

South Branch Township News – 2020 Winter

News from the Supervisors desk Greetings South Branch Residents!

AS OF, OCTOBER 1, 2020 THE TOWNSHIP BOARD HAS PUT IN PLACE A 5 (30gal.) BAG LIMIT PER WEEK FOR REFUSE (GARBAGE) DISPOSAL AT THE TOWNSHIP REFUSE SITES. RESIDENTS MUST SHOW A CURRENT PERMIT TO ATTENDANT ON SITE BEFORE DISPOSAL. OUR WEEK IS AS FOLLOWS: SAT. SUN. MON. WED. 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

- NO BUILDING, HOME REMODELING MATERIALS, OR LARGE ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED
PLEASE NOTE: LARGE ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED MAY BE TAKEN TO THE WASTE MANAGEMENT-WATERS LANDFILL LOCATED IN FREDERIC. RESIDENTS NEED TO CALL FOR FEES AND HOURS.
CALL (989) 732 – 3553
- NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
- CARDBOARD FOR RECYCLING AND/OR DISPOSAL WILL BE LIMITED TO 5 CORRUGATED BOXES PER WEEK
- LARGE LOADS WILL BE TURNED AWAY
- IF YOU PICK UP HOUSEHOLD REFUSE FOR OTHER SOUTH BRANCH RESIDENTS, YOU MUST CALL THE TOWNSHIP FOR CONFIRMATION BEFORE DISPOSAL.
- IF CONTAINERS, BINS OR BARRELS ARE USED IN LIEU OF BAGS, THEY

MUST BE EQUIVALENT TO 5 (30gal.) BAGS OR LESS

- METAL RECYCLING NOT ACCEPTED: DOORS OR FRAMES, WINDOWS WITH GLASS, REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, AIR CONDITIONERS. PLEASE NOTE: THIS LIST COULD CHANGE ANYTIME.

WE ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO DONATE ITEMS THAT ARE USABLE TO RESALE BUSINESSES INSTEAD OF DISPOSAL. IT IS VALUABLE THAT WE ALL ADHERE TO THIS NOTIFICATION IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE OPERATION OF THE REFUSE TRANSFER STATIONS.

AS A REMINDER: LARGE ITEM DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 26TH 2021 PLEASE LOOK FOR FUTURE POSTINGS OF ANY UPDATES OR CANCELATIONS PRIOR TO DATE SCHEDULED.

Our Supervisor, Laurie Luck, and the rest of the South Branch Township Board will continue to work hard for you in keeping our Community prosperous. 😊

Greetings from the Treasures Office!

2020 has been an unprecedented year for everyone and everything. But one certainty still remains... your taxes still must be paid. Winter taxes will be mailed out the beginning of December and are payable through February 16, 2021 without penalty. Taxes paid between February 17 and March 1 will include a 3% penalty. As of March 2, unpaid taxes will be

turned over to the Crawford County Treasurer. We gladly accept partial payments and a drop box is available at the entrance of the township hall. Taxes can be paid in person with cash, check, money order and visa/debit card with an additional fee. A mask is required to enter the building.

On a happier note, dog licenses are now available until February 26, 2021! \$8.00 for dogs that have been spayed/neutered and \$15.00 for dogs that have not. Stop by the township office with a copy of your dog's rabies vaccination and pick up your dog license. Township hours are Monday through Friday, 9AM – 12PM.

Happiest of holidays from everyone here at the South Branch Township Office. We are all hoping for a safe and healthy New Year

JUST REMEMBER: A LICENSED DOG IS A HAPPY DOG!



Planning Commission News

SBT is currently in the process of reviewing our Township Zoning ordinance we are looking for ways to improve and streamline or ordinance for all. Regular Planning Commission meetings are always open to the public and all interested residents are invited and encouraged to attend. Regular monthly meetings of the Planning Commission are held at the Township Hall building on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you there. If interested in joining the Planning Commission, please contact the Township Supervisor to learn more.

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News from the Clerk's Office!

We have had an eventful year with the elections this year. I would like to send out a big thank you to the resident voters for your patience and help in assuring a smooth election process during the 2020 election cycle. We have had an increase in voter registration and the township recorded the largest number of voters for the November 3rd election with a 70% turnout! That is great news, South Branch Township voters! Also, a big thank you to the township's election volunteers – we could not have accomplished it without you! You folks are awesome!

To date there are no elections scheduled for 2021, we'll keep you posted. The next election cycle will be 2022.

Thank you, South Branch residents, for following the guidelines set up by the township board at our refuse transfer sites. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in working to keep the costs of operation of the transfer sites in check.

Please stay safe and enjoy this holiday season! 2020 definitely has been a year to remember, here's hoping 2021 will be much better and we can move forward! Be gentle and kind to each other, we don't know what others going through. We wish you all the best for 2021!

Kindly-
Brenda Nelson, Clerk
Mary Colman, Deputy Clerk

Hello from the Zoning Office!

First, I'd like to thank all the SBT residents that have welcomed me to the township this year working in the zoning department. I'd like to present a few tips and some important info regarding specific zoning topics.

I'd like to invite all our residents to take a look at our township website at www.southbranchtownship.com to check out the **ZONING PAGE**. There you will find a plethora of zoning information, including frequently asked questions (FAQs), forms, regulations, maps, and info regarding special zoning areas such as the Stream Corridor Overlay zone.

Also, a friendly reminder regarding camping on vacant land (parcels without a primary dwelling) and the correct permitting process for such activities. Camping on vacant parcels is allowed **ONLY WITH A PERMIT** and can be **temporary**, for a maximum of 15 days at a time, or **annual long-term**, without a restriction on number of days, with a permit, provided additional requirements are met. Please see **SECTION 3.06 of the SBT Zoning Ordinance** (on our website!).

If you have any questions regarding our zoning regulations for camping activities or any other zoning ordinance questions, please contact me. I'd be happy to assist. I look forward to helping with all your zoning needs! Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jeremy R. Hickmott
SBT Zoning Administrator
989-275-8232

Hello from the South Branch Township Fire Department!

- Please ensure your address is visible from the road so 1st responders can find you. 911 signs are available at the station. Call the station, or our Fire Chief, Phil Lewis, for more information. 989-275-4779

- Make sure your driveways have enough clearance, both width & height, for emergency vehicles. Driveways should be at least 12 feet wide with 15 feet overhead clearance and sufficient area in which to turn around is needed for our larger trucks.

- Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Every day, 7 people die in house fires. **Don't be a statistic!** Smoke detectors are available free of charge through the American Red Cross for those in need.

- Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date on fire danger status and other events.
facebook.com/southbranchfire

- Firewise Audits, an inspection of the outside of a home to evaluate & identify wildfire risks and risk reduction steps, are available free of charge through the SBT Fire Dept.

- Missing street name signs can impede our ability to locate you in an emergency. Please report any missing or damaged signs to the Fire Dept.

- Remember to turn off seasonal decorations (lights) and other electrical sources when leaving home.

MERRY CHRISTMAS !



HAPPY NEW YEAR !

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