

THE FENTON TOWNSHIP NEWS

A Newsletter for the Residents of the Charter Township of Fenton

Renewal of Trash Collection Assessment on November Ballot

At the November 8, 2022 General Election, Fenton Township voters will decide on a 4-year renewal of the trash collection assessment for continuation of the current township-wide residential trash collection service. Listed below are some of the most commonly asked questions regarding the proposal and trash collection services in general:

Q. What does the trash collection proposal mean to me?

A. If the proposal is approved, Fenton Township will continue to collect an assessment on your property tax bill to pay for trash collection, in the same manner as previous years.

Q. The ballot proposal says the assessment amount will be up to \$220.00. Does that mean it could be less?

A. Based on the proposed contract, the annual assessment for trash collection for the next four years should be between \$205 and \$215 per year. It could reach as high as \$220 if fuel prices increase significantly.

Q. What services are included in the trash collection program?

A. If approved by the voters, the trash collection program will be much the same as it has for the past several years. Trash will be picked up every week throughout the year. Recyclables will be picked up every other week, and compost/yard waste will be picked up every week during the months of April through December.

Q. I already pay for garbage collection on my property tax bill. Is this an additional amount that I will have to pay?

A. No. This assessment, if approved, is simply a continuation of that same assessment that you have been paying on your property tax bill.

Q. Do all property owners pay this assessment?

A. If the assessment renewal is approved, almost all homes in Fenton Township will

be assessed. Commercial properties, apartment complexes, manufactured home communities and some condominium developments are not assessed because they are not included in the Township's trash collection contract and must make separate arrangements for trash collection.

Q. What happens if the ballot proposal is defeated in November?

A. If the ballot proposal is defeated, the township-wide trash collection program will be discontinued as of January 1, 2023. Residents must then make their own arrangements for trash disposal.

Q. If there is no township-wide trash collection program, what are my options?

A. Individual homes may contract with the waste hauling company of their choice on a subscription basis or take their trash to a licensed landfill for disposal.

Q. What is the cost of subscription trash collection service?

A. Based on information obtained from local waste hauling companies, the cost for subscription trash collection service could range from \$70-90 per quarter, (\$280-360 per year), and may or may not include recycling, or yard waste collection.

Q. What is the cost of taking my own trash to a landfill?

A. Republic Services operates the nearest landfill, which is located in Mundy Township. The current fee for up to 3 cubic yards of trash brought to the landfill for disposal is \$146.25. The landfill does not accept yard waste.

Any questions regarding the trash collection ballot proposal may be directed to the Fenton Township office at (810) 629-1537.

E-Billing Available for Sewer Customers

Fenton Township is excited to offer the option of e-billing for all Township residents currently receiving utility bills. E-billing customers will receive their quarterly sewer bill by email and will no longer receive a postcard bill in the mail. This is especially beneficial to residents that travel frequently or spend parts of the year in other parts of the country. Stop by the Fenton Township office to fill out an e-billing authorization form, or visit the Township's website for more information.

<https://www.fentontownship.org/treasurer/webform/email-utility-billing-sign>

Mosquito Abatement Special Assessment on November Ballot

In addition to the trash collection assessment renewal, Fenton Township voters will also decide on the continuation of the current mosquito abatement program throughout the Township. If approved, each property in Fenton Township would be assessed up to \$25 per year for the next six years to pay the cost of the mosquito abatement program.

Winter Property Tax Update

Winter property tax bills will be mailed out on or before December 1, 2022. Taxes are payable to Fenton Township from December 1 through February 28, 2023. Property taxes may be paid by mail or in person at the Fenton Township office, which is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. The Fenton Township office will be closed December 23-26 and December 30-January 2 for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Payments may also be left in the drop box located next to the Township office entrance, or paid by credit card online at <https://www.fentontownship.org/community-dept/page/online-bill-payment>.

Please contact the Treasurer's office at (810) 629-1537 if you have any questions regarding property taxes.

Important Telephone Numbers

Fenton Township Office810-629-1537
Building Inspector810-629-6711
Assessor810-629-3445
Fire Department, Emergency 911
Fire Department, Non-Emergency .810-629-1911
Police, Emergency911
Genesee County Sheriff Dept.....810-257-3422
Sewer Emergencies800-544-3204
Republic Services (Trash).....888-872-7455
APM Mosquito Control877-276-4714

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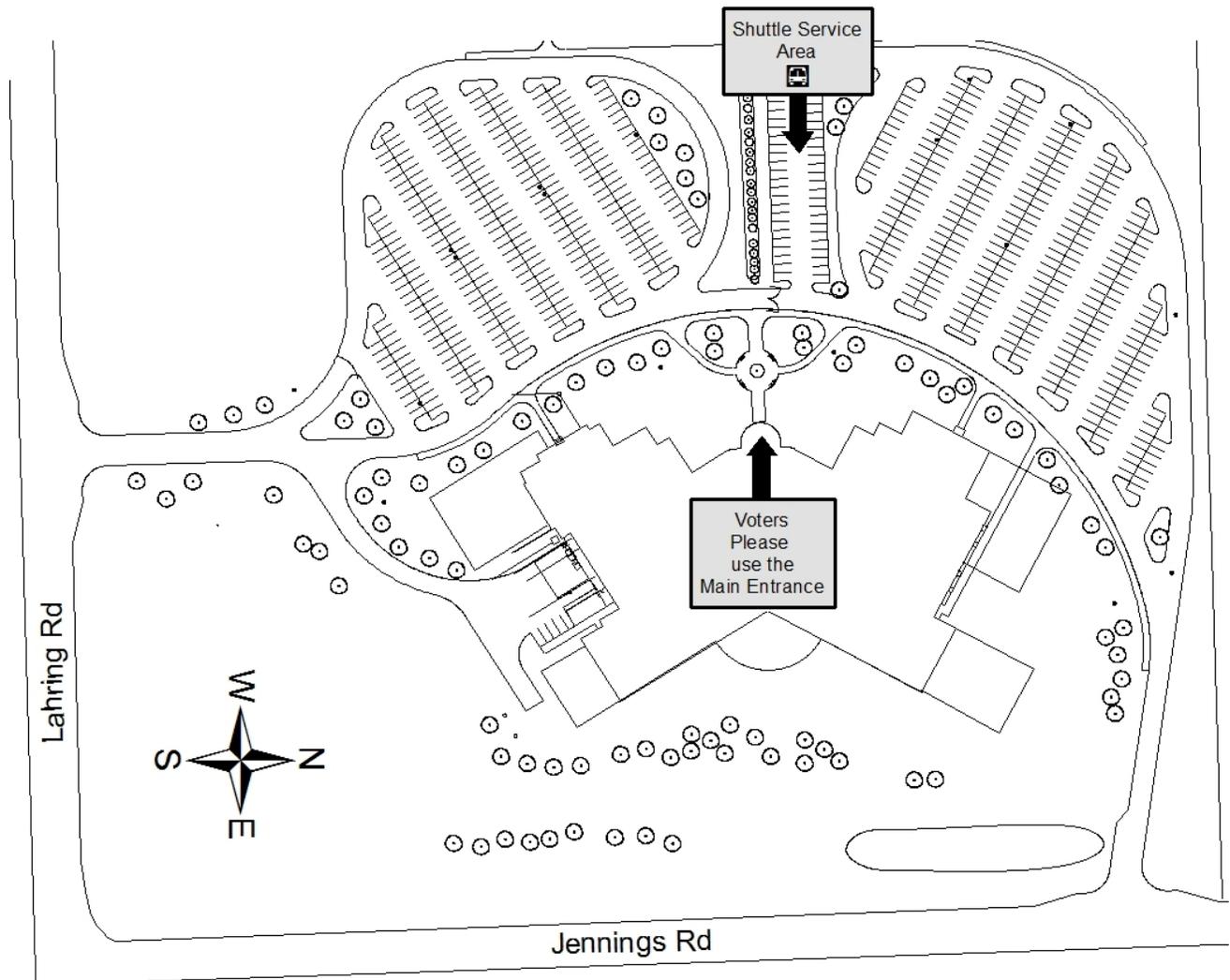
November 8th General Election Reminder

County, State & Federal Offices Among Those on Ballot

A General Election will be held on Tuesday November 8, 2022. Voters will cast their ballots for county, state and federal offices, school board positions, as well as statewide, county and local proposals. To see a complete listing of candidates and proposals on your ballot you can visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/>.

Voters are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the candidates and proposals prior to arrival at the polls on Election Day. There are several lengthy proposals on the ballot and an informed, well prepared voter will greatly reduce the amount of time needed to complete the voting process. If you prefer to skip the lines, you can vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballot applications may be submitted to the Township Clerk's office in person, by mail, email or online through Michigan Voter Information Center.

All Fenton Township voting precincts will be in the gymnasium at the Lake Fenton High School, which is located at 4070 Lahring Road. Voters may enter the high school parking lot from the Jennings Road or Lahring Road entrances and should enter the building at the main entrance. Signs will be posted to help direct voters to the proper stations. A courtesy shuttle cart will also be available to transport voters from the parking lot to the school entrance and from the school back to the parking area. Voters wishing to use the shuttle service should park in the middle section of the parking lot, as shown in the diagram below.



Open Burning Prohibited in Fenton Township

Residents should be aware that open burning is illegal in Fenton Township, with two exceptions:

- 1) Owners of large agricultural properties, (10 acres or larger), may apply for a burning permit for the purpose of clearing agricultural land. The Township Fire Chief shall make the final determination regarding the issuance of any such burning permit.
- 2) Small recreational fires or “camp fires” for outdoor cooking (no larger than 3’x3’x3’) are allowed and do not require a permit, however **leaves** and **grass clippings may not be burned under any circumstances.**

Large recreational fires (“bonfires”) and all other outdoor burning is strictly prohibited.

Stay Connected

Over the past year, Fenton Township has expanded its communications efforts, which include launching a new website and social media channels. Fenton Township is now offering Email Notifications where residents can sign up to receive emails about upcoming meetings, Township news, and any Township job postings. You can sign up now on the Fenton Township website.

<https://www.fentontownship.org/newsletter/subscriptions>

Gage Cemetery

Did you know that Fenton Township owns and operates a cemetery? After many years of inactivity, a new section of Gage Cemetery was surveyed in the late 1990’s and has been available for use since that time. Gage Cemetery is located on the east side of Fenton Road between Thompson and North Long Lake Roads. The newer section is located immediately south of the old part of the cemetery, which was established in 1856. Burial plots are available and may be purchased at the Fenton Township office. The cost of an individual burial space is \$400.00. Additional information can be obtained by visiting or calling the Fenton Township office.

Upcoming Meetings & Holidays

November 1	Township Board Meeting	6:30pm
November 10	Planning Commission Meeting	6:00pm
November 15	Township Board Meeting	6:30pm
November 22	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting	7:00pm
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday	(office closed)
December 6	Township Board Meeting	6:30pm
December 8	Planning Commission Meeting	6:00pm
December 19	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting	7:00pm
December 20	Township Board Meeting	6:30pm
December 23-26	Christmas Holiday	(office closed)
Dec 30-Jan 2	New Year’s Holiday	(office closed)