

Supervisor – Mark R. Bennett – mbennett@tallmadge.com

Happy Summer 2024! I hope you are all enjoying our beautiful, albeit brief, Michigan summer. Remember to take time for family and friends and "smell the roses."

I'd like to update you on several important developments in Tallmadge Charter Township. As many of you have noticed, we recently completed a significant reconfiguration of our office and park entrances. This project aimed to enhance the safety of our citizens by separating fire department traffic from public traffic. Although it has altered traffic flow, we believe the changes will result in a much safer environment for everyone.

In our FY24-25 budget, we have approved the addition of another restroom facility near the pickleball/tennis courts and the park pavilion. Additionally, we have upgraded our ballfields with new diamond sand, a much-needed improvement. Our ballfields and park have become increasingly popular, which is fantastic. However, this popularity may necessitate implementing a reservation system for the diamonds and pavilion areas. More information on this will be provided in the coming months.

Furthermore, we have allocated funds for a new storage facility on the east side of the township parking lot. We are currently collaborating with the township architect to design this structure. I am pleased to report that all these projects are being funded through township funds or ARPA federal funds, with no additional taxes or bonds required. Our township remains in a strong financial position with solid fund balances, and we are committed to being fiscally responsible stewards of your money.

Maplewood Cemetery in Lamont, a historic and reverent site dating back to the early 1800s, recently benefited from a generous donation of over 50 trees from Lester Langeland. These maple trees are thriving and are a beautiful addition to the cemetery.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are closely monitoring elevated levels of PFAS/PFOS around 8th Ave and Lake Michigan Dr. Currently, levels have not increased and remain below the maximum contaminant thresholds. Many residents have had their wells tested, with results showing either no detection or very low levels of the contaminants. We are working with Federal and State governments to secure funding for extending public water and sewer services to the area and hope to have more updates soon.

Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to retiring board members, Lenore Cook and Clifford "Tip" Bronkema, for their many years of service. Tip has been a Trustee since 1992, and Township Clerk Lenore "Lonnie" Cook has served since 1990. Their dedication to the community has been invaluable, and they will be greatly missed.

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime.
God Bless you and God Bless this great country.

Clerk - Lenore Cook lcook@tallmadge.com

There are two more elections this year:

- ***Primary Election – Tuesday, August 2**
- ***General Election – Tuesday, November 8**

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

- ***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

I would like to THANK all my election workers over the years for a job well done. I could not have asked for more professional and hard working group of inspectors. Again THANK YOU!

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

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announcements
throughout the year.



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Treasurer - Valdyne Schwallier

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

Our office is responsible in preparing and collecting nearly 4,000 tax bills twice a year. Whether you pay taxes for a parcel of land, a home, a farm or commercial/industrial businesses, all property taxes are receipted by the Treasurer. In turn, regular disbursements are made to fund State Education, 3 School Districts, 2 ISD's, County Operations, Roads, Parks, Emergency 911 Services, local Tallmadge Township offices and Police/ Fire Services.

This Years Extended Office Hours: 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Monday – Sept. 16th, Monday – Dec. 30th, Friday- Feb. 14th and Friday – Feb. 28th

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

TAX PAYMENTS OPTIONS:

- 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, in it's new location to the east of the building by the mail box.
- Include the top 1/3 of the bill with your check, cashier's check or money order.
- Partial payments are acceptable.

TAX RECEIPT OPTIONS:

• A receipt will be issued if you include a SASE as well as the **entire tax bill**.
NOTE: If your mortgage company pays your property taxes from escrow funds, the Treasurer sends them a statement as a service. You will receive a bill marked **A COPY HAS BEEN SENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE PROVIDER**. *However, each property owner is ultimately responsible for seeing that his/her property taxes are paid.*

- If you qualify for a summer tax deferment, you **must** sign a new application **each year**, prior to September 16th. This application is available at the office or on-line at www.tallmadge.com.

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday
9:00am – 3:00pm

Please note the township offices will be closed for the following holiday dates:

- *Monday, September 2
- *Weds. & Thurs., November 27 & 28
- *Tues thru Thurs., December 24- 26
- *Tues, Dec 31st & Wed, Jan 1st

Please call the office to schedule after hour appointments.

Monthly Township Meetings:

- *Zoning Board of Appeals:
1st Tuesday, as needed.
- *Township Board Meeting:
2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7:00pm
- *Planning Commission:
4th Tuesday of the month @ 6:00pm

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 Gulker – M,T,W 9:00-3:00

Assessor - Tyler Tacoma - ttacoma@tallmadge.com

Staff from the Assessor's Office will be out as usual this summer visiting 20% of our properties on-site. As always, we will also be stopping by all of the building permits issued throughout the township. PCI inspects them for building code compliance and the Assessing Department looks at them from an appraisal perspective. Property taxes are considered "ad valorem," which means "based on value." Thus, building projects inherently add value to a parcel, and we work to determine that update on the parcel's assessment. We look forward to visiting with many of you as we are out and about in our community this summer!