

BROOKS TOWNSHIP

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ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!

There will be a dog clinic sponsored by Brooks Township on March 6, 2004 at the Newaygo Fire Barn, 177 Cooperative Center, behind the KFC restaurant. The hours will be from 1-3 p.m. A veterinarian will be available to give rabies shots. Licenses will be for sale from Newaygo County. You must have proof of your pets current rabies shots and whether they have been spayed or neutered. If you have questions about this clinic please contact Chris Haynor at 652-6763, ext.13 or the Newaygo County Treasurer at 689-7230. Check out www.newaygocountytreasurer.com for other clinics being held in the county.



FROM THE ASSESSOR

Matt Frain, Brooks Township Assessor, asks that you check over your assessment notice carefully to be sure that all information is correct. If this property is your primary residence you may qualify for a Primary Residence Exemption (previously known as the Homestead Exemption). You must occupy the residence more than 6 months out of the year and not claim an exemption on any other residence. The State of Michigan has begun to track down residents that have more than one exemption or live out of state more than 6 months a year and are claiming an exemption in Michigan. If you are found not qualifying for the exemption in Brooks Township, the State of Michigan can go back up to 3 years for re-payment of the amount that would have been due on the residence plus penalties and interest. March Board of Review will be held on March 8 from 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. and March 10 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please call the township for an appointment at 231-652-6763. If you have any questions regarding the Primary Residence Exemption or March Board of Review call the township at the above number and ask for ext. 13 or 16. The assessing department will begin a re-appraisal of the township this spring. This will continue for 3 years. We will be asking basic questions about your property, checking measurements, and taking digital photos of all structures.



*Township Board Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the Month at 7 pm.
Planning Commission meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the Month at 7 pm.
Meetings are open to the public.*

Bits and Pieces

FROM YOUR ZONING ADMINISTRATORS

Please remember that if you are planning on doing any work on your property, check with the Zoning Department to see if you will need any permits. This eliminates any problems that may occur. The Zoning Department hours are from 9 am till noon, Monday - Friday.



FROM YOUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The two county commissioners representing Brooks Township are Jim Maike and Vern Willett. Mr. Maike represents residents north of the Muskegon River and Mr. Willett represents those south of the river. If you have any concerns you may contact them at 231-689-7200.

TOWNSHIP CALENDER

March 8	Board of Review (call for appt.)
10	Board of Review (call for appt.)
15	Planning Comm. Mtg. (note change)
20	Recycling
22	Twp. Bd. Meeting (note change)
April 17	Recycling
19	Twp. Bd. Meeting
26	Planning Comm. Mtg.

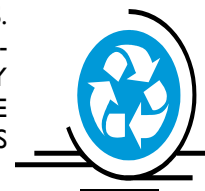
TRASH DAY 2004

Our annual trash day will be held on **June 5, 2004**. More details will be in the Spring newsletter and on our web site. Once again we'll be looking for volunteers to help this day go smoothly. Call 652-6763, ext. 13 to help.



REMEMBER TO RECYCLE

THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN RECYCLING HAS INCREASED OVER THE PAST MONTHS. WE ARE AVERAGING OVER 50 PARTICIPANTS. WE ALWAYS HAVE ROOM FOR MORE. THE RECYCLING CONTAINER IS AVAILABLE FROM FRIDAY AFTERNOON UNTIL SUNDAY EVENING ON THE THIRD WEEKEND OF THE MONTH. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS HAYNOR AT 231-652-6763, EXT. 13.



ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED!

As you know 2004 is an election year. There will be a primary election in August and the general election in November. Township Clerk Lora Jones is in need of residents that would like to work at those elections. Please contact her at 231-652-6763, ext. 12 if you would like to work.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Once again Brooks Township residents will be participating in the Adopt-A-Highway program. There will be 3 pick-ups this year. Check the Spring newsletter and our website for the dates and times. If you haven't already volunteered for this program, this year would be the year to start. It only involves about 1 1/2 hours of your time for each pick-up and is a lot of fun. Volunteer now by calling 231-652-6763, ext. 13.