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Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 am—4 pm and Wednesdays 10 am—7pm

Taxes

Treasurer Jill Cutshaw & Deputy Treasurer Kim Van Erp have been redesigning the Tax Bills to better communicate where your tax dollars go.

Please note the P.R.E. Exemption. If you own and occupy your home as your primary residence and it is at 0, you may be entitled to up to a 100% exemption. Please contact the Township for clarification and the appropriate affidavit.

The office will be open from 9:00 am to 5 pm on December 28th for tax payments. This will be the last day of the year to pay at the office for a 2018 receipt. Other options for paying taxes can be found at the Township website.

Elections

The results of the November General Election for the Township are available on the website. If you are interested in becoming an election worker, please reach out to Clerk Mark Steinberg or Deputy Clerk Robin Cleveland. The Township will keep residents up to date with the changes that will take effect based on the passage of Proposal 3.

Township Community Park

It's that time of year to get your sled out and enjoy the snow! The sledding hill is open for business and is a good place to meet fellow outdoor enthusiasts! If it has been a while since you have ventured the trails, there is not a better time to enjoy the peacefulness of the prairie. Cross Country skiing is also popular. Staff has been working hard on installing the playground equipment purchased from the funds Township artists and their guests have raised from the ticket sales of the annual art tour. They have raised well over \$25,000 through the art tour and generous donations from the community.



Burning Permits

A burning permit is required for the burning brush throughout the Township. The burning of building or construction material, leaves, household waste, plastics, asphalt or treated lumber is not permitted. Burning is not allowed in extremely dry weather or if winds are greater than 10 mph. Once you have a burn permit on file at the Township Office you are able to activate the permit via the Township's website. While the regulations may seem burdensome, there are many residents who suffer from allergies that cannot handle the smoke. Please be respectful of the regulations. Unsupervised and unauthorized fires will be extinguished, and you will be billed for the fire run.

Building Permits

Just a reminder that permits are needed for ALL accessory structures. This includes pre-built sheds, carports, gazebos, decks, etc. A permit is also required for reroofs. Other items frequently missed are driveways, generators and wood burning furnaces. If you are unsure, PLEASE call the office. There is nothing worse than realizing a permit was necessary and there are issues after the fact that need to be addressed.

Recycling

There have been major changes in the recycling of plastic. Granger is no longer accepting plastic bags, furniture such as kids toys, lawn chairs, nursery stock pots, and buckets. It is important to help us by not recycling the above items. We are currently looking into other means of recycling for plastics no longer accepted. The Township will collect recyclable bags in a separate container. Recycling is always the **second Saturday of the month from 9 am to 3 pm.**

Other items collected include:

- **boxboard and cardboard** (broken down, no waxed items) **Glass** (includes colored, no windows), **small metal, paper** (newspaper, junk mail and office paper). **Styrofoam** (no peanuts)



Services available at the Township Hall

- Notary
- * Fax and Copying Services
- Hall, Field and Pavilion Reservations
- Cemetery plot purchases

Dates to Remember

- Board meetings: Second Wednesdays at 7:00
- Planning Commission: Fourth Wednesday every other month at 7:00 beginning January
- Recycling: Second Saturday from 9:00-3:00
- Spring Clean Up: May 11th from 9:00– 3:00