



Blackman Township Winter Newsletter 2022

Township Supervisor: Winter is upon us and we would like to remind everyone that your sidewalks need to be 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 so if a neighbor is in need, lend a hand.

Public Safety: We have received delivery of our new ladder truck and are preparing to put it into service. This 2022 Rosenbauer 104’ platform, replaces our 2003 platform truck that needed replacing. This truck has a service life of approximately 20-years, so we should be in a good position for many years to come. This truck was purchased for \$1,300,000, without having to request any additional tax dollars from the taxpayers. The public safety department would like to thank the Township Board of Trustees for their good financial stewardship and the residents of Blackman Township with providing us with the necessary equipment to provide public safety services to our residents and visitors.

Fire Regulations: All burning in Blackman Township requires a permit from the Public Safety Department, including burning of leaves. All burning requires that the fire be attended, a water source is available, and that the fire is completely extinguished before dark. Leaves or any other material shall **not** be burned in the roadway and could subject the violator to a citation and fine.



Michael L. Jester
Director of Public Safety

Building: This year there has been great progress in the new companies coming to the Jackson, Blackman Township area. The industrial park near Windham Hills has started. Seymour Ford has a new building going up next to the body shop. Andy’s place is in Phase II and was approved to be constructed on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. The True Community Credit Union on Parnall is currently moving along on construction. We are all excited about the Dairy Queen under construction on 2590 Airport Road. We are excited with all of the new businesses and construction taking place with more new in the future.

Clerk’s Office: A BIG thank you to all our election workers, office staff and a special thank you to our Deputy Clerk, Katie, for running a smooth election. We would also like to thank our Law Enforcement officers that helped with the November General Election. Lastly, thank you Rivertree Church and Bethel Church, for your hospitality and allowing us to have space for our precincts to vote. We appreciate all your help with making in-person voting a safe and friendly environment for our residents. Please remember that if you change your address or move residencies, you must update your voter registration. Otherwise, it will require additional steps to be taken to vote on election day.



Thank you to Cub Scout Pack 339 for their help in the Fall Clean-Up at Fifield Cemetery

Food Trucks: A friendly reminder that if you have purchased a license to conduct business within the township in 2022, your license will expire January 01, 2023. Applications can be found on our website under the Clerk tab. Please read the backside of the application and have all the necessary paperwork with you. If the paperwork has expired, you will now be required to submit there recent and remaining paperwork before obtaining the 2023 license.

Property Taxes: Just a reminder that your tax bill for winter is higher than normal due to Northwest Community Schools collecting their taxes in winter now instead of Summer. If you have any questions please call (517) 817-4931, Northwest Community Schools. As of March 1, 2023, Blackman Township will continue to collect delinquent personal property taxes (tax #801 or 900). Jackson County will be collecting the delinquent real property taxes (tax # starting with 000). With many scams circulating, a friendly reminder not to give personal information over the phone and when in doubt, please call Blackman Township with questions. **Please remember, we do accept partial payments of \$5.00 or more as many times as it takes to pay your taxes before the due date. We will accept property taxes that have a postmark of February 28, 2022 or before until March 10, 2022.**

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: This year has been a successful year at Rod Mills Park with a lot of use by residents and the Little League using the fields. Our Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant for Playground Expansion equipment has been put up and looks wonderful. Look for a couple hundred daffodils on your way into the park next spring. For residents wishing to visit the park during the winter season, there is now limited parking on the right side of the entrance.

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, 2023

2nd Quarter - June 15, 2023

3rd Quarter - September 15, 2023

4th Quarter - December 15, 2023

Assessing Department:

Important dates to remember:

December 8, 2022

Deadline to file Affidavit for Disabled Veterans Exemption

December 13, 2022

Deadline to file Application for Hardship Exemption

February 21, 2023

Board of Review meets for correction of clerical errors

Deadline to file Personal Property Statement (L-4175) or

Small Business Property Tax Exemption (5076)

March 13 and 14, 2023

Board of Review meets (call for appointment)

June 1, 2023

Deadline to file Principal Residence Exemption for the Summer Tax Levy

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all of us at Blackman Township!

