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Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 10-4, Wednesday 10-7



The election is over and a new Board of Trustees is in place. This is a good time to update residents on activities within the Township and answer your questions. We hope to cover a few of these topics in the newsletter, but please don't hesitate to contact us with any other questions. Elected officials and our staff are here to serve and assist you. Additionally, our website has an abundance of information. Residents can activate burn permits, reserve the rental hall, print building permit applications, review Township Ordinances, or review upcoming meeting agendas or minutes. Township forms are available as well. There are links to county, state, and other useful websites that offer services in the Township. Please contact us if you feel something important is missing from the site. We are always looking for ways to improve the site and make it easy to use.

Sincerely, Supervisor Wanda Bloomquist

### Upcoming Calendar Dates

February 28: Last day to pay 2016 property taxes at the Township Hall 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

February 28: Township Special Meeting: Public Hearing for the proposed Police Assessment Roll and proposed Budget for 2017-18 6:00 pm

March 7: Board of Review Organizational Meeting 6:00 pm

March 8: Township Board Meeting 7:00 pm

March 11: Recycling Township Hall 9:00 am– 3:00 pm

March 13: Board of Review 9:00 am– 12:00pm, 1:00 am-4:00 pm, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

March 14: Board of Review 6:00 pm– 9:00 pm

March 15: Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm

April 5: Township Board Meeting 7:00 pm

April 8: Recycling, Township Hall 9:00 am-3:00 pm

May 5 & 6: Township Art Tour Friday 5:00 pm-9:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am-5:00 pm

May 10: Township Board Meeting 7:00 pm

May 13: Spring Clean Up , Recycle and Township Garage Sale 9:00 am—3:00 pm

**Assessment Notices:** The 2017 Inflation rate Multiplier is 1.009. Your 2017 TV (Taxable Value) is calculated by multiplying your 2016 TV by 1.009. Physical changes in your property may also increase or decrease your TV. Your 2017 TV cannot be higher than your 2017 SEV (State Equalized Value). If there was a transfer of ownership on your property in 2016, your 2017 TV will be the same as your 2017 SEV. If you wish to appeal your assessment, please contact the Township for an appointment. Written appeals will be accepted until 4:00 pm on Tuesday March 14, 2017.

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## Upcoming Events

Art tour This will be the 8th Annual Williamstown Township Fine Art Sale and Studio Tour Fundraiser! Our resident artists and their guests come together to raise money for playground equipment located at the Township Hall. A \$5.00 ticket covers entrance into all venues over the two days and a chance to win a piece of art donated by individual artists. This year's event will be Friday, May 5th from 4 pm to 9 pm and Saturday, May 6th from 10 am to 5 pm. Please check the Township website for further information.

Spring Clean Up The annual clean up for Township Residents will be Saturday, May 13th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Township will again be collecting metals, trash, sensitive docs, and electronic waste (small fee). Please check the website for more details as the date approaches.

## Reminders

Burning A burn permit is required before burning within the Township. You must activate your permit each time you wish to burn. If you do not have a permit, please come to the office to fill out an application. Once this is completed, you may activate your permit on line or by calling the Township. Burning of trash, building materials, and leaves is prohibited throughout the Township!

Building Permits Please take the time to call the Township to see if the project you are undertaking requires a permit. It can be costly if a permit was not pulled and your project does not meet the standards of the Zoning Ordinance or Building Code. Commonly missed permits are for reroofs, decks and sheds (any size). Please call!

## Park Acquisition

The Township recently acquired a 7 acre parcel that is located within the boundary of the Community Park on Grand River Rd. Stakeholder and community input will guide future development and uses of the building and grounds. The Township plans to apply for a grant to help fund improvements to the existing structure.

## Ordinance Updates

With ever changing laws and regulations, the Township is in need of updating ordinances. Several items the Township is currently reviewing include: Sign regulations, Fireworks Ordinance and Medical Marijuana definitions and regulations. The Township Ordinances are available on the Township website. If you have concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Township and Pati will direct you to the appropriate person to help answer your questions.

### Out of every \$1000, see where your money goes.

