



# Tyrone Township News

## *Supervisor's Desk -Ione Stark*

April 12, 1984: First day as a struggling Clerk for Tyrone Township. I had answered an ad in the Advance newspaper asking for a replacement for Joyce Kaminski who was resigning as Clerk. I was appointed but little did I know what the future would hold. I thought that the Clerk's job would be relatively simple (anyone can write minutes, I thought). I did not have a clue about the multitude of duties that being a Clerk entailed: paying bills, cemetery records and bookkeeping, to name a few. At election time we rolled out the big, black voting machines. Nothing was computer driven at that time. Reading

those machines correctly was not an easy task, especially with all of the write-ins.

After 8 years, the job had become less stressful but always interesting. Stress decreases as experience takes over. In the meantime I took classes and became township assessor for 7 years. That also is not the easiest task in the world, but again it was interesting.

In 1992 the Supervisor job was open and I said to myself, "Self, you've mastered two jobs for the township—let's try for Supervisor." I ran against (2) men and won, thus becoming the first woman Supervisor in the township. I have re-

mained in this position for the past 16 years.

It has been quite a ride—always interesting and on occasion very stressful. Working with the people in our office has been really great. Our little township "family" all work under the same philosophy, "for the good of the township." That doesn't mean that we always see eye-to-eye but it means that we are all individuals and can listen to each other and make compromises to make the township work. It has and is working. A lot has changed in the past 24 years that I've been involved. I started out in a spare bedroom in my home to setup my office,

as did the other board members. We've come a long way, we've moved a couple of times, improved and our latest addition—community building is a good thing for years to come for the township.

But the nicest thing about working, besides our own staff, has been the people who come into our office. I have lived in this community for many years and have been so fortunate to know many people. Tax season is always good -not necessarily for all who have taxes to pay but we have a chance to say hello and catch up on the last 6 months of their lives. This has been a wonderful addition to my life. I'm going to be hanging in there until Nov. when my 4th term is completed, but I want to use this opportunity to THANK YOU all for being good friends and neighbors. We have an awesome township!

## *Assessor's Notes -Cliff Turner*

In April of this year the Michigan Legislature amended the property tax statutes governing Principle Residence Exemptions. The change enables a homeowner to establish a new exemption on a recently acquired residence and retain a conditional exemption on the former residence. If you are experiencing these circumstances, please contact the Assessor's Office for further explanation.



Kent County has recently introduced a new free internet based mapping service. The address is <https://www.accesskent.com/Property/>. You can search by a variety of methods, as well as use the "ZOOM IN" or "ZOOM OUT" features to display a given region, area, or parcel. You can use the "IDENTIFY" feature to retrieve ownership and other parcel information. The resolution is very good and the photography is circa 2003. It is an excellent resource for land management and locating geographical features for the entire county.

## From the Treasurer's Desk –Juli Hall

Once again the summer tax season is upon us. Keep in mind the larger portion of your tax bills are now due in the summer. Taxable values typically run less than the actual assessed value of your home/property. Read the following reminders confirming the information is correct on your tax bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office or stop in. We are always glad to help.

Have you visited our website lately?

[www.tyronetownship.org](http://www.tyronetownship.org)

### 2008 Tax Reminders:

**P.R.E. Homestead:** Qualifying homeowners confirm you're receiving 100% exemption. (This info is located at the top right hand side of your bill)

**Address:** Confirm your mailing address is correct. Corrections can be made on the back of your tax bill & return with your payment.

**Tax Escrow:** Confirm your mortgage lender is listed on your tax bill. Advise your lender/township if changes

need to be made.

**Payment Type:** EXACT CASH, check or money order We do not accept credit/debit card payments.

**Office Hours** for June, July & August: 9:00am-3:00pm Monday thru Thursday or pay by mail.

**Summer Taxes** are due without interest/penalties by 9-15-08.

**Beginning Sept. 1st** office hours will be 9:00-3:00 Monday through Friday.

## Clerk's Corner –Shelley Worley

August 5th Primary—This election you will all be voting at the new polling location at 28 E Muskegon St Town Hall-Community Building. The entrance is located on the east side of the building with parking available in the east parking lot as well as the south parking area. By now you have received your new voter

I.D.cards which designate Precinct #1 or #2. A map will be posted at the entrance to show the boundary split. Precinct #1 is the east side of Peach Ridge Ave. and #2 is the west side of Peach Ridge. Polls are open 7:00am-8:00pm.

Please be patient with our new election workers and have your

picture I.D. ready to view.

Absentee ballots can be requested through our office - Saturday, Aug 2nd 9:00-2:00. You can vote in person on Monday Aug. 4th until 4:00pm. Emergency ballots are available for certain situations.

Last day to register for the Primary is July 7, 2008

For the General Election you can request AV ballots through Sat. Nov 1st. 9:00-2:00.

You can stop at our office to register Monday—Thursday 9-3 or stop at any Secretary of State Branch Office to update your license and register to vote. Please exercise your right to Vote. Thank you for stepping into the newest phase of election history.

## Hot Topics from the Fire Chief –Mike Rexford



As I sit here trying to write something for the newsletter, my pager went off for a medical call before we were finished with call our pagers went off again for another medical call. Although this does not happen often -it does happen. I often wonder what the community would do if we were not here

to provide the services that we provide.

When I started with the fire department 30+ years ago—if we responded to 40 calls a year we thought we were busy—we just hit #160!

Please show your support for your local fire dept. Vote on

August 5th so we can continue to provide the services that you have come to expect. Please get out and VOTE!.

## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in

your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.



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## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends,

or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a

column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

**"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."**

## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid

selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



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We're on the Web!

[example.microsoft.com](http://example.microsoft.com)

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Your business tag line here.

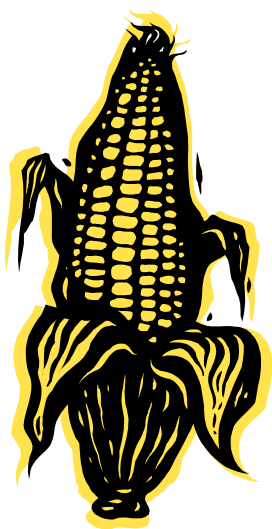


*This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.*

*It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.*

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## Back Page Story Headline



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This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization

is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual char-

ity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.