

From: Russ Varner, Supervisor

I hope everyone is enjoying the warm Spring temperatures. I just wanted to touch on a few highlights of what your Board has been doing this Spring.

**Water:** Exciting things are coming this fall for residents in Water District # 1. The water assessment for Water 1 and 1A will be finished this year; the last assessment will be on this year's tax bill! It is hard to believe that we have had City water in the Township for 20 years. On another note, the Water Committee has been meeting and working hard to come up with solutions dealing with issues as the bonds are paid off, such as future costs with water hookups.

**Roads:** There are several Road and Drainage Projects scheduled in the Township this Spring and Summer. There is an additional \$56,000 in road millage available for Homer Township due to the additional road millage that was approved two years ago. Visit the Township website http://homertownship.org/ for details and the latest updates.

**Land Combinations and Splits**: A reminder, when you are combining or splitting parcels of land, you need to complete a form available on the Township website or at the office. If splitting and selling a parcel, make sure taxes are pro-rated because after Township approval, Equalization only assigns new parcel numbers and values at the first of the year.

I hope you have a safe and wonderful summer. Please let me know if you have any questions or feedback.

From: Todd Lee, Clerk

It looks like it is going to be a very busy Summer. We have 2 elections coming up. The first is a primary on August  $2^{nd}$ , then the general election on November 8. If you are interested in voting absentee in either or both elections please contact me about an application for a ballot. Also make sure you are registered to vote. If you are not, you can register at the Secretary of State's office, the Midland County Clerk's Office, or at my office. You must be registered at least 30 days prior to the election you wish to vote in. I can be contacted at 631-4399 ext. # 2 or at clerk@homertownship.org

# From: John Hanson, Fire Chief

**Homer Township Fire Department Spring 2016** 

### **Facebook**

The Homer Township Fire Department has a new Facebook page, please "Like" us and follow the activities of the department on this page.

### Web page

The fire department is resurrecting the old Homer Township Fire web page with the help of Sandra Simmons. So look for this information in the near future.

### **Burn permits**

Reminder, once the snow goes away, you need to call and find out if open burning is being allowed in Midland County. You can only burn brush, sticks, leaves and stumps, you cannot burn household waste or any type of building materials. The contact number is 1-866-922-2876. You MUST call before you burn.

## **Fire Department Activity for 2015**

2015 was a busy year for the fire department with a total of 317 calls for service. It was also a very safe year as NO firefighters were injured. A breakdown of the calls by activity can be seen on the website under the Fire Department section.

### **Smoke Detectors**

Please remember to check the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors at least two times per year, each time we change the clocks is an easy reminder. Also be aware, these detectors do have a life expectancy of 5-9 years. If your detectors are starting to creep up in age, please plan on replacing them.

Once again, THANK-YOU to the residents of Homer Township for your continued support to your fire department!

From: Sandra Turk, Treasurer

I have enclosed a new "Homer Twp. Contact Information" card in with your tax bill. Please keep this card as we have made some changes to the information.

Each year I have a few residents make an error when writing out checks for their tax payments. To help with this, it would be appreciated if everyone please include a contact phone number either on your check or on your tax bill. Thank you for your help in this matter and enjoy the rest of your summer.

If I can be of assistance to any resident, please contact my office.

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From: Sandra Simmons, Planning Commission

# TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE

Everything about the township newsletter is new: editor/format, distribution and relationship to the township website. The newsletter will still be distributed twice/year but now will be inserted with your tax statement. The format will be somewhat different and the articles more abbreviated with references to the township website for more details. We anticipate continuing this approach through 2017 when we anticipate discontinuing the print version and will only post the newsletter on the website. To accommodate those without computer access we will have print copies available at the township hall that you may come and pick up. The website is now beginning to post special meetings/current events and more general information (the current news section now contains the Homer Township road repairs scheduled by the County Road Commission this year.) The LINKS section of the website has direct access to our legislators, all other townships, Midland city and county government websites and most community resources. We are interested in your feedback on these changes.

# PLANNING COMMISSION

The planning commission is still in the process of revising the zoning ordinance a lengthy undertaking that will last most of this year. In addition to that we held one public hearing and the board approved a new group child day care home. All public hearings are posted on the website as are our meeting dates. All meetings are open to the public.

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