### OVID TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Supervisor, Sue Miller

Clerk, Judy Sabaitis

Treasurer, Nancy Price

Trustee, Larry Omo

Trustee, Ron Sampsel

### SUMMER TAX COLLECTION

Payments are to be mailed to the following address: Nancy A. Price, 312 East Central Road, Coldwater, MI 49036. Please make check payable to **OVID TOWNSHIP**. Receipts will be provided only if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included with the tax payment.

You may call 517-238-4435 for an appointment if needed or just stop by. No Sundays or Holidays.

Hours to pay taxes in person at her home at 312 East Central Road from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm:

July 10 August 14 September 15

# APPLICATION FOR DEFERMENT OF SUMMER TAXES

If you meet one of the following requirements:

- Household income does not exceed \$35,000 and:
  - a. 62 years of age or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death
  - b. Paraplegic or quadriplegic
  - c. Eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, eligible widow or widower
  - d. Blind person
  - e. Totally and permanently disabled
- 2. Property is classified or used as agricultural real property, and that the gross receipts of agricultural or horticultural operations in the previous year (or the average gross receipts for such operations in the previous 3 years) is not less than the household income for the preceding

calendar year. If approved, deferment of summer taxes without penalty or interest charges will be until February 15.

If you meet one of the above requirements and want to defer your summer taxes until February 15, 2007, please call 517-238-4435 for an application to be mailed to you. This must be completed and returned by September 15, 2006 to be eligible for the deferment.

# COLLECTION OF CERTAIN COUNTY TAXES

Please remember that two-thirds of the County allocated millage will be collected on this summer tax bill. This is not an increase in taxes, it is simply a tax shift to move up the collection. In 2007, all of the County allocated millage will be collected on the summer tax bill.

# **TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS**

Township Board meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. at the Ovid Township Hall, 381 S. Angola Road. All meetings are open to the public.

### TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Sue Miller, Supervisor	517-238-4903 or
	517-279-0014
Judy Sabaitis, Clerk	517-238-9308
Nancy Price, Treasurer	517-238-4435
Ron Sampsel, Trustee	517-238-2173
Larry Omo, Trustee	517-238-4322

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#### TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

SM Assessing Service Sue Miller, Assessor 71 W. Pearl St. Coldwater, MI 49036

Office: 517-279-0014 Fax: 517-279-1272

# ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Grass Lake Road from Pearl Road to Nye Road was asphalted in May.

Dust Control on the townships local gravel roads will begin approximately May 15<sup>th</sup> and the second applications to be the first part of August.

Sealing coating will begin on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Those roads scheduled are Lockwood (Old 27 to Twp line), Rose (Behnke to Rose), Access (Lake Dr. to end), Sara Lane, Fillmore (Paradine to Central), and Iyopawa Island Rd.

# PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Planning Commission meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. at the Ovid Township Hall, 381 S. Angola Road. If the meeting date must be changed, notice is posted at the Township Hall.

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Merle Donbrock, Chairman	517-238-2378
Cheryl Downs, Secretary	517-238-2043
Andy AcMoody, Member	517-279-9555
Dick Aker, Member	517-238-2696
Ron Sampsel, Member	517-238-2173

# LAKELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The department will celebrate 25 years of service this year to the residents of Ovid and Kinderhook Townships. An open house will be scheduled at a later date.

The Fire Department has just received delivery of another tanker truck, giving the department a total of three.

They are still in need of volunteers. Persons who are interested in becoming a volunteer or medical first responder are encouraged to contact the department at 517-238-4345. Applicants must be residents of Kinderhook or Ovid Township, out of high school and over the age of 18

# TOWNSHIP ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Jim Miko

517-238-5999

Jim is available at the Township Hall located at 381 S. Angola Rd.

Office hours will be: Tuesday & Thursday From 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Reminder: Zoning Ordinance requirements are different than County Building Codes. Zoning Permits are required on all construction including accessory buildings whether permanent or portable, and fences.

Zoning Permits must be displayed in a prominent place.

### **CEMETERY SEASONAL DECORATIONS**

Just a reminder that all decorations must be removed on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> each spring and on or before November 1<sup>st</sup> each fall. Any seasonal grave decorations not removed by these deadlines may be removed and discarded by the township sexton.

#### **COMPOST ISSUE**

We have received numerous calls regarding the disposal of grass clippings, leaves, and yard waste since the City of Coldwater closed their compost site on May 1st. We are looking at approaching the Branch County Commissioners to see if there may a site that could be made available to the residents of the township.

### Have a great summer!