

Grant Township News

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Monthly Meetings

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

Planning Commission Meetings 7:00 p.m.
Last Tuesday of month
no meeting in December

Park & Rec. Committee Meetings 7:00 p.m.
1st Tuesday of the month

Coming Events

Food Give-a-Way
December 5, 2008 1-3 pm
Children's Christmas Party

December 6th 4-6 pm
Tree Lighting/Caroling
December 6th-6 pm
following Children's
Christmas Party

Board of Review
December 9th 9 am
Holiday Lighting Contest

BILL DEATER-SUPERVISOR

Dear Residents,

This year resulted in a lot of work being done on our local roads.

With the completion of the Jeddo Road Bridge and Kilburn Road project (which was completed ahead of time and under budget)

We are currently working on a project with the Road Commission to remove nine large pine trees

on Cribbins north of Hewitt, then ditching up to the corner of Hewitt. (approx 450')

We have also been working with the County Road Commission on the Gibbons Road Bridge Project for next year.

We have requested and obtained the matching funds for this project which is projected for the fall of 2009.

Here's wishing you and yours a Happy Holiday Season.

Bill

NANCY SHARUM-CLERK

The General Election had a great turn out, of the 1442 registered voters in our community we had 1057 voting either by absentee ballot or in person on 11/4/08.

I would like to thank the election workers: Jackie Arnold, Nancy Barrett, Gary Breakie, Inadel Norton, Brenda Orrell, Nancy Talaski and Ethel Wagar who did such a great job and put in such a long day.

Our chairperson, Inadel Norton has been doing this for a lot of years and does all the scheduling and supervising of all the work that goes into making sure everyone's vote counts.

This group was here when I came on and I don't know what I would have done or would do without all of their help and encouragement.

THANK YOU !!

Again this year we will be doing the Give-A-Gift program to help needy children have a Merry Christmas.

Gifts can be clothing and/or toys.

Your can drop off your new or gently used gift (unwrapped) at the Township Hall until December 15th.

Nancy

KATHY BERT-TREASURER

TAX NEWS

2008 Winter Property Taxes will be mailed out by the end of November and are due on February 14, 2009.

Residents paying Personal Property Taxes (those who own a business) will notice a decrease of 12 mills on School Operating. This is the result of the Michigan Business Tax Personal Exemption. Very helpful in today's economy.

Please notice on your Winter

bill the line item "1 Mil Fire Equip". This previously said "1 Mil Fire." This wording was changed to let residents know that these funds are (and have always been) being used only for new equipment purchases for the Fire Department. It does not pay for anyone's wages or compensation.

The December Board of Review is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2008 to correct any clerical errors and current or

previous year's assessments. Homeowners who filed their homestead affidavit by May 1st, but did not get the exemption on their tax bill, can also appeal the Board of Review at this time.

2nd Home Exemptions are now available for property owners who are unable to sell their old home once they have moved into a new one. The first home

must remain unoccupied while it is for sale. This exemption can be renewed for up to two additional years. The form must be filed by the end of *December 2008*.

Dog Licenses will be available for purchase December 1st thru February 28th at the Township Hall during regular business hours.

Kathy

4-H Club in Jeddo Looking for New Members

The Jeddo Shamrocks 4-H Club is looking for kids ages 5-18 to participate in the coming year's program. 2007 statistics show that there are over 6,000 kids involved in 4-H; that's more than the Boy and Girl Scouts combined! Come see what it's all about. For information, contact Laura Jerlecki, the General Leader, at 327-2686

GARY SHARUM-ZONING

There will be a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. December 15, 2008.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the application by McCallum's Orchards to the Michigan Liquor Commission for a license to manufacture wine at the Orchard.

The License also would allow wine sales and tasting at the Orchard.

Anyone wishing to speak in favor or against the issuance of this license should plan on attending

DON MCLANE-FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention Night was another success with over 72 children attending and enjoying all the fun and informational programs.

The Food Truck on November 5th served over 260 families. A big thank you to everyone that volunteered their time.

Another Food Truck will be here on December 5th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for December 6th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Grant Township Fire Department and the Jeddo Lions Club.

Santa will be here with gifts and there will be free refreshments for all. Come join in all the fun with you family and neighbors.

Grant Township Fire Department is looking for volunteer fire fighters

**If you are interested in serving your community
contact Chief Don McLane at the Township**

SEE THE ENCLOSED PAMPHLET ON THE GRANT TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

SUE DEATER-PARKS & REC

The park has come along great this year from the cleaning of the park with the help of a local boy scout troop to the planting of our new community flower garden on the south side of the marquee in front of the Township. Thanks to Denny & Karen Strevel (who is our Master Gardener) for all their hard work in maintaining our garden.

There was also the purchase of trees for planting along the walking path from proceeds from Heritage Day and the receipt of a donation of a Rose of Sharon by David & Denise Lamb.

We are now getting ready for the Holiday Lighting Contest which will start December 1st thru December 18th. Judging will be December 18th at 6pm
See enclosed flyer.

This year will be hosting our 1st annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in front of the Township.

Please come join us at 6 pm following the Fire Department's Children's Christmas party. There will be Christmas caroling and refreshments for all.

**See you there.
Sue**

**Note: New Meeting Day for
Parks & Rec. is now the
1st Tuesday of the Month.**

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Phone: 327-6775 Fax: 327-1133 email address: office@granttownship.com
Web site: granttownship.com**

GRANT TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Elected Officials

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

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: Michael Dubay
Secretary: David Lamb
Member: Gary Breakie
Member: Gene Galinis
Member: Mark Matthews
Member: Margaret Stanyer

Inspectors:

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

Hall & Park Reservation

Don Orrell

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Fire Department Officers

Chief: Don McLane
Assistant Chief: Don Orrell
Captain: Cletus Kensley
1st Lieutenant: David Farr
2nd Lieutenant: Hank Crawford
Sergeant: Louis Hartman
Chaplain: Catherine Hiner

Fire Fighters

William Deater
Dale Farr
Richard Frizzle
John Hillman
Sandy Hillman
Christopher Hubbard
Edward Kudzia
David Lamb
Steven McLane
Mark Mooney
Dan Owen Jr.

Fire Fighters (cont)

Fred Ramage
Sean Rhadigan
Jack Rushton
David Rutkofske
Chance Skinner
Paul Smith
Thomas Stanyer
Dale Tremble
Les VanCamp

Park and Recreation Committee

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