

WINDSOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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NEW OFFICE HOURS (EFFECTIVE 05/01/11)

The office at 405 W Jefferson is now open from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM every day. Phone Number is 646-0772

Clerk Linda Towsley

Treasurer Jerri Blust

PHONE NUMBERS:

EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

Supervisor Sue Butler - Office in lower level of Emergency Service Building
300 W Jefferson, Dimondale 646-7510. Office Hours
Tues/Thurs - Noon to 6:00 PM or by appointment

Assessor Pete Preston - 300 W Jefferson 646-0040 Office hours: Tues 9- 5 PM
or by appointment windsorassessor@gmail.com

Cemetery/Sexton - William Long or Kirk Schalau 646-8357 - leave a message

Fire Chief - Phillip Miller - non emergency calls & burning permits 646-0893

Library - Joy Slee 646-0633

Hours: M-T-TH-F 1 PM to 5:30 PM /Wed 1 - 8 PM/Sat 9 AM to 2:30 PM

Trustees of the Township are Dan Blair, Phil Kline, Murray Marsh and Curt Myers

MEETINGS:

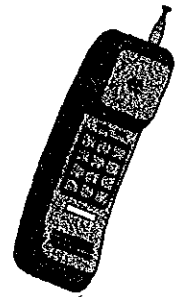
All meetings are held in the meeting room at 300 W Jefferson (lower level)

Township Board - 2nd and 4th Tuesdays - 7:30 PM

Planning Commission - 2nd Wednesday - 7:00 PM

Board of Appeals - 1st or 3rd Mondays, as needed 7:30 PM

Board of Review - Week of March 12th - Check new assessment notice in late
February for specific times





SUE BUTLER, SUPERVISOR UPDATES:

2011 has been a good year for Windsor Charter Township.

We are still experiencing a shift in our population due to people coming and going.

We welcome the new owners of the Summit and Aim High to our community. They are committed to making a success of the facilities.

We are excited about the new Holiday Inn Express in Westland Park which should be open in 2013.

The Township Board has passed a Dangerous Building Ordinance which will allow us to pursue owners whose properties need to be renovated, made safe or torn down. If you have any questions about this ordinance please feel free to contact me.

If you have any questions or suggestions about any matters, please do not hesitate to call me at my office (646-7510) or my home (646-0077).

LINDA TOWSLEY, CLERK DATES TO REMEMBER:

The upcoming year will be busy in the election department. We will have at least three, which are: February 28th (Presidential Primary); August 7th (Primary) and November 6th (Presidential). The May 8th may be used by one or more school district for proposals.

On the ballot this year will be all of the Township Officials – if you are interested in running, petitions will be available in the Township office. They are due May 15th.

As you send your students off to college in August please have them contact me if they are going to need an absentee ballot for the November Election.

Snow Birds also need to contact us for applications for the February election.

Voting Precincts are not changing but some of your districts numbers have. Therefore you will be receiving new Voter ID cards in the spring.

The switch to the new E-Poll Books, given to us by the State, has gone well. They are easier for the workers but as we approach the big election in November you will need to be patient as we can only scan one license at time.

This will be my last year as your Township Clerk as I am not running for re-election. So if you might be interested please contact me and I will let you know all about this great job.



JERRI BLUST, REMINDERS FROM THE TREASURER:

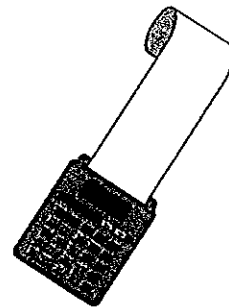
Dog licenses are available in the Township office from December 1, 2011 thru March 1, 2012. Prices are \$15 or \$10 if spayed or neutered.

You will need a current rabies certificate with date given and tag number.

After March 1st you can get a license from the Treasurer's office at the Eaton County Courthouse and prices remain the same until June 1st.

The office will be open later until 6:00 p.m. on December 29th and February 29th for dog licenses and/or Property tax payments.

Winter and any unpaid Summer 2011 tax bills are due February 29, 2012. After that date I must turn my records over to Eaton County and payments will need to be paid directly to them and there will be penalty and interest charges added. Partial payments can be made to help keep those charges lower any time during the Summer or Winter tax season. If you have any questions on your tax bill please don't hesitate to call.

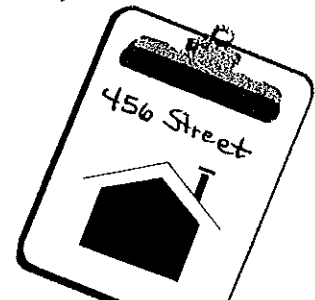


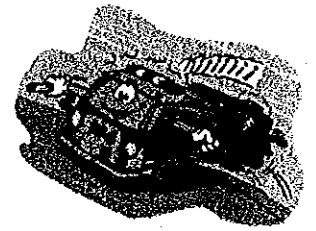
PETE PRESTON, ASSESSOR UPDATE:

Windsor Charter Township has contracted with a service provider to conduct a complete reassessment of all real property in the Township and the Village. The reassessment was undertaken to ensure that the property records utilized by the Assessor to value property for taxation purposes are accurate and that value is fair and equitable among similar and like properties.

The service provider, Preston Community Services, LLC, will be mailing letters or postcards in advance of visiting the property for reassessment purposes. The reassessment of property will involve the exterior measurement of all improvements on the property, including but not limited to the principal structure, accessory structures, sheds, decks, patios, walks, drives, etc. The condition and function of these improvements will be documented and photographs will be taken.

The reassessment process is anticipated to be completed by February of 2013. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Pete Preston, Assessor at 517.646.0040 or via email at windsorassessor@gmail.com.





UPDATE FROM FIRE CHIEF PHIL MILLER:

The Volunteer Fire Company is an institution that dates back to Ben Franklin, and is slowly going the way of the horse-drawn pumper. Due to changes in society: longer commutes, two-income households, year-round youth sports, employment that won't release workers at mid-day to assist on fire and EMS runs small town emergency services organizations suffer. It used to be common place that the local barber or business owner were members of the department and when an emergency run came in closed up shop (even in mid haircut) and respond for your calls for help which today would not be practical or keep them in business long.

A majority of the personnel that staff your Windsor Township Emergency Services are actually volunteers or as they are known today as Paid on Call Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians. This means that they receive a small amount of compensation for attending runs, meetings and trainings to respond to our calls for help. Our personnel come from a variety of situations from retired individuals that have been a part of the fire service for upwards of 40 years to the newly graduated high school student who is looking to start a new career. The common theme is that everyone at Windsor Township Emergency Services wants to help. Without the dedicated individuals that make up our Emergency Services organization the costs to Windsor Township would be expensive and possibly prohibitive.

If you ever have thought of joining an organization or had an interest in what a fire department does or what it is like to work on an ambulance then we would like to speak with you. Please contact Chief Phil Miller @ 517-646-0893.

DO YOU STILL NEED A GREEN SIGN?

They are still available at a cost of \$12.00. Contact the Township Office (646-0772) or Fire Station (646-0893) to place your order.

JOY SLEE, LIBRARIAN UPDATES:

The big news is that starting in March 2012 you will be able to download audio and e-books from Overdrive through the library. Stop in the library and learn all about it.

Your library has books, books on tape and CD; Internet Services, copy machine, magazines, paperbacks, reference materials, and newly released children and adult books.

Rent the latest or the classic DVD for \$1.00 per day.

Fax charges are now \$1.00 per page(coming and going).

