

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 2, 2010 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 more common questions asked 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 \$145.00. Does that mean it could be less?

A. Based on the proposals received by Fenton Township, the annual assessment for trash collection for the next four years could be as high as \$145.00 per year. It could also, however, be lower, depending on which options are incorporated into the service contract, such as cart-based collection or a recycling rewards program. In order to determine which options should be included, the Township has created a survey to obtain input from the residents before these decisions are finalized. Please click [here](#) to take the on line version of the survey.

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

A. If approved, the trash collection program will be much the same as it has for the past several years. Trash and recyclables will be picked up every week throughout the year. Compost/yard waste will be picked up weekly for the months of April through November.

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, virtually all homes in Fenton Township would 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 December 31, 2010. 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 would be approximately \$20-25 per month, or \$240-300 per year.

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

A. Citizen's Disposal, Inc. operates the nearest landfill, which is located in Mundy Township. A fee of approximately \$81.00 is charged for a pick-up truck-sized load of trash brought to the landfill for disposal.

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

Township Projects Funded With Recovery Zone Bonds

With the assistance of the American Recovery And Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Fenton Township is nearing completion of three significant projects. The Township issued just under \$1 million in Recovery Zone Capital Improvement Bonds, which is part of the ARRA, to fund these projects at a very low interest cost. The projects include:

Jennings Road Reconstruction

The 1.5 mile section of Jennings Road between Thompson Road and Lahring Road is being completely rebuilt with 4-foot paved shoulders. The deteriorated condition of Jennings Road, combined with the high volume of traffic, made this project a top priority. As of the writing of this article the project is progressing well with a final completion targeted for early November.

Ripley Road Resurfacing

The 1-mile section of Ripley Road between Lahring Road and Rolston Road was completely resurfaced in September.

Fenton Township Civic Community Center Parking Lot Reconstruction

The Fenton Township Hall parking lot is being reconstructed to comply with the site plan approved in 2002 when the Township Hall was rebuilt. The renovated parking lot will feature parking spaces that are closer to the building, additional handicap spaces and a more clearly defined entrance and exit. The project should be completed by the first week in November.

Winter Property Tax Update

Winter property tax bills will be mailed out on or before December 1, 2010. Taxes are payable to Fenton Township from December 1st through February 28, 2011. Property taxes can 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 between the Christmas and New Year holidays, except that the office will be open for property tax collection services only on Wednesday December 29, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Payments may also be left in the drop box located next to the Township office entrance.

Please be advised that any property tax payments received after 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2011 will be considered delinquent. Payments received by mail after the deadline will also be considered delinquent, regardless of when they were mailed. Since Fenton Township cannot accept delinquent payments for summer or winter real property taxes, any late payments received will be returned to the property owner, who must then make payment, including penalty and interest, to the Genesee County Treasurer, (Fenton Township will accept late payments for Personal Property and Qualified Real Property taxes).

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

Important Telephone Numbers

Fenton Township Office	629-1537
Building Inspector.....	629-6711
Assessor.....	629-3445
Fire Department, Emergency.....	911
Fire Department, Non-Emergency	629-1911
Police, Emergency	911
Genesee County Sheriff Department	257-3422
Sewer Emergencies	800-544-3204
Republic Services (Trash Collection).....	341-9750
Advanced Pest Mgt. (Mosquito Control)...	735-8731

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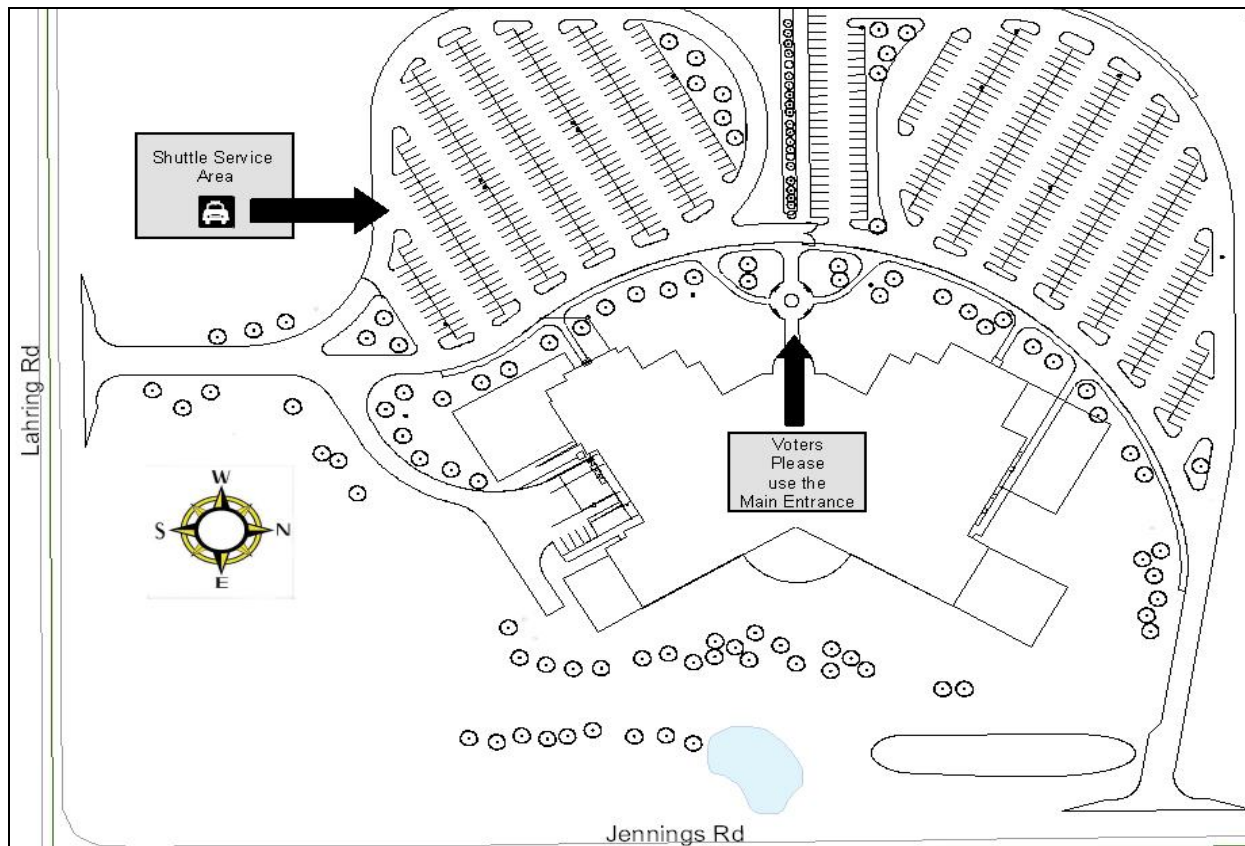
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November 2nd General Election Reminder

County & State Offices Among Those on Ballot

A General Election will be held on Tuesday November 2, 2010. Fenton Township voters will cast their ballots for county and state offices, as well as county and local proposals. Please click [here](#) if you would like to view and/or print a listing of candidates and ballot proposals for the November election. We would also like to remind our citizens that all Fenton Township voters will vote in the gymnasium at the Lake Fenton High School, which is located at 4070 Lahring Road. Due to the road construction project on Jennings Road, the Jennings Road entrance to the school may not be open. If that is the case, voters should enter the high school parking lot from the Lahring Road entrance only 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 with mobility issues 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 south end of the parking lot, as shown in the diagram below.



Voters should also be reminded that they will be required to show valid photo identification before being allowed to vote. Acceptable forms of photo ID include:

- Michigan driver's license or Michigan personal identification card
- Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification
- U.S. passport
- Current student identification with photo – from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education
- Military identification card with photo or Tribal identification card with photo

Please be advised that this identification procedure is mandated by Michigan law and all voters throughout the state are subject to the same requirements. Special procedures have been developed for voters to sign an affidavit if they have forgotten their photo ID, or do not possess a valid photo ID. Any questions regarding the upcoming election may be directed to the Fenton Township office at (810) 629-1537.

Gage Cemetery

Many residents do not realize that Fenton Township owns and operates a cemetery. After many years of inactivity, a new section of Gage Cemetery was surveyed in 1999 and has been available for use since that time. Gage Cemetery is located on 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.

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