



Genoa Charter Township News

Fall 2011

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From the desk of Supervisor Gary McCririe

Before you know it each of you will be receiving your annual assessment notice from the Township. This will arrive in mid to late February and will have the words "this is not a tax bill" printed at the top. While it is not a tax bill, it will contain the information used to determine what your taxes will be for 2012. It is VERY important to review it carefully as soon as you receive it. This notice will contain the proposed new taxable and State Equalized Value for your property as determined by the township assessor. The taxable value will be the figure used to calculate your actual taxes. This goes up and down depending on several factors, but in most cases it changes based on the State of Michigan inflation rate for 2011. The State Equalized value is determined by a market study now being finalized to determine if the values of properties like yours have gone up or down in the last assessment study cycle. This is done using actual sales during the study period, excluding foreclosure or short sales. It will also show the approximate dollar change the new taxable value will have in the taxes you pay in 2012 verses what you paid in 2011.

If you agree with the proposed amounts on the notice, there is no more that you need to do. If you don't agree with the State Equalized Value proposed you should first call the assessor's office (810-227-5225) and have them explain it to you. If you still are not satisfied that the amount accurately reflects your properties value you can make an appointment to be heard by the board of review. The dates and times of the board of review are listed on the assessment notice. If you do not object within the specific times contained in the notice state law mandates you will lose your opportunity to object for one full year.

Additionally, it is vitally important that you review your property record that we have at the township hall. This contains important information used to determine your assessment such as lot/parcel size, square footage and other improvements. Property owners have occasionally found errors on these records. We endeavor to maintain the most accurate records possible but it is conceivable we have added a fireplace or a bedroom where they do not exist. The best first step is to visit the township web site at genoa.org and review your property information. If you need additional help the assessing staff will assist you with this information.

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From the desk of Clerk Paulette Skolarus

Recycling

- **Genoa Township** – The new contract with Duncan Disposal provides our residents with curbside recycling. Recycling will help to maintain the cost of refuse collection and disposal. Residents are encouraged to use the recycling bins provided to dispose of clear glass, plastic, cardboard, newspaper and aluminum cans.
- **Township Office** – A recycle bin for used eye glasses, cell phones and household batteries is located in the vestibule of the Township Office. Give the gift of sight by recycling your old eye glasses.
- **Recycle Livingston** – The county organization accepts electronic waste, cell phones, shoes, and ink jet cartridges. Memberships remain very low: \$27 for a regular household for an entire year and \$22 for a senior household. In addition to providing a drop-off recycling center that keeps approximately 500 tons per year out of the landfills, this facility provides recreational and social opportunities for volunteers, part-time jobs, a positive atmosphere for community service workers, and community recycling information.



VETERANS – Did you know?

A Veterans Transportation Service is now established in Livingston County. This service provides convenient and courteous transportation for Veterans living in Livingston County to the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System on Fuller Road in Ann Arbor. Veterans interested in this service must call for a reservation at 1 (800) 361-8387. There is no cost to ride the shuttle with transportation departing from the VGs in Howell as well as the Meijer Stores located in Hartland, Howell and Brighton.

Fall Leaf Collection

Our annual fall leaf collection has been scheduled for the following dates and times:

- Saturday, Oct 22, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until noon
- Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until noon

The collection site will be the Genoa Township Hall located at 2911 Dorr Road, Brighton, MI. Please bring your fall cleanup yard waste for removal at no cost to you.

Special School Election Scheduled for Brighton and Pinckney

A special election is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011. This election is scheduled to elect school board members in Pinckney Community Schools and Brighton Area Schools. An application for an absent voter ballot is located on the Township web site www.genoa.org. Please print your application and FAX it to (810) 227-3420 to the attention of Paulette A. Skolarus. Applications may be mailed to the Township Hall or dropped in the drop box adjacent to the township hall.



From the desk of Treasurer Robin Hunt

2011 Property Taxes

The 2011 Summer Tax Bills were mailed out to all Genoa Township property owners July 1, 2011. The Summer Taxes were due September 14th. As of September 15, a 1% per month interest charge is assessed on unpaid summer taxes. If you are unsure if your summer taxes have been paid, please contact the Township Treasurer's Office at 810-227-5225 or check our website at www.genoa.org. Summer taxes are payable to the Township until February 29, 2012.



The 2011 Winter Tax Bills will be mailed out December 1, 2011 and are payable through February 29, 2012. If you do not receive your bill please contact us, so that we can send another copy. If you move or change your mailing address please notify the Genoa Township Assessor's office in writing. Failure to receive your tax bill does not waive penalties and interest

Partial Payments

Did you know that once you receive your summer and/or winter 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. For summer taxes partial payments can be made at Genoa Township from July 1st through February 28th. If you do not qualify or have not filed a Summer Deferment

form interest will be applied after September 14th; however the interest will only be charged against the remaining balance. For the winter taxes partial payments can be made from December 1st through February 28th. Please contact the Township Treasurer's office if you have any questions.

Howell Parks and Recreation and Flag Football

The Howell Area Parks & Recreation Authority along with Michigan Youth Flag Football is excited for our Youth Flag Football Leagues to begin on September 19th. We anticipate that we will be using the athletic field lights Monday thru Friday from 7:00pm-8:30pm for our practices. The athletic field lights have allowed us to expand our programming and allow more children and teams to practice in the evening in the fall when we normally wouldn't have been able to because of the lack of daylight! We are looking forward to this fall season of Flag Football!





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Athletic Field Lighting

Lights have been added to the two athletic fields behind the Township Hall with the generous cooperation of D.T.E. Look for evening activities to take place this fall including youth flag football. Please contact Howell Area Parks and Recreation at (517) 546-0693 with scheduling questions.



Our children's playground is finished and accommodates children ages two through twelve. The park includes picnic tables, restroom facilities, soccer fields and walking paths. The playground is state of the art with a rubberized surface beneath the equipment. In addition our sledding hill will be open this winter and will be lighted.

