Library Notes

Tallmadge residents need only to register for a library card at the Allendale branch. Once obtained, this card can be used at many other libraries including both Grandville and Walker.

The Allendale Library offers:

- DVD's, e-books any many other services
- Movies are shown at dusk every Friday in July & August at the Allendale Twp. Park.

The Library Summer Reading Program is called:



Fizz Boom Read and runs through August 16^{th.} Now that sounds very interesting!

For more information on this or other library services, visit their FACEBOOK page: Allendale Township Library.

You are welcome to visit the library in person or by internet at: www.allendalelibrary.org

Township Assessor - Tyler Tacoma

The job of the Assessor's Office is to determine the value of every property in the Township as of "Tax Day," December 31st for the upcoming year's assessments. In the next several weeks, I will be visiting various work sites and properties. This usually involves speaking with the property owners, taking updated photos, reviewing building measurements, and taking an inventory of what is at each site. In early February, you should receive your 2015 Assessment Notice.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office. You can also get more information about Assessing from our Tallmadge Township website at: <u>http://tallmadge.com/assessor.htm</u>.

Construction Permits

As of September 1st, 2013, PCI (Professional Code Inspectors) took over all permits and inspections within Tallmadge Township. All applications can be downloaded from their website: <u>www.pcimi.com</u> and then select Tallmadge Township jurisdiction.

PLEASE NOTE: All completed Building applications must first be turned into the Tallmadge Township office. All other permits must be submitted directly to PCI.

Verbatim from the

Code Book: Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to



erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by the Michigan Building Code, or to cause such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit(s).

Township Office Hour



In keeping with several other townships, we traded Friday daytime hours to offer our residents the opportunity to contact us one evening a week.

We trust these extended hours will be more convenient for our residents who work days.

Monday: 9 AM-2 PM Tuesday: 9 AM-<u>7 PM</u> Wednesday: 9 AM-2 PM Thursday: 9 AM-2 PM Friday: Closed



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Trustees:			
Gerald Walt		Clifford Bronkema	
Joel Terpstra		Michael Eppink	

Our Offices Close for these Holidays:

Labor Day - Monday - Sept. 1st Thanksgiving Day Thursday - Nov. 27th Christmas Holiday - December 24th & 25th New Year Holiday - Dec. 31 & January 1st

Monthly Meetings

All meetings begin at **7:00 PM** and are held at the Township Hall.



- Township Board Meetings: 2nd TUESDAY
- Zoning Board of Appeals: 1st TUES., as needed
- Planning Commission: 4th TUESDAY

Fire Chief - Mike Gavin

First, I would like to thank retired Chief Al Brouwer for his many years of leading our department. It is rewarding to lead such a great group of volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Responders. Thanks also to all previous and current members who give their time to protect out community.



The Fire Department is currently accepting applications. Forms are available on both the Wright and Tallmadge Township websites. Our Association Facebook page is:

https://www.facebook.com/wrighttallmadgefire

The Wright-Tallmadge Fired departments responds to approximately 600 calls annually, The majority of our calls are for emergency medical responses and accidents. Last year we implemented a program where on-call members of the department take home one of the emergency e-units. By doing this, we have significantly decreased our response times.

Businesses or residents can install a secured KNOXBOX that contains keys to immediately access your property in an emergency. More info @ www.knoxbox.com

Have you heard about SMART 911?

Ottawa County is on the cutting edge of new technology that enables you to create a Safety Profile for your household. This pre-registration is done on a secure website:

<u>www.Smart911.com</u>. Critical minutes are saved when you are unable to communicate verbally with 911.

OPEN HOUSE @ Tallmadge Fire Station:

• Saturday, September 13th.

The Ottawa County Sheriff's Department and a Michigan State Police helicopter (Trooper 1) will be on-hand. We hope to see you there.

Treasurer's Notes - Brenda Martin



Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Treasurer. Should you have questions regarding your taxes, please call me, stop by the Township office, or e-mail to:

bmartin@tallmadge.com.

The Treasurer's office hours are the same as Township hours <u>PLUS</u> these dates until 5:00 PM.

Monday - Sept. 15th Monday - Feb. 16th Tuesday - Dec. 30th Monday - March 2nd

Tax payments not <u>IN-HAND</u> to the Treasurer's office by close of the posted business hours will be receipted as the following day and will incur late fees as shown on your tax bill. This includes after-hour use of the drop box. We cannot accept postmark as date received.

TAX PAYMENTS:

- Taxes may be paid in person at the Township Office Monday through Thursday.
- Payments may be mailed or placed in the Township's drive-up drop box located a few steps west of the main entrance.
- Include the top 1/3 of the bill with your check or money order.
- A receipt will be issued if you include a SASE as well as the entire tax bill.
- OR provide your e-mail address on the top 1/3 when you send in your payment.
- Partial payments are acceptable.

NOTE: If your mortgage company pays your property taxes, the Township sends them a statement as a service. *However, each property owner is ultimately responsible to see that his/her property taxes are paid.*

If you qualify for summer tax deferment, you must sign a new application *each year*, prior to September 14. This application is available at the office or on-line at www.tallmadge.com.

Clerk's Corner - Lenore Cook

ELECTIONS:

- PRIMARY Election Tues. August 5, 2014
- GENERAL Election Tues. Nov. 4, 2014

Polls are open from 7:00AM until 8:00PM

Precinct **ONE** and **THREE** will vote at the Tallmadge Township Hall.

Precinct **TWO** will again vote across the street at the Tallmadge Community Church.

If you will be absent from the community on either of these dates, you can request an absentee ballot be calling me at 677-1248 or by e-mailing me at <u>lcook@tallmadge.com</u>.



To register to vote in

Tallmadge Township, you must be a United States citizen, at least 18 years old by Election Day, and a resident of Tallmadge Township for a minimum of 30 days.

The Township Board meeting minutes are now posted on our website, www.tallmadge.com.

The Community room at the Township Hall is available for rent. The daily rental cost to our Township residents is \$100.00. This includes use of eight double tables and approximately 100 chairs as well as a full kitchen. This is your township and we try to keep the cost at a minimum. Call for information or e-mail: locok@tallmadge.com

RE-CYCLE YOUR PAPERS!



There is a PAPER GATOR recycle bin located at the NE corner of the Township building. All proceeds from the collection of

newspapers and other paper products benefit the Tallmadge Community Church. Your contributions will be most appreciated!