

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

Spring Newsletter 2010



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Greenwood Township Office Hours

Tuesday Wednesday

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Phone/Fax: 810-387-4044

Spring Hill Cemetery Maintenance

Shirley Montross 385-3475

Harriet McCallum 387-3680

Greenwood Township Website: www.greenwoodtownship.com

General email: greenwood@iwarp.net

Supervisor: tgill@iwarp.net

Clerk: gwclerk@iwarp.net

Treasurer: gwtreasurer@iwarp.net

Zoning Administrator:

gwzoadmin@iwarp.net

Assessor:

greenwood.assessor@yahoo.com

Millage Renewal in August

The fire department responds to around 200 fires, accidents and medical emergencies annually. The Fire Department is funded by a millage which is included in your yearly tax assessment.

In August there will be a vote for **renewal** of this millage. The 2 mills not only covers the cost of fire protection, but also includes rubbish pickup and road maintenance. Be sure to vote on August 3rd.

Words of the Supervisor

By Terry A. Gill, Greenwood Township Supervisor

New Township Assessor

In March, after many years of service, assessor Paul Vincent retired. In April, the Board hired Phillip Belcher as Greenwood Township's new assessor. Mr. Belcher is a Level III Assessor with experience not only in assessing but also in equalization. In addition, he teaches a course on how to prepare for the 14-Point Review and will be writing several chapters in the new Assessor's Manual for the State Tax Commission. If you have any questions for the Assessor you can email him at greenwood.assessor@yahoo.com or call the Township Hall and we will pass your questions on to him.

As those of you who attend Greenwood Township Board meetings know, the Township has been asked by the State Tax Commission to visit every parcel and re-measure all of the buildings and to take photographs in order to make sure all of our assessing records are up to date. The Township has no choice in this matter. This process will begin in May and continue until all properties have been visited. A 14-Point Review, which is a complete check of our entire assessing program, will be conducted by the State Tax Commission after the process has been completed.

Either Phillip Belcher or Jeff Johnson will be doing the photographing and measuring. So that you can be sure they are from the Township, a Greenwood Township sign will be on the side of the car they are using and they will have a letter from the Township and identification with them. If you have any questions, please call either the Greenwood Township Hall (810-387-4044) or Township Supervisor Terry Gill (810-387-3379).

Burning Permits

Burning permits are required for all open burning in Greenwood Township. The permits are free of charge and can be obtained at the Township Hall. Permits will not be issued to burn tires, pallets, trash or lumber. Only natural materials may be burned.

Contact Numbers

Township Board

Supervisor	Terry A. Gill	387-3379
Clerk	Cyndee Jonseck	324-9295
Treasurer	Tina Trombley	324-2290
Trustee	Carol Kaltz	387-2246
Trustee	Jim Vincent	387-2525

Other Numbers

Assessor	Phil Belcher	387-4044
Zoning Administrator	Arlene Johnson	324-2287
Building Inspector	David Hayduk	387-3860
	(Best between 7am - 9am) or cell	810-650-0316
Electrical Inspector	Paul Raicevich	586-873-2660
Mech/Plbg Inspector	Dan Jex	810-531-3030
Fire Station		324-2305
Hall Rental	Joan/Doug Huston	387-3481

Phragmites Control Program

This summer the St. Clair County Road Commission will be contracting with a licensed commercial applicator to spot apply herbicides to control the growth of phragmites within the road right-of-way. Phragmites are plants with tall stalks that have plumes at the top. They are invasive species that are spreading rapidly throughout the County and can be a safety hazard because they limit visibility. Since mechanical cutting results in accelerated re-growth the Road Commission decided to approve the application of a specific herbicide scientifically formulated to work on enzymes found in plants only, not on people or animals.

Landowners who have phragmites in the road right-of-way along their property have the option to have their property omitted from the program. Those who choose to opt out must complete a form for a **'No Phragmites Control Treatment Zone'** available from the St. Clair County Road Commission at 810-364-5720 or email: scrc@mich.com.



This Year's Road Maintenance Contracts

- 44 loads of 23 A gravel (2,288 tons)
- 32 loads of 22 A limestone (1,664 tons)
- 2 solid applications of 21% Calcium Chloride at a rate of 3,000 to 4,000 gallons per mile
- Boom Axe brush mowing to clear small brush that destroys drainage, vision and is detrimental to the safety of the motoring public
- Mowing a second and third pass to all local roads to provide clear vision and control the growth of small brush
- Replacement crossroad culverts as necessary and approved by the Supervisor

The following road ditching projects were also approved:

- Fargo alley/roads – install 150' x 15' perforated pipe starting at the manhole along side Fargo Rd then going along side of the alley heading west 75', installing a riser, then crossing the alley heading north and installing another riser that will collect the surface water
- Ditching the south side of Fisher Rd starting at Duce Rd and running west 500'
- Ditching the south side of Hewitt Rd starting at address 7607 and running west 950'
- Ditching on Bricker Rd starting at Wilkes Rd running south 3,550' on the east side of the road
- Ditching on Oatman Rd starting at the Eves Drain running west 880' on the north side of the road
- Ditching on Wilkes Rd starting 200' east of address 9719 and running 1100' west on the north side of the road

Road Ditches, Drains and Watercourses

Sometimes people are confused about road ditches, drains and natural watercourses. **Road ditches** are probably the easiest to identify. They run along the sides of a road to help prevent water damage to the road. Most road ditches in the Township are under the jurisdiction of the St. Clair County Road Commission but when work is done on these ditches Greenwood Township approves the projects and pays for the work. To see the road ditching projects approved by the Township Board for this year, see above.

Waterways that run through and across your property and have never been altered by man are **natural watercourses**. They are considered to be waters of the State and are under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Environment. No work can be done in these waterways without a permit from the State of Michigan.

Waterways that have been altered by man and are located within only one county are **county drains**. They are under the jurisdiction of the St. Clair County Drain Commissioner. If a drain is located in more than one county it is an **intercounty drain**. When work is done on either of these types of drains, the property owners in that drainage district are assessed by the St. Clair County Drain Commission to pay for the work. The drain assessment will be placed on your tax bill. The Township also has to pay an at large assessment to the Drain Commission for county and intercounty drain projects. Greenwood Township has no authority over county or intercounty drains. If you have questions about a county drain project, an intercounty drain project, or about a drain assessment call the St. Clair County Drain Commission office at 810-364-5369.

Garbage Pick up

Waste Management picks up garbage at each residence in Greenwood Township every Thursday. If your house is skipped, call the missed pick up number 800-796-9696 acct# 815-99-984

**Greenwood Township
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting**

January 14, 2010
Other meetings as required

ZBOA Members

Chairperson: Doug Nowicki 324-2262
 Vice-Chair: Lynn Zepp 387-9609
 Secretary: Debra Dams 324-2104
 Members: Tina Bricker 387-2244
 Keith Iseler 387-9603
 Alternate: Pete Bullard 650-7453
 Meetings are at 7:30pm at the Township Hall 9025 Yale Road

**Greenwood Township
Planning Commission Meeting**

July 21, 2010
October 20, 2010

Planning Commission Members

Chairperson: Bette Donaldson 324-2481
 Vice-Chair.: Mike Walsh 324-2175
 Secretary: Heather Stewart 387-4137
 Members: John Schoen 327-6238
 Doug Nowicki 324-2262
 Marvin Roberts 387-3831
 Jim Vincent 387-2525
 Meetings are at 7:30pm at the Township Hall 9025 Yale Road

