

South Branch Township News – 2021 Winter

Greetings from the Treasurer's Office!

Winter tax season is upon us once again. And for the next few months this will be a busy office. However, please be assured that if you have any questions or concerns in regards to your taxes, we are more than happy to assist you. You can contact the Treasurer, Cathy Lewis or the Deputy Treasurer, Kate Barkley at: 989-275-8232 or you may email us at: treasurer@southbranchtownship.com

As noted above, we are generally here throughout the week. However please keep the following dates in mind.

Dec. 24 & 27 – Office closed for Christmas holiday

Dec. 31 & Jan. 3 – Office Closed for New Year holiday

Jan. 17 – Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King

Feb. 21 – Office Closed for Presidents Day

On December 30, 2021 and also on February 28, 2022 our office will be open until 4pm.

February 14, 2022 is the last day to pay your Winter taxes without a 3% interest fee added on.



February 28, 2022 is the last day our office can accept your tax payment. As of March 1, 2022 all taxes that have not been paid will be turned over to Crawford County as delinquent. After this date you will need to contact them to make arrangements for payment at: 989-344-3204

Taxes can be paid in person with cash, check, money order and visa/debit card. Please note that an additional fee may incur if using a credit card for payment. A drop box is located at the entrance of the township hall for your convenience. If you are unable to pay your taxes in full, we will gladly accept your partial payment. Please remember that if you are mailing your tax payment in to our office, postmarks are not accepted as date received.

Dog Licenses are now available until February 28, 2022. \$8.00 for dogs that have been spayed/neutered and \$15.00 for dogs that have not been. Please stop by the township office with a copy of your dog's rabies vaccination and pick up your dog license. JUST REMEMBER, A LICENSED DOG IS A HAPPY DOG!



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](https://www.facebook.com/southbranchfire)
- 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.

News from the Clerk's Office!



2022 brings the Mid-Term elections. The primary election will be held in August 2022. The General Election will be held in November 2022. The scheduled dates will be provided at a later date. To register to vote you can register online at the Secretary of State, <https://www.michigan.gov/sos>, or when you renew your drivers' license. You can also register at the clerk's office and you will need proof of residency with you. Please call the Clerk's office for more information.

Any voter that has requested to be on the permanent absentee voters' list will receive an application for a ballot for the primary election and general election. Please remember to update your application or contact the clerk's office with any address changes and where you want the ballot sent as the ballots cannot be forwarded, only ballot applications.

We wish all the best for 2022! Please be gentle and kind to each other, we don't know what others are going through.

Brenda Nelson, Clerk and Mary Colman, Deputy Clerk

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Hello from the Zoning Office and Planning Commission

Take a look at our township website at www.southbranchtownship.com to check out the ZONING PAGE. There you will find a good deal of zoning information, including frequently asked questions (FAQs), Zoning Permit Applications, General Blight Complaint Forms, regulations, maps, and info regarding special zoning areas such as the Stream Corridor Overlay zone.

Also, a couple other friendly reminders, first 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!). Secondly if you have a blight complaint or an ordinance complaint, please fill out a general complaint form. These forms help in the process of getting violations addressed and resolved.

If you have any questions regarding our zoning regulations, please contact me. I'd be happy to assist.
Thank you. Sincerely, Jeremy R. Hickmott SBT Zoning Administrator 989-275-8232.

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

News from the Supervisors Desk !



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 2022. PLEASE LOOK FOR FUTURE POSTINGS OF ANY UPDATES OR CANCELLATIONS 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



MERRY CHRISTMAS ! AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !



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