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Clio Area Senior Center

The Board of Directors for Vienna Township voted unanimously at their Board meeting March 14, 2016, to close the Senior Center temporarily. It is the desire of this Board to restructure and design an atmosphere that will be more in tune to the wants and needs of our seniors and future seniors to utilize. With the assistance of the Genesee County Office of Senior Services, the Center will reopen as soon as possible.

If you are in need of assistance during this time, please contact Vienna Township office at 686-7580.



April/ May/ June

2016

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From the Desk of.....

Joseph A Rizk, Supervisor



We are happy to welcome spring and the longer days.

We have an election year and the yard signs will be going up. Please remember that all signs are the responsibility of the person that puts them up. This pertains to all yard signs and election signs in Vienna Township. I recommend that you put your name on the back of the sign to assist us in contacting you.

Watch for a new Garage Sale ordinance this year. We are doing this in an effort to reduce traffic congestion and retail sales in areas not zoned correctly.

I have said for the last year that we will be enforcing our blight ordinance. The local substation for the Genesee County Sheriff located in our building will be assisting us in our efforts. The substation has volunteers that not only check houses of people that are on vacation but will note houses that, in their normal course of driving, may be in violation of this ordinance. The address will be turned over to the Building Official to check further.

I have been in contact with the local advertisers and newspapers so the delivery of their papers is done correctly. They have been cooperating and are aware of our concerns. If the papers are being left on the ground, please call me and leave a message with your address and the paper that was left

I am available by appointment. Please call (810) 686 -7580 and ask for Joe.

From the Desk of.....

Kerry Paulson, Fire Chief



As the weather warms up, many of us will start cleaning up the debris that has fallen over the winter. Although burning permits are not required in Vienna Township, you still have to call the burn line before starting the fire 810-686-5432. Please remember to take a few precautions for your safety. Please have water available nearby, don't burn in windy conditions, and always stay within site of the fire. If the fire gets away from you or out of control, and we respond it will be billed accordingly.

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

ROAD PROJECTS

Flashing beacon lights will be installed at the corner of Farrand and Jennings Roads and at the corner of Neff and Frances Road. The bridge over Pine Creek on Farrand Road will be replaced this year.

The bridge will cost well over one million dollars to replace. No Township funds will not be required for this project.

Also, Field Road between Jennings and Clio City limits will be chip and sealed.



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.....

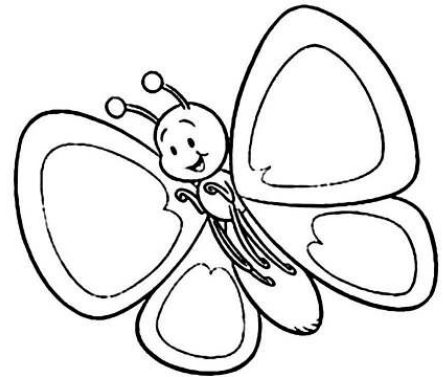
Dave Cain, Treasurer



The first quarter of 2016 is in our rear view mirror. Payment for 2015 real property taxes can no longer be paid at the Township office, and 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. Most of these changes equate to very small changes in the actual amount of property taxes. If you have questions concerning these changes, please contact the Township office. 2016 real property tax bills will be mailed out the first week of July, 2016 and will be due September 14, 2016.

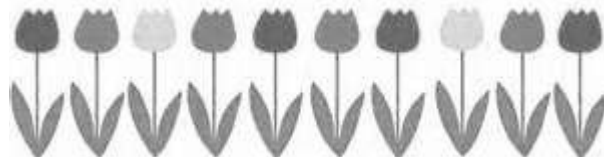
Any personal property taxes (PPT) can be paid at the Township office during business hours, mailed, or dropped off in the 'drop box' (NOT the US mailbox) in the wall at the east entrance of the Township office. Most of the qualifying businesses (less the \$80,000 qualified personal property) submitted the affidavit to exempt them from paying PPT in 2016. Depending on the amount of personal property, the savings ranged from tens of dollars to hundreds of dollars annually. Please make sure you submit the affidavit EVERY year (due on or around February 10) to qualify for your exemption. If you have any questions about your PPT exemption, please contact the Township office.

The Water/Sewer department has moved to the west end, with Assessing and Building, of the Township office building. Our building department is continuing to see an increase in activity and this move was made in anticipation of the needed coverage. All water/sewer business is being handled in the new location.



The Township has taken advantage of a Consumers Energy program which earmarks monies for energy cost savings projects. Under this program the parking area lights at both the Senior Center and Township office have been converted over to LED lighting. Consumer's program paid a large majority of the conversion cost and the Township is already seeing a payback in savings on the monthly electrical bills. The payback should cover the cost to the Township in a 12 to 15 month time span. The new LED lights not only are saving energy costs but supply a much brighter and cleaner looking light for the parking areas.

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.





Friends of the Clio Library

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Saturday, May 7, 2016

9:00 – 4:00

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Mon., May 9, 3:00 - 7:00

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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 11

Monday, May 9

Monday, June 13

WHAT'S WITH ALL THE GREEN YARD AND PORCH LIGHTS?

It is a nationwide program to show year around support for all our nations veterans!

America's veterans are some of our nation's bravest, hardest-working men and women. However, it's hard to show them the appreciation they deserve when, back home and out of uniform, they're more camouflaged than ever. Greenlight A Vet is a campaign to establish visible national support for our veterans by changing one light to green.

Change one light to green in a visible location-on your porch, in your home, or at your office and keep it glowing every day as a symbol of appreciation and support for our veterans.

A 40 watt green LED bulb is very economical to operate - using 4.5 watts.

Then, share your support by taking a picture of your green light and posting it using the following links.

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www.greenlightavet.org

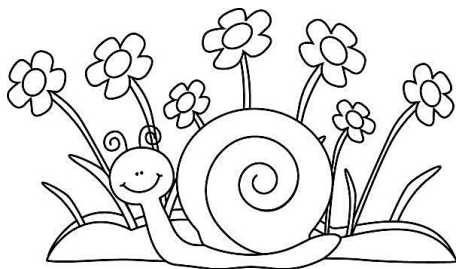
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FROM THE DESK OF....

CYNTHIA J. BRYAN, CLERK

The 2016 Presidential Primary, now in the books, overall was a huge success based on voter turnout across the State, which was much larger than anyone expected. There was an approximate 38% turnout of registered voters in Vienna Township including many young and first time voters. It was wonderful to see the interest shown by our younger population in the future of our Country. Preparation for the May 3rd election is now under way and will only affect a handful of Township voters. Both Mt. Morris and Birch Run School Districts are presenting millage questions to voters that reside in these districts. In a cost saving measure for the Township, voters in Precincts 1, 4 and 5 who live in either of these school districts will be combined to 1 polling site, Carter Middle School. Precinct 5 voters will be sent a letter noting the change. This year's August Primary election will be a large ballot which along with proposals, offices from U.S. Congressional seats down to Local seats will be voted on. The top 2 candidates from the August Primary will then face off in the November General election. This year, all 7 positions on Vienna Township's Board are up for election. If you have an interest in becoming a Candidate for a Township position, petitions and affidavit of identity forms are due in the Township office by 4:00 p.m. April 19, 2016. Additional information for Candidates can be found on the Michigan Secretary of State or Township websites. On a final note, if you wish to vote in the August or November elections and are not a registered voter, you must register 30 days prior to the election. You can register at any Secretary of State or at the Township. Have a safe and happy Spring!



Building &



Code



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.



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Vienna BDA Memorial Gazebo Project:



Construction begins this spring next to the Vienna Township Hall. Donations of **\$25.00 per person** can be made in support of this project. It is a nice gift idea. Each name will be displayed on a marker that will be placed next to the Gazebo. A dedication will be celebrated upon completion of the project and the names recognized. Business sponsors welcome, please contact Gerald Stadler at 810-686-0817 or the BDA office at 810-686-3460.

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**SAVE THE DATE!** Join us on a Garden Tour! Sunday, June 26th, 2016 from 10am to 5pm. The Genesee County Master Gardener Association, Garden Tour includes our own Bridge Park Butterfly Gardens located at the corner on Linden and Vienna Rds. We are laying out the red carpet trimmed in flowers for this community event! We are asking businesses to help us prepare by planting flowers this year in front of your businesses and curb side if possible all along Vienna Rd. and throughout the area. The flower colors this year in the business district will be, Pink, Lime, Purple and Fuchsia. This is a good time to trim up, landscape, paint and do repairs. If your business would like to participate by having an event or activity at your location on this day, please contact Cheri at 810-516-0030, Brian at 810-429-2836 or the BDA office at 686-3460 for more information. To get tickets for the Master Gardener's Tour that includes Clio and Flushing destinations you can contact the Master Gardener Association, 605 N. Saginaw St., Suite 1A Flint, MI 48502 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am-1:00pm or call 810-635-9341.

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Vienna BDA Clean UP Day! Volunteers, Groups and Organizations welcome ☺ Saturday, May 7th from 9am – 12pm. Meet up at Bridge Park (corner of Linden and Vienna Rds.) at 9:00am. Bring gloves, rakes, shovels and brooms. Garbage bags and water provided. For more information contact the BDA office at 810-686-3460.

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