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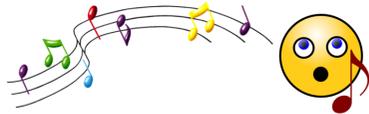
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FROM THE DESK OF PAULETTE SKOLARUS, CLERK

Notice of a Change in Polling Location for Precinct 3

Community Bible Church has advised the Township that a Bible School has been scheduled at their church the week of August 6th through the 19th. As a result they will not be able to accommodate the Primary Election schedule for August 7, 2018. The polling location for this Primary Election will instead be held at the Genoa Township Hall located at 2911 Dorr Road, Brighton, MI (located just south of Grand River Ave. and I-96). This is a temporary move just for the August election. Voters will again be welcomed back to Community Bible on November 6, 2018 for the General Election.



Now I'm a Believer, Linda Gallerani

I want to know if my absent voter ballot is counted? As a Genoa Township resident and a long time voter, I was told by a friend that absent voter ballots were not counted unless it was a close race. I wanted to make sure my vote was counted and to make certain I con-

tacted my Township Clerk. Upon stepping into the Genoa Township Hall I was assured that every ballot was counted, but I wasn't convinced until I was extended an invitation to work on the Presidential Election counting absent voter ballots. I can assure you that my ballot, along with the nearly 4183 ballots that were submitted for the Presidential Election, was counted. I worked from 6:00 in the morning until 10:30 that night tabulating and verifying every person who chose to vote an absent voter ballot that day. The process is detailed with not one person knowing how any single person voted. Hats off to Michigan Election Law, a thorough and well-tuned process!

The August Primary

This summer will begin the election process to choose a new Governor and other elected officials for the State of Michigan and the Federal Government. As a registered voter in the State of Michigan the opportunity to pick your candidate from the three major parties is available to you. Since this is a closed primary you may only vote for a single party—either Democratic or Republican or Libertarian. However, you may choose from a list of people who are running for that specific office within that party. The candidate receiving the most votes will then be placed on the November ballot.

In November you may vote for any candidate no matter their party affiliation and you do not need to vote the party line. If you feel that candidates from a different party meet your criteria then feel free to cross over and vote for whoever will be the better person to represent you in Michigan and Washington.

FROM THE DESK OF ROBIN HUNT, TREASURER

2018 Summer Taxes

The 2018 Summer Taxes are billed July 1st and are payable without penalty thru September 14th. Beginning September 15th a 1% per month interest charge will be assessed on unpaid summer taxes. Postmarks are not accepted as the date paid. Once you receive your tax bill you can begin making payments toward your taxes due. Partial payments can be made as often as you like and for any dollar amount.

Tax Bill Payment Options: Tax payments can be made online with a credit card or electronic check, by mail with a check or at the Township offices by cash or check. For your convenience there are two drop boxes located at the Township offices for after hour payments. All payments paid by mail or put in the drop box will be mailed a paid receipt.

With online banking becoming more prevalent, we wanted to bring a few items to your attention. Most banks use a third party to process checks requested through their online bill payment system. This means that your money is deducted from your account and then sent to a third party processor, not directly to the designated payee. Bills paid through your online banking system may take up to fifteen business days to be received.

Watch for Important Tax Mailings Three Times a Year:

- Mid-February-The Township Assessor's Office mails to all property owners the Assessment Notice that tells you what they are proposing your Taxable and Assessed Values to be for the upcoming tax year. The March Board of Review is your opportunity to appeal the values if you do not agree.
- July 1st-Summer taxes are mailed to all Township property owners and are payable without penalty through Sept. 14th
- December 1st-Winter taxes are mailed to all Township property owners and are payable without penalty through Feb. 28th

Please contact the Township Office's at 810-227-5225 if you do not receive any of the above mailings.

DID YOU KNOW

Livingston Educational Service Agency offers no-cost preschool for eligible 3 and 4 year olds.

Enrollment is open for the 2018-2019 school years. This program is open to income eligible or children "at risk" who qualify under federal and state guidelines. Families meeting eligibility guidelines have access to learning opportunities, health and wellness, social and disability services, and other community resources. Children of all abilities are encouraged to apply. To find out more information about applying and to see if you are eligible, call 517-548-2100 or go to <http://www.livingstonesa.org/>

OTHER BUSINESS

- On April 16th Genoa Township granted a Liquor License to Arta's Italian Restaurant in Genoa Township. **Arta's Italian** is located at 2394 Genoa Business Park Drive-right off Grand River, near St. Joe's.
- An application from **Family Farm and Home** was approved by the Township Board to locate in the old T.J. Maxx retail space west of Latson Road n Grand River.
- A new 101 room four story hotel for **Hampton Inn and Suites** was approved for the southwest corner of Grand Oaks Drive and Latson Road.
- Cleary University** will now include a multi-use athletic field with concessions—Congratulations to Cleary on their expansion.
- A **new traffic signal** was installed at Latson Road near Meijer's to add a measure of safety for all our residents, including neighboring townships and our homeowners at Hampton Ridge.

A QUICK REMINDER

Oak Wilt is a very real danger to Michigan's ecosystem. Please don't transport firewood or trim your oak trees during the growing season. A wound or cut on your oak tree will allow this invasive species to move into your tree and kill it in a matter of six to eight weeks. This fungus poses a threat to other nearby oaks as it moves through the root system of the host tree and spreads through the root system to nearby oaks. The infection risk has already begun in Michigan and will last until the end of summer. The above ground route for the fungus is spread by beetles. They love to feed on anything that ferments. If your oak is damaged just seal the wound with a pruning sealant or a latex-based paint. Please don't go out and spray your whole oak trees for bugs as they are home to 550 different caterpillar types that provide the ecosystem to keep our planet healthy.