

Sherman Twp News

News from the Board

June 2014

4th Annual Twp Picnic & 2nd Annual Tire Clean-up

Young and old alike had a grand time at last years picnic!!! One resident brought a 1925 truck and gave rides to those who wished. The tractors and farm equipment were a big hit! Make plans now so you don't miss the 4th Annual Twp Picnic on **Sunday, July 20, 2014, from 1 to 4pm** at the Township Hall.

The Picnic will begin with food, so **please bring a dish to pass!** Table service, hot dogs, and water provided! There will be presentations, games, and of course, door prizes for **all ages**.

The Twp is providing the use of the hall and grounds, but the expenses are paid for by citizen donations (personal and business). Enough money was raised last year to cover most of the cost of the tent for this year, but money and items are still needed. If you or your business would like to support this community event, please contact Beth Eggle at 231-775-7416. A box for donations will be available at the picnic.

2nd Annual Tire Clean-up

Once again Sherman Twp has teamed up with other Osceola Co. Twps to offer **FREE Tire Clean-up** to residents. Our drop off location and time are Wednesday, July 23, 2014, from Noon to 4pm at the Middle Branch Twp Hall, 2163 15 Mile Rd. located just "behind"

Sherman Township Officers:

Supervisor David Eggle 231-775-7416
Treasurer Sharon Black 231-829-3826
Clerk Bethany Bolduc 231-829-3707
Trustee Don Akers 231-775-4320
Trustee Pete Nemish 231-920-8424

The Twp web site can be found at:

www.osceola-townships.org click on SHERMAN in the box of twps.

Chuck's Corner Gas Station near the intersection of M115 and M66 South of Marion.

Unlike last year, citizens will be allowed to bring an **unlimited number of tires**. Tires must be clean – not eat off the kitchen floor clean, but free of mud and excessive dirt. Tractor tires will be accepted only IF they are cut in quarters. Nothing over 4 foot. Airplane and skidder tires will not be accepted . For further information please contact the Supervisor or Clerk.

EMS Millage on the August Ballot

Sherman Twp officials have kept working and pushing to get equitable EMS service in the Northwest Quadrant of Osceola Co. Earlier this spring Osceola Co. Board of Commissioners voted to request an increase in the tax for EMS from the current 1 mil to 1.33 mils. Included in this increase would be funds to support establishing an EMS base in the Northwest quadrant with ambulance service to support our citizens. This is in addition to the bases that already exist in Reed City, Evart, and Marion. Posted on our web site (<http://www.osceola-townships.org/SHERMAN/sherman%20index.htm>), at the Tustin Library, or from Twp officials will be a document in question and answer format aimed at providing information on the why and how of the millage request. This millage request will be up for vote during the August 5 Primary.

August 5 Primary Election

Political adds have already started popping up on TV, Radio, or in newspapers in anticipation of this years Gubernatorial Election. On Tuesday, August 5, 2014, the State wide Primary Election will be held. All polling locations will be open from 7am to 8pm. Sherman

Twp residents polling location is the Twp Hall located at 14929 21 Mile Rd. The Sherman Twp Clerk is happy to issue you an absentee ballot should you find that you will be unable to vote in the polls on Aug 5 or you are over 60 or meet any of the other State criteria for Absentee Voter status. Please contact the Clerk at 231-829-3707 or in writing at 14625 20 Mile Rd., Tustin, MI 49688. This is a two step process, get and sign an application then a ballot will be issued.

just off of M10 on Makwa Dr. between 9am and noon. For a brochure listing accepted and not accepted items, please contact the Twp Supervisor or Clerk.

Twp Roads and Parks Update

The Sherman Twp Road Committee consisting of Ed Morton, Dave Johns, Floyd Justus, and Jim Peterson, with David Eggle Supervisor acting as liaison between the committee and the Twp Board, have continued to meet, plan, and advise the Board on issues relating to the roads. At the May Twp meeting, the Board voted to chip/seal 140th Ave. between 18 and 19 Mile roads. The chip/seal treatment extends the life of the blacktop by 4 to 6 years. Further road work will be planned next summer to maximize tax funds. Several changes were made this spring at the county level. Of specific interest to Sherman Twp was the shift of responsibility for certain roads falling on twp boundary lines from Twp 50% Co. 50% to Co. 100%.

Notes from the Treasurer

Here we go AGAIN! Summer Tax Time. The tax bills were mailed by Monday, June 30, 2014, to enable them to arrive to you on time. Payment is due by Monday, September 15, 2014, without penalty. I will have office hours Monday, September 15th from 9am to 5pm. After September 15, 2014, there is a State mandated 1% penalty per month.

If you need a Summer tax deferment, please call me BEFORE September 15, 2014, at 231-829-3826.

If you have questions about your tax bill, please call. We can take care of most errors at the July Board of Review (see below). Thanks, Have a Great Summer.

Sharon Black, Treasurer

The Twp continues to maintain both the Center Lake Park and Grove Hill park areas. At the June Twp Board meeting Twp officials voted on a contract to thin the pine trees at the Grove Hill park site. This decision comes after lengthy discussion and research with the goal of maintaining the health of the trees and not for monetary gain.

Board of Review

Board of Review will be in session Monday, July 21, 2014, 9am to noon at the Twp Hall. Members are Ken Neuman, Flo Nye, Al Peterson and David Eggle. This session is to rectify mutual mistakes of fact. The Board will not be accepting any other petitions at this session.

The Grove Hill location holds a lot of area history and memories for those who grew up in the area. Recently former resident Les Calkins related to the Clerk, Bethany Bolduc and her Mother Ruth Calkins a story of how he and a couple of friends, 10 year old kids, played tag on the fire tower which used to be located on the hill top. There was also a time when the "Ranger" on fire watch couldn't make it to work on time due to car trouble. The boys, knowing where the key was kept, went into the observation section. It was rather providential as the boys saw smoke in the distance. Hanging around the tower and Ranger as much as they did, they knew what to do and called the proper fire officials who checked with another fire watch tower to triangulate the location of the fire! The boys were really a help that day, but the Ranger still moved the location of the hidden key because after all the boys were not supposed to be there when he wasn't!

Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule:

Road Committee	1 st Monday 7pm
Planning Commission	1 st Tuesday 7pm
Twp Board	2 nd Tuesday 7pm

Clean-Up Household Hazards

The Osceola-Lake Conservation District for HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) clean-up day will be Saturday, October 11, 2014, at the Osceola Co. Road garage **South** location