

Burning Permits



REMEMBER: **Burn permits are required by residents.** When either the Dallas Township or St. Johns Fire Department responds to a fire, the PROPERTY OWNER is billed.

- Bengal Township residents living **West of Francis Road** can obtain a burning permit by contacting the **Dallas Township Fire Dept. at 989-593-3146.** Residents will be asked to leave their name, address, and phone number, what they are burning, and which days they wish to burn. Please call at least 24 hours in advance. If residents have any questions, call Vern Feldpausch, Dallas Township Supervisor, at 989-593-2768.
- Bengal Township residents living **East of Francis Road** can obtain a burning permit by contacting the **City of St. Johns Police Dept. at 989-224-6721.** You will be asked your name and address, what you are burning, how much you are burning, and when you wish to burn. Here, it is best to actually speak with someone to confirm your permit is approved. You are also able to apply to them for annual burn permits.

Fire and Rescue Runs

In the event of a fire run within the township, **\$1000.00 is charged when a fire truck is dispatched or \$450.00 when a first responder is dispatched.** Bengal Township is charged \$1000.00 for the first two hours and \$500.00 for every hour thereafter for fire service. **When Bengal Township gets billed for these services, the property owner and/or person upon whom the service is provided will be billed.** Please check your insurance to see if Fire or First Responder services are covered. Typically, basic home-owners insurance only covers up to \$500.00. A small increase in your premium could save you hundreds!!

Winter Tax Bills

Winter property taxes are payable December 1 to **February 14, 2022**, by mail to 2801 S Forest Hill Rd St Johns, or in person at:

The Township Hall on M-21 on:

- Mon. December 27, 9am-5pm
- Mon. February 14, 9am-5pm

2801 S Forest Hill Rd St Johns, on:

- Mon. February 28, 9am-5pm (past due)

...or by appointment (call 517-927-9273).

Review your tax bill for interest/penalty information on past due taxes. Checks or money orders are preferred; however, cash payments for the exact amount owed will also be accepted (there is no cash kept on hand to make change). Thank you. ☺

Need a receipt? Receipts for tax payments are sent out only upon request. If you need a receipt, please let us know and we will gladly mail one to you. **Did you know you could print your own receipt?** Go to www.accessmygov.com further explained below.

REMINDER: Property info and historical tax payments (only those paid **directly** to Bengal Township) can be viewed by the property owner online at www.accessmygov.com. BS&A provides the technical help using this webpage (1-855-BSA-SOFT).

<i>Supervisor</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Trustee</i>	<i>Trustee</i>	<i>Township Assessor</i>
Nick McDonald 517-819-6127	Denice Schultheiss 517-927-9273	Sharon Bassette 989-640-4750	Stanley Sillman 989-640-0419	Eric Boak 517-449-4283	Dr Mark Holley 989-834-5611

2021

Road Work Completed

Chloride: All three applications were applied.

Miscellaneous: Brush spray and roadside mowing occurred as planned.

Gravel:

Two miles of gravel on Walker Road between Airport Road and Lowell Road.

Culvert:

A 36" culvert was replaced on Bauer Road south of Kinley Road.

Note:

There was increased demand and a short supply of gravel this year. Much of the remaining approved road projects are slated to be completed in the spring of 2022.

Park Exploration

The Bengal Township Board with the Park Exploration Committee requests that all residents complete the Park Exploration Questionnaire included with this newsletter. If you prefer to complete the survey online, please go to tinyurl.com/BengalTwpPark or scan the QR code with your smartphone linking you to the survey. Your feedback is essential to us and we look forward to hearing from you.



Clinton County Recycling

Clinton County Department of Waste Management would like to remind residents to take the time to properly sort their recyclables into the proper containers at the Rural Recycling Sites. The Rural Recycling Sites are located in Fowler and Maple Rapids. Acceptable materials include all colored glass bottles and jars, metal cans, household plastic containers numbered #1 to #7 (No Styrofoam or plastic bags please), newspapers, magazines, office paper, junk mail, cardboard and boxboard (NO waxy coated freezer boxes please). Please remember to empty all recyclables before placing them into the proper bin. **NO PLASTIC BAGS ARE ALLOWED IN THE BINS!**

Please help keep the cost of recycling down and make sure what is put into the bin can be recycled. When in doubt, please contact the office at (989) 224-5186 or email recycle@clinton-county.org or check out their website www.clinton-county.org.

Notes from Clinton County

“Covid 19 is still rearing its ugly head. There are still sporadic outbreaks in Clinton County. The health department and the schools are working to minimize transmission whenever possible...”

The 911 upgrade is still on schedule to be completed as planned. As of now, the law enforcement part is expected to come on line in December and the other emergency services in January or February.

The Road Commission is moving forward with a plan to do a major facility upgrade and/or replacement. The operation and equipment have outgrown the existing facility.

Clinton Lakes Park is in the process of parking and beach improvements which are expected to be completed for next year. The County is also exploring a couple of other sites in the southern part for possible park development.

Clinton County Board of Commissioners are deep in production of a balanced 2022 budget and working to utilize the American Rescue Plan funds in a manner to benefit the residents in the long term. The County is in good financial condition and we intend to keep it that way.”

---David W. Pohl, District 2 Clinton County Commissioner

The Bengal Township Board wishes everyone a Safe, Healthy and Happy Holiday Season!!