

LOCKE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER
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PROPERTY TAXES may be paid at the township hall during office hours Also, Tue. December 30, 2014 9am-5pm
Tue. February 17, 2015 9am-5pm
Mon. March 02, 2015 9am-5pm
Bring/mail your tax bill with your check to insure proper credit. Credit cards are not accepted. Payment must be received by 5 PM on due date, not the post mark.

LOCKE TOWNSHIP HALL office will be closed Thursday December 25, 2014 and Thursday January 1, 2015. Treasurer office hours on Dec. 30th are from 9 am – 5 pm.

ELECTION UPDATE. Locke Township had a 57% voter turnout for the Nov 4th General Election. 779 of the 1371 registered voters in Perry, Morrice, Fowlerville, Webberville and Williamston School districts took part in the electoral process. Registered voters who wish to be included on the permanent Absent Voter list may contact the clerk.

Welcome to Karen VanDooren appointed in July to the remainder of the trustee term expiring Nov. 2016 and to the Planning Commission for the remainder of the term expiring 12-31-15.

The 4th Annual Locke Township Block Party will be held Sunday August 16, 2015 hosted by Ben & Katie Howard at 4645 W Jacobs Road. The potluck starts at noon, goes til dusk. Get [re]acquainted with your neighbors!

NEW TOWNSHIP HALL OPEN !
On November 17th the temporary Certificate of Occupancy was granted for the 4572 sq ft barrier free building with meeting room capacity of 100, LED lighting, geo thermal heating / cooling, warming kitchen and lots of storage. The architect was the Peabody Group. The general contractor, Sturm Construction L L C, started construction in Aug. Thank you Clerk Hart and Treasurer Fuller for serving on the Building Committee. The old Township Hall has been demolished and that site prepared for the designated detention pond area. Open Houses are scheduled for Sunday January 25th and Sunday April 26th from 2 – 4 pm. Please stop by the hall on any Tuesday or Thursday during office hours to check out the facility.

TOWNSHIP HALL INFORMATION.
Township hall office hours are:
Tuesday and Thursday 10am - 4pm
Treasurer hours: Thursday 10am - 4pm
Assessor hours: by appointment
The hall rental rate remains at \$75 rent plus \$50 deposit [the Township Board may be reviewing/slightly increasing the rate]. Hall seating capacity is 100. Alcohol is not allowed. Tables and chairs are available for loan to township residents. For information or rental call the township hall office @517 468-3405. The Locke Township website address is www.locketownship.com.

Welcome to Ed Fuller, appointed in August as sexton. Ed has assisted the previous sexton for many years.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS.

Artificial decorations may be placed on gravesites from Nov. 1st to Apr 1st. Decorations remaining after Apr. 1st will be removed/disposed of by the caretaker.

ASSESSING UPDATE. H. S. C.

Services, Inc. annually reviews township sections to upgrade the parcel appraisal record card system.

2010 sections 25 & 36 completed

2011 sections 26 & 35 completed

2012 sections 27 & 34 completed

2013 sections 28 & 33 completed

2014 sections 29 & 32 completed

2015 sections 30 & 31 scheduled

Sections 30 & 31 are located along the west township boundary between the south township boundary and Sherwood Road. The representative will have a HSC, Inc ID card, ask a few questions and take a photo of your structures.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES for 2015. All meetings are held at the Locke Township Hall, 3805 Bell Oak Road, Williamston.

Township Board meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

Planning Commission meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS attending the January 2015 Michigan Townships Association Educational Conference 'The Will to Lead' in Grand Rapids are Fuller and VanDooren. They will select from quality educational and networking sessions to inspire excitement, courage and the 'Will to Lead' Locke Township to new heights.

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Vernon Cobb, board of review

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Gerald Neil, construction board of appeals

Rich Westmoreland, const board of appeals

Ken Schmuecker, construction bd of appeals

Gerald Alchin, construction board of appeals

Ron Cole, NIESA alt. representative

Chase Lawn Care, hall/cemeteries mowing

Webster & Griffes, hall snow plowing

If you would like to be considered for a vacancy or short term task force contact Supervisor Griffes.