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From the Desk of…….
Joseph A Rizk, Supervisor

The grass is growing and the leaves are out! It must be summer.

This year Consumers Energy is replacing the gas transmission line that spans almost the entire state. The portion that crosses Vienna Township is in the midst of the replacement project. Consumers has been engaging the property owners for several months with one on one meetings and group sessions, explaining the process. I for one am very pleased with their explanation to the constituents.

Several of the road projects have been postponed because of that, and this year Jennings Road from Dodge Road to Wilson Road will have a three inch cap put on it. Also, Farrand Road from Clio Road to Tuscola Road will have a chip and seal done.

One of the other projects that we have been trying to get done is getting some attention to CLIO ROAD!

The entire project for repaving all four lanes from Frances Road north to Clio city limits is not scheduled until 2020. The Clerk, Treasurer and myself met with the head engineer of the GCRC and with some additional prodding from our State Rep. Pam Faris, they agreed to overlay and patch some of the road.

One of the other projects that has been near and dear to a lot of our hearts is ditching. In the last newsletter I asked for feedback on what ditches needed the most attention. After looking at all areas, it was determined Farrand Road between the East side of the expressway and Jennings Road, on the north and south sides will be ditched this year along with Neff Road from north of Morgan Road to south of Tuscola Road.

We will continue to monitor the ditch problems for future consideration. FOR FUTURE ISSUES WITH DITCHES AND JETTING OF TUBES PLEASE CONTACT THE GENESEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION at 810-767-4920, ask for the Montrose /Vienna garage and report your ditch problem. Make sure you remove anything that may be blocking it first, as this will enable you to get the best results. Having the constituents call directly will eliminate delays. If you call the office after receiving this newsletter, you will be given their number and asked to call them.

My direct number is 810-564-7070

BOARD MEMBERS

Joseph A. Rizk - Supervisor
Cynthia J. Bryan - Clerk
Dave Cain - Treasurer
Nancy Belill - Trustee
Suzanna 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 10 * August14 * September 11

Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on happenings in Vienna Township!

From the Desk of…….

Dave Cain, Treasurer

Welcome to summer 2017. Summer property tax statements will be mailed out early July with a due date of September 14, 2017. Penalties and interest will be assessed after that date. Remember you can mail your payment to the Township (MUST be received in the Township by closing on 9/14/17), you can 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 the due date.

Work continues throughout the Township, from roads, drainage (ditches), business environment, blight, and even the Township hall. You may notice some changes to the interior of the office over the summer months. Most work of the office will be completed during non-office hours, but some may occur during business hours. By the time this newsletter is published the parking lot of the Township Hall will have been repaired and restriped. We apologize for any mess or inconvenience either of these projects may cause.

Benches have been installed around the Gazebo next to the Township Hall which are a nice resting spot from adjoining bike path or sidewalks. Stay tuned for scheduled happenings surrounding the Gazebo, including the Farmers Market and Clio Art Center displays and sales.

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

Where has this year gone?! It seems like just yesterday I was wishing you a Happy New Year and here we are in the midst of Summer in Michigan! Although the year seems to be going quickly, the Clerk's office has been fairly quiet in this off election year. The Special Election held in May could possibly be the only one the Township has for the year. There is the possibility that something could come up for Vienna Township to vote on in November, but, we won't know for a few more months. If there is an election, Genesee County will have new election equipment to use. The entire State is receiving new equipment which will progress elections in Michigan to a more secure and technological platform. A welcome change for all Clerk's across the State.

Speaking of the election in May, this was the first held at the Township's new polling location, the Clio Area Senior Center. Although the voter turnout was extremely light, we felt with a few adjustments the new location will work out very nicely for future elections. Please feel free to call me with your feedback on this change, I would love to hear what your thoughts were or if you experienced any difficulties that we've overlooked.

Have you had the opportunity to visit the new Farm and Arts Market in Vienna Township yet? If you haven't, please try to find the time to do so. With the cooperation of the Charter Township of Vienna, Clio Center for the Arts, Vienna Township Business Development Authority, Clio Parks and Recreation Board and 6 very eager volunteers, the Market has become a reality and is here to serve you, the citizens of Vienna Township and the surrounding area. The Market is located at the Vienna Township and Clio Center for the Arts parking lots and Gazebo Park where vendors will set-up booths to sell artwork, crafts, food, produce, etc. This opening season may have a few growing pains, but, it is the Committees goal to make this a successful market for both you and the vendors for many years to come. Vendors will vary from week to week, so, I encourage you to visit the Township website where we will attempt to post from week to week who will be there on each Saturday. The Market will be open every Saturday through October 28, 2017 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Local entertainment will also be provided in the Gazebo on most Saturdays. Make this new event a must do in your schedule, the market will only be as good as you make it through your support and attendance! If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a vendor, please visit the Township website at www.viennatwp.com for an application or contact Cindy Bryan at 810-564-7052 or Jan Warner at 810-547-7087.

Clio Area Senior Center

Dear Friends,

Your Clio Area Senior Center is turning 10 years old in August and we invite you to join us as we celebrate our successes. On Tuesday, August 8th we will be hosting an event, sponsored by the Gleaner's, which will include food, entertainment, a car show, a trip down memory lane, and a commemorative token for each of our guests. The event runs from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and is free to everyone in the community. If you have any pictures of early events at the Senior Center that you would like to share as part of our electronic photo montage please contact me – photos will not be harmed and generally can be returned immediately. Photos must be submitted by July 14th to be included in the presentation.

We have expanded our hours of operation and now are open with programming for active seniors Monday through Thursday each week. We always have something new going on so I encourage you to check out our latest newsletter for any activities that you might be interested in. Our newsletters are distributed at several businesses throughout the Clio Area, however you can get it first, and at your own convenience, through www.ourseniorcenter.com - simply follow the prompts to search for the Clio Area Senior Center and register your email. Your information will not be shared.

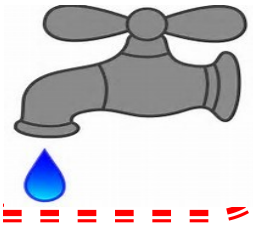
In this day when "50 is the new 40," people are working longer, and free time is at a premium, we are striving to create programming to meet your needs. Keep on the lookout for a new slogan and logo to reflect the new direction of the Senior Center.

Your tax dollars are at work at the Senior Center - stop in and see us!

Bruce Burger, Director

Water Department

Please check out our website to pay your water/ sewer bill online www.viennatwp.com. Look for the logo seen here. There is an added fee for online payments.



From the desk of....

Kerry Paulson, Fire Chief

Clio Fire Department Inc. is now selling Reflective Address Signs. Please purchase one to help Fire, Police, and EMS find your home faster in case of an emergency. The cost is $15.00 each. Call (810) 687-8506 Ext 204 to purchase the address sign.

Vienna Township no longer requires burn permits for burning

Please remember to call the Burn Line before lighting any fire, 810-686-5432. You can't leave a message. It will record your phone number. Just listen to the message and hang up. The message will let you know if it's ok to burn and what precautions you need to take for safety reasons. It will also advise you if we have put on a temporary Burn Ban.

Don't Forget!!

Township offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th and Monday, September 4th 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.

The Clio Center for the Arts

Summer is a busy time with people coming and going. It is hard to sign up for a long term class during the summer when you want to spend time in the great outdoors, with this in mind the art center will be offering more 1 and 2 day workshops. The children's classes will move to daytime hours. Children's classes include: Art & Crafts for the 7 to 10 year olds. This is an ongoing class with short breaks. Mixed media for the 11 to 14 year olds, will start in June. Hand built pottery, called Kids Play with Clay, for ages 8 to 10 years. You and me together, which is a hand built pottery class for an adult and child. Pottery for the 11 to 14 year old student will start in July.

Adult classes include: AM & PM hand built pottery and pottery on the wheel. These are five week classes. Open colored pencil and watercolor classes are available at $10.00 per week if you bring your own supplies. These are great for those with some experience but want some assistance with new medium or more practice in these mediums.

Some of the workshops offered are: A 3 hour watercolor workshop, great for beginners at $20.00 per painting. Day long seminar's for Pen Ink and Oil Rouging and colored pencil as well as a 3 day workshop for colored pencil at $45.00 each. Workshops in pottery, photography and seasonal crafts are also available. Our gallery is a work in progress but is expected to open June 17th. With art work by our members, such as paintings, photography, pottery, jewelry and stained glass to name a few.

Many of these items will be for sale and would make wonderful gifts. Stop in, sign up for a class, take a look at the wonderful art done by our local artists, or just get a tour of our wonderful building. The Clio Center the Arts is located at 3370 W. Vienna Road next to the Vienna Township Offices. The phone number is 810-547-7087. Like us on FACEBOOK for more class information.

FREE

TIRE DISPOSAL DAY

AUGUST 16, 2017 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 are entitled to free permits for the landfill in Montrose Township. You can obtain a permit ONCE PER MONTH at the Vienna Township Offices.

Dear BDA Businesses, Organizations & Friends,

The flowers are planted and we are looking good! Apparently, we have friendly competition. Other communities along the highway have taken notice of our attractive Exit 131 and have made improvements at their exits. It is said that they have to keep up with what Vienna Township is doing with streetscape. ☺ That is the best compliment. This year we added summer banners to the mix in the district. So now we have flowers everywhere! We can be proud of our business district. Let's keep going now that we are on a roll. We appreciate the businesses that are working on enhancements to their properties. Burger King looks great and we understand that Taco Bell and Wendy's are up next to remodel.

Volunteers: If you would like to volunteer, please contact the BDA office and ask about our projects. Thank you to: Cheryl Conlee for helping with the flower gardens and John Neelands for taking care of the bird houses and upkeep along the bike path.
We appreciate your Donations: Garnet Morgan, James & Mariam Dickinson, Steve & Joann Novack, Clio Towing – Mike & Najah Haven, Karen Mason, Linda & Ronald Haynes.

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

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