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 Ambs
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.

The average homeowner in Blackman
Township pays
$12.13 a month for
all township ser-
ices (e.g. police &
fire, parks, etc.).

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

- Northwest Schools
- County TID
- State Ed. Fund
- Jackson County
- District Library
- Jackson College
- County Jail
- Senior Services
- Medical Facility
- Blackman Twp. Public Safety
- Blackman Township
- Blackman Twp. Parks & Rec.
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.

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

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.