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Township Calendar

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| October 11 | Township Board Meeting |
| October 18 | Planning Commission |
| October 25 | Township Board Meeting |
| October 27 | Board of Appeals |
| November 8 | Township Board Meeting |
| November 15 | Planning Commission |
| November 22 | Township Board Meeting |
| November 24 | Board of Appeals |
| December 13 | Township Board Meeting |
| December 20 | Planning Commission |
| December 22 | Board of Appeals |
| December 27 | Township Board Meeting |

Byron Township Holiday Office Closings

Thanksgiving
Day after Thanksgiving
December 23 & 24
December 30 & 31

Happy Holidays!

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From the Supervisor Audrey Nevins Weiss

2010 Leaf Drop Off Program



Collection Drop-Off Station to assist Township Residents in disposing of their leaves. The Township Board is encouraging use of this drop-off site as an alternative to open burning.

The drop-off site will be located near the ball fields at Bi-Centennial Park, 8085 Byron Center Avenue SW because it is centrally located within the Township.

This service is provided for Byron Township Residents only and proof of residence may be required. The program is provided at no charge for residents. Only dry bagged leaves will be accepted. Township employees will be available to assist in placing the leaves in the compactor truck. Residents will take leaf bags back with them.

A chipper will be available on October 30 and November 6 only for branches, twigs or shrubs.

Leaves will only be accepted on these 4 Saturdays. Leaves brought at other times could lead to the end of the program.

Leaf Collection Dates and Time
Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

October 30 and
November 6, 13, 20

Treasurer's Forum

Summer has gone and the fall season is in full swing. The Treasurer's Office has slowed down a little since the summer taxes were due on September 14.

If you haven't paid your taxes yet, 1% interest was applied on September 15 and an additional 1% is added the 1st of each month thereafter. If you can only make partial payments, we do accept them and interest is only applied to unpaid balances. If you have questions, please call 878-3196 and Jacki and I will help you.

We have several payment options. You can pay online with a credit card or check (fees apply), ACH withdrawal from your checking or savings, or in person with cash or check. A drop box for your convenience is located at the east entrance of the township hall. Any payments placed in the box after hours are applied the next work day, and again we do accept partial payments.

Winter taxes will be in the mail the 1st week of December. They are due on Monday, February 14, 2011. If you wish to use the deduction for your 2010 income taxes, the payment must be in the office by close of Monday, January 3, 2011.

Dog licenses for 2011 will be available at the Township, December 1 thru March 1. Any other time, you must contact the Kent County Animal Control for licensing information. (616-632-7300) or www.accesskent.com

Carol Houseman

Holiday Safety

General Holiday Safety Tips

- All holiday decorations should be non-combustible or flame-retardant and not placed near heat or electrical sources.
- Keep candles away from flammable materials like curtains, plants, and Christmas Trees—place candles where they can't be blown over.
- Don't forget to change your smoke detector batteries when you set your clocks back in the fall.

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- Never use an oven or range as a supplemental heating device. It can be a source of potential toxic fumes.
- Never store gasoline or propane in the basement.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home please keep the hydrant clear of snow so in the event it is needed, it can be locate.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season from the Byron Townshi and Cutlerville Fire Departments.

Halloween Safety

Cars, not candy should be Parents' primary safety concern on Halloween. To help make your child's Halloween safe, Byron Township would like to recommend the following safety precautions:

- Children under the age of 12 should have adult supervision.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape.
- Give trick-or-treaters flashlights.
- Be sure your children dress in flame retardant costumes.
- Keep candles, pumpkins with candles, matches and lighters out of the reach of children.

Christmas Safety

- Keep Christmas tree needles moist by replenishing the water supply daily. Dryness is the biggest fire safety hazard. Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks.
- Check your indoor and outdoor Christmas lights each year before you use them. If there are frayed cords, exposed wires or broken sockets, replace or repair them before

using. Unplug your lights when you leave your home or before going to bed.

- Do not put wrapping paper in a fireplace or stove, it can throw off dangerous sparks.
- **NEVER LEAVE CANDLES AND CHILDREN UNATTENDED.**

Also, please make sure you have an address on your home that is visible from the street. This will help emergency vehicles find your home and save precious time.

Clerk's Corner

Joel Hondorp

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

General Election

November 2, 2010

The November ballot will contain the offices of Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, US Representative, State Senator, State Representative, State Board of Education members, University of Michigan Regents, Michigan State University Trustees, Wayne State University Governors, County Commissioner, Michigan Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, Probate Court and two state proposals.

In August, we started using an electronic pollbook. The voter list will be contained in a laptop computer. The election worker will swipe your driver's license or look up your name and input your ballot number. Then you will vote your ballot as you have in the past. The processing of voters should become easier for our workers and for you the voter. If you wish to view results from previous elections, please go to the Clerk page on the website and choose the Elections page. You will also find a link to register to vote on this page and to see where precincts are located.

If you are in need of an Absentee Ballot for November, please stop in the office to fill out an application or you can call and have us mail you an application. If you would like to see a sample ballot or to check your polling location please go to:

www.michigan.gov/vote

From the Desk of the Water & Sewer Administrator.....

September 1st has come and gone! On that day the water & sewer department per ordinance transferred all delinquent water & sewer usage 90 days or more past due to the upcoming winter tax bill. Also any unpaid assessment bills that went out in July that were not paid on September 1st were assigned to taxes. What this means is that anyone who had these delinquent bills will see them on your winter tax bill with a 6% penalty included.

It seems the sprinkling season is still going strong according to our last billing cycle! If you use a large volume of water for the purpose of sprinkling your lawn and landscaping, please consider a separate meter for irrigation. With a second meter you would not be billed for any sewer usage when you irrigate your lawn. For example, if you sprinkled your lawn over a billing period of 3 months using a total of 80,000 gallons, the sewer use charge alone would be about \$200.00 without a second meter. If you had a second meter there would be no sewer use charge on any irrigation water. Call us for more details at 878-0660.

Billing Options

We have paperless billing for your convenience. Email julie@byrontownship.org for more information.

We have a form on our website to sign up for automatic funds transfer from a checking or savings account.

We have the ability for you to pay your bill online with a debit/credit card. Users paying with a debit/credit card will be charged a convenience fee. (We do not accept credit card payments over the phone or at the counter.)

You can have the bill debited from a checking or savings account for only \$0.25 online on our website.

Visit our "new improved" website at www.byrontownship.org for forms and ordinances.

Julie Meza

