



Special Points of Interest

Big Spring Clean Day

Saturday May 10, 2014

*7am-11am (or until the
dumpsters are full)*

*NEW this year: A Goodwill
truck will be here taking your
gently used donations! You
will receive a tax-deductible
receipt and a coupon for a
Goodwill Store!*

*Please check our website for
updates!!*

Election Dates

May 6 School Election

Aug 5 Gubernatorial Primary

Nov 4 Gubernatorial General

Holiday Closing Schedule

April 18 Good Friday

May 26 Memorial Day

July 4 Independence Day

Regularly Meetings

Board of Trustees

3rd Monday 7:00pm

Planning Commission

1st Monday 7:00pm

Smith Chapel Rental Info

*Weddings \$200 plus a \$100
refundable deposit*

Funerals \$150

*Other rentals are \$75/hr. with
a 2hr minimum -*

\$50/hr. thereafter

For more information call:

Ann Brown 269-663-8423

*[https://www.facebook.com/
smithschapelnilesmi](https://www.facebook.com/smithschapelnilesmi)*

News From Our Township Supervisor

This past week all township residents were mailed new assessment notices. ***** March 4th at 7pm, Milton Township will have a short workshop to discuss how assessing works, how taxes are impacted by assessing changes, and the steps to challenge your assessment numbers.** We will also discuss ways you can better prepare for your assessment appeal. The State of Michigan requires that assessed values be 50% of true market value. If your assessed value is more than 50% of true market value, you need to contest the assessment during one of our March Board of Review meetings. The Board of Review will be meeting on **March 10th** from 9am-3pm and **March 11th** from 3pm-9pm. You can contact me if you would like to schedule an appointment with the Board of Review or you can stop in during their meeting.

Our township's budget runs from April 1st through March 31st. We will be having a public hearing on March 17th at 6pm to take input on next year's proposed budget. The proposed budget will be available at the township hall and on our website on March 11th. If you can't attend the meeting, mail or e-mail your comments to me prior to March 17th. The township is NOT considering any new taxes to support the proposed budget.

Two positions for the Planning Commission will open on July 1st. The planning commission helps to control growth, improve quality of life for Milton residents, and promote economic health. The commission reviews certain applications, develops new zoning ordinance changes, and maintains the township's master plan. If you are interested in serving, send me a letter of interest no later than April 30th.

Thanks for everyone who provided comments for our playground and building projects. Our project is still set for completion for August 1st. Plans are available to be viewed at the township. A proposed township park plan is available to be viewed through March 26th. If you have any additional input as to what you would like to see in your township's park, please let us know so we can incorporate it into the plan.

As always, give us a call, e-mail, or drop by if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for improvement in our township.

Robert Benjamin,
Township Supervisor
(269) 262-0111
supervisor@miltontwp.org

Visit our Website:

www.miltontwp.org

Clerk's Office News

Sue Kronewitter, Clerk

Milton Township will be having 3 elections this year (2014), all being held on a Tuesday.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following dates to cast your vote at the township hall:

May 6, 2014 School Election - Last day to register – Monday, April 7th
 August 5, 2014 Gubernatorial Primary Election - Last day to register – Monday, July 7th
 November 4, 2014 Gubernatorial General Election - Last day to register Monday, October 6th



ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Prior to each election, absentee ballots will be available from my office. The Township website and bulletin board will indicate the dates they are available.

ELECTION INSPECTORS: Training will be offered early this summer. As soon as I have those training dates, I will have them posted on our website. The township is always looking for those interested in serving as an election inspector, which are paid positions. Students from 16 to 18 years of age can be certified to work elections in Michigan. If you think you may be interested in becoming an election inspector, please contact me.

ELECTION RESULTS: The state of Michigan provides a web site that is updated as soon as election results are sent in by the counties. If you go to electionmagic.com on the internet, Michigan election results dating back to 2000 are available. If you have any difficulty figuring out how to move around the site, give me a call and I will be glad to help you navigate your way either on the telephone or at my office.

I truly appreciate the opportunity you have given me to serve as your township clerk. And as always, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to mail me at: clerk@miltontwp.org, or give me a call at 269-591-7975.



Cass County Updates and Information

The Board of Commissioners hired a new administrator. His name is Roger Fraser and he has many years of experience as an administrator working primarily in Ann Arbor.



The Cass County Conservation District is having its Tree Seedling/Plant Sale again this year. Orders due by April 11. Order forms may be picked up at the Milton Twp. Hall, online at casscountymi.org or call (269)445-8641 ext. 5.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! The County Household Hazardous Waste, Electronic Waste, Tire, Flag, Hearing Aid and Glasses collection will be on May 17, 2014 from 9 am until 12 noon at the Cass County Fairgrounds.

I want to thank everyone for answering the survey questionnaire about the future of the County's Vintage Courthouse. The results haven't been compiled as of this date.

Please visit our County parks. More information on activities can be found at casscountymi.org.

Please contact me should you have any County related issues.

Robert L. Ziliak
 County Commissioner
 District 5



Tidings from the Treasurer—Susan Flowers

IMPORTANT – Tax collections with your township treasurer for Summer 2013 and Winter 2013 ended February 28, 2014. Before mailing your payment to the county, please call the County treasurer's office at 269-445-4468 to obtain the amount due that may include penalty and interest.

NEW Tax Exemption – 100% Disabled Veterans

Effective November, 2013 Governor Snyder signed into law P.A. 161 of 2013. This Act amends MCL 211.7b. Qualifying Veterans with 100% disability related to active duty can apply each year for the exemption and have property taxes waived. The Ambulance assessment is still payable by the homeowner.

Here is a website explaining the exemption: <http://michigan.gov/taxes/0,1607,7-238-43535-235988--,00.html>

The application can be found on our website www.miltontwp.org. Go to Forms and find "AFFIDAVIT FOR HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS"



We have forms and information at the township hall if interested or if you have questions.

Summer Tax Bills

Summer Tax bills will be mailed on or about July 1, 2014 and are late after September 14th. Your township collects your summer taxes until February, 2015, thereafter; payments with late amounts will be payable to the Cass County Treasurer.



Susan Flowers: Treasurer@miltontwp.org

269-591-7974

Visit our Website

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www.miltontwp.org

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News from the Planning Commission

The Planning Commission, this past year, has been quite productive on behalf of the township residents. Beside the normal township planning commission business of reviewing and processing zoning issues for residents, they have been proactive in specialized training for township officials. Five of the 7 planning commission members have completed the "Citizen Planner Certification" which was developed and proctored by MSU up at the SWMC campus over a 7 week period. The remaining 2 planning commission members are in the process of completing this training. To have all PC members recently trained in the current Michigan Township law is unheard of in most township governments and is something that the residents of Milton Township should be proud of.

The Planning Commission has also been diligently working on the long overdue update of the "Zoning Ordinance" book. This effort was initiated well over 5 years ago by a previous planning commission and was put on hold to focus on the Township Master Plan which was finally adopted last year. (*The Master Plan document is available to view on the Township website*) The new Zoning Ordinance has been carefully crafted to complement the guiding principles established by the adopted Master Plan. This new Zoning Ordinance will be easier to read, interpret and utilize by both our township residents and officials.

Please feel welcome to attend any of our Planning Commission meetings. They are typically held on the first Monday of each month. If you are unable to meet with us in person, please visit the Township website at miltontwp.org and all of our information is available to view.

Richard Hebard Planning Commission Chair

Easter
Sunday
April 20th



**** Big Spring Clean ****
Saturday May 10th, 2014
7am-11am

Mothers Day
Sunday
May 11th



MILTON TOWNSHIP
32097 Bertrand Street
Niles, MI 49120

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