
OID TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Supervisor, Sue Miller

Clerk, Judy Sabaitis

Treasurer, Nancy Price

Trustee, Larry Omo

Trustee, Ron Sampsel

WINTER TAX COLLECTION

Taxes may be paid in person at 312 East Central Road from 9:00AM TO 5:00PM on:

December 1, 22, & 29
January 12
February 16 & 28

You may call 517-238-4435 for appointments if needed or just stop by. No Sundays or Holidays.

Payments are to be mailed to the following address: Nancy A. Price, 312 East Central Road, Coldwater, MI 49036. Please make check payable to **OID TOWNSHIP**. Receipts will be provided only if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included with the tax payment.

DEFERRED SUMMER TAXES

Payment must be paid by February 14, 2005 to avoid penalty.

CHANGE in the COLLECTION OF CERTAIN COUNTY TAXES

Beginning **JULY 2005** there will be a change in the **COLLECTION of CERTAIN COUNTY TAXES (allocated millage only)**. One third of the county's allocated millage will be collected in July 2005 rather than in December 2005, two thirds will be collected in July 2006 rather than in December 2006, and the remainder will be collected in July 2007 rather than in December 2007. Please note that this is not an increase in taxes, it is simply a tax shift to move up the collection of the allocated county millage.

COUNTY DROP BOXES ARE AVAILABLE

There are 2 drop boxes available for your convenience in the **east parking lot of the Branch County Courthouse. One box is for the DPW Department for the payment of the quarterly sewer bills.** The other is for the Branch County **Treasurer's Office for payment of dog licenses and delinquent property taxes.** If a current rabies vaccination is not on file with the Treasurer's Office, you will need to provide a valid rabies certificate signed by your licensed vet. If you are paying delinquent property taxes, please include either a delinquent statement or your property tax code number with your payment.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Our Zoning Administrator, Pete Klink will be available at the Township Hall located at 381 S. Angola Road and may be contacted at **517-238-5999**.

Office hours will be:

Tuesday: 8:00 am to 12:30 pm

Thursday: 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Zoning Permits, along with the County Building Permits must be displayed in a prominent place. The house number must also be posted.

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TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

Township Board meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Ovid Township Hall located at 381 S. Angola Road. All meetings are open to the public and we would like to encourage you to attend.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Sue Miller, Supervisor 517-238-4903 or
517-279-0014
Judy Sabaitis, Clerk 517-238-9308
Nancy Price, Treasurer 517-238-4435
Ron Sampsel, Trustee 517-238-2173
Larry Omo, Trustee 517-238-4322

MASTER PLAN & ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

The new Ovid Township Master Plan has been completed. A public hearing has been held and adoption by the Ovid Township Board of Trustees will be considered in the next few months.

McKenna Associates and the Planning Commission are nearing completion of our Zoning Ordinance. We may be scheduling a public hearing and adoption in late spring.

Some significant changes are being considered in the agricultural area of the township including Michigan Right to Farm and GAAMP's, Open Space Development, and Transfer of Development Rights. Another area being considered is the waterfront residential in order to protect and preserve our natural resource, along with preservation of the rural characteristics of the township.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Planning Commission meetings are held one the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Ovid Township Hall, 381 S. Angola Road. Notice is posted at the Township Hall if the meeting date must be changed.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Merle Donbrock, Chairman 517-238-2378
Cheryl Downs, Secretary 517-238-2043
Andy AcMoody, Member 517-279-9555
Dick Aker, Member 517-238-2696
Ron Sampsel, Member 517-238-2173

TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

SM Assessing Service
Sue Miller
13 ½ S. Monroe Street
Coldwater, MI 49036

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Fax: 517-279-1272

CEMETERY SEASONAL DECORATIONS

Just a reminder that all decorations must be removed on or before April 1st each spring, and on or before November 1st each fall. Any seasonal grave decorations not removed by these dates, may be removed and discarded by the township sexton.

LAKELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Lakeland Fire Department now has two decontamination showers and twelve volunteers have completed decontamination training. The Department plans to have the "JAWS OF LIFE" in service by June 2005.

The department continues to seek volunteers and encourage persons who are interested in becoming a volunteer or medical first responder, to contact the department at 517-238-4345. Interested applicants must be residents of Ovid Township, out of high school and over the age of 18.

Burning permits for Ovid Township may be obtained by calling the fire station at 517-238-4345.