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**October/ November/December  
2017**

**From the Desk of.....**

**Joseph A Rizk, Supervisor**

Summer is over and kids are back in school. Please be attentive while driving. The sheriff has been patrolling the areas where we have had complaints in subdivisions of speeders. School busses are on the roads.

The Consumers gas pipeline project is winding down for the year. They are on schedule and will be restoring property by spring of next year.

We are evaluating our local roads for maintenance next year. We did extensive ditching work this year. When the spring time gets here we will evaluate next year's projects.

Kerry, our code enforcer, has been busy this year. He not only responds to complaints but also drives the township roads to make sure everyone is compliant. The Genesee County Road Commission plays a big part in his efforts to keep Vienna Township looking good. If they locate an area where the ditches are holding water because they haven't been maintained, they contact Kerry. The Road Commission phone number is 810-767-4920.

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

**Joseph Rizk - Supervisor**

**Jeremy Clontz - Trustee**

**Cynthia J. Bryan - Clerk**

**Kerry Paulson - Trustee**

**Dave Cain - Treasurer**

**Nancy Belill - Trustee**

**Suzanna Thomas - Trustee**

## ***Township Board Meetings***

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

**October 10 \* November 13 \* December 11**



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

**Check out our new website: [WWW.VIENNATWP.COM](http://WWW.VIENNATWP.COM)**

**From the Desk of.....**

**Dave Cain, Treasurer**



Summer is officially over and the due date for paying summer property taxes has come and gone. 2017 winter tax statements will be mailed the first week of December and are due February 14, 2018. The Township will accept ALL (summer and winter) 2017 tax payments until February 28, 2018, with applicable penalties. On March 1, 2018 ALL 2017 real property tax payments MUST be made at the Genesee County Treasurer's office at 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan, phone 877-805-2856.

The Township website has taken a complete new look and continues to be updated to help inform all residents of what is happening in and around our Township. There are special links on the website to pay Taxes and Sewer/Water, there are additional fees for these services.

The Township Board has made great strides in road improvements, services, and upgrades to many operational facets of the Township to better serve the residents. This is a great balancing act to provide the most and the best with the annual funds available. Please contact any Board member with anything you would like to see improved in the Township. We all have a good idea of the Township but we are unable to SEE everything.

I would like to include a personal Thank You to Marie Canterbury for her 16 years of work at the Township, she will be missed. Enjoy your retirement or whatever else you may pursue!

I am more than willing to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Don't hesitate to contact me at the Township office, I am usually in on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. You can always call to make an appointment or make sure I am in, before making the trip.

#### **CEMETERY CLEAN UP**

Clean up is starting at West Vienna and Pine Run Cemeteries. Please remove ALL decorations and flowers by

November 1, 2017.

Grave blankets and wreaths will be allowed from November 15, 2017 through April 1, 2018.



#### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Remember to set your clocks back one hour  
on November 5, 2017

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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

Happy fall everyone! I hope you had a great summer and found some time to relax and enjoy family and friends. As I've mentioned in previous articles, this off election year has been somewhat relaxed and fairly uneventful for the Clerk's office. It has been a time to catch up on tasks that were put off last year due to the many elections and has also allowed us time to receive and be trained on the new election equipment recently purchased. In August, Clerks and Deputy Clerks from around the County spent 2 ½ days unpacking and testing 1,234 pieces of new equipment to be used by every Municipality in Genesee County for future elections beginning either this November or next year. The new equipment includes ballot scanners, touchwriters (ADA voting machines), printers, tables, ballot boxes and ballot box canvas bags. It was a daunting task, but, it was teamwork at its best and rewarding in the end. Training for Clerks and Deputy Clerks on the new equipment was held in September and each Municipality will now schedule training for their election workers prior to their next election. I think voters will find the equipment to be very similar in operation to the old equipment and election workers will see improvements. Security has been improved and election results will now be transmitted by cellular service providing much quicker race results on election night. The new equipment is replacing 12 year old technology and is slated to be used for at least the next 10 years. Several Municipalities in the County have elections this November, but, Vienna Township does not. The next election for Township residents will occur in 2018, possibly as early as May, but, definitely in August and November where, at the least, you will be asked to elect a new Governor for the State. These next few months would be a great time to check the State website to see if you are registered to vote and if not, do so then, that way you will be able to vote in our next election. There's not much worse for a Clerk than to turn away a voter because they're not registered.

So, with fall upon us, where we see trees change to brilliant hues of yellow, orange and red, days get cooler and for whatever reason life seems to slow down a little, I hope you make some time to relax and experience what our great State has to offer.



The Vienna Farm and Arts Market has now been up and running for the past 2 ½ months and will be open until October 28<sup>th</sup> this season. Have you had the opportunity yet to stop by and check us out? With this being the first year, the Committee and Vendors have been pleased with the Market and customers that have come through. We still have a couple of Special Events happening in October that we hope you can make it to. On our last day, October 28<sup>th</sup>, we will have the Witches Walk along with Vendors and Committee members dressed up for Halloween. Any children that come to the Market tent that day dressed in

their Halloween attire can receive a bag of treats compliments of the Market Committee! Not only do we still have some fun activities planned, it's not too early to start your Christmas shopping! Our Vendors offer some unique, one of a kind items that are sure to please that hard to buy for person or for yourself. We are open from 9-4 every Saturday until October 28 in front of the Clio Arts Center and Gazebo Park, 3370 W. Vienna Rd. (M-57) Clio. We hope to see you soon!!

### Clio Area Senior Center

It's hard to believe that a full fiscal year has gone by, but by the time you read this we will be in our 2017/2018 year. Last year was very good to us at the Clio Area Senior Center – we celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in our beautiful building, got a new sound system through generous benefactors, upgraded our logo to something a little bit more current, purchased property to eventually become a senior citizen's housing complex, and purchased a new (used) bus which allows us to travel all over the State and open up opportunities for people that hadn't been available before. We added tons of programming and focused intently on fun, physical exercise - just ask our Pickleball players, Drums Alive participants, or our newest Tai Chi-ers. We closed the 2016/2017 year with over 1,850 participants! We can all be proud of this! Thank you to all of you who helped us reach that milestone – we strive to reach 2,000 this year.

Please keep your eye out for our newsletter to stay abreast of our activities. If you aren't a subscriber (which I highly recommend) you can pick one up at various locations around town, or get it on-line at [www.ourseniorcenter.com](http://www.ourseniorcenter.com) (follow the prompts and choose Clio). If we don't have what you are looking for please stop by and see me, email me ([director@clioasc.org](mailto:director@clioasc.org)), or give me a call 810-687-7260 – I'd love to hear your suggestions. We're not the "old folks" senior center anymore – you can ensure that we stay that way!

Here's a call out to the Snowbirds, asking that you stop in at the Center at least once before you leave. When you log in to the system your participation is recorded. This helps keep our numbers up (as part of the County verification program) and ensures that your County Senior Millage Tax dollars stay in Clio.

Stop in and see us!

**From the desk of....**

## **Kerry Paulson, Fire Chief**



The cold weather is on the way therefore it's time to get prepared. You may need to get your chimney inspected or possibly your furnace. An annual furnace inspection will be checking for many small things, but they will also check for a possible carbon monoxide leak from the heat exchanger which can be deadly. It's also very important if you're going to be burning wood, you keep your chimney cleaned periodically to prevent chimney fires. It also may be time to replace your furnace filter for the heating season. Keeping your furnace filter clean or replaced will allow your furnace to perform better and more efficient.



On November 5th we will be changing our clocks back remember to change your smoke detector batteries.

In December, many of us will be putting up our Christmas Trees therefore remember to keep the real trees watered and inspect the lights for shorts or bare spots. We don't want to make a house call to anyone's home, especially during the holiday season.



### **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.

**From the desk of....**

### **Kerry Paulson, Code Enforcer**

The Genesee County Road Commission said that to insure clear vision and to help the water flow that each Vienna Township resident must keep their ditches clean and mowed. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The Vienna BDA has been working on a plan of action to bring more

business services closer to home. The (SBDC) Small Business Development Center from Kettering University has been invited to host trainings and provide individual business services at the BDA office right here in Clio.



If you would like some advice on how to start your own business, there is free assistance and we are pleased to be working with the SBDC to get you that help. Please contact the BDA office for more information on business planning, financial management, marketing, growth strategies, sales and operations and other topics at 810-686-3460.

**In the spring of this year**, the Vienna BDA supported an Emergency Disaster & Operations forum that was held to provide information on how our local emergency plan works. We discovered that we have some good and experienced emergency managers! It was concluded that in order to assist our leadership, the business community can step up in several ways:

Businesses can sign up to be placed on a **Disaster Contact list** to donate goods and services during a community disaster.

The CAHSF has organized an Emergency Response Team to assist the American Red Cross during a community disaster. If you are interested in being trained for this team, training dates will be available soon.

Also, the Clio Area Human Services Fund established a **Clio Area Disaster Fund** to accept financial contributions that will be held by the Fund and used in the event of a DISASTER in the Clio area. Donations for the **Disaster Fund** as well as the **CAHSF** and the **Back-pack Program** can be made to: **Independent Bank, 3500 W. Vienna Rd. Clio, MI 48420.**



FROM THE OFFICE OF GENESEE COUNTY  
VIENNA TOWNSHIP SUB STATION

**Vienna Township has a Reserve Deputy unit that does vacation checks. If you are leaving on vacation the Reserve Deputies will keep an eye on your home while you are away. Our hope is that this service will make your vacation more pleasurable, knowing that your house and property are being watched while you are away. To sign up for vacation checks, please call the Vienna Township Sub Station Sheriff's Office at 810-686-8622 during business hours.**

**Also remember school is back in session. Watch out for children walking and for school busses. Slow down in school zones.**

## The Clio Center for the Arts

Things are moving along at the art center. Fall and winter classes are scheduled and you can sign up for them at any time. Remember to sign up early to save a space as class sizes are limited. New this fall is Stained Glass and classes for pre-teens. Scott Tucker is our new photography instructor and will be starting classes this winter.

The work on the art gallery is coming along and we hope to have it open in October. A members section where members can display and sell their art will be open first. Our invited artist section will open after Christmas.

September events: September 16<sup>th</sup> wine glass painting, September 23 Fall Wreath Workshop and Kids Tile Painting

October Events: We will be having a number of events in October. October 14<sup>th</sup> is our Witches accessory workshop Cost, October 21<sup>st</sup> is a fall window painting class, October 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Witches walk this is a fund raiser for the art center. The cost to join us while we walk and dance around town is \$15.00

December 2 & 3 Holiday Craft Shoppee. Handmade art and crafts for sale for Christmas giving.

We will also be having our grand opening of the art gallery. Come see our wonderful building and our new gallery!

FROM THE DESK OF.....

MICHAEL MANTEI, THE 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.

### Trick or Treating Hours

Tuesday,

October 31

5:00PM—8:00PM

### 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.**

### YARD WASTE COLLECTION

**Please remember that the last day for yard waste collection will be on November 20th. If you have any questions, please call Emterra at 877-609-6753.**

### Water Department

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



# SPECIAL EVENT SATURDAYS



**AUG. 26 • POTTERY DEMO** | **PAWS PAINTING\***  
by Visually Impaired  
Guest Artist Shelly Houtaling

**SEPT. 16 • Patrick Harrison 'Lord of the Gourd'**  
Pumkin & Gourd Carving

**SEPT. 23 • Fall Wreath Workshop & Kids' Tile Painting\***

**OCT. 14 • Halloween Theme Workshops**

**OCT. 28 • Halloween Witch's Walk\***

\* ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED.  
FACEBOOK.COM/CLIOAREAARTSOCIETY  
810-547-7087

**Location: Clio Arts Center/Gazebo Park**  
**3370 W. Vienna Rd. (M-57) Clio, MI**