



ST. IGNACE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2022 EDITION

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FROM THE SUPERVISOR

As I enter year number two as supervisor, I would like to thank those of you who have reached out, asked questions, and who have given valuable constructive criticism. Our township is moving in a positive direction. We are beginning to see participation in many areas. We will soon be forming a planning commission. It will be tasked with revising and updating the current ordinances to meet today's ideals. There are many new and different styles of living, such as smaller homes. Although these are an inexpensive way to go they still must meet township ordinances and State of Michigan building codes. We believe these updated ordinances will give a more concrete plan of action to deal with various violations. With open lines of communication these can be avoided. It's important to see people obtain the proper permits for building and other projects which require inspections. The monies that are generated from these permits not only ensure safe and proper building practices but will also be put back into the township to fund various projects that need improvement.

Another concern is the amount of inoperable vehicles, travel trailers which appear to be abandoned, on various properties. Also the amount of scrap and debris that is accumulating in yards. Please reach out and we would be glad to help find ways for the removal of these items. In order to combat this, we are exploring ways to issue fines which will be determined by a court of law. We are fortunate enough to live in an area with miles of Lake Huron shoreline, rivers and streams, state and federal forest lands at our fingertips. It's important that we do a part to keep our area beautiful. I hope we continue to see participation at our monthly meetings. Your ideas and solutions are very much welcome. Stay safe and enjoy the summer.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Nuisance Ordinance Reminder: St. Ignace Township has a Nuisance Ordinance in place which prohibits the accumulation of any type of trash or cast-off materials on any property, unless stored in an enclosed building. This ordinance also prohibits unlicensed or inoperable vehicles of any type for a period of sixty (60) days. These must also be removed or stored in an enclosed building. *Violation of this ordinance can result in citations, fines and court actions to enforce compliance.*

Zoning Permits: The township is finding more and more township residents that are building without zoning permits. New building projects and most improvement projects on your home or farm, a new pole barn or other new structures on your property require a zoning permit from the township prior to construction. Contact the township Zoning Administrator, Chet Garen, for information regarding permits at (906) 430-1098 or email at sitwpzoning@gmail.com. **Zoning ordinances and permit applications are available on the township website at stignacetownship.org.** *If you do not obtain a required zoning permit, you may be subject to additional fines.*

CLERK'S OFFICE

Upcoming Elections

August 2, 2022 - State Primary

November 8, 2022 - State General

Any township voter that is currently on the Permanent Absent Voter List will be sent Absent Voter Applications automatically by the Clerk for each election. If you are currently not on the list, but wish to be added, please contact me. **Please remember, you will not be issued an Absent Voter Ballot until an application is filed with the Clerk. This applies to each election.**

A ballot drop off box was installed at the home office of the Clerk, located at 2980 Mackinac Trail, St. Ignace, MI 49781. You may drop off your AV applications and ballots at any time. Ballots can be dropped off up until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES

Our township Board is in the process of updating the cemetery maps for both cemeteries. This process will be time consuming, but is necessary to determine what spaces are available.

If you would like to assist the board in this project, please contact the Clerk, Sheri Oja.

New Addresses/911 signs

Township residents that need a new address number can complete the Address Application located on the Township Website or contact the Clerk to have an application mailed to you. The fee for a new address number is \$50.00, which includes a 911 number sign that will be installed by the Township.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Summer Taxes - Issued July 1, 2022 and due by September 14, 2022 without incurring interest charges.

Winter Taxes - Issued December 1, 2022 and due by February 28, 2023 without incurring interest charges.

Tax payments can be mailed to PO BOX 325, St Ignace MI 49781 or dropped off at First National Bank (main branch only) at 132 N State St, St Ignace, MI from July 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023 only.

We do **NOT** offer credit card for tax payments, as there is not enough interest from tax payers to pay by credit card, and there would be an additional 3% fee added by credit card processor, I have asked those that wanted to pay by credit card if they would want to pay the 3% fee, and they have declined.

Treasurer Tax collection day in home office is September 14, 2022 and February 28, 2023 from 9am-5pm located at 174 Rabbit Back Rd, St Ignace, MI.

March 1, 2023 any delinquent real property taxes are turned over to Mackinac County Treasurer. Any real tax payments made after February 28, 2023 will need to be sent to Mackinac County Treasurer at 100 S Marley St, St Ignace, MI 49781

If you have interest due on a parcel, please call Township Treasurer at 906-984-2013 or email at twptreasurer@gmail.com to verify amount due.

Keep St Ignace Township Beautiful!

We ask that property owners take a proactive approach to the appearance of their property.

Please maintain clean, sanitary, and safe conditions. Remove weeds, garbage/debris, scrap vehicles, etc. These items are a nuisance and create eyesores. Even a single yard in the community that is not well maintained, ruins the pleasing appearance of the whole neighborhood. We know that not everyone is capable of doing certain maintenance, we ask that neighbors and others offer help if they are able.

A visually appealing community increases property values, attracts businesses, and improves the neighborhood image. We hope that you join us in a beautification process of St Ignace Township.

FROM THE ASSESSOR

The 2022 Assessment Roll values are finalized and will be used to calculate your July and December 2022 tax bills. Michigan tax law allows for clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact to be corrected at the July 19 and the December 13, 2022 Board of Review meetings. Please contact my office regarding any such corrections.

It is the time of year for the assessor's fieldwork to begin. Each year we visit a sample of properties. You can expect a visit approximately once every five years. This year we will continue property inspections to the south of Charles Moran Road. Property inspections are completed to ensure fair, equitable and accurate valuations. In addition, property assessment records are often used by realtors, appraisers, banks, and insurance companies to provide the property owner with the respective services.

Please remember it is **IMPORTANT** to update the assessor's office with your current mailing address so the township can ensure timely and accurate delivery of your Property Assessment Notices and your July and December tax bills.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your property assessment, feel free to contact me!

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