



# MILTON TOWNSHIP

## Milton Township Newsletter

May 2018

First, I want to thank everyone who has participated in providing feedback on needed improvements for the township. The township board and I value this feedback as we make plans for the next year.

Regarding the complaints around excessive speeding and running of stop signs along the Redfield corridor, the township has contracted with the Cass County Sheriff's department to perform extra patrols in this area. Starting next month, the sheriff's department will be performing strict enforcement of traffic laws along Redfield and its respective intersections. Please let us know if the enforcement helps to resolve these issues or if there are other areas of the township that need attention.

We are working with the Cass County Road Commission on addressing the traffic issues at the Gumwood and Redfield intersections. We are hoping that a state safety grant will be issued from the State of Michigan to assist in the redesign of the intersections. Once a new design is finalized, we will have a public hearing for those that would like to learn more about the proposal.

The township continues to use a yearly grant provided through the State of Michigan to bring a multi-use path along Gumwood from the State of Indiana border to the township park on Bertrand. We have completed this path in sections to maximize the grant opportunity. This year the path will continue to the southbound intersection of Gumwood and Redfield.

We have three positions opening on July 1<sup>st</sup>. One is with the township's zoning board of appeals (ZBA). The ZBA hears appeals and variance requests from residents with regards to our zoning ordinance. The ZBA typically meets 1-2 times a year.

We also have 2 positions on the township's planning commission. The planning commission helps develop the township's planning and zoning. Most decisions about the future of the township begin with the planning commission. The planning commission is designed to be a representation of the community. We are looking for a person that can represent commercial or single-family interests and another person that can represent agricultural interests for the township.

For information about these appointments, please give me a call.

Please be careful of the various road projects occurring throughout the county this year. Projects impacting roadways within Milton Township will be posted on our website so you can avoid those areas.

While we review the street lights on a quarterly basis, if you see a street light out in the township, please give us a call and let us know.

Finally, I am looking into the possibility of creating a grant to help promote broadband in the remaining areas of our township that do not have access. This has been an important initiative for the township board. If you still do not have access to high-speed internet services, please contact our office so we can make sure we have your address on our list.

Are there issues in the township that you are concerned with? Give us a call, e-mail, or drop by to discuss. We really want to address your concerns and questions and want your ideas on ways to improve our township.

Sincerely,

Robert Benjamin, Supervisor  
supervisor@miltontwp.org  
269-591-7977

### Spring Clean Day

Saturday May 5  
7:00 am - 11:00 am

### Cass County Hazardous Waste Day

May 19  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm (Noon)

### Election Dates

May 8 Edwardsburg School  
District Only  
Aug 7 State Primary

### Holiday Closing Schedule

May 28 Memorial Day  
July 4 Independence Day

### Regular Meetings

Board of Trustees  
3rd Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Planning Commission  
1st Tuesday 7:00 pm

### Rent Milton Township Hall

Rent the hall for your next party. Residents of Milton Township receive a discount! Call the office at 684-7262 for more information or go to our website at [www.miltontwp.org](http://www.miltontwp.org)



## SMCAS Membership

Get protection from the unexpected ambulance costs for a full year and feel secure knowing your ambulance care will be provided by the most highly skilled, compassionate paramedics anywhere.

The Membership Program is a family protection plan offered by Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service (SMCAS). For just \$45.00 a year, members pay no additional out-of-pocket costs for (medically necessary) ambulance service they may require during the year.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL SMCAS AT 269-684-2170  
[www.smcas.org](http://www.smcas.org)

## Spring Cleaning

Spring is the time of year I receive the most complaints regarding blight. With the snow gone and the leaves not yet on the trees, blight is very visible from the road. The time to clean up your property is now! Milton Township will be having its annual Spring Clean on May 5, 2018, from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. Dumpsters will be located at the township hall to collect your bagged trash, tires and junk metal. Let's avoid blight, and keep Milton Township clean and beautiful. Spring is also a time for new construction. Zoning approval is necessary before construction can begin. These forms can be obtained at [www.miltontwp.org](http://www.miltontwp.org) or at the Milton Township hall.

Eileen Glick, Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer



**Spring Clean** will be held at the township hall on **Saturday May 5th from 7:00 am to 11:00 am.**

(or until the dumpsters are full). Reminder: this event is **FREE** to Milton Township residents only. We will provide trash collection, paper shredding, and metal recycling. We will be accepting old or

unwanted prescriptions or over-the-counter drugs and tires of all sizes accepted this year. Address signs are made onsite for only \$15.00! A Goodwill truck will be on site to collect your gently used items. For more information, call the township at 269-684-7262. To read what items are acceptable or prohibited, go to our website:

**[www.miltontwp.org](http://www.miltontwp.org)**

## Election Dates

Elections are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

<u>May 8</u>	Special Election (Renewal of Edwardsburg School Millage)
<u>August 7</u>	State Primary (Includes Congressional Primary Elections)
<u>November 6</u>	State General (Includes Congressional Elections)

If you would like to register to vote, or need an absentee ballot, please feel free to contact me and I would be happy to assist you. State law prohibits you from registering to vote on Election Day. You must do it at least 30 days prior to any election in which you intend to vote.

The Clerk's office will be open the Saturday before each of the elections above from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm to issue and receive ballots.

Steve Sante, Milton Township Clerk  
clerk@miltontwp.org 269-591-7975

✂ Cut Out and Save ✂

**Cass County Dispatch - Non-Emergency: 269-445-1560**

**Mailbox Damage: 269-445-8611**

**Mailbox Damage on US12 : 269-375-8900**

**Mail Delivery Issues: 269-683-5520**

**Potholes or Road Damages: 269-445-8611**

**Potholes or Road Damages on US12: 269-375-8900**

**SMCAS - Non-Emergency: 269-684-2170**

**Smiths Chapel Cemetery: 269-663-2948**

**Street Light Issues/Problems: 269-684-7262**

**MILTON TOWNSHIP**  
**32097 Bertrand Street**  
**Niles, MI 49120**

**PRSR STD**  
**ECRWSS**  
**U.S. POSTAGE**  
**PAID**  
**EDDM Retail**

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## **Postal Customer**

### **Township Board**

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**Clerk** Steve Sante 269-591-7975  
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**Treasurer** Susan Flowers 269-591-7974  
treasurer@miltontwp.org

**Trustee** Eric Renken  
trusteerenken@miltontwp.org

**Trustee** Kelly Sweeney  
trusteesweeney@miltontwp.org

### **Planning Commission**

Karen Shirk, Chair  
Scott Kretchman, Vice Chair  
Kelly Sweeney, Ex-Officio  
Jeremy Clanton, Member  
Ken Filipek, Member  
Roger Kempton, Member  
Paul Romanetz, Member

#### **Assessor**

Bill Gibert 269-369-5285

#### **Zoning Administrator & Code Enforcement**

##### **Officer**

Eileen Glick 269-591-7982  
zoning@miltontwp.org

##### **Building Inspector**

Wayne Hardin 269-663-2347  
At the Ontwa Twp. Hall in Edwardsburg  
(Tue., Thu., Sat. 9am to Noon)

##### **Electrical Inspector**

Johnny Hamilton 269-684-7848

##### **Mechanical/Plumbing Inspector**

John Dobberteen 269-651-4567

##### **Board of Review**

Roger Kempton  
Virginia Kraft  
Thomas Talley  
Bill Corbet, Alternate

##### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

Patty Carr, Chair  
Susan Flowers, Secretary BOT Rep  
Paul Romanetz, PC Rep  
Bob Ziliak, Member  
Virginia Kraft, Alternate