



# ST. IGNACE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2021 EDITION

website: [stignacetownship.org](http://stignacetownship.org)

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## FROM THE SUPERVISOR

As we move forward into 2021, we are looking to make much needed changes to our zoning laws. It is important to update ordinances to meet today's standards. In order to do so, we need participation from township residents. Not only suggestions and ideas, but people willing to serve on various boards and committees. In order to make changes, we must follow many rules and regulations. The Township board can only assist in making these happen. We have blight issues that need to be addressed along with making ordinances easier to understand. Our future Master Plan will be one that we can all be proud of. We would look forward to seeing new faces and fresh ideas, most importantly, people to implement them. Our website application page is a great place to start, [stignacetownship.org](http://stignacetownship.org). I hope to hear from you in the future.

## ZONING DEPARTMENT

**Zoning Permits:** We are approaching the Summer construction season. New building 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. Most improvement projects also require a permit from the township. Contact the township Zoning Administrator, Chet Garen, for information regarding permits at (906) 430-1098. **Zoning ordinances and permit applications are available on the township website at [stignacetownship.org](http://stignacetownship.org). *If you do not obtain a required zoning permit, you may be subject to additional fines.***

**Building Permits:** If you need a building permit, please contact the State of Michigan Building Inspector, Daniel Grochowski, at (906)235-2592 or email at [grochowskid@michigan.gov](mailto:grochowskid@michigan.gov). St. Ignace Township does not have it's own Building Inspector.

**The township has been receiving complaints regarding blight issues, such as debris and inoperable vehicles on properties located within the township.** This seems to be a growing issue. If you have a vehicle that you would like to get rid of, Georges Body Shop has agreed to come pick it up from you. Please contact Lance DeKeyser at (906) 643-8464 for more information. If you would like to file a complaint regarding a blight or zoning issue, you must complete the complaint form located on the township website.

## CLERK'S OFFICE

2020 was a challenging year for Township Clerks. The elections showed record numbers of voters as the number of Absent Voters increased significantly. 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 WEBSITE

We have been trying to add more information to the Township Website, <http://stignacetownship.org>, such as Applications, Permit forms, Voter Information, etc. Please check it out!

## 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 TAX SCHEDULE:

**July 1, 2021**- Summer taxes are issued and payable to the Twp. Treasurer.

**September 14, 2021**-The last day to pay summer property taxes without incurring interest or penalty. Treasurer is in home office at 174 Rabbit Back Rd, St Ignace from 9am to 5pm.

### WINTER TAX SCHEDULE:

**December 1, 2021**-Winter Taxes are issued and payable to the Twp. Treasurer until February 28, 2022.

**February 28, 2022**- The last day to pay all property taxes to the Twp. Treasurer. Treasurer is in home office at 174 Rabbit Back Rd, St Ignace, from 9am-5pm.

**March 1, 2022-BOTH** winter and summer real property taxes are turned over to the Mackinac County Treasurer as delinquent. All delinquent real property taxes will need to be paid and mailed to the Mackinac County Treasurer at 100 S Marley St, St Ignace, MI after March 1, 2022

Payments can be made by cash or check payable to St Ignace TWP Treasurer. Sorry, we do not accept credit cards at this time. Mail payments to PO BOX 325, St Ignace, MI 49781 (post mark accepted) **OR** also for your convenience payments can be made at First National Bank- MAIN BRANCH ONLY at 132 N State St, St Ignace from July 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022

When requested, we will send a paid receipt back to you, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

If you have interest due on a parcel, please call Twp Treasurer at 906-984-2013 or email at [twptreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:twptreasurer@gmail.com) to verify what actual balance is due until the end of current month.

If you have questions regarding your tax bill call the Township Treasurer. If you have questions about deed changes, exemptions, parcel questions, etc contact the Township Assessor, Katie VanEenenaam-Carpenter, at (906) 484-2833.

## FROM THE ASSESSOR

The 2021 Assessment Roll values are finalized and will be used to calculate your July and December 2021 tax bills. Michigan tax law allows for clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact to be corrected at the July 20 and the December 14, 2021 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 begin property inspections to the south of Charles Moran Road and head south. 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.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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