inc., Dorr
616-877-2000

ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

PCI Services, Inc., Dorr
616-877-2000

PLUMBING & MECHANICAL INSPECTIONS

Gary Hoover, Zeeland
616-772-6465

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR, BILL BROWNE

Again, thanks to all of you who have been coming to Township Board and Planning Commission meetings. We truly appreciate your help in making decisions for the betterment of the township. I want to give you an update on several issues that have been before the township.

Ambulance Service: Valley Township has joined with the City of Allegan and Allegan, Cheshire and Trowbridge Townships (along with Allegan and Bronson Hospitals) in contracting for ambulance service with **Life Emergency Medical Service (EMS)**. Our former provider, Allegan EMS, was no longer able to provide service due to rising costs and a need for new equipment. The cost to each of the municipalities is just under \$4.50 per resident (based on population from the last census). You can review the contract at the Township Hall.

Roads: The Board has approved the paving of 121st Ave and the graveling of 122nd Ave. We are prioritizing roads in need of maintenance and making progress with resident concerns based on our budget. We invite your comments on this important issue.

Fire Protection (Ambulance) and Road Improvement Renewals: Just a reminder – these Township proposals will be on the August 5th primary ballot. They are renewals, not tax increases.

Clean Up of Blighted Areas: We are cleaning up blighted areas within the township. It is a slow process. Please notify us of areas of concern. We will work with property owners for the overall improvement of Valley Township.

Congratulations to Aspen Acres: The residents of Aspen Acres have formed a Homeowners Association and are making progress on a number of projects. They have graded and graveled their roads and have applied the first ever dust control treatments. They have the beginnings of a strong Homeowner's Association. We offer them township support and look forward to working with them. If you are interested in attending an association meeting, they are presently meeting at the Township Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. except July. Due to the holiday, the meeting date is July 10th.

Have a good summer and let's hope the mosquitoes stop swarming soon!

Bill Browne

ELECTION INFORMATION

Tuesday, August 5, 2008, Primary Election for the November General Election; Tuesday, November 4, 2008, General Election to elect candidates for Local, County, State and National Offices. The election polls at the Valley Township Hall will be open from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Absentee Voter Applications and Ballots will be available at the Valley Township Hall. **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE**

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

General Township Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Township Hall, 2054 N. M-40, Allegan, MI 49010 at 7:30pm. The Planning Commission meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month, January – November at the Township Hall at 7:00pm.

ALLEGAN COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM

Please note, the County (and Township) provides recycling containers that are located at the Township Hall, 2054 N. M-40, Allegan to properly dispose of certain plastics, paper, cardboard, glass & metals. A list of acceptable items is posted at the Township Hall. Township "Cleanup" date is Sat., October 18th, 9AM –5PM.

COLLECTION HOURS for SUMMER TAXES

SUMMER TAXES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

The Treasurer will be at the Township Hall for the collection of the Summer Taxes on the following dates:

Monday, August 25, 2008, Tuesday, August 26, 2008, 9:00am to 3:00pm and
Monday, September 15, 2008, 1:00pm to 6:00pm.

Payments will also be accepted during Township Hall regular business hours, 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday – Thursday. If paying by with cash, you must have the EXACT AMOUNT. For safety reasons, the Township Hall does not have any cash on hand to make change. Tax Bill Receipts will only be sent if requested. If you wish to have a receipt, please indicate that on your tax bill when you send in your payment. A receipt will be forwarded to you. Please Note, Postmark Dates will not be accepted as the payment date. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Medemar at 269-673-1595.

TAX BILL DEFERMENT

Select properties may qualify for DEFERRED PAYMENT of THEIR TAX BILL if one of the following pertains to you:

- The Homestead Property of a person 62 years old or older, or, the surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years old or older at death, with a household income below \$40,000.00.
- Persons with a disability that allows them to qualify for an extra, personal exemption on their State Income Tax form.
- Property that is classified or used as Agricultural Property may qualify if the gross receipts of the farming operations are less than the household income of the owner.

Individuals who meet the above criteria for a deferral must complete a form available through the Township Treasurer. The form must be completed each year in order to have taxes deferred without a penalty in any given year. The form must be filed with the Township Treasurer by September 15, 2008 to receive the deferral. You can contact the Township Treasurer a 269-673-1595.

ASSESSOR INFORMATION

The Assessor works with your Assessed Value; the calculation of your Taxable Value, Principal Residence Exemption, Qualified Agricultural Exemptions, maintaining public records on properties, property classifications, personal property reporting, are just some of the functions of the Assessors. If you would like to speak with someone in the Assessing Department, they are typically available in the Township Hall every Thursday. The Assessor's continues to work their through the township updating and maintaining the records. You may see these people working in your area to update older files and establish files on new properties.

All of the Valley Township Officials want to thank the township residents for their understanding, assistance and suggestions. We want you to join us in making Valley the best township in Allegan County.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER and FALL