

Treasurer
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TAX DAY – Wednesday,
September 14th 2022

A drop box is available just outside the township main door 24/7. Payments dropped off after business hours are dated the next business day. Postmarks are not accepted as date of payment. **Please keep in mind we are NOT responsible for postal delays.**

If your mortgage company pays your property taxes, the township sends them a statement. However, each property owner is ultimately responsible to see that his/her property taxes are paid. Also, if you are paying by bill pay, please give AMPLE time for the funds to be received here at the township. When writing a check, please make sure numeric and written amount are correct.

Taxes can now be paid online at www.tallmadge.com/general-info/treasurer as a convenience. Follow the link found on the treasurer's page to the BS & A portal and follow the quick easy steps to make a tax payment. Feel free to call the office if you have any questions. Please note that there is a 3% service fee charged by the credit card company to the user for this service.

Clerk - Lonnie Cook lcook@tallmadge.com

There are two elections this year: **Primary Election – Tuesday, August 2**
General Election – Tuesday, November 8

Tallmadge Township has had to re-align our precinct boundaries. There is a great possibility that you may have been moved to a new precinct. You will be receiving new voter registration cards around the middle of July.

Make sure that you double check which precinct you are in.

Another change is where you will be voting.

- ***Precinct 1** – Tallmadge Charter Township Hall
0-1451 Leonard Street NW, Grand Rapids MI 49534
- ***Precinct 2** - Living Waters Wesleyan Church
0-1428 Leonard Street NW, Grand Rapids MI 49534
- ***Precinct 3** - Lamont Community Church
14000 48th Avenue, Coopersville, MI 49404

FYI – Tallmadge now has 7000 plus voters with over 2000 as permanent Absentee Voters.

If you have questions please feel free to either call me at 616-677-1248 or e-mail me at lcook@tallmadge.com

FIRE DEPT - fire@tallmadge.com

Mike Gavin, Chief ~ Jon Alkema, Deputy Chief

The fire department continues to see increasing call volumes. We currently operate with 2 full-time employees that supplement the paid-on call response of the fire department during the weekday daytime hours. We are always looking for applicants for the paid on-call firefighting positions. If you have ever considered joining this fire department, we would love to talk with you about the position. Please reach out to us at 616-677-1610.

Our year-end report is available on the township website.

This report highlights the major activities and accomplishments of the fire department over the past year. The report also contains statistical data regarding the calls for service that we respond to. This year-end report can be found in the fire department section of the township webpage.



Assessor - Tyler Tacoma - ttacoma@tallmadge.com

*The Assessor's Office is busy this time of year making property site visits for building permit appraisal reviews. We are also continuing our "20% Review" schedule of visiting all properties once every 5 years. After having completed the first, thorough visits in 2016-2020, we are finding these re-visits go much more quickly. Follow-up inspections consist mainly of getting fresh exterior photos and visiting with our residents about assessment questions they might have. We look forward to seeing you as we are out and about in our community this fall.

*The Assessor's office is responsible for the appraisals of our properties used to determine assessments and taxable values. They also manage our parcel ownership information and principal residence exemption data, among other duties. The Assessor's office also works closely with the local Treasurer in maintaining accurate tax rolls.

*Assessments are kept current with an annual study of the real estate market. Property ownership is updated following the [state law required] filing of a Property Transfer Affidavit by a buyer. Principal Residence Exemptions are granted to owner-occupied properties through the filing of a PRE form by the homeowner.

*Note - The year after a property sells, the taxable value is "uncapped" and reset to wherever the assessment is in the year after sale.

*The Assessor's Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, July 19th in order to correct any clerical errors, apply Veteran's Exemptions, and process any late-filed PRE forms. They do not have authority to discuss property values, which had to be considered prior to the adjournment of their annual March meeting.

Tallmadge Charter Township



Supervisor - Mark Bennett

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Happy Summer! We wait quite a while to enjoy our relatively short summer season and I hope you are all enjoying the nice, warm weather. We continue to be quite busy here at the township with many projects and issues being addressed. The American Rescue Plan Act monies have been distributed to many of the local jurisdictions. As previously stated, a committee has been formed to recommend to the board the best uses for the \$870,000 that was allotted to the township. The committee has met several times and are in the final stages of the recommendation process. At that time, the township board will consider the finding of the committee and decide on how to proceed. Please check the township website and agendas for further information.

We are looking at the process of handling citizen complaints as they come to us. Our zoning administrator usually sends a letter of warning to the property owner of an alleged violation. In most cases, the property owner is given the opportunity to comply with the ordinance within a reasonable time frame. If the violation is not corrected, a civil infraction citation is written to the violator and affirmative relief is requested from the court. As always feel free to reach out to our Zoning Administrator Sara Moring-Hilt at the township office for more information about zoning or citizen complaints.

The SMART speed trailer has been deployed in many locations throughout this spring and early summer. It is designed to educate motorists as to their speeds, and helps the Sheriff's Office and Township collect traffic pattern data. One point of interest is the amount of traffic on our township roads. For example, in early May of this year almost 40,000 vehicles travelled down 8th Ave north of Leonard St in a 7-day period (over 5,700 per day). We will continue to utilize this device along with speed enforcement for traffic safety.

Many development projects are proposed in the near future especially along Lake Michigan Dr. in the commercial area. We are in communication with developers to manage this growth and the possible extension of water and sewer to this immediate area. I have also been working with the road commission on many possible paving projects, including 2nd Ave (Johnson to Ironwood), Leverette St. in Lamont, along with the intersection of Berkley and Leonard.

Please feel free to reach out to me if I can be of assistance.

Township Hours:

Monday – Thursday

9:00am – 3:00pm

Closed Holidays

Please call to schedule after hour appointments.

Monthly Township Meetings:

All Meetings are held in the Township Board Room at 7:00PM

*Zoning Board of Appeals:
1st Tuesday, as needed.

*Township Board Meeting:
2nd Tuesday of the month

*Planning Commission:
4th Tuesday of the month

Township Officials

Supervisor: Mark Bennett

Clerk: Lenore Cook

Treasurer: Valdyne Schwallier

Trustees: Clifford Bronkema, Joel

Terpstra, Michael Eppink, Dave Datema

Assessor: Tyler Tacoma – Thurs. 9:00-3:00

Planning: Greg Ransford – Thurs. 9:00-1:00

Zoning: Sara Moring-Hilt – M&W 9:00-3:00