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**ATTENTION
VIENNA TOWNSHIP VOTERS**

Beginning with the May 2, 2017 Special Election, all Vienna Township registered voters who vote in person will now vote at one location, the Clio Area Senior Center, 2136 W. Vienna Road, Clio, MI. This change in polling locations is to more efficiently serve the voters of Vienna Township and also serves as a cost saving measure for the Township. Voters will no longer need to drive to a different location if at the wrong polling location, abundant parking without worry of pedestrian or traffic congestion, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk will be more readily available for any voter issues or concerns that may arise. These are just a few of the many reasons this change was implemented. Each registered voter should have received a new voter identification card in the mail with the new polling location noted. This change in no way affects residents who vote by Absentee Voter Ballot, only the in person voter on Election Day. Any questions or concerns you have regarding this change, please feel free to contact the Clerk's office at 686-7580.

**DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATIONS
TRANSIENT MERCHANTS/PEDDLERS**

With the onset of spring and nicer weather in our area, Door to Door Solicitations increase. It is important to the Township that you are aware of the Transient Merchant/Peddler Ordinance in effect for Vienna Township which was adopted to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents. At any time an individual comes to your residence to sell you services or goods, ask to see the license they were issued by Vienna Township. If the license cannot be produced, they can be in violation of a misdemeanor and the Sheriff's office should be called to report them. Vienna Township has an extensive list of requirements that must be met to be issued a license and are strictly adhered to. The Ordinance does not affect Non-Profit Organizations such as Churches, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc. The Ordinance is in place to stop the Peddlers we've all seen or had encounters with where the services or goods come from unknown sources or inexperienced providers. For the complete Ordinance, you can visit the Vienna Township website and look under the Rules and Regulations heading. As an added note, Vienna Township has not issued any licenses to either a Transient Merchant or Peddler as of the printing of this newsletter. Any questions or concerns you may have regarding this Ordinance, please feel free to contact the Clerk's office at 686-7580.

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From the Desk of.....

Joseph A Rizk, Supervisor



Hello Vienna Township.

I am writing this article the first week in March and don't want to jinx us. The weather has been great in February and we expect March to be similar.

The township is in the process of designing and implementing a new Website. The result will be a terrific advantage, not only to the employees of the township, but to the residents as well. The ease of finding things will improve 100% and the fact that you can file complaints and track them is wonderful. Permits and requests for inspection will also be available as well as all township activities.

We are especially proud of our Senior Center. Bruce and Patty continue to make strides to improve the atmosphere of the senior community.

The continued mild weather will mean that the grass will be growing sooner than later and we remind you of the blight ordinance and its requirements to keep the grass cut and rubbish removed.

We have had several complaints of people walking their dogs and not picking up their waste. This is a violation of the blight ordinance and violators may be subject to a fine. So please pick up your dog poop!

When I go to meetings representing Vienna Township, I am always greeted with nice comments from other supervisors about how good the township looks. I am sure we will continue with this fine example and tradition.

We have several road projects scheduled for this year and Consumers Energy has a big pipeline project this year also. Watch the website for news as they are approved.

Ditching also is a topic we are trying to get under control.

If you feel in April that your ditch is not draining properly, please email me at jrizk@viennatwp.com. List your address please.

I look forward to telling you all the fine things coming to Vienna Township in future newsletters.

From the Desk of.....

Kerry Paulson, Fire Chief



This winter season has been very mild with less snow than we have been used to over the last several years. Because of this, we may experience a much drier spring which could lead to a much greater danger of wild fires. Please look at the Vienna Township website for all burning rules and regulations. Also remember you must call the burn line before you start to burn, 810-686-5432. You don't need to leave a message it will record your phone number for our records. When you call, a message will tell you if it is ok to burn or if there is a burning ban in place because of fire conditions.

Remember you cannot burn anything other than brush and branches. It is illegal to burn grass and leaves in Genesee County. It is also against the law to burn any type of building materials. If you burn without calling in or if you burn anything other than brush you will get a bill from the fire department. Also, if the fire gets away from you and spreads you are liable for all costs incurred by the Clio Area Fire Department.

Please remember to change your batteries in both your smoke detector and your carbon monoxide detector.

LANDFILL PERMITS

Residents of Vienna Township are entitled to free permits for the landfill in Montrose Township. You can obtain a permit ONCE PER MONTH at the Vienna Township Offices.



From the Desk of.....

Dave Cain, Treasurer



The 2016 real property tax season is officially closed at the Township office. Any unpaid 2016 (or prior) taxes must be paid at the Genesee County Treasurer's office at 1101 Beach Street, Flint, 48502, 810-257-3054. Property owners recently received an updated property assessment from the Township. These are NOT tax bills but are notifications of changes in property values. There are several factors for these changes, if you have questions concerning these changes, please contact the Township Assessor's office at 810-686-7676. The 2017 summer, property tax bills will be mailed out the first week of July, 2017 and will be due September 14, 2017.

I hope all businesses took the opportunity to apply for the Personal Property Tax (PPT) exemption for up to \$80,000.00 in personal property value. A reminder, the PPT exemption MUST be filed (by February 10) for each tax year and is NOT retroactive to previous tax years. Your business is still responsible for any PPT owed prior to filing an exemption. If you have outstanding PPT, please contact our office, as I will be visiting your business to discuss settlement of PPT.

The Township is reaping the benefits of growth, though slower than anticipated, by getting new businesses and new home construction. To keep up with the growth and improvement to the overall Township image, we are making plans to update the Township office. Most of the interior is original and is showing its age (i.e. carpet, lighting, décor, etc.). As with our individual homes we can only do what our budget allows. There may be some dirt and dust during the process but the Township will continue to conduct business as usual. You will see the improvements starting within the next several weeks.

A big thank you to all the seniors that have taken advantage of the 'NEW' Senior Center and to Bruce, Patty and the entire staff for making it THE place to be! There is ALWAYS room for more. The Center is located at 2136 W Vienna Road, Clio, Michigan, 48420. The phone number is 810-687-7260.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns or questions about our Township. I may not be able to answer every question immediately but I will get you an answer.



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.

Water Department

We have a new online bill pay option for your water and sewer bill. Please check out our website www.viennatwp.com. Look for the logo seen below. There is a fee for online payments. The fee is 2% with a minimum fee of \$1.50 per transaction. This fee is not charged or collected by Vienna Township but by a 3rd party processor.



Township Board Meetings

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

Monday, April 10

Monday, May 8

Monday, June 12

From the Desk of.....

Bruce Burger, Clio Area Senior Center Director

Dear Friends,

From the moment that Patty and I were hired to lead the Senior Center we envisioned a facility for active seniors. We immediately began programming to ensure that there was something for everyone encompassing the body, mind, and spirit. The real trick, we've discovered, is helping people understand that they ARE Seniors and CAN participate in our activities. Perhaps you are one who has determined that you are not ready to be a Senior – if so, we ask you to be open-minded to the possibilities that are just down the road.

Focusing on the body leads to exercise and health opportunities. We all know that exercise is key to staying fit, so we offer walking programs, Drums Alive (cardio drumming to upbeat music), and Pickelball. Regular programming includes yoga, balance classes, or "Sit and Be Fit" opportunities for people who need a more "grounded" approach to fitness. Healthy eating is also addressed multiple times each year through instructional classes like Cooking Matters.

To say we play mind games might be a bit misleading, but we offer many activities (games) to keep the synapses moving. Opportunities to play cards, play games, or work puzzles are plentiful. For those of you who care for loved ones with Alzheimer's or dementia we offer groups to help and encourage you as well.

We've got spirit! Energy is not at a lack at the Senior Center, but neither is our care for the social and emotional facets of senior citizens. From support groups for Veterans to the grieving, from meditations to Bible Studies, we have something for everyone.

Feedback tells us that we have come a long way in the past 10 months, but we believe we still have a ways to go so we are always looking for opportunities just for you! Bring your friends and come for a day of fun! Please feel free to get our newsletter on line at www.ourseniorcenter.com and check out the fantastic opportunities that await you.



Don't Forget!!

Emterra will start picking up yard waste April 10. Also, garbage will run one day late for Memorial Day.



FROM THE DESK OF...

CYNTHIA J. BRYAN, CLERK

As we start the spring season in Michigan, we all look forward to new beginnings, new growth and renewed energy from the long winter months. Such is true for Clerk's in the odd years such as 2017 which are basically uneventful from our point of view. These are the years in which we can evaluate the previous year's election process and look for possible improvements or just catch up on any tasks that were neglected during the busy election cycle. The first few months this year have already proved to be anything but uneventful as we are already scheduled and in preparation for a Special Election on May 2nd, for the purpose of voting on a Proposition for 9-1-1 System Funding with the specific proposal language found on the Township website at www.viennatwp.com or the Genesee County Clerk website at www.gc4me.com. We have also changed polling locations for all Vienna Township voters. The new polling location for in person voters is the Clio Area Senior Center, 2136 W. Vienna Road. An additional article regarding this change can be found in the preceding pages of this newsletter. The latest item we have been working on, is evaluating new voting equipment along with other Clerk's across the State. The State of Michigan solicited proposals last year from qualified vendors for the statewide purchase of new voting equipment. The equipment we currently use was purchased in 2004 – 2006 and has met its useful life. Genesee County Municipal Clerks and their Deputy's met to watch in action the equipment proposed by three (3) Vendors that the State has approved and provide feedback to the County Clerk who ultimately will make the decision as to which Company's equipment Genesee County will use. Each County in the State can choose equipment from any of the approved vendors. There will be minimal expense to the Municipalities in this purchase due to State funding and additional HAVA (Help America Vote Act) funds that were kept from the 2004 purchase. It is anticipated the new equipment could be here and in use for any November election we could have. As always, if you have any questions or concerns that I may be of assistance, please don't hesitate to stop in or contact me by phone or email. Have a great spring and see you at the polls in May!



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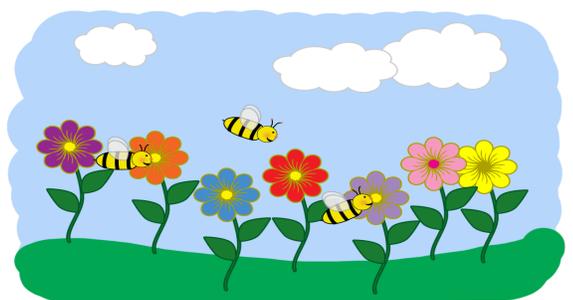
Enforcement



With spring approaching please be conscious of your neighbors and keep your property picked up and mowed or the Township will enforce the nuisance ordinance #10-31 thru #10-65 which will result in fines ranging from a minimum of \$150.00 for the first offense up to a maximum of \$ 500 for repeat offenders plus misc. cost. Please see our web site for a direct link to the ordinances.



If you're planning on any remodeling, repair, or misc. building projects please call the Vienna Twp. Building Department to verify if any permits are required in order to avoid a \$500.00 fee for work done without a permit. Permits are required for your own protection.



Dear BDA Businesses, Organizations & Friends,

We are very excited to begin the 2017 Beautification planting season! Another year to inspire and promote our Vienna Business District and Township. We ask you to join in by dressing up your businesses with facade improvements and landscaping.

2017 Flower Colors

White, Violet blue, Purple and Striped Burgundy Star
Secondary colors are Orange and Yellow

The BDA continues to work at making improvements to showcase our district and Exit 131. Please consider façade improvements, landscaping, planting flowers curbside and flower pots where suitable at your businesses this summer. Remember, manicured grounds absolutely increases business traffic and enhances the consumer experience! We also appreciate any **Donations** you can provide toward expenses for the Beautification Project.



Great Lakes Mix

**Donations for the Beautification Project can be sent to:
 Vienna BDA ~ P.O. Box 129 ~ Clio, MI 48420**

Gazebo Memorial Park:



Stop by Gazebo Park and take a look at the Plaque Sign and sit for a bit! Plaques are available for a donation of \$25.00 per person. Names are engraved in Memory of or in Honor of your special person. Applications are available at **Independent Bank 3500 W. Vienna Rd. Clio.** Business sponsors and donations are welcome, please contact Gerald Stadler at 810-686-0817 or the BDA office at 810-686-3460.



Vienna BDA Clean UP Day! Volunteers, Groups and Organizations Welcome J **Saturday, May 13th** from 9am – 12pm. Meet up at Bridge Park (corner of Linden and Vienna Rds.) Bring gloves, rakes, shovels and brooms. Garbage bags and Water provided. For more information contact the BDA office at 810-686-3460.

Thank you for doing business in Vienna Township!

Vienna Business Development Authority
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