

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP NEWS

Spring/Summer 2010
1080 W. Midland Road
Auburn, MI 48611
(989) 662-4408
www.williamstwp.com

Township Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday- 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday (thru Labor Day) - Closed

Office Holiday Closings

Independence Day, Monday July 5th
Labor Day, Monday September 6th
Columbus Day, Monday October 11th
Veteran's Day, Thursday November 11th
Thanksgiving, Thursday November 25th & Friday
November 26th

TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULES

All meetings are held in the Township Board Room at 7:00 p.m.
unless noted otherwise.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE

June 8	September 28 (6:30 p.m.)
July 13	October 12
August 10	October 26
September 14	November 9

PLANNING COMMISSION

June 7	September 13
July 12	October 4
August 2	November 1

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m.

July 1	October 7
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The Public is invited and encouraged to attend all Township meetings

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW

The July Board of Review will meet at 4:00 p.m. on July 20, 2010 at the Williams Township Offices to correct qualified errors in the roll. These include:

- A mutual mistake of fact.
- A clerical error relative to the correct assessment figures, the rate of taxation, or the mathematical computation relating to the assessing of taxes.
- An error regarding the correct taxable status of the real property being assessed.
- Disputes over claims for the homeowner's principal residence, poverty, and initial qualified agricultural property exemptions.

For further information, please contact the Assessor's office.

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP SENIOR DINING CENTER 1080 W. MIDLAND RD

Open Monday through Thursday, 9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Come join us for fun, fellowship and food. Lunch served daily at 12:00 noon, choose a Hot Entrée, a salad or sandwich. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance; suggested donation for lunch is \$2.50.

Special Events and Programs

- **Bingo-** 10:00 A.M. every Monday & Wednesday
- **Cards, Games & Puzzles-** 10:00 A.M. every Tuesday & Thursday
- **Blood Pressure Clinic-** 10:00 -1:00, 1st Monday of the month.
- **Indoor Walking-** 9:30 – 1:00 everyday.
- **Movie & Popcorn-** June 8th, The Blind Side.
- **Williams Township Update-** June 15th, with Paul Wasek, Supervisor
- **Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare-** June 17th
- **Food & Medication, Adverse Reactions-** July 13th
- **Summer Fun-** TBA, Join Jim Lepeak for a day of music and fun.
- **Country and Gospel Music-** August 31st, with Guitarist, Betty Scherzer

Call Mary at 662-6521 for more information. Reservations must be made 1 day in advance.

www.williamstwp.com/seniordining



QUESTIONS?

You may now e-mail your questions to the appropriate Township department.

Supervisor, Paul Wasek–Supervisor@williamstwp.com

Treasurer, Connie Hoverman–Treasurer@williamstwp.com

Clerk, Amy Charney–Clerk@williamstwp.com

Zoning Administrator/Electrical Inspector, Bob Klemish –

Bklemish@williamstwp.com

Building Inspector, Les Houck – LHouck@williamstwp.com

ELECTION NEWS

Michigan voters will go to the polls on August 3rd to select nominees for the November 2nd General Election ballot. There will be a long list of state and local offices with proposals appearing on the August primary ballot. **REMEMBER:** In a primary election you must select the partisan section of your choice and can only vote for candidates within that section. You cannot "split your ticket" in a primary election. If you vote in more than one partisan section, the partisan area of the ballot will be rejected. Sample ballots will be available at the township office by the end of June; if for some reason you are unable to stop by the office, call and one will be mailed to you.

PERMANENT ABSENT VOTER LIST

A permanent list of absent voters is maintained by the township clerk for persons wanting to receive an application for an absent voter ballot prior to each election. Applications are automatically mailed approximately six weeks prior to all elections. This is a convenient solution for those over 60 years of age, physically unable to attend the polls without assistance, or for those away from the community who want to vote but cannot get to the polls on Election Day. For more information on our permanent absent voter list or any election related questions, call Amy or Pam at 662-4408.

DO YOU NEED A U.S. PASSPORT?

U.S. citizens may apply for their passport books and passport cards during regular business hours (and after hours by appointment) at the township clerk's office. A certified birth certificate with a raised seal, ***not a copy***, and two pictures must be presented when making application. Normal processing by the U.S. Department of State takes approximately six weeks; two week rush processing is available for an extra \$60.

Effective June 1^s 2009, all U.S. Citizens must present a valid U.S. Passport Book or U.S. Passport Card when entering the United States from a foreign country, including Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

The standard passport fee is \$100 for adults and \$85 for children younger than 16. The standard fee for the passport card is \$45 for adults and \$35 for children younger than 16. The passport card was designed for entry at land and sea ports-of-entry and is ***not*** valid for international travel by air. We have application forms, renewal forms and numerous other miscellaneous forms that may be required depending on the applicant's particular situation.

A Fill in the blank application is also available online at the township website, www.williamstwp.com

For questions or additional information, please contact Amy or Pam at 662-4408.

PINE GROVE CEMETERY

Pine Grove Cemetery is located on the northwest corner of Eleven mile and North Union roads. It is Township owned and beautifully maintained by Don Dzurka, our Township sexton.

The cemetery was recognized as a historic site on October 12, 1990 and is listed in the Michigan State Register of Historic Sites by the Michigan Historical Commission.

Burial fees are \$150.00 per space for Williams Township and City of Auburn residents and \$250.00 per space for non-residents. Opening and closings fees are \$375.00 and Cremation fees are \$125.00.

For questions or additional information, please contact Don Dzurka at 496-2378.

**CONGRATULATIONS DON FOR 55 YEARS AS
OUR CEMETARY SEXTON!**

2010 SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES

You should receive your summer 2010 Property Tax bill by July 1st. If you do not receive your tax bill by July 1st or shortly thereafter, let our office know as soon as possible so we can send you a copy of your bill. Be sure to review your tax bill ***as soon as you receive it*** to verify that all information is correct (i.e. address, principal residence exemption status, etc.). If there are any errors, please contact our office immediately so the necessary corrections can be made. Any errors will be corrected at the Board of Review meeting held on July 20th.

Summer property taxes may be paid or deferred between July 1st and September 14th without penalty. Beginning September 15th a 1% late penalty will be added to all unpaid summer tax bills. An additional 1% will be added each month through February 14th. An additional 3% penalty will be added on February 15th.

You may pay your property taxes in person at the treasurer's office, by mail, or by placing your payment in our drop box located in the front of our office building. ***If using our drop box, please do not pay with cash, checks only!*** If you require a "**Stamped Paid Receipt**", please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you cannot pay your taxes in full, we do accept partial payments which can be weekly or monthly. Just remember that any balance left after the September 14th deadline will incur penalties until paid off.

If you qualify and plan to defer your summer property taxes, stop by the treasurer's office as soon as possible to sign a deferment form. A new deferment form must be executed each year. This form is also available online at www.williamstwp.com/treasurer.asp.

Our summer office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Township office will be closed on Fridays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. In addition, we will be closed for the following holidays, July 2nd and July 5th, September 3rd and September 6th.

For any tax related questions, please call Connie or Jackie at 662-4091.



DOG AND CAT LICENSES

If your dog or cat is licensed with Bay County, the County will send you the form for your new license in the mail a month before your old license expires, which is also when your animal needs their rabies vaccination.

Licenses may be purchased at most veterinary's offices, at any Township Office, at Animal Control, and at the Bay County Treasurer's Office. The cost for a 1 year license for an unsexed cat or dog is \$21 and \$7 for spayed or neutered pets. A 3 year license can be purchased if a rabies vaccination is good for 3 years, unsexed \$54 and spayed and/or neutered \$18.

When purchasing your new license please bring the form that the County sent you and proof of the rabies vaccination. Licenses for a new animal may be purchased by providing proof of rabies vaccination and if your animal was spayed or neutered, proof will also be required.

Delinquent licenses can only be purchased at the Bay County Treasures office or Animal Control.

PETS IN WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP PARK

Many folks find the Williams Township Park a great place to take their pets for a walk. Please be a responsible pet owner when enjoying the Township Park. Pets in the Williams Township Park must be kept on a leash at all times. In addition, pet owners must pick up any pet waste from their pets and deposit it in a trash receptacle. "Doggie Walk Bags" are supplied at the park entrance for this purpose. Thank you for your help!

WASTE MANAGEMENT

It is strongly encouraged that all trash be placed in bags, whether in or out of trash cans (including "Green Monsters"). This will help assure that the trash ends up in the landfill where it belongs, and not blowing around the Township, especially on windy collection days.

Items banned from Michigan landfills include whole tires, beverage containers, yard waste, lead acid batteries, used oil, low-level radioactive waste, regulated hazardous waste, liquid waste, sewage, PCBs and asbestos waste.

Please do not place grass clippings, yard waste, leaves, or debris in the ditches. This contributes to poor drainage for you, your neighbors, and the entire township. Waste Management picks up yard waste weekly on your normal trash collection day from April 1st through the end of November. The yard waste truck starts its route at 7 a.m. to ensure a timely pick-up you should have your yard waste out no later than 7 a.m.

BRUSH CHIPPING AND DISPOSAL

Williams Township continues to offer a residential brush chipping service. This service is for township residents that have trimmed their own trees themselves as an alternative to open burning. Commercial tree cutting services and "For-Hire" tree cutters must dispose of the trees and brush they cut and trim.

Brush must be placed at the road shoulder with all ends facing towards the road. Pieces must be small enough and piled appropriately for one person to handle. Due to ever increasing fuel costs, please call the Township Office to be placed on the "Chipping List" when the brush is ready to chip so we can route the crew in the most efficient manner. Chipping requests should be limited 30 minutes per month per household. Additional time above that will be charged at a rate of \$50 per hour.

Whenever you have a couple of branches or a small amount of brush please put it out for Waste Management to pick up as yard waste on your normal trash pickup day. Brush for Waste Management pickup needs to be placed in paper yard waste bags, containers marked "Yard Waste," or tied together in bundles up to 24 inches in diameter, up to 48 inches in length, and weighing no more than 50 pounds per bundle, with individual pieces not exceeding 2 inches in diameter.

FROM THE SHERIFF

An empty house is a tempting target for a burglar. Use this checklist of tips to help safeguard your home while you're away. Every person should know basic yet important crime prevention tips that will keep you and your family safe when you are going on vacation.

- Have good locks on all doors and windows and **USE THEM!**
- Ask your neighbor to watch the house while you're away. It's a good idea to leave your vacation address and telephone number with a neighbor so you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Never leave your house key hidden outside your home.
- Stop all deliveries, or arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail, newspapers and packages.
- Arrange for someone to mow your lawn, rake leaves and maintain the yard to give the home a lived-in look.
- Don't announce your absence on answering machine messages.
- Leave your blinds, shades and curtains in a normal position. Don't close them unless that is what you do when you are home.
- Close and lock garage doors and windows. Ask a neighbor to occasionally park in your driveway. If you leave your car at home, park it as you normally would. Vehicles parked outside should be moved occasionally to appear that they are being used.
- Secure storage sheds, attic entrances and gates.
- Engrave your valuables as recommended in Operation I.D. This simple step will allow your stolen property to be identified and returned to you if recovered by the police.
- Plug in timers to turn lights, a radio or a television on and off at appropriate times. This helps to disguise the fact that you are away.
- Always keep your vehicle doors and windows locked.
- Contact the Twp. Office when you plan on being away. Deputies may have the opportunity to periodically check your home.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Williams Township Office and ask to speak with the on duty Deputy.

Have a safe summer!

Deputy- Jeff Wolpert and Deputy- Art Kleinert

From The Supervisor

TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY ROADS

In the State of Michigan, there are over 91,000 miles of County roads and 5,600 bridges. In Bay County, we have 1,034 miles of roads plus 435 lane miles of State highway. Of the county road miles, Williams Township has approximately 61 miles of local roads of which we are responsible for 100% of the maintenance costs.

The only property tax dollars that we are able to use for the general operating costs of the township come from the 4.4 mills, collected once per year, that appear on your winter property tax bill. From these dollars we must allocate how much is to be spent on the township operations for the entire year.

Williams Township has budgeted \$280,000.00 this year for road maintenance, repair and rebuilding. This may seem like a lot of money, but this year alone, 1 mile of Chip and Seal (**not asphalt**) road, with ditching including, will cost the township over \$167,000.00. In addition to this cost, we must also repair pot-holes, apply dust control when needed, mow the ditch banks on the local roads, clean road side ditching when needed, replace culverts that may fail, and any other road related costs that are incurred throughout the year on all of our local roads.

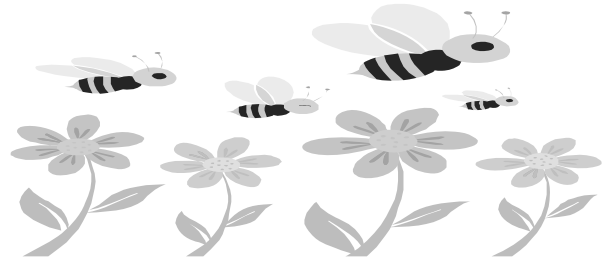
The bottom line to all of this is the fact that, although we would like to, we cannot fix or pave all of our roads at one time. So, if you think that your road needs attention, please, do not hesitate to call our office and let us know about the problem. But also understand that we may not, except in an emergency, be able to completely resolve the problem immediately.

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE POST

The Michigan State Police Post is definitely coming to Williams Township! Joel Gordon, the Project Director for the Design and Construction Division of the State of Michigan's Department of Management and Budget has assured us of this fact. The new post is currently in the Preliminary Design phase and is expected to be completed soon. The next phase, the Documentation Process, will follow immediately after and continue "as quickly as possible". From there, the Construction Design phase begins with various other steps along the way to the point that construction of the building itself will begin.

We currently do not have a timetable for all of this activity, but have been assured by Mr. Gordon that they are diligently working on the project and will continue to do so until it is completed.

Paul Wasek
Williams Township Supervisor



SUMMER/FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CORNFEST JULY 8TH – 11TH

Thursday, July 8th – Rockstar
Friday, July 9th – Jedi Mind Trip
Saturday, July 10th – Steel Wheels
Sunday, July 11th – New Brass Express

For more information on Cornfest events please visit
www.auburnjaycees.org

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

(All shows begin at 6:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, June 15th – LAO
Tuesday, August 10th – Josh Ramsey Band

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AUBURN AREA RELAY FOR LIFE

June 26 – June 27, 2010
10:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.
Williams Township Park
1080 W. Midland Road

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life gives everyone the Opportunity to celebrate, remember, and fight back as we make a difference in the battle against cancer. This is the 3rd annual Auburn Area Relay for Life. We're getting bigger each year and having more fun, come out and join the fun and take a look. We still have room for more teams and team members, for more information about Auburn Area Relay for Life go to: www.relayforlife.org/auburnmi
Or contact Kelly Krueger @ 989-835-7571 or Debby Paige @ 989-662-7305.

AUBURN GUN/ARCHERY RANGE

(Located on Lagoon Dr. ¼ mile south of Wheeler on 9 Mile.)

Tuesdays (5-8 p.m.)

May 18th – June 15 – July 20th – August 17th –
September 21st

Thursdays (5-8 P.M.)

May 13th – June 10th – July 15th – August 5th –
September 9th

Saturdays (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

May 8th & 22nd – June 12th & 26th – July 10th & 24th
August 14th & 28th – September 11th, 18th & 25th
October 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th – November 6th

AUBURN/WILLIAMS 2010 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

June 14th – July 22nd

Call for trip reservations Monday –Thursday

Between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Ask for Kassondra or Linda

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
June 14 th 10-12 Carnival Day 12:30 – 2 Hot Dog Roast 2 Kickball	June 15 th 10 T-Ball/Softball 11 Capture the Flag 12:00 PBJ Festival 1:30 Game Choice 2 Doll Show/Free Throw 2:30 Free Time	June 16 th 10 Dodge Ball 11 Capture the Flag 12 Pizza & Pop 1 Craft Time 2 Game Choice	June 17 th 10 Game Choice 11 Free Choice 12:40 – 2:30 Ice Skating @ Civic Arena
June 21 st 10 Story Hour 11 Games 12 Hot Dog Roast 1 Craft Time 2 Soccer	June 22 nd 10 T-Ball/Softball 11 Dodge Ball 11:30 – 12:30 PBJ Festival 12:30 – 3:00 Olympic Games	June 23 rd 10 Kickball 11 Game Choice 12 Pizza & Pop 1 Jewelry Making 2 Volleyball	June 24 th 9:30-11:30 Fishing Contest 11:30-12:30 Free Time 12:30-3:30 Roller skating @ Metro Skate West
June 28 th 10 Story Hour 11 Games 12-1:30 Face Painting 1:30-3:00 McDonald's	June 29 th 10 T-Ball/Soft Ball 11 Kickball 12 PBJ Festival 1 Volleyball 2 Matchbox Car Race	June 30 th 10 Dodge Ball 11 Capture the Flag 12 Pizza & Pop 1 Craft Time 2 Remote Control Car Day	July 1 st 10 Game Choice 11-11:30 Free Time 11:45-2:45 Putt-Putt Golf @ Buoy 18
July 5 th No Program Happy 4 th of July!!	July 6 th 10-12 Tye Dye 12 PBJ Festival 1 Dodge Ball 2 Game Choice	July 7 th 10 Free Choice 11 Capture the Flag 12 Pizza & Pop 1 Craft Time 2 Remote Control Car Day	July 8 th 10-11:30 Game Choice 11:30 Free Time 11:40-2:30 Swimming @ Delta College Pool
July 12 th 10 Story Hour 11 Basketball 12 Hot Dog Roast 1 Craft Time 2 Kickball	July 13 th 10 T-Ball/Softball 11 Game Choice 12 PBJ Festival 1 Free Time 2 Volleyball	July 14 th 10 Free Choice 11 Capture the Flag 12 Pizza & Pop 1 Craft Time 2 Game Choice	July 15 th 10-11:30 Game Choice 11:30-12:20 Free Time 12:30 – 2:45 Swimming @ Community Center
July 19 th 10 Story Hour 11 Dodge Ball 12 Hot Dog Roast 1 Craft Time 2 Kickball	July 20 th 10 T-Ball/Softball 11 Game Choice 12 PBJ Festival 1-3 Bicycle Day	July 21 st 10 Free Time 11 Capture the Flag 12 Pizza & Pop 1 Craft Time 2 Basketball	July 22 nd Fun Day.....All Day 10:00 – 3:00

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
CLASS OF 2010!!**

