



Blackman Township Winter Newsletter 2021

Township Supervisor: Winter is here and so is the cold weather. We would like to remind everyone to make sure that your sidewalks are kept clean of snow and ice. It is important to follow the Township Ordinance also known as “Sidewalk Cleaning Ordinance” the purpose of this ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and welfare for the residents of Blackman Charter Township by keeping sidewalks clean from ice and snow. There is a 24-hour time frame to comply with this Ordinance.

Public Safety: The police, fire and emergency medical teams responded to 28,114 calls in 2021. Fire and emergency calls increased in 2021, totaling 5,703 calls compared to 4,353 calls in 2020. This is an increase of 30%. This increase could be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic we have been dealing with. Police responses accounted for 80% of our service calls with 22,441 calls in 2021. This is consistent with previous years in most categories. As a department, we appreciate the support we receive from the Township Board of Trustees, as well as the community they represent. Blackman Township has and continues to provide our department with the necessary tools and equipment to make our officers safer while protecting the community. This can be a challenging job at times but can also be rewarding. I would like to wish you and your families a safe, healthy and prosperous year in 2022!

Michael L. Jester
Director of Public Safety

Clerk’s Office: We are currently gearing up for a BIG election year in 2022! We have three big changes coming since the completion of the 2020 Census. First, our County Commissioner districts have been changed at the County level. If you reside over in Precinct 5, you will notice that your County Commissioner District is now #5, with James Shotwell. The rest of our precincts are still in District #9, with Ray Snell.

Second, at the State level, they have changed our House, Senate, and Congressional Districts as well. Both changes will affect which candidates will be on the ballots in the future. Lastly, we had to create an additional precinct to balance and accommodate all our residents amongst the township, per the State of Michigan Election Laws. As a result, you may see a change in your precinct number and polling location. The following roads/streets are affected by this change:

Aldrich Dr	Cranbrook Rd	John Glenn Dr.	Mountie Way	Sassafras Dr	Van Horn Rd
Aspen Wy	**Cunningham Rd	Jones Rd	Murray Rd	Scarborough St	Vermont
Birch Haven Rd	Fawn Ln	Kenzie Blvd.	Northmeadow Rd	Scott Carpenter Dr	Walcott Rd
**Blackman Rd	Firethorne Dr	Kingswood Dr.	Oakland Rd	Sid Dr	Walden Woods Blvd
Burning Tree St	Ginkgo Ln	**Lansing Ave	Oregon Rd	Springfield St	Windy Hill Ln
Catalpa St	**Hendee Rd	Locust Ln	Pepper Tree Ln	**Springport Rd	Winter Pl
Chrimac St	Hitching Post Rd	N. Meadow Rd	Pin Oak Trl.	Sweetgum Dr	Wolhavn Ln
**Clinton Rd	Ida Blvd	Merton Dr	Ridge Rd	Timber Trl	Woodemere Rd
Coachman Dr	Irish Acres Dr	**Morrill Rd	**Rives Junction Rd	N. Valley Farm Rd	Wyoming Rd

** Denotes that only certain parts of these roads are affected by the change. Please check your ID or call our office to confirm your precinct and/or polling location.

All Blackman Township registered voters will receive a new Voter Identification Card in the mail at their last known address with their updated information. Please hang onto this ID Card to reference your polling location on Election Day. **We predict these changes will go into effect in August of 2022.**

NEW – Ordinance for food trucks, trailers, and carts: A new ordinance (Chapter 55, Part 5, Article VIII) was passed in 2021 for Food Trucks operating in Blackman Township. Effective 2022, Food Trucks must be registered with the Township and have the approved license posted at the point of operation. In addition, Food Trucks covered under this ordinance will be required to pay an annual fee of \$250 to operate within the township. Licenses, applications, and copies of this ordinance are available in the Clerk’s office.



Property Taxes: Blackman Township received a notice from Attorney's White, Hotchkiss & Falahee, informing us that the agreement of Jackson County collecting delinquent personal property taxes for Blackman Township has been terminated. Effective March 01, 2022, Blackman Township will now be collecting delinquent **personal** property taxes. Parcel numbers starting with #801 are property considered on leased land which includes Decks, Sheds and any other building. Parcel numbers starting with #900 personal property includes trailer parks, airport hangers, signs etc. Jackson County will be collecting the delinquent **real** property taxes (**tax # starting with 000**).

Common mistakes to watch for when writing your check:

1. The dollar amount written does not match the dollar amount printed
2. Check to make sure it is dated and signed
3. Do not combine your tax and utility bill in one check. These payments must be separate due to going to two different banks

Parks & Recreation: The playground equipment has arrived. This will be put up in the spring. We started taking reservations on January 1, 2022 for Rod Mill Park. Please come to our office to reserve your pavilion today for your special get together this year. The large pavilion is \$100.00 and the medium pavilion is \$50.00. We do have volleyball and horseshoes for rent as well for \$25.00 a set and will be refunded to you on return of the equipment.

Utility Department: Delinquent bills not paid by August 31st will be placed on the Winter Tax Statement. The cost for a single-family resident is \$45.00 per quarter or \$180.00 annually.

Due dates for paying sewer bills are as follows:

1st Quarter – March 15, 2022

2nd Quarter – June 15, 2022

3rd Quarter – September 15, 2022

4th Quarter – December 15, 2022

Assessing Department: The 2022 Inflation Rate Multiplier (shown as a multiplier) is 1.033, which is a 3.3% increase in taxable value. This is the highest inflation value since 2009. If you would like to learn more about how the inflation rate multiplier was calculated, please refer to the Michigan Department of Treasury's bulletin 15 of 2021 dated November 16, 2021.

By statute, taxable value uncapping occurs the year following a transfer of ownership. The assessor is required to set the property's taxable value at 50% of the property's true cash value (i.e. the state equalized value). To see if your property was uncapped due to a transfer of ownership, look at the enclosed Notice of Assessment, line 5. If it says WAS, then there was a taxable value uncapping for 2022.

The amount your tax bill is expected to increase/ decrease for this year based on the change in taxable value is noted on the enclosed Notice of Assessment in the box directly above line 1.

March Board of Review is where taxpayers may appeal taxable, assessed or state equalized value; property classification or transfer of ownership as shown on the enclosed annual Notice of Assessment, Taxable Valuation, and Property Classification.

Dates and times for the 2022 March Board of Review are as follows:

Monday, March 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Appointments are preferred. Please call 517-788-4345 extension 8223 or 8232

