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A Letter from the Supervisor:



I hope our residents enjoyed reading the January 2024 Extended Edition of The Fenton Township News. If you would like an additional copy, the file can be located on the Township website along with all previous editions.

The January extended edition was a project we at the Township felt was important; a way to improve the communication pathways between the Township office and our community. A way to get Township related information in your hands. Literally.

As you read in the previous edition of The Fenton Township News, there is a lot going on in Fenton Township to start 2024

The Southern Lakes Water Extension project is moving along. We hosted an informational meeting about the project with staff from the Genesee County Drain Commission in attendance.

Following the meeting, we have added some additional resources for our community about the project. There is now a Southern Lakes Water Extension project icon on the home page of our website. This icon will direct you to a page where you can find updates regarding the project, including maps of which side of the street the water main is being installed for both Phase II and Phase III, and any impacts to local traffic.

As a reminder, the Michigan Presidential Primary Election is taking place on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. The Clerk's Office staff has been busy with election-related business and look forward to our first election with early voting.

> Vince Lorraine Fenton Township Supervisor

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Southern Lakes Water Extension Project



The Southern Lakes Water Extension project is underway.

Installation of Phase I of the project (Fenton and Thompson Roads) is complete and live.

Restoration efforts along the route will continue in the spring.

Phase II and Phase III construction has started.

Phase II construction is set to begin on Monday, February 5 near the Thompson Road and Torrey Road intersection.

Construction for Phase II along Torrey Road will see northbound traffic on Torrey Road between Lahring and Thompson detoured over to Jennings Road. The Torrey Road portion of Phase II construction is projected to wrap up in early May, weather permitting.

Phase II will then continue construction west on Lahring Road to Jennings where the water main installation will continue north along Jennings Road back to Thompson Road.

Phase III construction started in late January on Ripley Road near the Township border with the City of Linden.

Phase III construction will progress north on Ripley Road to Lahring Road where it will continue east on Lahring and connect with Phase II of the project at the Lahring and Jennings intersection.

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Northbound Torrey Road Closed at Lahring Road starting Monday, February 5

Starting Monday, February 5, the Genesee County Road Commission will be closing northbound Torrey Road at between Lahring and Thompson in conjunction with the Genesee County Drain Commission's Southern Lakes Water Extension project.

Northbound traffic will be detoured west on Lahring Road to Jennings Road, where they will be directed north to Thompson Road and then back east on Thompson to the Thompson and Torrey Road intersection.

Southbound Torrey Road will remain open to traffic.



The Drain Commission is planning to have the Torrey Road portion of Phase II completed in early May, weather permitting, and Torrey Road reopened to northbound traffic.

Phase II and III Maps Available

The Southern Lakes Water Extension project is a major project for Fenton Township and there are a lot of moving parts and details to go along with it.

Maps of where the water main is being installed along both the Phase II and the Phase III routes are available on the Fenton Township website on the Southern Lakes Water Extension page.

Follow the QR Code to the Southern Lakes Water Extension page on the Township website.



Water Connection Fee -\$7,450

The connection fee includes: \$3,950 County fee to tap the water main + water meter + meter installation.

\$1,000 County Capital Improvement Fee.

\$2,500 Township capital charge for debt service [Note: this does not include the cost of connecting the home to the water main. The property owner is responsible for hiring a plumber to complete that work.]

Water Connection Inspection Fee - \$150

This includes a \$50 County fee to inspect the lead from the water main to the end of the right-of-way, and a \$100 Township fee to inspect the connection between the right-of-way and the dwelling.

Water Use Fees

Water use fees are billed quarterly with the sewer bill (for those on sewer), and are calculated as follows:

\$79 Ready-to-Serve Charge\$0.06/cf Consumption

charge - 6 cents per cubic foot of water used (1 cubic foot = 7.48 gallons)

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2024 March Board of Review

Each year, the March Board of Review meets to hold scheduled appeal hearings, following the required organizational meeting.

The 2024 March Board of Review appeal hearings will be taking place the week of March 11; at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center.

The March Board of Review has the authority to review the following types of appeals:

- Current year assessed and taxable values
- Current year poverty exemptions under MCL 211.7u
- Current year assessor denial of Agricultural Exemptions and current year assessment classifications.

Fenton Township Board of Review Members

Supervisor/Secretary Vince Lorraine Chairman Beverly McKenna Member John Brancheau Member Randy Laue The March Board of Review members' duties are to hear and make decisions based upon support provided by and on the taxpayer's request.

The Board of Review is not the Assessor; the Board is made up of independent peers.

The Assessor may attend and help gather information requested by the Board; however, the Assessor does not make decisions for the March Board of Review.

The inflation rate, expressed as a multiplier, to be used in the 2024 capped value formula is 1.05 (5%). You can refer to the State Tax Commission Bulletin 18 of 2023 Procedural Changes for 2024.

Dates and times for the 2024 March Board of Review will be printed on the Assessment Change Notice that mails the second week of February.



Scan the QR Code to be directed to the Fenton Township Board of Review webpage.

Forms and supporting documents needed for the March Board of Review can be found on the Fenton Township website under Board of Review.

If you have any questions regarding the BOR, or plan to schedule an appeal, you can email the Board of Review at bor@fentontownship.org



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Michigan Presidential Primary Election Day Early Voting Site

Welcome to early voting!

The Michigan Presidential Primary Election, taking place on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, will be the first election for Fenton Township with early voting.

Early voting applies to all state and federal elections, not local only elections.

All qualified electors in Fenton Township have the right to mark a ballot and deposit the ballot in a tabulator beginning the second Saturday before an election and ending the Sunday before the election, and any additional days prior to the second Sunday before an election that the Township Board designates. The Fenton Township Board approved the Fenton Township Civic Community Center located at 12060 Mantawauka Drive Fenton, MI 48430, as the Fenton Township early voting site for all six (6) of the Fenton Township voting precincts.

Early voting will be available at the early voting site for the dates and hours notated in the box to the right for the Michigan Presidential Primary Election (February 27, 2024).

If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to the Fenton Township Clerk's Office by phone 810-629-1537 or by email to:

elections@fentontownship.org

Fenton Township Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes

New this election, Fenton Township has two Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes.

- Fenton Township Civic
 Community Center
 12060 Mantawauka Drive
- Fenton Township Fire Station 5120 Owen Road

Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes close at 8PM election night.



Fenton Township Early Voting Dates & Times

Saturday, February 17 9AM-5PM

Sunday, February 18 9AM-5PM

Monday, February 19 9AM-5PM

Tuesday, February 20 9AM-5PM

Wednesday, February 21 12PM-8PM

Thursday, February 22 9AM-5PM

Friday, February 23 9AM-5PM

Saturday, February 24 9AM-5PM

Sunday, February 25 9AM-5PM

Follow the QR code to the Fenton Township website page for election and voter information.





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February

6th - Township Board Meeting 8th - Planning Commission Meeting 17th - Early Voting Starts 20th - Township Board Meeting 22nd - Planning Commission Meeting 27th - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting 27th - Michigan Presidential Primary Election Day 29th - 2023 Property Tax Payments Due

March

- 5th Township Board Meeting
- 14th Planning Commission Meeting
- 19th Township Board Meeting
- 26th Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
- 28th Planning Commission Meeting
- 29th Office Closed (Good Friday)

Township meetings take place at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center.

Information for each meeting, including agenda and public information packets, can be found on the Fenton Township website as the information becomes available.

Upcoming Property Tax Dates

February 29, 2024 - Deadline to pay 2023 Property Tax at Fenton Township.

March 1, 2024 - Payments for 2023 Property Tax bills no longer accepted at the Township Office.

July 1, 2024 - Summer 2024 Property Tax available.

September 14, 2024

Summer 2024 Property Tax Due. Can still pay at the Township with penalties and interest.

December 1, 2024 - Winter 2024 Property Taxes available.

February 28, 2025 - Deadline to pay 2024 Property Taxes at the Fenton Township office.

Rent the Fenton Township Hall

The Fenton Township Hall is currently booking into 2025 for events.

In the spring of 2023, the hall underwent an update and remodel which included an improvement to the south-facing windows enhancing the already striking view of Lake Fenton from inside the hall.

With a capacity for 200 people, the hall is an ideal location for a celebrating birthdays, retirements, showers, graduations, and weddings.

Additionally, the hall is a great setting to host



meetings, trainings or seminars.

For more information or to book your event, contact the Fenton Township Office at 810-629-1537 or by email to info@fentontownship.org