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July/ August/ September
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From the Desk of.....

Joseph A Rizk, Supervisor

We live in Michigan, so it's no surprise that we jump from winter to summer! Vienna Township is a beautiful place to be, especially in the summer. The BDA does a great job with planting and the colors that are used. The merchants in the area also provide their own planting and coordinate well with the BDA.

We have several road projects that are occurring and we ask you to please be patient. The end result will be worth the inconvenience.

I mentioned earlier that we live in a great place. Please enjoy the warm weather on the bike and walking trails or at one of our parks or ball fields.

BOARD MEMBERS

Joseph Rizk - Supervisor
Cynthia Bryan - Clerk
Dave Cain - Treasurer
Nancy Belill - Trustee
Sue Thomas - Trustee
Jeremy Clontz - Trustee
Kerry Paulson - Trustee



Township Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. and take place at the Vienna Township Hall, 3400 W. Vienna Road

July 9 * August 13 * September 10

Don't Forget!!

Township offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th, Thursday July 5th and Monday, September 3rd in observance of Independence Day and Labor Day. Also, garbage and/or recycle will run a day late on Labor Day so please place your items at the curb for Tuesday pick up.



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on happenings in Vienna Township!

From the Desk of.....



Dave Cain, Treasurer

Summer is upon us. With that comes summer property taxes. Tax statements will be mailed the first week of July with a due date of September 17, 2018, penalties and interest will be assessed after that date. If you do not receive your tax statement by the end of July, please contact the Township office. Remember payments can be mailed to the Township, pay them in person, via check or money order, at the Township office, online at viennatwp.com (you will be charged a service charge), or you can pay cash at Independent Bank at 3500 W Vienna Rd, Clio. Partial payments can be made either at the Township or Independent Bank. Interest and penalties will be charged on any unpaid balance after September 17, 2018. Personal property tax (PPT) needs to be paid at the Township. Partial payments are accepted for PPT.

Building activity in the Township has increased this year already, with two new businesses, Dort Federal Credit Union and O'Reilly's Auto Parts and the reconstruction of Taco Bell. Trade Winds RV is preparing a significant addition to their building which include a large service center. Permits for new residential homes have been filed with most of them under construction already. Many residential remodels and pole barn permits have been filed as well. There have been a number of businesses contacting the Township to inquire about adding their business to Vienna Township. These are all good signs for the continuous comeback for our Township.

Our road projects for this year have increased significantly for a couple of reasons. Consumers Energy is funding repairs on roads used during construction of their gas transmission line. The Township received extra allocations from the State General Fund via the Genesee County Road Commission. Those funds added to funds budgeted by the Township add up to approximately \$2.5M of road work this year. Cleaning and reconfiguring ditches is part of the road maintenance and helps protect the roads and property by allowing for proper drainage. Improvement of the Township infrastructure continues to be a priority for the present Board.

You are encouraged to contact the office with your ideas for improving OUR Township in any way imaginable. All ideas have to start somewhere, so let it be with you!

Enjoy the summer and if you have any questions or concerns of the Township, please stop by or call to discuss them. Everyone in the office is here to serve YOU!

From the Desk of.....

Kevin MacDermaid, Assessor

In order to comply with Michigan State Tax Commission recommendations, the Vienna Township Assessment department will be reviewing 20% of the parcels located within Vienna Township each year. Starting April 1st, Kevin MacDermaid and/or Ryan MacDermaid will be conducting physical inspections of properties in the Township. This includes measuring the exterior of the house and other structures on the property, taking pictures and interviewing owners to obtain interior characteristics of the structures. At no time will they request to enter your house or any buildings on your property. They will be displaying Vienna Township ID badges, which has their name and picture on them. You may also request to view their Michigan Driver's License to aid in identifying them. Please direct any questions or concerns to the Vienna Township Office.

From the Desk of.....

Cynthia J. Bryan, Clerk



The 2018 Gubernatorial Election season is fast approaching, in only a few short weeks you will be voting in the August Primary with the November General election not far behind. The ballot in August is long and contains several Partisan and Non-Partisan Federal, State and Local Offices and Proposals. A few reminders regarding the August Primary: the purpose of the Primary Election is to narrow down the candidates for the November General Election and for this reason you cannot cross party lines on the August ballot. In the partisan section of your ballot you can vote straight party or vote for each office individually, but, it must remain the same party throughout that portion of the ballot or your vote for these offices will not count. There are 3 County wide proposals on the August ballot and they are the Mass Transportation Authority Millage Renewal, MSU Extension Services Millage Renewal and a Millage question from the Flint Cultural Center Foundation for the support of arts education and cultural enrichment programs for students, residents and visitors of Genesee County. To give you ample time to review your ballot, I encourage you to visit the State of Michigan website at www.mi.gov/vote. This site offers a wealth of information for the voter including what precinct you vote in, election dates, the last day to register for elections, candidate listings, a preview of the ballot you will be voting, polling locations, and a preview and operation instructions for the new voting equipment that will be used. This list is just a few items offered on this site to you the voter. The site can be searched by either your name or driver's license number. You can also update your voter registration address by visiting www.expresssos.com. Along with new voting equipment, one change you'll also see at the Clio Senior Center (Vienna Township's polling location for all precincts) on Election Day is a table at the front entrance where we will ask you to fill out your voter application to take to your respective precinct. The Township Clerk's office feels this process will speed things up at your precinct since you won't be waiting to fill these out there and you can just hand the election inspector your application and driver's license right then and be issued a ballot. We will be monitoring this process to see how efficient it is and make changes in November if necessary. A Help Desk will also be located at the entrance for those of you unsure if you vote in Vienna Township or in what precinct. As always, Absentee Voter Ballots can be obtained by visiting our office and if you can answer yes to one of the following: 1.) If you are over the age of 60, 2.) Expect to be out of town on Election Day, 3.) Physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another, 4.) Cannot attend due to tenets of your religion, 5.) You are an election inspector in a precinct other than a precinct where you reside, 6.) Confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. If you have any questions regarding this year's elections, absentee voting, registering to vote, etc. please don't hesitate to call the Clerk's office at 810-686-7580. Have a safe and happy summer and see you at the polls in August!

From the desk of....

Kerry Paulson, Fire Chief



Please call the burn line at 810-686-5432 before lighting any fire. Listen to the message and then hang up. It doesn't take messages, it records your phone number for our records. Also if you're going to have a large brush fire (more than 4 feet across) please call 810-687-8506 for an inspection. You don't need to call the burn line for a small camp fire, when cooking hot dogs or marshmallows. You are not allowed to burn either leaves or grass in the Clio area. Always have water available, and you must be present from the time you light the fire until it's out completely. If your open burn gets away from you, you will be charged a cost recovery fee.

FROM THE DESK OF.....

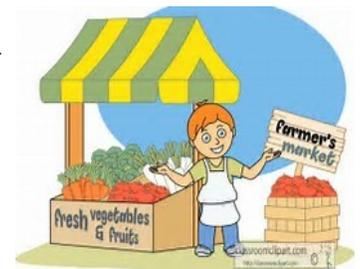
MICHAEL MANTEI, BUILDING OFFICIAL

If you are planning on any remodeling, repair or doing any miscellaneous building projects please call the Vienna Township Building Department to verify if any permits are required in order to avoid a \$1500 fee for work done without a permit. Make sure all permits are pulled by a licensed contractor. Permits are required for your own protection.



The Vienna Farm and Arts Market starts its second season on June 16th. The Market will again be open every Saturday through October 27th with the hours of operation from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., located at 3370 W. Vienna Road, in front of the Clio Center of the Arts, Vienna Township Hall and Gazebo Park. The Market Committee has worked hard over the winter months to make this year bigger and better by adding many special events throughout the season. Our first event is June 23rd, "Paws for a Purpose" benefiting the

Genesee County Humane Society. Join Clio Center for the Arts instructor Karen Aiello as she "walks" you and your dog through painting a 16 x 20 canvas keepsake with a portion of the \$35.00 registration going directly to the Humane Society. All supplies, except the dog, are included. We will also have some fabulous prizes donated by local businesses for you to win. Every \$1.00 donation receives a drawing ticket to be deposited in a container for the item of your choice. Those signed up for the paws painting receive 5 drawing tickets with their paid registration. Mary Brooks, puppies and kittens will also be in attendance giving educational presentations on the care of your pet. Paws for a Purpose will be held at the Market on June 23rd and September 15th. Please call the Art Center at 810-547-7087 to register. Do you like classic cars? Cruise the Market dates are July 7th, August 4th and September 1st where owners of classic cars are invited to come to the Market to display their classic beauties. No registration fee and all participants will receive a "goodie" bag and the chance to win great prizes also donated by local businesses! The Market will also host cooking, freezing and blanching demonstrations by MSU Extension, the "Lord of the Gourd" pumpkin carver will again visit us in September, Under the Big Top is a carnival themed presentation by the Art Center, Back to School/Safety event with police, fire and ambulance in attendance, plus so much more! Check out and like our Facebook page for ongoing events and happenings at the Market. We hope you can take some time out this summer and visit the Market, we are here for you!





The Business Development Authority is seeing Red, White and Blue this year! The request for flower colors to be patriotic has been honored. We welcome businesses and residents to plant flowers and spruce up their properties.

Bridge Park will be a great place to stop and view the Fairy houses again this summer. The Enchanted Fairytale Trail Children's Event will be back on August 9th from 6-8pm with more magical fun and games. We appreciate Freedom Work Opportu-

nities of Genesee County volunteers for keeping the park clean and taking care of the fairy houses. We are thankful to the Master Gardener's Association of Genesee County for taking care of the Butterfly Garden!

BDA Small Business Development Services are available this summer in partnership with the S.B.D.C. of Kettering University and Vienna Twp. Call and ask what services are available – we want to help with your success story.

The BDA is at work for you. These are a few things on our annual to do list:

- Annual contributions to the Fire Hall Fund and Police Fund
- Streetscape decorative lighting, snow removal and year around trash pick-up
- Beautification includes summer lawn care/mowing/trimming of the interchange and business district Bridge Park, Gazebo Memorial Park, Library, over 24 flower gardens and Trolley Trail Bike Path. Summer/Winter Banners and Christmas Decorations
- Annual Community Marketing Grants and Recognition Awards

The BDA awarded a grant to the Clio Area Chamber recently to help fund the development of a 2018 Chamber Directory to include a full color map display of area amenities, parks & bike path, points of interest and business locations. Contact the Clio Area Chamber for more information on becoming a member.

Memorial Plaques are available at Gazebo Memorial Park – Contact Gerald Stadler at 810-686-0817 or the office at 810-686-3460

We Appreciate Your Donations to the Beautification Project & Flower Gardens please send to:

Vienna BDA, P.O. Box 129, Clio, MI 48420 ~ Contact: Janet@viennabda.com or www.viennabda.com ~ 810-686-3460

From the desk of....

Bryan Lorenz, Code Enforcer

Our Township is looking better every day. Please remember to keep both your yard and ditches mowed to less than 10". If you don't comply, we will send a seven day letter. If you still do not comply, we will then have it mowed and you will be billed. All trailers are to be parked behind the front edge of your house, either beside or behind your house. Also no vehicles are allowed to be on your property that either don't run or don't have legal plates with up to date tabs, or they are to be kept inside of a garage or building.

FREE TIRE DISPOSAL DAY

AUGUST 15, 2018 9AM-5PM

VIENNA TOWNSHIP HALL

3400 W VIENNA ROAD

RESTRICTED TO VIENNA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

NO BUSINESSES

BRING PROOF OF RESIDENCY

LIMIT OF 5 (Must be off rim)

SOME RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY

LANDFILL PERMITS

Residents of Vienna Township who pay a garbage assessment on their winter taxes are entitled to free permits for the landfill in Montrose Township. You can obtain a permit ONCE PER MONTH at the Vienna Township Offices.

Landfill OPEN Hours: Residential Drop Off Hours 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Trailer must be covered.

Closed on major holidays, New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day

The Clio Center for the Arts

'Clio Center for the Arts' is beginning the summer with new classes and 1 day workshops for everyone. Also, throughout the summer we may offer new workshops for children & more adult classes so make sure to check our Facebook page: Clio Center for the Arts, our website: <https://www.cliocenterforthearts.org> or call our office at 810.547.7087 for updated information on current additions to the schedule.

The art gallery has recently been updated and is ready for showings. We have hosted two art displays this spring and have been contacted by artists requesting information on gallery shows. We are still working on improving the lighting and have an active donation fund specifically for that purpose. There is an opportunity for a matching grant, so any donations will be added to that fund to complete the gallery renovation. Please call our office or visit our website to donate or receive more information. Our new summer hours will be from 11am - 4pm, every day except Wednesday and Sunday. Check your scheduled class times as they may vary from the office hours.

Some classes that are being offered for July - August 2018 are listed below:

"Stained Glass Make & Take" - July 9, 2018, Monday, from 6pm - 9pm, cost: \$25.00.

Make a stained glass butterfly, boat or other design provided. Beginner class, try your hand at stained glass and see if it is your passion. Everything provided. Minimum 5 students.

"Introduction to Paint Pouring" - July 14, 2018, Saturday, from 1pm - 3pm, Cost: \$20.00

Instructor: Barb Lewis. Learn to mix a variety of acrylic paints with pouring mediums. Learn how to pour onto surfaces and manipulate paint by tipping and using tools. You will paint a 8x10 wrapped canvas, a 4X4 ceramic tile, and a flower pot. You will also learn to use paint skins.

Everything you need will be provided for this class. Minimum 4 students Maximum 10

"Creative Workshop - Enjoy the Moment" - July 18, 2018, Wednesday, 1pm - 3pm,

Cost: \$20.00, Join Elena in creating a sign to decorate your home or cabin.

Enjoy the moment! Gather your friends and come play for a day! Minimum 4 students

"\$40.00 Extruder and Handle Making Pottery Workshop" - July 19, 2018, Thursday, 6pm - 9pm, Cost \$40.00

Learn a variety of basic and creative ways to use the extruder to make your clay pieces jump to the next level.. Minimum 3 students.

"Stained Glass Make & Take" - August 6, 2018, Monday, 6pm - 9pm, Cost: \$25.00, make a stained glass butterfly, boat or other design provided. Beginner class, try your hand at stained glass and see if it is your passion. Everything provided. Minimum 5 students.

"Under the Big Top" Day Camp - August 14 - 16, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10am - 2pm Cost: \$100.00 for 3 days, Instructors Michele Gunn & Karen Aiello, Ages: 6-8 yrs. & 9 -12 yrs., Maximum students per age group 10, Cost \$100.00 for the 3 days

We will be celebrating everything Circus! All art activities will be centered around the fun of a circus; masks, paintings, games, paper art & more! Bring a sandwich; fruit, veggies, chips & drinks provided. ***Saturday, August 18th** at noon, we will have a Circus Parade at the Vienna Farm and Arts Market. at the entrance to the art center.

"Creative Workshop - Welcome Fall! Sign" - August 22, 2018, Wednesday, 1pm -3pm,

Cost: \$20.00, Elena will share her skills teaching you to decorate a fall sign with blocks of wood to welcome the season. Minimum 4 students