

# Tallmadge Newsletter

Summer 2011



## Tallmadge Charter Township

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As your elected Township Officials and Trustees, we are proud to be of service to you, the residents of Tallmadge Charter Township.

Supervisor: James (Toby) Van Ess  
tvaness@tallmadge.com

Clerk: Lenore Cook  
lcook@tallmadge.com

Treasurer: Brenda Martin  
bmartin@tallmadge.com

Trustees:  
Gerald Walt Clifford Bronkema  
Matthew Fenske Michael Eppink

## NOCCOA Medicare Assistance Meeting

The North Ottawa County Council on Aging has trained counselors who can assist Medicare beneficiaries with open enrollment for Medicare Part D and supplemental insurance plans. Open enrollment for 2011 is Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. NOCCOA counselors will be at the Tallmadge Township Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. Call NOCCOA at 616.842.9210 by early September to schedule an appointment.

## Township Office Hours



In November of 2009, the Township Board approved changing our office hours. In keeping with several other townships, we traded Friday hours to work the evening hours on Tuesday.

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

Monday: 9 AM-2 PM Tuesday: 9 AM-7 PM  
Wednesday: 9 AM-2 PM Thursday: 9 AM-2 PM  
Friday: Closed

## Monthly Meetings

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

- Planning Commission: 2<sup>nd</sup> MONDAY
- Township Board Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY
- Zoning Board of Appeals: 3<sup>rd</sup> TUESDAY, as needed

## How WE communicate to YOU

**Newsletters** - We anticipate sending a written communication with both Summer & Winter tax bills. As stewards of your Township's funds, this saves over \$1000.00 in postage costs.

**Advance Newspaper** - The Clerk posts a Synopsis of all Board Minutes and Notices of Public Hearings in the two local issues of the Advance Newspaper.

**Website** - [www.tallmadge.com](http://www.tallmadge.com)

- The Clerk posts the Minutes of Board Meetings on the website.
- You can also find copies of recent ordinance and zoning changes.
- Many forms and permits are available for download.

## Township Park

Did not know that there is a nice park located behind the Township office building? Stop by and check it out! The bathrooms are open from mid-May through September. A pavilion is available on a first come basis.



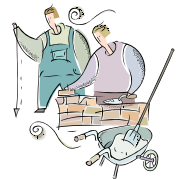
This spring, we added 6 new park benches for your comfort as you walk along the paths, enjoy the wildlife near the ponds or watch the kids at the playground.

Additional improvements may require that we close the park for a few days later this summer. Check the website for updates.

The park has two ball fields, two tennis courts and a basketball area. The park has a sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits as well as a variety of playground equipment.

## Construction Permits

**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 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.



Most forms are available on our website as well as at the Township office.

## Supervisor's Comments- Toby Van Ess

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Township Supervisor. If you ever have an issue you would like to discuss, you can reach me by telephone at the Township Office or by e-mail at [tvaness@tallmadge.com](mailto:tvaness@tallmadge.com).

The Ottawa County Road Commission plans to repave Leonard Street between the county line and 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. We expect this to be done in 2013. Some spots on Johnson Road will be repaired yet this summer.

The State and County no longer fund the spraying for gypsy moths. As a Township, we may look into self-funding any possible areas on a case-by-case study. Contact me if you have a serious infestation in your area.

## Fire Chief - Al Brouwer



### CAN WE FIND YOUR HOUSE?

To assist us in locating your house as quickly as possible, you may purchase a green and white reflective address sign

from the Fireman's Association. The cost is \$15.00. Cost includes the sign, post, and installation. Order forms are available at the Township Office or on-line.

### BURN PERMITS

Burn permits are required by the State of Michigan. Permits are issued for brush only, no building materials may be burned. Permits may be obtained free of charge by calling the Fire Chief at 677.1610 or the Township Office at 677.1248 Monday through Thursday.

**What does your Fire Department do?** Last year they responded to 633 calls in Wright and Tallmadge townships as well as assisting neighboring departments! See details on the township website!

## 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](mailto:bmartin@tallmadge.com).

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

Wednesday - Sept. 14    Thursday - Dec. 29  
Tuesday - Feb. 14        Wednesday - Feb. 29

Tax payments not **IN-HAND** 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:

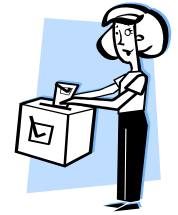
- Taxes may be paid in person at the Township Office Monday through Thursday.
- Payments may be mailed or placed in the Township's drive-up drop box located a few steps west of the main entrance.
- Include the top 1/3 of the bill with your check or money order.
- Payment received in the mail or placed in the drop box will be issued a receipt only if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope as well as the entire tax bill.

**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 [www.tallmadge.com](http://www.tallmadge.com).

## Clerk's Corner - Lenore Cook

The Township Board meeting minutes are now posted on our website, [www.tallmadge.com](http://www.tallmadge.com).



The Community room at the Township Hall is available for rent. The daily rental cost to our Township residents is \$75.00. 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 me for additional information.

Tallmadge Township has three precincts with 5723 registered voters and three school districts. Coopersville School has 2142 voters, Grandville School has 2172 voters and Kenowa Hills School has 1409 voters. Of these registered voters, 678 have requested to vote absentee.

If you have any questions, I will be pleased to receive your call or e-mail:

[lcook@tallmadge.com](mailto:lcook@tallmadge.com)

## Ottawa County Deputy - Tyler Kempema



Tyler Kempema is the Community Relationship officer assigned to Tallmadge Township by the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department. He has been on duty here a year and a half.

Tyler's duties include a wide variety of community policing. He assists with enforcement of local ordinances, as well as traffic and criminal matters within the Township. Additionally, he has set up Neighborhood Watch programs within the Township and teaches several safety classes on behalf of the County.