

## Burn 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!

## Summer Tax Information

Summer property taxes are payable **July 1 to September 14** by one of the following methods:

- Mail to: **1211 Hampshire Drive, St. Johns, MI 48879 (Preferred)**
- In person on **Thursday September 14, 2023**, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Township Hall 6586 W. M-21, St. Johns
- By appointment: **Call 517-927-9273**

**Please review your tax bill** for interest/penalty information. Checks or money orders are preferred, however cash payments for the exact amount owed will be accepted. There is no cash drawer in the office to make change.

**Deferment of Summer Taxes:** September 14<sup>th</sup> is the last day to file for the Summer Deferment per MCL21151(7). Certain taxpayers can apply to have their summer property taxes deferred until February. The requirements and application may be found at [www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury). There are generally two ways to qualify: 1) gross household income of \$40k or less and falling into an exemption classification, or 2) owning an agricultural or horticultural operation for which gross receipts are not less than house income.

**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](http://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 indicate this when sending in your payment or contact the Township's Deputy Treasurer, Denice Schultheiss at 517-927-9273.

Supervisor	Treasurer	Clerk	Trustee	Trustee	Township Assessor
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

## BOARD OF REVIEW

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday,  
July 18, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.**

If you have questions about what can be addressed during this meeting, please contact Dr. Mark Holley, Township Assessor, at [mholley4444@gmail.com](mailto:mholley4444@gmail.com).

### Planning Commission News

The PC meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. If a meeting is cancelled, it will be posted on the bulletin board in front of the hall.

**Required Inspections:** All construction, including AG buildings, **must be inspected** and require a preliminary and a final inspection. To schedule an inspection, call the Township Inspector, Forrest Thurston, at 989-640-1890 or you may email him at [bengaltownshipinspector@gmail.com](mailto:bengaltownshipinspector@gmail.com). Failure to comply with this requirement may result in fines and project delays.

### Hall Rental

The Township Hall is available for rent by residents for \$100 or non-residents for \$150. A deposit and is also required. Please see the rental agreement and other rental information on the Township's website.

### Road Maintenance

Gravel: Lowell from Centerline to Parks, and Townsend from Grove to Airport

Chloride: 3 applications

Various Roadside: Mowing & Spraying

### Township Opportunities

Residents who are interested in assisting with planning/zoning, elections, and other opportunities may contact Sharon Bassette, Township Clerk, at [bengaltownshipclerk2@gmail.com](mailto:bengaltownshipclerk2@gmail.com) or 989-640-4750.



## 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, 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, email [recycle@clinton-county.org](mailto:recycle@clinton-county.org) or check out their website [www.clinton-county.org](http://www.clinton-county.org).

## Clinton County News Board of Commissioners

Adopted the County Summer Property Tax Levy of 5.7189 mills which is the same as last year. Because of the increase in taxable value, this will result in an increase in nearly every tax bill.

Approved the 911 upgrade to the mobile data systems for Police, Fire and Ambulance services.

Have taken steps to do the allocation of the remaining ARP funds.

Broadband update: Grant applications are being evaluated.

## Proposed Township Park



The Township's Park Committee has been working with Fleis and Vanderbrink, an engineering and architecture firm, to apply for grants and develop a site plan. More information coming soon!