

# Grant Township News

## BILL DEATER-SUPERVISOR

### Dear Residents of Grant:

Your Township Board went on their annual road trip on April 5th and found that the roads were not in bad shape. With the help of the St. Clair County Road Commission District Foreman, Todd Burch and Asst. Foreman, Jeff Gentner the board decided on 70 loads of limestone, 12 loads of gravel and 7 different ditching projects,

along with 2 solid applications of 21% sodium chloride for dust control. In talking with the road commission the work will begin in May with an estimated cost of \$137,000.

After waiting 2 years I believe that the Gibbons Road bridge will be replaced this summer after satisfying the DNR about erosion.

Kilburn Road bridge will be replaced next summer (2011).

If you have any questions please call the Township Hall on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9 am to 5 pm

Don't forget the Firefighters Food Give Away on **April 28th** from 1 to 3 pm and Pancake Breakfast on **May 16th** 7:30 am to 1 pm

I hope to see you there.

**BILL**

## NANCY SHARUM-CLERK

School elections will be held on May 4th.

For residents that are in the **Cros/Lex School District you will vote at our Township Hall.**

On the ballot three people are running for two openings on the school board.

Township residents in the Port Huron School District vote at Burtchville Township and township residents in the Yale School District vote at Avoca Elementary.

Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm

**REMEMBER TO FILL OUT AND RETURN YOUR 2010 CENSUS FORMS.**

*Nancy*

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Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
2nd Monday of each month

Planning Commission Meetings 7pm  
Last Tuesday of each month except no meeting in December

Parks & Recreation Meetings 7pm  
First Tuesday of Month

### Coming Events

Fire Depart-Food Truck  
April 28th  
School Election  
May 4th

Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast  
May 16th

Heritage Days  
August 13th

### KATHY BERT-TREASURER

Deferment applications for eligible taxpayers are available in our office or on-line at [www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury). The deferment enables the taxpayer, if eligible, to pay their Summer taxes after the due date without penalty or interest.

The 2010 Summer property tax bills will

be mailed out at the end of June or the beginning of July. Please look them over and call immediately if you think there may be any errors – it does happen occasionally. All property owners should receive a copy of the tax bill. For those of you whose mortgage company takes care of this, you should still receive a copy, which will be marked "copy." If you do

not receive your tax bill by mid-July, contact the township and a duplicate can be mailed.

A receipt is not automatically sent upon payment of taxes. If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment and a brief note indicating that you would like a receipt – OR you can

pick it up at the township hall during business hours.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about your taxes.

Kathy Bert,  
Treasurer

**THANKS TO SUE HANSMAN, OUR 14 POINT MINI REVIEW WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, ASSESSING AND CERTIFICATION DIVISION , PASSED WITH FLYING COLORS WITH A SCORE OF 100 OUT OF A POSSIBLE 100.**

### SUE HANSMAN-ASSESSOR

From the Assessor

Just a reminder May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to claim a Homestead Exemption and an Agricultural Exemption. The law says you must own and occupy a residence in order to claim the Homestead Exemption. It also says more than 51% of a parcel must be farmed to receive the Ag Exemption. You can not claim both exemptions on the

same piece of property. They are both an exemption from the 18 mills of school operating millage.

If you have purchased a home, whether thru a foreclosure or otherwise, and it has damage to be corrected give me a call to inspect the home and I might be able to reduce the assessment for this year at the July Board of Review. If you have already completed the

work and have pictures and/or receipts for the work this can also be helpful for the Board to look at.

The July Board of Review will meet at 9:00 am on July 20<sup>th</sup> to hear Homestead claims, Hardship requests and correct clerical errors. You can not appeal your assessment at this hearing unless there are errors on you record card.

To receive a copy of your record card or Hardship Application contact the Township Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

Sue Hansman

## DON MCLANE-FIRE DEPARTMENT

Already this year the Township Fire Department has had 38 calls for medical and fire emergencies. If this year is like the previous years they will respond to nearly 100 emergency calls.

Last year the Department was credited by Tri-Hospital Ambulance Service with saving the life of one of our residence that had gone into cardiac arrest.

We are on duty 24/7 protecting our township. This year has been extremely dry and we have responded to numerous grass fires both in our township

and providing mutual aid to our neighbors in adjoining townships.

DON'T FORGET YOUR BURN PERMIT IF YOU WISH TO BURN. They are free by contacting the township office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Also, remember that a fire cannot be left alone and you should have water access and shovel and rakes at the burn site incase a fire should begin to spread.

**Please remember that we have trash collection and can have household items picked up by Marcotte by simply calling them and arranging a pick up. It is Illegal by State, County and Township Ordinance to burn household items.**

**If you are going to have a simple campfire and going to burn campfire wood only within a fire pit not larger than a four (4) foot circle - you do not need a burn permit.**

The Fire Department will host another food giveaway on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Any needy resident not able to come to the township hall can contact us at 327-6775 and we will make arrangements to supply you with food.

The annual Fire Department Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. Prices will remain at adults \$5.00; children (5-12 years old) \$3.00 and children under 5 years old eat for free.

## GARY SHARUM-ZONING

Now that the township has a new Master Plan, the Township Planning Commission is working with the St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission on an updated Zoning Ordinance. The work has begun and is very complex and must coordinate with the Master Plan. Prior to adoption we will have a public meeting to

discuss the new Ordinance.

A new Wind Energy Conversion System Ordinance was written by the Planning Commission and Adopted by the Township Board of Trustees. The new ordinance regulates both commercial systems as well as private systems.

If you are considering installing a sys-

tem contact me at the township for more information.

Thanks to Gary Breakie for his great service as a member of the planning commission. Gary has retired.

Daryl Talaski has replaced him on the planning commission.

**PLANNING ON BUILDING OR REMODELING**

**BE SURE TO STOP BY THE TOWNSHIP FIRST AND PICK UP YOUR BUILDING PACKAGE.**

Grant Township  
7942 Wildcat Road  
Jeddo, MI 48032

PRSRTD STD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT #5  
JEDDO, MI 48032

Postal Customer  
Jeddo, MI 48032

**Reflective address signs  
available  
\$20 through the Fire Dept**

**TOWNSHIP OFFICES ARE OPEN MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS  
9:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM - CLOSED FROM 12:00 PM UNTIL 1:00 PM FOR LUNCH**

**Phone:** (810) 327-6775 **Fax:** (810) 327-1133 **Web Site:** granttownship.com **email address:** office@granttownship.com

## GRANT TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

### Elected Officials

Supervisor: William Deater  
Clerk: Nancy Sharum  
Treasurer: Kathleen Bert  
Trustee: David Lamb  
Trustee: David Rutkofske

**Deputy Treasurer:** Sue Deater

**Deputy Clerk:** Gary Sharum

### Zoning Administrator/ Ordinance Enforcement

Gary Sharum

**Assessor:** Susan Hansman

### Board of Review

Chair: Gene Galinis  
Secretary: Bill Deater  
Member: Dennis Balut  
Member: Jim Perry  
Member: Peter Cadotte

### Planning Commission

Chair: Marvin McCallum  
Vice-chair: Mark Matthew  
Secretary: Karen Strevel  
Member: Gene Galinis  
Member: Dave Lamb  
Member: Margaret Stanyer  
Member: Daryl Talaski

### Inspectors:

Building: Bob Wiley  
Electrical/Address Assign:  
David Rutkofske  
Mech/Plumb: Dan Jex

### Hall & Park

Manager/Reservations:  
Don Orrell  
Hall Maintenance-Denise Lamb  
Groundskeepers: Russ Abate  
Dave Miller

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Chair: Gary Breakie  
Member: Sue Deater  
Member: Kathleen Bert

### Fire Department Officers

Chief: Don McLane  
Assistant Chief: Dave Farr  
Captain: Cletus Kensley  
1st Lieutenant: Louis Hartman  
2nd Lieutenant: John Hillman  
Sergeant: Sean Rhadigan

### Fire Fighters

Steve Briolat  
Jon Chivers  
Hank Crawford  
Bill Deater  
Dale Farr  
Richard Frizzle  
Sandy Hillman  
Edward Kudzia  
Steven McLane  
Mark Mooney  
Don Orrell  
Dan Owens Jr.  
Fred Ramage  
Jack Rushton  
David Rutkofske

### Fire Fighters (cont)

Chance Skinner  
Paul Smith  
Thomas Stanyer  
Dale Tremble  
Les VanCamp

### Park and Recreation Committee

Chair: Sue Deater  
Member: Denise Lamb  
Member: Mark Matthews  
Member: Shelly McCoy  
Member: Teresa Messing  
Member: Gary Sharum  
Member: Nancy Sharum  
Member: Denny Strevel  
Member: Karen Strevel

### Cemetery:

Sexton: Dave Lamb  
Maintenance: Brian Bennert