

Township Assessor - Tyler Tacoma

The Township Assessor's Office is underway with the State Mandated field review of all properties township-wide. This is an effort to review and update our appraisal records. Our goal is to visit each property individual over the next 4 years, or about 850 parcels annually. Our staff is reviewing all building measurements, taking exterior photos, and speaking with property owners about their home. Our staff have ID badges and drive vehicles with TALLMADGE identification on the side doors.

We are not out with the intent of "raising property taxes". In most cases, property taxes are NOT affected by our appraisal and assessment updates. Rather, our goal is to have accurate assessments so that when we study the market each year, our appraisals represent good "apples to apples" comparisons of the properties that have been sold. In addition, our data is frequently used by the public such as buyers and sellers, appraisers, builders, realtors, title offices, attorneys, etc.

We have started in the northeast corner of the township and are working our way around, one house at a time. You may see us out and about anytime Monday through Saturday from 9:30 AM to 7:30 PM. We are happy to answer any questions that you have regarding this process. If you would like more information, please feel free to call the township and ask to speak with the Assessor when he is in the office on Thursdays. You are also welcome to look at our appraisal records online at:
<http://www.tallmadge.com>.

More accurate property data is beneficial to us all. We appreciate your help as we work to review all Tallmadge Township properties!

Library News

In 2010, a millage was approved to provide .3 mills of operating support to the Allendale Township Library. The Allendale Library has been very happy to be the home library for Tallmadge residents and would love to continue this partnership.

On August 2nd, Tallmadge residents will be asked to renew this millage to continue library services with the Allendale Library, including use of any Walker, Grandville, Grand Rapids as well as the entire Lakeland Library Cooperative. A renewal adds no new tax but continues the amount you have been paying (\$30.00 per year for each \$100,000. of taxable value).

If the millage is not renewed, library services would cease and Tallmadge residents would have to purchase non-residents cards at each library they wish to use. Non-resident card use is restricted to the library at which you pay the fee and does not allow access to inter-library loans or digital collections.

Please vote YES on August 2nd.

Submitted by Rob - Allendale Library Director

Township Office Hours



In keeping with several other townships, we traded Friday daytime hours to offer our residents the opportunity to contact us one evening of the week.

We trust these extended hours will be more convenient for our residents who work days.

Monday: 9 AM-2 PM Tuesday: 9 AM-**7 PM**
Wednesday: 9 AM-2 PM Thursday: 9 AM-2 PM
Friday: Closed

Clerk's Corner - Lenore Cook

As everyone should know by now, this is an election year!



TUESDAY - August 2, 2016 is the Primary Election.

- The last day to register to vote in the August 2, 2016 Primary Election is July 5, 2016.

TUESDAY, November 8, 2016 is the General Election.

- The last day to register to vote in the November 8, 2016 General Election is October 11, 2016.

To register to vote in Tallmadge you need to meet the following criteria:

- A United States Citizen
- Be at least 18 years of age by the election date
- A resident of Tallmadge Township for at least 30 days

To obtain an absentee ballot application for either or both elections, please call me at the Township Hall at 616-677-1248.

**** Polls are open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM ****

Precincts 1 and 3 vote at the Township Hall.

Precinct 2 vote at the Tallmadge Community Church, located directly across the street from the Township Hall.

If you should have any questions regarding the Elections, Voting, Precinct Boundaries or Absentee Voting, please call me.

Tallmadge Newsletter



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Trustees:	
Tim Grifhorst	Clifford Bronkema
Joel Terpstra	Michael Eppink

Our Offices Close for these Holidays:

Labor Day - Monday - Sept. 5th
Thanksgiving Day Thursday - Nov. 24th
Christmas Holiday - December 26th
New Year Holiday - Jan 2nd

Monthly Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM and are held at the Township Hall.



- Township Board Meetings: 2nd TUESDAY
- Zoning Board of Appeals: 1st TUES., as needed
- Planning Commission: 4th TUESDAY

You're Invited!

Please join us at the Tallmadge Township Hall

Thursday, August 25, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
to pay Tribute to

GERALD WALT

For his 42 years of service as
Trustee of Tallmadge Township and also as
A Board Member of the Wright/Tallmadge Fire Department



Fire Chief - Mike Gavin

The Wright-Tallmadge Fire Department members will be holding our bi-annual Open House on Saturday, July 30th, 2016 at the Tallmadge Hall 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Other agencies, Neighboring Fire Departments and activities that will be a part of this event are:

- Michigan State Police Special Response Team, Motorcycle and Drone teams
- NEOFC (North East Ottawa Fire Collaborative) and the BRANDY training house
- Demo fires within a small building to show importance of smoke detectors - demo at 2:00 PM
- Ottawa County Sheriff's Dept. K-9 demo at 1:00 PM
- Representatives from Ottawa Co. 911
- Life EMS Ambulance Service
- Vehicle Extraction demo at Noon
- Junior Firefighter Challenge Course
- Marine divisions plus road patrol cars
- Berlin Raceway personnel
- Shields of Hope
- Fire/Rescue Equipment Display
- Face painting for the kids

Come and see what we do for your protection. There will be free hotdogs, water and popcorn. The Marne Lions Club and the Wright-Tallmadge Firefighters Association, along with contributions from both Meijer and Spartan stores, helped to sponsor the cost of the food and beverages.

Please be aware of the importance of your vote August 2nd for the upcoming renewal millage so that we continue to have the equipment to mitigate emergencies.

We cover a large area, mostly without fire hydrants, so we must truck in water by our own tanker which has a capacity of 12,000 gallons. Our fire trucks pump about 1250 gallons per minute. Therefore, we can drain a tanker in under 10 minutes!

Have you heard about SMART 911?

Ottawa County is on the cutting edge of new technology that enables you to create a Safety Profile for your household. This pre-registration is done on a secure website: www.Smart911.com. Critical minutes are saved should you be unable to communicate verbally with 911 dispatchers.

Treasurer's Notes - Brenda Martin

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Treasurer. Should you have questions, please call me, stop by the Township office, or e-mail to: bmartin@tallmadge.com.



This office is responsible to accurately collect data and prepare nearly 3,800 diversified tax bills twice annually. Whether you pay taxes for a parcel of land, a home, a farm or a retail/commercial business, all property tax income is receipted by the Treasurer.

In turn, disbursements are made regularly to fund State Education, 3 school districts, 2 Intermediate school funds, County operations, roads, parks, Emergency 911 services, police as well as local Tallmadge Township services including fire and emergency response.

The Treasurer's hours are the same as Township hours PLUS these dates until 5:00PM

Wednesday - Sept. 14th Tuesday - Dec. 27th Tuesday - Feb. 14th Tuesday - Feb. 28th

Tax payments not IN-HAND to the Treasurer's office by close of the posted business hours will be receipted as the following day and will incur late fees as shown on your tax bill. This includes after-hour use of the drop box. We cannot accept postmark as date received.

TAX PAYMENTS OPTIONS:

- Taxes may be paid in person at the Township Office Monday through Thursday.
- Payments may be mailed or placed in the Township's drive-up drop box located a few steps west of the main entrance.
- Include the top 1/3 of the bill with your check or money order.
- Partial payments are acceptable.

TAX RECEIPT OPTIONS:

- A receipt will be issued if you include a SASE as well as the entire tax bill.
- OR provide your e-mail address in the assigned space on the top 1/3 of your bill.

NOTE: If your mortgage company pays your property taxes from escrow funds, the Treasurer sends them a statement as a service. You will receive a bill marked INFORMATION COPY. *However, each property owner is ultimately responsible to see that his/her property taxes are paid.*

If you qualify for summer tax deferral, you must sign a new application *each year*, prior to September 14. This application is available at the office or on-line at www.tallmadge.com.

RE-CYCLE YOUR PAPERS!



There is a PAPER GATOR recycle bin located at the NE corner of the Township building. All proceeds from the collection of newspapers and other paper products benefit the Tallmadge Community Church. Your contributions will be most appreciate.

