

March 2018



WILLIAMSTOWN

Township News

Property Assessments

New Assessments: The Consumer Price Index (CPI) mandated by the State this year is 1.21%. Taxable Values on properties may increase by that amount for taxing purposes for 2018. **Taxable Value** is the basis for your property taxes. This will be calculated using the inflation rate of 1.021 for the 2018 capped value. The Taxable Value can never be higher than your assessed value so some properties will not see the 2.1% increase.

How to protest: If you wish to protest your assessment you may do so by appointment at the March Board of Review. The BOR meets March 15th and 16th. Please call the office for an appointment. If you are unable to protest in person you may submit a written protest to the Township. All written protests must be received by 4 pm March 16, 2018.

March - Budget Public Hearing

The Public Hearing for the 2018-19 Budget is set for March 7th. Please call the office or go to the Township website to confirm the date. The proposed budget is available for your review during business hours. Your Board of Trustees work diligently on managing the 3/4 of 1% tax that is collected from property taxes.

Planning Survey Enclosed

The Planning Commission is interested in your comments and concerns. As part of the Master Plan review the Planning Commission is asking that you take a few minutes and respond to the enclosed survey. This will be used to help guide the commission in updating the Master Plan. The completed survey can be mailed, dropped off at the Township Hall dur-

Township Hours

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

Feb 28h: Treasury will hold hours of 9am-7pm to accept tax payments before they are turned over to Ingham County for collection on March 1st.

Police Services

Emergency: 911 Non-Emergency: 332-6526

Spring Clean Up: Saturday, May 12th

The Township will be hosting this free event again in May for **residents of the Township**. This is held in conjunction with our normal recycling and is a great time to clean up around the homestead. Staff continues to work on expanding what the Township is able to collect. This year’s collection will include:

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| Scrap metal | Sensitive documents |
| Trash | Electronics |
| Latex paint(will be recycled) | Batteries |
| Tires (limit) | |

There will be a small fee for certain items. Please visit the website or contact the office as we get closer to the collection date for more details.

- **Recycling Reminder:** Recycling is always the second Saturday of the month from 9:00 am– 3:00 pm. Collection includes glass, tin and small metal, paper, plastic #1-#7, Styrofoam (no packing peanuts) and boxboard.

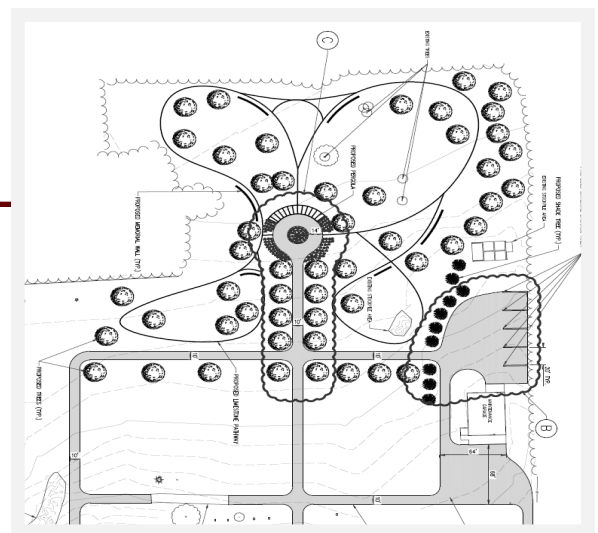
Please flatten items as much as possible to help the Township handle more and obtain the maximum price for our commodities.

- **Township Garage Sales:** Township garage sales are in conjunction with Recycling and set up is free for Township residents! Contact Karen Warsco at ??? to reserve your space. Garage Sales run monthly from May to October.
- **Household Hazardous Waste:** Ingham County offers free collection to County Residents on Thursdays, 2:00 pm-6:00 pm from May through September. There is a link on the Township website under “Community” “Waste, Conservation and Recycling”. Brochures are also available at the offices.

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Summit Cemetery Improve-ments

The Cemetery Committee has recently completed updating the Cemetery Master Plan and is currently working on putting the plan into action! The updates should serve the residents for the next 50 years. The first phase of the improvements will begin after Memorial Day when construction will begin on extending the roads to the back portion of the cemetery. This section will contain a scattering garden with a memorial wall and a section for natural burials.



Art Tour: May 4th and 5th

Local artists and their guests are gearing up for another successful art tour to show off the talented residents living in our Township as well as raise funds to purchase play equipment for the Township Hall! Artist participation is up and St. Katherine's has been added as a venue stop on this year's tour, as well as 5 studios and the Township Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to expose yourself to the talent that abounds in the Township as well as help the artist raise money for playground equipment.

Attendees will have an opportunity to enter into a drawing for art being donated by participating artists.

Hours of the Tour are Friday, May 4th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday, May 5th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

More information can be found at the website: www.art-tour.williamstowntwp.org

Building Permits

The Historical Committee is currently working on collecting information on historic barns within the Township. On **Thursday, June 14th at 7:00**, Steve Stier, President, and Brad Brogan, past President, of the Michigan Barn Preservation Network will be giving a presentation on the restoration and preservation of historic barns as well as collecting information on types of barns within the Township to be part of a statewide survey being compiled.



"Koi" Watercolor by Bobby Kilty

Burning Permits

Burning Regulations: Burning is allowed **only** with a permit and limited in higher density areas.

Once you have obtained a master permit, you need to activate your permit and receive a new activation number. Permits can not be activated more than a week in advance.

Township Services

Notary Public: Free to Township Residents

Cemetery Plots: May be purchased through the Township Office

Burning Permits: Through the Township office or on the Township website.

Fax & Copying Services: These services are available for a small fee during regular business hours.

Williamstown Township Hall: Available for rent to residents of the Township. Please contact the Township for details.

Recycling: Second Saturday of the month from 9:00 am– 3:00 pm.

Parks: Community Park is on Grand River Rd. near Burkley (trails, pavilion (reservation for a fee) soccer and baseball fields (reservation for a fee).

Township Hall: Pavilion (can be reserved-no fee) and baseball field (reservation for a fee)

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Meeting Dates for 2018-19

Board:

Planning Commission:

New Business License Ordinance

At the January Board meeting the Board passed a new Business License Ordinance that will assist the Township in acquiring information to provide more adequate police and fire protection; for efficiency and economy in furnishing public services with the Township; for general planning purposes; and to establish a registry of businesses operating within the Township for the general information of the

Voting Dates & Locations

- ◆ February 28th– Presidential Primary
- ◆ July 9th– Last day to register to vote for the August Primary
- ◆ August 7th– State Primary
- ◆ October 9th– Last day to register for the November General Election
- ◆ November 6th– General Election

Precinct #1 voters are all Township residents east of Zimmer Road and they vote at the Williamstown Township Hall, located at 4990 N. Zimmer Road.

Precinct #2 voters are all Township residents west of Zimmer Road and they vote at St. Katherine's Episcopal Church, located at 4650 N. Meridian Road.

The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

