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Supervisor Ione Stark bids farewell

The open house on Nov. 7th was wonderful. All of the many cards, gifts and greetings were fantastic.

Thank you all! A special thanks for my awesome township board, office staff and my fantastic family.

To all of my friends in Tyrone Township which made this past 25 years "quite a ride" - It has been a privilege to serve you all as Clerk, Assessor and Supervisor.

With the help of all of the people connected with Tyrone Township we have come a long way since 1983.

I will miss you all!

Happy Trails,
Ione



Rep. Tom Pearce congratulating Ione Stark for her years of service to the community.

Township Clean-up

Watch for our ad in the local Advance Newspaper in April or visit our website after February 2009.

Then remember to mark your calendar and take advantage of this service that our township provides annually.



Supervisor's Desk -Dennis Kaminski

I would like to thank the voters of Tyrone Township who have entrusted me with the duties of Supervisor. I also would like to thank Ione Stark for her many years of service and the knowledge she has passed on to me and the other members of the board. I will do my best to serve the residents of Tyrone Township in an honest and fair manner.

It has been suggested that the township office be open later for service to those who for one reason or another cannot make it in with the current office hours.

Starting Thursday, Jan. 8th, 2009 I will be in the office from 3:00-6:00 pm. If you have any questions or just want to stop in I'll be here to serve you.

Notes from the Assessor—Cliff Turner

The township will be distributing a brochure that is intended to briefly explain the complications of the property tax system as it functions in a declining real estate market. You will receive the brochure with your assessment change notice in February of next year. The notice will summarize any changes in the

assessed or taxable values of your property.

If you would like to have it sooner, the brochure is currently available at the Township Office or on our website.

On behalf of the Assessor's Office have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

2009 INFORMATIONAL
BROCHURE



UNDERSTANDING THE
PROPERTY TAX LAW
IN A DECLINING
MARKET

Clifford A. Turner, Assessor

Before you build

Please remember to apply for a building/zoning permit for any additions or structural changes to existing buildings on your property.

Building Insp. Hours:

Mon. 8-10am

Wed. 8-10am & 2-4pm

As of 10-24-08 the 2003 Michigan Uniform Energy Code is now in effect for all new buildings including additions.



From the Treasurer's Desk—Juli Hall

The 2008 Winter Tax bills are due by February 17, 2009 without interest/penalty. Submit by mail or at the township office during regular business hours 9:00am-3:00pm Monday through Friday. Remember when paying in cash to have exact amount.

Are you facing financial property tax hardships? If so there are things township officials can do.

We can provide the extra bit of customer service to make information available to homeowners regarding: deferments, exemptions, tax credits and human service resources to help prevent mortgage or tax foreclosures.

Check with our office to see if you qualify for "Summer Tax Deferment" which allow you to pay your summer bill with the winter bill. This is not an

exemption of the summer tax bill.

We can also direct those facing tax foreclosures to the county treasurer, who can often assist delinquent taxpayers with payment plans.

Payment plans can also be setup at our office for the current year.

There are several homeowner resources available on the web:

- ◆ [HUD Michigan Resources](#)-links to resources & agencies to help homeowners in financial crisis.
- ◆ [Michigan State Housing Urban Authority \(MSHDA\)](#) - provides info about foreclosures & the process, info for help, referral service for homeownership counseling.
- ◆ [MSHDA "Save the Dream" Program Web site](#) 1-866-946-7432 Hotline directs homeowners to a housing counselor in their county or technical experts.
- ◆ [Application to Defer Summer Taxes](#)
- ◆ [Property Tax Relief During Active Military Service](#)
- ◆ [Please feel free to contact the Treasurer or Assessor for additional information.](#)

Clerk's Corner—Shelley Worley

Tyrone Township reached record turnouts on Nov. 4th, 2008 when we hit 73% for both precincts.

Precinct # 1: 1427 voters
Precinct # 2: 717 voters.

I want to thank you for your patience in this time of transition. We will be working to improve the flow of traffic and trying to utilize all of our new

space in the community building.

I wish to give a big **THANK YOU** to Girl Scout Troop #3378 for helping to put up signs and place pens in the booths.

Thank you also goes to Don Richard for all his help setting up for the election.

A Very Special Thanks

go out to Elsie Harrison who has worked our elections for many years and is retiring from that position. Her dedication and bright cheerful smile will be missed by many.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

Hot Topics from the Fire Chief—Mike Rexford

The fire dept. would like to the residents of Tyrone Township and the Village of Kent City to know that we have free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors available if you have children under the age of 14 or a person is older than 65 or disabled. It doesn't matter if you own or rent. The fire dept. has to install so we cannot give these to you to install by

yourself. The smoke detectors have a 10-year battery in them so at the end of the battery life they should be thrown away. If you are interested you may call the fire station @ 678-4330 or contact me @ 799-2747. This program will continue through March 2009.

We would like to remind everyone that the batter-

ies in your current detectors should be changed at least every year and clean them with a vacuum if possible. Also please check your chimney and clean them—cold weather is coming.

The dept. call volume has been steady with about 25-30 calls/month with the majority running to medical & vehicle accidents.

We would like to thank everyone for their support after the Tim Grice accident. It was a very difficult accident to work because almost everyone there had some tie to Tim in one way or another. Everyone continued to do the job that they were sent there to do and I could not be prouder of everyone for the job they did.

Again Thank You for all your support and I hope that you have a safe Holiday season.

