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Monday - Thursday 8AM - 5PM Friday - CLOSED Fenton Township Civic Community Center



12060 Mantawauka Drive Fenton, Michigan 48430

# A Letter from the Supervisor:

Where We Have Been & Where We Are Going in 2024

We made it to 2024! There has been a lot in the works through 2023 to get us here and a lot more to come in 2024.

> A Community in Development

Fenton Township saw a continuation of its steady growth during 2023 when nearly 50 new homes were built within the Township. As we head into 2024, that number is expected to increase fourfold as there are several residential projects in the pipeline to start construction.

I want to thank our residents, business owners and the community as a whole for their patience with the infrastructure developments. The Southern Lakes Water Extension project that is headed by the Genesee County Drain Commissioner's Office completed construction on Phase I as 2023 came to a close. Restoration efforts related to Phase I will wrap up in the spring.

Residents and businesses along the Phase I route are now able to start the process of connecting to the now live municipal water source. It is the first time that municipal water has been available in Fenton Township!

Looking forward to the project for 2024, Phases II and III will start in the first week of February and are projected to be completed by late summer. This includes the installation of a water tower on the northeast corner of the Thompson Road and Fenton Road intersection.

News of this project, which created the Thompson Road Corridor, attracted the attention of several businesses interested in bringing their operations there. This exciting future growth would also require significant improvement to the Thompson Road bridge over US 23.

To avoid having an obsolete

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Elections and Voting

# What is new with Elections & Voting in 2024

For the February 27th Presidential Primary, Early Voting hours are as follows:

> 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

Fenton Township's Early Voting Site will be at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center

Similar Early Voting schedules will be established for the August and November elections. 2024 will be a busy year for Fenton Township election officials and staff. Led by Clerk Bob Krug, Manager/Deputy Clerk Tom Broecker and Election Coordinator Meghan Dzido, Fenton Township is devoting significant time and energy to ensure safe, accurate and efficient elections. There are three elections on the calendar for 2024. They are:

Tuesday February 27, 2024 Presidential Primary Election Tuesday August 6, 2024 Statewide Primary Election Tuesday November 5, 2024 National General Election

While not scheduled at the time of this newsletter, the possibility exists that a special election could be held on Tuesday May 7, 2024.

## **CHANGES FOR VOTERS**

The passage of Proposal 2022-2 resulted in many changes to election laws in Michigan and how elections are conducted.

#### **Early Voting**

The most significant change brought about by Proposal 2022-2 is Early Voting. For every statewide and federal election, voters will have the option to vote in person at the Early Voting Site for nine consecutive days, beginning with the second Saturday before the election and ending on the Sunday before the election. Fenton Township's Early Voting Site will be at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, and will be set up and operated in a manner very similar to the Election Day polling location. Voters will complete an application to vote, provide photo ID, receive a ballot and, after marking the ballot, insert it into a voting tabulator.

#### Permanent Absentee Voter

Prior to the passage of Proposal 2022-2, voters could request to be a Permanent Absent Voter. whereby they would automatically receive by mail an Absent Voter Ballot Application for every election. Proposal 2022-2 gives every voter the right to be placed on a Permanent Absentee Ballot List to receive an absentee ballot by mail automatically for every election, without having to complete an application. The easiest way to be added to the Permanent Absentee Ballot

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Elections and Voting

## What is new with Elections & Voting Continued...

List is to complete an Absent Voter Ballot Application for the upcoming election and check the box to be added to the permanent ballot list. The second drop box will be located at Fenton Township Fire Station No. 2, 5120 Owen Road.

Both drop boxes will be

available 24/7, beginning 40

days before each election.

Both ballot boxes will close

at 8:00 PM on Election Dav.

Voters may use the drop

boxes to return Absentee

Ballots, or their completed

Absentee Ballot Selection

Form/Absentee Ballot

Applications.

Voters on the "old" Permanent Absent Voter list will still receive an Absentee Ballot Application for 2024 elections. Please contact the Clerk's office if you have questions regarding Absentee Ballots.

## Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes

Starting with the Michigan Presidential Primary Election (February 27, 2024) Fenton Township will have two ballot drop boxes for voters to conveniently return their Absentee Ballots.

The new absentee ballot drop boxes (pictured) arrived and will be installed on Township property for residents to access.

One will be at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, replacing the previous black and white ballot box.

Follow the QR code to the Fenton Township website to access the voter registration application, ballot language when it becomes available for each election, links to the Michigan Secretary of State, and more! Fenton Township Board

Meetings 6:30 PM 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month

> Supervisor Vince Lorraine Clerk Robert E. Krug Treasurer John R. Tucker Trustees Mark Goupil Kade Katrak Robert Kesler Christine Reid

## <u>Fenton Township</u> <u>Planning Commission</u>

Meetings 6:00 PM 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month

James McGuirk (Chairperson) David Cypher Todd Forsberg Philip Lewis (Secretary) Andy Marko Kim Pfeiffer John Tucker (Twp. Board Rep.)

## <u>Fenton Township Zoning</u> <u>Board of Appeals</u>

Meetings 7:00 PM 4th Tuesday of each month

James Cady (Chairperson) K. C. Baran Bill Crocket Melissa Farney Andy Marko (Planning Commission Member) Christine Reid (Twp. Board Rep.) Michele Spear Madison Carlson (Alternate) Pete Matta (Alternate)



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## Do You Want to Work Upcoming Elections?

Are you interested in working in future elections for Fenton Township?

Election Inspectors, also known as Poll Workers, are needed on Election Day, and early voting days.

Election Inspectors are hired, trained and paid by the Township for early voting and Election Day.

Election Inspectors may be assigned different responsibilities. Some general tasks and responsibilities include greeting and checking-in voters, issue ballots, and assist with tabulation.

This is a great way to meet and work with members of the community, provide service to the community, and earn a little extra money. Not to mention fuel your civic pride!

To find out more about being a Fenton Township Election Inspector email clerk@fentontownship.org

## Elections and Voting

#### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

The Michigan Presidential Primary Election will be held Tuesday February 27, 2024. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voters should be aware that the **Presidential Primary Election** is a closed primary. This means there will be different ballots for the Democratic and Republican primary elections. Voters must declare which party's ballot they wish to vote before the ballot can be issued.

Voters in all six Fenton Township precincts vote at Lake Fenton High School, 4070 Lahring Road, Linden. This election will be conducted in the Band Room, which is located in the south wing of the school (Diagram available below, along with on the Township website).

Any questions regarding the election can be directed to the Fenton Township office by phone at 810-629-1537 or by email at

<u>elections@fentontownship.org</u>

## Election Day Polling Location for the Presidential Primary Election on February 27, 2024

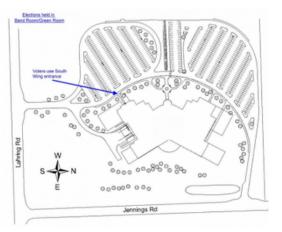
Fenton Township voters from all six voting precincts will use the Election Day polling location at Lake Fenton High School located at 4070 Lahring Road.

Polls open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM local time.

As long as you are in line before 8:00 PM on Election Day, you will be allowed to stay in line and cast your ballot.

Voters may enter the high school parking lot from either the Jennings Road or Lahring Road entrance, but should park on the Lahring Road side of the parking lot and enter the building at the south wing entrance as shown in the diagram below.

Signs will be posted to help direct voters to the proper stations.



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# **State and Federal Elected Officials**

**Governor** Gretchen Whitmer

Attorney General Dana Nessel State Senator (22nd District) Lana Theis

State Representative (72nd District) Mike Mueller U.S. Senator (14th Congressional District) Gary Peters

U.S. Senator (8th Congressional District) Debbie Stabenow

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson **County Commissioner** (6th District) Shaun Shumaker U.S. Congress (8th District) Dan Kildee

Voting Precincts and corresponding School Districts

> **Precinct 1** Lake Fenton School District

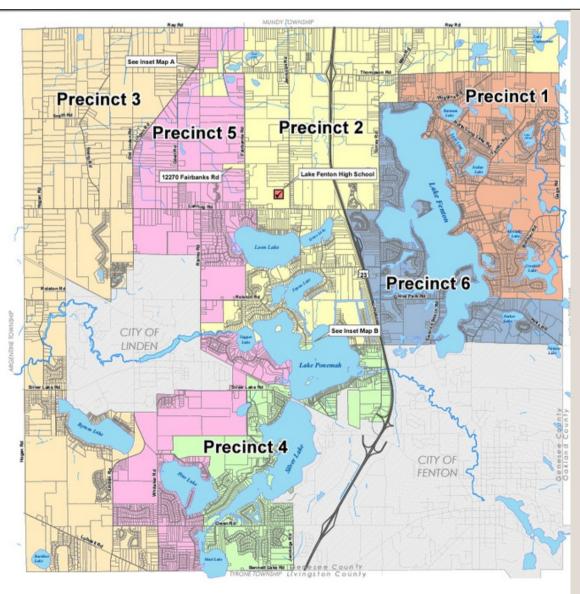
Precinct 2 Lake Fenton School District

Precinct 3 Linden School District

**Precinct 4** Fenton School District

**Precinct 5** Linden School District

**Precinct 6** Lake Fenton School District



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#### Upcoming Dates, Events, and Projects

## 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.

## 2023 Development Recap

- Started update of the Fenton Township Master Plan
- Adopted the 2023 Fenton Township Parks and Recreation Plan
- Developed a Short-Term Rental Ordinances draft
- Miller Industries completed a 190,233-sq.ft. expansion of their facility in the Thompson Road Corridor.
- Site Plan approved for 261 new residential units
- Phase I of the Southern Lakes Water Extension (along the Thompson Road Corridor) completed
- Construction began on a new water tower in the Thompson Road Corridor
- New commercial kennel in the Thompson Road Corridor across from the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park

## Southern Lakes Water Extension Map



#### Proposed Water Line Phase Plan Phase III CHARTER TOWNSHIP of FENTON 2022-2025

Genesee County Water System extension project bringing municipal water to Fenton Township

- Phase I was completed in 2023
- Phase II & Phase III set to begin in 2024
- Construction on water tower at the northeast corner of Thompson Road and Fenton Road
- All four Lake Fenton School District buildings will be able to connect to municipal water

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Upcoming Dates, Events, and Projects

# **The 2024 Development Forecast**

- Completion of 2024
  Fenton Township Master
  Plan
- Fenton Township Building Department to bring in-house electrical, mechanical, and plumbing inspections
- Update the Fenton Township Sign Ordinance
- Adopt Short-Term Rental Ordinances
- Begin construction of Phase II and Phase III of the Thompson Road Corridor Water Project to provide water along Torrey, Lahring, Jennings, and Ripley Roads, providing water to the Lake Fenton School District
- Begin construction of the State Bank Trail along Silver Lake Road linking The City of Linden, Fenton Township, and the City of Fenton by nonmotorized trail
- Begin design for improvements to the US 23/ Thompson Road Bridge and Interchange
- Partner with Genesee County to develop US-23 Corridor Plan

- Partner with Southern Lake Parks and Recreation to develop the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park for community parks and recreation opportunities
- Continue construction of The Glades subdivision
- Begin construction of Brookwood (225 units)
- Begin Construction of Phase I of Cider Creek (30 units) in spring, Phase II (47 units) to begin by fall
- Begin construction of West Winds subdivision (206 units)
- New Commercial Development Opportunities in the Thompson Road Corridor, including potential gas stations, retail space, hotels, offices and restaurants
- New Residential Development Opportunities in the Thompson Road Corridor

For more information regarding upcoming projects, reach out to Fenton Township Zoning Administrator, Mike Deem

## SUPERVISOR

Continued from Page 1 overpass prevent bringing new business to the Township, I sought the help of State Representative Mike Mueller who facilitated a meeting for me with the House Appropriations Committee.

I stressed to them the importance of improving the bridge, resulting in a \$10 million budget appropriation earmarked for the Thompson Road Overpass Project. And while such a project typically takes nearly a decade to design and construct, this will be completed in approximately three years.

A joint effort with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the corridor project will continue through 2024 with a groundbreaking likely in 2025.

The spring of 2023 saw significant renovation of the lower level of the Fenton Township Civic Community Center. The lower level is home to the Fenton Township Hall, which hosts the Township Board, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and other larger Township-hosted events throughout the year.

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County Recycling Programs and Township Curbside Collection Information

2024 Genesee County Recycle Programs, Events

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission organizes recycling options for Genesee County residents.

At the time of writing, the 2024 dates and details are not yet available; however, once they are they will be published to the Township website, social media, and available in the Township Office lobby.

Recycle Day TBD

**Tire Recycling Event** TBD

## Free Latex Paint Recycling Program

Drop-off latex paint at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore at 101 Burton Street Flint, MI 48503

> Tuesday - Saturday 9:30AM - 4:00PM

Any questions for the County Recycling Programs can be emailed directly to

Recycle@geneseecountymi.gov

# **Republic Services Curbside Collection**

Curbside refuse collection for residential property in Fenton Township is a service that is paid for in the winter property taxes.

Fenton Township residents have weekly garbage collection year round along with recycling collection every other week.

The Township is divided into two sections on the Republic Services map for which half of Fenton Township has recycling collection on which week.

In addition, Fenton Township has yard waste collection weekly starting the first Friday in April through the final Friday in December,

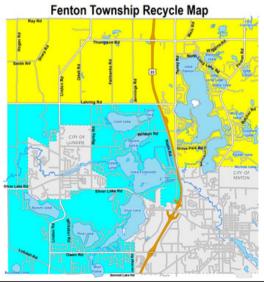


Scan the QR Code to go to the Republic Services section of the Fenton Township website to see the most up-to-date collection information, including the 2024 schedule. a month longer than other local municipalities.

The December yard waste collection was added in the most recent contract that the Township has with Republic Services which started in 2023 and continues through the end of 2026.

Do you have a large item you are putting out for disposal? If you need to have an old couch or desk collected call Republic Services ahead of time at 888-877-7455 and schedule a "Large Item Collection."

Let them know when scheduling that you are part of the Fenton Township account.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE FENTON TOWNSHIP NEWS: A NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON.

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#### Payment Options

## Fenton Township Office Now Accepting Credit Card Payments Online & In Office

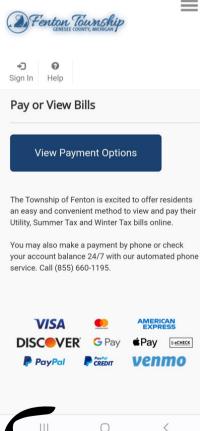
Fenton Township has taken several steps towards modernization in the last few years. One of these steps that residents can utilize is that of expanding the options to make payments.

In September 2023, the Township switched credit card processing platforms to Invoice Cloud. If you previously were paying online and have been having issues since September 2023, it is probably because you are still trying to access the old portal.

Invoice Cloud now allows residents to set up auto-pay and to schedule payments. Previously, residents' only option was to schedule payments and set up autopay at their bank.

Additionally, Invoice Cloud also allows card payments to be processed at the Fenton Township Office.

Note: Card processing fees of 3% do apply to payments made online and in person. Invoice Cloud includes an option for residents to make online payments via EFT/check withdrawal and only pay a \$3 processing fee. Check payments processed in the office do not have a processing fee, just those online via Invoice Cloud. Scan the QR Code to view the Fenton Township Invoice Cloud page below.





## Fenton Township Staff

**Township Supervisor** Vince Lorraine

Operations Manager/ Deputy Clerk Thomas Broecker

Deputy Treasurer Lisa Lawrence

> **Assessor** Julia Wilson

**Deputy Assessor** Jim Munson

Assessing Assistant Lynn Prescott

Zoning Administrator Michael Deem

Building/Enforcement Coordinator Julie Lewis

> Building/Zoning Assistant Amanda Propes

> > Building Official Stuart Worthing

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Patrick Shaw

> **Election Coordinator** Meghan Dzido

Social Media Coordinator Monica McAlister

**Operations Support Coordinator** Julie Oraa

> Accounting Coordinator Deborah Prater

> > **Fire Chief** Ryan Volz

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Continued from Page 7 Additionally, the Township Hall is available to rent for weekend events including the annual Polar Plunge. The renovations included new flooring and lighting, and an updated meeting table which includes microphones to assist those who watch the Board meetings on Zoom when they are unable

## Mantawauka Park Retaining Wall Construction Complete

The retaining wall at Mantawauka Park, Located on the lake side of the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, was updated in the fall of 2023 for safety and aesthetic reasons.

Visitors to the park, located behind the Fenton Township Civic Community Center will be greeted by the updates when they visit.



to attend in person.

The walls were refinished; the back wall behind the meeting desk has a focus on the newly-designed Fenton Township logo.

Since the renovation, there has been an increase in rentals for weekday business meetings/training. Our lakefront location is idyllic and the recent improvements make the facility a perfect place to celebrate any special event.

Rental contracts have also been updated and can be found on the Fenton Township website under Rent: Fenton Township Hall on the "How Can I?" Dropdown menu, along with pricing for weekday vs weekend rentals.

In line with upgrades to the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, the Township Office changed credit card processing companies in September 2023. The previous company only allowed for online card payment processing; the new Invoice Cloud system allows credit/debit card payments to be processed in person at the Township's front counter.

Invoice Cloud also expanded the online payment options to include EFT payments and allows residents to schedule payments or set up autopay of utility bills through the Invoice Cloud portal.

Township Communications

Fenton Township has been working on implementing communication options to the public. In March 2022, we launched our newly designed website in an effort to be a one-stop information source for Township business. Since the fall of 2021, the Township has created social media accounts for the municipal office that now include Facebook, Instagram, Threads, X (formerly known as Twitter), and Nextdoor. In October 2022, The Fenton *Township News* published its first edition of the monthly newsletter leading into the 2022 November election.

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Fenton Township Hall Rental

# **Rent the Fenton Township Hall**

The Fenton Township Hall, located in the lower level of the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, underwent renovation in the spring of 2023.

Some of the updates to the Township Hall include new flooring and walls, expanded view of Lake Fenton from the south side of the hall, a new back wall with mounted screens and the new Fenton Township logo.

The screens and logo are the backdrop to the new board table that is wired for microphone usage during Township Board meetings to enhance the audio for those attending meetings virtually, or watching the recording on the Township website. As part of the updates for rentals, the Township purchased 200 new black crown-backed banquet chairs to replace the metal folding chairs previously used for meetings and rentals.

The full hall has a 200person capacity and is available for both weekend event rentals and weekday meeting and/or training space.

It is an ideal location out of the elements in which to host your family reunion or open house, but still have the feel of outdoors with the view of Lake Fenton and direct access to Mantawauka Park.

Call 810-629-1537 for more information or to book



#### Township Rental Fees Security Deposit \$500\*

\*refunded within 30 days of the event with no damages and/or contract violations

## **Meeting Room Rental**

Located off of the lobby on the main level

\$75/Hour (min. \$300) for weekday meeting rentals

## **Township Hall Rental**

Located in the lower level

\$75/Hour (min. \$300) for weekday meeting rentals

\$1,000 Full Hall Weekend Event

\$600 Half Hall (Lake View) Weekend Event

\$400 Half Hall (Stage) Weekend Event

## Amenities

- 200 Black crown-backed banquet chairs
- 25 60-inch round tables
- 4 6-foot banquet tables
- 6 8-foot banquet tables 2-door commercial refrigerator ice machine

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Fenton Township Fire Department Celebrates 50 Years

# A Note from Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz

With 2023 behind us, we are hitting the ground running here at the Fire Department for the start of 2024.

Phase I of the Southern Lakes Water Project has gone live. All residents within 1,000 feet of a hydrant should contact their insurance company and request an update to their premiums. The criteria is within 5 miles of a fire station, and 1,000 feet of a hydrant, you will qualify for an **ISO 6 rating**.

The same will follow when Phases II and III are

## **Reflective Signs**

Do you need a reflective house number sign for your property? You can order one from the Fenton Township Fire Department.

They are \$20 per sign (Checks made out to Fenton Township Fire Department). Order forms can be printed from the website or picked up at the Township Office.



completed. We will send out a reminder when they go live.

Another factor in lowering our ISO rating will be when the new 107-foot ladder truck arrives in October of 2025. We will then re-challenge the ISO rating for the entire Township, with our goal being an **ISO rating of 3 or 4**. This should lower the insurance costs across the Township \$2.5 to 3 million or more.

This will all come when our Fire Department will celebrate its 50th Anniversary of serving Fenton and Tyrone Townships.

Our small crew of first responders takes pride in serving their community, and we are always looking for individuals who are willing to spend time helping their fellow residents.

We will train and compensate you for your time. You can belong to an organization that will continue to help and serve our Township.

If you are interested in finding out more or applying, email Chief Volz at

rvolz@fentontownship.org



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Continued from Page 7 Now as we have entered into the 2024 Presidential Election year, the implementation of election law changes with the passage of Proposal 2022-2.

Due to the importance of ensuring that our community is aware of these changes, and how they impact them, we decided to publish this extended edition of *The Fenton Township News* and mailed it to each Township household and include other topics of interest to our community.

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, you can sign up on the Township website to receive an e-notification when a new edition of *The Fenton Township News* publishes.

All current and previous editions of the newsletter can be found on the Township website. Additionally, printed copies of the current edition are available in the lobby at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center.

In an effort to provide better communication to our community about programs and resources available at not only the Township, but the County level, we have revamped the vestibule area in the Township lobby. This area is maintained with flyers and brochures for different Fenton Township area and Genesee County-offered programs available to our residents.

We are a community in development and 2024 looks to be a year of big steps forward for Fenton Township! I am proud to be a part of building a better Township for future generations.

> Vince Lorraine Fenton Township Supervisor

Would you like to sign-up for Fenton Township e-notifications? You can scan the QR Code to access the registration page. Or go to:

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



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APM Mosquito Control 810-766-9423

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#### Register to Vote & Election Information

elections@fentontownship.org or call 810-629-1537

Public Safety

Fenton Township Fire Department Genesee County Sheriff's Office

#### **Genesee District Library**

theGDL.org Branches located in the City of Linden and the City of Fenton

#### **Genesee County Health System**

810-257-3705 24 Hour Crisis Hotline 810-257-3740

Genesee County Recycling 810-762-7744

Genesee County Health Department 810-257-3612

Genesee County Road Commission 810-767-4920

Genesee County Drain Commissioner's Office 810-732-1590

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Dog Related Business in the Township

# Don't Forget Your 2024 Genesee County Dog License

The 2024 Genesee County dog licenses are now available at the Township office. The Township office can only process 1-year licenses.

Genesee County Animal Control has provided the Township office with licenses and blank forms for those who did not receive a renewal in the mail, or are getting a first time license. If you would like a 3-year dog license to go with a 3-year rabies vaccine given to your dog, you will need to go through the Genesee County Animal Control office on Pasadena Ave in Flint. Please bring with you the proof of rabies vaccine administered by your vet within the last month (or this time last year if renewing a 1-year license during a 3-year vaccine). If you have further questions, call the Township office at 810-629-1537.

# Thompson Road Regional Dog Park

The Thompson Road Regional Dog Park, located at 1325 W. Thompson Road, was developed on land acquired by Fenton Township in 2012.

The dog park opened in 2017 and is free to the public.

Currently, the dog park has two fenced-in sections that give space to large dogs and those on the not-so-large size space to enjoy the park.

The Thompson Road Regional Dog Park (TRRDP) Committee works year-round on fundraising events and collecting donations that go towards park maintenance.

Over the last few years they have installed a new well for the park to provide drinking water and updated fencing along with bringing in fresh mulch.

The Township adopted the 2023 Fenton Township Parks and Recreation Plan last year after input from the community.



As we move into the New Year, one of the items on the Zoning Administrator's Forecast for 2024 is a partnership with Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation to develop the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park for community parks and recreation opportunities.

Be sure to look for more information as this process moves forward this year. You can sign-up anytime on the Township website for e-notifications of upcoming Township meetings and receive meeting agendas e-mailed to you before the meeting.

If you are interested in visiting the TRRDP, be sure to read the Dog Park Rules and Etiquette found on the TRRDP Facebook page and the Fenton Township website.



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2023 Property Taxes and 2024 March Board of Review

## Board of Review: What is it? When is it?

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 take 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

The March Board of Review members' duties are to hear and make decisions based upon support provided by and on the taxpayers' request.

The Board is not the Assessor; the Board is made up of independent peers. The Assessor may attend and help gather requested information for the Board; however, the Assessor does not make the 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%).

Refer to the State Tax Commission Bulletin 18 of 2023 Procedural Changes for 2024.

## **2023 Property Tax Payment Information**

Payments can be made by cash, check or card at the Township Office. There is a <u>3% fee for all card</u> <u>processing</u>. Checks may also be used online with a <u>\$3 online check processing</u> fee. Payments for 2023 taxes can no longer be accepted at the Township as of March 1, 2024. After the tax deadline, the property taxes are sent to Genesee County as delinquent. At that time, delinquent property is assessed penalties and interest by the County. Payments will need to be arranged with the Genesee County Treasurer's Office. located in Flint.

## **Board of Review Appeal**

Do you plan to schedule an appeal?

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

The Assessment Change Notice will reflect your 2024 values.

## Upcoming Property Tax Dates

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

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

**July 1, 2024** - Summer 2024 Property Tax available.

## September 14, 2024

Summer 2024 taxes due. Still able to pay at the Township with penalties and interest.

**December 1, 2024** - Winter 2024 taxes available.

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

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