

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 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, **\$1,000 is charged when a fire truck is dispatched and/or \$450 when a first responder is dispatched.** Bengal Township is charged \$1,000 for the first two hours and \$500 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 was 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. A small increase in your premium could save you money!

Winter Tax Bills



Winter property taxes are due by **February 14, 2023**, and can be mailed to 1211 Hampshire Dr., St. Johns, or can be paid in person at:

Township Hall:

- Wed. 12/28/2022 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Tues. 02/14/2023 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1211 Hampshire Dr., St. Johns (past due):

- Tues. 2/28/2023 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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. Note: There is no cash on hand to make change. Thank you. ☺

Did you know you could print your own receipt?

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).

Need a receipt? Receipts for tax payments are sent out only upon request. If you need a receipt, please contact the Township's Deputy Treasurer at Denise Schultheiss at 517-927-9273.

Questions about your taxes? Contact Denise Schultheiss directly at the number listed above.

<i>Supervisor</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Trustee</i>	<i>Trustee</i>	<i>Township Assessor</i>
Nick McDonald 517-819-6127	Lori Pung 989-620-0728	Sharon Bassette 989-640-4750	Stanley Sillman 989-640-0419	Eric Boak 517-449-4283	Dr. Mark Holley 989-834-5611

2022 Audit Report



Once again, the Township received an unmodified opinion from its auditor, Maner Costerisan. An unmodified opinion is expressed when an auditor can satisfactorily conclude that the financial statements are free from material misstatement. You can obtain the Township's Annual Audit Report on the website.

Planning Commission News

The Planning Commission will hold a **Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m.** regarding changes to the Township's Master Plan and its Zoning Ordinance. Information regarding these changes can be found on the Township's website.

Effective September 30, Tom McComb resigned as the Township's Inspector/Enforcement Officer. We thank Tom for his service to the Township and welcome Forrest Thurston to the team. Forrest is a lifelong resident of Clinton County and is excited for the opportunity to serve. Please call Forrest at 989-640-1890 or email him at bengaltownshipinspector@gmail.com to schedule an inspection.

Hall Rental

The Township Hall is available for rent. Please note that the maximum capacity is 90 people and can be rented by residents for \$100 or non-residents for \$150. A deposit is also required. Please see the rental agreement and other rental information on the Township's website.

Road Updates

Chloride: 3 applications
Chip Seal: Parks Road; 3 miles East of Francis
Brush spraying, roadside mowing, and over band
17 miles of gravel application

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!



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.

Clinton County News



Craig Longnecker, County Administrator, will retire effective January 2023. He has served the County for many years with the last 2+ years as Administrator.

The Clinton County Board of Commissioners approved a Veteran Affairs Contract whereby the Ingham County Veteran Affairs office provides services to county veterans including benefit information concerning health issues, emergency assistance, transportation to VA centers, and consultation on other benefits. The phone number is 517-887-4331 and appointments are available in the Clinton County Courthouse.

The MSU Extension contract was renewed, and services will continue for the following areas: Agriculture and Agribusiness, Children & Youth Development, including 4-H, Health & Nutrition, Community, Food & Environment. Offices are located on the lower floor of the Courthouse.

Submitted By: David W. Pohl, District 2 Clinton County Commissioner