

Tallmadge Charter Township



Supervisor - Mark Bennett

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As we approach the halfway point of 2023, I hope that you are all able to take some time to enjoy the beautiful weather with your loved ones. As your township supervisor, I always appreciate the opportunity to meet with residents in person or over the phone. It is my hope that we can all work together to make Tallmadge Charter Township the best place it can be for all of our citizens.

I am thrilled to share some exciting updates on the progress of several projects at our township park. We have been working diligently on designing a new park entrance on the west side of our property, which will eliminate concerns about park traffic mixing with emergency vehicles. After a series of public meetings, the board of trustees has approved the design and we will soon be sending out bid requests for the project. We anticipate that once completed, this project will make access to the park safer and more convenient for all visitors. In addition, we are considering keeping the pedestrian access to the park open year-round.

We have also secured a grant from the National Fitness Center in the amount of \$40,000 to aid in the construction of a new outdoor fitness court in the park. Thanks to generous donations from local businesses, we are able to recognize those who have contributed to this project on the fitness structure itself. To ensure that we are meeting the recreation priorities of our residents, we will be conducting a public survey to gather feedback and ideas for future park projects. This survey will also help us to be more grant-eligible in the future.

Another recent priority for us has been improving the Maplewood Cemetery in Lamont. We have hired a private contractor to cut the grass, cleared downed trees and brush from along grave sites, and removed debris from the north vacant side of the cemetery to improve its appearance.

Finally, we have become aware of elevated levels of PFAS/PFOS at a local daycare center near the intersection of 8th Ave and Lake Michigan Dr. The center remains open and is using bottled water, and we are closely monitoring the situation and working with the center to find possible solutions. As more testing is done, we will continue to keep residents informed through the township website and board minutes.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer, and please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

TOWNSHIP HOURS:

Monday - Thursday

9:00 - 3:00 PM

Closed Holidays

Please call to schedule after hour appointments.

Monthly Township Meetings:

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

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, John Bronkema

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

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

Zoning: Alexis Sorrell - Monday-Wednesday
9:00-3:00

TAX DAY

Thursday, September 14th, 2023

We will have extended hours from 9:00-5:00.

Please be sure to mark your
calendars for our holiday hours!

Treasurer: Valdyne Schwallier
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Here's a fun
fact!

Property tax rates are expressed in "mills". A "mill" is one-tenth of a cent (\$0.001) or one-thousandth of a dollar.

1 mill is equivalent to \$1.00 in taxes due per \$1,000 of taxable value.



Got a minute?

Let us learn more about you
and hear your
thoughts about Tallmadge
Township Park and
Recreation Facilities so we can
better serve you!



Please Scan the QR Code
on the left to access the
Park and Recreation
Survey. Or use the URL
below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParkandRecreation>

WRIGHT - TALLMADGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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.

We take fire safety seriously, which is why we have partnered with the MI Prevention Smoke and CO alarm program to equip homes in our area with functioning alarms. Shockingly, 65% of fatal fires in Michigan in 2022 occurred in homes without working smoke alarms. We are proud to offer this program to our community at no cost, and we encourage you to contact us at 616-677-1610 to schedule an appointment for us to check your alarms.

Chief *Mike Gavin*
Deputy Chief *Jon Alkema*



Assessor - Tyler Tacoma

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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 works closely with the local Treasurer. Their 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. 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 coming in 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.