

Johnstown Township

## WINTER NEWSLETTER

December 2023

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

### **Tax Collection**

It is winter tax season again. You can pay your tax bill in person, mail, drop off at the drop box located in the front of the Township Hall, or pay online. If you choose to pay online visit our website at [Johnstowntwp.org](http://Johnstowntwp.org) and following links to pay online. Collection hours at the Township Hall will be Mondays 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m. Collection will begin December 4<sup>th</sup>. Please note: the office will be closed Monday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Last day to pay your winter taxes without penalty is February 14<sup>th</sup> 2024. The last day to pay the township your 2023 Summer and Winter taxes is February 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 with penalties due.

### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL COMMUNITY GATHERING...FARMERS MARKET/CRAFT SHOW**

**Mark your calendars July 20<sup>th</sup> 2024** we are having a community gathering to celebrate the completion of a pavilion, playground, and a paved walking trail located at the township hall/fire department. We are also going to be having a Farmers Market and Craft Show the same day, along with that we will have our Fire Trucks on display, ice cream and local entertainment. We hope you will attend with your family, and see what is here in our township for you to enjoy and utilize. We will also be having additional Farmers Market/Craft Shows this fall on the following dates: August 10, 2024, and September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please contact Karmen Nickerson at 269.721.9709 ext. 201 if you are interested in having a booth at any of these events.

### **Smoke and Carbon Dioxide Detectors Available**

If you need a smoke or carbon dioxide detector the fire department will install one for you at no cost. We also are in need of more people interested in serving on the Fire Department. If you are interested in a smoke/carbon dioxide detector or becoming a member of the Fire Department, call Fire Chief Chris Jozwik at 269.721.8867 for information.

### **Transfer Station (Dump) 2994 Osborne Road (Corner of Osborne and Cobb Road)**

Winter hours thru March Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Residents: No recycle fees; dump fees determined per vehicle and items for discard. Fees: Stop at entrance to present driver's license \$10/yard minim charge. Materials accepted: Cardboard, Plastic Metal – Scrap appliances, Metal, Tin Appliances: \$7/unit (non-freon) or \$25/unit containing Freon. Tires-Auto and light-duty trucks \$5/tire. Trucks \$15/tire, off-road \$50/tire Compost: 6.50/yard twigs and branches must be less than 2" in diameter and no longer than 6 ft.

### **SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON YOUR TAX BILL**

Please Note: We have several special assessments that are on the tax bills this year. You may have a special assessment from the Drain Commission if you are on Clear Lake, Butler, or Fineview. New assessments with the township this year include Clear Lake and Bristol Lk Channel. Other ongoing assessments: Fine Lk, Mill Lk. Walnut Ridge and Sleepy Hollow.

## ELECTION NEWS: Upcoming Presidential Primary and Early Voting

**Presidential Primary:** At this time, it is expected the 2024 Michigan Presidential Primary will take place on Tuesday, February 27, 2024\* with polls open from 7:00 AM-8:00 PM.

**Early Voting:** Under authority granted in Public Act 81 of 2023, the Johnstown Township Board has established the Township Hall at 13641 S M 37 Hwy, Battle Creek, Michigan 49017, as an early voting site for all federal and statewide election dates.

All qualified electors in Johnstown Township that choose to participate in early voting have the right to mark a ballot and deposit the ballot in a tabulator from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM beginning the second Saturday before an election and ending the Sunday before the election, and any additional days prior to the second Saturday before an election that the Johnstown Township Board designates.

Early voting for the Presidential Primary will be as follows:

Feb. 17 Sat. 8:30am- 4:30pm	Feb. 18 Sun. 8:30am- 4:30pm	Feb. 19 Mon. 8:30am- 4:30pm	Feb. 20 Tue. 8:30am- 4:30pm	Feb. 21 Wed. 8:30am- 4:30pm	Feb. 22 Thur. 8:30am- 4:30pm	Feb. 23 Fri. 8:30am- 4:30pm	Feb. 24 Sat. 8:30am- 4:30pm	Feb. 25 Sun 8:30am- 4:30pm
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If you have any questions, please contact Sheri Babcock, Clerk, at **269-721-9709, ext. 202** or email: [johnstownclk@mei.net](mailto:johnstownclk@mei.net).

*\*Note: There is a slight chance the 2024 Michigan Presidential Primary date may be adjusted.*

### ***Note from our Township Assessor Joyce Foondle:***

#### **Assessor Retirement**

I wish to thank the Johnstown Township Board & Fire Department as well as the residents/taxpayers for the opportunity to serve as Assessor for the past 20 years. It has been a pleasure working with everyone and hopefully I have been able to assist in understanding the complex structure of property taxation in Michigan. Kara Dougherty will be taking over the position the first of January 2024. Please welcome her with the same respect that I have enjoyed. I wish well to the Township of Johnstown Officials, Fire Department, residents and taxpayers for the future. Thank you,

*Joyce A. Foondle*

*Our township will miss Joyce greatly. She has provided such great service and dedication to our township and we are so very thankful for her and all she has done for us!*

**THANK YOU JOYCE!!!!**

#### **Township Board Meetings:**

The township board meets the second Wednesday of every month. Our meetings start at 6:30 and everyone is welcome!! Please attend and learn about your local government and some of the issues we face here in Johnstown Township.