

FRIENDSHIP TOWNSHIP



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023

YOUR TAX BILL - Tax bills are sent out by the Emmet County Treasurer's office. Summer tax bills are mailed June 30th and due September 14th and winter tax bills are mailed November 30th and due February 14, 2024. **This means your payment MUST BE IN TREASURER'S HAND BY END OF DAY, February 14th**. **The treasurer does NOT go by postmark date.** The township treasurer does take **partial payments** from July 1 until February 28th for the summer tax bill and December 1st until February 28th for the winter tax bill. If that would be of help to you please contact Treasurer Kati Negley at (231)242-8752 or email her at treasurer@friendshiptownship.org for more information. Her home office is at 1625 West Townline Road. **March 1st the roll is turned over to the County as delinquent and the township treasurer can no longer take payments.**

ELECTION - Our next election is the Presidential Primary Election. It will probably be February 27th, if the state legislature adjourns before Thanksgiving. The law changing the primary date takes effect 90 days after the end of this year's legislative session. Otherwise it will be held March 5th.

Early voting will be available for state and federal elections beginning with the Presidential Primary. The location is the VFW Hall at 599 West Conway Road, Harbor Springs MI. It will be open from two Saturdays before election through the Sunday before election. Hours: 8:30 – 4:30.

An absentee ballot application can be accessed online at mvc.sos.state.mi.us (Michigan Voter Information Center) where you can either apply online or print an application. It is not required to have an application form to request a ballot but the **application for the Presidential Primary must specify whether you want a democrat or republican ballot** and include the address to send ballot and your signature. The Clerk's email is jvandivner.friendship@gmail.com The mailing address is Friendship Township Clerk, 3018 Beacon Hill Lane, Harbor Springs MI 49740. Questions-- email or call (231) 526-6410.

NEW in 2024 is the ability for you to sign up to have a ballot mailed to you for ALL elections, without having to re apply. If you sign up for this option a ballot will be issued for each and every local, state and federal election until you notify the clerk to cancel it.

SPRING CLEAN UP - Just a reminder that Friendship Township no longer does a spring clean up. Friendship Township residents have access to the Emmet County Transfer Station and an extensive recycling program. For metals, appliances, cars, etc. you can contact Jesse Hadix at Stutsmanville Salvage at 231-838-2183 to make arrangements.

OPPORTUNITIES - We have openings on the Friendship Township Planning Commission . If you are interested in serving your community in this way please contact our supervisor, Fred Troup at (231) 526-6918.

The RFC Fire and Rescue Firefighters Association is always interested in adding new recruits to their team. Contact Trustee Marty Mac Gregor if interested in the Fire and/or Rescue at (231)-838-4879.

YOUR FRIENDSHIP TOWNSHIP BOARD