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**October/ November/December  
2018**

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

**Joseph A Rizk, Supervisor**

We have had an enjoyable summer and as we approach the fall, the leaves will be falling and the bags of yard waste will accumulate. This will serve as a reminder that the compost will continue to be picked up every other week with the last pick up November 19. The phone number for Emterra customer service is 1-877-609-6753. After November 19th, residents can dispose of yard waste at Country Oaks Landscape, 3218 E Atherton Road, Burton Michigan.

The roads that were scheduled to be done this year are almost done. It has been a long summer with projects that were contracted by Consumers Energy. The fact that the township did not have to use tax payer funds was a good thing but the control of the project was not in our hands. Next year we are looking at a few new ways of handling our roads and we hope they will be streamlined better.

The Clio road project that we had on schedule was pulled from us because of the lack of Federal funding until 2020. Originally the two asphalt portions of the road from Dodge Road north to the south city limits was to be done this year. If you have questions in regards to the Clio Road project that is not projected until the year 2020, please contact Alex Patsy at 810-767-4920.

**Trick or Treating Hours**

**Wednesday, October 31**

**5:00PM—8:00PM**

## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on

November 4, 2018

## **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

**October 9 \* November 13 \* December 10**



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on happenings in Vienna Township!

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

**3400 West Vienna Road, Clio, MI 48420**

**810-686-7580**

From the Desk of.....

Dave Cain, Treasurer



The deadline for paying 2018 summer taxes (without penalty) was September 17, 2018. The Township will accept payment, with applicable penalties, until 5:00 pm on February 28, 2019. 2018 winter tax statements will be mailed out the first week of December with payment due February 14, 2019. Any 2018 real property tax payments made after February 28, 2019, **MUST** be made at the Genesee County Treasurer's office at 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan, phone 877-805-2856. There are special links at [www.viennatwp.com](http://www.viennatwp.com) to make online Tax and Sewer/Water payments, additional fees will be added for online payments.

There are some new laws coming from our State legislature which may effect assessing property throughout the entire State. These laws may increase property values which in turn can make noticeable changes in your real property tax. If you have any questions concerning your property assessment, please contact Kevin in our assessor's office at 810-686-7676. He is in the office on Tuesday and Thursday. When he is not in the office I suggest you leave a voicemail and he will return your call.

The Board is unified in making Vienna Township the best possible place to live in, do business in, and visit. Home sales continue to be very good. We see steady interest from businesses wanting to invest in our Township, and there is an increase in new home construction as well. We are always interested in Resident input on what you like or may dislike about our Township so please don't hesitate contacting any Board member or attending our monthly Board meeting.

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 afternoon. 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, 2018.**

**Grave blankets and wreaths will be allowed from November 15, 2018 through April 1, 2019.**



#### \*\*NOTICE REGARDING TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION\*\*

Vienna Township contracts with Emterra Environmental USA to provide curbside trash and recycling pick up to our residents. Emterra is committed to providing superior service to our residents. If you have any questions or concerns regarding their service please call 877-609-6753. If

your question or concern has not been resolved by Emterra within 24 hours, please call Township Supervisor Joseph Rizk at 810-564-7070.



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**

As we approach another weather change or new season in Michigan, we are also approaching another new election with the November General Election. It has been a very busy election season with recertifying all our Election Inspectors, the first time use of our new election equipment, the first major election with all 5 precincts at the new polling location, the Clio Area Senior Center, and a larger than normal turnout for the Primary. We heard many compliments throughout the day on both the new equipment and the utilization of the Senior Center for the Township's new polling location for voters. The Senior Center received many compliments as well. There were several Township residents that had never visited the Center and were impressed with the building and the many activities they saw posted on the bulletin board and planned on returning, definitely a win-win situation. There were a few suggestions made for improvements to the election flow that will be implemented for the next election, but, all in all we were pleased with this new change. The State reported that voter numbers were up for the August Primary, the biggest turnout that's been seen in four decades! My hope is we will experience a great turnout again in November. As of now I expect another long ballot for November and the best way for you to prepare and to give yourself ample time to make a decision is to visit the State of Michigan website [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote) to preview your ballot before coming to the polls. At a minimum, there will be Federal, State and Local offices along with State proposals to be voted for. As a reminder, if you aren't registered to vote yet, you have until October 8th to do so to vote in November. If you have moved and need to update your voter registration address, you can accomplish this by visiting [www.expresssos.com](http://www.expresssos.com). If you have any questions regarding the November election, absentee voting, registering to vote, etc. please don't hesitate to call the Clerk's office at 810-686-7580. I hope to see you in November!



The summer season is coming to a close and so is the 2019 Market season. If you haven't had a chance to check it out, you still have time. The Vienna Farm and Arts Market is open Saturdays from 10 am – 4 pm through the end of October and we'll still have plenty of fresh winter squash, pumpkins, apples and more available for purchase. The Market had many events this year which we hope you were able to check out, they included car cruises, MSU Extension presentations, Touch a Truck for Kids, Paws Painting which benefited the Genesee County Humane Society, Patrick Harris "The Lord of the Gourd" Pumpkin Carver and more. One more event scheduled for October 20th by the Clio Center for the Arts and the Market is the "Witches Walk", full details are on the back page of this newsletter. Come and join the fun as Halloween enthusiasts dance their way on a route that brings them back to the Market! The Market Committee will be working hard this winter to schedule more events like this for next year. We've seen many new faces at the Market this season and would like to thank you for taking the time to check us out and supporting our local farmers and art vendors! Without you, the Market wouldn't succeed and we want to see this Market flourish for many years to come! We hope you'll take some time and visit us yet this season.

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

## **Michael Mantei, The Building Official**

As winter approaches we often think about getting those last minute projects done like new roofing, new windows or siding. Remember all these require a Building permit. If you are planning on any remodeling, repair or doing any miscellaneous building projects please call the Vienna Township Building Department at 810-686-7676 to verify if any permits are required in order to avoid a \$1500 fine for work done without a permit.

I am working with Fire Chief, Kerry Paulson to inform business owners and homeowners about the Knox Box. Only the Fire Department can access this box and inside will be a key to the business or home and phone numbers of who to contact if an incident occurs at your location. For more information contact the Clio Area Fire Authority at 810-687-8506.



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

## **Kerry Paulson, Fire Chief**



Time to get prepared for the winter season. 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. Also, while it is still nice outside take the time to clean out your dryer vent. Make sure you get a supply of ice melt for those icy areas and get the snow shovel out. Also be sure to put a few items in your car, a blanket, snacks, gloves, a hat and a bag of kitty litter or floor dry for traction under your tires, in case you get stuck.

Everyone is invited to Station #1 for Halloween night, October 31, 2018 from 5pm - 8pm. There will be two lines set up to hand out candy, cider, cotton candy, donuts, coffee and popcorn. This is all free for the public and is paid for by the money collected at our homecoming. Last year we had almost 1500 people come by.

The Clio Area Fire Department is asking all businesses in Vienna Township to purchase a Knox Box. This is like a tiny safe that mounts on the outside of your business that will be locked by the Fire Department. Inside the Knox Box will be the key to your building and phone numbers of whom to contact if we have an incident at your location. This allows us to quickly access your building without damaging any windows or doors. It also saves us valuable time gaining access and allows us to lock back up when we leave, but also gives us someone to contact to let you know you have a situation and you can then meet us there if you're available. We have been using these boxes for the last (18) eighteen years without any issues. The key that opens the Knox Box is locked in the engine at the station, this is controlled by a small computer that records when it is removed and replaced and requires a code be entered to remove it. The cost is about \$325 to \$400. Please contact the Fire Department 810-687-8506 for more information and to place an order.

We are now offering a model for homeowners. So if your on vacation and you have a fire alarm or fire at your home, or your have an elderly relative that needs to be checked on. The Fire Department would be able to get in quickly to assess the situation or get someone out to go to the hospital. The cost for these are about \$200.



**The BDA has launched the new Business Development Services Center** in collaboration with the Small Business Development Center (MI-SBDC ~ Region 6 hosted by Kettering University).

Here are a few of the services you can get right here at our Vienna BDA office by just calling to make an appointment.

Startup Services – Business Plan Development, BDA Grant Program, Business Training and Workshops in a variety of topics, Market Research, Technology Commercialization, Growth Company Services, Raising Capital, Export Strategy, Building Your Business (Start – Growth – Thrive), Strategic Planning.

To review a list of workshop topics, please go to [www.sbdcmichigan.org](http://www.sbdcmichigan.org) click on register for a workshop and view the options. If you would like to sign up for a workshop to be held at the Vienna BDA office, just email to [janet@viennabda.com](mailto:janet@viennabda.com) or call 810-686-3460. The Vienna BDA would like to help you with your success story!

**Thank you to all** for your donations and commitment to our summer beautification project, several businesses have made improvements to their properties and landscaping this year. Recommendations for the annual recognition awards will now be accepted for 2018 in the categories of: **Business Beautification, Business Enhancement, Business Expansion, New Business, Community Appreciation, Community Beautification & Appreciation.**

**Donations can be sent to:** Vienna BDA, P.O. Box 129, Clio, MI 48420 ~ Contact: [Janet@viennabda.com](mailto:Janet@viennabda.com) or check our webpage at [www.viennabda.com](http://www.viennabda.com) ~ 810-686-3460

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

## **Bryan Lorenz, Code Enforcer**

As fall approaches, please remember to keep all grass and ditches mowed to ensure clear vision and proper water flow. Also, with camping season coming to an end, please remember that all recreational vehicles need to be beyond the face of the house closest to the road and can only be parked in the driveway for 24 hours.



## The Office Of Genesee County Sheriff

**Office of Genesee County Sheriff 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. To sign up for vacation checks, please call the Office of Genesee County Sheriff Vienna Township Sub Station at 810-686-8622 during business hours.**

**Please don't hesitate to call 911 for anything suspicious in and around your neighborhood.**



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

### 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.**

### 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.**



### YARD WASTE COLLECTION

**Please remember that the last day for yard waste collection will be on November 19th. If you have any questions, please call Emterra at 877-609-6753.**

## CLIO CENTER FOR THE ARTS

We are welcoming in cooler weather and fall colors by holding several events in the coming months. Our 3rd annual WITCHES WALK Fundraiser is on October 20th. Registration fee is \$15.00. Big witches, little witches and warlocks are all welcome. We will meet at the art center for a quick final practice of the witches dance, at noon and taken by bus to another location and dropped off. We will then parade and dance in front of local businesses on our way back to the art center. \$100.00 Cash prizes will be handed out for best hat, broom and shoes and door prizes will be drawn at the art center. Please register early to have a seat on the bus for this fun community event. Fun times to learn the witches dance will be held on Wednesday October 3rd and Wednesday October 17th at 6:30 PM.

Every paid registration will receive 2 door prize tickets. Paid registrations before October 13th will receive 5 extra (7) door prize tickets. Register on our web site or by calling the art center at 810-547-7087.

December, 1st and 2nd, is our Handmade Holiday Shoppe This art & craft show has limited crafters and artists, all with great holiday gift ideas. A cookie sale and soup lunch will be available. Vendor applications are available at the art center.

The following is a list of fall and winter classes. Watch for pop up workshops on our Facebook page.

#### FALL CLASSES & WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

Kids Play With Clay (Ages 6-9 years) Pottery for Teens (Ages 11 years and up)

Painting for Kids (Ages 10 years & up) Teen Drawing (Ages 12 years & up)

Jewelry Making for Beginners (Ages 10 years & up)

Children's Arts & Crafts (Ages 7 to 10 years)

Photo Composition for Kids (Ages 10+) Parent & Child Paint Party (Ages 8+)

#### ADULT CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Raku Pottery Coffee & Clay Beginners Pottery

Zen Pottery on the Wheel

Stained Glass Make & Take Stained Glass - Intermediate Level

Intro to Paint Pouring Paint Pouring II

Watercolor Crochet (all levels)

Photoshop for Beginners Digital Photography

Painting with Oils Charcoal Drawing

#### COCKTAILS & CANVAS

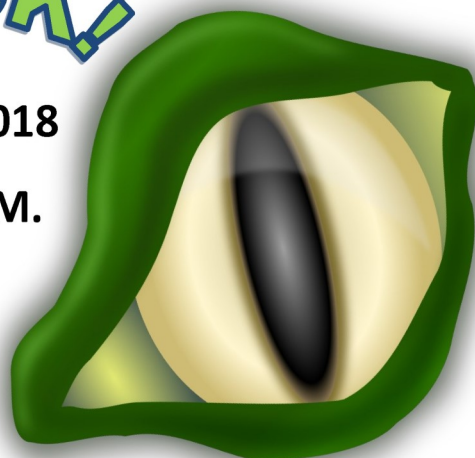
Wine & Windows Cocktails & Canvas Grapes & Glasses Sweets & Slate

For more information or to register call the art center at 810-547-7087 or go to our Facebook page.

**IT'S BACK!**

OCTOBER 20TH, 2018

NOON TO 4:00 P.M.



# WITCHES WALK



**ENTRY FEE: \$15.00**

**PER WITCH or WARLOCK**

**CASH PRIZES AWARDED FOR:**

**BEST HAT BEST BROOM BEST SHOES!**

**DOOR PRIZES**

REGISTER ON FACEBOOK, THE CCA WEBSITE OR

CALL THE ART CENTER @ (810) 547-7087

ALL PRE-PAID REGISTRATIONS WILL RECEIVE 5 EXTRA DOOR  
PRIZE TICKETS



**WITCHES WALK TO BENEFIT**

**CLIO CENTER FOR THE ARTS REMODELING FUND**

Sponsored by : The Vienna Farm and Arts Market

And The Vienna BDA