

- **On Roads:** Yes, the millage for roads did pass. We will see some work beginning in 2019. The taxes will not appear on the bills until Winter of 2019 with major work commencing in 2020.
- **Rod Mills Park** has vault bathrooms (waterless) on order for next spring and adding more picnic tables. Look for more work coming next year. We will be looking for a part time Caretaker person for work at the park for the 2019 season. Let the office know if you have an interest. Phil Preston

**The Public Safety Department:** Do you have old medications / drugs you would like to get rid of? You can turn these in at the State Police post, corner of Parnall & Cooper. FYI.

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In 2017, the Blackman Township Board of Trustees approved the addition of a School Liaison Officer for Northwest Community Schools. As the second largest school district in Jackson County, the Township Board of Trustees felt that student safety at the school campuses in Blackman Township were a priority and wanted to do their part in trying to make the learning environment safer for students.

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Officer Justin Davis was chosen for this position. Officer Davis is a 2000 graduate of Northwest Schools and has been a public safety officer with the department since 2010. Before working for Blackman Township, he was a public safety officer in Leoni Township, prior to the two departments combining. Officer Davis is committed to making our school district safe, being a positive role model for our youth and mentoring those youth that could use some assistance. This position is funded by Northwest Community Schools and Blackman Charter Township, with Northwest Community Schools paying 25% of the wages and benefits and Blackman Charter Township paying 75%. When school is not in session, Officer Davis is assigned to ordinance enforcement and deals with quality of life issues, such as junk vehicles, tall grass, accumulation of garbage and other issues that lessen property values and/or become issues of blight. We thank Officer Davis for his dedication and service to the residents, students and visitors of Blackman Charter Township.

If you would like to make a complaint about any properties that you see in violation of the Blight Ordinance, you can contact the Public Safety Department at (517) 788-4223. Mike Jester-Director of Public Safety

**From the Clerk's Office:** A big thanks to all *election workers*, set up, and clean-up crew, a special thank you to Kim Ambs, Deputy Clerk for the November Election. And **thank you to Rob Wells (Wells Concrete ) and Scout Pack 339** for the fall cemetery clean up. Looking good at the Cemetery.

**From Assessing: Reminder:** Disabled veteran's exemptions and hardship exemption applications must be filed each year.

Please note: The assessing department is conducting field inspections of property in Blackman Township. These field inspections are required by the State of Michigan.

The CPI (consumer price index ) is 2.4%, or expressed as a multiplier is 1.024. This number is utilized to produce your 2019 taxable value. Changes have been made to the filing of Business Personal Property. Business owners should contact their CPAs or review the changes made by the State Legislators.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Township at (517) 788-4345

**ON Property Taxes:** If you find paying your property tax in a lump sum payment is hard, you can make several smaller payments. We will stamp your property tax bill with "Partial Payment," give you a receipt for this payment and a new bill that shows the remaining payment. You can do this as many times as you wish.

If you are having problems with mortgage, loss of job, or other financial emergencies, check with [StepForwardMichigan.org](http://StepForwardMichigan.org), they may be able to help.

What if I do not receive a tax bill?

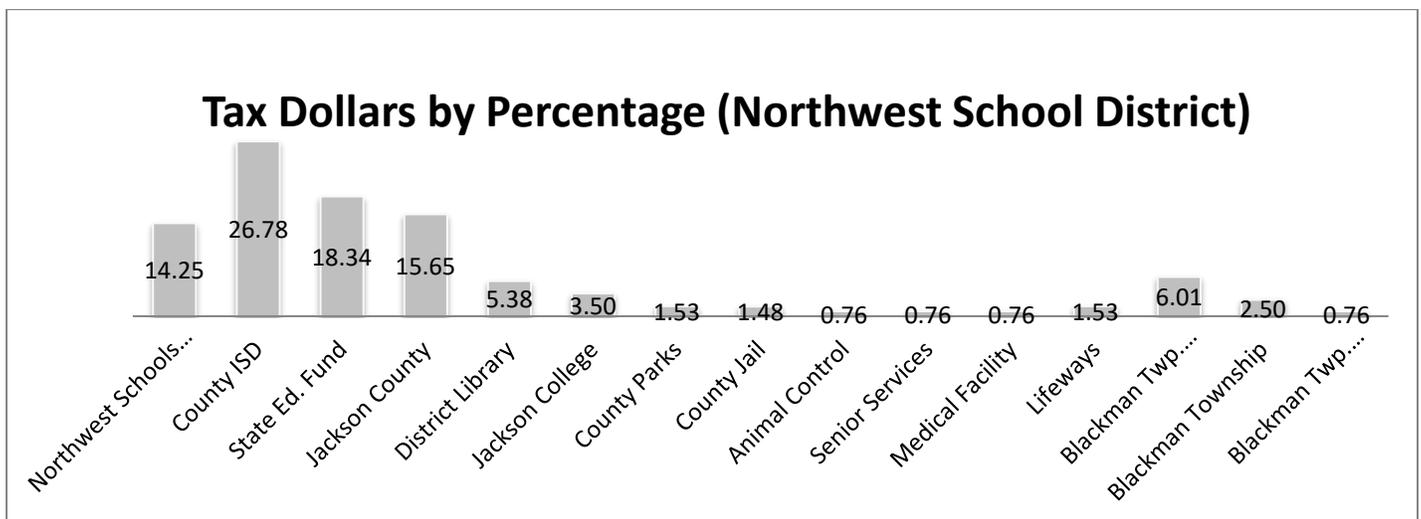
Most people escrow their property taxes through their mortgage company. If you don't, and did not receive your bill, as the property owner you are still liable for the tax. If you have not received a tax bill—or have received late bills, you should check with our office to confirm that we have the correct owner name and address.

How can I confirm my tax payment was received?

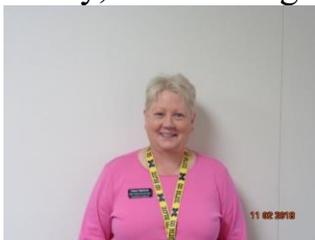
You can check on tax payments anytime you like at our website: [blackmantwp.com](http://blackmantwp.com). If you escrow your taxes, please check with your mortgage company. As the taxpayer, you are liable for the tax payment.

Can I pay my bill with a credit card?

You can pay your sewer and your tax bill with a credit card online at our website: [blackmantwp.com](http://blackmantwp.com). If you come to the township hall, we only accept credit cards at the counter for **tax bills** at this time. Please note there is a 3% “convenience fee” additional charge for using your credit card. This fee goes to MasterCard/Visa and the credit card processor. Here is where your tax dollars go:



**New help in the office:** Dawn Warfield took the place of Robin Holda, who flew over to Public Safety, and is doing well. Dawn introduces herself...



I am married to my husband, David and we have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. I retired, after 25 years as a secretary, from the UAW. Being idle didn't suit me, so I began working the front desk at Personal Images Salon & Day Spa, and now have joined the Blackman office crew. I love meeting new people and hope that I get the chance to meet more of them working as an Administrative Assistant for Blackman Township!

**Thank You Public Safety and may other volunteers and businesses for the contribution to the Halloween Open house.** A great and safe time was had by all.

