

LOCKE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER
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PROPERTY TAXES may be paid at the township hall during office hours and Thurs. December 27, 2018 9am-5pm
Thurs. February 14, 2019 9am-5pm
Thurs. February 28, 2019 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.



THREE - FOOT RULE for passing bicyclists now law. Effective Sept 27th drivers passing bicyclists on Michigan roads must leave them at least three feet of space, as long as it is safely possible, under Public Acts 277, 279 and 280 of 2018. Driver's education courses will include at least 1 hour of class time on motorcycles, bicycles, pedestrians and other vulnerable roadway users.

ELECTION RESULTS from November 6, 2018:
1365 registered voters / 958 ballots cast
Locke Township voter turnout was 70%.

BIDS for 2019 lawn mowing for Locke Township may be submitted. Please call the hall office or stop by and pick up the proper Agreement form.

GROUNDWATER QUALITY REPORT for Locke Township. In 1986 21 wells were sampled in the Township to better understand the processes affecting water and to assist with water management decisions. This year 15 of those 21 wells were again sampled. A presentation of the findings will be presented at the February 12th Township Board meeting at 7:00 PM.

TOWNSHIP HALL INFORMATION.
Township hall office hours are:
Tuesday and Thursday 10am - 4pm
Assessor hours: 2nd & 4th Thurs 10-12
The hall rental rate is \$100 rent plus \$50 deposit. Hall seating capacity is 100. Alcohol is not allowed. Tables/chairs are NOT loaned. For information or rental call the office at 517 468-3405. Allow ample reservation lead time when scheduling rental dates.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES for 2019. 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 Jan, Mar, May, July, September and November at 7 PM.

ROAD WORK UPDATE. The Ingham County Road Department has completed the 2017 skip paving and wedging to portion of Bell Oak & Harris Roads. The projected 2017 portions of Royce and Corey Roads will be carried over to the 2019 work schedule.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS.
Artificial decorations may be placed on gravesites from Nov. 1st to Apr 1st. Decorations after April 1st WILL BE removed / disposed of by the caretaker. Please remove unused shepherd hooks. To review rules and regulations visit the Township website where the Cemetery Ordinance is available.

CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG!
State law requires you to notify 811 before you dig. This is a FREE service. Visit: www.call811.com.

BUILDING PERMIT, LAND USE PERMIT AND LAND DIVISION PERMIT applications are available at the Township Hall or on the Township website. If you plan to construct, remodel, divide your land, etc., please obtain the necessary permits **prior** to starting your project. If uncertain as to the need for a permit, please call the Township office 517 468-3405. Building permits & plumbing, electrical and mechanical [trades] permits issued:
2016 34 building permits / 43 trades
2017 45 building permits / 68 trades
2018 32 building permits / 42 trades [to date]

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES
Regg cartons - Locke Township Hall
single stream recycling sites:
Williamston Transfer Station
M-F 9 am-4 pm 2450 E. Grand River
Morrice Transfer Station
Tu 8-4/Th 10-6/Sa 8-4 1470 W Britton
Plastic bags: Walmart or Meijer
Used oil and car batteries: TSC [fee?]
Computers/printers/and some electronics:
Best Buy, Staples

INGHAM COUNTY PLAT BOOKS
Are available for purchase at the Twp office for \$10. Locke Township Zoning Ordinance books are available for \$8.

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Jalene Trew, hall custodian
Ken Cook, zoning bd of appeals/plan comm
David Wheeler, zoning board of appeals
Bob Davis, planning commission
Matt Flint, planning commission
Dean Kitchenmaster, plan comm/bd of rev
Roger Smith, board of review
Vernon Cobb, board of review

Tom Slider, construction board of appeals
Gerald Neil, construction board of appeals
Rich Westmoreland, const board of appeals
Ken Schmuecker, construction bd of appeals
David Wheeler, construction bd of appeals
Webster & Griffes, hall snow plowing

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