

Jerome Township

Winter 2010 Newsletter

Greetings again from Jerome Township. This is our second newsletter. Make sure to keep an eye on our website for updates about what is happening in Jerome Township. The address is www.jerometownship.org.

You will find your township officials' addresses and phone numbers, Principal Residence Exemption forms, zoning ordinances, meeting minutes and much more. We would also appreciate your comments and suggestions. Our monthly meetings are open to the public. The Jerome Township Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Jerome Township Hall.

Email



If you prefer to receive your newsletter electronically, please send a note to anna_merillat@yahoo.com. Anna will make note of it and send future newsletters to you this way – saving both a tree & postage!

Township Hall/ Fire Station

The proposed new town hall/fire station has been an issue of much interest in the township since the last newsletter. Petitions were circulated and this building project will be voted on by the township and village residents on February 23, 2010. The Township Board is continuing to work on the project plan so voters may cast their vote with the best information possible. The DNR continues to be interested in entering into a long-term lease with the Township. Lease language has been reviewed and square footage lease numbers have been agreed upon for the common areas in the building. The Township is continuing to work with their financial consultant to ensure that this new building can be funded with existing revenues, and without any new millage. The Board is also moving forward with the construction bidding



process to determine the actual cost of the project. To this point, all discussion has been based on the architect's estimate. However, in the current economy, the Board is hoping that actual bids could come in much lower than this projection. Low interest rates (4.25%) and government rebate programs (Build America Bonds) make it an attractive time to move forward with a building. The Township has also been approved for a \$135,000 grant.

The government rebates (Build America Bonds) will only be available if the project commences in 2010. This equates to roughly \$1 million in federal money for Jerome Township's building over the life of the loan. The Township is committed to only moving forward if the building can be supported by current revenue streams. More information is included in the document accompanying this newsletter. We will also host two informational sessions Wednesday, January 21, 2010, 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. at the Town Hall & February 4, 2010 7- 9 p.m. at the Jerome Fire Station.

New Electrical Inspector

At the passing of Ed Gannon, the Board has reviewed resumes and appointed a new electrical inspector. The new inspector is Charlie Trumble. Charlie can be reached at (989)687-6929 or 429-1735

New Zoning Enforcement Officer

Robert McNett has decided to step down as Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Board has reviewed resumes and has appointed Jerry Turner as the new Zoning Enforcement Officer. Jerry can be reached at 687-7771 or 615-0751

Board of Review

If you want to protest the assessment on your property, you need to attend the March Board of Review. The next Board of Review for protesting your assessment will be listed on your 2010 "Notice of Assessment Change" which will be received the week of March 1.

Your Township Board: Stuart Bloomfield, Supervisor, 687-7443, jeromesupervisor@yahoo.com, Laura Grubaugh, Treasurer, 687-2190, jerometwplgrubaugh@tds.net, Connie Methner, Clerk, 687-7449, jerometwpcmethner@tds.net, Dale Thornton, Trustee, 687-2065, Anna Merillat, Trustee, 205-1588, anna_merillat@yahoo.com

2010 Board Mtgs: 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8 – All at 7 p.m. @ Town Hall

2010 Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Household hazardous materials can lead to contamination of groundwater, surface water, well water, etc. when spilled on the ground, poured down the drain, or placed in trash containers. This is your opportunity to safely dispose of most hazardous materials you may have in your home. A variety of garden, cleaning, personal/health care, paint products (latex paint cans should be dried out and left for your weekly pickup), and automotive products are accepted. Used auto batteries, household batteries and gas cylinders are not accepted. Call (989)832-6681 for an appt.

Recycling

For questions about recycling please check the website (www.jerometownship.org) or call Norma Hecht at (989) 687-5802. Your recyclables will be collected **every other week** on your regular trash pick-up day.



Flood Plain

For information about whether your property may be in the FEMA flood zone contact Brian Dankert badank@charter.net or Tom Kennedy tomlindak2@Chartermi.net

Census

The 2010 Census is quickly approaching. Your census documents should be delivered to your home by April 1, 2010. This census is to be the shortest in U.S. History and is estimated to take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. Snowbirds are instructed to fill out the census in Michigan as opposed to the state where they winter. Obtaining accurate counts is critical for determining our state's representation in Congress as well as getting appropriate state and federal funding. Please take the time to respond. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the 2010 census, please contact Laura Grubaugh.

Payment Information

Chemical Bank (SANFORD BRANCH) will accept current **Jerome Township** payments without charge. You must have your tax bill stub for proper credit.

Reflective House Numbers

When you need the Jerome Township Fire Department or other emergency personnel, will they be able to find you? The highly reflective signs you have seen around the area will insure that you will be found. They are available at most hardware stores. Every minute counts!!!

Trash Collection/Midland Landfill

Having problems with your trash or recycling pick-up? Please call your Supervisor, Stuart Bloomfield at (989) 687-7443. PLEASE PACKAGE BROKEN GLASS AND MARK CLEARLY TO PREVENT INJURY. Jerome Township residents may use the Midland Landfill once per month free of charge located at 4315 E. Ashman.

Board and Committee Positions

Would you be interested in serving on the Planning Comm., Board of Appeals, Bldg. Committee, Board of Review, Parks & Recreation, Sewer Feasibility Comm. and others? As terms expire, vacancies occur, or new committees are formed, a file of potential members would be helpful. Please send a letter of interest to the township clerk, Connie Methner, 558 Peterson Dr., Sanford, MI 48657

Tire Removal

Due to Public Act 34, Waste Management can no longer collect whole tires. Please consider the following options: (1) pay the tire disposal fee at the time of purchase, (2) take any tire(s) that you have to the tire retailer and pay the disposal fee, (3) cut the tire in half and place at the road side, or (4) watch the media for the tire disposal dates. There is a business in the Coleman Area that will dispose of tires for a fee.



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