

VALLEY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

**WILLIAM F. BROWNE, Supervisor
BRANDEE ELLIS, Clerk
DENISE MEDEMAR, Treasurer
ROBERT DOBBINS, Trustee
ROSE ANN WENDT, Trustee**

**PAUL SHAMBLIN, Zoning Administrator/Enforcement Officer
DOUGLAS DARLING, Assessor
SALLY BURGESS, Assistant Assessor**

**BUILDING INSPECTIONS
INSPECTIONS**

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

ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

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616-877-2000**

PLUMBING & MECHANICAL

**Gary Hoover, Zeeland
616-772-6465**

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Thanks to all of you who continue to come to Township Board meetings. We appreciate your help in the decision making process. Please continue to share your concerns and action issues.

I hope you have had time to review the Township Future Land Use Plan. As previously stated, this plan is the guiding tool for township growth and development. The Planning Commission has begun a review of our existing ordinances and has submitted six for review by the Board. We will begin this review in December. This will be a long process and we will notice public meetings concerning these in the Allegan paper. All issues concerning zoning will be noticed and complete copies will be available at the township office for review.

We had a record turn-out for the general elections and as you can see from the Township Officials listing, there are two new names. Brandee Ellis will be our Clerk and Rose Ann Wendt will be our Trustee. We welcome the individuals and look forward to working with them. I would like to thank Harry Smith for his years of service as Trustee and hope that he will continue to help us in anyway he can in the coming years.

I know that there are hard times. The economy hasn't been this bad in a long time. Many residents in Valley are experiencing things first hand. Remember, the township officials are here to help in anyway we can. We have numerous assistance phone numbers and websites that may help through these troubled times.

I wish each and everyone an enjoyable holiday season.

Bill Browne

ELECTION INFORMATION, IMPORTANT DATES

School Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009. There also may be an election on the same day to elect members to the new Allegan District Library Board.

Any election held at the Township Hall shall be available to all registered voters to vote from 7:00AM to 8:00PM. Applications for Absentee Ballots are available at the Township Hall during normal hours.

TOWNSHIP NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS

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

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

The Township will be closed on all Legal Holidays which will be posted at the township.

General township board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM at the township hall. The Planning Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM, except in December.

ALLEGAN COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM

The County (and Township) provides recycling containers (located at the Township Hall, 2054 N. M-40, Allegan, MI) to properly dispose of certain plastics, paper, cardboard, glass, and metals. A complete list of acceptable items is posted at the Township Hall. Township cleanup dates are Saturday, April 18 and Saturday, October 17, 2009. The site is located at 4726 - 118th Avenue in the Round Lake area on the south side of the road.

WINTER TAXES COLLECTION HOURS

The Treasurer will be at the Township Hall for the collection of Winter Taxes on the following dates: Wednesday, December 31, 2008 from 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday, February 14, 2009, 9:00am to Noon

Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 9:00am to 6:00pm (last day to pay taxes without a penalty)

Saturday, February 28, 2009, 9:00am to 1:00pm

Payments will also be accepted during Township Hall regular business hours (Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 3:00pm). **If paying by 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. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Medemar, Treasurer 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 persons 62 years old of age or older or the surviving spouse of a person who was 62 or older at death, with a household income below \$40,000.
- 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 not 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 February 17, 2009 to receive the deferral. You can contact the Township Treasurer at 269-673-1595.

ASSESSOR INFORMATION

The Assessor works with your assessed value; the calculation of your taxable value, principal residence exemptions, qualified agricultural exemptions, maintaining public records on properties, property classifications, personal property reporting, just to mention some of the functions of our office. 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 Office continues to work their way through the township to update and maintain the records; you may see them at your residence in the near future.

We want each resident of Valley Township to know that we are here to serve and support you. If we can be of service, please don't hesitate to contact us. We hope 2009 will be a prosperous and safe year for all.