

BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP NEWS AND INFORMATION—DECEMBER 2017

Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The township office will be closed on the following holidays:
Christmas Eve Day (observed 12/22/17), Christmas Day (12/25/17), New Year's Day (1/1/18), Martin Luther King Day (1/15/18), President's Day (2/19/18) and Memorial Day (5/28/18)



Clerk's Office—Shelly Sercombe and Kim Amb

Fifield Cemetery: Thank you to Cub Scouts Pack 339 for completing the Fall clean-up. We will soon begin some tree work in the cemetery—trimming and tree removal.

BLACKMAN-LEONI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY—Mike Jester

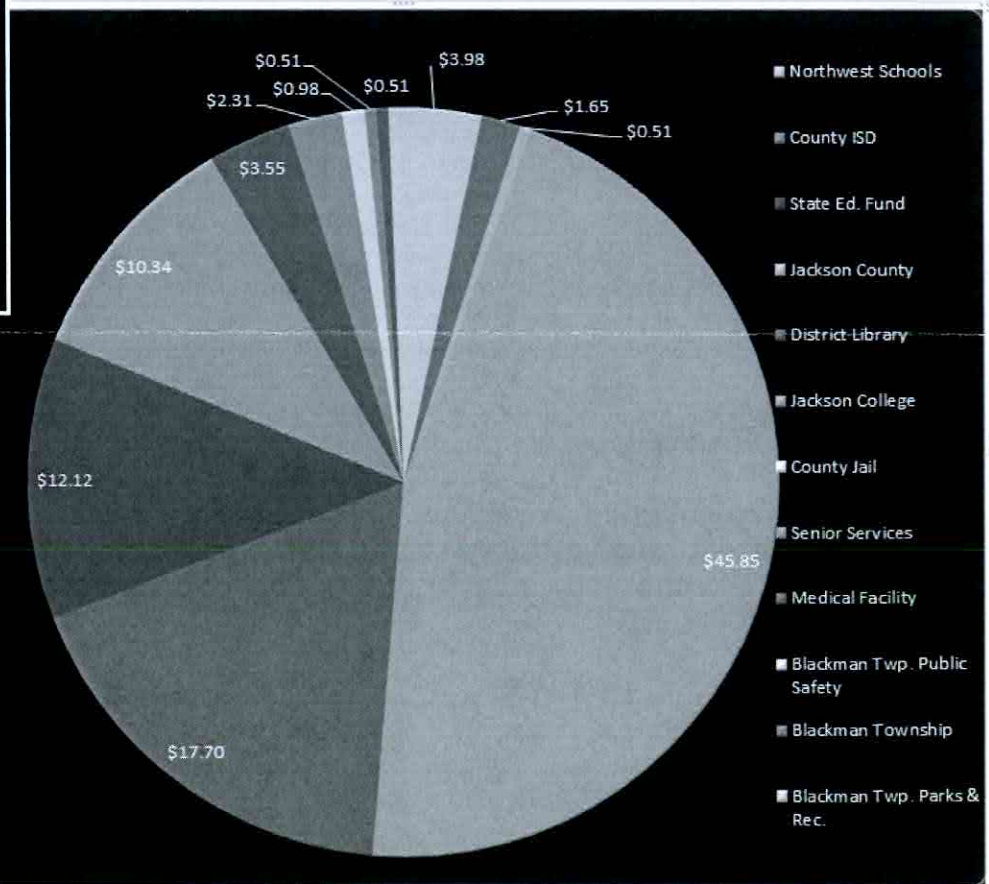
Your Public Safety Department would like to remind all residents that we offer vacation checks on your residence when you are going out of town. If you are interested in this service, please contact the Public Safety Department at (517) 788-4223. Residents just need to let us know your address, when you are leaving, when you are returning and a contact person, in case we need to get ahold of someone. There is no charge for this service.

Your Public Safety Department is currently working towards Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. This is a new program for Michigan and is being sponsored by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. Accreditation status represents a significant professional achievement. Accreditation acknowledges the implementation of written directives, policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective. We have completed the preliminary work to go through the process and we hope to receive accreditation sometime in 2018. There is currently only one agency in Michigan that has received accreditation, so we hope to be among a handful of the first agencies to receive this designation when we complete the process in 2018.

TREASURER'S OFFICE—

Phil Preston, Treasurer & Patricia Rayl, Deputy Treasurer
Please remember 2017 taxes cannot be paid at the Blackman Township office after February 28. They are required by law to be sent to the Jackson County Treasurer.

2017 TAX DISTRIBUTIONS (IN NORTHWEST SCHOOLS) FOR EACH \$100 YOU PAY, MONEY GOES TO...

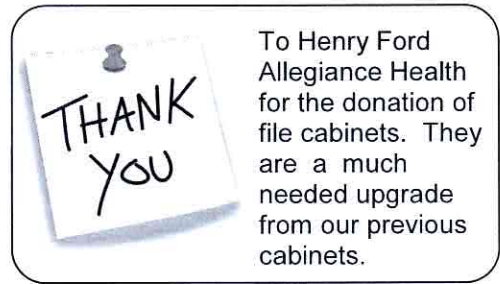


The average home owner in Blackman Township pays \$12.13 a month for all township services (e.g. police & fire, parks, etc.).



Welcome to Blackman Township

Robin Holda — started full-time as an Administrative Assistant in July. Robin retired from Leoni Township after 16 years. She is married with 2 adult children and a granddaughter.



To Henry Ford Allegiance Health for the donation of file cabinets. They are a much needed upgrade from our previous cabinets.

Winter sidewalk reminder—If you have a sidewalk on your property, you are responsible for keeping it clear



Stephanie Hinkle, who started at Blackman Township as an Administrative Assistant in May, 2016 has transitioned into the Assessing Department.

Assessing Department —Evelyn Markowski and Stephanie Hinkle
 Important dates to remember:

December 12, 2017	Board of Review meets for correction of clerical errors
December 31, 2017	Deadline to file Affidavit for Disabled Veterans Exemption
February 10, 2018	Deadline to file Affidavit to claim exemption for Eligible Personal Property
February 20, 2018	Deadline for taxpayer filing of personal property statement
March 5, 2018	Deadline to apply for Poverty Exemption
March 12 and 13, 2018	Board of Review meets (call for appointment)
June 1, 2018	Deadline to file Principal Residence Exemption

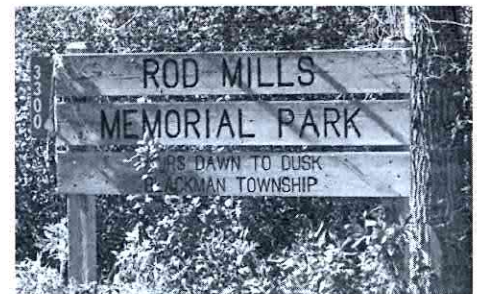
ROD MILLS PARK NEWS

Behind the scene work has been moving along with the wetlands being mapped, utility lines marked, a detailed map of all physical features in the open area of the park completed that will allow us to move ahead with layout planning and quoting for work to be done.

The guard rails coming into the park have been replaced/reset. Next year's plans include expanding the parking for heavy days in the summer, pavilion painting, and a part time worker for cleanup/light maintenance. These items will be without grant funding.

In 2019, we hope to have grant funds for new playground equipment, located in the pavilion area, possible fenced in dog run, and improved trail work. This would be followed in 2020 by removing the hill and moving the two back ball fields closer to the number one field.

Consideration for the Bathroom upgrades would be in 2020-2021 timeframe.



Questions on Road Millage....

Some of our neighboring townships have passed a millage for road improvements in their township. Current rough estimates to fix all roads is 25 million dollars with Blackman's share of 17 million. Would you be in favor of a millage spread over 15 years for road improvements in Blackman Township?

YES _____ NO _____

If Yes, what level of millage do you support? _____

Please complete and return to the township office or call & comment. Thank you.

