

VERNON TOWNSHIP NEWS
2011
DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 30 and FEBRUARY 29 – Treasurer will collect taxes at her home from 9am to 5pm, located at 4650 E. Stevenson Lake Rd. Take Old US 27 to Grass Lake Rd, go East 1 mile to Isabella Rd. then South 1 mile and turn West on Stevenson Lake Rd. It is the 1st house on the South side of the road. The Treasurer can be reached at 989-429-2176.

Due to Vicky Louch's retirement, Stephanie Allen been appointed by the board as Township Treasurer.

DOG LICENSES

Treasurer will be selling 1, 2, & 3 year licenses. The rabies vaccination must be valid throughout the duration of the year to which they are purchasing the license for. Late license fees start on March 1st, payable to Isabella County Treasurer. They usually are double.

GARBAGE PICK UP

Remember our garbage pick up is every Friday and recycling is every other Friday. If a holiday falls on week day, then our pick up day will be Saturday. You are also allowed to place 1 large bulky item, like a mattress or refrigerator at the curb each week. Freon does not have to be removed from items containing it. Tires will not be picked up. CM Rubber Technologies, Inc. in Coleman will take tires for a reasonable fee. Their number is 989-465-0200.

TOWNSHIP BOARD
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ISABELLA COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER

Address – 4208 E. River Road, Mt. Pleasant, Mi. 48858 Web site - www.isabellacounty.org/recycles Phone Number – 989.773.9631 Open to all residents. The nearest depot to us is in Rosebush, behind the fire hall.

ROAD UPDATES

The Township chose two road projects in cooperation with the Isabella County Road Commission (ICRC) for 2011 that have been completed. Whiteville Road, from Stevenson Lake Road to Herrick Road received a re-freshening on the Crack Seal Project that had been done in 2008. The work was done by Midland County through a governmental cooperation venture. Whiteville Road, from Herrick Road to the North County Line was Chip Sealed. The Chip Seal Project came in with a final cost of \$18,560, which was \$4,311 less than estimated.

There appears to be a number of general issues being batted around in Lansing pertaining to roads, including:

1. Road funding from sales tax.
2. Increased Township influence on projects where Townships provide over 50% funding.
3. Ability of County Boards of Commissioners to dissolve their Road Commission and take authority over County roads.
4. Funding for a new International Bridge between Canada and Detroit.

We have little information on the issues at this time and legislation is very fluid in Lansing, with issues being raised and dismissed or acted upon with virtually little to no notice. So stay alert!

VICKY LOUCH RESIGNS AS TOWNSHIP TREASURER

After nearly 27 years of service to the Township, Vicky Louch has decided to step down as Township Treasurer, which was effective on October 3rd. Vicky was first elected to the Treasurer's position in November of 1984 and has served flawlessly all those years. Vicky has also retired from the education field and plans an active retirement traveling and enjoying time with Les. The Township Board thanks Vicky for her valued service and wishes her and Les well in their new adventures.

Stephanie Allen, who had been the Deputy Treasurer since June of 2009, has been appointed by the Township Board to fulfill the duties of Treasurer until the November 2012 election. Stephanie has been a long time resident in the area with 14 of those years living in the Township. She is in charge of e-commerce for Jay's Sporting Goods. She has worked closely with Vicky the last 2 years and is prepared to fulfill the necessary duties in the high public service fashion that we have been accustomed to receiving.

ORV USE IN TOWNSHIP

Legislation that establishes a process for 9 additional counties to make ORV use legal on county roadways has been signed into law. Isabella County is one of those counties and is going through the process of establishing an ordinance for ORV use. It is expected that a public hearing will be called sometime in January or February in regards to this issue. The Isabella County Board of Commissioners and the Isabella County Road Commission must act first, followed by the effected local units of government. If you have an opinion on this issue, you are encouraged to voice that opinion to those departments and/or appear at the public hearing, as there are strong feelings on both sides of the issue.

Please visit www.vernontownship.org for information relative to the Township or to contact township officials. Our regular monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, except in the case where a federal holiday falls on that day, to which the meeting date will be the next day, a Tuesday. Please join us.

BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!